

# ANOTHER

# YEAR OF

# ADVENTURE

3<sup>rd</sup> Lymm Annual Report 2022-23



## **Skills for Life**

Scouting actively engages and supports young people in their personal development, empowering them to make a positive contribution to society

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A video of the year's activities is available for download (650Mb!) at this link

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3rd Lymm ( 17th Warrington East )

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## **Minutes from 2022**

### **Apologies**

Lisa Grady

Alice R

Tim O

### **Attendance**

Rich (GSL) + Nic Storey

Charlotte & Chris Storey (YLS)

Will Raye (YL)

John (Cub leader) & Kat Ellis

Ed Gough (Scout leader) & Claire Turner

Richard Johnson (Cub leader)

Mike Robertson (Scout helper)

Donald Reid

Marcus Hopwood (Scout leader)

Joanna Maddocks

Emma Leach

Anthony & Danielle Kinsella (Beaver leader)

Shaun Cooper

Wiebke Cullen

Mark Purkis (Cub leader)

Stacey & Dan Thundercliffe

Paul Knott

Stephen & Samantha Ellam

Catherine Wigfield

Sam & Andrea Stephens

Jack Levy (Cub leader)

Nick Elliott

Sarah Priest (Beaver leader)

Anita Ktistis

Kate & Rich Clark

Charlotte & Chris Coleman

James Hurrell (Quartermaster)

Eddie Johnson (District)

Welcome from Richard S

### **Explorer Belt Fund Raising**

Information from Charlotte and Chris Storey - What EB is and why they're fundraising.

**Opening remarks** - see slides. (RS)

### **Address From District - Eddie Johnson**

History of 3rd Lymm Group

### **Awards**

Tim Oakley -5 Years service

Marcus Hopwood - 5 Years service

Thanks to all.

Encouraged young people to take every opportunity.

Best wishes to all.

### **Treasurer's report**

#### Overview

In a good position - See attached report 2022.

### **GSL report** - See report 2022

Plea for occasional leaders and leadership group members.

Chamboree - thanks to Donald as camp chef and gateway builder.

Thanks were given to Alice - retiring Thursday Beaver leader.

Thanks were given to James as quartermaster. New equipment purchased

Thanks were given to Ed - group water activities

Thanks were given to John - pioneering

Thanks were given to Ed and John - climbing

Thanks were given to James and Donald - new buildings working group

Thanks were given to YLS- Charlotte, Chris, Will and Cam

### **Elections of officers**

Some vacant positions on the exec

Thx to Charlotte - outgoing secretary.

Accounts ok - proposer Ed G. Seconded- Marcus H

Treasurer - Tim O - Proposer James H and Seconded Charlotte C

Chamboree video by James

## Financial Report Summary 2022-2023

**Treasurer Tim Oakley**

### Balance Sheet

Financial Report Summary year ending 31.08.2023

	This Year	Last Year	Variance
3 <sup>rd</sup> Lymm Total Receipts for year	22,558.86	21,706.46	852.40
3 <sup>rd</sup> Lymm Total Payments for year	21,586.43	22,330.97	(744.54)
CoGs Receipts for year*	5,858.00	0	5,858
CoGs Payments for year*	10,214	0	10,214
Combined Receipts for year	28,416.86	N/A	N/A
Combined Payments for year	31,800.43	N/A	N/A
Income from Subs & Gift Aid	11,930	11,200	730
Profit from Fundraising	2,340.31	855	1,485.31
Donations	1,409.57	1,199.52	210.05
Section Expenses (Beavers, Cubs & Scouts)	3,268.27	5,252.58	(1,984.31)
Group Expenses	3,090.17	3,546.21	(456.04)
Training	0	396.76	(396.76)
Bank Charges	485.79	585.05	(99.26)
Camps & Events	4,528.82	8,048.37	(3,519.55)
Capitation	4,646	4,462	184
Climbing Kit	3,526.70	0	3,526.70
Interest Received	50.38	0	50.38
Current Account Balance	10,080.10	59,158.05	(49,077.95)
Deposit Account Balance	50,050.38	0	50,050.38
CoGs Account Balance*	3,233	N/A	N/A
CoGs Loan Balance	(7,600)	N/A	N/A
3 <sup>rd</sup> Lymm Net Receipts	972.43	(624.51)	1,596.94
CoGs Net Receipts	(4,356)	N/A	N/A
Combined Receipts	(3,383.57)	N/A	N/A
Year End Balance	55,763.48	59,158.05	(3,394.57)

\*During 2022/3 it was noticed that CoGS finances has not been reported since its inception in 2013. Following legal advice this has been addressed by incorporating the sum of previous years incomes and payments into a starting balance for this year and reporting this years profit and loss in the usual way.

