

6th Beeston Scout Group



Annual Report 2015-2016

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Young Leaders:	Fredrick Spencer



Group Chairman: chair@6thbeeston.co.uk	Julian Watson
Group Secretary:	Simon Young
Group Treasurer:	Katharina Meyer-Ohle
Maintenance Officer:	VACANT
Webmaster:	VACANT
Bookings Secretary:	VACANT
Quarter Master:	VACANT
Fundraising Secretary :	VACANT
Chairman of Holding Trustees:	Anthony "Joe" Chamberlain
Holding Trustees:	Jill Barnes Colyn Kemp Stewart Robinson
Group President:	Richard Moorhouse
Group Life Members:	Phil Peck Richard Moorhouse

Group Scout Leader's Report

I am pleased to report on another successful year packed full of exciting Scouting events, the highlights of which are detailed in the separate reports from the Beaver, Cub and Scout sections. All of our young people have been progressing through the Award Scheme and had a huge amount of fun along the way. Whether they noticed it or not, they have gained not only badges, but skills, knowledge and values that will help to equip them to be effective members of their local, national and international communities.

This success is due to the hard work and dedication of our section leadership teams. Thanks go to all our uniformed leaders and non-uniformed helpers for delivering such an exciting programme for our young people week-in and week-out.

Thanks also go to all the members of our Executive Committee, who look after the administrative management of the Group, enabling the uniformed volunteers to concentrate on delivering the programme. The committee is also responsible for looking after the impressive building we meet in.

We are very lucky to have a huge amount of parental support with transporting equipment, fund-raising, camps and events, section meetings and so on. The list goes on. This support is crucial to the success of the Group. Thank you very much!

The Group provides a community facility for the local area that is regularly used by the 345 Playgroup; the Brownies; the Rainbows, the District Explorers, the District Network, The East Midlands Tram and Light Railway Society and for one-off lets for meetings and celebrations. The Headquarters, then, is used by a variety of groups supporting people from the very young to those who are retired. Scouting in Beeston is most definitely a part of the community, not apart from the community, and will continue to support others in the future.

6th Beeston continues to go from strength to strength with our numbers of young people growing yet again this year. We have now reached the point where all our sections are effectively full, and we have a joining list that is full out to October 2019. Last year, the District commissioner challenged us to open new sections to cope with the demand, but sadly, we have been unable to find any more adult volunteers to provide the extra capacity at this time. This development remains one of the Group's ambitions.

It is a privilege and an honour to support such a hard-working and generous group of leaders and supporters delivering such excellent Scouting experiences helping more young people to achieve more.

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

Keep up to date with Group news by following us on Twitter (@6thBeestonScout).and checking our website (www.6thbeeston.co.uk).for pictures and information about everything the Group does!

Colyn
Group Scout Leader

Chairman's Report

This year has been another successful year for the group. With tram works firmly behind us at last, we can focus on taking advantage of our prime location.

The group continues to be self-financing by letting out the HQ when not in use for scouting activities. This revenue not only offsets the high cost of maintaining a multi-use building such as ours, but also facilitates the closer integration of scouting within the local community.

Over the last 18 months we have been working to secure the long term future stake holding of the building by changing ownership to the Scouts Association Trustees Corporation. This change has now been through solicitors and lodged with the Land Registry. We are waiting on the Land Registry to process the update and expect them to update their records imminently. I would like to thank our previous holding trustees for their time and effort in keeping a watchful eye on the running of the building since it was built.

Yet again subscription fees have not increased; our 10th 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 young people 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 Leader 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.

Many thanks go to Darren Guest (ex Quartermaster), Aimee Gamble-Milner (ex Webmaster), Taryn Donnelly (ex Bookings secretary) and Wendy Spencer (ex Fundraising) for their roles within the exec team during the year. Although they no longer serve on the exec team, all of them maintain a strong involvement with the group or district.

Our annual accounts are audited by David Meatcher whom I would like to thank for his continued support.

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.

