

Raising the Wind contd

By collecting from your home and from friends and family all the year round used clothing, shoes, handbags and towels and putting it in the collecting bin at the rear of the Village Centre. By baking cakes or making preserves for the monthly cake sale. By signing up for Gift Aid if you are a tax payer. Over to you



Those bags and towels!



Val and Rod doing busy at the Cake Sale.



Bedding plants already for collection or delivery.



Leaders and Executive Committee members sorting the post at the District Sort Christmas 2014

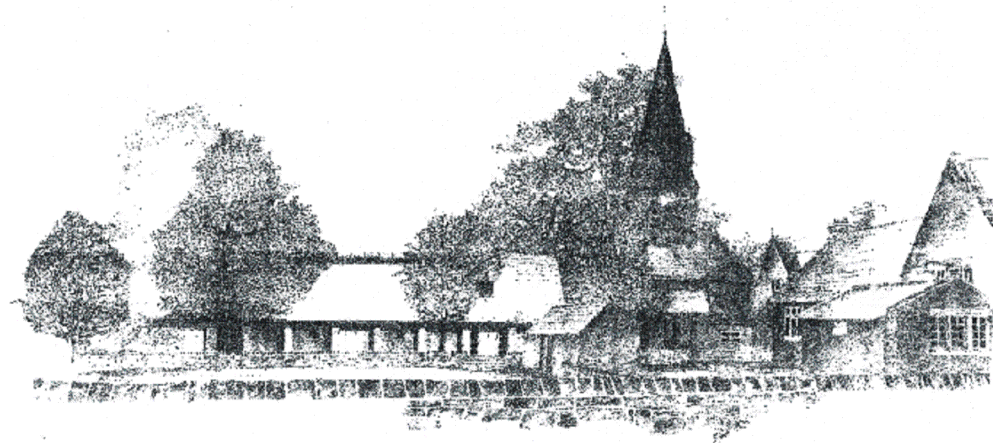
13th Bebington (St Barnabas) Scout Group

Registered Charity 520162



Annual Report

1 April 2014—31 March 2015
Presented at the AGM 10 th July 2015



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Bear says:

'Two things matter in life: following your dreams and looking after your friends. That's what I love about Scouts.'

Bear Grylls—Chief Scout



13th Bebington (St Barnabas) Scout Group STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES For the Year Ended 31 March 2015

Notes	2015 £	2014 £
Cash & Bank		
Bank Community account	5,501	3,417
Bank Business Money Manager	4,001	2,960
Virgin Money Charity Deposit Account	6049	6,049
Petty Cash	0	15
	<u>15,551</u>	<u>12,441</u>
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FUNDS		
Unrestricted		
General Funds	4,362	545
General Funds Reserve	2,500	3,946
Group Development Fund	894	644
Welfare Fund	500	500
Equipment Fund	17	154
Building Fund	3,310	2,502
Transport Fund	0	0
Monday Beavers	1,002	945
Tuesday Cubs	781	841
Wednesday Beavers	492	457
Thursday Cubs	1,192	1,016
Friday Scouts	501	891
Capitation Fund	0	0
	<u>15,551</u>	<u>12,441</u>
Restricted Funds	-	-
	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
	-	-
	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Total Funds	<u>15,551</u>	<u>12,441</u>
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**Receipts received under the heading 'Funds Received as Agents' and Expenditure under the heading 'Fundraising Expenses' include the sale of Scout Post stamps, the purchase of a clothing bin and a 50% share of fundraising activities during the summer of 2014 payable to CEN UK.*

**Balance C/F 31st March 2015 includes 'Membership Subscriptions' of £4,273.50 not already debited, but payable, to Bebington District Scout Council.*

