

CESTRIAN SCOUT GROUP

Annual Review 2021

Registered Charity Number 514106



Socially distanced investitures



A "typical" meeting this year!!



Winter Camp Certificate



Nung – one of our young leaders and a "Diana Award" winner



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Cestrian Scout Group
Registered charity No 514106
AGM and ANNUAL REVIEW MEETING 2021



Friday 9th July 2021 @ 7.00pm
Digitally online via Zoom

AGENDA

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| 1 | Welcome by Group Scout Leader | Keith Harding |
| 1a | Agreement to hold AGM meeting online due to Covid-19 | |
| 1b | Opening Prayer | Keith Harding |
| 2 | Apologies for absence | Denise Huxley |
| 3 | Approval of 2020 AGM Minutes | Denise Huxley |
| 4 | Approval of Accounts for year end March 2021 | Sarah Oliver |
| 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 | |
| 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.

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Cestrian Scout Group

Receipts and Payments Account



Year start date

Year end date

For the year from	1-May-20	T o	30-Apr-21
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Receipts and payments

	2020/21 Unrestricted funds £	2019/20 Unrestricted funds £
Receipts		
Donations, legacies and similar income		
Membership subscriptions	3,212	8,436
Less: Membership subscriptions paid on (National/County/Area/District)	(3,175)	(3,992)
Net membership subscriptions retained	37	4,444
Group Activities	-	3,895
Gift Aid	2,203	2,160
Sub total	2,240	10,499
Grants		
COVID 19 grants	18,335	-
Sub total	18,335	-
Fundraising (gross)		
HQ Hire - Hoop for Joy	-	220
HQ Hire - Explorer Scouts	-	600
HQ Hire - Totally Active	80	536
HQ Hire - Emma Monteith (childminder)	-	60
HQ Hire - other	-	666
Necker money	6	215
Bingo evenings	-	960
Other fundraising activities	24	88
Sub total	110	3,345
Investment income		
Bank interest	32	-
Other investment income	-	-
Sub total	32	-
Total Gross Income	20,717	13,844
Asset and investment sales, etc.	-	-
Total receipts	20,717	13,844

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Payments		
Charitable Payments		
Youth programme and activities	1,018	4,870
Music Licence	-	172
Great Boughton Parish Council ground rent	-	60
Water and Sewerage	181	336
Electricity and Gas	1,289	2,098
Insurance	1,313	1,273
Website hosting (2 years)	170	-
HQ general maintenance	1,034	525
Refurbishment of front entrance of HQ	3,090	-
CCTV and alarm system upgrade	1,758	-
District Shop	-	840
New Tents and associated equipment	-	720
Sundry expenses	375	259
AGM and trustee expenses	-	267
HQ Cleaning	-	631
Sub total	10,228	12,051
Fundraising expenses		
Bingo evenings	-	540
Sub total	-	540
 Total Gross Expenditure	10,228	12,591
 Asset and investment purchases, etc.	-	-
 Total payments	10,228	12,591
 Net of receipts/(payments)	10,489	1,253
 Cash funds last year end	41,456	40,203
 Cash funds this year end	51,945	41,456

Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the year

	2020/21	2019/20
	Unrestricted funds	Unrestricted funds
	£	£
Cash funds		
Bank current account (includes £238.67 funds ringfenced for JOTA (2018/19 £238.67))	39,777	29,360
Bank deposit account	10,032	10,000
The Scout Association Short Term Investment Service	2,081	2,081
Cash/Floats	55	15
Total cash funds	51,945	41,456
Non monetary assets for charity's own use		
Land and buildings	257,237	248,538
Scouting equipment, furniture etc	40,688	39,312
Steel container	5,081	4,909
Steel container contents	3,082	2,978
Sub total	306,088	295,737
Liabilities		
Other liabilities	-	-
Sub total	-	-

Signature

Print Name

Chair
Treasurer

Chairman's Report 2021

Thankyou for joining us for our Annual Review and A.G.M.2021.

I, as Chairman would like to thank the leaders, assistants and helpers for all their hard work during what has been a hard and difficult year for everyone. They have organized lots of interesting and fun activities by zoom for most of the year but over the last few weeks with restrictions lifting, face to face outside. The young people have really enjoyed what they have been doing. This year we have had several young leaders helping.