Payments Sheet 2022-2023

	This Year	Last Year
Capitation	4,646	4,462
<b>Fundraising</b>		
Transport Day	2040.68	0
<b>Section Expenses</b>		
Beavers	1,826.46	2,674.51
Cubs	947.86	1,367.55
Scouts	493.95	1,210.52
	3,268.27	5,252.58
<b>Group Expenses</b>		
Group	3090.17	3,546.21
AGM	213.40	90.00
Go Cardless Charges	485.79	585.05
Leader Training	0	396.76
Refunds	0	40.00
Climbing Kit	3,526.70	0
	7,316.06	4,658.02
<b>Camps &amp; Events</b>		
Cubs Autumn Sleepover	286.18	0
Pantomime	725.50	0
Operation Moonlight	106.00	0
Cheshire Hike	120.00	0
Xmas Party	78.36	41.18
Catalyst Sleepover	1,302	0
Milldale Camp	984.92	0
Shooting Camp	392.73	996.03
Leaders Camp	191.52	139.76
Grappenhall Camp	128.21	0
Leaders Social	0	53.52
Chamboree	0	5,675.92
Forest Camp	0	824.46
Colditz Camp	0	107.50
Cattaro Camp	0	120.00
	4,315.42	7,958.37
<b>Total</b>	<b>21,586.43</b>	<b>22,330.97</b>

Receipts Sheet 2022-2023

	This Year		Last Year	
<b>Subscriptions</b>	<b>11,930</b>		<b>11,240</b>	
<b>Fundraising</b>		Profit		Profit
Transport Day	4380.99	2,340.31	0	0
Rotary	0		855	
Donations	1,409.57		1,199.52	
	<b>5790.56</b>		<b>2054.52</b>	
<b>Camps &amp; Events</b>				
Chamboree	11.00		5,606.44	
Cubs Autumn Sleepover	300.00		0	
Pantomime	659.00		0	
Colditz Camp	120.00		87.50	
Catalyst Sleepover	928.00		0	
Operation Moonlight	93.50		0	
Cheshire Hike	176.00		186.00	
Cathedral Sleepover	312.00		0	
Milldale Camp	1,050.00		0	
Grappenhall Camp	108.00		0	
Shooting Camp	389.50		1,135.00	
Forest Camp	0		875.00	
Catarro	0		124.00	
East District Hike	0		168.00	
	<b>4,147.00</b>		<b>8,181.94</b>	
<b>Refunds</b>				
Climbing Kit	640.92		0	
1 <sup>st</sup> Aid Training	0		230.00	
	<b>640.92</b>		<b>230.00</b>	
<b>Interest</b>	<b>50.38</b>		<b>0</b>	
<b>Total Receipts</b>	<b>22,558.86</b>		<b>21,706.46</b>	

### Group Scout Leader's Report – 2022-23

With the pandemic now well behind us (and good riddance!) the continuing success of 3<sup>rd</sup> Lymm Scout group and the enthusiasm of our leaders and helpers consistently makes me smile. The amount of children enjoying activities and the long list of enquiries for new starts since the dark days of COVID-19 pushed us online is truly remarkable.

I celebrated my 10 years in scouting recently and look back with fond affection and over those years having seen a number of children grow into mature and professional young adults. I hope the scouting experience provides them with the #skillsforlife we provided and they have great memories of their day in 3<sup>rd</sup> Lymm. The activities do not come without a lot of effort from the leaders/helpers and there has been a lot of churn this year with our adult support with a lot of new starts and leavers. Sadly this includes our “new” chair – Jen and thanks to all her help supporting me in the exec.

I’m very much of the ethos “lots doing little” within 3<sup>rd</sup> Lymm and we’re trying hard to share the roles so that it is not incumbent on a few people to provide activities. This is in keeping with the scouting association move to more of a teams structure. We need the healthy line of volunteers (both adult and young leaders) to help deliver the scouting hopefully into the next 10 years of me being involved in 3<sup>rd</sup> Lymm. We are financially secure as you can read below so the only thing we are desperately short of is volunteers time.

