

# 9TH CARSHALTON SCOUT GROUP ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2018

Meeting held on Tuesday 5 June 2018

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**Date:** Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> June 2018

**Venue:** Bishop Andrewes Church Hall

**In Attendance:** Sam Lainsbury (Chairperson), Charlie Roberts (Act. Group Scout Leader and Beaver Leader), Jo London (Act. Group Secretary and Parent Representative), Karen North (Treasurer), Mark Smith (Assistant Cub Leader), Gemma Baker (Cub Sectional Assistant), Paula Wilson (Scout Leader), Executive Committee members and Parents

**Guest Speaker:** Matthew Hewitt (District Commissioner)

**Apologies:** Julie Cox (Cub Scout Leader), Gary Cox (Group Secretary), Debbie Brown (Asst. Beaver Leader), Anne Doerr (Church Representative), Laura Tasker (Asst. Beaver Leader).

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## **Introductions**

Sam Lainsbury (chairperson) welcomed everyone to the 2018 Annual General Meeting.

The Chairperson explained that in a bid to save money and also thinking of the environment, this year it was decided to email the agenda, section reports, accounts and finalised AGM minutes from 2017 to all parents ahead of the meeting. She urged parents to read them and double check that their section leader had the correct email information for future correspondence.

## **Approval of 2017 AGM Minutes**

The minutes were agreed and seconded by R. Dale and L. Norris.

## **District Speaker – Matthew Hewitt (District Commissioner)**

The District Commissioner (DC) welcomed everyone and explained his role within scouting, and how he is connected to 9<sup>th</sup> Carshalton. He thanked the parents for their continued support and that it was impossible to run the group without the parent's support.

He talked about how it was exciting times to be part of scouting and the importance of scouting in current times with technology playing such an important part in lots of children's lives.

The DC suggested that scouting provides children with opportunities to be in the great outdoors and gain basic skills for life, which technology itself cannot provide. He asked the children if they enjoyed being beavers, cubs and scouts to which a unanimous yes.

He went on to ask them about their favourite activities this year. Children replied with examples including: camp, fire, sleepover, games and piggy back races. He reiterated that these were all fun and exciting activities, which were not gained through technology.

## **GSL Report**

Charlie Roberts (Act. Group Scout Leader) explained that she had recently taken on the role in April so did not have much to look back on but had lots of work going forward. She discussed the need for new risk assessments for the building. Charlie asked for any help from parents in any capacity and highlighted the space for a beaver parent on the executive committee.

## **Treasurers Report**

The Treasurer introduced the Group Accounts. She explained that the Group needs a new independent auditor, to go over the group accounts as the person previously doing so could not longer help the Group anymore due to the connection with scouting.

## **Treasurers Report (continued)**

Examples of income include providing marshalling services at the Wallington & Carshalton Roundtable firework display at Ruskin Park, running a stall at the St. Helier Festival and bag packing in ASDA (which was a big success).

The Treasurer made a plea for anyone who may work for a company which provides price matching for funds raised for groups as she will no longer be able to do so due to redundancy.

The 2017 Group Accounts were accepted by Claire Bird and seconded by Mandy Ferdy.

**The 9<sup>th</sup> Carshalton Scout Group Accounts are at [Appendix A](#).**

## **Section Reports**

**Full Beaver Section Report is available at [Appendix B](#).**

**Full Cub Section Report is available at [Appendix C](#).**

**Full Scout Section Report is available at [Appendix D](#).**

## **Nominations & Approval of Group Executive Team**

**Group Chairperson** (Sam Lainsbury) Approved by Mark Roberts and seconded by Mark Smith.

**Group Secretary** (Gary Cox) Approved by Claire Bird and seconded by Mark Roberts.

**Group Treasurer** (Karen North) Approved by Symone Lewis and seconded by Lisa Busuttil.

**Group Fundraiser** (Sarah Bartholomew) Approved by Mark Roberts and seconded by Julie Morris

## **Nominations & Approval of Group Executive Team cont.**

**Group Quartermaster** (Vic Foster) Approved by Mark Roberts and seconded by Mandy Ferdy.

The Group Quartermaster's role was also explained to parents and he was thanked for the work he did for the group by the Chairperson.

Group Auditor (Vacant) – William Busuttil may possibly take on this role. To be discussed with the Treasurer and GSL.

