



Annual Report 2020

AGENDA FOR ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 10.09.2020

13th BEBINGTON (ST BARNABAS) SCOUT GROUP

1. Opening remarks and Apologies for Absence.
2. Endorsement of Minutes of 2019 A.G.M.
3. Chairman's remarks
4. Group Scout Leader's Remarks
5. Approval of annual Reports and Accounts.
6. Approval of nomination for Group Chairman/Secretary/Group Executive Committee
7. Election of Group Executive Committee.
9. Any other business

13 th Bebington Scout Group Annual General Meeting: September 2020

Chairman's Report

This has been a very different year for the group. The first six months were 'business as usual' 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. However, since March the covid 19 epidemic has meant the stopping of all face to face activities in the scouting movement, and a move to a 'virtual world'.

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. At present all hire activities are on hold, but our secure funding base has allowed us to maintain the building effectively.

Don't forget that as time moves on, and we hopefully return to face to face events. 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.

Mark Lee

September 2020

13th BEBINGTON (ST BARNABAS) SCOUT GROUP

GROUP SCOUT LEADERS REPORT – 10th September 2020

Our Annual General Meeting of 13th Bebington (St. Barnabas) Scout Group will be held virtually this year due to the Pandemic, and the closure of Scouting which means that we are unable to use our Scout Headquarters.

Prior to the Lockdown in March 2020, all the Sections were running a full and varied programme, in accordance to the National Guidelines. Since lockdown all the sections have been participating in virtual meetings of some description, until the summer break. When we resume in September, the Sections will be continuing to run virtual meetings, until such time that things change.

My priority at this time will be the safety of the children, but also the safety and concerns of the Leaders, the rules for Scouting are different from Schools etc. as we are a fully voluntary organisation. The Section Leaders have my full support as to how each Section moves forward as things change. Hopefully in the not too distant future we will all be back to some form of normality.

As a Group we are very lucky to have such a dedicated and committed number of Leaders as we have. I would like to take this opportunity to thank them all for what they do. I would also like to thank the members of the Executive Committee, who are not involved with the Uniformed Sections of the Group, for the work that they do to keep the Group running.

I would like to thank all the parents who have supported the sections through this VERY difficult time for all, and helping the children to remain involved in Scouting while the Section Leaders have been trying their best to keep as many children involved as possible.

As we move out of this Bad Time, back towards the future Good Times, we hope once again to provide a full Scouting provision at 13th Bebington.

Doug Holden.

Group Scout Leader.

Monday Cubs

Tuesday Cub Section report – September 2020

During Lockdown Tuesday cubs have continued with their Badge work. The cubs have worked very hard producing wonderful work and reviews.

We have completed: -

Chefs Badge

Book reader

Hobbies Badge

Gardening badge

We have had a 'Tent night' and saw some great pitching on tents both indoors and in the garden

We have celebrated our NHS workers with unformed Thursday claps.

Also super display for the VE day celebrations. Brilliant Homemade bunting and flags and the wearing of grandparents medals.

Big thanks you to our young leaders Sarah & Tom for the production of the badge 'videos' and our old Akela (My nephew James) for starting the Lockdown badge work off.

We did take a few weeks off during term time as we understood with home schooling our Parents had a big task and we needed to allow more time for the badge work to be completed.

Current situation: - We currently have no immediate plans to return to Face to Face Meetings and we will be reviewing this on a monthly basis.

Best wishes to all

Tuesday Cubs

Wednesday Beavers Annual Report 2019/20

We started the year by tidying the area around HQ. We weeded, dug, shovelled and put down some stones to keep back the weeds. This was towards the My Adventure Challenge badge and the Gardening Activity badge which we were going to continue in April by planting a variety of seeds to help the local wildlife, however we were unable to. The Beavers learned to use a variety of gardening tools and talked about the changes that occur during the four seasons.

Also as part of the My Adventure badge the beavers went on a night hike and put into practice what they had been learning about the green cross code over the previous weeks. They also built hides using bamboo canes, string and blankets, traversed the bouldering wall behind HQ, roasted marshmallows, made chocolate apples and bird feeders to hang out over the winter.

