

CESTRIAN SCOUT GROUP

Annual Review 2017

Registered Charity Number 514106



St Georges Day Parade



St Georges Day Parade



Adult Awards Presentation



Water Activities at District Camp



Cestrian Scout Group
Registered charity No 514106
FAMILY FUN EVENING and BBQ
and
ANNUAL REVIEW MEETING



Friday 14th July 2017 @ 6.30pm

At Cestrian Scout HQ, Thackeray Drive, Vicars Cross, Chester

AGENDA

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| 1 | Welcome by Group Scout Leader | Keith Harding |
| 2 | Apologies for absence | Denise Huxley |
| 3 | Approval of 2016 AGM Minutes | Denise Huxley |
| 4 | Approval of Accounts for year end March 2017 | Nigel Browning |
| 5 | Group Scout Leaders Report | Keith Harding |
| 6 | Chairman's Report | Denise Huxley |
| 7 | Nomination and approval of Chairman* | Keith Harding |
| 8 | Election of Group Secretary | Denise Huxley |
| 9 | Election of Group Treasurer | Denise Huxley |
| 10 | Election of Auditors | Denise Huxley |
| 11 | Election of Group Executive Committee Members+ | Denise Huxley |
| 12 | Approval of Group Scout Leaders nominations to
The Group Executive Committee+ | Keith Harding |
| 13 | The District Commissioner / Representative | Martin Relton |
| 14 | Presentations / Awards | |
| 15 | Vote of thanks | |

Note:

- * In accordance with the rules of the Scout Association, only the Group Scout Leader may nominate a person to the position of Group Chairman.
- + Nominations to the Group Executive Committee should be representative of all sections of the Group.

Chairman's Report

Thank you for joining us this evening for our annual review, presentations and barbeque.

I, as chairman would like to thank all the leaders, assistants and helpers who are here every week for all their hard work during the year. They have organised lots of interesting and fun activities for the young people to join in and enjoy. This year we have several new young leaders helping.

During the last 12 months, we have held several fund-raising events. The main one being our annual plant sale in May. This year again raising over £800. Slightly down on last year. I would like to say a big thank you to Peter Lloyd-Brown for Co-ordinating this event again this year, and setting up the website for it, a lot of hard work goes into this. Thanks also to all who sort out orders and deliver them.

More help would be much appreciated next year.

I would like to thank Gill, Shirley and Grahame for organising the Autumn Fayre in October and everyone who helped on the day. It was really good fun and raised over £300.

At the end of October, we held a 50-year Reunion for past leaders, executive committee members and helpers. It was a lovely evening with lots of photos and items past and present brought in for us to look at.

In June we sold tea, coffee and squash at a local community fund raising event, held this year here at Thackeray Drive Playing Field. This being The Scruffs dog show and Fun Day organised by the local dog walkers in aid of dogs' charities.

As we have for many years, during February some of our young people and leaders were involved in Chester and District Gang show at the Kings School both on stage and behind the scenes. Well worth a visit if you have never been to see the show.

In May, our group joined other groups from the district at Tatton Park at district Camp. A great weekend was had by all despite the weather on the Saturday.

I would like to thank Keith Harding, our group scout leader, Grahame Polley, assistant group scout leader, Shirley Polley, our minutes secretary, Nigel Browning, our treasurer and the members of the executive committee for their hard work this year. Also, as he is standing down as our treasurer this year. I would like to say an extra big thank you to Nigel for all his very hard work over the last 10 years.

If you have any fund-raising ideas don't hesitate to come forward. We do need your help and support. and hope that every young person in the group will continue to enjoy coming and joining us and that we will be successful for many years to come.

Thank you to anyone I have forgotten to mention.

If you are interested in joining our executive committee and support our group have a word with one of us later. We hold our meetings at the Centurion Pub every 6 to 8 weeks.

