



3rd Portchester Scout Group
2021
AGM Report



Group Council Members

Chair Lee Mason
Secretary Holly Walsh
Treasurer David Noyce
Group Scout Leader Peter Leach

Claire Colley
Kate Colley
Roy Gray
Trish Reid
Caryl Gregory
Andy Dow
Brian Pile
Richard Curtis
Rob Brown
Lucy Vincent
Carolyn Colwell



3rd Portchester Scout Group

Squirrels Dray

Thursday 1600-1700

Christopher Maggs
Peter Leach
Bryony Jones

Beaver Scouts

Roman Colony

Tuesday 16:00 – 17:15

Caryl Gregory
Paul Whent
Kacey Whent
Elizabeth Colley
Nathan McGillvery

Castle Colony

Wednesday 16:00 – 17:15

Caryl Gregory
Paul Whent
Sarah White
Nathan McGillvery

Cub Scouts

Osprey Pack

Tuesday 18:00 – 19:30

Lucy Vincent
Linda Atkins
Kacey Whent
Philippa Cass
Callum James
Nathan McGillvery

Eagle Pack

Thursday 18:00 – 19:30

Kacey Whent
Philippa Cass
Steve Crowe
Felicity Scott
Kate Colley
Sarah Williams

Scout Troops

James Cook Troop

Friday 6-8pm (Winter) 6-8.30pm (Summer)

Richard Curtis
Brian Pile
Claire Colley
Steve Lawrence
Jason Rankin
Jack Boxall
Tyler Pattison

Livingstone Troop

Wednesday 19:00 – 21:00

Stuart Goddard
Caryl Gregory
Andy Barron
John Dixon
Lewis Bailey

Ellen MacArthur Troop

Monday 19:00 – 21:00

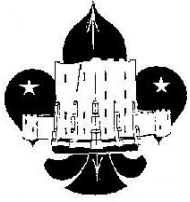
David Rowles
Roy Gray
Jamie Cooper
Thomas Hughes
David Crook
Hilary Foley

Explorer Unit

Watkins Unit

Tuesday 19:45 – 21:45

Andrew Dow
Dave Humphreys
Ruth Humphreys



3rd PORTCHESTER SCOUT GROUP
COBHAM HALL

Agenda for the Annual General Meeting
to be held Saturday 25th June 2020 at 3pm

1. Welcome by Group Chair
2. Apologies for Absence
3. Minutes of the Previous AGM (13th June 2021)
4. Treasurer's Report
5. Approval of the Annual Report and Accounts
6. Nomination of Group Chair by Group Scout Leader
7. Nomination of Group Secretary by the Chair
8. Nomination of Group Treasurer by the Chair
9. Nomination of Members to the Group Executive Committee
10. Nomination of Auditor
11. The Chair
12. Date of Next Executive Committee Meeting 21st July 2022 8.00pm



Minutes of: 3rd Portchester Scout Group AGM 2021

Date: 13/06/2021

Venue: Virtual Via Zoom

Attendees: Lee Mason (Chair), Peter Leach (GSL), Roy Gray, Claire Colley, Kate Colley, Caryl Gregory, Carolyn Colwell (minutes), Andy Dow, Lucy Vincent, David Noyce, Kacey Whent and Felix??, David Crook, Hilary Foley, Lucy Vincent, Trish Reid, Sara Collen, Ryan Family, Payne Family, Hoare Family,

- Please forward any apologies, confirmation of attendance and additional items for the agenda to the Secretary (secretary@3rdportchester.uk) prior to the meeting.

Minutes

1: Welcome and Thanks given by Chair Lee Mason.

16th October Trafalgar Night £25 a ticket
Looking forward to return to Face to Face
Thanks, given to all Volunteers, participants, and parents.

2: Apologies for Absence:

Richard Curtis, Brian Pile, Zara Seymour – to be forwarded by the GSL and one received by Lee Mason.

3: Cub Video Showcased.

4: Minutes of Previous AGM Meeting 14th June 2020: Accuracy: No issues raised. Proposer: David Noyce and Seconded by Claire Colley

5: Treasurer's Report:

Available at: <https://www.3rdportchester.uk/about-us/agm/june-2021>

Thanks, given to the ongoing support from parents and families.
Cash flow remains policy mainly thanks to parents continued support and Grants.
Projects: Updating fleets, equipment and works on HQ.
Happy to answer questions now or via email.
Proposed by David Noyce: Seconded by Hoare Family
Approved by Ascent

Approval of accounts 2020: Also available at <https://www.3rdportchester.uk/about-us/agm/june-2021>, Audited by Auditor.
Proposed by David Noyce: Seconded by Peter Leach.
Approved by Ascent.

6: Approval of 2020 AGM report:

Available: <https://www.3rdportchester.uk/about-us/agm/june-2021>

Thanks to all given for all their support.

Main point is that more volunteers required to support in any small or large way that they can with committees (Boats, HQ, and Fundraising) and section nights.

Proposed by GSL: Seconded by Lee Mason

Approved by Ascent

7: GSL's Nominations:

GSL Team:

Ex-officio Exec Members:

Peter Leach – GSL

Kate Colley – AGSL

Claire Colley – AGSL

Roy Gray- AGSL

Ex-Officio (SL if requested):

Caryl Gregory – Castle Colony

Lucy Vincent – Osprey Pack

Richard Curtis – James Cook Troop

Nomination of Chair: Lee Mason

No objections raised

GSL Nominated Exec Members: Trish Reid and Andy Dow

No objections raised – Approved by ascent

8: Chair's Nominations

Nomination of Secretary: Holly Walsh

No other nominations.

