

5th Beckenham South Scout Group – Trustees Report 2016/17

Another wonderful year flew by for the Scout Group with two sections for Beavers, Cubs and Scouts and a very close relationship with our very successful explorer unit.

Camps, trips and other adventures happened as usual with all sections offered multiple opportunities for nights away but we also threw in a trip to Austria for 63 members! Thanks to the dedication of our volunteers and the enthusiasm of our young people, we saw more young people than ever before wearing the brown and blue scarf.

We are the biggest scout group in Bromley and that brings its own challenges. Our support team is small and our treasurer is remarkable. A scout group could survive without a section or two or a scout hut but if the accounts are not done, it will fail in months if not weeks. This year's accounts include an international and our first year running the Beckenham Fireworks in the Park,

At very short notice, Don Mullane rallied the leaders and convinced the exec to run the Fireworks for Beckenham at Croydon Road Rec. We ran the event safely and profitably and Don should be very proud of himself as he goes for bigger and better next year! Profits were shared with community groups and causes.

Our secretary manages our waiting list with tact, delicacy and efficiency - it is by far the worst job in the group to refuse places to dozens of youngsters.

John looks after our hut and is a constant presence at meetings. In the past few years, we have seen new windows, roofs, heating, floors, toilets and more. John has done all of this himself and either got his hands dirty or occasionally supervising contractors.

Our minibus is still breaking even compared to hiring commercially but it will need careful consideration when the time comes for replacement

Austria was an amazing event. 63 of us went to Mattsee camp at Zellhof. 10 days of amazing adventure followed as the leadership team drove hundreds of miles across Germany and Austria. How can be better it in 2019? Keep 'em peeled.

Chris Elmer, Group Scout Leader

Beavers - Merry

Our section was skilfully led by Badger (Lisa) up until the end of the summer term when she handed over the reins to her talented successor Chip (Maddi). They have been supported by a great team of adult helpers and some highly committed Young Leaders.

The colony continues to be very popular and hosts 24 Beavers who have excellent attendance.

Working towards Challenge badges the Beavers have worked well in teams to complete tasks including construction activities, creative cooking and outdoor obstacles which tested out their physical endurance and mental agility. Independent challenges were set which included Beavers completing tasks at home and reporting back to the colony.

7 Beavers were awarded their Chief Scout Bronze Award.

In Spring we attended the District Easter Egg Hunt and had an exciting day of kayaking, which was the first Beavers' water activity that many had experienced. Visiting Emma's Pottery Parlour in West Wickham brought out the creative side, allowing Beavers to decorate a mug in their own style and receive the glazed masterpiece at the next meeting.

The Summer Sleepover in June at Waylands Camp was for 2 nights and shared with the Pippin Colony. The attendance figures were high and new friendships were formed as Beavers from both colonies worked together to learn new skills and play team games. Sleeping in Teepees, this camp provided many Beavers with their first nights away badge. Learning bush craft, fire making skills and trekking through the woods, the Beavers were treated to a lively campfire hosted by the Young Leaders and a barbeque provided by the Cub leaders.

Autumn brought a joint hike with Pippin colony around the High Elms Country Park. An opportunity to explore nature and learn some of the rules of group hikes. In November the Beavers showed their respect by attending the Remembrance Day parade, as well as a church parade at St Edmund's Church.

Our Christmas sleepover in December at Wilberforce Scout Camp was lots of fun with arts and craft activities, making smores on open fires, a visit from Santa, movie night and of course a memorable campfire led by our amazing Young Leaders.

None of this could happen without the continuous support of the Merry adults and Young Leaders. Chip has settled in well to her new role and is full of enthusiasm and new ideas. We are also grateful for the continued support of our Merry parents.

Beavers – Pippin

Dave, Spencer and Alison were again assisted by two young leaders, Lizzie and Charlie.

The colony maintained its numbers throughout this period at 24.

A busy itinerary saw the beaver scouts not only attend each week but also took part in a variety of outdoor activities.

In May, with Merry colony, 20 beaver scouts took part in kayaking for the first time at Pinewood Scout Centre and all earned their water activities stage one badge.

June saw 13 beaver scouts attend Frylands Scout Centre's Pirate Funday – activities included archery, air rifles, obstacle course, bouncy castles and a hike through the woods.

In early July we combined again with Merry colony for our summer camp. This was held at Wilberforce Scout Centre in Keston and the beaver scouts enjoyed sleeping in tents, making fires, cooking smores over the fires and of course the camp fire.



