

# CESTRIAN SCOUT GROUP

# Annual Review 2020

Registered Charity Number 514106



Supporting PRIDE 2019



Members of the Group enjoying the Circus



Wood Badge presentation



Home Scouting Certificate



Climbing wall at District Camp 2019



**Scouts**   
Cestrian Scout Group

**We prepare young people with skills for life**

**Cestrian Scout Group**  
Registered charity No 514106  
**AGM and ANNUAL REVIEW MEETING 2020**



**Friday 16<sup>th</sup> October 2020 @ 7.00pm**  
**Digitally online via Zoom**

**AGENDA**

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| 1  | Welcome by Group Scout Leader  | Keith Harding |
| 2  | Apologies for absence  | Denise Huxley |
| 3  | Approval of 2019 AGM Minutes   | Denise Huxley |
| 4  | Approval of Accounts for year end March 2020                                     | 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<br>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-19	T o	30-Apr-20

### Receipts and payments

		2019/20	2018/19
		Unrestricted funds	Unrestricted funds
		£	£
<b>Receipts</b>			
<b>Donations, legacies and similar income</b>			
Membership subscriptions		8,436	9,836
Less: Membership subscriptions paid on (National/County/Area/District)		3,992	3,771
Net membership subscriptions retained		4,444	6,065
Donation - others		-	20
Group Activities		3,895	8,181
Gift Aid		2,160	2,372
<b>Sub total</b>		<b>10,499</b>	<b>16,638</b>
<b>Grants</b>			
Maintenence grant		-	-
<b>Sub total</b>		<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Fundraising (gross)</b>			
Plant Sales		-	2,041
HQ Hire - Hoop for Joy		220	-
HQ Hire - Explorer Scouts		600	1,400
HQ Hire - Totally Active		536	652
HQ Hire - Emma Monteith (childminder)		60	420
HQ Hire - other		666	935
Necker money		215	146
Water usage reimbursed (used in building playground)		-	106
JOTA activities		-	113
Bingo evenings - Easter and Christmas (profit £420)		1,019	1,103
Other fundraising activities		30	23
<b>Sub total</b>		<b>3,346</b>	<b>6,939</b>
<b>Investment income</b>			
Bank interest		-	-
Other investment income		-	-
<b>Sub total</b>		<b>0</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total Gross Income</b>		<b>13,845</b>	<b>23,577</b>
<b>Asset and investment sales, etc.</b>		<b>0</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total receipts</b>		<b>13,845</b>	<b>23,577</b>

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<b>Receipts and payments</b>		
	<b>2019/20</b>	<b>2018/19</b>
	<b>Unrestricted funds</b>	<b>Unrestricted funds</b>
	£	£
<b>Payments</b>		
<b>Charitable Payments</b>		
Youth programme and activities	4,870	10,484
Music Licence	172	171
Great Boughton Parish Council ground rent	60	120
Water and Sewerage	336	97
Electricity and Gas	2,098	894
Insurance	1,273	1,220
Website hosting (2 years)	-	150
District Shop	840	390
New barbecue, cooler, trolley	-	514
New Tents and associated equipment	720	44
Sundry expenses	260	214
AGM and trustee expenses	267	200
HQ Cleaning	631	160
JOTA expenses	-	120
HQ general maintenance	525	540
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>12,052</b>	<b>15,318</b>
<b>Fundraising expenses</b>		
Plant purchases	-	1,172
Bingo evenings	540	633
Other fundraising costs	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>540</b>	<b>1,805</b>
<b>Total Gross Expenditure</b>	<b>12,592</b>	<b>17,123</b>
<b>Asset and investment purchases, etc.</b>	-	-
<b>Total payments</b>	<b>12,592</b>	<b>17,123</b>
<b>Net of receipts/(payments)</b>	<b>1,253</b>	<b>6,454</b>
<b>Cash funds last year end</b>	<b>40,203</b>	<b>33,749</b>
<b>Cash funds this year end</b>	<b>41,456</b>	<b>40,203</b>

## Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the year

		2019/20	2018/19
		Unrestricted funds	Unrestricted funds
		£	£
<b>Cash funds</b>			
Bank current account (includes £238.67 funds ringfenced for JOTA (2018/19 £238.67))		29,360	38,107
Bank deposit account		10,000	-
The Scout Association Short Term Investment Service		2,081	2,081
Cash/Floats		15	15
<b>Total cash funds</b>		<b>41,456</b>	<b>40,203</b>
<b>Other monetary assets</b>			
Tax claim		-	-
Debts due from the County/Area/District/Group		-	-
Insurance claim		-	-
<b>Sub total</b>		<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Investment assets</b>			
Investment property - detail		-	-
Quoted investments		-	-
Other investments - detail		-	-
<b>Sub total</b>		<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Non monetary assets for charity's own use</b>			
Badge stock		-	-
Shop stock		-	-
Land and buildings		248,538	241,299
Motor vehicles		-	-
Scouting equipment, furniture etc		39,312	38,167
Steel container		4,909	4,766
Steel container contents		2,978	2,891
<b>Sub total</b>		<b>295,737</b>	<b>287,123</b>
<b>Liabilities</b>			
Accounts not yet paid		-	-
Loan - detail		-	-
Other liabilities		-	-
<b>Sub total</b>		<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
Signature		Print Name	
			Chair
			Treasurer

## **CHAIRMAN'S REPORT 2020**

THANK YOU FOR JOINING US FOR OUR ANNUAL REVIEW AT THIS DIFFICULT TIME.