Congratulations to Rachel and Gill (Cub Akelas) for their 30 years' service awards and my husband Steve with myself our 15-year service Awards.

Unfortunately, we have been unable to do any fund raising this year but hopefully later in the year we can start again.

I would like to thank Keith, our Group Scout Leader, Grahame, our Deputy Group Scout Leader, Linda, our secretary, Sarah, our Treasurer and members of the Executive Committee for their support and hard work this year.

If you have any fund-raising ideas for the future, please do not hesitate to come forward with them. We need your help and support.

I hope every young person in the group we continue to enjoy coming and joining us and that we will be successful for many years to come.

Thank you to you, the parents, the young people and anyone that I may have forgotten.

If you are interested in joining our Executive Committee and supporting the leaders, it is an important role in the running of the Scout Group please have a word with one of us.

We usually hold our meetings every 6 to 8 weeks. At the moment we are holding them virtually via Zoom.

Group Chairperson

Denise Huxley

Cestrian Scout Group
Group Scout Leader's Report for AGM 9th July 2021



I am pleased to welcome you all today to our Annual General Meeting and Cestrian Annual Review 2021. I cannot believe another year has passed and this meeting is again entirely online due to the current continued fluctuating Covid-19 situation and Government and Scout Association guidance.

What another strange year for everyone having to deal with numerous lockdowns, home schooling and trying to follow all Scout Association guidance which falls in line with the National Youth Agency (NYA) in trying to restart, twice, our sections meeting face to face. I am pleased to report that our beavers and two cub packs have successfully managed to do this after satisfactory approval of quite rigorous risk assessments, the scout section leadership team are now working to do this to enable the scouts section to open up again as soon as possible once approval is given. Moving forwards, and for the foreseeable future our sections will need to operate using a "blended programme" of some online meetings and face to face outdoors, and if necessary indoors, once approval has been given until we move from "amber" through "yellow" into "green" when we are back to "Normal" whatever that might look like!

The past year has again resulted in families and individuals having to adapt to a situation never seen before in our lifetime. Covid-19 has caused a lot of stress and anxiety for many people and also has had the potential to affect the mental health and wellbeing of many of us.

After discussions and following guidance, I am very pleased to say that our leadership team took on board the importance of keeping in touch with our young people and families and therefore took on the challenge of continuing virtual scouting digitally online mainly on the Zoom platform.

Many of our families from across the sections welcomed the opportunity to carry on scouting online. We were awarded a "Home Scouting 2020" certificate from the County for our online programmes keeping our youth members engaged at home.

Other initiatives that some of our young people got involved with were virtual camps organised by the District and nationally as well as a gang show camp, all of which provided some challenging activities for everyone to get involved with whilst having fun and staying safe. My huge thanks therefore to our leadership team who rose to the challenge and helped provided this digital scouting. Well done.

It has been so lovely to see our young people again in person and their sheer enjoyment of being back together doing what they love.

Our numbers this year have decreased roughly in line with the national trend at the date of the census in January and 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, and the 50,000 young people nationally on waiting lists! – 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 to equip them with #skills for life. After the events of the last year and a half of Covid-19 restrictions, now is the ideal time to get involved as scouting starts to systematically come out of lockdown and back into some normality.

We continue to operate one Beaver colony run by Kristy, assisted by other members of our leadership team and one of our Young Leaders Andrew, two cub packs, Tribuni Pack on a Tuesday run by Gill, Paul, Chris assisted by Danielle and Harry and Centurion Pack on a Wednesday run by Rachel, and Jonathan assisted by myself and Byron, and one of our Young Leaders, Nung, with Vicki and Alec "Zooming" in when available. The Scout section has drastically reduced over the past year, but when it re-starts will be run by David who will be ably assisted by Jay, Alex, Harry and Connor. So my thanks to you all for keeping the sections very much alive and kicking and the young people enthused during a very challenging period.

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, to Linda our secretary, to Sarah our treasurer for keeping our finances in great shape and also to Rachel my wife for her continuous support and encouragement.

I do not wish to steal the thunder from any of our sections, so please read their reports as attached.