As usual, we took part in the Christmas tree festival at St. Barnabas and the theme this year was 'Snowflakes'. The beavers made their decorations using a variety of beads and pipe cleaners. To finish 2019 we had a Christmas Party with lots of games, a bouncy castle, music and best of all, Santa came to visit!

In January we began the My Skills Challenge badge. The beavers had to invent a new game, teach it to the rest of the colony and then adapt it for specific disabilities. They made finger puppets to perform nursery rhymes and they learnt a new song and sang it. They took part in activities to keep their body fit and healthy, practiced rolling their neckerchiefs, lit a candle with matches and started a fire using a firesteel. They also made plans for a machine of their own invention.

Unfortunately we were not able to complete the last part of the badge work due to face to face meetings being cancelled by Scout HQ.

Links were sent out giving the beavers the opportunity to take part in the CRE8 and the Great Indoors badges.

This year has not been what we would have envisaged, however we have had to make the best of it and look forward to returning to Scouting when it is safe to do so.

THURSDAY CUBS REPORT

SEPTEMBER 2019 – SEPTEMBER 2020

Thursday Cubs has remained strong throughout the year and have been rather busy. We started the year with 23 cubs and ended with 20 so the retention has been good. Over the year a grand total of 235 official badges have been given out, which include 3 Chief Scout Silver awards, 5 Seconders, 4 Sixers and 1 Senior Sixer. This just shows level of work and commitment that goes into scouting. We have taken part in various county run events, a Sleep over in Liverpool World Museum, Christmas Capers at Tawd Vale followed by a sub-zero sleep out. For those that are sixers and seconders we had a camp in Tywyn (mid Wales) climbing waterfalls, big hills and playing on the beach at the end of October. Along with a very first for me which was online investing. On St Georges day (all in our uniforms) we renewed our promise via Zoom. Even had a visit from a drug sniffer dog and became Dementia Friends.



Other than fun our main goal is to achieve our Chief Scout Silver Award and to do this we have to complete badge work, this includes Challenge badges which we work progressively towards during the 2 years in cub, some Cubs have been awarded these whilst many cubs are only a few elements away from completion. Most cubs have achieved a large number of activity and staged

badges which we have covered (artist, athletics, book readers, chef, disability awareness, environmental conservation, gardeners, hobbies, home help, international, my faith, naturalist, personal safety, photographer, road safety, skaters, community impact, digital citizen, hikes, navigators and nights away)



During Covid we have managed to remain a pack by sharing the Thursday night 8pm clap. We have had camp outs in our gardens or under the dining room table. Camp fire songs were sung when we joined the big “camp fire on-line 2020”. Some cubs have completed and others very near to completing the Scouting association new stage badge “The Great indoors”, a few cubs even did the “The Great Indoors Weekender”, We have Walked to the Moon, plus scavenger hunts and pack

forums all online not forgetting my drive by catch ups to deliver badge work and badges. It just goes to show that we can all work together to make cubs as good as it is for all involved. I have to thank all the parents that have supported me and your child during these uncertain times, especially the parents and grandparents that have produced videos to share with the cubs on fitness, cycling and recycling.

This year we are not awarding a Cub of the Year and I am so grateful that the executive and leadership teams decided to not present awards because I would struggle to decide who as you all deserve it!!!

Scout Section Annual Report.

This years Scouting has certainly been a tale of two halves!

We started back in September with a series of nights looking at cooking outdoors, first aid, map reading skills, and safety in the hills. This was in preparation for our October weekend away to North Wales. We returned to an old miners cottage above Betws y Coed that the group used many years ago. We were able to return as we now have the minibus at our disposal, allowing us sufficient transport without parents for the whole weekend.

The weekend was a great success for those able to attend, with a full days walking on the Saturday, and local sightseeing on the Sunday.

In October, we had a visit from Merseyside Search and Rescue who came to talk to us about their work, and show and demonstrate various bits of safety and rescue equipment that they use on regular call outs.

Just before Christmas we had Caroline Hutton come along and run an evening on Dementia awareness, which was both informative, and also eye opening for the Scouts. We followed this with an end of term night at Boulder Hut in Ellesmere Port.

During February, we held a winter camp and cooking night on the field outside HQ which was well received.