This was the first time that the colonies had combined for a sleepover and, ably assisted by other group leaders, it was a great success.

Later in July, 12 beavers attended the District run Adventure Award day at Frylands where they took part in wall climbing, bouldering, archery, roasting marshmallows, following a trail, building dens, obstacle course building sandcastles and a treasure hunt. All received their Adventure badge.

After the summer holidays, 6 beavers achieved their swimming badge stage 1 award by taking part in the District run event.

In November, 18 beaver scouts were taken to Beckenham Fire Station on a Sunday afternoon and enjoyed learning more about firefighting and, of course, getting to use the hose!

Also in November, 15 attended the Remembrance Day parade with the rest of the group.

13 came to the Winter Camp in December which was held at Frylands Wood, for 5 of whom this was their first experience of staying away from their families. They played games, tried their hands at Xmas crafts and sang around the camp fire, plus the night time ramble in the dark with their torches, which they thoroughly enjoyed.

In the new year, 17 attended the Easter Egg hunt at Downe Scout centre. They successfully completed lots of challenges and deserved their chocolate eggs. We were by far the biggest group in attendance and the beavers were all brilliantly behaved, setting a great example for the 5th.

As well as these outdoor events, the beavers also worked hard towards their challenge awards with 9 achieving their Bronze Chief Scouts badges.

A busy and enjoyable year with lots of fun.

A final word goes to the parents who kindly assisted on many of the events, for which we are very grateful.

Cubs

2016 saw the Cub Scout 100th anniversary with events and activities laid on by District and County alike.

We took the Cubs to Frylands Wood Scout activity centre for their Pirate Funday where they took part in climbing, archery, laser tag, air rifles, abseiling, tunnels and more.

In May, Cubs had a water activity day at Docklands where they had a taste of kayaking, canoeing, sailing and rowing and fortunately had lovely weather for it too.

Our Whitsun camp was again in Dorking, which led into our summer term of Shortlands local knowledge quiz and activity badge, Fitness Challenge badge and when the weather was with us we had lots of outdoor adventure returning to Frylands Woods for fire lighting and wide games.

Our summer term reached crescendo with summer evenings spent doing archery and having water fights, although not simultaneously.

With Autumn came indoor activities, baking and Quasar and as Christmas approached we prepared to say BRAVO, thank you and farewell (although not goodbye) to Akela and winter camp was again at Frylands Wood but with outdoor activities funded by the Group including Climbing, rifles and assault course.

As the new year came around we had a shuffle of leaders to cover both pack meeting nights. It took a little while for the Cubs to become accustomed to the new leadership model but plans were duly made to make the coming year a spectacular adventure for them.

Scouts

Both troops continued to flourish. Thunder is still led by Chris Elmer with Nick Chrumka as his able assistant but this year we have been joined by Tim Younge who has been a brilliant addition to the team. We are grateful to all our Thursday leaders for their hard work. Adrian, Oliver, Daphne and an array of other helpers are vital to the section.

Adam is leader of Lightning and has a solid team of help from Don and Alex but is looking for more volunteers.

A special mention goes to John without whom both sections would struggle and who makes so much possible.

A busy 12 months has included (in chronological order)

- A Winter Camp at Frylands including snow and sledging!
- Geocaching
- A mannequin Challenge
- Narrowboating
- Fake wounds makeup
- Burger and milkshake night
- Nerf night
- Water night



Summer Camp in Austria that included amazing watersports, an insane zip line, a bobsleigh run on the Olympic course, hiking, biking, swimming, summer tobogganing, a trip down a slat mine and a lot of McDonalds

And that was in addition to wide games, silly sports, scout craft, Chinese cooking, pancakes, air rifles, archery and more.

Over 50 super scouts and a brilliant team of volunteer leaders making it happen.

Trustees

MR JOHN BLAIR POTTER

MR PHILIP COLE

MRS HELEN ARMSTRONG

MRS ELIZABETH JONES (Treasurer)

MRS LISA STRATFORD

MRS KEELEY DAWE

MR CHRIS ELMER

DR CHRISTOPHER MARTIN (Secretary)

MR ADAM YOUNG

MR DAVE BARBER

MR OLIVER COLVILLE

REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER: 1011301

**Report of the Trustees and Unaudited Financial
Statements for the Year Ended 31 March 2017
for 5th Beckenham South Scout Group**

5th Beckenham South Scout Group

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Report of the Trustees
for the Year Ended 31 March 2017

The trustees present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 March 2017. The trustees have adopted the provisions of the Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) 'Accounting and Reporting by Charities' issued in March 2005.

