

6th Beeston Scout Group



Annual Report 2017-2018

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The Team

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Young Leaders:	Issie McElhone (Chil) Alex Wickens Harry Walton
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Young Leaders:	Fredrick Spencer

Group Chairman: chair@6thbeeston.co.uk	Alexander Tarr
Group Secretary:	Richard Hill
Group Treasurer:	Katharina Meyer-Ohle
Maintenance Officer:	VACANT
Webmaster:	Simon Young
Bookings Secretary:	VACANT
Parent Engagement Secretary:	Louise Wilson
Quarter Master:	VACANT
Fundraising Secretary :	VACANT
Executive Committee members:	Andrew Kempton Kate Tenney Stella Tarr
Holding Trustees:	The Scout Association Trust Corporation
Holding Trustees:	Jill Barnes Colyn Kemp Stewart Robinson
Group President:	Richard Moorhouse
Group Life Members:	Phil Peck Richard Moorhouse

Group Scout Leader's Report

We are pleased to report on another successful year packed full of exciting Scouting adventure, the highlights of which are detailed in the separate reports from the Beaver, Cub and Scout sections. All of our young people have progressing through the Award Scheme and had a huge amount of fun along the way. As well as gaining loads of badges, whether they noticed it or not, they have also gained #SkillsForLife, along with 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.

This year, we were very pleased to welcome several new volunteer leaders and helpers. With the support of the existing leadership team, they have opened not only a new Beaver Colony but also a new Cub Pack. These new sections have provided the extra capacity needed to meet the obvious demand in the local area. Both sections are very nearly full within less than a year of opening. On the premise that many hands make light work, if you could spare even a couple of hours a month to help these new sections get fully established, then please speak to one of the leaders.

In his second year as Group Chairman, Alex and the Group Executive Committee have continued to manage the business side of running the Group. They have done brilliantly and have made significant progress on a number of fronts.

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!

6th Beeston continues to go from strength to strength with our numbers of young people growing yet again this year. Within the next year, we are planning to open a second Scout Troop to cope with the number of Cubs coming through the packs, as well as to welcome several young people wanting to join from outside Scouting.

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 for pictures and information about everything the Group does! There's also a closed Facebook group for parents and leaders to keep in touch (just search FB for 6th Beeston Scout Group and ask to join).

Colyn – Group Scout Leader

Taz – Assistant Group Scout Leader

Chairman's Report

It has been great to see the 6th Beeston Scout Group community grow again this year. The Beavers and Cubs leaders have worked very hard to introduce the two new Sections, and this has been a major success for all involved. The group has expanded provision of Scouting activities to the largest group of children and young adults we have ever accommodated, and it is wonderful to see the group's success continue.

On behalf of the parents and children who attend the Group I would like to thank the Group Scout Leader and Assistant Group Scout Leader, the various Section Leaders and the Section Assistants. Without their significant contribution of time we would be unable to run such a large and successful group. It is to the GSL's credit that he has recruited such a dedicated team of volunteers to support the Group's activities.

In addition to the core group of volunteers who run the Sections, I would also like to thank all the parents who volunteer time and energy to help with the camps, transport, catering and supervising activities at events such as the November fireworks evening. All contributions of time, no matter how small, are greatly appreciated, and I encourage any parents who are interested in volunteering to contact the Section Leaders.

We continue to offer the building for use as a preschool nursery, fulfilling our aim of providing a community space in the headquarters on Middle Street. We were very happy to be able to offer 345 Preschool greater use of the building from September 2017, making use of the increased Government-funded childcare provision during term-times. This has helped support the nursery and we are committed to working in partnership with 345 to use the facilities at the HQ most effectively. The income from renting the building has been essential to supporting the group's increasing costs of maintaining the building. This year we have had some major repairs to the building and started a programme of renovations that will continue into next year.