No objections raised – Approved by ascent

Nomination of Treasurer:

David Noyce

No other nominations

No objections raised – Approved by ascent

Other nominations:

Group Scout Council Exec Members:

Carolyn Colwell, Robert Brown, Zara Seymour, and Brian Pile

No objections raised – Approved by ascent

2021 Auditor: Mike Gammon

No objections raised – Approved by ascent

Vote of Thanks from GSL

Philippa Cass – been on the exec for number of years and been a very supportive volunteer with many donations

David Crook – joined during a very tough period and a very supportive volunteer

Supported by the Chair

No objections raised – Approved by ascent

9: Questions relating to 2020:

GSL calling in from <https://www.scoutnarrowboat.co.uk/>

Which is available for hire

10: Questions on current provision:

Carolyn Colwell raised about how Scouts will be run over the summer and where we are now.

Currently no Crystal ball – but GSL gave overview: National Youth Agency is currently at Yellow, not much different to Amber – so continuing with Amber risk assessments. – Available for reading on the 3rd Portchester Web site.

No Guidance on what Green means and when we may be able to move to the Green level of readiness once the Gov say the rest of the country can return to green.

Carolyn Colwell – gave thanks to the whole Group as to how well the Group Volunteers have kept families informed as much as possible with regards to the changes that have occurred due to Covid.

11: Closed

Meeting closed by Chair at 11.27 and again thanks given and Trafalgar Night Dinner 16th October 2021 – Tickets £25

Group Scout Leader Report

Similar to 2020, what a strange year it has been with a wide variation of activities to accommodate the variety of different restrictions related to Covid-19. Through these various restrictions which included lockdowns and social distance remaining in place we saw a number of our young people achieve their highest award possible within their section which is no small feat given for some this was during 2 years of various Covid-19 restrictions.

- 7x Chief Scouts' Bronze Awards
- 4x Chief Scouts' Silver Awards
- 6x Chief Scouts' Gold Awards
- 1x Chief Scouts' Diamond Award
- 2x Young Leader Belts

A year of growth

During 2020 we saw a reduction in the number of young people at 3rd Portchester by about 25% which in the most part was due to the impact of having to change to virtual Scouting for a large part of the year. In 2021 we were able to run more face-to-face Scouting opportunities both inside and outside of our HQ, which saw us return to our pre-Covid-19 numbers. We are still seeing more requests for young people to join the Group and to support this we now need to focus on growing the number of volunteers supporting the Group.

We saw young people from all our Scout Troops utilising the new craft procured during 2020 and 2021. This was the first year that we saw Livingstone Troop introduce regular water activities as part of their core summer programme aiding with the growth of this Scout Troop, and we also saw Roman Colony & Castle Colony adding water activities by running a parent & child Stand-up Paddle boarding (SUP) session in September. To help us grow the number of water activity opportunities, we are still looking for more Group Skills Instructors and will provide training as required.

During 2022, we are also looking forward to the launch of Squirrels which is aimed at 4–6-year-olds, allowing young people to get involved with Scouting at an earlier stage of their development.

Fundraising

We were also successful in a number of grant applications. With support from Fareham Borough Council and the Royal Navy Admiralty Fund we were able to expand the number of smaller craft within the Group by growing the number of kayaks and adding a new Stand-up Paddle boarding (SUP) capability to 3rd Portchester. We also received support from the Alex Wardle Foundation, and this coupled with the fundraising done in 2019 with Castle View WI (Woman's Institute) and funds raised during our 2020 Crowdfunder campaign, allowed us to install a Public Access Defibrillator to the front of our HQ at the start of the year.

We are very thankful for anyone that has used and continues to use [easyfundraising](#), [AmazonSmile](#), [Portsmouth Lottery](#) or [Fareham Lottery](#) on behalf of 3rd Portchester as this has raised just shy of £500 for our Group in 2021 alone. Both easyfundraising and AmazonSmile don't cost you anything and make a small donation by accessing sites through those links.

We also ran a number of other local fundraising events. For more information regarding our 2021 Fundraising efforts can be found here:

<https://www.3rdportchester.uk/fundraising/previous-years/2021>

We also saw other investment into our facilities and in October 2021, we replaced the entire fire alarm system at our HQ.

4-week challenge

To support the Group and the activities that we deliver we are still looking for additional volunteers including adults and Young Leaders. This might be something as small as cleaning the windows, supporting the Group Executive, become a Group Skills Instructor, or helping more regularly at one of our sections.

The fun and adventure don't have to be just for our young people, and if you are interested in getting involved why not try our 4-week challenge:

- Week 1: Come and see what we do
- Week 2: Help out
- Week 3: Get a little more involved
- Week 4: Decide if volunteering at Scouts is for them

For more information about the 4 week challenge:

<https://www.scouts.org.uk/volunteers/growing-scouts/ready-to-recruit/four-week-challenge/>

Looking forward to 2022

Having taken on the Group Scout Leader role 1 month before the first Covid-19 lockdown, this presented lots of new challenges for Scouting and often 3rd Portchester was ahead of the curve when it came to adjusting the activities we ran. Without any examples to follow the Group did an amazing job and this is reflected in the achievements as mentioned above.

