

**Annual General Meeting**

Financial Year: 1st April 2019 - 31st March 2020



**Scouts**

**The Winterbornes**

# Agenda

1. Welcome and introduction
2. Apologies for absence
3. Minutes of the last AGM
4. Executive reports:
  - Chairperson
  - Treasurer approval of accounts
  - Group Scout Leader
  - Section Reports
5. Elections of the executive
  - Chairperson
  - Treasurer
  - Secretary
  - Bookings Secretary
  - Executive Committee Members
6. Any other business



**John Kerley**  
**Acting Group Chairperson**

Joined as Acting Chairperson in Sept. 2019.

John leads the Executive Committee, and ensures it fulfils its responsibilities within the Group. John works closely with Sam to achieve the purpose of The Scout Association through the development of local Scouting, in accordance with the Policy, Organisation and Rules of The Scout Association.



**Sam Elliott**  
**Group Scout Leader**

Joined as a Beaver Leader in January 2018 and stepped into Group Scout Leader role in October 2019.

Sam manages and supports the Scout Group and its Leaders to ensure it runs effectively and that Scouting within the Group develops in accordance with the Policy, Organisation and Rules of The Scout Association.

**Anna Way**  
**Group Secretary**

Joined as Secretary in January 2018.

As Secretary Anna supports John to ensure the smooth functioning and sound administration of the Scout Group in accordance with the Policy, Organisation and Rules of The Scout Association.

**Nicola Lindley**  
**Group Treasurer**

Joined as Treasurer for the Scout Group in Sept. 2019.

Nicky is providing sound financial administration, support and information to the Executive Committee and Group in accordance with the Policy, Organisation and Rules of The Scout Association.

# **Minutes From The Last AGM**

11<sup>th</sup> October 2019



## Winterborne Whitechurch Scout Group

Minutes of AGM held Friday, 11<sup>th</sup> October 2019

### Present:

John Kerley (Deputy District Commissioner) Samantha Elliott (Acting GSL, Beavers Section Leader), Paul Andrews (Scout Section Leader), Karen King (Assistant Scout Section Leader), Denise Saunders (Cub Scout Section Leader), Pam Thornton (Executive Committee member), Richard Wilson (Executive Committee member), Nicola Lindley (Scout Group Treasurer) Anna Way (Scout Group Secretary), Jacqui Howells, Jules Tebb, Wendy Higgs, Neill Wilson, Kirsty Young, Emily Peachey, James Manning.

### 1. John Kerley welcomed everyone to the meeting.

### 2. Apologies for absence:

Simon Young (District Commissioner)

### 3. Approval of the minutes from the previous AGM:

Approved by the meeting and signed by John Kerley.

### 4. Approval of the Annual Accounts to year end 31<sup>st</sup> March 2019.

During this financial year there has been a change of Treasurer and the bank accounts have also been changed. Sam Elliott explained that the Milborne St Andrew's Beaver Group will bring the remaining funds from Milborne St Andrew's Scout Group to add to our income. (see GSL report for more detail)

Nicola Lindley has been volunteering as the new Group Treasurer since September 2019.

*Summary:*

*Opening Balance: £2,583.78*

*Income: £3,038.55*

*Expenditure: £4,197*

**Bank balance as of 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2019 : £1,424.63**

Adoption of accounts proposed by Jules Tebb

Seconded by Pam Thornton

### 5. Annual Reports

#### Group Scout Leader (GSL) Report, Sam Elliott.

Sam explained that she has volunteered to take over this role as she is no longer leader of our Beaver Colony. As she is also the Blandford GSL, it will be more sensible for her to support us by undertaking a similar role;

