



# Scouts

**22nd Barnsley (Central)**

## Annual General Meeting

**Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> September 2022**  
**1pm at Wilthorpe Scout Hut**

*Registered Charity No. 1049387*

## AGENDA

1. Welcome  
**Chair to open the AGM**
2. Record attendance / apologies  
**Secretary to record**
3. Minutes from 2021 AGM  
**Members to check and approve.**
4. Adoption of Reports  
**Each leader to read their reports. Then committee to adopt and seconded them.**
  - a) Group Scout Leader
  - b) Beavers
  - c) Cubs
  - d) Scouts
  - e) Treasurer
5. Group Scout Leaders nomination of Chairperson  
**Annual role**
6. Election of Committee: -  
**Annual roles**
  - a) Treasurer
  - b) Secretary
  - c) Committee Members
7. Charity presentations.
8. Scouting Awards: Beavers, Cubs, Scouts, Leaders
9. Vote of Thanks by Group Scout Leader.  
Followed by - A-Z of scouting activities open day.

# **Minutes of Annual General Meeting**

## **Saturday 18th September 2021**

### **Wilthorpe Scout Hut**

**Present:** Gavin Masters, Terrance, Rachel, Robbie, Reuben, Connie, and Braddan Meadmore, Lee, Michelle, Connor, and Amelia Knighton, Dave Hopkins, Rachel, Peter, Lauren, Charlotte, and Megan Cook, Emma, Steve, and Paisley Missa, Dave Ashworth, Lisa, George, and Emma Denton, Rebecca and Harry Parson, Chevaunne and Maise Leigh-Brown, Jaime Booth-Dobson.

**Apologies for absence:** Sadie and Andy Young, Debbie Wilkinson, Karen Plimmer.

#### **Minutes of AGM held 18<sup>th</sup> September 2020 @ Scout Hut.**

The minutes were set out in the Annual Report handed out at the meeting and were accepted as a correct record and approved by Peter and Rachel Cook.

#### **Adoption of Treasurers and Leaders Report (April 2020-March 2021)**

Rachel read the GSL's report and congratulated Dave Ashworth on his amazing 50<sup>th</sup> year in Scouting (DC to send his award through the post), Emma read the Beaver report and introduced herself, Megan read the Cub report and introduced herself, Gavin read the Scout report. Dave thanked Michelle Lowe for scrutinising the accounts and then explained the report. All reports were approved to be correct at the time of reading by Lisa Denton and seconded by Jaime Booth-Dobson.

#### **Group Scout Leaders nomination of Chairperson**

Rachel Cook thanked Dave for being the treasurer at the group since 1978 and asked him to consider taking on the Chairman's role for the coming year (September 2021 to August 2022) which he accepted.

#### **Election of Committee (September 2021 to August 2022)**

Mrs Debbie Wilkinson agreed to stand for Treasurer, this seconded by Megan Cook.

Mrs Sadie Young agreed to stand another year as Secretary, this was seconded by Chevaunne Leigh-Brown.

Mrs Rebecca Gomes-Siqueira agreed to stand on the committee as a general member, this was seconded by Emma Missa.

Steve Missa and Michelle Knighton also agreed to stand on the committee as general members, this was seconded by Peter Cook.

#### **Vote of thanks**

Rachel Cook thanked everyone for attending the AGM. She then invested Emma Missa as Beaver Leader at the group. Then explained the A-Z activities that would follow the meeting and the leaders who would be managing them.

## GROUP SCOUT LEADER REPORT

April 2021 to March 2022

You will see from the following section reports that from April 2021 to March 2022 scouting did not stop at 22<sup>nd</sup> Barnsley, we have continued to provide an interactive programme as we recovered from the pandemic. Our Beavers, Cubs and Scouts have had lots of opportunities to earn 626 scouting badges across all three sections, an average of 9 awards per member, plus a wide range of camp badges.

From **April**, weekly programmes returned to face-to-face meetings for all three sections. Our Beaver Colony gained new leaders with fresh enthusiasm to rebuild the colony. From reading their report they have gone from strength to strength attracting new members to the Scout Group.