Having run the group for as GSL for the last 5 years, most of the time whilst running another section, this will be my last AGM as the lead. It is with mixed emotions that I plan to stand down during 2023/4 but I am extremely pleased with what has been delivered during this period. I am not leaving scouting and will continue as a leader, at the moment with Monday Beavers and be there to support my successor. Finding a new GSL isn’t easy but we’re working hard to share out the responsibilities so that the role is much less than what it has been historically. To this end we are looking for a lot of new volunteers, this is both backroom in the running of the group (suitable for those who cannot commit to a regular slot but willing to provide some input into the group) as well as young person facing. The leaders commitment can be quite demanding and with busy lives I’m happy to receive volunteers who aren’t available every week but can commit to a regular slot say every fortnight or even monthly. If we get enough volunteers and “lots doing little” the group will continue to thrive and more leaders will gain the self-satisfaction and wellbeing from volunteering. As was stated to me when I first got involved in volunteering in Lymm “nothing is more rewarding than doing something for nothing”.

In addition to the fun activities with the young people, this year has seen the return to our sole fund raising activity in providing the refreshments at Lymm transport day. This is an amazing event and it was pleasing to see some of our young people as well as parents providing cakes and helping out on the day. Although the weather was quite challenging the day was truly memorable, as well as raising a good amount for the group. Thanks must go to our ex-cub leader but now parent representative on exec, Jack Levy for delivering such a fantastic event for Lymm and the associated charitable groups.

I have been very pleased to see how the groups are getting more involved in District events and beyond during the year; from Survival camp to a monster game of hide and seek (operation moonlight). Having our young people being exposed to larger activities and different groups gives them great opportunities to share and learn new skills. I am also especially pleased to see the opening of “Merlin”, Warrington East’s new Explorer Scout Unit based at Maple Lodge. Although not officially part of 3<sup>rd</sup> Lymm our past cub leader John Ellis will lead this along with some faces you may recognise from our past leaders. This is a great opportunity for young people aged 14-18 to continue their scouting within Lymm and I wish them every success. It also provides a rich population to draw our young leaders from and I’m pleased to see that Cubs has already benefitted with a new YL joining on Mondays.

The change will continue in 2023/4 but if we can get volunteers involved in the group and share out roles the future is looking very bright for 3<sup>rd</sup> Lymm. Nobody will be left to work out the role on their own and we will provide support and training for anyone wishing to get involved. Please try and get involved as much as you can. It’s a very rewarding opportunity to see the children having fun whilst learning skills.

Current vacancies

- Chair
- GSL
- CoGS representatives
- Leaders (all sections)
- Membership secretary
- Training co-ordinator
- Social media

**Richard Storey ( Group Scout Leader/Beaver Leader)**



### 3<sup>rd</sup> Lymm Scout Troop Annual Report 2022-23

Scouts have had another great year of scouting activities, and start the new year with 22 young people, 3 leaders and 1 young leader. We're delighted to have sent our first cohort of scouts to Merlin Explorers - the new Warrington East District Explorer group based at Maple Lodge, and are excited that in future 3rd Lymm Scouts will be able to stay local as they move into Explorers.

We strive to provide a varied programme of activities, but both Scouts and leaders invariably prefer to be outdoors. Highlights of our Autumn term included the ever-popular Night Hike to McDonalds - and even heavy rain didn't dampen our spirits or the Scouts appetite for fast food. It also gave us a good opportunity to test out some waterproof printed maps which proved surprisingly resilient! As we took on more indoor activities as the nights got darker the Scouts demonstrated their creativity making carrot whistles and wooden Christmas trees that went on display at St Mary's church.

Sadly the previous year's success in the bivouac building competition wasn't matched this year, but at least the Scouts managed to sleep outdoors in their construction unlike the previous storm-affected event. I think a good night's sleep in their self-built shelter was more valuable than the trophy. We'll be back this year to try to reclaim the title.

In the Spring term Scouts entered the Operation Moonlight competition for the first time - but it's set to be a firm fixture in our scouting calendar. Scouts were driven to Southport, and set loose with the aim to walk to Skelmersdale without being caught by teams of leaders. Scouts overcame challenges from navigation to grumpy landowners and failing equipment and all involved had a fantastic (if long) day! My personal highlight though was our celebration of Chinese New Year where we built an amazing Chinese dragon which was paraded through the village - just one in a series of memorable Monday nights.

Around Easter Scouts took to the countryside again to participate in the excellent Cheshire Hike - a two day hike across unknown territory with an overnight camp. The Scouts never fail to impress with their resilience and tenacity - and they really are creating memories that will last a lifetime.

Summer was unusually disrupted by the number of bank holidays (there are downsides to meeting on Mondays), however we used one bank holiday to take a family walk up Mam Tor in the Peak District. It was great to be able to share this great activity with so many parents and siblings.