Many of our Cestrian 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 – Like all other theatre productions, we were unable to have a show in 2021 due to the ongoing Covid-19 situation, but are hopeful for a return next year, so if you have not seen Gang Show then book your seats early for February half term 2022

During the year we have said goodbye to Laura and Brandon due to work commitments but who are both continuing in scouting in other roles that don't clash, so I would like to thank them for their time and contribution as part of the Cestrian leadership team and wish them well for the future. We shall also be saying goodbye to Kristy, our beaver leader, at the end of this term (next week) as she focuses on her family and her role as joint deputy district commissioner, so again my huge thanks for the 10 years she has given as part of our leadership team after being "recruited" by myself during a family camp!!

Another person I MUST mention is Nung, one of our young leaders, who will be leaving us to move to university at York. Nung is an exceptional young lady who has overcome many personal challenges over the past couple of years or so but who always puts the young people first and although starting as a young leader with the Wednesday cub pack, was soon "poached" and offered her help with beavers and the Tuesday pack whilst also contributing as part of the leadership team. I am extremely proud of her and of her achievements as she has just been awarded the "Diana Award" during a virtual ceremony last week with 400 worldwide recipients and has been personally invited to attend 10 Downing Street next week. This was for her work with young people as an anti-bullying ambassador promoting inclusion, she has also been to London this week filming for a new anti-bullying campaign due to air later this month, we wish her well with her onward life journey.

I would particularly like to congratulate Jay Biggs and Kristy Collins for being awarded the Chief Scouts Commendation for Good Service, to Paul Wright for being awarded the Award of Merit, to Gill Owen and Rachel Harding who have both gained their 30 years of service award and to Denise and Steve Huxley for gaining their 15 year service award, well done everyone.

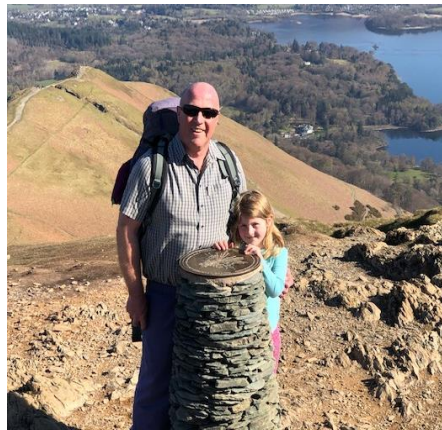
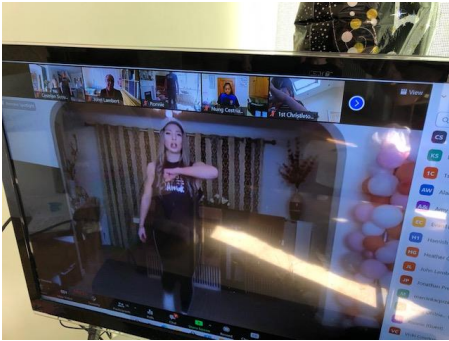
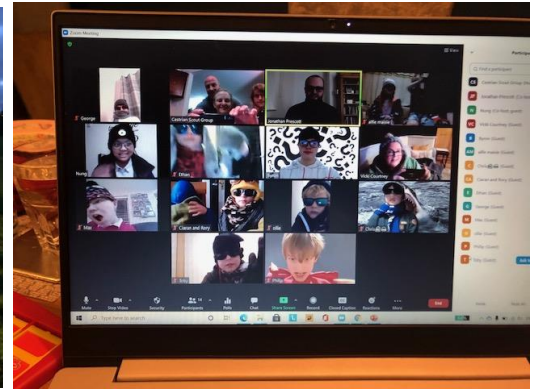
Finally a big thank you to all our young members for turning up each week and latterly joining in the online activities and enjoying your scouting, long may it continue as we emerge from the Covid-19 crisis, you will be thankful in years ahead for the skills for life you learnt (whether knowingly or not) during your scouting career. And lastly a big thank you to you their parents and families 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 attending this meeting and enjoy the rest of your evening.

Keith Harding

Group Scout Leader



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Group Review June 2020 to June 2021- Deputy Group Scout Leaders Report

Hopefully the next few months will see Scouting within the Cestrian Scout Group return to some form of normality. Fortunately the Beaver Colony and our two Cub Packs have continued to hold regular meetings via Zoom, which has been challenging but fun. It has enabled member numbers within those sections to remain reasonably stable and within the Beaver Colony ten new children have joined us. I would like to thank all the Leaders and especially the parents for allowing this to happen.