## **Award Presentations**

The District Commissioner presented Paula Wilson (SL) with her bar of merit award for outstanding service.

The following awards were presented:

[Beaver of the Year – Daniel Myslinski](#)

[Cub of the Year – Daniel Tanner](#)

[Scout of the Year – Jake London](#)

[The Barbara Jackson Award – Molly-Su Lawrence \(Young Leader\)](#)

## **Any Other Business**

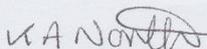
- Parents were reminded of the upcoming summer fair in conjunction with Bishop Andrewes church on Saturday 23 June (11-3pm)
- Bag packing was being held on 8 September at ASDA, Sutton. All parents were asked to support this as it was such a great fundraiser last year.

There being no other matters, the meeting was closed and everyone was thanked for attending.

9TH CARSHALTON SCOUT GROUP ACCOUNT FOR 1 JANUARY TO 31 DECEMBER 2017

INCOME		EXPENDITURE	
Bank Balance & Cash in Hand Balance as at 01/01/2017	£2,378.10		
Cash Subscriptions	£3,402.50	Capitation	£1,625.00
Subscriptions by Cheque	£535.00	Capitation for Young Leader	£32.50
Late Paid Subscriptions	£37.50	Motion Picture Licence	£19.00
Round Table Donation for Marshalling Firework Display November 2016	£500.00	Church Hall Rent (Autumn 2016 & Spring 2017)	£1,405.99
Legal & General Sponsorship Matching (Treasurer's Employer) Christmas Fayre 2016	£233.00		
Easter Raffle	£96.00	Network Rail - Rent Demesne Road	£422.38
Quiz Night	£391.81	Business Rates - Demesne Road	£33.06
<b>St Helier Festival 2017;</b>		Property & Equipment Insurance	£178.52
Tombola	£160.00	Equipment & Money Insurance	£187.46
Football; Beat the Goalie	£119.00	PA & Medical Insurance	£42.00
Tweeddale School Summer Fete	£73.50	Downe Camp Site Deposit (Beaver Camp)	£200.00
Legal & General Sponsorship Matching (Treasurer's Employer) St Helier Festival & Tweeddale Fete (2017)	£352.50	Group Scarves	£126.60
Bag Packing (September)	£1,000.00	Sutton District Council Badges (Scouts)	£84.78
Refund of Young Leader Capitation as paid by Explorer Unit	£32.50	Sutton District Council Badges (Cubs)	£127.15
Christmas Party Raffle	£87.00	Beaver Badges	£125.67
Cash for T Shirt	£6.50	Group Scarf Badges	£173.26
Badge and Scarf Fees	£133.00	Electric Bill	£192.21
Donation for Refreshments at AGM	£3.30	Group Website	£81.36
		First Aiders Course (3 Young Leaders)	£75.00
		First Aider Badges	£2.46
		Quiz Night Expenses	£26.46
		Tweeddale School Fete Expenses	£7.00
		Group Chair Expenses	£4.99
		Group Treasurer Expenses; Stamps/Ink Cartridge	£22.05
		Leaders' Uniform	£59.99
		Drinks for Committee	£43.70
		Leaving Gift for GSL	£40.49
		Leaving Gift for Revd. Kevin Lewis	£23.04
		Wedding Gift for Quarter Master	£6.50
		USB Stick for Storing Group Accounts	£10.00
		History	
		Go Outdoors Discount Card	£5.00
		Thank You Gift (Sweets) for Auditor	£3.00
		<b>Total</b>	<b>£5,386.62</b>
	<b>£9,541.21</b>	Cash in Hand	£168.24
		Bank Balance	£3,986.35
		<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>£4,154.59</b>

There were no outstanding liabilities at 31 December 2017  
This report is prepared in accordance with the books and reports of the group

  
Karen North  
Group Treasurer

  
Andrew Coppin  
Group Auditor

Registered Charity Number 1021173





## 9<sup>th</sup> Carshalton Beaver Section Report 2018 Annual General Meeting

This year has been particularly busy, we have seen the highest amount of Beavers joining the Colony which has been fun as I'm not very good at remembering names!! I'm still getting a couple of Beavers round the wrong way!! It has also meant we've had to create a new Lodge giving more Beavers the chance to earn their Leader's Stripes.