I, AS CHAIRMAN WOULD LIKE TO THANK THE LEADERS, ASSISTANTS AND HELPERS WHO ARE HERE EVERY WEEK FOR ALL THEIR HARD WORK DURING THE YEAR EVEN THOUGH WE ARE OFFERING VIRTUAL MEETINGS AT THE MOMENT. 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. CONGRATULATIONS TO RACHEL, WEDNESDAY CUB LEADER ON HER AWARD OF THE BAR TO HER MERIT AWARD, PAUL, ASSISTANT CUB LEADER, TUESDAY CUBS RECEIVING HIS 20 YEAR SERVICE AWARD IN DECEMBER, JONNY, ASSISTANT CUB LEADER FOR WEDNESDAY CUBS WHO RECEIVED HIS QUEEN SCOUT AWARD IN APRIL AND CHRIS, TUESDAY ASSISTANT CUB LEADER ON HIS CHIEF SCOUT COMMENDATION FOR GOOD SERVICE AWARD. WELL DONE TO YOU ALL.

DURING THE PAST 12 MONTHS WE HAVE NOT AS MANY FUND-RAISING EVENTS AS USUAL BUT WE DID HOLD A CHRISTMAS FAMILY BINGO WHICH WAS A GREAT SUCCESS AND WAS ENJOYED BY EVERYONE WHO ATTENDED. THE CHIPPY SUPPER WENT DOWN REALLY WELL. WE RAISED OVER £215 AT THIS EVENT. UNFORTUNATELY, THE EASTER BINGO HAD TO BE CANCELLED DUE TO COVID 19. WE ALSO RAN A CHRISTMAS HAMPER RAFFLE WHICH MADE £143 IN WHICH WE PURCHASED A SMALL SELECTION BOX FOR EVERY YOUNG PERSON IN THE GROUP. THANK YOU FOR YOUR DONATIONS AND SUPPORT. JUST BEFORE CHRISTMAS WE HELD OUR ANNUAL GROUP CAROL SERVICE AT VICARS CROSS UNITED REFORM CHURCH FOLLOWED BY REFRESHMENTS. WE HELD THE CHRISTMAS HAMPER RAFFLE AFTER THE SERVICE.

AS WE HAVE FOR MANY YEARS, DURING FEBRUARY HALF TERM SOME OF OUR YOUNG PEOPLE AND LEADERS WERE INVOLVED IN CHESTER AND DISTRICT GANGSHOW AT THE KINGS SCHOOL. WELL WORTH A VISIT IF YOU HAVE NEVER SEEN THE SHOW. THANKS TO GILL OWEN FOR ORGANISING TICKETS FOR MEMBERS OF THE GROUP TO SEE THE SHOW.

I WOULD LIKE TO THANK KEITH HARDING, OUR GROUP SCOUT LEADER, GRAHAME POLLEY, ASSISTANT GROUP SCOUT LEADER, SHIRLEY POLLEY, MINUTES SECRETARY, SARAH OLIVER, TREASURER AND MEMBERS OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE FOR THEIR SUPPORT AND HARD WORK THIS YEAR. SHIRLEY HAS NOW STOOD DOWN AS MINUTES SECRETARY SO THAT VACANCY OR A FULL SECRETARY IS NOW OPEN. IF YOU HAVE ANY FUNDRAISING IDEAS DON'T HESITATE TO COME FORWARD. WE DO NEED YOUR HELP AND SUPPORT. I 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 MIGHT HAVE FORGOTTEN. IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN JOINING OUR EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE AND SUPPORT THE GROUP WHICH IS AN IMPORTANT ROLE IN THE RUNNING OF THE SCOUT GROUP HAVE A WORD WITH ONE OF US LATER. WE USUALLY HOLD OUR MEETINGS EVERY 6 TO 8 WEEKS. AT THE MOMENT WE ARE HOLDING ZOOM GROUP MEETING WHERE WE INVITE LEADERS AND EXECUTIVE MEMBERS TO ATTEND.

