

# **365 DAYS OF ADVENTURE. HERE'S WHAT HAPPENED...**

**16th Morecambe & Heysham Scout Group  
Annual Report and Accounts**



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# WELCOME

## A message from the Group Chairman, Paul Anderton

Welcome to my inaugural Annual General Meeting as Chairman and trust that you have an enjoyable evening. Your attendance and continued support is truly appreciated and I, personally, regard it as a huge compliment to the continued success of our Group. Please feel free to mingle, raise questions or let us have your polite comments and suggestions!

There is no doubt that Beavers, Cubs and Scouts had another hugely enjoyable and productive year. I shall leave it to the Leaders to deal with the 'action' side of things in their reports and presentations and whilst they and the Scouts have been having most of the fun it has also been my pleasure to play a very small part in the Group's achievements and development. I take real pride in my role and was absolutely thrilled at last year's AGM to receive a long-service award signed personally by Bear Grylls and which now hangs proudly above my bed!

Having spent over 15 years as Group Secretary I agreed, late last year to take over the vacant Chairmanship after Jeremy Watson had done such an excellent job and for which I now wish to officially thank him. I felt that my former position as Secretary needed fresh input and new enthusiasm and offering to resign would release me to spend time on developing some of the ideas I have for the benefit of the Group.

These are concentrated on the Administrative side of things as it has been, and still is, a real concern to me that over the years the Executive Committee Membership has not evolved as I would have liked. I am conscious that new Members are difficult to attract and even once elected they soon lose interest. I am determined to discover the reason for this and improve the situation. Committee Membership should be pleasurable and rewarding and my initial challenge as Chairman is to make it so. I shall be sharing and promoting my ideas after the summer recess and if any prospective Members would like to join me and Bear in the Adventure, please let me know!

June 2014

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‘We challenge our members to experience fun, friendship and everyday adventure to help them reach their potential and have a positive impact on society’.

# 16<sup>th</sup> Morecambe & Heysham Scout Group

## Annual General Meeting 2013/14

### A G E N D A

1. Executive Committee Report  
(See Section Reports)
2. Laying of Accounts and Annual Report
3. Approval of the Group Scout Leader's nominations for the Group Executive for the forthcoming year  
  
The following are nominated  
  
Mr. Roger Crewdson, Mrs. Tracey Penny, Mrs. Angela Rawlinson, Mrs. Glenys McKay.
4. Nomination of Group Chairman:-  
  
Mr. Paul Anderton is nominated
5. Election of Group Secretary:-  
  
Nominations are invited
6. Election of Group Treasurer:-  
  
Mr. Robert Gill is nominated - other nominations are invited
7. Election of Group Auditor for 2014/15:-  
  
Lisa Stott is nominated - other nominations invited
8. Election of members of the Group Council to the Executive Committee:-  
  
Nominations are invited.
9. Any other business
10. Presentations:-  
  
David Steed memorial trophies  
  
Chief Scout's Awards  
  
Service & Training Awards

# WELCOME

## A word from the Group Scout Leader, Alan Hague



**Group Camp 2013**

I am pleased to report that our Group continues to provide a high standard of Scouting to the young people within our catchment area. Group numbers have been improved and there is good continuity between the sections.

It is my duty to ensure that all adults working within the Group are 'fit and proper' persons to carry out the tasks given them and to make sure that there is continuity and development of training in Sections of the Group and that all adults in the Group are appropriately trained. Again, I am happy to report that our excellent team of volunteer leaders has continued to develop their skills and they are all providing an interesting and enjoyable balanced programme to our young people.

Our leaders have been ably supported in their work by another dedicated team of volunteers, namely our Group Executive Committee, ably chaired by Jeremy Watson and latterly by Paul Anderton. They have ensured that the necessary resources have been available to maintain the first-rate

programmes that have been developed by the leaders. However, we really do need more parents and friends to join our committee to ensure that the good work is carried on. We presently have minimal parent representation from either the Cub or the Beaver sections. This is not an onerous task - we meet bi-monthly. If you feel that you are able to help please speak to myself or any member of the committee. You would be made most welcome.

Our first attempt at holding a combined Group Camp for all of our sections together was frustrated by the weather in 2012 and had to be cancelled. This was held successfully in 2013 and proved to be very enjoyable and will hopefully promote improved linking between the sections of the Group.

Our endeavours to form a second Beaver Colony to address numbers on the waiting list finally met with success when Dave and Debbie agreed to become leaders and with the support of parents have made a successful start.

I hope that you will enjoy reading the various sections' reports. These illustrate the excellent work being carried out, the progress made within the training scheme and the achievements of our young people.

June 2014



## **ALDER & WILLOW BEAVER SECTION REPORT 2013/14**

We are very pleased to be able to report that we have opened a second Beaver colony in Jan 2014, on Thursday evening 6-7pm. Dave Singleton and Deb White have restarted Willow Beavers which closed 13 years ago. They are a great team and an asset to 16<sup>th</sup> Morecambe Scouts and are helped by George their Young Leader. They have been able to reduce the waiting list and have 15 Beavers currently and now offer fun and friendship to lots more children.