**Accounts independently examined by Voluntary and Community Action Wirral—July 2015.*

13th Bebington (St Barnabas) Scout Group

Receipts and Payments Accounts

For the Year Ended 31 March 2015

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2015 £	Total Funds 2014 £
Receipts				
Membership Subscriptions	4,863	-	4,863	5,410
Investment Income/Bank Interest	566	-	566	52
Donations & Grants	575	-	575	3,705
Hire Fees	2,208	-	2,208	3,847
Fundraising Events	9,336	-	9,336	5,781
Plant Sale	2,219	-	2,219	617
Funds Received as Agents	9,758	-	9,758	-
Wirral Scout & Guide Christmas Post	2,045	-	2,045	5,692
Social Events	1,335	-	1,335	-
Summer Camp	100	-	100	1,558
Insurance	492	-	492	-
Monday Beavers	808	-	808	392
Tuesday Cubs	1,231	-	1,231	1,188
Wednesday Beavers	563	-	563	996
Thursday Cubs	1,894	-	1,894	2,201
Friday Scouts	1,976	-	1,976	1,094
	39,969	-	39,969	32,533
Expenditure				
Electric & Gas	1,255	-	1,255	2,326
Water	1,033	-	1,033	792
Insurance	1,822	-	1,822	2,040
Cleaning	1,768	-	1,768	1,226
Building & Equipment Maintenance	8,892	-	8,892	1,347
Fund Raising Expenses	6,679	-	6,679	2,201
Plant Sale	1,589	-	1,589	79
Wirral Scout & Guide Christmas Post	4,259	-	4,259	3,718
Equipment Purchases	174	-	174	3,989
Ground Rent	155	-	155	191
Membership Subscriptions	36	-	36	4,312
Social Events	1,473	-	1,473	-
Activities	-	-	-	-
Sundries	987	-	987	785
Monday Beavers	735	-	735	65
Tuesday Cubs	1,291	-	1,291	774
Wednesday Beavers	528	-	528	985
Thursday Cubs	1,718	-	1,718	1,610
Friday Scouts	2,465	-	2,465	2,987
	36,859	-	36,859	29,427
Excess of Receipts over Payments	3,110	0	3,110	3,106
Cash Balances B/F	12,441	0	12,441	9,335
Balance C/F 31st March 2015	15,551	0	15,551	12,441

Chairman's Report

This has been another successful year for the group both in relation to the development of the young people whom are members of the scouting movement and also the funding of the group's activities.

Financially we are a lot more secure than many other groups, primarily because of the revenue we have generated from the hire of the building and particularly other money generating ideas from within the group. This allows us to provide and maintain a facility that many other groups do not have access to. However, in the current economic climate the revenue can not always be guaranteed and opportunities to generate extra money are always given full consideration if we are to maintain our success.

We always have the continued need for additional help at events and I would be grateful if you can consider volunteering some of your time to the group to help out at events which generate benefits for you, your children and the local community in general.

I would like to pass on my thanks to all those involved with the running of the group for their time, dedication and commitment without which the group would not be able to operate as effectively as it does.

Thank you for your time this evening.

Mark Lee
10 July 2015



13th BEBINGTON (ST BARNABAS) SCOUT GROUP

GROUP SCOUT LEADERS REPORT – 3rd July 2014

I would like to welcome you all to the Annual General Meeting of the 13th Bebington Scout Group.

The 13th have had another very successful year. All the Sections, Monday Beavers (Steph), Wednesday Beavers (Vicky), Tuesday Cubs (Ian), Thursday Cubs (Joanne), and the Scout Section (Matthew), together with their respective Assistants, Helpers and Young Leaders, ran full and varied programmes, with activities in our own Headquarters, and outside activities, also activities run and organised by the Bebington District Leaders Team, and activities organised by the Merseyside County Team. All these activities are to ensure that the children get a full and varied programme of activities in accordance with the National Programme and Award Scheme. To ensure that this happens all the leaders attend various planning meetings throughout the year, in order to ensure that the activities can take place both successfully and safely. They also attend training courses, to ensure that they are kept up to date with current information and qualifications.

As a Group we are always in need of help, either physically or financially, if you think you can help, or if you know somebody who might, please mention it, for the children's sake, it doesn't have to be a commitment, but any help would be appreciated, not only on our Section nights but also at our fund raising events.

We are also looking for people to serve on the Executive Committee, parents of members of the Group, or other family members, or friends who do not have children in the group, people who might not currently have any connection with the Group, somebody who would like to help but does not want to be involved with the children, or the uniform side of Scouting. If you know anybody who might be interested there are leaflets available, which you might like to take for their information. The Executive Committee organises the non-scouting activities of the Group, such as fund raising, and building hire and maintenance.

