

(Group Registration No. 35908, Registered Charity No. 285810)

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ANNUAL REPORT & ACCOUNTS

2016 – 2017

14th CANTERBURY SCOUT GROUP : LEADERSHIP TEAM

GROUP SCOUT LEADER (GSL) : Brian Buggins

BEAVER COLONY

Sarah Pegg (Fox)	BSL
Philip Castle (Wolf)	ABSL
Ruth Woolley (Squirrel)	ABSL
Andrea Hatfield (Chippy)	GSA
Tabitha Castle (Mrs Wolf)	OH
Nick Thurston (Badger)	OH
Jacky Wilton (Hedgehog)	OH
Ingrid Pinn (Bear)	OH
Lewis Castle (Wolf Cub)	YL
Danny Wilton (Hoglet)	YL
Thomas Packman (Tom)	YL
Callum Chou	YL
Sam Baxter	YL
Charlie Parsons	YL
Noah Kirkman (Owl)	ABSL*
Nicola Bentley (Fawn)	ABSL*
Thomas Lampard (Kestral)	YL*
Jon Barry (Hound)	OH *
Ollie Garland (Hawk)	ABSL*
Hannah Phipps (Vixen)	ABSL*
Matt Saunby (Stag)	OH *

CUB PACK

Don Clark	CSL
Jamie Bentley	ACSL
Pav Wells	ACSL
Chris Hunter	ACSL
Allison Hyde	ACSL
Fern Jefferies	ACSL
Emily Clark	ACSL
Oliver Kennett	ACSL
Jacky Wilton	OH
Thomas Jefferies	YL
James Watson	YL
David Shelley	ACSL *
Liam Flavin	ACSL *
Sam Cole	ACSL *

SCOUT TROOP

Philip Garland	ASL
Craig Buggins	ASL
Peter Brown	ASL
Victoria Mitchell	ASL*
Max Harvey	ASL*

EXPLORER UNIT

David Bentley	DESL
Jamie Bentley	ACSL
Matthew Ratcliff	OH

*When available eg at University BSL Beaver Scout Leader ABSL Assistant Beaver Scout Leader
CSL Cub Scout Leader ACSL Assistant Cub Scout Leader ASL Assistant Scout Leader
DESL District Explorer Scout Leader GSA Group Sectional Assistant GSL Group Scout Leader
YL Young Leader (eg Explorer Unit Member) OH Occassional Helper

THE GROUP EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Group Chairman	:	Nicholas Thurston	
Group Secretary	:	Mary Bentley	
Group Treasurer	:	Susan Parsons	
Group Quartermaster	:	Mark Pritchard	
Group Scout Leader	:	Brian Buggins	
David Bentley	Gary Nichols	Wendy Irons	Tabitha Castle
Phil Castle	Matt Wade	Lisa Carlson	Adelina Comas-Herrera

AWARDS

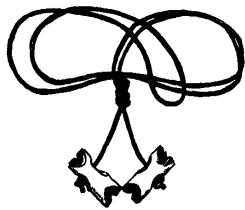
Many congratulations to the following on receiving these special awards during the year:-



Queen Scout Award - *Highest Youth Award achievable in Scouting, & Explorer Belt :-*
Morgause Lomas



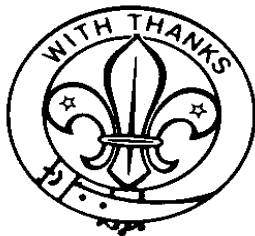
The Gold Duke of Edinburgh's Award (DofE)
Morgause Lomas
Fern Jefferies



Wood Badge (*completion Leader Training*)
Peter Brown - ASL



Long Service Awards – *Long Service Awards have been awarded by the Chief Scout to the following :-*
Mary Bentley - *Group Secretary & District Treasurer - 15 years*



Thanks Badge - *Awarded to the following Members who have given the Group many Years' Service :-*
Jill Nichols - *Group Executive Committee*
Geraldine Flavin - *Group Executive Committee*
Andrea Hatfield - *Beaver Colony Assistant*

And congratulations to all our Young People who have achieved Awards throughout the year; *Nights Away, Chief Scout Awards, Young Leader Awards, DofE and Challenge & Activity Badges.*

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ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

MONDAY 17th July 2017 7pm

Tyler Hill Memorial Field & Hall

AGENDA

1. Welcome and Apologies
2. To approve the Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 17th July 2016
3. To approve the Annual Report and Accounts
4. Group Scout Leader's nomination of Group Chairman
5. Election of Group Secretary
6. Election of Group Treasurer
7. Election of Group Quartermaster
8. Election of Members of the Group Council to the Group Executive Committee
9. Election of Scrutineer for 2017/2018
10. District Representative
11. Presentations
12. Close followed by Refreshments

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**Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held at
Tyler Hill Village Hall at 4.00pm
on the 17th July 2016**

1. **Welcome and Apologies.**

Nicholas Thurston welcomed everyone on this lovely afternoon and thanked everyone all for attending.

Apologies received from: - Gill and Keith Lampard, Sam Trill (D.C.), Gordon and Alison Makinson, Tabitha and Phil Castle.

2. **To Approve the Minutes from 19th July 2015**

The minutes of the previous AGM held on 19th July 2015 were approved.

Proposed: David Bentley

Seconded. Susan Parsons

3. **To Approve the Annual Report & Accounts**

The Group is in a good financial position and lots has been happening in all Sections. Craig Buggins, Nicola Bentley and Pav Wells have all gained their Wood Badges, Peter Brown has qualified for his Nights Away Permit and lots of badges have been awarded to our Young People. We received good parental support at our Spring Bank Camp.

The Annual Report & Accounts were approved: -

Proposed: David Bentley

Seconded: Jackie Wilton

Thanks were given to Treasurer, Susan Parsons for all her hard work. We now receive gift aid on over 90% of subs received in. Thanks also to the Section Treasurers who are now getting accounts into Susan on a quicker basis.

4. **Group Scouts Leader's Nomination of Group Chairman.**

Brian Buggins thanked Nicholas for all his hard work for the Group over the past year and asked him on to stand again.

Nicholas agreed.

5. **Election of Group Secretary**

Mary Bentley was re-elected.