This year will be my last as Group Chairperson. I have thoroughly enjoyed my involvement with the group and feel confident that the new chairperson will continue to steer the group from strength to strength. I would like to thank everyone on the exec committee for their help, guidance and enthusiasm during my tenure and I wish 6th Beeston every success for the future.

Julian Watson
Group Chair

Treasurer's Report (Financial year 2015/16)

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 £7,621 in subscriptions was collected this financial year. This income to the Group was off-set by the payment of our membership fees of £3,611 to the South West Notts District Scout Association.

Fundraising: The Group raised £693 for Group Funds during the year. This included £106 from a stall at the District Firework Display to support the summer camp 2016 in Estonia, £86 from Easyfundraising, £285 from bag packing and £209 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.

Donations/Grants: The Group reclaimed £1,374 in Gift Aid, so please make sure you complete the Gift Aid declaration on the standing order form. £200 was received from South West Notts District for use of Scout HQ for meetings.

Rental Income: We have continued to hire out Scout Headquarters to help with the running costs and received £14,595 in rental income for the year. Our hirers included 6th Beeston Guides, 6th Beeston Brownies, 5th Beeston Rainbows, Magellan Explorers, Pre-school 345, The Tram and Light Railway Society and an Apostolic Church as well as casual rentals for 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 £9,544 for the year which included: £1,299 for insurance, £313 for telephone provision, £2,760 for electricity, £464 for the water supply, £400 for waste removal, £1,997 on cleaning, £1,983 on general repairs and maintenance and £405 for Performing Rights licences.

Activities: All sections were involved in various activities away from the Group Headquarters throughout the year. The cost of these activities was £7,245. Most of the activities were self-financing apart from leaders' camping fees which were covered by the Group.

Equipment: Equipment purchases for camping and headquarters came to £774.

Neckers/Badges etc.: £381 was spent on neckers, woggles, badges and handbooks.

Admin Expenses: Admin expenses came to £335 covering broadband, training, stationery, stamps and web hosting.

Legal Expenses: Legal expenses of £40 were incurred relating to the transfer of the building to the Scout Association Trust Corporation.



Net receipts for the year

The Group showed an operating surplus for the year of £9,546.70. £1,040 of this surplus is due to arrears incurred to Scottish Power due to an incorrect determination of the monthly direct debit. These arrears will be paid to Scottish Power via increased monthly payments.

Assets

The Group's Assets at the end of the financial year 2015/2016 are £48,085.12. 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. It also includes designated funds of £464 raised for the summer camp 2016 in Estonia.

Katharina Meyer-Ohle
Group Treasurer

Beaver Section Report

Once again, 6th Beeston Beavers have shared a very busy and exciting year exploring the world around us, honing our scouting skills and enjoying adventures.

The year began last spring with us celebrating St George's Day at Hemlock Camp. We made woggles and played in the woods. Taz from Scouts brought his swords and armour so that we could dress up as knights - he taught us how to use a sword safely.

We joined the Cubs and Scouts at The Big Weekend, in Southwell. We met hundreds of other Beavers too. We had loads of fun climbing, digging for treasure, and trying out new crafts. It was great arriving at camp in time to eat breakfast with the others. We had a picnic there and saw the tents where the Cubs and Scouts sleep.

In the summer, we held a sleepover at the Headquarters. Some of the Scouts came early to help us pitch a tent and then we all ate our tea together inside it! Then they taught us how to light a fire and the other Scouts arrived so we toasted marshmallows and sang campfire songs. Later, we said goodnight to the Scouts and went to bed but we were up very early telling jokes and having fun before setting off on a treasure hunt around Beeston. It was great fun.

Kaa from Cubs invited the Swashbucklers to come and teach us how to fence! So we had another go at sword-fighting!

In the autumn, as soon as we were able to, we went for a ride on the brand new tram and then walked back to our HQ. Our Tram friends told us how the tram works and why we must be very careful near the tracks. ALWAYS stop and look both ways really carefully and listen before you cross a Tram line!