The financial stability that renting out the building has direct benefits for all families associated with the Group. For the 12th consecutive year we have been able to maintain subscription fees at the same level, while putting money raised from building rent and fundraising into scouting activities. I hope to see this sustainable funding model continuing.

I am extremely grateful to the Executive Committee members, who devote a significant amount of time to the Group. I would particularly like to thank Katharina Meyer-Ohle (Treasurer) and Richard Hill (Secretary) for their contributions to the success of the Group. I was also very pleased that Simon Young remained on the committee as webmaster. He has made a major contribution to addressing the impact on the Group of the incoming GDPR regulations. Special thanks go to Kate Tenney, who performed a major review of health and safety this year. Kate will be standing down in July after 2 years on the committee and her expertise and contributions have been invaluable.

This year the Executive Committee has welcomed increased representation from parents across the Sections. I was delighted that Louise Wilson, Andrew Kempton and Stella Tarr have joined the committee. The Group has benefited significantly from their contributions to improving parent engagement. We ran a very successful parents' social event in January, a fundraising quiz night that was attended by almost 40 parents. I hope that we will continue to have these events and increase parent engagement.

Finally, I would like to again thank David Meatcher for his continuing support of the Group. David has audited our annual accounts for many years and his contribution is highly valued.

Alexander Tarr
Group Chair

Treasurer's Report (Financial year 2017/18)

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 £9,226 in subscriptions was collected this financial year. This income to the Group was off-set by the payment of our membership fees of £5,310 to the South West Notts District Scout Association.

Fundraising: The Group raised £628 for Group Funds during the year. This included £471 from the stalls at the District Firework Display, £40 from Easyfundraising, and £117 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 £1,677 in Gift Aid, so please make sure you complete the Gift Aid declaration on the standing order form. £260 was received from South West Notts District for use of Scout HQ for meetings, £155 from individual supporters and a £200 start-up grant from the SW Notts District Development fund for the new Beaver and Cub sections.

Rental Income: We have continued to hire out Scout Headquarters to help with the running costs and received £13,986 in rental income for the year. Our hirers included 6th Beeston Brownies, 5th Beeston Rainbows, Magellan Explorers, Pre-school 345 and the Tram and Light Railway Society.

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 £10,843 for the year which included: £1,339 for insurance, £349 for telephone provision, £2,428 for electricity, £644 for the water supply, £423 for waste removal, £2160 on cleaning, £3,039 on general repairs and maintenance and £458 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 £5,254. These activities were mainly self-financing with the group covering leaders' fees for camps and subsidising some events like climbing. £594 was spent on activities during the weekly sessions.

Equipment: Equipment purchases for camping and headquarters came to £5002. This included 3 new Icelandic tents, furniture for Headquarters and raspberry pi computers.

Neckers/Badges etc.: £1,267 was spent on neckers, woggles, badges and handbooks.

Admin Expenses: Admin expenses came to £512 covering broadband, training, stationery and web hosting.

Net receipts for the year

The Group showed an operating surplus for the year of £3,297.15. The Group is planning major investment in a new fire alarm system in the financial year 2018/19 to ensure compliance with the latest regulations. The estimated cost is £13,000, so the operating surplus from this year will go towards this expenditure.

Assets

The Group's Assets at the end of the financial year 2017/2018 are £58,383.51. 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

This has been a year of 6th Beeston Beaver Scouts growing bigger and better, our numbers have swelled to such an extent, we have had to open an additional colony! In June, we welcomed new Bears (Leaders) and new Beavers, as 6th Beeston Beavers-who-meet-on-Friday formally opened.

It has been great to work together planning our programmes, sometimes working on the same challenges, sometimes playing to our respective strengths. We have been exploring the world around us, honing our Scouting skills and enjoying adventures both in and out of our Headquarters. We have worked alongside others, in our eight lodges, in our two colonies, with other Beaver colonies and with other sections in our Group.