Group Chairperson

Denise Huxley

Cestrian Scout Group Receipts and Payments Account

Year start date

Year end date

For the year from	01-May-16	To	30-Apr-17
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Receipts and payments

	2016/17	2015/16
	Unrestricted funds	Unrestricted funds
	£	£
Receipts		
Donations, legacies and similar income		
Membership subscriptions	10,643	11,387
Less: Membership subscriptions paid on (National/County/Area/District)	3,870	4,368
Net membership subscriptions retained	6,673	7,029
Donation - Great Boughton Council (JOTA)	-	260
Donation - Lions Club	-	220
Donation - Waitrose	-	263
Donation - Centurion Club	186	260
Donation - others	20	80
Group Activities	8,346	6,077
Gift Aid	2,376	2,426
Flower sales matched funding (Barclays)	-	-
Sub total	18,489	15,684
Grants		
Maintenance grant	0	-
Sub total	0	-
Fundraising (gross)		
Plant Sales	2,629	3,140
HQ Hire	1,483	1,249
Explorer Scouts HQ Hire	800	-
Necker money	110	126
Scrap metal sale	-	32
JOTA activities	88	174
Other fundraising activities	864	1,119
Sub total	5,544	5,839
Investment income		
Bank interest	-	3
Building Society interest	-	-
The Scout Association Short Term Investment Service	1	1
Bank adjustment	-	80
Other investment income	-	-
Sub total	1	84
Total Gross Income	24,043	21,487
Asset and investment sales, etc.	0	-
Total receipts	24,043	21,487

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Receipts and payments

	2016/17	2015/16
	Unrestricted funds	Unrestricted funds
	£	£
Payments		
Charitable Payments		
Youth programme and activities	8,844	5,024
Music Licence (two years subscriptions)	428	-
Great Boughton Parish Council & Cheshire & Chester West Rates	120	60
Water and Sewerage	126	-188
Electricity and Gas	1,188	812
Insurance	1,121	1,077
Radio batteries	185	-
District Shop	668	1,382
New Tents and associated equipment, generator, PA systems	-	780
Sundry expenses	788	323
AGM and trustee expenses	162	-
HQ Cleaning	8	84
Bank charges	12	108
Westwood shutter plus keys	-	1,145
JOTA badges	223	80
HQ general maintenance	213	285
Sub total	14,770	10,833
Fundraising expenses		
Plant purchases	1,618	2,165
General	-	-
Other fundraising costs	188	380
Sub total	1,702	2,635
Total Gross Expenditure	16,472	13,468
Asset and investment purchases, etc.	0	-
Total payments	16,472	13,468
Net of receipts/(payments)	7,571	8,019
Cash funds last year end	20,663	12,644
Cash funds this year end	28,234	20,663

Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the year

	2016/17	2015/16
	Unrestricted funds	Unrestricted funds
	£	£
Cash funds		
Bank current account	28,140	18,688
Bank deposit account	-	-
Building society account	-	-
The Scout Association Short Term Investment Service	2,078	2,078
Cash/Floats	16	16
Total cash funds	28,234	20,663
Other monetary assets		
Tax claim	-	-
Debts due from the County/Area/District/Group	-	-
Insurance claim	-	-
Sub total	-	-
Investment assets		
Investment property - detail	-	-
Quoted investments	-	-
Other investments - detail	-	-
Sub total	-	-
Non monetary assets for charity's own use		
Badge stock	-	-
Shop stock	-	-
Land and buildings	224,172	216,660
Motor vehicles	-	-
Scouting equipment, furniture etc	36,468	34,084
Steel container	4,428	4,268
Steel container contents	2,688	2,688
Sub total	266,744	256,485
Liabilities		
Accounts not yet paid	323	421
Loan - detail	-	-
Other liabilities	-	-
Sub total	323	421

Signature

Print Name

Chair
Treasurer

Cestrian Scout Group Group Scout Leader's Report for AGM 14th July 2017

I am pleased to welcome you all this evening to our "Family fun evening and BBQ and awards presentations incorporating our AGM" well someone has to do it!!

I thought we were going to have a challenge after last year, when we received our award for 8 consecutive years growth, the **only** group in the district to achieve this, so it is no surprise this year that our numbers slipped slightly at the date of the census. A huge thank you to everyone connected with Cestrian Scout Group for another great scouting year, it is down to great teamwork and just goes to prove we are providing great scouting for our young members You may have seen or heard nationally that there are over 51,000 young people waiting to join and start their scouting career... WE could do something about that if only we had a couple of adults to volunteer to open up a second Beaver colony this could lead to opening a second scout troop, so you see, it's not impossible to help these young people achieve, it just needs **YOU** to volunteer and help us! PLEASE give it some thought.