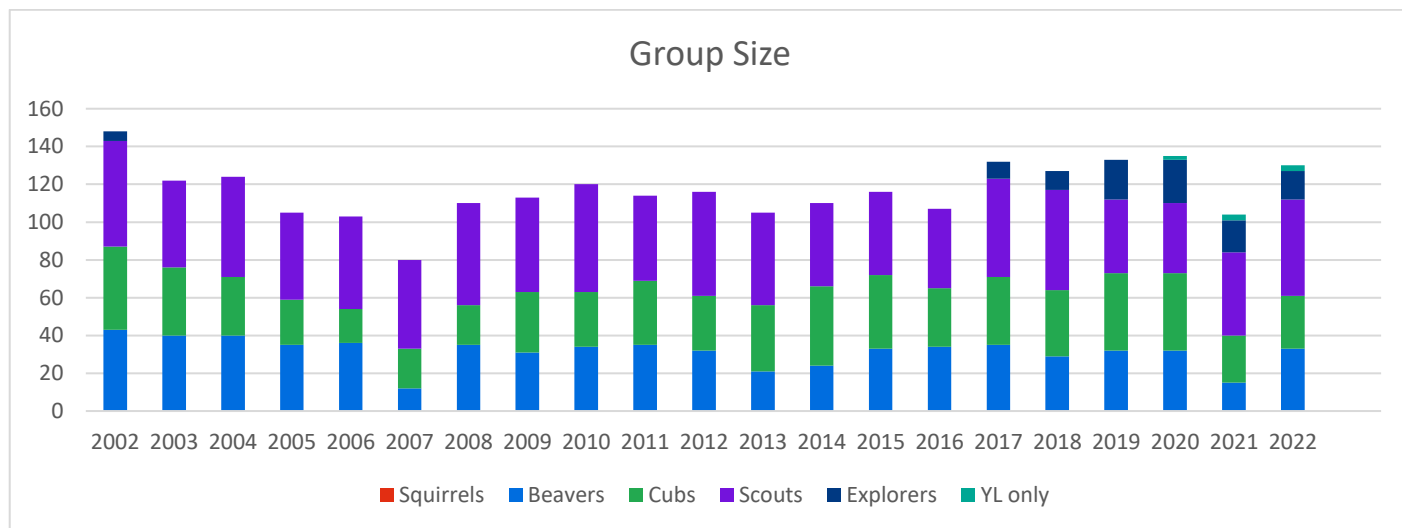
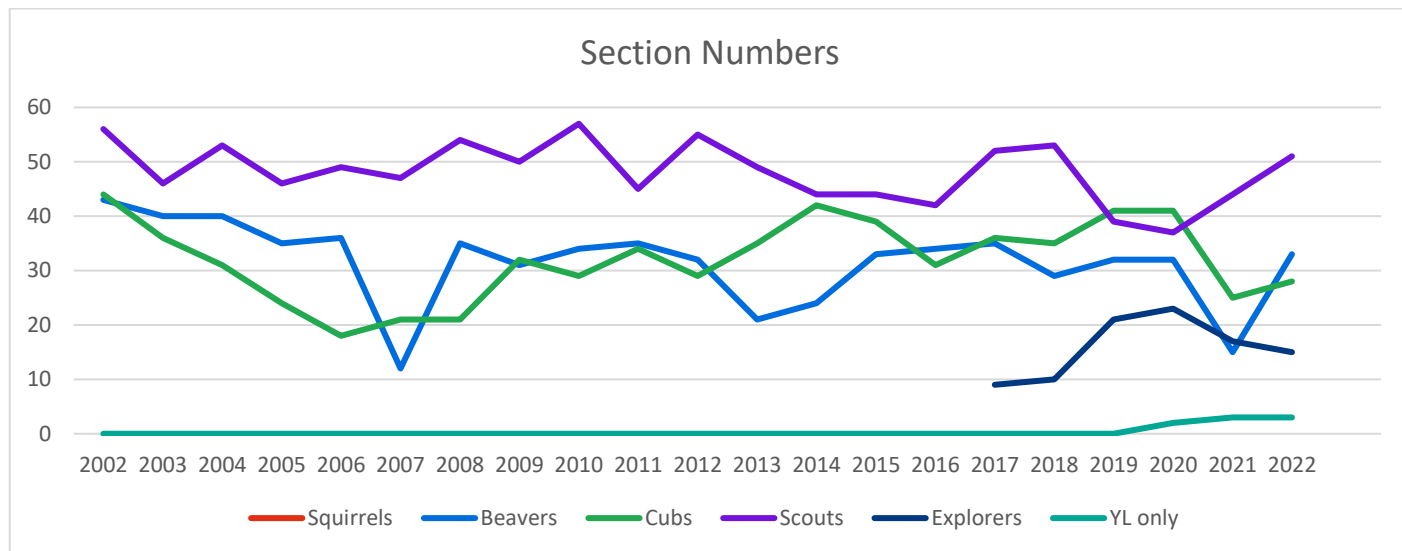
We all hope not to return to further lockdowns, and now the focus for 3rd Portchester is to return and expand our more normal Scouting activities. Please bear with us as we return many of these activities, with 2 years of various Covid-19 restrictions has affected the ability in many places and we having to develop our Lodge Leaders, Sixers and Patrol Leaders with stuff to help them pass on their skills (normally this is done naturally as part of our program). In some places this is also about us supporting our volunteers too, who have also been affected by 2 years of various restrictions and our new volunteers.

In addition, we are also focusing on the governance of our charity, this will include things such as leader reviews, policy reviews, etc. As you can appreciate the impact of Covid-19 took a very high importance as it ran the risk of no activities taking place, but as we now come out of the Covid-19 pandemic we are making sure that all the supporting functions are in place to give the best possible Scouting experience possible for all. To help us with this we are not only working with The Scout Association, but also British Canoeing through their Quality Club scheme. One area that you may already have noticed is the increase of information on our website, which includes previous AGM reports, parent guides, policies, etc.