Regarding numbers, unfortunately in line with the national trend we probably lost about 30 % of our numbers from last years 92 young people to 65. Now that three sections have re-started face to face meetings and when the Scout section restarts, hopefully we will see some of our previous members return.

We currently have 17 full time leaders and 2 Young Leaders. As of June we have 20 Beaver Scouts, 42 Cub Scouts and 5 Scouts. I would like to welcome Connor Pitt and Harry Owen-Jupp as new Assistant Scout Leaders.

We have 2 Young Leaders working with Beavers and Wednesday Cubs. I would especially like to thank Nung Sirisot and Andrew Barratt who have continued to help and run some of our meetings. Unfortunately we will probably lose Nung as she moves off to University. Last year I thanked Laura Farrington who took on the role as Assistant Beaver Scout Leader, but because of work commitments she has stepped down from this role and will be helping another Group as an Assistant Cub Scout Leader. I wish her well in this new role. Brandon Hone who also helped with Beavers and Tuesday Cubs has given up both of these roles to concentrate on his District Youth Commissioner role.

We still have a long waiting list of children that wish to join the Group, mostly in the Beaver age group, 6 to 8 yrs, but we were lucky enough to have 13 new ones join the Group since January. We still have some movement between sections. For various reasons some of our older Cubs and Scouts have joined another Group.

Our intention to join list, i.e. those that wish to join but are not old enough still continues to grow but our waiting list of children between 6 and 14 is also growing. At the moment we do not have the places or Leaders to take them all in. It is encouraging that parents still feel that Scouting is a youth movement that they wish their child to join but we still need adult help to make it flourish. If you could help or wish to know more please speak to one of the Leadership Team.

I have continued to assist with the Beaver Scout Section along with Kristy Collins, and helpers Gill Owen and Denise Huxley. After 10 years as our Beaver Leader Kristy is stepping down at the end of July so we have to find some new Beaver Leaders very soon. Thank you Kristy. She will continue with her Scout District role. I have had some parents sign-up as Occasional Helpers so some of them might be willing.

Due to the restrictions there have been very few District activities but a number of members have taken part in District and Scout Headquarters organised online events, and thoroughly enjoyed them.

Maintenance of the building is always ongoing even though the building hasn't been used. There are always small issues that need fixing. There are still a number of other projects that we are considering. If you could help with any of these projects or have any special skills i.e. joinery, building etc. please let me know.

Andy and Chris Hunt of Bro Build have tidied up the front entrance with new UPVC panels and additional lighting. The old halogen light has been removed from the front of the building and new LED lights fitted giving better lighting and cheaper running costs. We have also had our old CCTV system replaced with a much newer system with cameras on all sides of the building.

Last year I applied for Gift Aid from HMRC which resulted in a refund of £2203 for 2019/2020. This years won't be quite as much as we only collected the Scout Associations membership fee. Thank you to all of the parents who have signed and returned the gift aid form. If you or your spouse/partner pay tax and haven't returned your form please do so. The application to HMRC is quite easy although time consuming but there is a good reward at the end of the process.

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 Group's website, started nine 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 also have a Group Facebook page

Finally I would like to thank all the other Leaders, Executive Committee Members and occasional helpers who support all of our young people. As the Group's Training Advisor I would like to thank all that have either completed their training or continuing with their training. Most of our Executive Committee members have completed the required training modules which is a mandatory requirement to keep your children and ourselves safe.

Many congratulations to Jonny Prescott for completing the Queens Scout Award. Also congratulations to Jen Biggs and Kristy Collins for being awarded the Commendation for Good Service between November 2019 and February 2020, and also to Paul Wright for earning the Award of Merit in February 2020. Several of our Leaders have also been awarded Service awards: Rachel Harding and Gill Owen for 30 years service, and Denise and Steve Huxley for 15 years service to Scouting.

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. We would welcome any parent to come and join our small Executive Committee or form a supporters group to help on an occasional basis with fund raising, HQ and equipment maintenance etc.

Grahame Polley
Deputy Group Scout Leader
Cestrian Scout Group
June 2021

BEAVERS

We begin with Beavers, in learning Skills for Life.

