

Scouts

Blandford

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

FOR END OF THE FINANCIAL YEAR
MAY 2017 - APRIL 2018



AGENDA 29TH JUNE 2018

- 1 Welcome and introduction by Chairman
- 2 Apologies
- 3 Minutes of last meeting
- 4 Chairman's report can be found in the hand out
- 5 Scouting Reports can be found in the hand out
- 6 Appointment of Group Chair Person
- 7 Appointments of Treasurer, Amy Dennis
- 8 Appointment of Secretary, Sharon Jones
- 9 A BIG thank you all for coming tonight.



MINUTES FROM THE LAST ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

16TH JUNE 2017

Present:

Dave Smith, Simon Young, Sam Elliott, Kevin Elliott, Shelley Gamble, Adam Kayles, Kirsty Gallop-Taylor, Alison Jervis, Chis Minchella, Alexis Tanner, Faye Lechon, Peter Warrington, Sandra Wellstead, Sharon Jones

Apologies: None

The Chairman, Dave Smith, began the meeting by welcoming parents and asking if all committee members agreed with the previous minutes.

Dave explained that Sam Elliott, the Beaver Leader, had compiled a report booklet with all relevant information for the previous year, and that this was available to view and that any questions would be welcomed.

Dave spoke of the importance of the committee and it's members asking if anyone would like to join or offer help in an alternative way, the existing committee members were then re elected

The Cub and Beaver packs have recently had new leaders join and these leaders were invested by the District Commissioner, Simon Young. Simon explained the procedure to invest leaders is the same as investing the children, the promise was repeated and the leaders were instated.

During the meeting an impressive amount of Beaver and Cub packs were awarded their activity badges some who had achieved several badges.

Simon Young (District Commissioner) thanked the young people, parents, leaders and the committee for their continued support.

Kirsty and Alexis, assistant leaders of the Beaver packs, thanked Sam Elliott for her dedication and enthusiasm as a Beaver leader.

The meeting closed with Dave thanking everyone for attending.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

What a year this has been! We completed the kitchen which is now a great asset to the group, much work was done by many people, thank you all.

The different sections (Beavers, Cubs and Scouts) have taken part in lots of activities and projects throughout the year, a great job done by all Leaders and helpers to make this possible.

A number of our Leaders have been on courses (in their own time) to be able to deliver more great experiences for our young people, well done all.

The group took part in several fundraising activities in and around the town where we raised money to help progress the needs of the group. So much of the work we have done and still need to do, costs, this is why we need a good committee to keep the hut and grounds fit for purpose.

The next year(s) still have many challenges including replacing part of the hut roof, we also need to keep maintaining the hut so it does not fall back into needing a lot of major work done.

I will be leaving Blandford Scout Group as of this evening as I have now moved to Poole. I believe it will be too remote to carry on my duties as Chairmam, on top of which I need to spend the time with my wife, Shirley and enjoy our retirement and new life.

I wish Blandford Scout Group all the best for the future. I am convinced under Sam's leadership as Group Scout Leader the group has a great future.

The Committee has been very supportive for the group over the last 12 months. Alison Jervis has now handed over the accounts to Amy Dennis after a few years of doing them, I would like to say a big thank you to Alison for her work for the group.

Thank you

Dave Smith

Chairman of Blandford Scout Group



TREASURER'S REPORT

The FYE April 2017 to 2018 has been a particularly successful one for Blandford Scout Group in relation to improving the group income – over 3 distinct areas - Fundraising, Hut hire and improved collection of Subscriptions. The entire team that work voluntarily at fundraising and hall bookings need a tremendous thank you for all their hard work over the last year in particular. By giving of their time, effort and good ideas it has been possible to increase the number of events and resources that the individual Beavers, Cubs and Scouts benefit from.

A special thank you needs to go to Shelley Gamble for the last few years of taking the hall bookings – it is no mean feat dealing with hall hirers, the pressures of family commitments and working.