Proposed: Nicholas Thurston

Seconded: Brian Buggins

6. **Election of Group Treasurer.**

Susan Parsons was re-elected.
Proposed: Nicholas Thurston
Seconded: Mary Bentley

7. **Election of Group Quartermaster**

Mark Pritchard has offered to continue. Thanks were given to all who help keep the equipment in good condition.
Proposed: Nicholas Thurston
Seconded: Jackie Wilton

8. **Election of Members of the Group Executive Committee**

Thanks were given to the Members for all their help and support.
Stepping Down:- Jill Nichols, Geraldine Flavin.
The following were re-elected: Brian Buggins, Gary Nichols, David Bentley
Tabitha Castle, Phil Castle, Wendy Irons & Matthew Wade.
New Member: - Lisa Carlson
Proposed: - Sarah Pegg
Seconded: - Jackie Wilton
(Post Meeting: - Adelina Comas-Herrera was elected to the Executive Committee as approved at the Executive Committee Meeting held on 6th October 2016)
District Representatives for the Group are: Mary Bentley, David Bentley and Sarah Pegg.

9. **Election of Scrutineers 2016/2017**

It was agreed to look around for a new a Scrutineer as our previous one, Mrs M Wilkes FCA, Wilkins Kennedy FKC, have just notified us that in future they would have to charge a fee of £450+vat. Decision to be taken to next Executive meeting.
Proposed:
Seconded:

10. **Presentations.**

Pav Wells (ACSL) - Wood Badge presented by Don Clark.
(Nicola Bentley and Craig Buggins received their Wood Badges at St Georges Day Service). Mary Bentley received her 15 Years' Service Award.
Jill Nichols who has stepped down from the Committee received a silver fleur de le locket and flowers.
Geraldine Flavin who stepped down from the committee received a Thanks Badge and flowers.
Andrea Hatfield who has been an Assistant Beaver leader for 12 years received a Thanks badge and flowers as a thank you for her past & ongoing support.

11. **Close.**

Brian and Nicholas asked us all to take the time to read the AGM report. Thanks were given to everyone who has helped the Group and Scouting this past year with so much fun to be involved with. They mentioned that the Group was completely full and if anyone felt they could help in any way to let them know.

Finish with strawberries and cream, wine and fruit juice.

ANNUAL REPORT FROM THE GROUP CHAIRMAN

14th Canterbury Scout Group and the World of Scouting.

In 2017, Scouting in the UK grew by nearly 8%. There are now 457,000 young people involved and Scouting continues to be the largest co-educational youth movement in the UK.

The 14th Canterbury Scout Group is very much a part of this story, and we celebrate the great year of activities and events in 2016-17. Within this annual report you'll find great stories of from each of the Sections, news of awards and the Annual Accounts.

For my boys – I have one in each of the Scout, Cub and Beaver sections - the Group Camp at Bexon Lane was a particular highlight of this year. The Harry Potter theme for the Beavers, fantastic weather, great camaraderie and excellent Scouting all made it thoroughly enjoyable. The leadership and organisation for the camp was excellent and we thank all the leaders and volunteers who had a hand in it. It was great to see so many parents actively and enthusiastically supporting the camp.

I would like to highlight the involvement of several of the Group's Leaders in the wider running of the Canterbury, Whitstable and Herne Bay District. The 14th Canterbury Scout Group has a history of a strong contribution to the wider Scouting movement. In 2016-17 several members and volunteers from the 14th have been very active in working with the Ross Woods camp ground, in addition to the other formal District roles undertaken by Mary Bentley, David Bentley and Jamie Bentley. The contribution to these wider activities gives strong foundations to the Scouting community. In 2017-18, the 14th will look to further support the District with the use of the new minibus.

As you probably know, the new Group minibus is on its way after three years of fundraising and many trust applications. Thanks go out to everyone who helped in the campaign, organising and helping with the fundraising, reviewing and advising on applications, and of course to Brian, whose hard work won the successful bid to the Community Minibus Fund.

I'd like to express my thanks on behalf of the whole Group for all the work that leaders, volunteers and members of the Group Executive have put in over the last year. There are also several new volunteers who have joined the 14th this year and we are thankful to them. With over 51,000 young people on Scout waiting lists across the UK, there is a national need for more volunteering, as well as a continual need for volunteers to help with the 14th Canterbury Scout Group. So, please tell your family and friends about Scouting and encourage them to think about volunteering. The work is fun, rewarding and very flexible. If you'd like to explore volunteering, don't hesitate to ask one of the Leaders or Executive.

Just after this AGM, members of the 14th will be setting off to join in the Kent International Jamboree (KIJ) at Detling Show Ground. This event occurs every four years and welcomes Scouts and Guides from around the world. We wish them a fantastic Jamboree, sharing in the values of Scouting with other young people.

We're trying out a new format AGM this year; we hope you enjoy it – please let us know what you think!

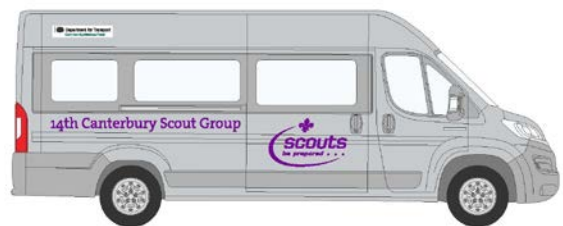
Nicholas Thurston
Group Chairman

ANNUAL REPORT FROM THE GROUP SCOUT LEADER

Another terrific year for the 14th and our youth membership (aged 6 – 18) increased by 10% to 114 and is led by an amazing leadership team. All Sections are operating at full capacity and we continue to have a healthy waiting list of future Beavers plus a waiting list to join the Troop. On behalf of the Group, I give my thanks to all the Leaders and helpers for their hard work and time they voluntarily give. Our young people get many exciting opportunities and activities. Once again this is demonstrated by another very successful three-night Group Spring Bank Holiday Camp at Bexon Lane, attended by over 100 of our young people and Leaders. You will read all about these adventures in the following Section Annual Reports.

From a financial point of view, as you will read in the detailed Group Treasurer's Report and Accounts, the Group continues to be in a sound financial position – many thanks Susan. Our take up of over 90% Gift Aid for payment of termly subscriptions and donations is a fantastic achievement and means we can keep the subscriptions at £33 per term. Behind the scenes the Group is fortunate to have a superb Group Executive Committee. They support the leadership team and deal with the day to day Group administration, finances and fund raising, led by our Group Chairman, Nicholas Thurston. I would like to give my thanks to all the Committee. We are always keen to have new members join the Committee. If you are interested, please get in touch with Nicholas or myself.