- To help support the young people in Milborne St Andrew and the Winterborne valley, our Scout Groups have merged. The existing Milborne Beaver Colony is now part of the Winterborne Whitechurch Scout Group.
- As a result of the merger, it was decided to change the name of the Group to reflect the wider geographical profile of the Group. As a result of a meeting on 25.9.19 we will now be called "The Winterbornes' Scout Group". A new necker has been chosen – green to reflect the country-side and a gold trim. The colour gold features in both Groups' original neckers.
- Priority now will be to update the new bank account and put procedures in place for online payments.
- Once formalised as GSL, the role will enable access to the Scout system , "Compass". This will enable support for Leaders and Committee members with training and development.
- If anyone would like to volunteer in any capacity to help with Scouts then please let Sam know. ([thewinterbornes@gmail.com](mailto:thewinterbornes@gmail.com))

### Beaver Scout Colony Report – Sam Elliott

This year many activities have been enjoyed including:

- with other young people: County Beaver Fun Day, "Beajam"; the Christmas Pantomime in Poole; St George's Day celebrations with Blandford Scout Group;
- opportunities to meet outside the hall: Milborne St Andrew Park; Milldown Park in Blandford; skittles in the Royal oak; Cycling at Blandford Scout Hut ;
- welcomed a fascinating visitor from the RNLI;
- Enjoying special events and celebrations with the rest of the Winterborne Whitechurch Scouts;
- The highlight! - Summer Camp, the "Damboree" with Charlton Marshall .

Chief Scout Bronze Awards have been presented to Kacper, Joshua, Rosa, Daniel and Tyler

### Cub Scout Pack Report – Denise Saunders

This year many activities have been enjoyed including these highlights:

- Book Swap Night;
- Attending Starfest and learning how to be astronauts
- One Cub went on the County trip to Belgium and reported back to the Pack.

Chief Scout Silver Awards have been presented to five Cubs.

### Scout Troop Report – Paul Andrews

This year many activities have been enjoyed including these highlights:

- Pioneering; hiking; firefighting; life saving at Milton Abbey Poole; scuba diving at QE pool, Wimborne.
- Fundraising – The Milton Abbas Street fair; Durweston BBQ and our own Book Fair.
- The greatest highlight was the 2 day canoe expedition from Ross on Wye to Monmouth

Paul thanked George Miller who has moved on from being a Young Leader to university this year. He also thanked Sebbie and Ben for their continuing support to the troop.

### 6. Election of Group Chair:

#### Chairman – John Kerley

Nominated by Paul Andrews and seconded by Denise Saunders

### 7. Election of Group Treasurer and Group Secretary:

#### Treasurer – Nicola Lindley

Nominated by Jacqui Howells and seconded by Wendy Higgs

#### Secretary – Anna Way

Nominated by Karen King and seconded by Paul Andrews

### 8. Approval of nominations to Group Executive Committee

**Pam Thornton** and **Richard Wilson** agreed to stay on the Committee for another year. **Neill Wilson** was welcomed as a new committee member.

The meeting closed at 7pm.



Any matters arising from these can be discussed during this AGM.

If the minutes are a true record they will be approved and signed.

# **Group Chairperson Report**

John Kerley

What a journey we have been on since the last AGM.

Exciting changes to the Group have happened, we started the Scouting year as Winterborne Whitechurch Scout Group and during the following months have welcomed Milborne St Andrew Beavers and two Leaders to the Group. Sam was approved as the Group Scout Leader. Approval was received to change the group name to The Winterbornes' Scout Group. A new Group Necker and badge was also approved. A new facility was identified and taken up to provide storage for the Groups equipment.

My thanks go to the members of the Executive Committee, Leaders and Sam for your continuing support and commitment.

# **Group Treasurer Report**

Nicola Lindley

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Group Treasurer Report

Full copy of the treasurers report  
can be downloaded [here](#)

Thank you to Colin  
Westbrook from the  
Gillingham Scout Group  
for providing the auditing  
service again this year.