Highlights of the year include:

In April, a (very) few of us crossed the River Trent to join Scouts and Guides from the City and Rushcliffe Districts parade through West Bridgford to the City Ground and back again to celebrate St George's Day. Proud as we were of the few who turned out, it would be so lovely to see more of 6th Beeston's Finest on parade.

Some of our Beavers visited Cub Camp in the Summer and enjoyed building shelters, exploring the woods, gathering wood, building fires and cooking on them. We believe this, together with visiting Cub Meetings, eases the transition from Beavers to Cubs.

Once again, we welcomed all the Beaver Families to a picnic in our garden, our greater numbers ensured this was a snug event, but we still managed to find room for a few races.

In the autumn, we improved our garden by planting loads of spring bulbs. It has been great to watch these coming up and filling the bed under the tree.

We joined the Scouts and Cubs at JOTI - Jamboree on the Internet. As well as using computers to talk to other Beavers on the Internet, we worked out secret coded messages like spies, we learned some Morse Code, Sign language and Semaphore.

In the winter, we held a Sleepover, complete with indoor campfire sing-along and Camping Porridge for breakfast. With so many participants, the Beavers had to sleep in the Main Hall instead of the Project Room. A good time was had by all.

With so many young people in our Group, this year we moved our Carol Service to Beeston Parish Church. This year, the Beavers entertained with a medley of Christmas songs.

In January, our larger numbers meant we had to enter two teams in the Nesst Beaver Ramble. We set off on our adventures, tramping through the frosty forest, at the same time, but in opposite directions, so we had a great reunion half-way round and then met up again at the end for warm soup and hot dogs!

In February, we spent time exploring the stars, observing the Moon and learning about the planets in our Solar System.

As usual we have been enjoying these adventures with plenty of Scouting Skills combining creativity with learning to keep ourselves safe and well. Our programme has been varied and we have worked hard to promote strong links with the other sections of our Group.

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Over the past year, we have invested so many new Beavers that we have been at capacity all year. Most of our Beavers have linked up to Cubs - both Packs - proudly wearing their Chief Scout's Bronze Award. In this year of evident growth, we are proud to say that 6th Beeston Beaver Scouts are thriving.

Scouting is a GREAT BIG Stargazing, Junk-modelling, Robot-inventing, Bird-watching, Garden-planting, Music-making, Cake-decorating, 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 Gummett-Kemp

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

Builder, Care, Cookie, Cucum, Foxy, Gummi, Honey, Koala, Panda, Polar, Pom, Pooh, Rupert, Strawberry, Swti, Yogi, Bears, Taz, Tigger,



Cub Section Report

Another year flies by but each year we still seem to achieve more than the last.

Our summer camp last year was attended by 21 cubs, who enjoyed wide games, shelter building, a bug hunt, campfire songs, circus skills, making camp gadgets and of course fire lighting with the odd sausage and a twist cooked on it!

We went to Wollaton Park for a taste of orienteering and pitched tents in our garden to help our camping skills. As the days grew shorter the walked by the Trent near the weir in the dark and discovered how many bats fly there, a lot!

For the Christmas Carol Concert the cubs sang and acted out an old Christmas favourite which must have Slade the audience (sorry). The annual NESST hike, NESST (Nottinghamshire, Emergency Scout Support Team) was well attended and completed by the cubs. Special thanks to Kaa for organising this.

The new year saw most of the cubs pass their 'our Skills challenge badge' which was completed at Winter camp, where 30 cubs marched through a winter storm in thick woods whilst learning some first aid and all before lunch (hot soup with baguette), exciting stuff this cub scouting!

After half term the cubs took on the Fire Safety badge which was completed with a visit to the fire station, where the fire fighters presented the badge to the cubs.

This report has not mentioned everything cubs have achieved this year so many more badges have been awarded for work both at cubs and at home, the one badge I must always mention of course is the Chiefs Scout Silver Award, the highest a cub can be awarded. Last year one was awarded but this year three cubs have passed all seven challenge awards and so will proudly wear the badge on their uniform as they move on to scouts, very well done Tom, Tomas and Ethan.