<https://www.3rdportchester.uk>

Yours in Scouting,

Peter Leach – Group Scout Leader, 3rd Portchester



Year	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
Squirrels					0
Beavers	29	32	32	15	33
Cubs	35	41	41	25	28
Scouts	53	39	37	44	51
Explorers	10	21	23	17	15
YL only	0	0	2	3	3
Total	127	133	135	104	130

Chair's Report 2021-2022

On this our 75th Anniversary we celebrate and remember Mrs Molly Cobham (Panther), who started the group with a Wolf Cub Pack. Followed by Commander Anthony Cobham GC MBE Royal Navy (Scoter) forming the Sea Scout Troop in 1948 and a Scout Troop in 1952. For 30 years their own home, Noel Cottage, was used for Scout Activities until 1977 when Cobham Hall HQ was opened. Their combined leadership, drive and enthusiasm provided a sound foundation for Scout Training in Portchester.

This year has been a challenge in many ways with the ongoing problems of Covid and the resultant isolation and drop-in social activities. 3rd Portchester has from the start tried to limit these by engaging in online activities and as soon as allowed returning to in person activities at first outdoors and then when allowed venturing back into our building. This has taken a lot of organisation a commitment from our volunteers, and I'm certain we're all grateful to those that wrote risk assessments and updated them on every change in regulations, to those who took on extra cleaning tasks and facilitated the new world we live in by providing, purchasing or making equipment that allowed us to continue, fundraising and applying for grants both from regular sources and the one off special Covid grants from government local and national and of course to those that give up their time to run sessions for our Beavers, Cubs, Scouts, Explorers and moving forward also our Squirrels.

The Group would not be able to exist without the relentless hard work of our volunteers who every week go above and beyond what we could ask for. In order for our group to grow we need to recruit more volunteers and share the burden. One of my favourite events of this year has been the Pickle night where we were able to come together as leaders past and present and volunteers for a meal, social interaction and as in all great Scouting activities a bit of singing. It made me realise what a tight family we are and the pure range of skills and great people we have helping us some coming up the ranks from children themselves, some coming in as parents and others through other routes. I think it important that we do pause and reflect together occasionally what we have achieved and value our current helpers whilst we seek new people to come on board.

Another of my favourite events of this year has been breakfast with Santa which saw the whole group come together to welcome in families. The teamwork of pulling together, seeing parents of our members and their younger siblings whom in time I hope we will see as new members and achieving a great team building and fundraising event. The peak for me was the "volunteer family meal" at the end where we could all sit down and relax after pulling together.

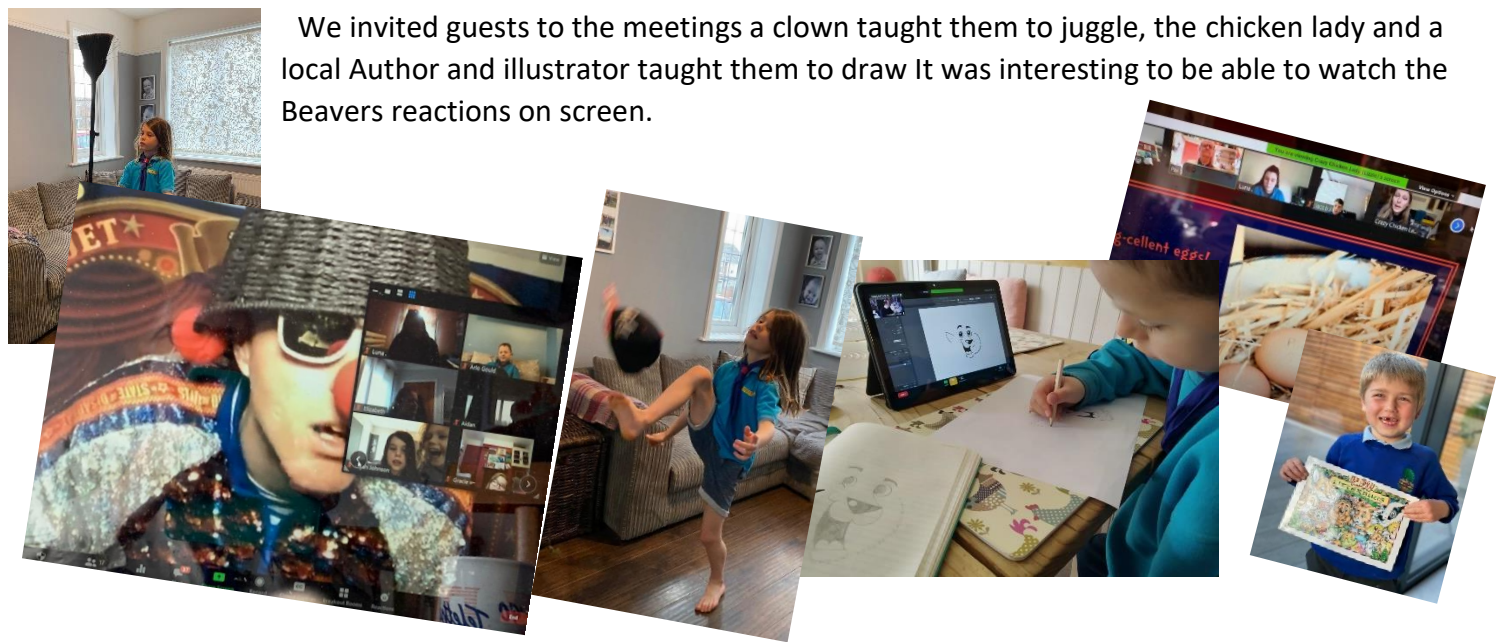
As we move forward to the next 75 years, we don't know the changes that will take place or how Scouting will change to serve and reflect the society that we will live in. I do know that the biggest asset we have had for the last 75 years will still be the biggest asset for the next 75 years which is our Volunteers.