Fundraising has gone from strength to strength over the last few years and the successes last year were down to the combined efforts of all the committee members, but also, in particular, Sharon Jones. Her skill in negotiating prizes for raffles and securing donations from all and sundry is remarkable.

I stood down as Treasurer in April 2018 but have been working with the new Treasurer, Amy Dennis who has kindly come forward to volunteer her time and accounting skills.

Copies of the audited accounts are available on the next page – and I do need to thank Colin Westbrook from the Gillingham Scout Group for providing an auditing service to us over the last few years.

	2014 -15 £	2015-16 £	2016-17 £	2017-2018 £
Hall Rental	3796.00	4307.00	4410.00	7331.00
Fundraising	0.00	1745.85	1992.00	4263.37
Hut Expenses	3836.70	5507.73	9511.02	9306.81
Sections Income			5780.98	8175.62
Sections Expenditure			3158.62	8706.53

Alison Jervis

Treasurer 2014-2018



BLANDFORD SCOUT GROUP
Balance of Accounts - Financials 01.04.2017 to 31.03.2018

Scout Income

Beavers	£	3,135.73
Cubs	£	3,191.51
Scouts	£	1,237.35
Tuck Shop	£	394.15
Scout FR	£	216.88

Totals £ 8,175.62

Scout Expenditure

Beavers	£	596.58
Cubs	£	781.63
Scouts	£	593.00
Tuck Shop	£	59.53
Scout FR	£	108.44
Badges	£	1,919.35
Capitation	£	4,648.00

£ 8,706.53

HQ Income

Float	£	135.00
HQFR	£	1,316.66
Hall Hire	£	7,331.00
Charity Donations	£	2,946.17
Misc.	£	311.03

Totals £ 12,039.86

HQ Expenditure

Float	£	315.00
HQFR	£	193.67
HQ Expenses	£	724.68
Grounds Maintance	£	363.00
HQ Maintance	£	584.81
HQ Projects	£	4,165.73
Equipment	£	-
Insurance	£	1,143.37
Power	£	1,102.00
Rates	£	312.89
Water	£	295.23
Misc	£	106.43

£ 9,306.81

Opening Balance	£	8,308.17
Income Total	£	20,215.48
Expenditure Total	£	18,013.34

Balance £ 10,510.31 26 Jun 18

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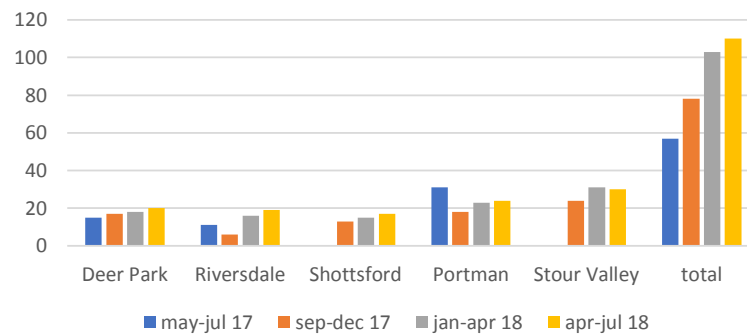


GROUP SCOUT LEADER REPORT

I took on the role as GSL in September 2017 as the role had been unfulfilled for many years and seemed a great opportunity to give the group the much needed support it warranted. It was all going pretty well until an upset in a neighbouring Scout group meant that I was needed to take on a Beaver Scout Leader role 'temporarily' from January 2018. Since then, balancing the two roles has been challenging, I haven't been able to support the Leaders as much as I would've liked too and I thank all the Leaders, Assistants, Committee members and families for helping when they can.

Even with challenges the Group has grown in the last year with young people and new Leaders and Assistants!

