

1st Priorslee and St. George's

Registered Charity No: 1019340



Reports relating AGM for 1st Priorslee and St Georges Scout Group

Meeting Date – 20th May 2018

Covering the period 1st April 2017 – 31st March 2018

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Agenda

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Welcome and introductions

Present

Apologies

Minutes of the last AGM

Agreed and approved

Treasurers report

Agreed and approved

Group Scout leaders report

Chairperson's report

Election of officers

Election of members to the committee

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Minutes of the 2016-2017 AGM

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Welcome and Introductions

Jonathan welcomed everyone to the meeting and introduced the current members of the Exec

Minutes of the previous AGM

The previous minutes were read.

Minutes approved by – Christine Cooper & Seconded by - Christine Barclay

Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer's report was distributed as were the annual accounts. Sara give a brief overview of the current balances in the accounts and gave a short explanation as to why the community account was so high and made some other comments on the auditor's report.

Accounts approved by – Mick Thompson & Seconded by – Sarah Emmett

GSL reports

Jonathan thanked all leaders and the executive committee for their continued commitment and support. He spoke about a number of particular highlights;

- Many camps and lots of activities
- Regular training of leaders.

The report provided at the meeting is attached at the back of this document
All section reports were distributed (copy attached).

Chairman's Report

Jonathan gave a short overview of activities in the past year thanking several people for their help at the fireworks event, and a short summary of plans for the coming year. The report provided at the meeting is attached at the back of this document.

Election of Officers

Chair: Jonathan will act as chairman in the interim.

Treasurer: Sarah Sisson has agreed to continue in post.

Secretary: Mike Thompson has agreed to continue in post.

The following agreed to continue as committee members; Louise Cooper and Kathy Weeks, Sara Wellstead.

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Treasure's Report 2017~2018

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Community account

The account started with a balance of £12331.72 ended the year with a balance of £5196.91. Although the balance is low for the end of the year it is as anticipated due to the work carried out this year and two payments of capitation this year. Main expenditure for the year had been the heating and floor which have been.

Business Investor Account

The account closed with a balance of £16673.80.

Scouts

The account started with a balance of £3146.65 and ended with a balance of £2204.01.

Cubs

The account started with a balance of £3196.63 and ended the year with a balance £1405.70.

Beavers

The beavers now have the bank account up and running successfully and ended the year with £692.49 in the bank account.

Feedback

It is great to hear how the improvements are working well as reviewed with the independent assessor. We have already discussed with the leader's further improvements and guidelines for this year and hope to complete a good practice guide before the end of the year.

Priority for this year is to ensure that we have an up to date list of equipment and value of it and better logs for cash receipts.

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Chairpersons Report 2017~2018

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The primary focus for any executive group is to provide a support structure for the Scout Group in the forms of funding etc. so the leaders could focus on providing the wide range of activities and 1st Priorslee and St Georges is not different. The group continues to provide a wide range of activities and opportunities to nearly 100 young people which they may not otherwise have been able to experience.

At our last AGM we said the Executive would be focusing on getting the floor in the main hall sanded and re-varnished. I am glad to report this was completed in August 2017 at a cost of £4,851 and even after 8 months still looks good considering the number of hours of games which have been played on it so far and it should be good for another 15 years after a light sand and 4 more coats of varnish in 2019.

The other job which we were planning and mentioned in last year's report was the replacement and splitting of the heating systems (£1,532) this was all completed prior to the winter before the cold really set in, and even though we had more bookings, a very cold winter and increased gas costs it still helped us to reduce our yearly running costs by £144.

The Exec also revisited all the rental agreements for regular users and occasional users and got new agreements with new terms and charges which has helped us increase the income to the hall over the prior term. All of which is being returned to funds to ensure we can upkeep the building and equipment. A special thanks to Louise for efforts in this area and managing the hall bookings and has led to increase of £941. A special thanks to Louise, Jason, and Mick for opening up for a number of these events it is much appreciated.