Castle and Roman Beaver Colonies Report 2021-2022

January 2021 saw us locked down again due to Covid. However, the beavers were attending school and therefore really didn't want to come home to go on Zoom again. We made the decision to combine the colonies and meet on a Saturday morning on zoom. Pax took to teaching them how to make microwave Meringues online with some great results. Also, pinwheel cheesy marmite biscuits. We had a Beaver drive, quizzes, and discussions.

We invited guests to the meetings a clown taught them to juggle, the chicken lady and a local Author and illustrator taught them to draw. It was interesting to be able to watch the Beavers reactions on screen.



The components for Mother's Day gift were secretly delivered and with the help of Dads, or older siblings they were able to give their Mum a special superhero gift. We had a great Superheroes morning when the Beavers dressed their teddies etc as superheroes and gave them names included one named after Pax! This was extended to them producing drawings for everyone who had kept the country going during the pandemic.





We had an extended Easter holiday but what joy to meet face to face at Portchester Allotments where we welcomed several new members. When we returned they planted Sunflowers and nasturtiums.

They had fun wide games, the photographer badge was completed, and they learnt a lot about their environment. One unique feature is an Apiary plus several allotment holders keep chickens.



We moved from there to the castle where we hunted stones and had our first going up ceremony for three members face to face for 14 months. We stayed outside using the Castle for wide games and because of the generosity of the Church tea rooms we were able to complete some badge work on paper in their marquee after closing time.



We managed to do our Safety Badge over

several weeks at different venues around Portchester. We went into Headquarters for one week, our first face to face investiture for nearly 18 months. This was a really unusual ceremony, adults wearing masks and parents presenting their scarves! We moved outside for a going up ceremony which again was different, but it was lovely to see Beavers moving on in the family of Scouting. We were out and about the rest of the summer term culminating with more investitures and Navigator 1, Photographer and safety badges were presented before closing for the end term

We returned in September meeting in Cobham Hall with a couple more beavers. We really had to get to know each other and few team games to get use to rules again.



We started our cyclist badge with one of our Beavers gaining their instructors badges by instructing the beavers competently by telling and helping the beavers complete the section for pumping up a tyre. Alongside this badge we completed the World issues badge. Learning about endangered species, found out about clean water for those countries who don't have it. They made water filters and got clear water. Fairtrade was covered and the Beavers had to trade for skills to help with their understanding of the difficulties in a lot of the countries who provide us with common commodities.

Whilst it was still lovely and warm; 12 of our Beavers had the opportunity to try paddle boarding thanks to our Group Scout Leader and his team of Volunteers.



We attended Harvest Festival at St Mary's Church with 15 Beavers and Cubs. They took an active part in the service we were very proud. Elijah explained his contribution as he had grown it and there were eggs from his Quails.



We saw 3 of our Beavers receive their Bronze Chief Scout award and move on to Cubs.



Mid October we had a sleepover at Headquarters with mostly Beavers who hadn't been to one before. They were all fantastic and even the leaders got some sleep. On Saturday they did their Experiment and cooks badge as well as fresh air in the morning putting out the stones and finding a few round the castle. When they returned they prepared and had lunch. They did lots of experiments and then they prepared their pizzas which they had with chips. Then a quick wide game at the park before cocoa and bed.

Sunday saw us taking a coach and minibus to Paulton's for the county day out, after a two-year gap. It was fantastic to see so many happy Beavers having so much fun in the sunshine



We spent a couple of meetings in the precinct looking at prices and deals. The Beavers were given an imaginary £10 per lodge and had to see what they could get from their money. Castle Colony spent the first part of their meeting in Noon's the Estate agent where Ryan was presented with a gift token for winning the Find the Smurf competition that we ran in the Summer holiday. They were given foreign coins to look at and they found the shop fascinating! It's full of curios.

Returning from half term saw the Beavers creating clay poppies which they carried at the Portchester Remembers Parade. They laid them during the service and later they were purchased by the parents and the money was to the Royal British Legion.



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As part of the new MoneySense badge the beavers collected 20ps in covered tubes which we used to purchase chocolates for the residents of Woodland court. They also made and decorated Christmas cakes. These were bagged and along with Christmas cards they made were taken to the home by Pax as unfortunately Covid had reared its head again as it had been arranged that the Beavers would visit the residents.



Father Christmas joined us for a pre-Christmas visit where the Beavers enjoyed chatting to him.



It was a busy weekend as it was the District Christingle St Johns Church Fareham.



For our Christmas treat we went to Rock up where we invested new beavers from both colonies.

Congratulations to Matthew Hodgson, Caspian Bloomfield, James Mander, Elijah Johnson, and Felix Brook-Holmes for all the hard work they put it to achieving their Bronze Chief Scout award. Covid presented many more challenges. Well done.

We have had all sorts of challenges thrown at us but the Beavers and their families have always supported us. Thank you.

Without the support of everyone we could not run the program we do. Please think about how you could support the group in a small way.

Thank you to Luna, Baloo, Lita, Remus, Vito, Kate, Trish and all the others we may not have named.

Felix and Pax



Eagle and Osprey Cub Packs Report 2021- 2022

It's been a good year for 3rd Portchester Cubs after getting back to in person meetings after the pandemic. Both the Cub packs usually run the same programme, which means that we are able to deliver a wide and varied programme throughout the year for our youngsters.