Autumn brought our usual District event at Westcroft Sports Taster with 14 Beavers in attendance, having a go at Judo, Street Dance, Tennis, Trampolining and Handball. I'm told Diversity should be careful as there are some budding dancers in the Colony! The challenge badge for this term was Our World with Beavers bringing in recycling to use for a range of activities. Bumblebee had to add more activities as there was so much brought in! We had recycling relay races, junk modelling and 'what can I use it for'. We contacted WWF and received a whole host of resources to teach the Beavers about endangered animals and in true Bumblebee style we dressed up as an Endangered Animal, onesies came in very useful – I didn't realise there was so many!!

Diwali saw the Beavers make candle holders from air clay and filling the church hall floor in colourful chalk designs. We also enjoyed lots of sweets as it is traditional to give out sweets during the celebrations. Each year the Beavers beg to do something for Halloween so this year we had our very first night hike in Beddington Park. This was no ordinary hike as Beddington Park was filled with witches, Zombie Pink Ladies, Werewolves and all sorts of costumes. We did get some funny looks! Our autumn sleepover took the Beavers back to Bumblebee's home group, 3rd Mitcham. We stayed at their HQ and made use of their climbing wall and outdoor space. We hiked around Mitcham Common and enjoyed the unusually warm weather by having a picnic next to the pond. Alan from Wimbledon and Wandle District Team came down to teach the Beavers

basic pioneering and the result was huge free-standing flagpoles, with working flags decorated by the Beavers.

We had our first Reptile Night with Dan from ReptoParty bringing lots of reptiles for the Beavers to hold and learn about. It was quite fun to introduce Kaa to Kaa! Dexter the Iguana was very popular amongst the leaders and Pandora the snake, was a hit with the Beavers as she kept trying to escape from her box. James was very brave and had a tarantula on his head!! Christmas saw the Beavers joining in with the Group Christmas party and getting covered in snow! In January we joined the rest of the Beavers in the District at the annual Panto at 4th Worcester Park.



After the Christmas break we bounded into the Spring Term with my skills being at the forefront of the programme. Health and Germs took the Beavers on a journey through the body with our Young Leaders having their organs put in some interesting places. It also took a lot of convincing that they had a hammer in their bodies too! Beavers had fun with glitter to show the spread of germs on their hands. The church got a very good coating of glitter! Our annual log chew for #YouShape saw the Beavers choose what activities and programme ideas they would like to do over the summer term. Bumblebee wished she hadn't asked! Apparently, we are going to Spain! As we had lots of new Beavers after the Christmas

break a traditional evening saw Beavers learn about Baden-Powell and where Beavers fit in the Scouting family. Den building and a good sing-song finished the evening. Knot tying took a foodie turn when the Beavers learnt to tie 3 different with matchmakers and strawberry laces – yummy. Beavers got a chance to share their hobbies with lots of very large collections being shown. I'm still getting to grips with the names of Pokémon characters!

Bring on the summer! From the #YouShape log chew the Beavers wanted to make slime! So, after emptying Boots of their supply of eye drops we made slime, with varying success! I think the shaving foam was too tempting as most Beavers had it on them rather than in their bowl.

13 Beavers joined the rest of the Group at Downe Scout Activity Centre for a 2-night summer camp. We did lots of activities including pedal carts, tunnels, grass sledging, climbing, crate stacking and archery just to name a few! We enjoyed a group campfire on Saturday and BBQ. Sunday saw some very sleepy Beavers with one falling asleep in the middle of the field! We look forward to our End of Year Ceremony and picnic at Beddington Park.



I would like to thank all the Beaver Team that has helped this year and to parents for raiding their recycling bins and sewing on a lot of badges this year! There were some lovely comments at St George's Day Parade so you should be very proud.

Bumblebee



## **9<sup>th</sup> Carshalton Cub Section Report** **2018 Annual General Meeting**

### **Presented by Mark Smith – Assistant Cub Scout Leader**

Since our last annual report, it has been another eventful year. Cub numbers remain extremely high, currently standing at 28 which is amazing considering just 2 years ago we only had 10 Cub Scouts. As well as the constant stream of Beavers swimming up, we are still getting external enquiries and it has been necessary to introduce a waiting list.

Personal and work commitments continue to dictate our weekends/spare time and so we have not had as many day trips as we would have liked.