But undoubtedly the highlight of the year has been the award of a brand new minibus following our major application to the Government funded *Community Minibus Fund*. There were 300 applications from across the Country and we were one of only 40 successful applicants. This means that in the autumn we will take delivery of a fully funded brand new 17 seater Fiat Ducato minibus. This will be drivable by more Group adults, all of which undergo minibus (MIDAS) driver training and will be made available to all local Groups and other community organisations on a self-drive basis – subject to driver eligibility. This will be our fourth mini-bus (the first purchased back in the 1980's) and our first brand new one. Our fund raising to replace our existing mini-bus began in earnest three years ago in 2014 and to date has raised over £11k. This money will be used to fund the operating costs of the new minibus and for the training (MIDAS) of more drivers and for any other transport requirements across the Group eg additional minibuses/coaches and vans for equipment. To everybody to date that has helped in any way with our minibus fund raising, on behalf of the Group, we thank you and of course Group fund raising never stops so we can continue to provide a first class Scouting experience to all our young people and to the local community.



For the past few years we have looked to the future and the subject of succession. We have seen a very successful transition in our Group Executive Committee over the past four years. Also, our younger leaders, across all four Sections, have taken on more responsibilities and leadership tasks. 2018 will be my fortieth year as a Leader, with nearly thirty years as GSL and the time is right to look to my successor. Nicholas and I have been reviewing my roles in the day to day running of the Group and over the coming year these will be delegated where possible to spread the responsibilities. I'm pleased to announce that ACSL, Pav Wells, has been appointed Assistant Group Scout Leader (AGSL) with immediate effect and the plan is that Pav will take over as GSL at the end of 2018 after which I intend to continue to work within the Group.



BRAVO to all our young people that have achieved awards & badges throughout the year of which I know there has been many and thus firmly demonstrates the Group upholds the purpose of Scouting; “to actively engage and support young people in their personal development and empowering them to make a positive contribution to society”. A very special congratulation to Explorer Scout, Morgause Lomas on achieving the highest award, The Queen Scout Award, in addition to the Explorer Belt and Gold DofE that she had achieved in the same year. Something for all our young people to aspire to.

Many congratulations to Jamie Bentley on his recent, additional, appointment as *Deputy District Commissioner (DDC)* and to Fern Jefferies on her appointment as a *District Youth Commissioner* and on gaining her Gold DofE. Our District Campsite and HQ at Ross Woods has seen a major transformation over the past year with a lot of development and improvements, in particular the number of activities that are now readily available eg rifle shooting, archery, crate stacking, geo caching, which our Group are starting to use. Obviously, this requires a lot of effort so if you have any spare time to help at the Ross Woods working parties then this would be much appreciated by the team including working on the 14th's “adopted” site which is site no. 4. We looked forward to welcoming everybody to Ross Woods on Friday 10th November for the Group's “Curry & Campfire”.

I hope you have all had a chance to have a look at our recent replacement “Centenary (2007) of Scouting” Commemoration Willow Tree at the University in front of Becket Court, it is looking very splendid! Finally, I would like to thank all the parents that have supported the Group throughout the year. Helping at weekly meetings and weekend activities, fund raising events, social events and those that helped at the annual Group Camp at Bexon Lane, which is quite a logistical task transporting and erecting 3 tonne of equipment!



Brian Buggins
Group Scout Leader (GSL)



Beaver Colony

YELLOW LODGE	GREEN LODGE	BLUE LODGE	ORANGE LODGE	RED LODGE
Evelyn	Quinn	Amy	Rosa	Nathaniel
Rawson(LL)	Wood (LL)	McBurney(LL)	Cary(LL)	Croden(LL)
Anouk	Theo	Harvey	Bethany	Manny
Williamson(ALL)	Levings(ALL)	Waterman(ALL)	Morris (ALL)	Sleigh (ALL)
Grace Chetin	Arlo Porter	Harry Hagan	Sophia Sharp	Arthur Gifford
Gabe Alcock	Louisa Frank	Freddie Pritchett	Jackson Watt	Tom Pinn
Merrie Breeze	Caelan Flynn	Josi Frank	Finlay Waite	Rahul Thompson
Demi Sayers	Ollie Bell	George Hagan	Artemis	Rupert Gifford
		Dylan Willmott	Paddy Leeves	

*LL = Lodge Leader, ALL = Assistant Lodge Leader

Leadership Team:

We have a number of Leaders who have an active part in our Colony Leadership team, some of us are there on a Monday evening and others support at the weekend and when they can. But all together this great team has enabled the Beavers to have a brilliant year of Scouting!

However, this year our leadership team has seen a number of changes, firstly in January our lovely leader Fawn stepped back from Monday nights, due to a work promotion - congratulations! Fawn has been with the Colony since she was a Young Leader and we are very grateful she is still able to support us for days out, sleepovers and camp! Thank you for all you support! But with Fawn stepping back we called out to parents to help us, so a massive thank you to Lisa and Ingrid for stepping in. It didn't take long for Ingrid to become Bear and a key member of the team, so another thank you for giving your time to the Colony. A few weeks later we welcomed Owl to the colony, who will be with us for the next few years during his University term time, which fits nicely with Sam who is currently away at Uni but comes back to see us when he is home.

Supporting our adult leadership team we also have our Young Leader team. We started the year with Lewis (Wolf Cub), Thomas (Kestrel) and Danny (Hoglet), but following Kestrel stepping down due to other commitments, we were joined by 4 Explorers; Callum, Charlie, Tom and Sam. All our young leaders provide invaluable 'Big Brother' support at sleepovers, day trips and on Monday nights and are a very important part to our leadership team.

We are lucky enough that we are currently in a very privileged situation and we have a number of adults offering to give up their time to support the Beaver Colony, whether on a weekly basis or at the one off events, without these dedicated adults we would not be able to do the activities we offer. So a massive thank you goes out to all who have supported us this year!

Beavers:

Each year on the 31st January we submit a Scouting Census, this shows us that yet again our Beaver colony remains to be one of the biggest colonies in the District, with us averaging 32 Beavers over the past year. Our "interested in joining" list continues to grow both in the Group but also across the District. Due to this growing list of children wishing to join us, we now only have limited spaces for children born after 01/07/2013. So if you have a young child you would like to add to the waiting list, please pass their details to Fox.