THE WINTERBORNES SCOUT GROUP

Balance of Accounts - Financials 1st April 2019 to 31st March 2020

Income

Beavers	£	-
Cubs	£	-
Subscription	£	1,405.57
Fund Raising	£	1,106.80
Milborne St Andrew Transfer	£	1,375.00
Winterborne Whitechurch Transfer	£	-
Totals	£	3,887.37

Expenditure

Beavers	£	106.30
Cubs	£	538.31
Fund Raising	£	-
Neckers & Badges	£	177.35
Supplies & Misc	£	94.81
Capitation	£	1,485.00
Hall Hire	£	944.07
	£	3,345.84

Scouting Account

Opening Balance	£	-
Income Total	£	3,887.37
Expenditure Total	£	3,345.84
Balance	£	541.53

Lloyds Account balances	01 April 2019	£	-
	31 March 2020	£	541.53

Notes

- 1 I am unable to verify the sum from Milborne St Andrew as I have not had sight of there closing accounts.
- 2 No accounts have been provided for audit from Winterborne Whitechurch thus the zero transfer.

I have prepared the above accounts from the books, records and explanations given to me  
by The Winterbornes Scout Group and they are in accordance therewith.

Colin Westbrook  
Independent Examiner



Dated

01 June 2020

# **Group Scout Leader Report**

Sam Elliott





I stepped into the Group Scout Leader role in October 2019 and with the help of the Executive Committee and Leaders we have had a positive start moving the Group forward after a turbulent couple of years. The annual census figures taken in January show that the Group is starting to grow again.

I'm really pleased that we have been able to complete the merge of Winterborne Whitechurch and Milborne Scout Groups to become The Winterbornes. The new neckers were voted for, ordered and given out at our Group Christmas party and has helped to unite all sections. The badge has also been designed by one of our Cubs, Brooke and will be made as soon as we have the funds to do this.



Leaders have been planning and running great weekly sessions of Scouting, alongside:

- attending (or undertaking online) training courses
- helping with fundraising events
- organising and running camps

The Committee organised the really successful Christmas raffle and sing-a-long fundraiser event and have also started to apply for more funding from various sources.







# Our goals...

This document is taken from Scouts ‘Skills for Life – Our Plan 2018-2023’, we can use this to help us grow and achieve a really successful Scout Group that fulfils the Scouts Vision, Mission and Values.

## Growth

- We will continue to **promote** our Group and its activities in the local community to encourage the growth in young people and adult volunteers

## Youth Shaped

- Leaders need to encourage more involvement from young people in their program planning
- I will be working closely with Leaders to make sure young people are achieving their Chief Scout awards

## Inclusivity

- We will not exclude anyone from joining the Group and will actively promote inclusivity!

## Community Impact

- In sections and as a Group we will actively help and support our local community

# Skills for Life

Our plan to prepare better futures 2018-2023

### Our vision

By 2023 we will have prepared more young people with skills for life, supported by amazing leaders who deliver an inspiring programme. We will be growing, more inclusive, shaped by young people and making a bigger impact in our communities.

### Our mission

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

### Our values

We act with care, respect, integrity, cooperation, exploring our own and others' beliefs.

### Our goals

We will achieve the following goals against our four objectives:

#### Growth

- 50k more young people
- 10k more Section Leaders
- 5k more Young Leaders

#### Inclusivity

- Our volunteers reflect the demographics of our society
- In 500 more areas of deprivation

#### Youth Shaped

- 250k young people shape their Scouting each year
- 50% young people achieve top awards

#### Community Impact

- 250k young people making a positive impact in their local communities each year
- 50% young people achieve top awards

## Our three pillars of work

To meet these objectives, we will focus on three pillars of work:

Programme	People	Perception
A fun, enjoyable, high quality programme consistently delivered and supported by simple (digital) tools.	More, well trained, better supported and motivated adult volunteers, and more young people from diverse backgrounds.	Scouting is understood, more visible, trusted, respected and widely seen as playing a key role in society today.

# For families...

We are not in the best financial situation. I'm not a Leader who likes to keep a lot of subs in a pot never to benefit any young people but we are struggling to pay rents, census and/or purchase badges and resources.

**We need support from families to make sure subs are paid on time in the future.** If finances are an issue there are various sources we can gain funding from to help those in need. No young person should miss out on Scouting for financial reasons.