Like every year we have several other projects which we will hopefully complete in the next 12 months, outdoor storage area, the 1st every Priorslee and St Georges Scout Group **Beer Festival** (yes you are reading it correct) in October (people are already asking for tickets) and we will be running our Bi-Annual Fireworks display in November. Any help is always appreciated.

I would like to thank the leaders in every section for all their hard work over the year. The strength of the group is a tribute to the time and thoughtfulness with which all

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the leaders in every section commit to every week and is why Priorslee and St Georges Group is a much sought-after group.

Last but not least I really would like to ask parents to come and join the executive committee although it may sound like a very highly informed committee make very complex decisions on regular occasions it's not. The exec is supposed to contain several parents whose children are at the group and don't currently hold an officer position (Chairperson, Treasurer, Secretary) on the Exec or a leader at the group.

Sadly in 1st Priorslee and St Georges we only have 1 parent on the executive who has children at the group and does not carry out the prior mentioned roles. At 1st Priorslee and St Georges we have a very relaxed group of individuals on the Exec, the group has a very solid bank balance (compared to many groups), the biggest, most critical and missing aspect is parent involvement. Having parents on the exec will provide us with more feedback on how your children are enjoying their time with us, insights into what we do better and provide input on events which we are running.

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Group Scout Leaders Report 2017~2018

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The individual sections have done so many things this year as can be seen by the slide show above that we could talk about them all night with you, but these are all covered in the section reports of the attached document in the section reports on pages 8 – 11.

One area I really want to highlight though is if you talk with any young person about what they think scouting is about some will say friends, some fire, a lot mention fun, but that all say camping and 1st Priorslee and St Georges Scout Group does this as well as anyone.

If you took all the hours which individual Beavers, Cubs and Scouts at 1st Priorslee and St Georges Scout Group and made them camp one after the other the camp would begin on the 1st January and not end until everyone was back in school on the 7th September a total in the region of 6000 hours.

Camping no matter what age, you are, is great fun (particular if you take your bed like Baloo), This year the sections have provided many young people with so many special camping memories this year, from camping on a train in Beavers, to sleeping under the shadow of Chirk castle for Cubs, to drifting down the Severn to your next campsite in Scouts. These activities take a lot of planning to ensure they are a success and I thank all the leaders in all the sections for their hard work in planning not only these big actives but also the weekly activities which so many children enjoy.

I also want to thank the leaders for all the training they have undertaken this year, be it First Aid, Archery, Child protection, you give up so much of your time to ensure we 1st Priorslee and St Georges Scout Group can continue to provide young people with memorable experiences and skills to help them grow as young adults.

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Election of officers 2017~2018

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Election of officers

Chair – Jonathan Barclay has agreed to continue in post

Treasurer – Sara Sissons has agreed to continue in post

Secretary – Michael Thompson has agreed to continue in post

Members

The following people have also agreed to continue as committee members;

Louise Copper

Kathy Weeks

Leaders on the Exec

Matt Wyld (Section Leader Scouts)

Liz Kenny (Section Leader Cubs)

Christine Cooper (Section Leader Beavers)

Jason Cooper in his role as Explorer Leader

(Matt, Liz and Christine can nominate another leader to attend in their absence)

New Nominations

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Beaver Report 2017~2018

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Over the past year we have recruited two leaders and have concentrated on improving parental involvement to enable us to provide a busy and varied programme for the beavers. We have introduced the role of Senior Lodge leader and have a Beaver Bear that goes home for a week with the beaver who has done well during that particular evening, Averaging 21 beavers on roll.

Parades: Remembrance Day and St Georges Day.

Badges: 7 Chief Scout Bronze Awards, My Adventure challenge, Teamwork challenge, My Skills, Challenge, My Outdoors challenge, Personal challenge, Emergency Aid (had STA run a course after one of the beavers won a competition), Space, Scientist, Builders, Swimmer, Nights Away, Hikes Away, Chinese New Year.