Membership (Over the last 4 terms)



ADULT VOLUNTEERS & LEADER TRAINING

- Shaun Dormer invested as CSL NEW Shottsford Cub Pack
- Anita Adams invested as ACSL NEW Shottsford Cub Pack
- Kirsty Taylor-Gallop changed role from ABSL to BSL of Deer Park
- Pippa Woods invested at ASL November 2017
- Chris Bartlett invested as BSL in January 2018
- Alan Campbell registered as ABSL
- Sam Elliott and Kevin Elliott gained their Indoor Nights Away Permits and Kirsty Taylor-Gallop should also be receiving hers shortly.
- We currently have 14 Leaders, in the past 6 months I have got 9 off Provisional and into Full Roles.
- 3 Leaders have completed First Aid courses
- Kirsty Taylor-Gallop and Kevin Elliott have been to trainings days and completed many of their modules and are well on their way to gaining their Wood Beads.
- Sam Elliott awarded her Wood Beads for completing all Modules (took 4 years but got there in the end!)



GROUP

- Recruitment plea on BFBS Radio by Sam Elliott (August 2017)
- 12 Beavers & Cubs represented Blandford Scout Group at Julia's House Extra Mile run by Dorset Scouts, they raised £108.44. We appeared in the Blackmore Vale too.
- All sections took part in JOTI/JOTA 2017 held at The Royal Signals Museum, Blandford Camp. Dorset 4x4 Scouts had a base showing how to communicate with CB radios.
- A **NEW website: blandfordscoutgroup.org** – full of information and resources for all
- Over 60 Scouts came to Remembrance Parade November 2017
- All sections decorated a Christmas Tree for Blandford Parish Church 'Christmas Tree Festival'
- Over 45 Scouts attended this years St. Georges Day parade in Sherborne

FUNDRAISING

- Bags of Life Tesco - All sections helped at local Tesco with Bag Packing to encourage more tokens. We received £1000 towards the nature reserve at the hut.
- We are one of Blandford Mayors Charities again this year, we have helped: Community Expo event – we also had a stall promoting Scouts in Blandford, Mayors Charity Concert, Dinner Dance and Mr Merlin Magic Show
- We had a stall at the Yuletide festival & Scouts manned the gates, we raised £176.96.
- Bingo evening at The Royal British Legion raised £534.10, sponsored by Damory Vets.
- Fundraising stall at the Georgian Fayre, raising £310.10

COMMITTEE

- Appointed a NEW Treasurer and Bookings Secretary
- Few members helped at the Teddy Rocks clean up / litter pick. We gained 3 new tents
- Dave Smith will be stepping down as Chairman at this year's AGM

HUT & GROUNDS

- Part of 'Working Party' week (July 2017) we installed a NEW Kitchen, re-painted some internal walls of hut & toilets and cleared the Log Shed and BBQ area
- Created pond area with wild flowers
- Donation of over 30 trees and shrubs from The Woodland Trust have been planted

Sam Elliott / Phobos

Group Scout Leader of Blandford Scout Group

BEAVERS

DEER PARK (MONDAY) & RIVERSDALE (WEDNESDAY)

In September 2017 we made some changes with our Beaver Colonies, Leaders were shuffled around and meetings changed nights and times. The change didn't go without any issues however thanks to our amazing Leaders and assistants and support of families the colonies are in a much stronger position than last April.

We have thanked Adam Kayles for his great work with setting up Riversdale as he left the colony in December to concentrate on his future after leaving the Army. We welcomed Chris Bartlett as Beaver Scout Leader and Alan Campbell as his assistant.

Beavers have really enjoyed the North Dorset District events; Pirate family camp back in last June, a Christmas Party and a day at Longleat in March this year. We also had Beavers representing the group at Remembrance parade and this years District St. George's Day Parade in Sherborne.

