



Annual Report 2013-2014

Presented at the Annual General Meeting, 7th July 2014



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Please note that the 6th Beeston Scout Group Accounts 2013-14 are in a separate document.

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Group Secretary:	Simon Young
Group Treasurer:	Katharina Meyer-Ohle
Maintenance Officer:	Vacancy
Webmaster:	Aimee Gamble-Milner
Bookings Secretary:	Tina McGrath
Quarter Master:	Darren Guest
Fundraising Secretary :	Wendy Spencer
Chairman of Holding Trustees:	Anthony "Joe" Chamberlain
Holding Trustees:	Jill Barnes Colyn Kemp Stewart Robinson
Group President:	Richard Moorhouse
Group Life Members:	Anne Jones Phil Peck Richard Moorhouse

Group Scout Leader's Report

Well another year has flown by and it was yet another 12 months packed full of exciting Scouting events! The highlights have included the Scouts going to Poacher International camp, and recently climbing on rocks in the Peak District. The Cubs enjoyed their annual Summer Camp (especially building shelters in the woods) and the Beavers have just been ten pin bowling as part of their packed programme. As usual the annual January NESST walk at Walesby was well attended by the sections. The Scout are now getting ready for their annual summer camp - this time up in Lancashire - where they will get the chance to try out gorge walking, axe throwing, and spending 24hrs learning survival skills under shelters they will have to build themselves!

Keep up to date with events and news by checking our new website for pictures and information of everything the group does! www.6thbeeston.co.uk
You can also follow us on Twitter @6thBeestonScout

This year the group did some amazing fundraising for ShelterBox, a disaster relief charity that provides practical help for families who have lost everything. We held cake sales, public events, open days, race nights and sleepovers raising a total of £1739.31 for the ShelterBox organisation to provide two boxes outright and support three more helping five families in a disaster area somewhere on the planet.

6th Beeston continues to go from strength to strength with our numbers of young people constantly growing. All of this is thanks to our amazing volunteers who plan and run the Group, particularly the section meetings and various events.

Thanks go to the members of our Executive Committee, who look after the administrative management of the Group, enabling the uniformed volunteers to concentrate on the programme and young people, and ensuring that they have the finances to do so. The committee is also responsible for looking after the lovely building we meet in.

Also, a big thank you goes to the family support we get, transporting equipment to camps, running crafts, activities, fundraising etc. It would be great to see more family members coming forward more often to help at events, section meetings, fundraising and preparation for camps to support the volunteers who run a full and active programme for the young people.

Scouting is such a rewarding organisation to get involved with. It takes you places and gets you involved with the things you had always dreamt of as well as those you had never dreamt of. It keeps giving great times, great skills and great friendships!

Thank you to everyone for what you do. Here's looking forward to another fantastic year of Scouting at 6th Beeston.

Colyn, Daz and Phil
The Group Scout Leader Team

Chairman's Report

This year has been another successful year for the group. Disruption caused by the tram works has not dampened the spirits of the children or leaders, or inhibited any activities. The wide range of exciting activities can be read about in the individual section reports.

I am also pleased to announce that we have had a positive year regards rental income from casual hirers i.e. birthday parties. This is in response to a more proactive approach to advertising, and our fantastic new website.

The outside space is a useful facility but is in need of attention and this is something that we hope to address within the next 12 months.

Yet again subscription fees have not increased; our 8th consecutive year. This is because the executive team feel very strongly that revenue from rental income and fundraising should go back into scouting to benefit the children and make scouting available to all.

I would like to acknowledge the fantastic contribution of time and enthusiasm given by the various Section Leaders and the Section Assistants to this Scout Group. I also wish to praise the time, energy and enthusiasm put into the Group by the Group Scout Leader, Assistant Group Scout Leaders and the members of the Executive Committee. The contribution of all of these people is essential to the smooth running of the Group and greatly appreciated.

I would also like to thank our hirers without whom we could not finance the maintenance of our building. We aim to achieve a good working relationship with our hirers and value their help and assistance with the running of the building.

The various sections require additional help during specific activities and I would like to thank all those parents who have given their time to help with various activities such as camps, transport, catering and supervising activities at events such as the Summer Event. All contributions of time, no matter how small, are greatly appreciated.