Our current membership numbers are outlined in Grahame's report, but needless to say we are still providing lots of great scouting and activities that our young people enjoy and want to be part of, as do many more indicated by our waiting list – there is no reason why you also shouldn't be a part of this great movement, there are roles for everyone, either uniformed as a leader or in many helper roles, please ask me or the team for more details – we all do what we do for the benefit of the young people (your children), so please give some thought to volunteering what skills you can offer to help your children and others like them to develop into well balanced young members of their community and society.

We continue to operate one Beaver colony run by Kristy and Sam assisted by other members of our leadership team and three of our Young Leaders Vicky, Cara and Bradney, two cub packs, Tribuni Pack on a Tuesday run by Gill, Paul, Brandon and Chris assisted by Danielle and Alastair, and Centurion Pack on a Wednesday run by Vicki and assisted by Rachel, myself, Lee and Alec and two of our Young Leaders Matthew and James. The Scout section has grown again over the past year and is run by David who is ably assisted by Jay and Alex, with the help of Joseph and Ben two of our young leaders. So my thanks to you all for keeping the sections very much alive and kicking and the young people enthused.

I am very proud and privileged to work with such a fantastic dedicated bunch of people here at Cestrian and although we operate for the benefit of our young members none of this is possible without the total dedication and commitment from all the leaders and helpers and executive committee members who make Cestrian Scout Group the group it is, so I would like to say a very **big thank you to you all** as I know it is not always easy juggling scouting, work and your own family lives. I would like to thank Denise Huxley our Group Chairperson for all the support she has given me as GSL and for all her catering expertise on camps and group functions, to Grahame Polley our AGSL who tirelessly works away in the background doing all those jobs I ask of him, and for keeping things on the right track, and also to Rachel my wife for her continuous support and encouragement. I also congratulate Vicki, Gill, Denise, Steve and Shirley on their awards as outlined in Grahame's AGSL report.

I do not wish to steal the thunder from any of our sections, so please read their reports as attached to see the fun and adventure our young people from their scouting.

Members of the group took part in numerous activities and events over the year as outlined in the sectional reports including our long running JOTA weekend, a BIG beaver sleepover at the

Catalyst museum and the Cubs100 sleepover party to celebrate the centenary of cubs last year. We also had our annual cub Christmas Turkey and Tinsel camp, and cubs Christmas bowling trip. The group held its own St. Georges Day parade and service by parading from our scout HQ to the Vicars Cross United Reformed Church where their usual service was adapted to suit our young people. We presented our colours on arrival and each section renewed their promise lead by an appropriate leader. We had a reasonable turnout and the locals were very appreciative of the group's community involvement, we even had a District representative join us. We attended the Remembrance Day service at St. Peters church Plemstall as we do every year.

We also had a very well attended Cestrian group carol service at the United Reformed Church, Vicars Cross in December when we were entertained by members from each section punctuated by some very good carol singing. We also attended the district camp at Tatton Park in May with 76 of the group attending what was a great adventurous activity filled weekend.

The group held its annual plant sale in May as a major fundraiser: the plants are "Blooming lovely"!

Sadly we say goodbye to Nigel Browning our group treasurer who has maintained the groups finances in excellent order over the past ten years, Thanks for all that he has done to support the group and maintain a healthy bank balance, we wish him well for the future.

Most of our leader team have a role in helping me with my other hat on as producer of Chester Gang Show, so my thanks to them all for that **extra** commitment – I think we had 21 members of our group involved with the show this year either on stage or in various supporting roles - if you have not seen Gang Show then book your seats early next year, February half term. Our 61st show this year was again a great success, or so we were told, again with standing ovations!!

Finally a big thank you to all our young members for turning up each week and enjoying your scouting, long may it continue, you will be thankful in years ahead for the skills you learnt (whether knowingly or not) during your scouting career. And lastly a big thank you to you their parents for supporting and encouraging your children so that they can enjoy their scouting and develop into well balanced young members of their community and society.

Scouting does make a difference.

Thank you all for coming and enjoy the rest of the evening.

Keith Harding

Group Scout Leader



Group Review 2017 - Assistant Group Scout Leaders Report

The Cestrian Scout Group is still flourishing and new members are still joining us in all sections. We now have 104 young people, 17 leaders and 7 Young Leaders. As of June we have 24 Beaver Scouts, 49 Cub Scouts and 31 Scouts. Our overall numbers have stayed much the same as last year even though we have had quite a few join us. Unfortunately due to other pressures we have also lost a few from all sections.