OTHER EVENTS THROUGHOUT THE YEAR:

Jamboree on the trail (JOTT)
Crabbing at Poole Quay
Games and Ice Creams at Badbury Rings
Shaftesbury Oasis outdoor pool (in the rain!)
Julia's House Extra Mile sponsored walk
Jamboree on the internet/airways (JOTI) at The Royal Signals Museum
Polar Express pyjama party
Yuletide Group fundraising
Carol Singing at Whitecliff Nursing Home
Harry Potter Sleepover at the hut.... in the snow!

THE HIGHLIGHT OF THE YEAR HAS TO BE THE SLEEPOVER WITH DIPPY!

A very memorable event for all Beavers at the County Museum. They took part in 4 different activities supplied by The Jurassic Coast Trust, made their own beds, watched a movie and slept brilliantly.

AWARDS THIS YEAR

Chief Scout Bronze Awards - 9

Membership / Invested - 37

Joining In : Level 1 - 20 & Level 2 - 2

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SHOTTSFORD (MONDAY) & PORTMAN (THURSDAY)

In September 2017 we were super lucky to be able to open a brand **NEW** Cub Pack! Shaun Dormer took on the role as Akela and Anita Adams as his assistant. Thank you to all the families that have stayed and helped on the parent rota's for both Packs.

We had lots of Cubs representing the group at Remembrance parade and this years District St. George's Day Parade in Sherborne.

Most Cubs gained their Astronomer, Athletics, Communicator, Disability Awareness, International and Pioneering.

OTHER EVENTS THROUGHOUT THE YEAR:

Kayaking & Paddleboarding In Poole Park

Jamboree on the trail (JOTT)

Tesco Bag Packing

Tomahawk Throwing

Jamboree on the internet/airways (JOTI) at The Royal Signals Museum

Skittles @ Bryanston

Julia's House Extra Mile sponsored walk

Bournemouth Air Museum

THE HIGHLIGHT OF THE YEAR HAS TO BE THE REMEMBRANCE SLEEPOVER!

Cubs made us super proud at the service in town on the Saturday, we followed that with lots of activities in the afternoon. In the evening they made their own dens to sleep in, it was a great weekend.

AWARDS THIS YEAR

Chief Scout Bronze Awards - 7

Membership / Invested - 22

Joining In : Level 1 - 4, Level 2 - 17, Level 3 - 4 & Level 4 - 1

WE WOULD APPRECIATE MORE HELP WITH CUBS!

If you think you could organise an event each term/year (i.e a visit somewhere) or show us a skill you or someone you know has please let a Leader or GSL know asap! We have amazing Leaders willing to lead the evenings but organising each weeks activities to keep the Cubs engaged and enjoying scouting can be very time consuming!

Please check out the Cub badge requirements on scouts.org.uk and if there's something you can help with please let us know!

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SCOUTS

STOUR VALLEY SCOUTS

This years has seen a big increase in scout numbers, we now have over 30 scouts on role, giving us 5 full patrols.

We had some Scouts representing the group at Remembrance parade. Prior to this event the Scouts had a visit from a few members of the Royal British Legion who gave a presentation about what they do and what Remembrance is all about. Scouts were impeccably well behaved and very respectful.

Scouts also attended this years District St. George's Day Parade in Sherborne. We saw Sandra Wellstead achieve a special award for all he work within the Group and District.

Backwoods Camp Event in Shillingstone

When talking to the scouts their favourite camp is always Backwood and when asked why its because they love building shelters and making fires!!

The annual Trig Tower Tor was rescheduled for later in the year which means it doesn't fall into the last financial year, however we can't wait until next year to report how well the Scouts did. They were out walking for over 5 hours and collected many points. A special well done to one of our teams who won the trophy for Blandford.

After our Scout Forum the scouts have asked if we could do more 'old style' scouting for example, pioneering, camp cooking, axes and knives. So we will be working very hard to make next years programme full of exciting 'old style' scouting activities.