I look forward to the coming year and expect it to be just as successful as the last.

Julian Watson
Group Chair

Treasurer's Report (Financial year 2013/14)

It has been another good year for the Group's finances, however as always the work of fundraising continues.

Income

Subscriptions: Membership subscription fees have remained unchanged since January 2006. Standing orders continue to result in more timely payments by parents and also make life easier for the Treasurer. A total of £6,194 in subscriptions was collected this financial year. This income to the Group was off-set by the payment of our membership fees of £6,876 to the South West Notts. District Scout Association. Due to a change in the due date of the payment to the district this financial year includes the membership fees for 2013 and 2014 of £3,240 and £3,636 respectively.

Fundraising: The Group raised £252 for Group Funds during the year. This included £56 from a stall at the District Firework Display, £53 from Tea Towel sales, £19 from Easyfundraising and £124 from glass and paper recycling at the West End recycling centre which we look after on behalf of Broxtowe Borough Council. Please support the group by using Easyfundraising and the recycling centre. The Scout section raised £1,163 for their summer camp at Poacher 2013 with the sponsored NESST walk, bag packing and a Quiz Night. The biggest success however was the Group Fundraising for Shelterbox which resulted in a fantastic donation of £1,739 to Shelterbox's work.

Donations/Grants: The Group reclaimed £1,331 in Gift Aid, so please make sure you complete the Gift Aid part in the registration pack. The Group also was the beneficiary of a £2,000 legacy. Other donations included £200 from South West Notts. District for use of Scout HQ for meetings, £100 from the Nationwide Community Fund, £75 raised by one of the Scouts who completed the Coast to Coast bike ride.

Rental Income: We have continued to hire out the Scout Headquarters to help with the running costs and raised £12,747 in rental income for the year. Our hirers included 6th Beeston Guides, 6th Beeston Brownies, Magellan Explorers, Pre-school 345 and The South West Notts. Tram and Light Railway Society as well as casual rentals for birthday parties.

Expenditure

Premises: The cost of ownership of land and buildings continues to be the major source of expenditure for the Group. The total premises cost came to £11,511 for the year which included: £3,430 for insurance, £2,845 for electricity, £1,619 on cleaning, £2,060 on general repairs and maintenance, £394 for Performing Rights licences and £107 for the Beeston Bid Levy.

Activities: All sections were involved in various activities away from the Group Headquarters throughout the year. The cost of these activities was £5,870. Most of the activities were self-financing with the exception of Poacher 2013 camp which received a £440 subsidy from the Group as to assist with transport costs and leaders' fees.

Equipment: Equipment purchases for camping and headquarters came to £1080.

Net receipts for the year

The Group showed an operating surplus for the year of £2142.33.

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Assets

The Group's Assets currently stand at £ 35,367.67. This includes funds for medium term and long term building maintenance, cover in case of loss of a major hirer, camping equipment maintenance and replacement and subsidies for scouting activities.

Katharina Meyer-Ohle
Group Treasurer

Beaver Section Report

What a busy and exciting year we have shared, starting with our very short St George's Day Parade avoiding the tram works. It is always an important occasion, but this was our opportunity to say goodbye and thank you to Stu, our District Commissioner.

Our intrepid Beavers and Leaders took part in not one, but two NESST Hikes as 2013's was postponed to April due to snow, we still had snow in April, but it was not quite as thick! 2014's hike took place on its customary January date. It is always great fun to go tramping through Walesby Forest, and sometimes a little challenging for our younger ones who suddenly realise they are not sure where they are anymore. Luckily the Leaders do know how to help Beavers follow the clues to find our way and we always get back safely!

This year's cultural tour has led to us exploring Australia with Foxy who told us about the unique animals and landscape. Rupert Bear told us about gigantic forests and massive waterfalls in South America and she let us play some very interesting musical instruments. Swti Bear talked about his year in Africa and even showed us photographs of Lord Baden Powell's grave which he visited while he was there. Closer to home, we have also explored the culture, food and languages of Wales and Italy.