In March, 2 days before the ban on face to face scouting arrived, we had a tour of the Mersey Tunnels. Starting from Liverpool, we were shown around the old control centre, saw the huge ventilation shafts and fans, and got to see the cars go by from one of the escape exits.

During the first half of the year we also worked on various badges, and were able to award our first Chief Scout Gold Award for several years, to Thomas Roberts, who has now moved onto Explorers.

From March, we have had to get used to virtual Scouting, and the power of Zoom!. We have met most weeks, and done different activities, quizzes, games, camps at home, cooked flapjack, and generally caught up with each other.

These meeting have regularly been attended by 5-6 scouts, and several nights away badges have been earnt, along with other activity badges.

As September rolls in, we will initial be returning to Zoom, with the hope that we can at some point sensibly restart real meetings, which while beginning to be allowed outside, are currently too restrictive for us to be able to run.

Matthew Townend. Scout Leader.

13TH BEBINGTON (ST BARNABAS) SCOUT GROUP**RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS****For the year ended 31 March 2020**

UNRESTRICTED FUNDS	2020	2019
<u>Receipts</u>	£	£
Membership Subscriptions	4,283	3,594
Gift Aid	9,975	1,453
Bank Interest	52	46
Hire Fees	4,386	4,942
Fundraising Events	5,197	2,593
Plant Sale	8,670	10,293
Funds received as 'Agent'	3,650	3,385
Wirral Scout & Guide Christmas Post	1,909	1,526
Donations & sundries	950	940
Monday Beavers	2,299	1,832
Tuesday Cubs	686	736
Wednesday Beavers	866	670
Thursday Cubs	1,636	1,516
Friday Scouts	683	1,280
Group Camp	2,595	310
Group Levy on Membership Subscriptions	11	643
Unallocated Membership Subscriptions	1,532	1,421
	49,380	37,180
<u>Payments</u>		
Electric & Gas	1,376	1,368
Water	725	703
Insurance	1,173	1,127
Cleaning	2,514	1,825
Broadband/Telephone	239	194
Building & equipment maintenance	4,440	760
Fund Raising Expenses	1,080	857
Plant Sale	5,197	6,916
Funds distributed as 'Agent'	3,887	3,383
Equipment	907	500
Transport & minibus	21,119	-
Ground Rent	621	-
Membership Subscriptions	5,000	4,900
Social Events	-	500
Activities	-	107
Sundries	1,402	1,090
Monday Beavers	2,009	2,953
Tuesday Cubs	422	1,384
Wednesday Beavers	523	960
Thursday Cubs	1,161	2,608
Friday Scouts	1,192	1,018
Group Camp	2,512	485
	57,499	33,638
Excess Receipts / (Payments)	(8,119)	3,542
Funds at start of year	4,980	1,438
Funds at end of year	(3,139)	4,980

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STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES

At 31 March 2020

Statement of Assets & Liabilities

	2020 £ Unrestricted Funds	2019 £ Unrestricted Funds
<u>ASSETS</u>		
<u>Bank Accounts</u>		
HSBC Community Current a/c	421	472
HSBC Business Money a/c	4,000	2,500
Virgin Money Deposit a/c	4,365	6,318
	<u>8,786</u>	<u>9,290</u>
<u>LIABILITIES</u>		
<u>Loans from Bebington District Scouts</u>		
Gross Loans received	29,000	12,500
Repayments made to date	17,075	8,190
Balance still to pay	<u>11,925</u>	<u>4,310</u>
NET ASSETS	<u><u>(3,139)</u></u>	<u><u>4,980</u></u>
<u>FUNDS ALLOCATION</u>		
General Funds	668	845
General Funds Reserve	-	1,000
Group Development Fund	316	316
Group Camp	125	(175)
Welfare Fund	234	500
Equipment Fund	127	218
Building Fund	2,683	3,021
Transport Fund	511	305
Monday Beavers	587	296
Tuesday Cubs	620	356
Wednesday Beavers	1,074	732
Thursday Cubs	1,020	545
Friday Scouts	821	1,331
Capitation Fund	-	-
Bebington District Scouts Loan	<u>(11,925)</u>	<u>(4,310)</u>
CLOSING FUNDS	<u><u>(3,139)</u></u>	<u><u>4,980</u></u>