GROUP CHAIRPERSON  
DENISE HUXLEY



**Group Scout Leader's Report for AGM 16<sup>th</sup> October 2020**

I am pleased to welcome you all today to our Annual General Meeting and Cestrian Annual Review 2020. This is a first, as this meeting is entirely online due to the current continued fluctuating Covid-19 situation and Government and Scout Association guidance.

What a strange year for everyone! All sections forging ahead after last summer doing what they do best, providing great scouting opportunities for our young people. Little did we know what was coming down the line in spring this year which resulted in families and individuals having to adapt to a situation never seen before in our lifetime. Covid-19 caused a lot of stress and anxiety for many people and also 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 introducing virtual scouting digitally online mainly on the Zoom platform. Having given families some breathing time to adjust to their new routines from home, many of our families from across the sections welcomed the opportunity to carry on scouting. 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 a "Camp at home" and helped create a new world record of over 90,000 people camping together!, there was also "Hike to the Moon" which also helped raise valuable funds for charity, and also a virtual "CuBe2020" camp after the actual event had to be postponed until next year for the Beavers and Cubs. My huge thanks therefore to our leadership team who rose to the challenge and provided this digital scouting, Well done.

At the time of writing this report our Wednesday cub pack have just restarted face to face meetings following the approval of a very detailed risk assessment and following all Scout Association guidance which falls in line with the National Youth Agency (NYA). I look forward to our other sections following this process and also restarting face to face as soon as they feel able to do so. It was so lovely to see the cubs again in person and their sheer enjoyment of being back together doing what they love. Moving forwards, and for the foreseeable future our sections will need to operate using a "blended programme" of online meetings and face to face 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!

Our numbers this year increased slightly 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 six months 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, Laura, Sharron and Brandon assisted by other members of our leadership team and two of our Young Leaders Andrew and Isaac, two cub packs, Tribuni Pack on a Tuesday run by Gill, Paul, Brandon, Chris assisted by Danielle and two of our Young Leaders Jake and Isaac and Centurion Pack on a Wednesday run by Rachel, Vicki, Alec and Jonathan assisted by myself, and three of our Young Leaders, Anna, Fiona and Nung.

The Scout section has grown over the past year and is run by David who is ably assisted by Jay, Alex and Harry, with the help of Connor one of our young leaders. 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 Shirley our minute secretary (although she has now stepped down from this role) for taking notes at our meetings, 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.

Last year we wished Alec Stokes ACSL in Wednesday cubs all our best wishes after being selected as part of the IST for the World Scout Jamboree in the USA last summer – an opportunity of a lifetime! I know he thoroughly enjoyed the whole experience and hopefully he will come and tell us all about it.

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 – I think we had 20 members of our group involved with the show this year either on stage or in various supporting roles, and this was one of the last activities to take place before lockdown, so I count ourselves very lucky as over thirty other shows across the country had to cancel their productions planned over the Easter period during lockdown. This I know would have been very disappointing for everyone involved after the tremendous amount of hard work and effort that goes into making these shows. if you have not seen Gang Show then book your seats early for February half term 2022 as we are unable to have a show in 2021 due to the ongoing Covid-19 situation. Our 64<sup>th</sup> show this year was again a great success, or so we were told, again with standing ovations!!

I would particularly like to congratulate Alex Coker for completing his Wood Badge training as Assistant Scout Leader and to Jonathan Prescott (ACSL) for gaining his Queens Scout Award, the highest award for scouts under 25 years old, and also to our team from Tuesday cubs for winning the County Craft competition, 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 historical meeting and enjoy the rest of your evening.

*Keith Harding*

Group Scout Leader





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What an interesting year this has been? Up to March 2020 we were progressing nicely with a good programme for all sections, good membership levels and lots to look forward to. Unfortunately that almost came to a halt but we must congratulate our Leaders for trying to keep a programme going, albeit via a video link, until we can resume face to face meetings. We must also thank the parents that have been able to sit with their children during the video meetings and encouraging them to undertake projects and badge work.

Our numbers from last year have increased slightly to 92 young people, but we will have to see what happens when we return. Hopefully most will come back but some will have moved sections, mostly from Beavers to Cubs. We also have 18 full time leaders and 6 Young Leaders. As of June we have 23 Beaver Scouts, 41 Cub Scouts and 28 Scouts. Unfortunately due to other pressures or activities we have also lost a total of 23 young people from all sections, mainly due to other commitments.

We have 6 Young Leaders working with all sections. Hopefully they will take on full Leadership roles once they reach eighteen. I would like to welcome and thank Laura Farrington who has taken on the role as Assistant Beaver Scout Leader, and is working through the training programme, and will hopefully gain her training Wood badge before next years AGM.

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. Again due to the current situation we can only take in new members "on paper". One new Beaver started last week via video. We have 8 Beavers due to move to Cubs and 23 that are old enough to start Beavers so it could get quite busy in a few months time.