In **July** we set up a new partnership agreement with the **Dragon Explorer** unit. Although separate to the group, they meet at our premises each Wednesday evening. Catering for 14-18yr olds across the borough of Barnsley, the leaders often join in with group activities where possible.

In **September** several big changes were made to the group. Dave Hopkins stepped down from the Group **Treasurer Role** he had kept for over 43 years. He agreed to take on the role of **Group Chairman** to continue steering the group with his vast experience. Debbie Wilkinson took over the **Treasurer** reigns helping to move and manage the group accounts online. I myself stepped down from my **Cub Leader** role of 25 years to fully concentrate on the Group Scout Leader Role. My daughter Megan agreed to take over the mantle with the support of the Cub Leaders and myself. Also, in September we gained a new meeting area – the canopy. It has become a very useful area for all sections to utilise during meeting times. Massive thanks to the leaders who gave up their free time to install it over the summer months in 2021.

At our last AGM we celebrated at the hut and held an open day inviting members and parents to take part in a variety of A-Z Scouting activities. Lots of fun was had!! It was a prime opportunity for new volunteers to join the leadership team. In **October** our young members and their families joined in a Pudsey Ramble, the weather was not on our side, but this did not stop us raising £254 for Children in Need.

In **November** we held my first group Executive meeting with our new committee – we worked through a working document called the Safer Scouting Audit. This is used as our baseline for all our executive meetings.

In **December** with the help of Young Leaders Charlotte and Lauren the group put on a base at Winter Wonderland making Santa Slime! My hands have never been so clean. The whole group had a Christmas Party at the Retrodome in Barnsley – we took over the unit, both young members and leaders had a great time playing retro arcade games.

In **February** we took the Group to Kingswood Activity Centre near Penistone. We had the whole place to ourselves. Leaders were able to catch up with each other and join in with the adventurous activities, supporting our young people and developing new confidences.

In **March** the group took on a new direction – with plans to open up a Squirrel Section at the Group. Michelle Knighton has agreed to train and take on the leadership role, supported initially by myself and Young Leader Charlotte Cook. As with all new adventures, lots of planning was required before we could open. The squirrel section is brand new to Scouting and caters for young people aged four to five years old. To celebrate our new section, the Executive approved a special deal for new members to be provided with a uniform free of charge for the first 22 members to join our Squirrel section. We also put on a leader **Team Building** event – A weekend on the Wakefield Jubilee Narrowboat.

Our scouting success is due to the commitment from our amazing team of volunteers who give up their free time to supporting the Scout Group. And to the young people who join in.

Volunteers' circumstances often change, and this sometimes affects their commitment to Scouting. It is essential that we continue to add new adult volunteers to the group to ensure we always have the support we need to provide balanced programmes. **If you can give us some of your time or know anyone that might be interested in volunteering, please get in touch with the Leaders or myself.**

Rachel Cook  
Group Scout Leader



## BEAVER REPORT APRIL 2021 TO MARCH 2022

**LEADERS:** Emma, Lee and Terry

**YOUNG LEADERS:** Caleb

**BEAVER MEMBERSHIP**

16 NEWBIES

3 LEAVERS – 1 to Cubs, 2 Left Scouting.

**MEMBERSHIP as of March 2022:** 17



**We have been out and about**, highlights include Grassing sledging, Go Wild, Pudsey Ramble, Spooktacular, Christmas Play, Winter wonderland, Ready-Steady-Cook, DR. Beavers First Aid, Kingswood, Cycle-Cross.

At the colony we have been eager Beavers and gained **164** badges!



No Beavers achieved their Bronze\_Chief Scout Award during this period.

**Badgework throughout the year included:** Adventure, Outdoors, Personal, Teamwork, World, Book Reader, Builder, Collector, Communicator, Cook, Creative, Cyclist, Experiment, Faith, Gardener, Health and Fitness, Hobbies, Camp Craft, Collector, Gardener, Hobbies, International, Photographer, Safety, Space, Emergency Aid, Hikes, Nautical, Navigator, Nights Away,

Paddle Sports, Time on Water, Swimmer, Membership and Joining In.