Four of our previous Young Leaders have now taken full appointments with the Cub and Scout sections. This is excellent news.

We still have a waiting list of children that wish to join the Group but this is mostly in the Beaver age group, 6 to 8 yrs. We are restricted by safety rules to a maximum of 24 in a Beaver Colony. Unfortunately we have 16 on our waiting list that are old enough to join but we do not have space for them. The only way we can overcome this issue is to start another colony but that requires Leaders. Various emails have been sent out recently in the hope that some parents will come forward to help their children become part of the Scouting movement.

Our intention to join list, i.e. those that wish to join but are not old enough, is currently at 29 with new ones being added almost daily. It is encouraging that parents still feel that Scouting is a youth movement that they wish their child to join. If you could help or wish to know more please speak to one of the Leadership Team.

I am continuing to assist with the Beaver Scout Section and with our very keen leaders, Kristy Collins, Sam Farrington and who are doing a wonderful job with quite a demanding age group. Under their leadership there have been several Beavers that have gained their Bronze Award. Kristy, Sam are ably assisted by three Young Leaders, Bradney, Cara and Vicki.

I also help run Paddle Power Kayaking courses for the District on the River Dee during the summer months and I was pleased to see some of our Scouts taking part and achieving their Paddle Sports badge. We also had the Cubs on the water on the Bell Boats ably helmed by David Broady, our Scout Leader.

We also have 7 Young Leaders within the Group. Three help with Beavers, two with Wednesday (Centurion) Cubs and two with Scouts. We are very grateful for their help and assistance. Hopefully with our encouragement they will be our future Leaders. Previous Young Leaders are Brandon Hone who is now an Assistant Cub Scout Leader and Alec Stokes is now an Assistant Cub Scout Leader.

Maintenance of the building is still ongoing. During the year we replaced all of the cupboards in the back-room. Each section now has it's own secure cupboard and there are new cupboards for the day to day equipment and activities. We are very grateful for Mark Abbott, one of our Cub parents for providing, for free, all of the materials and labour. There is still a number of other projects that we are considering, e.g. sorting out the storage container. If you could help with any of these projects or have any special skills i.e. joinery, building etc. please let me know.

Last year we applied for Gift Aid from HMRC which resulted in a refund of £2375. We will be applying for a refund again this year and thank all of you who have signed and returned the gift aid form. By paying your subs each term this has helped enormously in the collation of the information required by HMRC. If you pay tax and haven't returned your form we encourage you to do so. The application to HMRC is quite easy although time consuming but there is a good reward at the end of the process. Returning the subs payment slips each term helps considerably with the Gift Aid application and also essential in making our Treasurers job a little easier consolidating the accounts.

The Group is registered with the website www.easyfundraising.org.uk If you purchase goods online and register yourselves as a supporter of the Cestrian Scout Group then providing you order goods via the easyfundraising site, we get a bit of commission. It doesn't cost anything to use but we could receive a lot of easy money. The website link is www.easyfundraising.org.uk/csgchester. So far we have only raised a total of £151, £11 up on last year.

The new Group website, started five years ago, can be accessed by using the URL www.cestrianscouts.org.uk There are links to Scout District, County and National websites. I would be grateful for any feedback relating to the presentation and content. We do have a diary page of main Group activities and a page showing hall bookings . Our hall is available for hire for children's parties and other functions. We also have a Group Facebook page

We have been busy trying to get involved in the community and recently helped provide refreshments at the Scruffs Fun Dog Show held in Vicars Cross. This was the forth year of this type of event. Unfortunately unless they get more help it could be the last. Thanks to Paige Williams who came along and helped.

We had a very successful Autumn Fayre in October which raised about £500 which we won't be repeating this year but are having a Halloween Party instead.

We celebrated 50yrs of Scouting in Vicars Cross with an evening at the Scout HQ attended by past and present Leaders and Executive Committee Members. We have also been busy attending 100 years of Cub Scouts and 30 years of Beavers events. We also had 76 of the Group attend a weekend District Camp in May at Tatton Park. Our Carol Service in 2016 was held at the Vicars Cross URC as was our St Georges Day Parade in April.

