

Annual Report 2018 to 2019

Welcome to the Annual General Meeting and BBQ and thank you for attending this evening. This report summarises the previous year of the Scout Group and looks forward to the future.

The section reports will provide reminders of what the sections have done this year, but I would just like to mention some events that we attended as a group:

- **St. George's Day Parade and Service in April 2018**
- **Bristol South Jamboree (BSJ18) at Woodhouse Park in May 2018**
- **Whitchurch Royal British Legion Remembrance Sunday in November 2018**

Following on from the improvements to the building and grounds that I reported last year, we have renewed the gutters, improved the external lighting, and repainted the outside of the building. The next work will be replacement doors and windows, a refurbishment of the toilets and providing wheelchair access to the front door.

The opening of the second Beavers colony has been very successful, thanks to Carol Ferris & Penny, and the parents who help regularly. Sarah now helps with Cubs but thank you for all your help with the Beavers.

We opened a second Cub pack during the Autumn, which we called the Wednesday pack, I'm not sure why, but it seemed to fit! Thanks to Tanya, for letting this happen. At Christmas, Carol Mole decided to stand down as Akela of the Tuesday Pack. Thanks to Carol for her support with Cubs over the last few years.

The two packs run the same programme, with the leaders helping each other to plan & prepare. All my thanks to Tanya, Karen, Helen, Jackie, Mike, Nick and all the parents who have helped for Cub nights and activities. Thanks to the Pears Foundation who have helped us in finding new Cub leaders.

The Scout Troop has had a difficult year, with two changes of Scout leader. Alan stood down as planned after summer camp and we were lucky to have Justin take over as Scout Leader. However, it didn't work out as we had hoped, and Alan returned to complete this year until the 2019 summer camp. Thank you to Justin & Alan. However, time for some good news, which is that we have found another Scout Leader, Tim who was one of our Scouts.

The 'Pegasus' Explorer Scout Unit (for 14 to 18-year olds) is now up and running. The Unit is open to everyone (between 14 and 18 years old). The unit is not part of the group as Explorers are a District provision, but we continue to have close affiliation to it as its meetings are held in our Headquarters. However, they need new volunteer leaders to continue in September. If you would like to help, please chat with Scott Stowell or Cathy Harding or me.

The Scout Group celebrates its 60th Birthday this year, after being formed in February 1959. We have produced a 60th birthday badge which is available to buy for £1. I have challenged each section to do something memorable in the theme of 60 during 2019 and to keep a record:

- **Beavers – try 60 new things;**
- **Cubs – to complete 60 Good turns;**
- **Scouts - to follow the Scout Law in all that they do for the sixty days.**

Thank you to all the volunteers who have given up their time over the last year; and as I think it is important to recognise the time and wisdom that and they give to the group, they are:

Beavers – Carol Ferris, Sarah Hollow & Penny Herrington;

Cubs –Tanya Bracey, Carol Mole, Karen Gibbons, Helen Osborne, Jackie Loader, Mike Nicholls & Nick Lloyd;

Scouts – Alan Price, Justin Underhill, Paul Carter, Kyle Freethy, Amy Gill, Lee Pearce & Stuart Mole;

Fundraising – Tanya Bracey, Amy Gill & Becky Chappell-King;

Group Committee – Treasurer Andy Bracey;

Grass cutting & cleaning – Ian & Gemma;

We also have several Young Leaders (who are Explorer Scouts) and make a valuable contribution to the section and the group.

Thank you all!

We are always on the lookout for new volunteers in the group; working with the young people or providing support in the background. It is always very rewarding, fun and we can find ways if you can't help every week. Not every role involves working with directly with the Beavers, Cubs & Scouts. Training is available for many roles. There are also small tasks that you could do to help, such as managing hall bookings, organising a fund-raising event, taking money for an activity, or sharing a special skill or interest that you have, etc. Please have a think about the ways that you can support our young people to get the most from the Scouting Adventure; and chat with any of the leaders or me.

Finally, I would like to wish Hannah a great trip as he heads off soon to North America to attend the 24th World Scout Jamboree!!

Yours in Scouting
Andy Dyer
Group Scout Leader

BEAVERS [Facebook: 148th Stockwood Beavers](#)

Beavers have had a busy and very full year. Our numbers are always steady, and the majority of Beavers will stay with us until their 8th birthday, then moving onto Cubs. We currently have 12 children on the waiting list who will join within the next 12 months.

Since the last AGM there have been some changes within Beavers with Sarah Mamo having to finish helping due to family commitments, however Sarah is still very much involved in scouting with other sections and will continue to help us where possible. I would like to thank her for all her help and support over the years and wish her all the best in the future.