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS Registered Charity number
1011301

Principal address

Trustees
EJ Jones

Independent examiner
Hugh Watchorn

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT Governing document
The charity is controlled by its governing document, a deed of trust, and constitutes an unincorporated charity.

Risk management
The trustees have a duty to identify and review the risks to which the charity is exposed and to ensure appropriate controls are in place to provide reasonable assurance against fraud and error.

Approved by order of the board of trustees on29 Jan 2018..... and signed on its behalf by:



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Trustee

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of
5th Beckenham South Scout Group

I report on the accounts for the year ended 31 March 2017 set out on pages three to seven.

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(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act)) and that an independent examination is required.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under Section 145 of the 2011 Act
- to follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commission (under Section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act); and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of the independent examiner's report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the 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 you as 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 statements below.

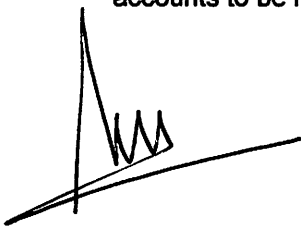
Independent examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

- (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 2011 Act; and
 - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and to comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 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.



Hugh Watchorn

Date: 25 Jan 2018

**5th Beckenham South Scout Group
Statement of Financial Activities for the Year
Ended 31 March 2017**

	Notes	31.3.17 Unrestricted £	31.3.16 Total £
INCOMING RESOURCES			
Incoming resources from generated funds			
Voluntary income		83,009	39,957
Activities for generating funds	2	54,712	7,473
Other incoming resources		511	387
Total Incoming Resources		<u>138,232</u>	<u>47,817</u>
RESOURCES EXPENDED			
Charitable Activities			
Scouts		4,400	8,153
Cubs		4,200	3,657
Beavers		2,688	1,717
Explorers		1,542	2,235
Austria		37,234	-
Donations		2,950	-
Governance costs		7,680	6,675
Fund Raising Costs		19,453	-
Other Resources Expended		15,540	14,253
Total Resources Expended		<u>95,687</u>	<u>36,690</u>
NET INCOMING/(OUTGOING) RESOURCES		<u>42,545</u>	<u>11,157</u>
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS			
Total Funds Brought Forward		173,417	162,260
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		<u>215,962</u>	<u>173,417</u>

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Balance Sheet at 31 March 2017

	Notes	31.3.17 Unrestricted £	31.3.16 Total £
FIXED ASSETS			
Tangible Assets	4	141,630	142,822
CURRENT ASSETS			
Stocks	5	529	607
Debtors	6	5,959	5,903
Cash at bank and in hand		67,844	48,793
	7	<u>74,332</u>	<u>55,303</u>
CREDITORS			
Amounts falling due within one year		-	(24708)
NET CURRENT ASSETS			
		<u>74,332</u>	<u>30,595</u>
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES			
		215,962	173,417
NET ASSETS			
		<u>215,962</u>	<u>173,417</u>
FUNDS			
Unrestricted Funds	8	215,962	173,417
TOTAL FUNDS			
		<u>215,962</u>	<u>173,417</u>

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees on29 Jan 2018..... and were signed on behalf by:

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Trustee

C Martin

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Accounting convention

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention, and in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard for Smaller Entities (effective April 2008), the Charities Act 2011 and the requirements of the Statement of Recommended Practice, Accounting and Reporting by Charities.

Incoming resources

All incoming resources are included on the Statement of Financial Activities when the charity is legally entitled to the income and the amount can be quantified with reasonable accuracy.

Resources expended

Expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all cost related to the category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated to activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources.

Tangible fixed assets

Depreciation is provided at the following annual rates in order to write off each asset over its estimated useful life.

Stocks

Stocks are valued at the lower of cost and net realisable value, after making due allowance for obsolete and slow-moving items.

Taxation

The charity is exempt from tax on its charitable activities.

Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds can be used in accordance with the charitable objectives at the discretion of the trustees.

Restricted funds can only be used for particular restricted purposes within the objects of the charity. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for particular restricted purposes.

The Trustees consider that no funds are restricted.

2. ACTIVITIES FOR GENERATING FUNDS

	31.3.17	31.3.16
	£	£
Beckenham Firework Display	53,870	-
Hall Hire	445	335
Bag Packing	842	-
Funday	-	7,527
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	55,157	7,862
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3. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS

There were no trustees' remuneration nor other benefits for the year ended 31 March 2017 nor for the year ended 31 March 2016.