Finally I would like to thank all the other Leaders and helpers who support all our young people. As training advisor I would like to congratulate Jen Biggs and Chris Huxley-Clowes for completing their Woodbadge adult training. We also need to congratulate Gill Owen for being awarded the Bar to the Medal of Merit, Vicky Courtney for being awarded the Medal of Merit and Denise Huxley, Steve Huxley and Shirley Polley who have been awarded the Chief Scouts Commendation for Good Service.

If you have any queries or questions about any of the comments made above or wish to volunteer in any way to support the Group, please contact me or any of the team.

Next year we are looking forward to Chamboree 2018, a week long International Camp and also supporting some of our Scouts who may be attending the 2019 World Scout Jamboree in the USA.

Grahame Polley
Assistant Group Scout Leader
June 2017

BEAVERS

CESTRIAN SCOUT GROUP

This year has flown by as Cestrian Beaver Scouts were very busy with a variety of challenging and adventurous activities.

The autumn term included a night den building at Gowy Woodland Park and one identifying leaves on a Leaf Walk at Hoole Park.



Twelve Beavers joined us on the District trip to Blackpool Circus which concluded the 30th birthday celebrations for Beaver Scouts! The Camp Craft theme for our sleepover in November was chosen by the Beavers and it was enjoyed by all who attended. We made



some fab Christmas decorations on our Hobbycraft visit.

While the autumn term was adventure, the spring term was all about Badges! Beavers voted on what they wanted to do and it was a tie so we did it all! Healthy Eating AND Experiments along with learning some new Skills. We had a visit from the District Youth Commissioner about Youth Shaped Scouting; children shaping their own scouting experiences, which we are doing very well. 😊



Toby and Ewan participated in this year's Chester Gang Show! They put in many hours of rehearsals for the week on stage in February. Well done you two!

Cestrian Beavers joined 18th Chester Beavers for a sleepover at the Catalyst Museum in March. We completed their science trail, watched 'Night at the Museum' and made our beds upstairs in the Observatory. The next morning was soap making and a light show.



Our visit to Backford Belles Ice Cream Farm was delicious! We learned how to make ice cream and everyone donned hats and shoe covers to go behind the scenes to watch some being made. Tasted great too.



This last term was outdoor focused with our Picnic Night, District Camp visit as well as the District Roman Day. We have been working on tying knots and as we write this our walk along the Millenium Greenway on a Picture Trail is coming up.



We would like to thank Grahame, Gill and Denise for always being there to help. Thanks as well to the parents and Young Leaders who have helped us during the year. Our families deserve a special mention for all their help and support as we couldn't do it without them. Have a great summer and see you in September.

Kristy and Sam

TRIBUNI CUBS REPORT 2017



What an exciting year it has been for our cubs

October saw us in our Halloween Costumes for our party and an evening of games



November we were at Plemstall Church for the Remembrance Day Service



Turkey and Tinsel weekend with Wednesday cubs was at Burwardsley. We were able to make some Christmas Crafts, every one enjoyed being out side making shelters

Our Christmas meal prepared and cooked by Denise was as always
Lovely thank you



December saw 18 cubs going to the District Promise Sleep over Party at Blacon High School to celebrate 100 years of cub scouting. Together we all renewed our Promise. There was a Creepy Crawley show not sure I would have liked to have held these snails. As with all parties lots of food and movies to watch not much sleep was had

To end the year we had our Christmas Party and we all wore our Festive jumpers !



February 2017 We entered the District Craft Competition at Tarporley with a team of three (should be six in a team)

What can I say they only went and won which means we now have to represent District at the County Craft Competition. Congratulations go to Elin Caitlin and Alexander

March saw us taking part in the District swimming Gala. We entered two Two teams and were joined by three cubs from Wednesday. Congratulations to both teams coming joint second



March also saw us visiting the Fire Station.. The cubs had a great time with the water hoses and looking around the Fire Engines



Cheshire County Cub Craft Competition was held at Milldale Campsite and Elin Caitlin and Alexander once again took up the challenge to represent the District this time. To their amazement they came first. Well done you three



The month of May saw us all going to District Camp at Tatton Park. Over the weekend the cubs were able to take part in a variety of activities. Everyone had a great time.



Gladstone Camp site was our next visit where we did some Backwoods cooking and Took part in a wide game



Tribuni Cub Report 2017

We have had a fantastic year with many of the cubs joining in the various activities which have taken place over the past year. As well as these activities cubs have been working hard to gain their badges.