Weekly Meetings:

Each week Colony meetings provide the Beavers with the opportunity to work towards a number of activity badges, challenges and ultimately their Chief Scouts Bronze Award. Due to the requirements of many of the Beaver badges there are parts that need increased administration and work completed at home. Thank you to Badger for assisting in managing these badges and helping give the Beavers the opportunity to earn even more badges!

This year has seen a varied programme, from global issues such as clean water and fair trade to drumming, cycling and photography! This has enabled us to complete many badges and we all know Beavers love badges! So to enhance our badge earning potential even more, we have supplemented our programme with several days out, including a back to basics day at Ross Woods with crate staking, fire lighting and kayaking, a trip to Howlett's Zoo for Wolf to meet his family, a visit to the Gilwell Funday to challenge ourselves on activities and a forthcoming trip to the World Parathletics in London on the 16th July!

Nights Away:

There has been a training theme to our nights away this year, with the Beavers having the opportunity to train to be an elf for Santa, a deep sea diver and a wizard!

Elf Training: Having decided on an around the world theme, 23 Beavers embarked on a tour of the world, learning about Christmas traditions and trying games that are played to celebrate Christmas. We even sampled traditional Christmas food from around the world!

Diver Training: In March, 24 Beavers attended our Deep Sea Diver training sleepover. We started our sleepover at Pets at home to learn about caring for fish and other sea creatures... (bunnies and guinea pigs live in the sea right? No?!? Well they are cute and fluffy so we had to say hi!) After a short walk back to the hall we began our training, learning about layers of the ocean and the endangered animals that live in sea. We also took the opportunity to do lots of craft including aquarium jars and jelly fish (or was that Fox's way to get Beavers to do their knot tying!)

Wizard Training: Each year for the Spring Bank Holiday weekend we go away with the Cubs, Scouts and Explorers for our Group Camp. This year saw 17 Beavers attend the camp along with their eager parents. A great weekend was had by all as we visited Diagon Alley to make our robes and wands and took part in our lessons, such as Potions, Herbology and care of Magical Creatures. This even gave us the opportunity to hold a 7 week old barn owl before watching an amazing display from the birds of prey. We concluded our wizard training with the Triwizard cup and we faced the low ropes and blindfold trail before taking on our rival houses in the Quidditch House Cup. I think the parents enjoyed the world cup more than the Beavers!

As with our camp traditions we joined the Cubs, Scouts and Explorers for a Campfire on Saturday evening and a fancy dress meal on the Sunday evening. Thank you to all the parents on camp this year, you were brilliant! Everyone got stuck in to camp life and made it a great camp. Many of you are starting out on your camp journey with the Group, but a nod of thanks to the Levings family who have completed their last camp, 9 years on from being Royalty at our Kings and Queens camp at Kingsdown. We presented a number of awards on Camp including: Evelyn receiving House Prefect, House Mentor going to Paddy, our Triwizard Champion was Anouk and Wizard of Camp was presented to Arthur. I think everyone can agree it was an excellent camp, thank you to the leadership team who made it happen and a big thank you to Rory(Donkey) and Matt(Swift) for taking up the reigns and cooking for us throughout camp.

Congratulations:

Chief Scout Bronze Award: This is the highest badge for the Beavers to earn, in the last year it has been awarded to: Michael Holder, Hugo Fassum, Amy McBurney and Quinn Wood. We have quite a few that are very close to finishing too!

Thanks again to all the Beaver, Parents and Leaders for making this yet another awesome year.

Sarah (Fox)



Cub Scout Pack

Red Six

Fabian Crookes
Lilly Herron-Jones
Nathan Ireland
Charlotte Viinter
Ellis Holness

Orange Six

Clement Thurston
Archie Giblin
Jacob Lipscombe
Yasmin Gledstone Baldock
Joe Wade
Tilly Henderson

Yellow Six

Joseph Matthews
Feli Frank
Oscar Rawson
Matthew Van Vuren-Cassar
Jessica Stark
Ellis Flynn

Green Six

Jack McBurney
Robert Guss
Stella Rogers
Adele Comas Kendall
Stanley Mills

Blue Six

Nicole Levey
Ben Jones
Szymon Koperczak
Hugo Fassum
George Weightman
Violent Vant

Black Six

Alice Vinter
Jesse Hunter
Camilla Boarman Powell
Ewart Blackhouse-Hall
Michael Holder

Bold – Sixers, Underlined – Seconders

Writing an AGM report allows some time of reflection. The Pack has gone through significant change since my last report with a change of over half the pack members. Blue Six is effectively a new Six and four of last years Red Six are all now Sixers! Fortunately, the Leadership team has remained stable but more comment on this brilliant team later.

The Autumn Term saw us working with *The Friends of Westgate Gardens* when they ran their annual Scarecrow Challenge. Our Cubs were particularly successful in getting the public to buy trail maps and raised close to £100 for this fabulous civic amenity – one that we regular use on Pack nights. The bonus was winning 3rd Prize for our “Everything is Awesome” scarecrows depicting all the activities we use our minibus for. The £10 prize went to swelling our minibus fund – little did we know how close to the final goal we were! We will be supporting the event this year, and our scarecrow is going to be epic – more details later, but anyone with a creative streak or a large space we can work in should talk to me!

Our sleepover in November was on HMS Cavalier and we were treated to a tour of this magnificent vessel by the Captain who brought the ship back to Chatham and into its final resting place. We spent the following day doing activities around the dockyard including making boats and testing them in wave tanks, designing rockets and firing them at targets and making a length of rope. One of my year highlights was that our visit coincided with Remembrance Sunday. We were made very welcome and were allowed to parade the Pack before the Act of Remembrance at 11am. The Pack were impeccably behaved and amazed me by standing to attention for close to 15 minutes. Throughout the day we received many positive comments from the general public about the Pack so they were a great advertisement for young people and Scouting in particular.

The end of the year saw the Pack involved in District events. First a number of our Cubs were part of the winning team at the District Swimming Gala, an event we haven't won for a few years. Then on the 16th December we had the District Promise renewal and party which the Pack was represent at. We also announced our "Cubs of the Year" who were Rachel Garret, Pascal Sleigh and John Comas Kendall. Special mention must go to Rachel who for her personal challenge badge created an animation of all our activities in our Centenary year - a real labour of love and everything we did captured for posterity.