The autumn term [2020] started once again with online Zoom meetings due to Covid19. The favourite activities by far were scavenger hunts and cooking! 😊 Some of us also joined in the District Christmas Sofaree event and camped at home.



The new year started off in Lockdown, number 3, where we continued to meet online! Beavers worked on their Safety Activity badge, celebrated Chinese New Year and St Patrick's Day, with many loving the Experiment Nights.

Beavers participated in the District Beaver



Challenge in February with some amazing creative creations. Well done to everyone who took part!

The District Sofaree in March was the second camp at home event where the focus was on both UK and Scouting traditions. What a weekend!

The summer term began with us all meeting face to face for the first time. Teamwork, lighting fires, backwoods cooking, archery, first aid and orienteering were a few of our activities this term. We also went on a bug hunt at Caldley Valley Nature Park.



I would like to thank Grahame, Gill, and Denise for always being there to help, week in and week out. I do appreciate it!! Thanks as well to you, our parents, as well as to our Young Leaders [Andrew and Nung] who have helped us during the year. We could not do all that we do...without all of you!

We said good-bye to Brandon and Laura this year as they have moved on however, they both remain in Scouting. Thank you and we will miss you!

After ten years I find myself saying good-bye as well. I started when my son was in Beavers but now, he is off to Uni in September. I have learned lots, had lots of fun, and have met many new friends. I will carry on Scouting though and hope to see you at various District events in the future.

The leadership team at Cestrian wish you a healthy and happy summer, and we are looking forward to seeing you back in September, for another fantastic year of Scouting.

Kristy





TRIBUNI CUB REPORT 2021

Another year of our cubs scouting providing us with different challenges.

We had three of our meetings run by the cubs 1. Jacob C. Ollie C, Harry L - 2. Joshua J, Jacob W, Luke P – 3. Lottie A- B Lena T and Maya G . an excellent variety of activities kept us busy. These cubs should be proud of themselves.

We attended two Virtual District Cub Camps
The first one in December 9 cubs took part We made large Snowflakes, Model Snowman Elf Reindeer Father Christmas
A Magic Show by Andrew Green this was brilliant. To end the day we had a story by Alex Coker Early morning Pancakes with Brandon
Second Camp in March 9 cubs Attended. The activities we took part in was Babybel cheese rolling, Make a Scout Logo out of house hold objects, Afternoon Tea we made cupcakes, Welly Wanging, Paint a picture using potato of a National Emblem, Made welsh Rarebit for lunch. To end the camp we renewed our promise. We had a lot of fun at both of these camps
January saw ten cubs at the Virtual Gilwell Wintercamp there were five activity zones – Arts and Crafts, Skill, Science and Nature, Active, Sustainable Development Goals.
We were able to choose from over 120 activities which we wanted to do. We gained points by sending a picture of the activities we completed,. We came in the top 100 out of 686 entrants, this was a great achievement for the cubs.

Some of the badges and activities we have completed
Badges we have worked towards Animal Care, Disability Awareness, Scientist., Home Safety, Naturalist
Nights Away, Artist, Road Safety,
We have cooked with our expert chef Kaa (Daniel) a variety of goodies -- Fluffy Pancakes Souffle Pancakes Mars Bar Kipsies Cakes, Donut in a Mug,

We have had a lot of fun making
Poppy Wreath for Remembrance Day and a Poppy Lantern
Animal Socks Puppets, Lava Lamps

Growing Gummy Bears --this actually works to my amazement, A bird seed feeder.
Making a Winter Scene there were some fantastic models
Growing Sun flowers, Bug House and many more activities

We have done Quizzes, Scavenger Hunts, Played Bingo.
Keep Fit, Joint Meeting with the 48th we played Task Master

We entered three teams in the District Craft Competition
They were asked to produce a poster advertising a camp,
Make a camp fire , Unusual Camp site, View from a Tent and a Activity on Camp. The
judge was Stephen Broadbent. Well done to all the cubs who took part.

It is great to be back outside with the cubs and we had a great time at Williams Wood
practicing our fire lighting .

I would like to say a big thank you to Chris for managing the zoom meetings. Danielle for all
her excellent cooking skills.
Paul for his input in to the meetings and the continuing support of all Tribuni leaders. Thank
you to Harry for helping us with our outdoor meetings.