Alder Beavers continues to meet on Monday 5.45 pm-7.00pm and there are 18 beavers at present. Both colonies strive to provide a full and exciting programme with the support of the parent rota. Their help and support is invaluable.

In September we completed the Global Challenge badge. We managed to go to the beach and build sandcastles without being rained off and attended a Super hero fun day at Waddecar. We had a walk up the Barrow which gave the boys fantastic views over the surrounding area and we managed not to upset the cows. As part of fair trade a volunteer lady from St Thomas Church Lancaster came and showed us some fair trade products and the boys were able to buy some. In November we raised money for Children in Need and decorated Pudsey cakes. When we helped with Church Parade we gave a talk about Shelter Box and showed the congregation what goes in the box. In December we had a Beaver Carol Service at the Platform and some of the Beavers were presented with their Bronze Award. Eliza from Adelaide Australia who was on the Scout Commonwealth Youth Exchange Programme was able to attend and see scouting in a different country.

In the Spring term we completed the Creative Challenge and Hobby badge. The highlights this term were making Lego models and telling a story, making painting and exploding volcanoes, making a hot drink on a stove, making pancakes and going to Hobby Craft at Preston to make Mothers day gifts. We also had a trip Bowling .

During the summer term we are completing the Outdoor Challenge . We have been on a Heads and Tails walk around Torrisholme, to Happy Mount Park Geocaching and have decided what needs to go in our rucksack for a day out. We are looking forward to putting up tents, water games and our annual Sausage Sizzle.

All Beavers have the opportunity in 2 years to do 6 challenge badges and we are really pleased to have been able to award all the boys with their Bronze Award when they leave.

A big thank you to Andrew, Assistant Beaver Leader, Sue Section Assistant at Alder Beavers for their support in running Alder Beavers and to Dave Debs and George for setting up Willow Beavers and providing young people with great opportunities and a fantastic start in their scouting journey.

Jen Moore Beaver Leader



## **CUB SECTION REPORT 2013/14**

A successful year has been had by both cub packs. Numbers are healthy- 48 members at time of writing. The adult team still consists of Gill Briggs, Donna Pearson, Kris Devereux and myself. We have been fortunate enough to have a number of young people to help with the running of the meetings. These individuals are either Explorers, Young Leaders or are volunteers currently undertaking Duke of Edinburgh Awards.

Along with all the work towards various activity and challenge badges, we have been able to link up both packs for various sporting events such as hiring the sports hall at Lancaster and Morecambe College and undertaking a multitude of sports that evening.

Other notable events have been the trip to the beach, Sausage Sizzle (which was extremely well attended). Helping at St. John's Hospice, with the Easter Bingo during February half term, continues to strengthen the link that we have with this charity. An event we are looking forward to later this year is the Cub Section Camp to Bowley in July- lets hope the weather holds!

We have five boys who have completed their Silver Awards this year- the highest award in the cub section.

Finally, I would like to say thank-you to all who have helped us in any way during the year with a special mention to any visitors and helpers.

Marcus Harding





## SCOUT SECTION REPORT 2013/14

I am pleased to report that this year has again been another eventful, enjoyable and successful twelve months in the life of the Troop.

The highlight of the year was undoubtedly the Annual Summer Camp held at the Bonaly Scout Centre outside Edinburgh from 27 July - 3 August. In changeable summer weather there was more fun, excitement and adventure to be had.

Camping skills displayed were generally very good and the 11 lucky attendees were treated to a first-rate range of activities and trips. Activities included grass sledging, pedal karting, Geocaching, laserquest, camp olympics and swimming. There were interesting visits to the National Mining Museum, to the National Museum of Flight at East Fortune, and Edinburgh Zoo.



**Annual Camp 2013 Bonaly – Edinburgh Zoo**

Well-attended camps were also held during the year at Silverdale at Spring Bank Holiday, indoors at Great Tower in January, and the Group Camp at Silverdale.

We tried, as ever, during the year to put on a balanced, interesting and exciting programme mixing the learning of scouting skills with progress award work, outdoor events and, of course, lots of games! Indoor highlights included foreign cooking, the annual super-scout competition and a visit to Heysham Power Station, whilst out of doors there were wide games, an overnight stay on Helvellyn, an 'Iron Man' event, a survival skills camp, kayaking on the canal, the ever-popular chip survey, remembrance Sunday hike to Castle Crag in Borrowdale, a New Year biking expedition, hikes to Nicky Nook in October and Beacon Fell. The Group again took part in Scout Community Week with the Scouts painting benches and tables at the Hospice. More recently, for our Global Challenge Award we participated for the first time in a novel event entering a team in the North West Scouts Shelterbox Scavenger Hunt in Liverpool supporting the Shelterbox project.