We hope that the Scouts enjoyed this year as much as we have, but as always I want to recognise what a great team of leaders and young leader we have. They give up time every week to make it possible for Scouts to enjoy these activities - thank you to Ed, Mike and Cam for your continued and enthusiastic support leading our meetings and activities, to Nicki for all the behind-the-scenes support keeping us organised and to the exec team and other supporters who make all of this possible.

As always there are many opportunities for you to contribute, please get in touch with any of us you have an interest in supporting the section.

**Marcus Hopwood - Scout Leader**

### 3<sup>rd</sup> Lymm Cub Pack Annual Report 2022-2023

Our year started with memories of Chamboree during the summer of 2022. Jack was leading Monday Cubs and we had 16 Cubs and 3 Leaders, I had just taken on Wednesday Cubs from Becki and we had 25 Cubs and 4 leaders and 2 Young Leaders.

We had some memorable weekly meeting with highlights of a visit to Lymm Fire Station, an excellent session of First Aid which was brilliantly delivered by Graham Gowland, a joint session with the Brownies for Bonfire Night, Fencing which was delivered by our own Ben Carter, A visit to the Police Museum and the corresponding Jail Break (the image of Governor Johnson will stay with me for a long while.....), A visit to Groobarbs Farm, Athletics with the MVMT Rooms and Tennis at Lymm Tennis Club. We also had the annual favourites of I'm a Cub.... Get me out of here, Pancakes, Taskmaster, Night Hike and Bike Ride.



Rich Johnson in the role of Governor Johnson.

We also had some great nights away, with our Autumn sleepover at Grappenhall (and the need to cross the canal in the dark), Sleepover at Chester Cathedral at the GAIA exhibition with Cheshire County, and the Cub Camp at Milldale in the glorious sunshine.



Groobarbs



Unfortunately we said goodbye to Jack during the year as he moved on to focus on running Transport Day, and I took on running Monday Cubs too as a short term measure. I also had a new challenge lined up with starting a new Explorer Scout Unit and was looking to hand over the running of both Packs. We are very grateful that Sarah Willacy has taken on

leading Monday Cubs and Ben Carter has taken on leading Wednesday Cubs, and although still involved in Cubs my focus is not on the new Merlin ESU.

And so we start the year with 27 Cubs, 3 Leaders and 1 Young Leader on a Monday, and 24 Cubs, 5 Leaders and 2 Young Leaders on a Wednesday which is an increase of 10 Cubs and 1 Leader and 1 Young Leader over the year. We have also welcomed in Rich Clarke as some additional help as Badge Secretary which will ease the burden on Ben and Sarah.

Thank you to all who have been involved with Cubs over the last year, Jack, Dan, Mark, Petra, Sarah on a Monday, and Ben, Rich, Becki, Maria, Louise, Chris & Will on a Wednesday.

**John Ellis – Cub Leader**

### 3<sup>rd</sup> Lymm Beaver Colony Annual Report 2022-2023

The Beavers have had an amazing year in 2022-3 and we have a long list wishing to join our two sections on a Monday and Thursday. We are offering a great mix of outdoor experiences around the area along with traditional scouting skills which stands them in good stead for the more challenging activities as they progress. We have had two nights away opportunities in the year, our sleepover at “Catalyst” museum was an amazing experience and the young people had a fantastic time on the activities available at this quite remarkable facility. We also had our first sole Beaver camp in many years and linked this to our on the water experience at Grappenhall. At a recent “log chew”, where we discuss what activities the Beavers would like to do again, this was number 1 on the list! Further camps and sleepovers will be organised so watch this space!

The Beavers have had an amazing variety of activities with 620 badges being awarded including 14 Beavers attaining the top badge of Chief Scouts Bronze in the year. The variety of the activities offered continually amazes me and the innovation of the leaders is fantastic. The now infamous “chippy hike” still remains popular but a wide range of activities including coronation fun, St David’s day, disability sports and basket weaving all provided some great experiences for the Beavers.

This is my first full year as Beaver leader where we moved to a “leader organised” programme rather than “parent organised”. We still need the parents to help deliver the session but due to safety limitations it simply wasn’t possible to run parent led activities. We are still happy to receive volunteers deliver sessions and if you have any skills the Beavers would benefit from please let any leader know and we’ll work with you to form a session. We’ve had a number of parents provide this and we’re keen to have more!

We’ve had a number of leaders stand down during the year and it is sad to report that Sarah is no longer leading on a Monday. However, she remains involved as badge secretary and this takes a great burden from the leaders whilst working with her schedule. I have moved to lead Monday Beavers which gives Lianne the opportunity to lead Thursday. This does leave the need for more volunteers so please, if you have time to get involved please do!

**Richard Storey – Beaver Leader**