### **Lodge Report by Emma Missa**

*The Beaver leadership team have run a varied and detailed programme, Covid restrictions, leader availability and minimal numbers in the colony were contributing factors to the programme being established and effective. In **May** with a new Beaver leadership team and just 3 Beavers the challenge was on to encourage colony growth. Lee Knighton – Parent helper agreed to step up to Assistant Beaver Leader supported by myself as Beaver Leader. Throughout the first few weeks we involved badge work with outdoor pursuits following Covid guidance. We completed a scavenger hunt, leaf printing at Wilthorpe Park and took the Beavers grass sledging at Hesley Wood. In **September** Terry Meadmore a Cub section Assistant joined the team. This enabled us to grow quickly and with word of mouth, Beavers started to enjoy more scouting benefits. We joined in with Barnsley District Scouts at Remembrance parade and were extremely proud of our young people. By **December** we had reached our then full capacity of 18 Beavers. Our programme included: Exercise and fitness, dealing with emergencies, communication, space, health and safety, disability awareness and creativity with fancy dress. We had external visits from a Health and Fitness coach and a qualified Speech and Language therapist. In **January** our winter programme included knots, cooking, Chinese New Year, First Aid, Science, International, Camp Blankets, visits to the park and planting. We also welcomed our Young Leader Caleb to the leadership team. He has proved to be a positive asset to the colony supporting Beavers and Leaders alike. We joined the annual Group Winter event at Kingswood and appreciated the comradery with other group leaders as well as helping to provide links for our Beavers to members in the Scout Group. I've really enjoyed scouting at 22<sup>nd</sup> especially with the Beaver Leadership team who make the colony a great place to volunteer!*

## EAGLE CUB REPORT APRIL 2021 TO MARCH 2022

**LEADERS:** Rachel, Mark, Jaclyn, Megan, Terry

**YOUNG LEADER:** non

### CUB MEMBERSHIP

15 NEW MEMBERS – 11 Newbies, 1 Beaver, 2 Transfers

8 LEAVERS - 4 to Scouts, 4 Left Scouting.

**MEMBERSHIP as of March 2022:** 27



**We have had another terrific year Cub Scouting,** highlights include back to face-to-face scouting, spy challenges, Silkstone Falls explorations, cookout's, Pudsey Ramble, Survival Camp, Diwali, Remembrance Day, Barnsley Pals hike, Winter wonderland, Advent challenge, Retrodome, Rifle shooting, Kingswood Adventure and Climbing at the Foundry.

**At pack we have been very adventurous and gained 327 badges!**



### 6 Cubs have achieved their Silver Chief Scout Award

**Badges awarded include** Adventure, Outdoors, Personal, Skills, Team Leader, Teamwork, World, Animal Carer, Artist, Astronomer, Backwoods Cooking, Chef, Collector, Disability Awareness, DIY, Entertainer, Environmental Conservation, Gardener, Hobbies, Home Help, International, Naturalist, Personal Safety, Scientist, World Faith, Air Activities, Emergency Aid, Hikes, Nights Away, Swimmer, The Great Indoors, Digital Citizen, Membership and Joining in.

### **Pack Report by Rachel and Megan Cook**

Moving forward from pandemic restrictions we saw a green light on the horizon in **April**. Following Covid guidance our cub programmes changed from zoom meetings to live face-to-face meetings at the hut in smaller groups. From April to **May** we concentrated on back to basic skills like knotting, lighting fires and working together in teams creatively. In **June** we practised our coding skills using radios to communicate coordinates, crack pig pen codes and learned how to finger spell our names. We used these skills to help us navigate our first hike around Silkstone Falls. We finished the summer programme with a cookout around the fire. In **September** we started training and planning for our first live camp (last one being our Big Camp at Home). We invited Barugh Cubs to join in to boost our numbers. Before the camp we went to Hesleywood to learn how to throw axes, we had planned to go rifle shooting, but the plan changed last minute, and we went rock climbing instead. We also started a new badge called Money Skills – we had to memorise a long password and make judgements on camp budgets – chocolate was involved at some point! The survival camp was a roaring success, it was great to be back camping at the hut and sharing and learning new skills. Terry our newest leader built a shadow puppet theatre, Cubs took it in turns to perform an enlightened version of the fable Sita and Rama – it was brilliant, lit up by the enormous campfire (video available). The Indian theme continued into the **Autumn** programme when we all tried some Indian Sweets - Shakar Paray, Quala Qand, Turkish Delight, Halva, Jalaibi, Gulab Jaman and Regal masala chai. We followed through with international sweets, making Belgium waffles, Korean Dalgona, Canadian maple pancakes and Germany Marzipan Fruits for a **Christmas** treat with a difference. In **January** we revisited Hesleywood to complete our Rifle Shooting extravaganza and complimented this we an alternative Bird Box making session at the hut. Ziggy planned an interesting trail around Barnsley spotting local features. Before attending Kingswood in **February**, the cubs took part in a Founders Day evening, making tie-dyes with milk! creating convection snakes, measuring pulses, making the best paper aeroplane to fly the furthest, finishing with candles to reflect on our Scouting Founder – Baden Powell. It goes without saying Cubs pack an awful lot into their programmes. I've absolutely loved Cub Scouting and sharing my passion with Megan who with the support of Chil, Bagheera and Ziggy will I'm sure, continue to make the pack one of the best in Barnsley.