During the winter months we worked on the *Disability Awareness Activity Badge*. We learnt some signing and "*sang*" along to S Club 7's "Reach for the Stars", and had a very informative and hands on session with the Kent Association for the Blind. I'd like to make special mention of Chris Hunter's contribution, as he brought his day to day work skills and knowledge into the Pack and allowed a much better appreciation of living with a disability to be developed.

From Spring onwards, the Pack's focus is on getting out and about as much as we can. As we get more familiar with the relatively new *Challenge Badge System* it is clear that our activities, additional to a normal pack night, are those that allow progress in the Adventure Badge and are essential for the Outdoors Badge. These are catered for primarily by attending events in the County and at Gilwell. The annual residential activity weekend in early spring, this year visiting PGL at Marchant's Hill, and the annual Group camp across the late bank holiday. We did note a drop in numbers at this year's camp and would like to rectify this so please let us know if there is anything we can do in that regard. Over the year seven Cubs gained their Silver Chief Scouts Award, six Cubs completed at least 20 nights away and in total we awarded 300 Challenge, Activity and Staged Badges!

To close this report, I'd like to make a few notes of thanks and general comments. Jackie Wilton makes my life so much easier by being a focus point for all money payments and returned forms. However, I would like to stress that subs are due on the first Monday of each term and waiting until after half term for some monies is unacceptable unless agreed beforehand. Over the last two years Jackie has also worked with Mary and David Bentley to make sure we are fed and watered at camp. We had a first at camp this year with no-one refusing Mary's Magical Porridge for breakfast! David and Jackie also help us transport Cubs and belongings when we need to travel. Without them we couldn't do half the number of extra activities we do. Gary Nichols keeps our finances up to date and is very efficient in his support of the Pack.

We have a strong leadership team bolstered by our young leaders. However, with Jamie Bentley taking on more District & County roles, and Pav Brambling-Wells learning the ropes as AGSL, this leaves less time for them to spend on the Cub Pack. So, if anyone would like to contribute to planning and delivering our Pack programme please get in contact with me.

Yours in Scouting

Don Clark / Akela, CSL "Everything is awesome, When your 14th Canterbury"



Scout Troop

Eagles

Jonathon Rutland*
Edward Lampard**
Luke Lanaway
Nelson Carnell-McKean
John Comas-Kendall
Harry Ashcroft
Daisy Port
Alex Holder
Zoe Rodgers

Kestrels

Chris Hopkins*
James Packman**
Alexander Fairclough
An-Son VuWurdermann
Danny Wilton
Felix Budden
Florence Butcher
Peter Patmore
Rachel Garratt
Sammy Cole
Writh Cary

Swifts

Edward Levings*
Milly Fassum**
Angus Boarman-
Powell
Arthur Fassum
Barnaby Milton-Bell
Beren Breeze
Joseph Rogers
Kai Terry
Pascal Sleigh
Samuel Brown

Wood Pigeons

Lilly Stollery*
Malachi Thomas**
Aaron Hughes
Andrew Kume
Charlie Warwick
Matthew Oji
Harrison King

*Patrol Leader **Assistant Patrol Leader

2016-17

This year our leadership team has consisted of Phil, Pete, and myself, along with both Victoria and Max who are students in Canterbury. Ollie Garland and Dave Shelley have also helped on various Fridays and particularly during our Summer Camp. With 37 Scouts currently on the books we are lucky to have a good Leadership Team and thanks go to all of them for their dedication. It's great to see the Troop in such good health and a big thank you is owed to all the parents who have helped us with transport on Friday nights. Congratulations go to Pete who was awarded his Wood Badge at this year's St Georges Day Parade after completing the Scout Leadership Training Programme.

Over the past year the scouts have completed a wide range of activities including Kayaking at Moat Park, honed their negotiation skills in our Trading Post night, were taught by Max how to make rope out of toilet paper (sturdier than it sounds!), Laser Tag at Whitstable, and have all done well in improving their traditional scouting skills such as knotting, pioneering, map work, and fire building. Also Victoria, who has recently spent a year in America, sent the Scouts a box filled with American challenges, food, and games, and were able to learn about Scouting on the other side of the pond.

Summer Camp 2016 – Gradbach, Peak District

In July we spent six nights at the Peter Watson Campsite in Gradburch, Derbyshire. The site is perfectly located to explore the Peak District which we took full advantage of with two hikes (although one did admittedly take a few hours longer than we had planned!). During the course of the week the Scouts excelled themselves at rock climbing and bouldering through the Roaches, spent a day being thrown upside down at Alton Towers, and visited the town of Buxton where we enjoyed swimming, a game of Swedish Long Ball, and of course fish and chips from the local shop.

Spring Bank Holiday Camp 2017

This year's Group Camp was at Bexon Lane Campsite near Sittingbourne. We had 22 Scouts attend who enjoyed rifle shooting, abseiling, building a Tower Beacon, swimming at Larkfields, and backwoods cooking beef stew and spiced apples on open fires. Thanks to Hannah Phipps for helping out during the camp.

Craig Buggins ASL

EXPLORERS

Explorer Scout Unit 'The Salamanders'

Joe Watkins, Nathan Chou, Emma Laversuch, Charlotte Letley, Harry Butcher, Jamie Watson (YL), Augy Allain-Labon, Ilya Carey, Oscar Stollery, Morgause Lomas, Thomas Lampard(YL), Matthew Hopkins, Thomas Jefferies(YL), Matt Hopkins, Rosie Flavin, Alex May, Hugo Eaton Baudains, Thomas Packman(YL), Sam Baxter(YL), Charlie Parsons(YL), Callum Chou(YL), Bill Everingham, Isabelle Boarman Powell, Josh Milton Bell, Luke Mitten.

A great year for achievements as we said huge congratulations to Morgause and Fern on achieving their Gold Duke of Edinburgh Awards and to Morgause for capping it off with the highest accolade in Scouting; The Queens Scout Award. Add to that her Explorer Belt she had quite a year. Both have visited Buckingham Palace and received their awards from Royal and celebrity dignitaries.

We said cheerio to a number of Explorers bound for Universities around the Country and to a few who having turned 18 have concentrated their efforts on their final year of school life, but have maintained our strength and still find ourselves the busiest Explorer Unit in the District.