Sleepovers: In a train carriage at Telford Steam Railway, District Sleepover at Jungleland, with Newport beavers,

Day Activities: District Swimming gala, District Christmas Crafts, selling Jam jars filled with sweets at Church fete, bag pack at Sainsburys

The Beaver Leaders

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Cub Report 2017~2018

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This is our first full year as one pack. Our leadership team is Liz (Baloo), Simon (Akela), Ollie (King Louie), David (Jacala), Angela (Raksha), Vicky (Bagherea), Donna (Kim) and Tom (Oo). And we were pleased to welcome back Shane (Kaa) who had to take a long break due to work commitments. We have had two Young Leaders Ethan and Ollie Gratton helping us out this year.

Members at the start of the year for our Cub Pack were 33, at the end of March 2018 we had 31 Cubs.

Activity Badges: Athletics, Cyclist, Local Knowledge, Animal Carer, Astronomer, Environmental Conservation, Global Issue, International, My Faith, World Faith, Book Reader, Chef, Hobbies, Personal Safety, Physical Recreation and Sports Enthusiast.

Staged Badges: Emergency Aid, Hikes Away and Nights Away.

Challenge Badges: Adventure, World and Skills (part of).

To complete these badges, we have worked on various projects and activities including, tubing and tobogganing at the Ski Centre, cycle ride along the Silkin Way, rifle shooting, climbing, had visitors in to talk about recycling and astronomy, visit from the Dog Warden, went to the Exotic Zoo at night, looked at Polish culture and cooked some Polish food, made pizza and mug cakes, visited the library and lot more.

Outings and Camps: District held the first Wacky Races which our pack entered and had great fun finishing building the go-cart and decorating it. We entered an Archery Competition, went to the Pantomime to see Peter Pan. Camps included our first 3-night camp to Chirk Castle, although we had rain and a very long hike, it was a lot of fun! We've held our usual Spring and Remembrance Camps for the whole pack. 6 of our Sixers and Seconders were able to attend the District Sixer and Seconder Camp which we hosted this year – there were over 60 cubs and 30 leaders attending from across the District.

Senior Six: This has continued to be a success with us helping the Cubs prepare for Scouts. Each term sees a different set of Cubs take on this role, and they learn to take a bit more responsibility for themselves and those around them. They have their own camp at the end of the term where they go on a hike and take it in turns to lead the group on the pre-planned route.

10 Cubs have achieved their Chief Scout Silver Award.

The Cub Leaders

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Scout Report 2017~2018

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Members

Started the year with 35 Scouts (8 girls, 27 boys) and 6 leaders.

Closed the year with 27 Scouts (7 girls, 20 boys) and 6 leaders.

There's been a higher percentage of cubs dropping out than usual, but with a mix of reasons. We've also lost some older scouts due to other commitments rather becoming too old.

Badges

The following badges have all been progressed in the last 12 months:

Challenge Badges – Outdoor, Skills, Team Leader, World

Activity Badges – Climber, Geocaching, Master at Arms, Local Knowledge, Environmental Conservation

Staged Badges – Navigator, Nautical Skills, Paddle Sports, Time on the water, Nights away

Chief Scouts Gold - The highest award in the Scout section, it requires each scout to gain all 9 Challenge Badges and 6 Activity Badges. No mean feat in 3 1/2 years of Scouting! In the last 12 months this badge has been awarded to the following Scouts:

Nathaniel Carter & Jay Kitchen

Activities

Parades, Remembrance Day Parade, St Georges Day Parade

Camps

2017 Summer Camp - Canoeing along the River Severn from Shrewsbury to Ironbridge

2017 Winter activity camp at Kibbleston - Mixed activity camp

2018 Spring activity camp at the Wrekin - "Trading post" themed activity camp linked to Team Leader, World and Environmental badges

County/National Activities

2017 National shooting competition at Bisley, representing Shropshire/Our Group

2018 County shooting competition at Aldersley ranges. Did very well and Merrie Smith and Tom Wyld were chosen for the Shropshire Rifle Squad

Geocaching

During the last 12 months, one of the badges we undertook was the Geocaching badge. As part of this, we created a 1st Priorslee Geocache, and released a Travel Bug (a token that other people taking part in the "sport" move to different geocaches). Since being released, our travel bug has travelled 952 miles, and our geocache located 25 times!