## SCOUT REPORT APRIL 2021 TO MARCH 2022

**LEADERS:** Pete, Alison, Gavin, Dave, Andy, Peter

**YOUNG LEADERS:** Isaac, Charlotte, Lauren

### **SCOUT MEMBERSHIP**

13 NEW MEMBERS – 4 Cubs, 3 Transfers

10 LEAVERS – 6 Left Scouting, 4 to Dragon Explorers

**MEMBERSHIP as of March 2022:** 22

**We have had a rollercoaster year at Scouts**, highlights include getting back to face-to-face Scouting, Pudsey Ramble, International Camp, Retrodome, Kingswood, Climbing and Axe Throwing, Ring Bells at Darfield, Cycle Cross and Narrow boating.

**The Scouts have earned earning an amazing 135 badges!!**

### **3 Scout has achieved their Gold Chief Scout Award**



**Badges awarded include** Adventure, Creative, Expedition, Outdoors, Personal, Skills, Team Leader, Teamwork, World, Angle, Astronautics, Chef, Equestrian, Farming, International, Martial Arts, Master at Arms, Naturalist, Pioneer, Hikes, Musician, Navigator, Nights Away, Membership, Joining In, Patrol stripes.

### **Troop Report by Peter Cook**

Moving Scout meetings off the screen and back to face-to-face Scouting was the best start to the new Scouting year. We kicked off with our back-to-basics training, tent pitching and pioneering with the odd return to zoom when outdoor scouting wasn't suitable. Covid was still rife, and we didn't want to risk being indoors. **May** the fourth be with you was a Star Wars themed troop night. Scouts got into character mode and entertained the troop from the comfort of their own house. Back at the hut we completed some maintenance tasks, tidied up the allotments and played some wide games. In **June** we practised setting up a traditional Scout Camp, learnt how to use an axe and saw. In **September** we continued with our basic training with map and compass activities. We looked at different types of stoves and learnt how to cook pancakes on them. We started to plan a basic menu for our International Camp based on the Chef badge requirements: researching suitable food, where to buy it and storage options. On the camp itself, we travelled to Sheffield on public transport to take part in adventurous activities at Hesleywood, then onto a nearby Scout group to take part in the annual Jamboree on the Air event. We had a visit from an Explorer Scout who came to present information about Space (the presentation helped her achieve her Queens Scout Award). In **October** the Scouts carved their own pumpkins – creating many scary creations, but also teaching them the correct use of a knife. In **November** we held a campfire with explosive fireworks and attended the Remembrance Day parade in Barnsley, it was great to see so many Scouts paying their respects to the fallen. The Scouts absolutely loved their **Christmas** party at the Retrodome playing vintage arcade games and trying to beat the Leaders points. In January we joined in with the District Celebration in Dodworth congratulating group members Chief Scout achievements. At the troop meeting we blasted off with rocket building as part of our Astronautics and Creativity badgework. We visited a 9<sup>th</sup> century church in Darfield and climbed the belfry to ring the bells. In **February** we practised some life skills – ironing our own neckers, wiring a plug and creating new outfits from plastic bin liners. We joined the rest of the group completing adventurous activities at Kingswood. In **March** we made bird boxes using our DIY skills – drilling and hammering wood to complete the activity. The Scout section badges are a lot harder to achieve as they involve more participation from the Scouts themselves, that said I could not have completed this year's programme without the support of our valued volunteer leaders: Alison and Peter, Dave, Andy, Gavin and our young leaders – I thank you for making the Scout troop meetings engaging and fun for all.