Finally I would like to thank everybody who has helped in any way over the last year to ensure that 13th Bebington Scout Group continues to be successful. With just a little help from time to time, we will achieve the objectives we strive for, your children's future.

Doug Holden.
Group Scout Leader.



As you will see from the Annual Accounts running a Scout Group and maintaining the HQ does not come cheap, especially when we want to give our children the very best possible Scouting experience.

Funds are raised in various ways, the weekly subs pays for materials used at meetings, purchasing new equipment and providing refreshments and food. The annual capitation allows us to pay our national and district dues which include personal insurance for your children and provides a little towards the cost of insurance for the HQ which is a considerable amount and something towards the annual costs of the utilities. Hire of the HQ provides some rental income and there are many opportunities for more outside organisations and private individuals to hire HQ especially at the weekend and in the day time. It is ideal for children's parties as there is room to erect a full sized bouncy castle. Please contact Jenny on 334 5513 for more details.

The **Scout and Guide Christmas Post** is one of our main fund raisers and involves everyone in the Group and many friends and supporters, for many of us it wouldn't be Christmas without the post.

The **Spring Bedding Plant Sale** has been running for over 25 years and provides a good income though sadly not as much as in previous years.

The monthly **Cake and Home Produce Sale** held on the first Saturday of the month in the Village Centre between 10-12 raises money for the welfare fund any surplus going to general funds, this is run entirely by friends of the Group who bake and make marmalade all year round. People come from far and wide some even telephoning their orders in advance. In excess of £1,000 is raised annually by this venture, it is a shame that so few parents support this, we can always welcome new bakers and certainly new customers.

Joint ventures with **CEN UK (Child Education Nepal)** as a Group we have supported CEN UK a local charity of which our Thursday Akela Joanne is a charity. 50% of the funds raised through the collection of used clothing and of goods donated by Next PLC has gone to Group funds the other 50% to CEN UK. Who can forget the picnic sets & beach towels from last summer or the Santa onesies. We raised £10,000 from that the Cubs also collected loose change after the recent earthquake.

How can parents and carers help? By supporting our fund raising efforts eg Christmas Post and Bedding Plant sale Contd on P 12.

Scout Troop Report

During the last year, the scout section enjoyed a great week at summer camp in Dolgellau, with Scouts having the opportunity to camp 'green field' style. This is where we camp in a simple field, with only a water supply provided. While there, the 2 patrols were able to take part in camp skills, knife and axe, camp cooking on both fires and stoves. We also took part in adventurous activities of high ropes, canoeing on the Mawdach Estuary and gorge walking. The final evening saw a BBQ on the beach at Fairbourne. All this was carried out without a drop of rain!

During the year we entered the District canoe and raft competition, along with the international cooking competition, which while not winning, those entering did well at these competitions.

In April, we entered a senior team into the annual Cheshire Hike, and they came home with the Bebington District senior trophy.

The middle weekend of June saw the section at Tawd Vale for a weekend camp. This again went well, and enabled those attending to achieve some sections of their badge work.

The coming year will see some changes to our programme, as we adjust to the newly refreshed national programme that will be coming into full swing in September. This is an updated and slightly modernised version of our current programme that is now 15 years old! This will give the section some new challenges, but also more variance in the programme.

Here's to the next 12 months.



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What have we been up to?

Wednesday Beavers report.

In September our theme was Africa. The beavers made their own tie dye t-shirts in bright colours, sewed fabric to make money sacks and learnt an African song – which they sang wonderfully to their parents (with some prompting from Grey Beaver!)

We also took part in the group's 60th Birthday camp to Linnett Clough.

During November, the Beavers earned their Space Activity badge by completing quizzes, correctly ordering the planets and role-playing the earth and moon's orbit.

We were extremely busy over Christmas with lots of activities to do, such as: Advent crowns (we'll gloss over the fact the sweets kept falling off!), Christmas cards, homemade snow globes, stained glass windows and of course we made paper chains to help decorate HQ. Most importantly, we had our Christmas Party and had lots of tasty treats and a snowball fight!!