The Duke of Edinburgh Award scheme has again been popular around the District. With my fellow leaders at Herne Bay and Whitstable we have provided a full training and expedition programme throughout the year. Augy, Ilya, Charlotte and Emma completed their Silver Awards Nic his Bronze and we have a number staring both Bronze and Silver this year.

7 of the Explorers provide valuable support to the Beavers and Cubs through the Young Leader (YL) programme. They not only act as role models to the young Scouts but learn valuable leadership skills to take on into Scouting and their careers.

We join up with the other Units in the District once a month and whilst sometimes we can be the dominant Unit because of our size it really helps develop the Scouting locally and at least shows the smaller Units how much can be achieved. Having said that the District regularly has over 40 Explorers together for its activities.

Jamie Watson will tell you all about Scarefest at Gilwell. A weekend of activities on the Halloween theme but very little is scarier than my lot on mass! We had a great night at the Kent Fire and Rescue Centre in Rochester hopefully installing a few life lessons before they all take to the road.

Ross Wood, the District HQ and Camp Site, is on our radar this year with several working parties, Crate stacking, together with the usual fire lighting and chilling in the woods! With the newly built Archery and Shooting range I expect a team of sporting greats soon.

My huge thanks to Matt Ratcliff for supporting me this year and stepping in to run a number of evenings. We will miss him as he too is back off to Uni after working at the Langton this year.

17 off to KIJ this year! A great opportunity to enjoy the company of 6000 Scouts from around the world.

**David Bentley, Matthew Ratcliff, Jamie Bentley,
Explorer Scout Leadership Team**



Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From	Period start date			To	Period end date		
	Day	Month	Year		Day	Month	Year
	01	01	2016		31	12	2016

Section A Reference and administration details

Charity name	14 th Canterbury Scout Group: 35908
Registered charity number	285810
Charity's principal address	22 Queens Avenue CANTERBURY Kent CT2 8BA

Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year
1	Nicholas Thurston	Chairman	
2	Mary Bentley	Secretary	
3	Susan Parsons	Treasurer	
4	Brian Buggins	GSL	
5	Mark Pritchard	Quartermaster	
6	David Bentley		
7	Gary Nichols		
8	Jill Nichols		Resigned July 2016
9	Tabitha Castle		
10	Phil Castle	ABSL	
11	Wendy Irons		
12	Matthew Wade		
13	Geraldine Flavin		Resigned July 2016
14	Lisa Carlson		Appointed July 2016
15	Adelina Comas-Herrera		Appointed Oct 2016
16			

Names and addresses of advisers

Type of adviser	Name	Address
Scrutineer	Keith Lampard	25 Oaks Park, Rough Common, Canterbury, Kent. CT2 9DP

Section B Structure, governance and management

Description of the charity's trusts

Type of governing document	The Group's governing documents are those of the Scout Association. They consist of a Royal Charter, which in turn gives authority to the Bye Laws of the Association and The Policy, Organisation and Rules of The Scout Association.
How the charity is constituted	The Group is a trust established under its rules which are common to all Scouts.
Trustee selection methods	The Trustees are appointed in accordance with the Policy, Organisation and Rules of The Scout Association.

Additional governance issues (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant, about:

- policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees;
- the charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works;
- relationship with any related parties;
- trustees' consideration of major risks and the system and procedures to manage them.

The Group is managed by the Group Executive Committee, the members of which are the 'Charity Trustees' of the Scout Group which is an educational charity.

As charity trustees they are responsible for complying with legislation applicable to charities. This includes the registration, keeping proper accounts and making returns to the Charity Commission as appropriate.

The committee consists of 3 independent representatives, Chair, Treasurer and Secretary together with the Group Scout Leader, nominated section leaders and parents' representation and meets at least 3 times a year.

The Group Executive Committee exists to support the Group Scout Leader in meeting the responsibilities of the appointments and is responsible for:

- Maintenance of Group property
- Raising of funds and the administration of Group finance
- Insurance of persons, property and equipment
- Group public occasions
- Assisting in the recruitment of leaders and other adult support
- Appointing any sub committees that may be required
- Appointing Group administrators and advisors other than those who are elected

The major risks the Group is exposed to have been reviewed, the main areas of concern are:

- Reduction or loss of leaders/members. The group is totally reliant upon volunteers to run and administer the activities of the group. If there was a reduction in the number of leaders to an unacceptable level or a significant reduction in membership then there would be a contraction, consolidation or closure of a section.
- Damage to Group equipment and storage garages. The Group has sufficient buildings and contents insurance in place to compensate against permanent loss.

- Injury to leaders, helpers, supporters and members. The Group through capitation fees contributes to the Scout Association national accident insurance and public liability cover. Where appropriate risk assessments are undertaken before activities.
- Reduced income from fund raising. The Group is primarily reliant upon income from subscriptions, gift aid and fundraising. The Group does hold a reserve to ensure the continuity of activities should there be a major reduction in income. The committee could raise the value of subscriptions to increase the income to the group on an ongoing basis.
- The group has in place controls that are designed to provide reasonable assurance against material mismanagement or loss. Two signatories are required for all payment and comprehensive insurance policies are in place to ensure that insurable risks are covered.

Section C Objectives and activities

Summary of the objects of the charity set out in its governing document

The objectives of the group are as a unit of the Scout Association.

The aim of Scouting is to actively engage and support young people in their personal development, empowering them to make a positive contribution to society.

Scouting takes place when young people, in partnership with adults, work together following the Scouting values of integrity, respect, care, belief and co-operation. This will be achieved by providing enjoyable activities both indoors and outdoors where young people can learn by doing, share spiritual reflection, take responsibilities and make choices, undertake new and challenging activities, make and live by their promise and have fun.

Summary of the main activities undertaken for the public benefit

The Group meets the Charity Commission's public benefit criteria under both the 'advancement of education' and the 'advancement of citizenship and community development'.

Section D Achievements and performance

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

All sections of the Group (Beavers, Cubs and Scouts) have remained very active running to full capacity with a membership of 114 in January 2017.

Each section holds weekly meetings during term time, following a structured program to actively engage and support young people in their personal development, empowering them to make a positive contribution to society.

A whole Group camp takes place in May with sections organising additional camping activities during the year.

Each section organise numerous trips and nights away throughout the year but also come together for group social events that include parents and the wider scouting family.