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**Opening Balance**

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| Electricity           | £ 352.00           |
| Water                 | £ 77.13            |
| Rates                 | £ 56.84            |
| Capitation            | £ 3,300.00         |
| Go Cardless           | £ 234.14           |
| O.S.M.                | £ 443.66           |
| Mower                 | £ 1,699.00         |
| Capital equipment     | £ 97.70            |
| Consumable equipment  | £ 10.51            |
| Trackers              | £ 165.00           |
| Activities            | £ 2,371.32         |
| Kingswood             | £ 3,526.60         |
| Hoodies               | £ 1,035.04         |
| Badges                | £ 46.00            |
| Amazon                | £ 22.48            |
| Rebate (cancelled)    | £ 3.14             |
| Repairs / Maintenance | £ 2,155.09         |
| I.Briggs              | £ 125.00           |
| Jamie's PC Service    | £ 30.00            |
| Refund beavers        | £ 28.08            |
| Barnsley District     | £ 100.00           |
| Health and Safety     | £ 301.60           |
| Buildings Insurance   | £ 2,825.98         |
| Scout and Guide Shop  | £ 897.17           |
| Room Hire             | £ 15.00            |
| Floats                | £ 2,473.80         |
| Cash in Bank          | £ 13,270.92        |
| Cash in hand          | £ 0.07             |
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|                       | <b>£ 35,663.27</b> |



# Consolidated Receipts & Payments Account

## Year ended 5<sup>th</sup> April 2022

### RECEIPTS

#### Opening Balance

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|------------------|--------------------|
| Cash in Bank     | £ 10,071.48        |
| Cash in hand     | -£ 21.54           |
| Subscriptions    | £ 7,583.00         |
| Joining Fees     | £ 178.00           |
| Government Grant | £ 10,667.00        |
| Gift Aid         | £ 865.84           |
| Donation         | £ 900.00           |
| Amazon           | £ 85.57            |
| Rent             | £ 404.00           |
| Activities       | £ 1,538.63         |
| Kingswood        | £ 2,692.00         |
| Hoodies          | £ 426.24           |
| Uniform          | £ 160.16           |
| OSM Refund       | £ 80.49            |
| Rebates          | £ 4.84             |
| Fundraising      | £ 66.00            |
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### PAYMENTS

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| Electricity                     | £ 352.00           |
| Water                           | £ 77.13            |
| Rates                           | £ 56.84            |
| Capitation                      | £ 3,300.00         |
| Go Cardless                     | £ 234.14           |
| OSM                             | £ 443.66           |
| Mower                           | £ 1,699.00         |
| Capital equipment               | £ 97.70            |
| Consumable equipment            | £ 10.51            |
| Tracker                         | £ 165.00           |
| Activities                      | £ 3,953.22         |
| Kingswood                       | £ 3,526.60         |
| Hoodies                         | £ 1,035.04         |
| Badges                          | £ 357.32           |
| Amazon                          | £ 22.48            |
| Rebate (cam)                    | £ 3.14             |
| Repair/Maintenance/Improvements | £ 2,155.09         |
| I. Briggs                       | £ 125.00           |
| Jamies PC Solutions             | £ 30.00            |
| Refund Beaver                   | £ 28.08            |
| Barnsley District               | £ 100.00           |
| Buildings and Insurance         | £ 2,825.98         |
| Health and Safety               | £ 301.60           |
| Scout and Guide Shop            | £ 897.17           |
| Room Hire                       | £ 15.00            |
| Admin                           | £ 243.06           |
| Donation                        | £ 64.00            |
| Treats                          | £ 89.67            |
| Cash in bank                    | £ 13,270.92        |
| Cash in hand                    | £ 222.36           |
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