A big thank you to the all the parents and cubs for their
Continuing support throughout these difficult times. It means such a lot to the leader to have
this support.

Gill
Akela

Centurion Cub Pack Report 2021



Putting the 'out' back in Scouting

Autumn came and Centurion Cubs were determined to get back Scouting together. After completing a comprehensive risk assessment, we were finally ready to meet back together – outside as Cub Scouts really should!

We carefully considered a range of outdoor venues where we could meet and enjoy some different activities. Our first visit was to Caldry Valley Nature Park – Cubs were busy completing the Naturalist badge, whilst having a lovely walk around the Park and squeezing in a quick fitness session. We then took a trip to the Gowry Park where we walked into the woods and made miniature bivouacs (for the fairies and pixies!) The evening finished with a game of Zip, Zap, Boing, which has become a regular favourite.

The rest of the half term included Athletics competitions, a campfire with a good old singalong.



In November sadly some of our members had to self-isolate or were in the Welsh lockdown, however as this included leaders we were able to run a dual programme, with some fantastic cooking competitions and quizzes online.

Those that could meet enjoyed watching Fireworks at the Scout HQ (the others zoomed in!!) and cooking marshmallows, celebrated Remembrance and completed some socially distanced team games- which were hilarious fun for all involved.



During December we took the traditional Christmas Camp online (on the Friday evening the leaders delivered a 'camp pack' to each of the Cub's houses)- Cubs made their own indoor camp, enjoyed

making egg bread, scout themed lanterns, Christmas crackers, drinking hot chocolate and a campfire and on the Sunday morning a fancy-dress themed wake up shake up.

Then in January came the dreaded news that we were all in lockdown again and so we went back to Zoom.

But that didn't stop us -oh no!! We really worked on our badges and the evenings included dancing (yes Cubs can dance!!), Tai chi and fitness, healthy eating and activities, looking after our mental health.

For Chinese New Year we completed a range of crafts. We celebrated World Book Day and the cubs dressed up as their favourite characters from books they had read.

We also completed the Disability Awareness Badge which included videos and quizzes to help cubs learn about visual and hearing impairment.



We couldn't let 17th March pass without celebrating St. Patrick's Day and by the end of the evening everyone had a little leprechaun in their home.

Easter activities included making chocolate Easter crispy cakes with Vicky. Every week we were in lockdown the Cubs were given a challenge to do- this included cleaning windows, sewing buttons on and baking cakes, all working towards the Our Skills Challenge Award

After the Easter holidays we were able to meet together face to face again Hurrah!!

It was wonderful to see the Cubs again in person after such a long time and they seem to have so much fun together.

We have continued to keep the programme outside, except for a couple of evenings of torrential rainfall – where we took our developing knotting skills indoors.

During the last few weeks, we have made use of the local environment to complete some Road Safety work and also develop Local Knowledge. We took a walk around Chester City Walls to find out about our Local History and made bee bombs and hotels.

We put our knotting skills to use to create chariots and raced them up and down the field, we even managed to put up a tent, in the hope of better days.



All in all, we have managed to have a fabulous time and kept the Scouting spirit alive.

The District have continued to support the young people and our Cubs have been able to join in with the Virtual District Camps that have been held through the year, again offering a great variety of activities.

During the Easter holiday Cubs could also join in the Virtual Gang Show Camp which offered a range of acting, dancing and just plain madcap workshops.

I would like to thank the leadership team (Vicki, Jonny, Nung and Byron) for their continued support and crazy ideas to make an exciting Cub programme.

We say goodbye to Nung as she moves on from school to study Psychology and Education at University, but welcome Ben Roberts from Dewa Explorers, who is now completing his service section for the D of E Award and used to be one of our Cubs!!

A huge thank you to all our Cubs and parents for your continued support and getting the children to the right venues.

Rachel (Akela)





At the time of compiling this review document no scout sectional report has been submitted.