SCOUT HAVE BEEN DOING:

Axes, Saws and Knives training

Fire-lighting and building at Clapcotts Farm, Spetisbury

Patrol Leader evenings #YouthLedScouting

Electronics Badge

Survivor and Camp Cook Badges



We have 15 Scouts attending the Jurassic International Jamboree in August 2018. I'm sure Scouts will have an amazing week jam packed with adventurous activities, making amazing memories and hopefully friends from other packs around the world!

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SPECIAL THANKS

DAVE SMITH

Took on the role as Chairman a few years ago when the Group nearly disbanded and has made the hut legally fit for purpose and been a major driving force in all the other improvements. Thank you also to Dave's wife Shirley who has also helped at many fundraising events. Dave is ending his role as of this evening, he will be missed and we all thank him for his hard work and dedication to Blandford Scout Group!

ALISON JERVIS

Ali has been the Treasurer since 2014 when the accounting was pretty much non-existent. We massively appreciate all her hard work with the accounting side of Scouting and with her help at numerous fundraising events over the last few years.

AMY DENNIS

Amy came forward as treasurer in February. Since then she has changed the signatories on the two accounts (which was a painful process!) and will be setting up online accounting for us. Payments are being recorded much more accurately and refunds for Leaders expenses are happening much quicker. Thank you Amy, we really appreciate your help!

SHARON JONES

Sharon isn't just a brilliant Secretary, she is absolutely awesome at gathering prizes for all our events (including this evening!). She also helps prepare and run most fundraising events. Thank you so much Sharon!

FRANCESCA BETHELL New to the team, Francesca has taken on the bookings for the hut, whilst also working closely with Amy to ensure we receive payments for all bookings. Thank you Francesca for coming forward to help us.

PETER WARRINGTON & RAILWAY GROUP Peter is our President and attends most meetings to help the group. Along with a few other men from the Railway Group they have completed many, many maintenance jobs around the hut this year.

SPECIAL THANKS CONTINUED...

- BECKY RODWELL** Becky has helped at numerous fundraising events this year, making cakes, serving refreshments and helping with tombola's etc..
- SHELLEY GAMBLE** Shelley was our Bookings secretary for a few years, in this time our rental income has increased considerably!! Shelley is also an assistant Cub Leader and prepares activities and support most weeks. She also helps before, during and after most of our fundraising events.
- CHARLOTTE GILLEY** A very new member to the Group, has baked lovely cakes for events and has come forward to help with Shottsford Cubs.
- NORMAN MACBETH** Norman kindly helped at this year's Teddy Rocks Clean Up and has kindly joined our Committee.
- EMMA BARTLETT** Baked some lovely cakes for a fundraising event - they were very popular!
- DARREN WHEELER** Popped in to show his woodcraft skills to the Cubs before Christmas, they were super impressed and was a great evening. The Wheeler family have helped at many events and have also raised money for the Group at their own event through Dorset Arts Week... Thank you!

Thank you to all families that have helped via the parent rota's and/or supporting fundraising events and transporting your young people to and from the hut and other events.

THERE WOULD BE NO SCOUT GROUP WITHOUT OUR AMAZING LEADERS!

They create amazing programmes, activities and events throughout the year that really do change lives, create amazing memories and deliver

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Our Scout Leaders, Assistants and Young Leader:

**Sandra Wellstead, Toby Hannam, Maddy Pietrzekiewicz,
Chris Mark and Pippa Woods**

Our Cub Scout Leaders and Assistants:

**Kevin Elliott, Shelley Gamble, Emily Bullman,
Shaun Dormer & Anita Adams**

Our Beaver Scout Leaders, Assistants and Young Leader:

**Kirsty Taylor-Gallop, Alexis Tanner,
Chris Bartlett, Alan Campbell & Jo Graeser**

**THANK YOU TO YOU (AND YOUR FAMILIES)
FOR VOLUNTEERING YOUR TIME, WE REALLY DO APPRECIATE
YOUR WEEKLY COMMITMENT!**