Funds are carefully allocated to activities and events that are both enjoyable and add value to the members.

Section D

Achievements and performance

The group is actively fundraising to replace the current minibus or alternative transport solutions.
On-going operational cost are prudently examined and met to ensure the successful continuation of the group.

Section E

Financial review

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

The Group's policy on reserves is to hold sufficient resources to continue the charitable activities of the group should income and fundraising activities fall short. The Group Executive Committee considers that the group should hold a sum equivalent to 6 months running costs approximately £3000.

Further financial review details (Optional information)

- Investment policy and objectives including any ethical investment policy adopted.

The Group does not have sufficient funds to invest in longer terms investments. The Group has therefore adopted a risk adverse strategy to the investment of its funds. All funds are held in cash using only mainstream banks or building societies.

Section F

Other optional information

Section G

Declaration

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Full name(s)	Susan Parsons	Brian Buggins
	Treasurer	Group Scout Leader
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)		
Date	1/4/17	

Treasurers Report January 2016 to December 2016

These consolidated Group Accounts have been prepared in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice, Accounting and Reporting by Charities. They represent a combined general Group, Beaver, Cub and Scout Section accounts and relevant aspects of the Explorer Unit Accounts.

The 14th Canterbury Scout Group's overall reserves, as of 31st December 2016, have increased by £2,484.88 compared to 31st December 2015. This increase is due to reduced expenditure relating to maintenance costs of the garage and mini bus repair bills and a significant insurance premium savings. Additionally, no leader training requirements or renewals for this year ie courses that fall outside those covered by the Scout Association eg minibus training.

The UK Scout Association announced an increase to its membership fees from 2017. To accommodate this increase, it was agreed that Group membership subscription would be increased to £33, after remaining unchanged for 4 years. This equates to £3 per member per term from September 2016. This increase also covers the Group's overheads such as the hall hire, scouting equipment, badges, additional leader training and running a mini bus.

Looking at the year ahead the Group funds are healthy and able to support planned expenditure for the coming year.

Restricted Funds of £9,670.32 relates to our Transport Fund (formerly the Mini Bus Fund).

Susan Parsons
Group Treasurer

Scrutineer's Report to the Trustees of the 14th CANTERBURY SCOUT GROUP

I report on the accounts of the Group for the year ended 31ST December 2016

Respective responsibilities of Trustees and Scrutineer

As the Group's trustees you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts; you consider that neither the audit nor independent examination requirements of the Charities Act 2011 apply. It is my responsibility without carrying out an audit or independent examination to scrutinise the accounts and to report to you.

Basis of Scrutineer's Statement

In accordance with the directions given in the Group's/District's constitution, I have scrutinised the records and the accounts

Scrutineer's Statement

In my opinion the accounts are in accordance with the records produced to me and comply with the constitution.

Name: KEITH LAMPARD
Address: 25 OAKS PARK
ROUGH COMMON
CANTERBURY
KENT, CT2 9DP
Date: 23/06/17

14th CANTERBURY SCOUT GROUP SCOUT COUNCIL
RECEIPTS & PAYMENTS ACCOUNT FOR THE PERIOD
1st January 2016 to 31st December 2016
Charity Account Number 285810 HQ Registration No. 35908

	This Year General Funds £	This Year Restricted Funds £	This Year Total Funds £	Previous Year Funds £
Total Receipts for the year	21,997.49	1,789.89	23,787.38	23,699.61
Total Payments for the year	19,146.44		19,146.44	24,835.90
Net Receipts (payments) for the year	2,851.05	1,789.89	4,640.94 -	1,136.29
Cash bank and funds last year end	17,146.20	7,514.26	24,660.46	25,796.75
Transfer of funds	366.17	366.17		
Cash bank and funds this year end	19,631.08	9,670.32	29,301.40	24,660.46

14th CANTERBURY SCOUT GROUP SCOUT COUNCIL
Receipts for the period 1st January 2016 to 31st December 2016
Charity Account No 285810 HQ Registration No. 35908

	This Year General £	This Year Restricted £	Total This Year £	Previous Year £
MEMBERSHIP SUBSRIPTIONS				
Beavers	2,583.50		2,583.50	2,745.00
Cubs	3,359.00		3,359.00	3,173.00
Scouts	2,325.00		2,325.00	2,250.00
Explorers	1,332.00		1,332.00	1,430.00
Less: Capitation Paid on to County/District	4,368.00		4,368.00	4,716.00
Total	5,231.50	-	5,231.50	4,882.00
INVESTMENT INCOME RECEIVED				
NatWest Scout Council Interest	0.06		0.06	0.69
NatWest Webb Ivory Interest	0.02		0.02	0.12
NS&I Account	68.02		68.02	60.15
Total	68.10	-	68.10	60.96
DONATIONS/GRANTS				
Use of Minibus	150.00		150.00	125.00
Gift Aid	2,317.78		2,317.78	2,261.61
Donations	43.00		43.00	40.00
Total	2,510.78	-	2,510.78	2,426.61

14th CANTERBURY SCOUT GROUP SCOUT COUNCIL
Receipts for the period 1st January 2016 to 31st December 2016 - continued
Charity Account No 285810 HQ Registration No. 35908