We have achieved a lot already this year, so I have just added a selection.

- Backwoods cooking
- Christingle at St Mary's Church
- Fire station trip
- home help
- Remembrance parade in Portchester precinct
- First aid with the first responders



Some Cubs have been lucky enough to participate in some District activities such as District Chess and Draughts Competition. Some of the badges we have completed this year are; Backwoods Cooking, home help, Teamwork Challenge, Skills Challenge, First aid, Money skills, Fire safety, pioneer, and disability awareness.

Lots of the Cubs are gaining individual badges, which relate to their hobbies and interests away from cubs, for example, Musician, swimming, book reading, Time on the Water, Physical Recreation, and martial arts. We are keen to promote this in the packs.



We have also made pancakes on Shrove Tuesday and had the Vikings activities team down to help the cubs build catapults. Also, the first responders to do first aid and our trip to the fire station where all the cubs got to use the hose to wash a car. Followed by meeting a fire dog and learning all about what firefighters do.



Both packs currently have healthy numbers, averaging around 20 members per pack

Many thanks to all our leaders, Bagheera (Steve), Baloo (Nathan), Chil (Callum), Flic, Sarah and the young leaders, Hollie, Jess and Adam who have helped over the past 12 months. Thanks also to the parents who have helped, and we look forward to their continued support over the coming year.

Many thanks Luna (Kacey) & Jacala (Lucy)



James Cook Scout Troop

James Cook Troop has had a good year although, for much of it, we still had Covid restrictions in place.

During the summer we were able to facilitate the Expedition Challenge for a number of scouts. Ordinarily, this would involve camping overnight but with the challenges in place we chose to run it across two separate days. The first day involved a canoe trip through to Fareham Creek and back again. For the second day the scouts hiked from Nelson's monument through to Hundred Acres wood. On the way they had to cook a two course meal for the group. Both were great days with good memories made.



The summer troop meetings were held afloat with scouts gaining skills in kayaking, canoeing and paddle boarding.

Towards the end of the summer we were pleased to see four of our older scouts achieve their Chief Scout's Gold Award – well done to Jake P, Daniel C, Daniel E and Will S. The awards were presented by the District Commissioner, Mike McHugh, who also surprised some of our leaders with Good Service Awards. Mike also presented Richard Curtis with a well-deserved Silver Acorn Award for his services to scouting over the past 35 years.

During the autumn, the troop returned to meetings ashore. At the start of each term, the troop holds a meeting planning evening at which the scouts are able to suggest ideas of activities that they would like to do. We try to enable as many of the ideas as possible and then weave in badge requirements so that the programme provides opportunities for progress and achievement.

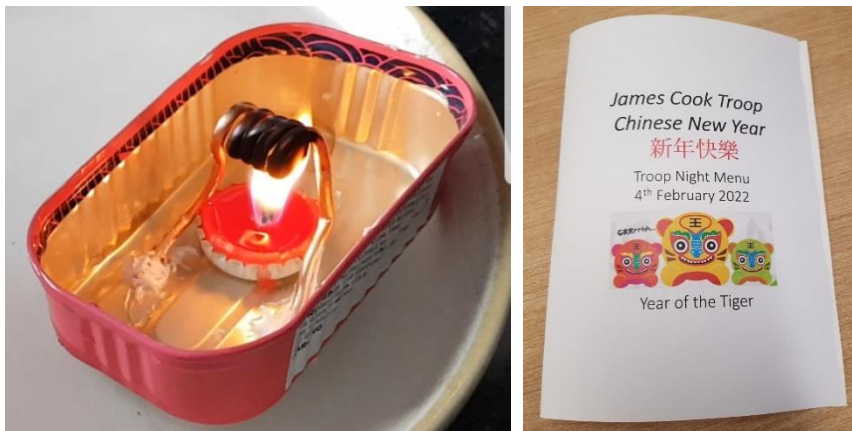
Fire pit and backwoods cooking evenings are always popular. The scouts learn how to build successful fires and how to start them without the use of matches and firelighters. Of course, the cooking part is generally the favourite!

In the autumn the scouts also enjoyed a treasure hunt, pioneering evening, circus skills, Halloween extravaganza, fireworks, music night, international night and a craft evening. The term ended with our annual Christmas party. Ordinarily, at Christmas, the troop will also go out for a meal but this year we decided to hold our meal at the HQ with the troop cooking their own international, all-you-can-eat buffet!

During the early part of 2022, the scouts had an international meet up online with scouts in Canada and planned and held a successful Bake-Off night. This was really good fun and the scouts made some brilliant creations.



The scouts have also celebrated Chinese New Year, held an escape room evening, experimented during a science evening and made tie-dye t-shirts.



At the beginning of April, we were able to take the troop swimming and ensure that swimming safety assessments are in place before the start of the boating season.

The troop is delighted to have the ongoing help of Young Leader Tyler and recently has been pleased to welcome Jake who has returned to help as a Young Leader as part of his Duke of Edinburgh award.

The leadership team has been fortunate to have been able to work together for a long time and has a history with 3rd Portchester that stretches back several decades. We are all very grateful to have each other in the team.

James Cook Troop



Livingstone Scout Troop Report

Another different year with a mixture of virtual meetings and face to face meetings. We started the year on zoom with a six-week challenge based on the TV program Taskmaster, with different games and challenges each week including tea bag throwing, scavenger hunts and making famous landmarks out of food. Also, on zoom we completed the fire safety badge, played Scattergories, online cooking, played drawize and completed an escape room. Restrictions were then relaxed, and we had two face to face meetings before Easter when we did an Easter egg hunt and played some wide games.