I would like to thank the following people for taking a more activate role within both groups, Penny Herrington who is my Assistant leader for Acorn group, Michaela and Lisa Hannan who help with Oak group. Also like to thank Anthony Grabinski and Ben Farrow from scouts who come along and help each week, along with all the wonderful parents who are willing to help when needed. Without your support Beavers could not run.

Both groups are running well and following the same programme. We have named the groups Acorn for the 4.45pm to 5.45pm group. This group continues to be small to accommodate children with additional needs. The other group is called Oak 6.00pm to 7.00pm. This group has a max number of 20 children.

Since the last AGM the Beavers have worked towards gaining all their challenge badges and activity badges. Since our last AGM I have given out 150 badges to the Beavers and 7 Beavers have obtained their bronze award. We were also pleased when TJ Taylor won the 60th badge competition where her design, along with the Cub and Scout winners has been turned into a commemorative

badge. These are some of the badges they Beavers have gained over the last 9 months, Hikes, Camping craft, Explore, First aid badges. Over the next few months we will be concentrating on completing challenge badges to enable our older Beavers to gain their Bronze Chief Scout award, the highest award Beavers can earn. As Leaders we are keen for each Beaver within the group to have the opportunity to earn this badge.

We have had an eventful time over the past 9 months; here is a summary of what we have done. In September we enrolled all the Beavers in Acorn group around a campfire with the help of Scott Stowell our District Commissioner and Teresa Dunsford (Assistant District Commissioner for Beavers). Also, we did a local litter pick up by the local shops and carpark, a brilliant example to other members of the public that young people do care about their environment. In October we took a group of Beavers to the zoo. Acorn group visited Horseworld on their open day and enjoyed a very bumpy tractor ride. We also had a joint Halloween party where we played different games and had snacks. In November Beavers took part in the Remembrance Day parade and marched from the British Legion in Whitchurch to St Nicholas Church. As part of our remembrance celebrations, Ian Parson, one of the scout parents, came and talked to the Beavers, as well as showing them all his army gear, trying out his backpack and having camo paint on. In December some of our Beavers helped with the Christmas tree sale. We also had a joint group Christmas party. When we returned in January we all went tobogganing at the Mendip Activity Centre and we also went to Bristol museum to learn all about Chinese New Year. When the snow came in February we encouraged our Beavers to be helpful and clear pathway. We also cooked our traditional pancakes which was eventful. At Easter we had an Easter egg hunt where the Beavers had to use a map to find the clues around Stockwood. In March we held a Mothers Day tea, where the Beavers baked cakes, made sandwiches and made table decorations.

We have a Facebook page which is a great way of passing on information between the groups as well as showing activities we have been doing. Please send a request to [148th Stockwood Beaver Group](#) if you wish to be a member. We are looking forward to future events especially the Avon Jamboree in May 2020.

Beaver meetings are fun, loud and sometime chaotic; however, the main aim of Beavers is to have FUN! And FRIENDS! As well as learning a thing or two along the way.

Finally, I would like to thank all the parents who have supported the Beavers by bring them along each week and especially the parents who have helped us during session, without your help we would not be able to run these exciting activities.

Carol Ferris
Beaver Leader

CUBS [Facebook: 148th Stockwood Cubs](#)

It's been a very busy year for the cubs in so many ways.

Due to ever increasing numbers, our cub pack became two cub packs last November. Initially with Carol continuing to lead the Tuesday cubs & myself swapping to take lead of the new Wednesday cubs.

Unfortunately, because of increasing work commitments we said goodbye to Carol Mole at Christmas. Thanks to Carol for all the experiences she shared with us & for passing on her experience & knowledge. We've now welcomed 5 new leaders to the group. Mike Nichols (Kaa) & Nick Lloyd (King Louie) have taken the role of assistant leaders. While Helen Osborne (Bagheera), Jackie Loader (Chil) & Karen Gibbon have become Cubs' new section assistants. We are also lucky to have 3 young leaders Hannah (Hathi), Ethan (King Louie) & Sophie. I should also mention Sarah Mamo, Tracy Wookey & Stacey Belsten who also help Wednesday cubs on a regular basis. Thanks everyone.

Over the last year the cubs have taken part in various activities such as sailing, climbing, fire lighting, navigation, recently a day at Bristol Zoo, Fundays at Woodhouse & the South Bristol Pinewood derby.

The Cubs joined the scouts on a two-night camp & night hike at Woodhouse last September. We had a sixer and second sleepover in February when they had the chance to try fencing, archery & lots of teamwork. April saw us join the scouts on camp again, this time to Chelwood with a record number of cubs (26) & adults (10) attending. Despite a visit from storm 'Hannah' it was a great weekend.