### **Park Farm Camp - Cowboys and Indian's**

Last September we had our camp at Park Farm, Banstead. Once again, a well-attended camp with the addition of the Beaver section for a day's visit. The theme of the camp was cowboys and Indians and the Cubs had to decorate their Stetson and be ready for the arrival of the Indians (the Beavers). But it was fun and the cowboys and Indians got together at the end of the day for a round of baked beans

### **St. George's Day Parade**

The Parade was held in April 2018. Overall the turn-out for the Group was excellent, with support from the parents. St George's Day includes the opportunity for members to renew the Scout promise and to consider what their Promise means personally.

## District badge day

Eight Cubs attended the D.I.Y badge at 4<sup>th</sup> Worcester Park and we hope to do this again with the rest of the section later this year.



## Sixers Camp

We had three of the older Cubs take part in the District Sixer and seconders weekend camp to help them along when they move up. They had a great time with the Scouts.

## Badge work

Cubs have worked extremely hard this year as we have concentrated largely on badge work. The Cubs have earned a lot of core badges and are well on the way to gaining their Silver award.



## Walk on the wild side

“Walk on the Wild Side” came one night along with a selection of rescued animals that the group of volunteers cared for. Cubs had the opportunity to hold some of these and were given talks on how to look after the wildlife that we can see in our own back gardens.

The Owner also thanked those that sent in donations of dog and cat food and old blankets and towels for his charity.

## **Mosque**

As part of their Faith badge, we arranged a visit to the Mosque in Ruskin Road, Carshalton. We were all very impressed by the way they behaved and how polite they were to the host. The Cubs certainly knew a lot more about the Muslim Faith and answered all questions correctly.

We also had a visit from Anne Doerr from the Bishop Andrewes' Church to talk to the Cubs about the Christian faith and spoke in general about the church.

I would like to thank Kaa and Baloo (who has recently been invested into the Cub section) for their hard work and continued support.

Akela



## 9<sup>th</sup> Carshalton Scout Section Report 2018 Annual General Meeting

### Presented by Paula Wilson - Scout Leader

It's been another busy year for the Scout Troop with lots of days out and camps. Our numbers have remained steady although at the moment there is no assistant leader and instead some occasional helpers: thanks to Stephen McLaughlin, Claire Lawrence and Lisa Tasker for your help throughout the year.

We had a weekend camp at Birchmere, near Wisley Common last June where we did a lot of basic camping in preparation for the How Cup District Camping Competition in July. In this competition we did really well and came 7<sup>th</sup> out of 22 District troops. So well done to Keira Tasker and Jake London.



We had a water activities evening at Wimbledon Park and did dragon boating and canoeing and those taking part earned their 'Time on the Water' badge.



Our summer camp was at Ferny Crofts Scout campsite. We visited Paulton's Park, Brownsea Island, the beach, did bike riding across the New Forest, swimming, raft building and we had a meal in a restaurant one evening!

During October we went to Frylands Wood Scout camp site for the day where we did some activities and our Teamwork and Outdoor challenge badge.

Also, in October we went to the Ecology Centre to help out for the day as part of the World Challenge badge. We cleared up the leaves and moved the compost in to the woods for the hedgehogs to hibernate in. Clearing the church trench was another outdoor job we undertook.

We were back at Frylands in November when we took part in the District Night Adventure Exercise, the Tate Shield where we came just outside the top 10 out of 22 teams: well done to Jake London, Robbie Lawrence, Keira Tasker and Halle Lewis.

We went ice skating at Hampton Court in December with the Explorers.

We had a 4 day camp during the February half term at Bears Wood where we did archery, climbing, a hike and backwoods cooking. It was a themed camp with Scouts, one Cub and Explorers split into home nation teams. Well done to the 'Welsh' team for winning.



Other evenings out throughout the year have included rifle shooting at the 1<sup>st</sup> North Sutton HQ and swimming at Mitcham where some of the Scouts did their swimming badge.

Finally, I'd like to finish by saying how difficult and how much hard work it is for me managing 2 sections without an assistant leader in either one. I'd really like to be able to share the load with someone, so if anyone out there thinks they'd like to help me on a regular basis and maybe go in to uniform then please come forward.

Thanks for your continuing support.

**Paula Wilson**

Scout and Explorer Scout Leader.