In the summer term we did a mixture of land and water-based activities.

On the land we did the following

- 10km hike for the Captain Tom challenge
- Fire lighting and making their own burgers
- Football and frisbee golf
- Portchester quiz
- Wide games
- Pétanque

On the water the troop took part in

- Kayaking
- Pulling
- Stand up paddle boarding
- Nautical skills staged badge
- Paddle Sports staged badge
- British Canoeing paddle award



Once the nights drew in and the restrictions were relaxed more, we returned to meeting at the HQ. Whilst back at HQ we took part in the following activities

- Worked towards the teamwork challenge
- Wrote a code of conduct
- Cooking a main meal and cake



- Ballista building
- Worked towards creative challenge making air fix kits and paracording
- Portchester remembers
- Crystal maze night
- Xmas party

At Halloween we did a Halloween activity day including

- Pumpkin carving
- Pumpkin soup
- Making a monster from natural materials
- Halloween quiz hike
- Halloween musical bingo
- Mummies making



Throughout the year we completed a total of 94 badges. The number of scouts rose through the year, finishing with a healthy number of Scouts. We also have been joined by three young leaders Ian, Emmy and Ellie, who I would like to thank for the help they have given to the troop.

Finally, I would like to thank Caryl, Andy, and John for their support over the year.

Stuart Goddard

Scout Leader

Ellen MacArthur Scout Troop Report

Despite facing lots of challenges and restrictions during 2021 due to Covid-19, I would love to pass on a huge thank you to everyone that has still made it a very memorable year for Ellen MacArthur Troop and allowed the young people to access a wide range of activities and opportunities. This year is not without exception and there are lots of outstanding achievements that have been achieved by those in the Troop:

- 2x Chief Scout Gold Awards
- 65x Challenge Awards
- 41x Activity Badges
- 116x Stages Activity Badges
- 1x Commissioner Commendation
- 9x British Canoeing Paddle Awards
 - 5x British Canoeing Paddle Start Awards
 - 4x British Canoeing Paddle Discover Awards

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It is once again very difficult for me to pick my favourite moment or event from 2021. A snapshot of some events/activities that your Scout may have taken part in and enjoyed during this year:

- Various online meetings
- Virtual pancake night
- Kayaking
- Canoeing
- Pulling
- Stand-up Paddle boarding (SUP)
- Monopoly Run
- Fareham Creek Regatta
- Summer Camp @ Pangbourne
- Narrowboating on the River Lea
- Water Wipeout @ Lee Valley
- Climbing
- Air rifle shooting
- Narrowboating on the Grand Union Canal
- British Divers Marine Life Rescue
- Swimming
- Pickle's Night
- Jamboree On The Internet (JOTI)
- St John's Cathedral
- Pro-Badge
- Remembrance Parade
- Donutting @ Alpine Snowsports Southampton

As you may have noticed we have already started planning for 2022. The programme for next term is available on Online Scout Manger (OSM), and you should have already received a number of event invites. If over the Christmas period, you could take some time to let us know which events your Scout is interested in we would be very grateful.

In addition to the events already published we are also working on several other opportunities such as an Easter camp, kayaking expedition, etc.

I would like to thank the Scouts for being truly amazing and an enjoyable experience to be around; the young leaders for taking such a proactive approach, often organising the evenings and giving up their time to help and support the activities for the Scouts; all the adult volunteers involved with Ellen MacArthur Troop who give up their time, as without them this wouldn't be possible; and finally to all the support that we receive from the parents especially at the moment with the parent rota. We are still looking for more adult volunteers so if you know of anyone, please let us know so we can make contact and see how they can get involved.

Wishing you all a truly wonderful time with your families over the Festive Holidays, and a wonderful start to 2022.

Yours in Scouting,

Peter and the rest of the Ellen MacArthur Troop leadership team



Ellen MacArthur Full Badge Report 2021

Chief Scout's Gold Award (2 in total)

- Alannah
- Aidan

Challenge Awards (65 in total)

- 4x Adventure
- 14x Creative
- 12x Expedition
- 9x Outdoors
- 4x Personal
- 7x Skills
- 2x Team Leader
- 8x Teamwork
- 5x World

Activity Badges (41 in total)

- 3x Camper
- 2x Cyclist
- 7x Environmental Conservation
- 3x International
- 9x Naturalist
- 4x Pioneer
- 12x Power Coxswain
- 1x Pulling

Staged Activity Badges (116 in total)

- 4x Community Impact Stage 1
- 22x Hikes
 - 5x Hikes Stage 2
 - 4x Hikes Stage 5
 - 3x Hikes Stage 10

- 2x Hikes Stage 15
- 8x Hikes Stage 20
- 10x Nautical Skills
 - 1x Nautical Skills Stage 1
 - 5x Nautical Skills Stage 2
 - 4x Nautical Skills Stage 3
- 10x Nights Away
 - 1x Nights Away Stage 3
 - 2x Nights Away Stage 5
 - 2x Nights Away Stage 15
 - 3x Nights Away Stage 20
 - 2x Nights Away Stage 35
- 11x Paddle Sports
 - 1x Paddle Sports Stage 1
 - 10x Paddle Sports Stage 2
- 1x Sailing Stage 1
- 14x Snowsports
 - 13x Snowsports Stage 1
 - 1x Snowsports Stage 2
- 17x Swimmer
 - 6x Swimmer Stage 2
 - 10x Swimmer Stage 3
 - 1x Swimmer Stage 4
- 27x Time on the Water
 - 1x Time on the Water Stage 1
 - 1x Time on the Water Stage 2
 - 3x Time on the Water Stage 5
 - 4x Time on the Water Stage 10
 - 5x Time on the Water Stage 15
 - 10x Time on the Water Stage 20
 - 3x Time on the Water Stage 35



Treasurer's Report for Year Ended 31st December 2021

Looking back from the relative normality of 2022, it is difficult to remember the uncertainty we felt during 2021 and particularly 2020.