Along with the Cubs, Scouts, Magellan Explorers and Trent Scout Network, we have spent much of the year learning about the work of ShelterBox and thinking about what it must be like to lose everything as well as raising funds to buy a ShelterBox. It is fair to say our Beavers are very kind and thoughtful and sometimes maybe even realise just how lucky they are. On one special day in October, we even had a real ShelterBox in our Headquarters and a handful of Beavers were invested in the ShelterBox Tent! Along with the rest of our Group Family, we are really proud to wear our International Partnership Award on our uniforms www.6thbeeston.co.uk/2014/international-partnership-award/

Our Group ShelterBox Sleepover was a different experience. It was very exciting, but also rather challenging for everyone. The Leaders worked hard to ensure that each section had their own age-appropriate bedtimes and privileges. You can read about this on our website: www.6thbeeston.co.uk/blog/group/page/3/

We have invested plenty of new Beavers, welcomed new Leaders and awarded Chief Scout Bronze Awards to our older Beavers before they link up to Cubs. As well as all this we have played games, made music, created art, grown plants, talked about staying safe, thought about Christmas and Remembrance, eaten healthily and internationally, made robots and rockets, gone bowling, proved we know all about computers and even invited our families to join us for a picnic and fun.

Our numbers have been very healthy. At times it has looked as though our wish list might topple over and become a waiting list, but by stretching our colony size, we have managed to squeeze in every wishful Beaver, thanks to excellent teamwork from our brilliant and flexible Leadership Team who always do our best to fit in around each other and provide sufficient cover. The Leaders do this with great enthusiasm and vigour, even though we are very busy juggling work, family, health and study. Our reward is to work with amazing Beaver Scouts who keep us young and make us smile - most of the time!

Scouting is a GREAT BIG ADVENTURE that begins in the Beaver Section. Long may the adventure continue!

You can find out what we are up to on our website: www.6thbeeston.co.uk

6th Beeston Scout Group



Thank you Beaver Families for all your support.

Thank you Brilliant Beaver Leaders (and our families) for being a fantastic team.

Thank you Beavers for being the best and most Brilliant Beavers in the whole wide world and Beeston.

Carmel Gummatt-Kemp – Paddington, Beaver Scout Leader

On behalf of the Brilliant Beaver Leader Team: Adele, Emily(x2), Robert, Sarah, James, Huw, Bronek, Emma and our Young Leaders Rufus, Fred and Ranjeet



Cub Section Report

This year has been another successful one in the Cub section. We continue to benefit from a strong leadership team.

This year most of the Cubs passed their Chef badge, IT badge, Emergency Aid badge, Road Safety badge, Scientist badge and Entertainers badge! We have walked at night through fields and woods, visited the Fire station and still had time for games at Dovecote Lane Park as well as the Lego night. Do we really only meet for an hour and half on Monday?

Well, no we don't, we did have a Sunday for St. George's day at Hemlock campsite for the whole district. Cubs, Beavers, Scouts, Explorers and Scout Network had an afternoon of fun, games, and a lot of scouting activities. Only two Cubs attended and only one parent sent apologies. COME ON PARENTS.

This year we have been able to award two Chief Scout's Silver Award; to Oran and Edward.

We are off on our summer camp to The Oaks in Charnwood campsite, Leicestershire, in July. Shere Khan is organising a fun-filled weekend with archery, climbing, grass sledging, jungle-run assault course and a visit to the black hole! There are still some places left so don't miss it.

I would like to thank the team for their continuing support helping the Cub section to stay active and fun.

Rich Needham, Cub Scout Leader

Assisted by

Aimee Gamble-Milner, Haley Huang, Drew Allen, Nuttavee Needham, Terry Morroll, Dave Kendall, Sarah Watson, Zoe Siu, Harriet Burson-Thomas and our star Young Leader Issie.

Scout Section Report

Introduction

The Scout section has had a fun-filled and packed year! We have been on many camps, had many adventures and tried many new activities! During this year we have lost the valuable service of some of our long serving leaders and I would like to take this opportunity to thank them for all of their hard work.