Cestrian Scout Group AGM and Annual Review 2020

Date: 16 October 2020 – 7:00

Location: Online Zoom Meeting (As per Covid-19 guidelines)

Attendees: Keith Harding, Rachel Harding, Denise Huxley, Grahame Polley, Shirley Polley, Sarah Oliver, Danielle Huxley-Clowes, Gill Owen, Kristy Collins, Vicki Courtney, Jonathan Prescott, David Broady, Dave Watson, Linda Wynne, Laura Farrington, Alec Stokes, Alan Wilding

1. Welcome by Group Scout Leader (GSL)

Keith Harding opened the meeting with a short prayer and a vote to hold the AGM online – All in agreement.

2. Apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Brandon Hone, Alec Stokes (who joined later) Chris Huxley-Clowes, Paul Wright.

3. Approval of 2019 AGM minutes

The minutes of last year's AGM were signed as a true and accurate record of the meeting.

4. Approval of accounts for the year ending 30th April 2020. Treasurers report

The accounts were approved – see treasurers report attached to the group review. The main points were

- Subscriptions are down due to Covid-19
- Subscriptions of £318 were not collected from the January term 2020- it was agreed to write these off.
- The reduction in subscriptions will also lead to a reduction in gift aid.
- No plant sale this year
- Gas and electricity debits were queried

The accounts have not yet been independently checked.

5. Group Scout Leaders Report

Keith's report is included in the group review. The main points were:

- The year started well, then Covid-19 stopped play in March 2020
- After a short break, scouting from home was introduced and Cestrian scouts has been recognised for this and awarded a certificate.
- Our young people have got involved in the 'virtual cube' and the 'hike to the moon' events, as well as online zoom meetings. The scouts have completed some Facebook activities.
- Subscriptions may be reduced after half term.
- There is no pressure to resume face to face scouting.
- Kristy added that she has only 15 beavers now -with some moving up and is restarting face to face beavers on Monday 19th October.
- Gill for Tuesday cubs is struggling with leader numbers at the moment, so will be continuing with online zoom meetings for the time being
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- Rachel added that Wednesday cubs has resumed face to face meetings with many reminders to social distance!
- David reported that there was limited uptake with the scouts zoom meetings and most would prefer to just resume face to face meetings when possible.
- Keith gave thanks to Denise for continuing to chair the group, Grahame for the many varied jobs he does and to all leaders and members of the executive committee.

6. Chairpersons report

Denise read out her report which is included in the group review. It includes the many awards people have achieved. The success of our fundraising activities held before the covid 19 lockdown and thanks for the leader reports.

7. Nomination and approval for group chairperson

Denise Huxley was nominated for group chairperson and has agreed to continue in her role.

Proposer: Keith Harding

Seconded: Vicki Courtney

8. Election of group secretary

Shirley Polley formally resigned in writing the role of minutes secretary in April.

Linda Wynne was nominated for group secretary and has agreed to take on the role.

Proposer: Grahame Polley

Seconded: Keith Harding

9. Election of group treasurer

Sarah Oliver was nominated to continue as group treasurer and has agreed.

Proposer: Grahame Polley

Seconded: Keith Harding

10. Election of auditors

Our accounts are to be checked over by an independent person that Sarah works with.

11. Election of group executive Committee Members

Dave Watson was nominated to continue on the executive committee.

Proposer: Keith Harding

Seconded: Denise Huxley

No new members were nominated.

12. Approval of the group scout leaders nominations to the group executive committee

Keith Harding nominated Chris Huxley-Clowes to sit on the executive committee

Proposed: Keith Harding

Seconded: Denise Huxley

13. District Commissioners Review

This was presented by Alan Wilding, he reflected that our last AGM had been his first official appointment, and that the last few months had been very strange. He is a member of the Cestrian scouts Facebook page and has followed some of the group activities. He spoke about Cheshire west and Chester being under tier 2 restrictions and the readiness for scouting level being at amber which recommends outdoor activities. He hopes we will stay out of the red as it is so important to keep scouting going. He is hoping for a BBQ AGM next year!

14. Presentations/ Awards

Keith shared Alec Stokes video presentation of his trip to the world scout jamboree in West Virginia, North America last year. It was enjoyed by all.

15. Vote of thanks

Grahame gave thanks to Alan Wilding for attending our zoom AGM, to Kristy as deputy district commissioner, to the members of the executive committee and all the group leaders. He also thanked the parents for their support with the zoom meetings and new restrictions for scouting. He finished with a short prayer.

The meeting closed at 7:45pm

Signed

Date