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Future Plans for Scouts

- Not included above are our plans for 2018 Summer Camp - Caving, Climbing and Walking in the Peak District. This camp will continue my push to take our Scouts on more adventurous activities and we've also extended the duration to 3 nights. Subject to leader availability, we'll seek to continue this trend moving forward.
- By the end of the summer term we will have completed the first cycle of our 3 year rolling programme, so it will be time to take stock and review some of the activities and switch around some of the badges. I'm very keen to introduce some STEM topics into the programme (mechanics, engineering, computers for example), whilst also rolling out the "badges at home" idea that's still in development. "Badges at home" will allow, under certain criteria, Scouts who are undertaking suitable activities, to pass badges in specialist activities. This will usually be by obtaining "sign off" of the requirements by an independent person such as a team coach in the case of sports or tutor in the case of music for example.
- Later this year we shall be repeating the Expedition Challenge badge we first undertook 3 years ago, but this time we're looking at ways of making the expedition a "proper" backpacking event (carry all your kit!). We've now completed a significant amount of theory training on map reading to make this more viable, although a lot of this has yet to be tested in the field!
- I'm also looking to develop a stronger relationship with the Explorer unit to increase the numbers moving on from Scouts to Explorers.

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Accounts prepared for the AGM of

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Accounts

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Receipts & Payments Account summary for the year ended 31st March 2018

	This Year General	This Year Restricted	This Year Total	Previous Year
Total receipts for the year	35,091.50		35,091.50	30,256.44
Total payments for the year	39,219.68		39,219.68	25,582.66
Net receipts (payments) for the year	<u>(4,128.18)</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>(4,128.18)</u>	<u>4,673.78</u>
Cash, bank and similar funds brought forward	<u>18675</u> £5,196.91	16,673.80	£35,348.80	£33,986.37
Balances-on line accounts	2204.01 1405.70 £692.49			
Cash, bank and similar funds carried forward	<u>£9,499.11</u>	<u>16,673.80</u>	<u>£26,172.91</u>	<u>£29,312.59</u>

The above account and accompanying statement(s) of assets and liabilities were approved by the Trustees

.....J Barclay (Chairman)

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Receipts for the year ended 31st March 2018

	Receipts	This Year Restricted	This Year Total	Previous Year
MEMBERSHIP SUBSCRIPTIONS	13,846.50			12,318.04
Capitation refund	49.50			56.50
INCOME FROM BUILDING	<u>7,241.00</u>			<u>6,300.00</u>
	<u>21,137.00</u>		<u>0.00</u>	<u>18,674.54</u>
INVESTMENT INCOME RECEIVED				
Building Society Interest		19.15		10.72
Grant	<u>100.00</u>			
	<u>100.00</u>			<u>10.72</u>
ACTIVITIES				
Trips	487.50			1,064.29
Camps+PGL	6,441.92			8,242.33
Uniform/badges	<u>450.00</u>			<u>384.10</u>
	<u>7,379.42</u>		<u>0.00</u>	<u>9,690.72</u>
FUND RAISING charity event				
Bag Packing	573.91			
Spring Fair				200.00
Plant Sales				207.3
YMCA				580
Cake sale	166.45			
Raffle AGM				
easter raffle	119.07			117
Bonfire night				<u>651.21</u>
	<u>859.43</u>		<u>0.00</u>	<u>1,755.51</u>
SUNDRY RECEIPTS				
Cheques/cash				
Online OSM	140.66			124.95
Refund	75.00			
Other	5,000.00			
Deposits to online accounts	<u>500.00</u>			
	<u>5,715.66</u>		<u>0.00</u>	<u>124.95</u>
TOTAL RECEIPTS FOR THE YEAR	<u>35,091.51</u>	<u>19.15</u>	<u>35,110.66</u>	<u>30,245.72</u>