I would like to congratulate Liam Smith, Jonny Riley and Ruben Abbott-Beck on gaining their silver Award .

I would like to thank my leaders Paul, Chris, Danielle, Brandon and Alastair without their help many activities wouldn't be able to take place. A big thank you to Jane who child minds every Tuesday you are a star.

I would also like to thank Grahame, Denise and David for all their support they have given to the Tribuni pack during the past year.

I would like to thank the parents of the cubs for supporting us in the activities which have taken place these past twelve months. It has been a pleasure taking the cubs on the outings and camps, you should be very proud of them.

If any parents have any **Skills or Hobbies** they can share with us at a pack meeting please let us know we would love you to come along .

Gill

Centurion Cub Scout Report

2017

The Centurion Pack have enjoyed 2016/17, taking part in a good range of activities.

In December, we enjoyed our Christmas Camp at Burwardsley Outdoor Centre. We even had a visit from Elfie with his two minders!. We walked to the candle factory and had lots of fun including a full Christmas dinner.



We have also been to District Camp in May at Tatton Park where the Cubs were able to join in a number of activities including the usual fun games, Spider wall, Inflatables, Science Badge, Backwards Cooking, Water activities and lots more.



During the winter months the cubs developed team skills, they also continued to work towards the challenge badges including Pioneering and Chef badges, Astronomer, Navigator stage ½, home-helper and many others being completed.

At Easter we had to say a temporary goodbye to Johnny a leader who we hope will be back in the future after working in the Netherlands for six months.

The summer programme has included the Athletes Badge, Art with Lee evening for the Artist badge which included model making, painting and poster making and learning about the Romans in Chester. Including a walk around the City Walls ending up in McDonalds!!



Almost finishing the summer term with a Water Activities evening on the River Dee.



Which was great fun even if some did get a little bit wet !!.

Well done to 4 of our cubs who have gained their Chief Scouts Silver Award this year.

Many thanks to Lee, Alec, Matthew, James and Jonny for all their hard work. Sadly we say thank you and goodbye to Matthew who is leaving us to start work in Manchester.

Vicki and Rachel





Another busy year for the scout section supported by Jay and Alex (who endeavours to be with us most weeks despite stating university). Our young leader Joseph was joined by Ben (another of our former scouts) who has impressively almost completed his YL training in the first year. Numbers continue to be healthy at around 30 and we've again attracted members from outside the group in addition to those moving up from cubs. It's also been good to see an improving link with Explorers with a good number moving up to continue their scouting at the next level.

Just before the summer break we were away for the first of many camps this year with our survival camp. The scouts slept under self made shelters and cooked all meals over the fire. We experimented with our new Dutch oven (still need practice) and had Jay demonstrate the preparation of a rabbit - not for the squeamish!



At the end of September we travelled to Cox Wood for the troop's autumn camp. Activities included crate stacking, climbing, shooting and archery. It was nice to have the luxury of the indoor kitchen which allowed for some more adventurous cooking but we still found some time for cooking on the fire.



In December we once again held our Christmas sleepover. A mix of chill out games and activities together with festive challenges including an impressive display of skill and creativity for the wrapping paper fashion task.



In January we joined the county Winter Camp event at Forest camp. A fantastic range of activities were on offer including; cave bus, fencing, axe throwing, high ropes, shooting, climbing and off road segway. The weather was certainly wintery and even managed a few flakes of snow.



In May we joined the rest of the group and district at Tatton for District camp. Amongst the activities were bell boating, kayaking, an inflatable assault course, zip line and laser tag.

Through the year scouts from the troop also participated in a several District activities. Several took part in Gang Show and we were also well represented in the summer canoe courses. Several scouts also got involved with hike training culminating at Easter with Isaac, Jake and Anna competing in the Cheshire hike and achieving some good results.

Thursday nights covered a range of activities. The scouts worked in their patrols on challenge nights and came together in a hive of activity in an apprentice challenge to produce the best items for sale at the autumn fair.



On the more serious side we had a session on internet safety and a really good visit by the police on drugs. Also on the programme during the year were wide games, indoor cardboard caving, life skills, and blowpipe nerf war.

Looking forward to next year !

David

Brains were put to the test on quiz night and engineering night tested skills in making wind powered cars and the infamous egg drop challenge.