There has been excellent progress in the training scheme, with a number of scouts gaining a variety of Challenge and Activity badges. The highest training award in the Scout Section, the Chief Scout's Gold Award, has been gained by Alexander Whyte, Ben Penny, Sol Wilkinson, Daniel Rawlinson, Jaidan Reeder and Lewis MacPherson. We will continue to promote the fullest possible use of training themes in our programmes.

On the competition front, 2013 was once more a successful year. We were placed 2nd and 6th in the County Crew Challenge. We participated in the County Orienteering event at Beacon Fell, finishing in 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> places in the under 15 section, and taking 1st place in the inter-troop trophy. We came a very creditable 4th place in the Bowlander County Hiking Competition, we took 2<sup>nd</sup> place in the Swimming Gala and lastly, we won both trophies in the Annual Lonsdale Knight Activity Competition. Success in the competitions based on scouting skills is particularly gratifying representing as it does the putting into practice of expertise gained mainly within the Troop.

The year saw Troop numbers dropping slightly, presently 21, and history was made when our first girl joined the Troop. It is pleasing to record that several former members have moved on to Explorer Scouts.

Our excellent Troop website on the Internet continues to provide a colourful insight into our activities. See [www.16thmorecambescouts.org.uk](http://www.16thmorecambescouts.org.uk)

The Steed Trophy for Patrol Camping is this year awarded to Eagles Patrol for their performance at the annual camp.

Finally, I should like to say a word of thanks to all those who have helped us in any way during the year. Particularly may I express my gratitude to the Patrol Leaders past and present and to the two Chris's, the two Harry's and Ben for their loyalty and dedicated support, which makes so much more possible.

Alan S Hague  
Scout Leader  
June 2014



**Church of the Ascension Scout Group**  
**Receipts and Payments Accounts for Year Ended 31st December 2013**

**Receipts**

	2012	2013
	£	£
Subscriptions	£ 5,052.50	£ 9,077.00
Rent	£ 888.00	£ 1,368.00
Camp Receipts	£ 5,623.95	£ 5,629.00
Section Activities and Sundries	£ 50.00	£ 498.50
Donations Received	£ 535.04	£ 338.03
Gift Aid	£ 1,033.51	£ 2,133.67
Uniform	£ 40.00	£ 47.00
Bank Interest	£ 7.24	£ 0.97
Fund Raising	£ 2,292.22	£ 3,241.52
Use of minibus	£ 126.64	£ -
Less charges to sections	£ -	£ -
Hikes and Trips	£ 197.00	
Miscellaneous	£ 6.55	£ 30.00

**Payments**

	2012	2013
	£	£
Capitation	£ 2,784.60	£ 2,662.20
Leader Insurance	£ 307.82	£ 335.81
Heat & Light	£ 628.81	£ 604.03
Water	£ 65.37	£ 131.72
H.Q. Expenses	£ 1,903.55	£ 2,387.09
Camp Expenditure	£ 3,385.82	£ 4,318.99
Minibus Expenditure	£ 1,427.68	£ 1,410.51
Activities & Sundries	£ 1,764.77	£ 1,779.47
Uniform	£ 62.20	£ 148.00
Gifts and Donations Made	£ 383.00	£ 330.58
Fund Raising Expenses	£ 285.12	£ 625.53
Badges & Books	£ 591.41	£ 458.70
Training	£ 66.00	£ 39.00
Equipment (Inc.Repairs)	£ 379.05	£ 881.16
Postage & Stationery	£ 345.01	
Miscellaneous	£ 1,564.96	£ 1,062.51
Bank Charges	£ -	£ 4.00

£ -      £ -      Outstanding Payments      -£ 224.80      £ 74.21

**Exec Balance B/fwd**  
**Section Balance B/fwd**

£17,130.66      £19,437.80  
£7,330.23      £5,155.37

**Exec Balance C/fwd**  
**Section Balance C/fwd**

£19,437.80      £22,728.26  
£5,155.37      £6,975.09

**£40,313.54      £46,956.86**

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**Group Scout Leader**

*Alan Stagg*  
*Tom Clarke*

**Chairman**

**Secretary**

*Robert*

**Treasurer**

**Executive Committee Members**

*R. C. ...*  
*T. Penny*  
*G. ...*

Audited and found to be correct

*Lisa Stott*

Name LISA STOTT

Date 11.4.14

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# Independent Examiner's Report on the Accounts

**Section A**
**Independent Examiner's Report**

Report to the trustees/members of

Charity Name

 16 MORECAMBE & HEYSHAM CHURCH OF ASCENSION  
SCOUTS & GUIDES

On accounts for the year ended

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Charity no (if any)

5 0 9 5 8 1

Set out on pages

one single page

(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)

**Respective responsibilities of trustees  
and examiner**

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 (the Charities Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the Charities Act,
- to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 145(5)(b) of the Charities Act), and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

**Basis of independent examiner's  
statement**

My examination was carried out in accordance with general Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from the trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair' view and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

**Independent examiner's statement**

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention ~~(other than that disclosed below)~~.

(1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in, any material respect, the requirements:

- to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act;
- to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Act have not been met; or

(2) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

\* Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.

Signed



Date

11.4.14

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