Our friends from the Police came to visit us. They let us try on some uniform and use their walkie-talkies. It was fun exploring the front of their van, but we didn't really like being in the back of the van.

Our biggest winter adventure was the NESST Beaver Ramble at Walesby Forest. We followed a trail and had great fun exploring while tramping through the woods. There are some lovely trees to climb there and we always meet lots of Beavers from other colonies too.

Meanwhile, we have been finding out about life in other countries as well as our own:

Rupert Bear went to Canada and saw real live Beavers. She was able to tell us so much more about them and even stood on a real Beaver Dam!

We joined the Scouts at JOTI – Jamboree on the Internet. We used computers to talk to other Beavers on the Internet, we decoded secret messages like spies, we learned some sign language and we even learned how to sign our Beaver Promise! Gummi Bear told us about Germany and taught us to count in German.

Cucum Bear told us all about her trip to Japan for the World Scout Jamboree. She brought us Japanese sweets to try too!

Eire Bear visited and taught us Irish Dancing.

Foxy Bear organised our very own Scottish Highland Games.

Paddington taught us our names in Italian while Cookie Bear helped us make pizza.

As usual we have been combining these adventures with plenty of Scouting Skills combining creativity with learning to keep ourselves safe and well.



Over the past year, we have invested so many new Beavers that we have been at capacity all year. Almost all of our Beavers have linked up to Cubs proudly wearing their Chief Scout's Bronze Award. As Beaver Scouting reaches its 30th birthday, we are proud to say that 6th Beeston Beaver Colony is thriving.

Scouting is a GREAT BIG Stargazing, Junk-modelling, Robot-inventing, Bird-watching, Seed-planting, Music-making, Pizza-baking, Firework-painting, Promise-making, Domino-Tracking, Story-telling, Game-playing, Song-singing, Knot-tying, Tent-pitching, Fire-lighting, Friend-making, Necker-rolling,



Challenging ADVENTURE that starts with Beavers. Long may the Scouting Adventures continue!

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

Thank you Beaver Families for all your support.

Thank you Brilliant Beaver Leaders, Young 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.

Paddington - Carmel Gummatt-Kemp

On behalf of the Brilliant Beaver Leader Team beavers@6thbeeston.co.uk

Cub Section Report

Another packed year in the cubs section, starting with a night spent fencing with real swords which everyone enjoyed. Then we were sad to say goodbye to Baloo (Aimee Gamble-Milner) who left the cubs leadership team.

For the first time in anyone's memory we went camping in November. This was a huge success and we will do it again.

We had a fantastic time at the Carol concert, performing a play which the audience really enjoyed.

After many years of service, Dave Kendall left us as he moved back to his home town up north. We all miss you Dave. Sorry to see you leave (apart from the fact that he will still come back for camps to cook 😊).

This year celebration of cubs 100 years started with a party in the Doncaster dome where the cubs took part in ice skating, swimming and dined together.

We also visited a fire station, learnt all about how a station runs, looked over all the equipment on a fire engine and played with the hoses.

As always I would like to thank the leadership team for all their hard work, especially when Kim and I go for a month in Thailand. Sorry guys!

Lastly I'm sorry to say another valued leader has left us as work took her back to her native Austria, so Christiane, thank you for your valued support. Which leaves just, Terry (Bagheera), Nuttavee (Kim), Drew (Kaa), Rachel (Raksha) and Chris ably assisted by our young leaders Issie (Chil) and Alex.

Although the coming year will see some of the team away at times our cub numbers will stay at a maximum, so it may be a bumpy ride next year. However this year's summer camp, celebrating the 100 years, sees a record number under canvass, over 50 of us! Brilliant.

Yours in Cub Scouting,

Rich Needham (Rama)
Cub Scout Leader

Scout Section Report

Over the last year, the Scout section has continued to deliver a varied programme, supporting our Scouts in achieving their Chief Scout's Gold award and growing as members of our community.

As in previous years, we have continued to provide multiple opportunities for our young people to take part in nights away activities, including a Bike Hike across Nottinghamshire, a high ropes activity camp and many more.