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Payments for the year ended 31st March 2018

	This Year General Funds £	This Year Restricted Funds £	This Year Total £	Previous Year £
PREMISES				
Gas Heating	1921.30			2065.95
Electricity	928.61			959.87
Water	278.61			226.55
Insurance	2335.00			2646.95
Servicing Gas	1875.17			343.00
Safety/electrical/alarm	898.00			1651.46
General Expenses	700.00			1350.00
Flooring	4851.83			
Maintenance	1294.80			
Shutter	223.20			
	<u>15306.52</u>		<u>0.00</u>	<u>9243.78</u>
ACTIVITIES				
Capitation	7,060.50			0.00
Scout shop	1,490.43			535.00
Camps/PGL	6,441.92			8,012.33
Trips	143.45			62.00
Section activities				1,830.00
activities on night	230.04			
activities ongoing	1,838.57			
	<u>£17,204.91</u>		<u>£0.00</u>	<u>10,439.33</u>
ADMIN/ESTABLISHMENT EXPENSES				
Expenses	£238.02			£55.13
OTHER EXPENSES				
Wreath	£18.50			£18.50
Licences	£20.00			£380.00
Website	£24.96			£24.96
OSM	£140.66			£148.25
Trailer repairs				
Gifts and donation	£125.00			£100.00
	<u>£567.14</u>		<u>£0.00</u>	<u>£726.84</u>
Transfer to Building Society				
PURCHASE OF CAPITAL EQUIPMENT				
Electical+trailer				
Tents				£1,894.72
Fridges				
Gardening equipment				
	<u>£0.00</u>		<u>£0.00</u>	<u>503.67</u>
PURCHASE OF BADGES				
SUNDRY PAYMENTS				
				£105.00
Charity donation	£19.50			£125.00
Refund/unpresented cheque				
	<u>£19.50</u>		<u>£0.00</u>	<u>£230.00</u>
Transfers - on line accounts	16 £6,121.61			£3,047.99
TOTAL PAYMENTS FOR YEAR	<u>£39,219.68</u>		<u>£0.00</u>	<u>£22,612.57</u>

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Statement of Assets & Liabilities at 31st March 2018

	This Year General Funds £	This Year Restricted Funds £	Last Year Total £
MONETARY ASSETS Cash, bank and similar funds			
Bank Current Account(s)	5,196.91		12,331.72
Building Society Account(s)		16,673.80	21,654.65
Cash in hand			
	<u>£5,196.91</u>	<u>£16,673.80</u>	<u>£33,986.37</u>
OTHER MONETARY ASSETS			
Tax Claim for Year Ending	0.00	0.00	0.00
Debts due to Group / District			
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
NON-MONETARY ASSETS Assets for Charity's own use			
Badge Secretary's stock	1,600.00		1,600.00
Group/District shop stock			
Land and buildings at value	420,000.00		420,000.00
Scouting equipment, furniture, etc.	31,894.72		31,894.72
	<u>£453,494.72</u>	<u> </u>	<u>£453,494.72</u>
LIABILITIES Those due within one year			
Accounts not yet paid	0.00	0.00	0.00
Expenses incurred not yet invoiced	0.00	0.00	0.00
Subscriptions not yet paid	0.00	0.00	0.00
Other	0.00	0.00	0.00
LIABILITIES Those due after one year			
Loan (with details)	0.00	0.00	0.00

CONTINGENT LIABILITIES AND FUTURE OBLIGATIONS

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Scrutineer Report relating to the accounts prepared for the AGM of