As usual, I would like to close by praising and thanking the Cub Scout leadership team. Whom I can always rely on to do their very best, namely, Drew (Kaa), Rachel (Raksha), Nuttavee (Kim), Issie (Chil), Martin (Baloo), Chris (Rikki Tikki Tavi), Alex (Grey Wolf), Joanne, Lauren and our new young leader Dan.

Rich Needham (Rama)
Cub Scout Leader

Scout Section Report

Over the last year, the Scout section has continued to organise a wide variety of activities at our weekly meetings, such as Climbing, Geocaching, Bowling, Hiking, Scouting Skills, Cooking, Navigation Training and Wide Games. We have also helped our Scouts to achieve their Chefs and Mechanics badges. The troop attended the annual District Quiz and organised a visit to the local Fire Station.

Due to the busy schedules of our section leaders, we were unable to organise a summer camp for 2017. Once again, we ran a very successful JOTI/JOTA weekend, with all our sections joining in communicating with scouts all over the world. In November some of our Scouts helped out with the Group's stall at the District's Fireworks Extravaganza. On Remembrance Sunday, the troop leaders and a few scouts attended the Remembrance Day parade. The Scouts wrote and performed a sketch at the Group carol concert. In January, a team of scouts took part in the NESST hike, navigating their way through the Nottinghamshire countryside and making it back to Walesby campsite by 4am! Our troop leaders attended the tri-district St George's day parade in West Bridgford, but we were disappointed by a very low turnout from our Scouts. However, we were delighted by the news that of all the Scouts in our district, Ruby Porter was lucky enough to earn one of the District's spaces in the 2019 Jamboree. Along with the other five Scouts from around the District, she's now busy working on the huge task of fundraising for her camp.

Plans for our Summer camp are coming along. Our Scouts and Explorers will be joining other Groups from around the County at the Walesby World Experience, along with participant from Estonia, including some we met on our camp in 2016.

Stuart Kemp
Scout Leader

Annual General Meeting, 2nd July 2018

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 2018-2019
 - a. Group Secretary
 - b. Group Treasurer
 - c. Social Secretary
 - d. Group Webmaster
 - e. Fund-raising Co-ordinator
 - f. Ordinary Executive Members
7. Presentations
8. District Commissioner's Address
9. Close of meeting

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Attendance and Apologies

Attendance

Group Chair	Alex Tarr
Group Secretary	Simon Young
Group Treasurer	Katharina Meyer-Ohle
Fund Raising Coordinator	Vacant
Group Section Leader	Colin Kemp
Scout Section Leader	Stuart Kemp
Beaver Section Leader	Carmel Gummett-Kemp
Club Section Leader	Richard Needham
Bookings Secretary	Vacant
Ordinary Executive Members	Kate Tenney Richard Hill
Life Member	Phil Peck

Apologies

Group Chair	Richard Moorhouse
Group Web Master	Mel Graham

Minutes of Last Meeting

Approved

Any Matters Arising

None

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.

Appointment of Chair

Alex Tarr was re-appointed Chair.

Election of Officers.

The following officers were re-elected for the year 2017-2018

Group Secretary	Richard Hill
Group Treasurer	Katharina Meyer-Ohle
Bookings Secretary	Vacant
Group Webmaster	Simon Young
Fund Raising Co-ordinator	Vacant
Social Secretary	Vacant
Maintenance Co-ordinator	Vacant
Parents Co-ordinator	Louise Wilson
Ordinary Executive Members	Kate Tenney Andy Kempton

Comments from the District Commissioner

Simon Clark the new District Commissioner made a presentation to the 6th Beeston Scout Group. He congratulated the group on adding a new Beaver colony and the future expanse of the Group with additional Cubs and Scout sections

Alex Wickens was presented with a medal for his service to the community with the work he did at the Broxtowe community event.