In the new year, Beavers gained their Fitness Challenge badge by learning some new sports and practicing them over a couple of weeks to see how much they could improve their fitness and skill. Next they gained their Experiment badge by taking part in various experiments that Grey Beaver organised, like growing salt crystals.

In May we started our Camping Skills badge by learning how to pack a rucksack, roll a roll mat and sleeping bag, put up a tent and how to tie three knots! And on the 15th of May, we went to Bickerton with Tuesday Cubs for a back to basics camp. Many of the new beavers had never been away from their parents before or slept in a tent and for others this was only their second time. On a personal note, I have to say, it was one of the best camps I have ever taken part in and all of the beavers and cubs did themselves proud!

Recently we have been trying to help the environment by growing a rainforest in HQ....hopefully you haven't been too scared by the wildlife! The beavers did their own research at home to find out which animals and creatures are from the rainforest and shared their facts during a log chew. After all the hard work it took to make our rainforest, we had a night off and went bowling in Bromborough with pizza and chips for tea!

We have also had the pleasure of awarding three Chief Scout bronze awards which is the highest achievement a beaver scout can earn.

Vikki Lott

Monday Beaver Scouts

We started the year with every Beaver Scout attending the Groups 60th Camp, a wonderful experience for the first time campers and the more experienced ones. During the autumn we tried to learn to tie some basic knots, completed the Promise Challenge, Faith and Air Activities badges. We visited Soccer Loco, went 10 pin bowling and held a 1954 night and celebrated the end of sweet rationing with a tuck shop using old money. After the Christmas festivities we started with the Healthy Eating Badge and Health and Fitness Badge. We went on a torch walk followed by a chip supper and the Beavers made their own pancakes for the start of Lent. For Saint David's Day we held a Welsh night with more food. The Experiment Badge kept us busy before some Easter crafts. During this term the Beavers have visited the church bell tower and tried to ring the bells. We have had games, rounders and barbeque nights, and played Human Hungry Hippo's (thanks to the Scouts equipment) and went to New Brighton to play Mini Golf, not everyone returned home as dry as when they arrived! In one meeting the Beaver Scouts learnt about Nepal and the earthquake from one of our Young Leaders and have managed to raise over £100 for CEN UK by being sponsored to go without their favourite things for a day. We close the year with a Teddy Bears Picnic in the woods and perhaps we will find some real bears!

Tuesday Cubs

Tuesday Cubs have had a good year even though Cub numbers been very up and down. We had a number of Cubs join that have not come through Beavers which is good to see. The Pack have completed a number of badges such as first aid and backwoods cooking. We attended the District ice skating night and cooking competition. We took 18 Cubs to camp with the Wednesday beavers. We stayed at the 1st Sandstone scout group's site in Bickerton. We did activities such as a hike, scavenger hunt, string trail, backwoods cooking (the trout in foil and egg in orange skin were popular). We have just been climbing to Awesome walls in Liverpool where the Cubs climbed to 40 feet.

Thursday Cubs

Wow another year gone by

Thursday Cub's numbers have dropped but thankfully due to the progressive programme and Cubs moving on to Scouts.

Since the last AGM 22 Chief Scout Silver Awards have been achieved and awarded, which is really pleasing and shows that we are providing the Cubs with a vast range of enjoyable activities and adventures.

We have been on two camps and had numerous sleep overs. We have had guest visits from The Guide Dogs for the Blind (for our disability awareness badge), a professional bike instructor (for our cycling badge) and the bagpipes and drums (to help us celebrate Burns night) We have baked cakes for the monthly cake sale and we have raised individual funds for our chosen charity (CENUK in Nepal as part of our Global challenge badge). Over the year as a group we have completed 15 badges along with many Cubs earning individual badges.

Children have faced challenges as individuals and as a team, from conquering fears of heights whilst on camp to just learning to sit quietly, take turns and be part of a team whilst in HQ.

I am very please to say a highlight was Thursday Cubs becoming the District Sport champions 2015 and awarded a lovely shield (so proud of you).

On behalf of the Thursday leadership team I would like to thank the children and their parents for allowing us to share in their development and growth and we look forward to the new challenges ahead with the new badge system. It WILL be fun PROMISE!