If anyone can help with applying for grants that would be much appreciated.



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# **Beaver Section Reports**

Milborne Beaver Scout Colony

Term 1

WW Beavers joined Blandford Scout Group to take part in St George’s Day celebrations.

Winterborne Whitechurch Beavers and Milborne Beavers had not yet completed the merge this term but did join together for two evenings, one being a great hike around Pamphill area and another meeting at Milborne for Builder Badge activities.

WW Beavers took part in a litter pick along the River Stour, had a tennis session at Queen Elizabeth Sport Centre and took part in the Group Mud Trail.

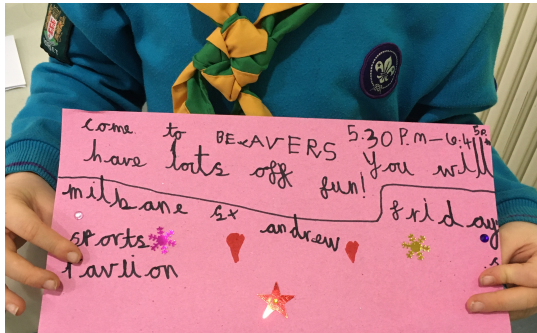
WW Beavers also improved knot skills and worked towards Navigator badge and Community Impact badges

Term 2

WW Beavers and Milborne Beavers merged and began the term meeting at Milborne Village Hall. After a couple of weeks we had problems with the bookings so we relocated to the Milborne Sports Pavilion, which is a great site to run Scouting!

Beavers had a ‘log chew’ to decide what badges/activities they would like to do this term, they chose; Sports, Healthy Eating and Creative badges.

Beavers joined the rest of the Group at Kingston Lacy for a Christmas illuminated walk.



Term 3

This term the Beavers chose to complete their Cook Activity Badge, they made pancakes, pasta and pizza over a few sessions. Whilst cooking Italian food they also learnt and played new games popular with young people in Italy.

Just before the end of term Beavers bought in their collections or told us about their hobbies.



Chief Scout  
Bronze Awards 1

Other badges awarded:	
Challenge Badges	4
Activity Badges	30
Staged Badges	0
Investitures	6

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# Cub Section Reports

Winterborne Cub Scout Pack





Cubs have enjoyed a varied program which has included looking at history of Cubs, safety at home, communication, knot and pioneering skills, making catapults, science experiments, music, Chinese New Year, astronomy and lots more. To celebrate Burns night in February Cubs had a go at making Cranachan, a sweet desert. Continuing with the Cooks badge they also made pancakes for Shrove Tuesday.

At the end of the summer term Cubs joined the Group in completing the Mud Trail at Corfe Castle!



Cubs enjoyed a brilliant camp at Butchers Coppice in June 2019, where they had a go at Jacobs Ladder and Rifle Shooting. They also joined the rest of the Group on the Christmas illuminated walk around Kingston Lacy.



**Chief Scout  
Silver Awards** 5

Other badges awarded:

Challenge Badges	42
Activity Badges	179
Staged Badges	43
Investitures	8

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# **Scout Section Report**

Winterborne Scout Troop





During the year the Scouts have chosen to have ago at numerous activities; shelter building, map reading, hikes, ballistas, farming, fire safety, meteorology, cooking pancakes, first aid and lots more.

They have also improved skills in rifle shooting, archery and climbing.



Scouts enjoyed Expedition camp in July 2019 they journeyed to Ross on Wye. They covered just over 14 miles on the river in kayaks on their first day alone!

Poppy and Barnaby had a fantastic weekend at Aviation camp at Henstridge Airfield, completing their Air Activities Stage 4 badge.



**Chief Scout  
Silver Awards** 2

Other badges awarded:

Challenge Badges	17
Activity Badges	2
Staged Badges	11

# Elections of the executive

- Chairperson
- Treasurer
- Secretary
- Executive Committee Members

**Any other business**



**Thank you for joining us**