Last year's Summer Camp was also quite exciting. With a theme of 'Back to Basics', around twenty scouts got to practice whittling, carving and leatherwork, making wooden spoons, leather pouches and the like, as well as constructing a semi-permanent mud oven on our site, using it throughout the week, cooking pizzas, pies and cakes, and using a primitive pit oven to roast a whole lamb and feed the camp. This was also the camp that we introduced hammocking to the Scouts, and every Scout pitched and slept in a hammock for at least one night.

After last year's High Ropes camp Phil Danaford-Knight stepped down as Scout Leader and since then the Scout section has been managed by the Leadership team. Phil has gone on to join the District team, and is organising a number of activities for all Scout sections in the District. We'd like to thank Phil for everything he did for the Scout section and the Group, in his role as SL and the various other roles he's held at 6th over the years.

Towards the end of 2015, we welcomed Jamie Drummond to our leadership team. He has integrated well with the team. Over the Spring term the Scout section also played host to a visiting scout leader from Toulouse, France; William Dallaporta, where he got to sample a range of the activities we offer our Scouts at our weekly meetings.

Early in 2016, our Scouts attended the District Quiz as the defending champions. One of our teams won, so 6th Beeston have retained the trophy for another year.

The Scout Association have set up the A Million Hands initiative, which aims to have 500,000 pledges to help with social issues in our local and global communities. 6th Beeston's Scouts have chosen to focus on water issues and we're exploring ways that we can help, including adopting part of a local canal and developing a WaterAid project.

In early May, we sent 9 Scouts to the District survival camp. There, the Scouts learned everything they needed for their Survival Skills activity badge. We will be organising a survival camp in the future, where these scouts will be able to pass on the skills they've learned.

Later this year, 20 scouts, explorers and leaders from 6th Beeston will be joining around 90 others from the county on a 2 week trip to Estonia. We've already met with many of the others in the UK contingent, and we've been fundraising to help reduce the cost to our participants.

The 6th Beeston Scout Leadership team will continue to provide a number of different Nights Away opportunities and a wide range of activities and challenges through our weekly programme, which our Scouts always seem to embrace and enjoy.

Stuart Kemp
Scout Leader

Annual General Meeting, 4th July 2016

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 2016-2017
 - 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 2015 Minutes

6th July 2015

1. Attendance and Apologies

Attendance

Group Chair	Julian Watson
Group Secretary	Simon Young
Group Treasurer	Katharina Meyer-Ohle
Group Web Master	Aimee Gamble
Fund Raising Coordinator	Wendy Spencer
Group Section Leader	Colin Kemp
Beaver Section Leader	Carmel Gummett-Kemp
Club Section Leader	Richard Needham

Apologies

Bookings Secretary	Taryn Donnelly
Life Member	Anne Jones
Life Member	Phil Peck

2. Minutes of Last Meeting

Approved

3. Any Matters Arising

None

4. Presentation of Reports

Group reports were made available to those attending.

As part of the treasurer report it was noted that the Group accounts were accepted by the independent auditor David Meacher who audited the accounts for this year and he was appointed for a further year.

5. Appointment of Chair

Julian Watson was re-elected Chair.

6. Election of Officers.

The following officers were re-elected for the year 2015-2016

Group Secretary	Simon Young
Group Treasurer	Katharina Meyer-Ohle
Bookings Secretary	Taryn Donnelly
Group Webmaster	Aimee Gamble
Fund Raising Co-ordinator	Wendy Spencer
Social Secretary	Vacant
Maintenance Co-ordinator	Vacant



Ordinary Executive Members Vacant

7. Comments from the District Commissioner

Simon Clark the new District Commissioner made a presentation to the 6th Beeston Scout Group.

Simon made the following points:

The challenge of creating new sections to meeting growing demand for scouting in South West Notts District.

The Beavers are 30 years old

The Cubs are 100 years old

The 6th Beeston Scout Group is 80 years old.