The cubs can look forward to camping in tents a few more times this year, now that I've earned my camping permit. Centenary Wood is next week & others are in the planning. There's JOTA/ JOTI In October, we have a group sleepover at Flipout in October planned, as well as a big group camp to Avon Adventures 2020 in May next year.

466 badges have been awarded to the cubs between 1st September 2018 and today's AGM. There's also another 100+ to give out before the summer holidays. Cubs have earned them on pack nights, on camp & during the extra activities. I've also been really proud to award 7 silver chief scout awards recently to some of the older cubs, I know how hard they've had to work to gain them. Well done all of you. It's great that I can say both the boys & the girls earn just as many badges as each other, as do the older cubs & the younger ones. I think I can safely say we'll be awarding a few more silver awards over the next year too. It's great that so many of the cubs grab every opportunity offered, using it to learn something new, challenging themselves, making new friends, all while having so much fun & a smile on their face. Thank you to everyone that's supported cubs this last year in whatever capacity. Thanks to the parents that have joined cubs as leaders, stepping in to help in when we needed it. Without you all cubs at 148th would have been in jeopardy. Without the help & support from the other leaders past & present

both myself & the cubs wouldn't have had the opportunities we have or had the fun that we have. Two years ago, I'd never have said that camping was fun, let alone taking along 26 cubs for the ride! Thanks to all the parents that have joined us on camp, come along on activity days, giving up weekends to spend it with us, hopefully you had fun too. Even those evenings when you come along to help with cubs are really appreciated. Sometimes it can be loud & chaotic, but you get to see what goes on, spend some time with your child & 24 others all while hopefully teaching them something new & having loads of fun in the process. You never know you may learn to love camping too! 😊 We understand that families have other commitments too, which is why we ask everyone to come along to help us three times a year, this shares the load out for all the families.

Our cub packs are bursting at the seams, with more beavers waiting to move up & children on the waiting list wanting to join, so we must be doing something right. I'm looking forwards to sharing so many new experiences with so many more of them. Encouraging them to try new things, become more independent & watch them grow into great cubs before losing them to scouts.

Tanya Bracey (Baloo)
Cubs Leader

SCOUTS [Facebook: 148th Bristol \(1st Stockwood\) Scouts Group](#)

Joint cub/Scout camp - Woodhouse activity camp

Shooting competition - We entered the annual county shooting competition.

Remembrance Day - Thanks for all of those who were able to make it.

Joti/Jota - A brilliant day at Woodhouse Park where the scouts had ago at contacting other scouts around the world, build an amplifier from scratch and had ago on the high ropes.

County Cooking Competition - We entered 1 team into this annual activity

Expedition Challenge - The older scouts planned and participated in a weekend walking exercise.

Clip & Climb - They went and then they went down.

Canoeing - A chance for some of the scouts to learn some basic canoeing skills and have a wash.

Sailing - Another session at Avon Scout Sailing section. Well done to everyone who attended.

Strategy - Two scouts joined a team into this weekend walking competition. The team did really well coming 63rd out of 330.

Badges - We have handed out over 140 badges (£100 worth) this year (thanks Lee for managing the badge records) lots more badges to come.

Leavers - We've said farewell to Lilly, Connor, Dylan, Ben, Lexie, Chloe and Sophie.

Leaders - Of course, none of this would be possible without the support of the leaders. A massive thanks to Paul, Kyle, Amy, Lee, Tim and Stuart.

Alan Price

FUNDRAISING

We fundraise for extra money to spend on maintaining and improving the HQ and to replace and improve the groups equipment. The main fundraising events during the previous year have been last years AGM & BBQ, Films nights and Christmas Tree Sales.

We received £ 3,348x from the Co-op Community Fund. Thank you to everyone who signed up to support us, or who just brought carrier bags!

Ideally, we would love for a few parents, no matter what section, help us by organising a fundraising event. If you have any ideas please speak to the leaders or Andy.

Here's to the next year and raising more vital funds for Stockwood Scout group which will hopefully help us continue to improve life at the hut and much more.....

Thanks to Tanya, Amy and everyone else who has helped with fundraising.

AGENDA - AGM for the period April 2018 to March 2019

1. Welcome
2. Attendance & Apologies for Non-Attendance
3. Minutes of the previous AGM
4. Matters arising from Minutes
5. Chairman's Report
6. Group report
7. Section Reports
8. Treasurer's Report and receive the accounts
9. GSL nomination of Chairperson
10. Election of Secretary
11. Election of Treasurer
12. To Appoint an Auditor/Scrutineer (as required to satisfy Charity Commission)
13. Approve Nominations of Members to Group Exec (other than those agreed in 8, 9 & 10 above)
14. District representative's comments & Chief Scouts Award presentations
15. Any other Business