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Notes to the Financial Statements - continued for the Year Ended 31 March 2017

4 TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

	Group Buildings £	Scouting Equipment £	Marine Equipment £
Cost			
At 1 April 2016	123,209	39,463	1,050
Additions		855	
At 31 March 2017	<u>123,209</u>	<u>40,318</u>	<u>1,050</u>
Depreciation			
At 1 April 2016 -	-	20,351	549
Charge for year -	-	1,997	50
At 31 March 2017	<u>-</u>	<u>22,348</u>	<u>599</u>
Net Book Value			
At 31 March 2017	<u>-</u>	<u>17,970</u>	<u>451</u>
At 31 March 2016	<u>123,209</u>	<u>19,112</u>	<u>501</u>

	Minibus £	Computer Equipment £	Totals £
Cost			
At 1 April 2016	26,288	8,609	198,619
Additions			855
At 31 March 2017	<u>26,288</u>	<u>8,609</u>	<u>199,474</u>
Depreciation			
At 1 April 2016	26,288	8,609	55,797
Charge for year			2,047
At 31 March 2017	<u>26,288</u>	<u>8,609</u>	<u>57,844</u>
Net Book Value			
At 31 March 2017	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>141,630</u>
At 31 March 2016	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>142,822</u>

5 STOCKS

	31.3.2017 £	31.3.16 £
Tuck Shop Stock	<u>529</u>	<u>607</u>

6 DEBTORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHING ONE YEAR

Other amounts due	<u>5,959</u>	<u>5,903</u>
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Notes to the Financial Statements - continued for the Year Ended 31 March 2017

7 CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR	31.3.17	31.3.16
	£	£
Other Creditors	-	24,708
	<u>-</u>	<u>24,708</u>

8 MOVEMENT IN FUNDS

		Net Movement in funds	
Unrestricted funds	At 1.4.16		At 31.3.17
	£	£	£
General Fund	173,417	42,545	215,962
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>173,417</u>	<u>42,545</u>	<u>215,962</u>

Net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming Resources	Resources expended	Movement in funds
	£	£	£
Unrestricted funds			
General funds	138,232	95,687	42,545
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>138,232</u>	<u>95,687</u>	<u>42,545</u>

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Detailed Statement of Financial Activities for the year Ended 21 March 2017

	31.3.17 £	31.3.16 £
INCOMING RESOURCES		
Voluntary income		
Donations	2,133	1,632
Gift Aid	5,564	4,409
Subscriptions	24,043	19,820
Contribution - Scouts	2,019	8,422
Contribution - Cubs	2,948	3,596
Contribution - Beavers	1,307	520
Contribution - Explorers	1,065	1,588
Contribution - Austria	43,930	-
	<u>83,009</u>	<u>39,987</u>
Activities for generating funds		
Fundraising events	842	7,527
Fireworks	53,870	-
	<u>54,712</u>	<u>7,473</u>
Other incoming resources		
Bank Interest	20	6
Investment Interest	46	46
Hire of hall	445	335
	<u>511</u>	<u>387</u>
Total incoming resources	<u>138,232</u>	<u>47,847</u>
RESOURCES EXPENDED		
Charitable Activities		
Scouts	4,400	8,154
Cubs	4,200	3,657
Beavers	2,688	1,717
Explorers	1,542	2,235
Donations	2,950	-
Austria	37,234	-
	<u>53,014</u>	<u>15,763</u>
Governance costs		
Scout Association	<u>7,680</u>	<u>6,675</u>
Fund Raising Costs		
Fireworks	<u>19,453</u>	<u>-</u>

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Detailed Statement of Financial Activities for the year Ended 21 March 2017

Support Costs	31.3.17	31.3.16
	£	£
Insurance	3,244	4,041
Light and Heat	1,070	997
Telephone & Website	286	286
Group Administration Costs	1,510	1,290
Minibus Costs	2,248	1,680
Burglar Alarm	1,255	377
Uniform & Badges	1,394	164
Repairs & Renewals	490	647
Materials & Equipment	1,010	1,067
Adult Support & Training	-	120
	<u>12,508</u>	<u>10,615</u>
Finance		
Bank Charges and similar	985	851
Other		
Depreciation of tangible fixed assets	2,047	2,786
Total Resources Expended	<u>95,687</u>	<u>36,690</u>
Net Income/(Expenditure)	<u>42,545</u>	<u>11,157</u>