	This Year General £	This Year Restricted £	Total This Year £	Previous Year £
ACTIVITIES (Sections)				
Beavers Spring B/H Camp	1,690.61		1,690.61	1,836.11
Beaver Trips/Activities	649.00		649.00	240.22
Beaver Sleepovers	584.00		584.00	1,525.20
Beaver Gilwell Park	1,086.50		1,086.50	
Cubs Spring B/H Camp	1,320.00		1,320.00	1,337.90
Cubs Activities				87.00
Cubs HMS Cavalier	1,815.00		1,815.00	
Cub Monopoly event	1,660.00		1,660.00	
Cubs Downe visit				950.00
Cubs Science Museum				2,100.00
Scouts Spring B/H camp	650.00		650.00	950.00
Scout Summer Camp	3,240.00		3,240.00	1,430.00
Explorer Spring B/H camp	159.50		159.50	183.00
Total	12,854.61	-	12,854.61	10,639.43
FUND RAISING				
Autumn Fayre (Transport fund section)				40.00
AGM/Social	116.00		116.00	195.00
Beaver badge sewing	175.50		175.50	77.40
Beavers fund raising				28.00
Scouts (Porchlight)				420.90
Campfire social	235.00		235.00	145.00
Total	526.50	-	526.50	906.30
Transport Fund				
Beaver Bingo		131.00	131.00	146.00
Garfield Weston Foundation Grant				2,000.00
Coin run		65.99	65.99	
Network		60.00	60.00	
Parent donations		170.00	170.00	220.00
Nosh and Knowledge		261.59	261.59	145.00
Lenleys		50.00	50.00	
Leslie Sells Charity Grant				500.00
Fun Rover				67.67
Smartie tubes				382.30
Westgate big lunch		61.20	61.20	
Bucket collection		113.87	113.87	40.77
Autumn Fayre		876.24	876.24	902.57
Total	-	1,789.89	1,789.89	4,404.31
SUNDRY RECEIPTS				
Beavers Uniform	626.50		626.50	300.00
Cubs Uniform				65.00
Scouts Uniform	5.00		5.00	5.00
Explorers Uniform	60.00		60.00	
Nearly New	81.50		81.50	
Equipment (Logbooks)	33.00		33.00	10.00
Total	806.00	-	806.00	380.00
TOTAL RECEIPTS FOR THE YEAR	21,997.49	1,789.89	23,787.38	23,699.61

14th CANTERBURY SCOUT GROUP SCOUT COUNCIL
Payments for the period 1st January 2016 to 31st December 2016
Charity Account No 285810 HQ Registration No. 35908

	This Year General £	This Year Restricted £	This Year Total £	Previous Year £
OPERATIONAL COSTS				
Hire of Methodist Hall	797.00		797.00	1,640.50
Garage /equipment insurance	352.73		352.73	561.72
Total	1,149.73	-	1,149.73	2,202.22
MINIBUS				
Minibus Expenses	835.13		835.13	1,552.67
Tax/Insurance	784.43		784.43	773.20
Total	1,619.56	-	1,619.56	2,325.87
ADMINISTRATION				
AGM/Social	140.91		140.91	405.81
Stationary/scout manager	24.00		24.00	43.00
Total	164.91	-	164.91	448.81
ADULT HELPERS				
Training				400.00
Total	-	-	-	400.00
PURCHASE OF EQUIPMENT				
Scouting/camping Equipment	1,525.28		1,525.28	745.08
Total	1,525.28	-	1,525.28	745.08
ACTIVITIES (Sections)				
Beaver Sleepovers	529.96		529.96	1,634.58
Beaver Monday night	610.29		610.29	
Beaver Camp Expenses	836.88		836.88	761.98
Beaver Activities/Trips	784.00		784.00	908.09
Beaver Gilwell Park	1,040.00		1,040.00	
Cubs Camp expenses	689.47		689.47	733.04
Cubs Xmas Party				79.68
Cubs Activities	118.22		118.22	71.37
Cubs HMS Cavalier	1,492.36		1,492.36	
Cubs Downe Camp				1,508.40
Cubs Science museum	208.40		208.40	1,806.16
Cubs Monopoly event	1,088.70		1,088.70	432.00
Scout spring camp expenses	315.00		315.00	326.83
Scouts summer camp	2,928.28		2,928.28	1,209.42
Scout Activities	640.72		640.72	274.31
Total	11,282.28	-	11,282.28	9,745.86
FUND RAISING				
Camp Fire social	141.10		141.10	190.23
Total	141.10	-	141.10	190.23
DONATIONS				
Retirement/Leaving gift	77.95		77.95	183.00
St Peters Methodist	40.00		40.00	40.00
Howletts/Westgate roses	120.79		120.79	
Porchlight				420.90
Total	238.74	-	238.74	643.90

14th CANTERBURY SCOUT GROUP SCOUT COUNCIL
Payments for the period 1st January 2016 to 31st December 2016 - continued
Charity Account No 285810 HQ Registration No. 35908

	This Year General £	This Year Restricted £	This Year Total £	Previous Year £
OTHER EXPENSES				
Scout Shop Badges	631.78		631.78	1,011.79
Scarves	152.00		152.00	
Uniform	688.10		688.10	415.40
Garage Purchase				3,911.00
Garage maintainance				1,116.38
Spring B/H Camp deposit	50.00		50.00	250.00
Spring B/H Camp	1,502.96		1,502.96	1,429.36
Total	3,024.84	-	3,024.84	8,133.93
TOTAL PAYMENTS FOR THE YEAR	19,146.44	-	19,146.44	24,835.90

14th CANTERBURY SCOUT GROUP SCOUT COUNCIL
Statement of Assets & Liabilities for the period ending December 31st 2016
Charity Account No 285810

MONETARY ASSETS	This Year General £	This Year Restricted £	This Year Total £	Previous Year £
NatWest Current Account Scout Group	9,817.46		9,817.46	5,859.73
NatWest Fundraising Account	-		-	1,138.43
Natwest Business Reerve Scout Group	0.01		0.01	1,333.13
NS&I Saving Account	3,678.89	9,670.32	13,349.21	11,125.13
Current Account Beavers	2,282.10		2,282.10	2,060.03
Current Account Cubs	1,853.24		1,853.24	1,096.63
Current Account Scouts	1,999.38		1,999.38	2,047.38
Total	19,631.08	9,670.32	29,301.40	24,660.46

OTHER MONETARY ASSETS

Current Account Explorers	186.78	508.56
Gift Aid Claim anually	2,200.00	2,200.00

NON-MONETARY ASSETS Assets for Charity's own use, shown at cost

LANDS, BUILDINGS, MOTOR VEHICLE	Cost £	Cost £
Garages, 6,7 Ulcombe Gardens, acquired 1982, Garage 9 Ulcombe Gardens aquired 2015, combined acquisition cost [Deeds held in trust]		4,000.00
Motor Vehicles Minibus (acquired July 2005)		13,800.00
Scouting Equipment, Furniture, etc (acquired from 1982 onwards)		25,800.00
Total	-	43,600.00

The non monetary assets above are all stated at cost. The trustees estimate the current value to be:

	£
Garages	15,000.00
Minibus	1,500.00
Scouting equipment etc (based on replacement cost)	33,951.00

The above receipts and payments account and statement of assets and liabilities were approved by the Trustees on 18th May 2017 and signed on their behalf by:

Print name: Susan Parsons, Treasurer
Print name: Brian Buggins, Group Scout Leader