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16/05/2018

The Trustees

1st Priorslee and St Georges Scout Group

Care of The Treasurer

Dear Sir

Please accept the following scrutineer report on the accounts of 1st Priorslee and St Georges Scout Group for the year 01 April 2017 to 31 March 2018

Scrutineer Report dated 16 /05/2018

I must draw your attention to the fact that The Scout Association and the Charities Commission publish rules and guidance for the administration of accounts that fall within each organisation's jurisdiction. It would appear that, at some time in the past this guidance has fallen from use at 1st Priorslee and St Georges and consequently your officers may be at risk of mismanagement. I have given brief summaries to the Treasurer and suggest you acquaint yourselves with these documents.

The duties I have performed as Scrutineer comply with the actions recommended in the Scout Association Accounting and Audit Requirements for Groups and comply with The Charity Commission Guidance for Receipts and Payments Accounts (Under £25,000).

4 separate accounts were audited, Group Main, Scouts, Cubs and Beavers. It is the second time I have examined these accounts. Last year due to staff changes and lack of experience the accounts presented were in complete disarray and final accounts could not be drawn up other than to make several declarations of totals for the year.

I am pleased to note that the accounts are being maintained diligently and that, with the exception of a few insignificant errors the final accounts at April 2018 should be proposed by the Trustees to the AGM as honest and accurate.

There is clear and effective evidence that the Treasurer and her supporting colleagues are working hard to take on board all recommendations to ensure the accounts are well managed and easy to follow. They should be commended in their efforts

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Procedural Recommendations to facilitate even further improvement

1. That the administrators maintain their good practice in providing reconciliation records and summaries of complex occurrences.
2. That the 4 Spreadsheets used to summarise the year be amended to include a column for Bank Receipts. An example spreadsheet has been made available to the Treasurer.
3. That the administrators of each account maintain an accurate cashbook for moneys handled directly. They must also remember that cheques and vouchers are “cash” until such time as they are deposited to the bank or the Treasurer for action. Cash Books should be presented to the Scrutineer at the start and end of each year.
4. That meeting minutes authorising extraordinary payments are made available to the Scrutineer during the audit process.
5. That a unique Transaction number be afforded to each Transaction and that the Transaction description should briefly summarise the transaction i.e Camping Equipment, Go Outdoors
6. That an accurate record of equipment bought, sold, or disposed of be maintained with original prices. Examples; Do you still have 10 Garmin navigation devices valued at £80 each? How many tents do you own? Are they serviceable?
7. There appears to be little documentary guidance about who can spend what and how much and how disbursements should be distributed. The Trustees may wish to review a typical year's spend and draft some general administration instructions so that subsequent account managers are not “making it up as the go along”!

This concludes the report for 2017/2018. If you wish to seek clarification please feel free to contact me.

Yours faithfully

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Agenda – 2016~2017

AGM for 1st Priorslee and St Georges Scout Group

Meeting Date – 24th September 2017

Covering the period 1st April 2016 – 31st March 2017

Welcome and introductions

Present

Apologies

Minutes of the last AGM

Agreed and approved

Treasurers report

Agreed and approved

Group Scout leaders report

Chairperson's report

Election of officers

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Treasurers Report – 2016~2017

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Community account

The account started with a balance of 9459.84 and ended the year with a balance of 12331.72. Although the balance is high for the end of the year this is due to capitation not going out before the end of the financial year and work planned for the heating system over the summer.

Main expenditure for the year has been the purchase of tents for the troop.

Business Investor Account

The account closed with a balance of 21654.65, we have planned expenditure of 5000 for work on the floor in the hall over the summer.

Scouts

The account started with a balance of 500 and ended with a balance of 3116. This is high due to a planned camp and a late transfer to the main account. This has been addressed all transfers will be completed for the end of the financial year.

Cubs

The account started with a balance of 795.03 and ended the year with a balance 3196.63. This is high due to a planned camp and a late transfer to the main account. This has been addressed and all transfers will be completed for the end of the financial year.