Members

Numbers have once again remained fairly consistent and we are pleased that the members we have attend regularly and are committed to extra events. While we have said goodbye to a number of our older Scouts we have been pleased to welcome plenty of new members from inside and outside the movement, they have settled in well and are enjoying the challenges and activities the Scout section provides. Our plans for the future involve us promoting some Scouts to take on the responsibilities of becoming a PL or APL and a re-structuring of the Patrols to encourage team work and leadership.

Activities

This year has been filled with a huge variety of activities, to give a quick snapshot we have done: climbing, walking, pioneering, laser tag, board games, fire lighting, first aid, cooking, crafts... We also took part, and won, the District Quiz for the third year in the row! We also took part in the annual St. George's Day event and the Remembrance Sunday parade.

Camping

As for camping, the Scouts have had plenty of opportunity to get outdoors and enjoy a wide range of different camps this year. For us at 6th Beeston the traditional start to the camping season is Easter and this year was no exception! Our adventure challenge camp took place in a very chilly Sherbrooke Scout Campsite where the Scouts took part in archery, tunnelling, pioneering, climbing, abseiling... all to earn their Adventure Challenge badge.

Our main camp of the year is always our Summer Camp and this year we went to Poacher 2013, one of the largest camps we have ever been on with thousands of Scouts and Guides on site and a huge array of activities, crafts and adventures. The camp was a joint camp with 68th Leicester Scouts and the Scouts had a great time together.

In the autumn term we had our usual sleepovers. We've taken part in the Jamboree on the Internet for a few years now but this year was the first time we also went on the airways! The Scouts got in contact with hundreds of young people from across the globe using chat programmes, skype and radios. We also had our traditional Christmas Sleepover to celebrate the end of the year.

In January we took a team to take part in the NESST Hike, camping at Walesby for the whole weekend. They took 5 hours 22 minutes coming in 41st!

Conclusion

Overall the Scout Section has had a busy year and has achieved a lot and had a lot of fun along the way. The Scout Section is now looking forward to another exciting year of Scouting at 6th Beeston, especially our summer camp at Littledale Scout Campsite!

Yours in Scouting, Paul 'Skip' Gibson, Scout Leader, 6th Beeston Scouts

Annual General Meeting, 7th July 2014

Agenda

1. Attendance and Apologies
2. Minutes of Last Meeting
3. Any Matters Arising
4. Presentation of Reports
5. Appointment of Group Chair
6. Election of Officers 2014-2015
 - a. Group Secretary
 - b. Group Treasurer
 - c. Bookings Secretary
 - d. Social Secretary
 - e. Group Webmaster
 - f. Fund-raising Co-ordinator
 - g. Maintenance Co-ordinator
 - h. Ordinary Executive Members
7. Presentations
8. District Commissioners Address
9. Close of meeting

Annual General Meeting 2013

15th July 2013

Minutes of Annual General Meeting

Attendees	Group Chair	Julian Watson
	Group Secretary	Simon Young
	Group Treasurer	Katharina Meyer-Ohle
	Group Web Master	Aimee Gamble/Jon Emmett
	Fund Raising Coordinator	Zoe Harrison
	Group Scout Leader	Colyn Kemp
	Beaver Section Leader	Carmel Gummett-Kemp
	Club Section Leader	Richard Needham
	Scout Section Leader	Paul Gibson
AGSL/Quartermaster	Darren Guest	

Apologies	Bookings Secretary	Tina McGrath
		Anne Jones
		Phil Peck

2) Previous Minutes The minutes of the previous AGM were accepted

3) Matters Arising None

4) Reports

The reports were introduced and the attendees invited to read them. No comments were made.

a) Group Scout Leader's Report

b) Executive Reports

c) Section Reports

d) Statement of Accounts

5) Appointment of Group Chair

The GSL invited Julian Watson to take the post. Agreed.

6) Officers 2013-2014

Group Secretary	Simon Young
Group Treasurer	Katharina Meyer-Ohle
Bookings Secretary	Tina McGrath
Group Webmaster	Aimee Gamble
Social Secretary	Vacant
Fundraising Co-ordinator	Vacant
Maintenance Co-ordinator	Vacant
Ordinary Executive Members	Vacant

Jon Emmett and Zoe Harrison stepped down from the Executive committee this year. Thank you for your support to the group.

7) Comments from the District Commissioner

Currently there is no District Commissioner.