Food based nights always go down well. This year's included hike food on hike stoves, flavoured pancakes, international cooking, Christmas sweets with mulled juice and the summer burger creation challenge.



We had a go at several creative skills making duct tape wallets and fidget spinners, pumpkin carving and a creative performance night where the scouts showcased their acting skills. With the lighter nights we practised fire lighting and orienteering skills, went geocaching in Chester, build large scale pioneering and had an athletics night.

Cestrian Scout Group AGM and Annual Review 2016

Date: 8th July 2016 at 6:30pm

Location: Cestrian Scout HQ, Thackeray Drive, Vicars Cross

Attendees: Committee and Leaders, XX total including parents and members.

1. Welcome by the Group Scout Leader (GSL)

Keith Harding welcomed everyone to the AGM and read out a short reflection on the principles of Scouting.

2. Apologies for absence

Apologies were received from: Matt Polley, Roland Farrington, David Watson, James Dick, Matthew Goodwin, Alex Coker and Caroline Hale.

3. Approval of the 2015 AGM Minutes.

The following corrections are required:

The vote of thanks should be to the Richard Johnson, the DC's representative.

Kristy also received her Woodbadge.

The accounts for 2014/2015 have been audited.

4. Approval of Accounts for the year ending March 2015. Treasurers report.

The accounts for the 2015/2016 financial year are yet to be audited.

Approval of accounts: Proposed by Kristy Collins and Seconded by Grahame Polley.

Nigel said that this will be his last year as Group Treasurer and that it would be useful if a new person could volunteer so that they could shadow Nigel during the year.

The following points were highlighted to show major differences from last years accounts:

The membership subs income was higher this year.

£1200 have been received from donations and grants.

£2400 has been received from Gift Aid.

Fundraising has raised £1000 plus the HQ Hire fees have risen.

The electric and water readings are now based on actual readings.

The District Shop fees are now being paid for by the Group and not by individual sections.

Bank charges have increased because of failed cheques.

5. Group Scout Leaders Report.

Keith's report is contained within the Annual Review document.

Keith thanked the Leadership team and also said that we had achieved an 8th Year of Growth Award.

Special thanks were given to Matt Polley and Alex Coker, who will be leaving the Group, and Lee Ware and Laura Farrington who have taken on Leadership roles.

He also thanked all the adults who support the Group and especially thanked Roland for his

time as Group Secretary as he will be standing down from this role.

6. Chairpersons Report

Denise read out her report which is also in the Annual Review document.
Denise asked that we still need help on fundraising activities.

7. Nomination and approval for Group Chairperson.

Denise Huxley
Proposed by: Keith Harding
Seconded by: Chris Huxley-Clowes

8. Election of Secretary.

Shirley Polley
Proposed by: Grahame Polley
Seconded by: Gill Owen

9. Election of Treasurer:

Nigel Browning
Proposed by: Denise Huxley
Seconded by: Vicky Courtney

10. Election of Auditors.

Paul Young
Proposed by: Nigel Browning
Seconded by: Keith Harding

11. Election of Group Executive.

Charlotte Lloyd-Brown is stepping down
Peter Lloyd-Brown is stepping down but will continue with the plant sale.
Janet and Mark Ware are to continue.
More parents representing each section are required.

12. Approval of Group Scout Leaders nominations to the Group Executive Committee.

None identified at this time.

13. District Commissioners Review.

Keith was presented with 8th Year of Growth Award.
Jo Turner said that the Group were doing well with a full balanced program and healthy funds.
She welcomed the Young Leaders to the Group and said that employers are keen to employ those Scouts that have achieved the Queens Scout or DofE Gold Awards.
Scouting is becoming more popular but it is causing large waiting lists and we still need more adult volunteers.

14. Presentation of Awards.

Grahame Polley presented Sam Farrington with her Woodbadge and thanked Kristy and Sam for completing their training very quickly.
Kristy presented the Chief Scouts Bronze Award for Beaver Scouts to Ethan Stuart and Sam Roberts.
Rachel presented Aiden Hulse with his Chief Scouts Silver Award.
Vicky Courtney and Brandon Hone gave a presentation on their time at the World Jamboree in Japan.

Keith thanked everyone for coming.

Meeting closed.

A free BBQ was provided to all those who attended.