Beavers

The beavers didn't have they own bank account and the plan is to change this is the new financial year.

Auditor Feedback

I agree with the feedback and changes that he has recommended have been discussed with the Chairman and a meeting with the leaders is been arranged.

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Chairpersons Report – 2016~2017

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Since April 2016 we have seen a number of changes within the group but I'm delighted to report that the group continues to be one of the largest and most active groups not only in the district but in the county. The group continues to provide a wide range of activities and opportunities to over 100 young people which they may not otherwise have been able to experience,,,,,,,,

The variety and skilful ways in which knowledge is passed on to every member of the groups in a fun and enjoyable manor no matter what that individuals ability, is a tribute to the time and thoughtfulness which all the leaders in every section commit too every week and is why Priorslee and St Georges Group is as strong a Scout group as it is. I would like to thank the leaders in every section for all their hard work over the year.

Our big event during this period was the fireworks display which for the first time ever drew a profit of £491. A special thanks to Gavin and his family for helping the leaders with the food and Mick for some quick thinking when we ran out of soft drinks in the bar, Andy and his family for some new Halloween based games which all the children enjoyed. A special thanks to all those who have opened up over the year for groups who are renting the hall, it's not a complex task but it does bring in a reasonable amount of revenue for the group which means we can keep our

We also got the electricity connected to the outdoor kitchen so hopefully the group will be able to make more use of that in the coming months.

I would like to thank the exec committee for all their support their guiding comments on everything from Hoover brands, to fundraising games, to their experience of different boiler brands. It's impossible to thank everyone for their activities over the year but I would like to recognize the efforts of Kathy and Sara, Kathy for her diligent fundraising efforts and the way she has for getting money and gifts from a wide variety of companies around Telford, and our treasurer Sara for persevering with the banks and after 12 months and numerous calls and visits to the banks in Telford has finally got all our accounts signed over to her.

The focus for the executive group in the coming year April 2017 to March 2018 alongside helping the group to grow and continue to provide the range of activities it has in the past will be to get the heating system fixed or repaired, the floor sanded and sealed so it will last another 15 years. Most of these activities will be hopefully completed over the summer and not disrupt the nightly activities of the group. We have several other projects which require completion so we will be pushing on with those as well throughout the year.

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Group Scout Leaders Report – 2016~2017

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GSL Report

Its been a year of change in the scout groups, the Beavers have focused on building their leadership team and developing a very active program. The cubs took the very difficult decision to meet on only 1 night due to lack of leaders and work commitments. This was not a decision which the leaders took lightly and there was a lot of thought which went into the decision but Cub safety and enjoyment was to the forefront of moving cubs to a single night.

Beavers Overview

Average nightly attendance: 19

5 Chief Scouts Bronze Awards

Sleepovers: District Sleepover at Jungleland, Christmas camp with Church Aston Beavers

Cubs Overview

Average nightly attendance: 34

7 Chief Scouts Silver Awards

Sleepovers and Camps, the cubs had so many camps it's not possible to list all the things they covered during the year the most notable one was the District camp at Hawkstone follies attended by over 450 children to celebrate 100 years of Cub Scouts.

Scouts Overview

Average nightly attendance: 37

1 Chief Scouts Gold Award

The 21 scouts also attended a very busy activity camp at Kibblestone and then in the spring 19 scouts took part in a survival camp at the Wrekin where they were required to cook their own food on open fires, prepare rabbits make their own camp shelters and then sleep in them. All the Scouts seemed to have a great time, it was fortunate that weather was so good or we may have had a few wet scouts.

More detailed reports are available at the back of the hall.

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Election of officers

Chair – Jonathan Barclay has agreed to continue in post

Treasurer – Sara Sissons has agreed to continue in post

Secretary – Michael Thompson has agreed to continue in post

Members

The following people have also agreed to continue as committee members;

Louise Copper

Kathy Weeks

The following people have agreed to join the committee

Sara Wellstead