Overall, 3rd Portchester Scouts has really been a beneficiary of COVID thanks to our parents continuing to support us with their subscriptions and also due to the generous amount of grants received throughout the year. We received over £30K of grant money (mainly from Fareham Borough Council - £20K and the Scout Association - £10.5K).

What has helped operational revenue streams is the visibility of the new subscription collection system (Go Cardless) which has allowed us to better monitor receipt of subscription monies and gift aid. It is also good to see more and more young people joining the scouting movement including our newest recruits, The Squirrels.

The money received which wasn't required to cover our operational costs was spent on improving our boating fleet (Paddle Boards £8.5K, Kayaks £14.5K) and doing some much-needed work to the exterior of the HQ.

I ensured that the surplus grant monies have been held back to cover any unexpected issues created by COVID to ensure we have at least 18m of overheads always covered. Given we are now coming away from the pandemic it makes sense to reassess this and I am comfortable to retain only 12m of cash to cover overheads therefore releasing some additional money for more capital expenditure. Our reserves remain generous.

It has helped that our Gas and Electricity tariffs were fixed in 2021 for a 2-year period by our Awesome Treasurer (purely by a fluke!) and therefore we have been immune from increased costs from this source.

The better focus on subscription collection, the economies of scale of more young people paying subscriptions has offset our increased operating costs in 2022 and will allow us to keep our subscriptions at the current levels – not raised I think since 2012 and therefore representing absolutely excellent value for money.

David Noyce

Treasurer

3rd Portchester Scouts

Accounts for Year Ended 31st December 2021

CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

3rd Portchester Scouts

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Receipts and payments accounts**CC16a**For the period
from

1st Jan 2021

To

31st Dec 2021

Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
Subscriptions	19,481	-	-	19,481	19,116
Payments for Camps	3,413	-	-	3,413	60
Payments for Activities	2,352	-	-	2,352	1,080
Gift Aid	4,911	-	-	4,911	4,306
Donations, Grants and Fundraising	37,961	-	-	37,961	41,107
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	68,118	-	-	68,118	65,669
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	68,118	-	-	68,118	65,669
A3 Payments					
Camping Expenses	3,617	-	-	3,617	302
Capitation	5,002	-	-	5,002	6,311
Activity Expenses	3,342	-	-	3,342	1,840
Insurance	3,070	-	-	3,070	3,792
Maintenance and Repairs to Scout HQ	8,457	-	-	8,457	7,779
Boat and Camping Equipment Repair	35,909	-	-	35,909	25,296
Rent and subscriptions	1,407	-	-	1,407	1,267
Utilities and other	3,210	-	-	3,210	3,068
Badges	1,968	-	-	1,968	1,751
Sub total	65,982	-	-	65,982	51,406

A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	65,982	#	-	-	65,982
Net of receipts/(payments)	2,136	#	-	-	2,136
A5 Transfers between funds	-		-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	56,184		-	-	56,184
Cash funds this year end	58,320	#	-	-	58,320
					51,406

Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	Groups	49,970	-	-
	Sections	8,350	-	-
	Total cash funds	58,320	-	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK
		Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets	Details	-	-	-
B3 Investment assets	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
			-	-
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
	Boats and Marine Equipment	Unrestricted	-	150,000
	Camping Equipment	Unrestricted	-	100,000
B5 Liabilities	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
			-	
Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees	Signature	Print Name	Date of approval	
	David Noyce	David Noyce	14/04/2022	

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Receipts and payments account

For the period
from

1st Jan 2021

To

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Sub total	-	-	-
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Capitation	5,002	-	-
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Sub total	-	-	-
Total payments	65,982 #	- #	- #
Net of receipts/(payments)	2,136 #	- #	- #
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	56,184	-	-

<i>Cash funds this year end</i>	58,320	#	-	#	-	#
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	Sections	8,350
		-
	Total cash funds	58,320
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK
B2 Other monetary assets	Details	-
		-
		-
		-
		-
		-
		-
B3 Investment assets	Details	Fund to which asset belongs
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use	Details	Fund to which asset belongs
	Boats and Marine Equipment	Unrestricted
	Camping Equipment	Unrestricted
B5 Liabilities	Details	Fund to which liability relates

Signed by one or two trustees on
behalf of all the trustees

Signature

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31st Dec 2021

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-		-
56,184		41,921

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Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
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-	-
-	-
-	-
OK	OK

Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
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-	-
-	-
-	-
-	-

Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
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-	-
-	-
-	-
-	-

Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
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-	100,000
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-	-
-	-
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-	-

Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
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-	

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lame	Date of approval
	04/14/2022



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

**Report to the trustees/
members of**

Charity Name
3rd Portchester Scout Group

**On accounts for the year
ended**

31st December 2021

Charity no 271605
(if any)

Set out on pages

As per attached spreadsheet

(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31/12/2021..

**Responsibilities and
basis of report**

As the charity's trustees, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act").

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

**Independent
examiner's statement**

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination. .

Signed:

Date: 8th April 2022

Name:

Mr Martyn Butcher

**Relevant professional
qualification(s) or body
(if any):**

None

Address:

17 Blackcap Close, Rowlands Castle, Hampshire, PO9 6HD