Our intention to join list, i.e. those that wish to join but are not old enough, is currently at 42. 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 and with our very keen leaders, Kristy Collins, Brandon Hone, Laura Farrington and Sharron James who are doing a wonderful job with quite a keen age group. Under their leadership there have been quite a few Beavers that have gained their Bronze Award this year. Kristy is ably assisted by some Young Leaders and DofE participants.

I also help run Paddle Power Kayaking courses for the District on the River Dee during the summer months and we had several of our members take part last year, the Cubs also taking part in Bell Boating ably helmed by two of our Leaders, David Broady and Alec Stokes.

Other Group activities during 2019/2020 have included adult support and cast members for the Chester Gang Show, supporting the Jamboree On The Air weekend in October by running various communications based activities. The Beavers have attended two camps, a District organised Damboree Camp at Hadlow Field in May and our own camp at Dee Banks School in July.

The Group attended the District Camp, and have good attendances at the Remembrance Service and Groups Carol Service. A commemorative blanket badge was issued to those attended the Remembrance Service.

During the COVID19 lock down period members were invited to two national events. The first organised by Northumberland Scouts where Scouts across the world were invited to #campathome. We had 32 take part, some for one night and some for longer. Each will receive a certificate and a commemorative blanket



badge. I believe 90,000 across the world took part.

The second event was #hiketothemoon where we could register a distance walked and give a donation to Children in Need and Comic Relief, with the aim of walking a total of 240,000 miles to the moon. In fact the distance walked nearly got us back again. To date this event has raised £600,000. Thank you to our 12 members who took part. They will also receive a commemorative badge.

Thank you also to Denise Huxley, our Chairman, for organising the regular fund raising bingo evenings.

Maintenance of the building is always ongoing and there are always small issues that need fixing. There are still a number of other projects that we are considering, e.g. sorting out the storage container, repairing the front entrance etc. 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 who, who repaired the ceiling panels and the broken tiles in the boys toilet last year for free have been asked to renovate the front entrance which is now in need of a much needed upgrade.

Last year I applied for Gift Aid from HMRC which resulted in a refund of £2158 for 2018/2019 and we have received a further £2203 for 2019/2020. Thank you to all of the parents 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 or your spouse/partner 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 the Treasurer's job a little easier consolidating the accounts.

The Group is registered with the website [www.easypfundraising.org.uk](http://www.easypfundraising.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 easypfundraising site, we get a bit of commission. It doesn't cost anything to use but we could receive a lot of easy money.

The new Group website, started eight years ago, can be accessed by using the URL [www.cestrianscouts.org.uk](http://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. Our Executive Committee members have all completed the required training modules.

Many congratulations to Alex Coker for completing his Wood badge, which completes his training as an Assistant Scout Leader, and to Brandon Hone who has gained his campsite permit.

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  
Assistant Group Scout Leader  
Cestrian Scout Group, June 2020

# BEAVERS

We begin with Beavers, learning Skills for Life.

The autumn term [2019] started with Teamwork challenges and getting to know each other activities. Worked towards the Photographer activity badge where we learned about the history of the camera and went for a walk around Vicars Cross taking pictures with our cameras. Our local PCSO Beth came to visit us and talked about the Green Cross Code and road safety. We also attended Wizz Kidz play centre with other Beaver Scouts from the District for a Harry Potter Sleepover! We made wizzard hats and wands, played on the slides and equipment and had a great time! The term concluded with a fun trip to Paradise Island for a round of Mini Golf.



yellow and green pancakes tasted so good...with lots of delicious toppings of course! In March Grahame kindly shared a bit of his knowledge of Space; we dressed up for World Book day and continued working on our Book Reader activity badge; and we planted bulbs and wildflower seeds in preparation for Mothering Sunday.

Cestrian participated in the District Beaver Challenge in January. Well done to everyone who took part, great teamwork!

We had 3 amazing Beaver Scouts participate in the 2020 Chester Gang Show! They put in many hours of rehearsals for the week on stage in February for both the Beaver and Cub item. Well done, what a show!!



Cestrian youth members at the 2020 District

Not to be put off by the long January nights, we had a Robbie Burn's night of Caber tossing, Haggis hurling and food tasting as well as a Chinese New Year evening with activities of a 'rat' theme. In February we visited the Boughton Library



where we

learned how to care for our

books, made a bookmark and had a story. We also learned a bit about Lord Baden-Powell, the founder of Scouting for Founders Day, and who knew red, blue,



Chief Scout Bronze Award event at Freedom. #Proud!

The summer term began with us all in Lockdown due to



Covid-19. We have not let a virus stop us

as we carried on Scouting...just a little differently and at home instead! Badges at Home, Camping at Home, and meeting online on Zoom. Well done everyone for all of your



efforts to stay safe, stay well and stay strong during the unprecedented time of Lockdown. You are all amazing! Beavers at home worked on many badges; Book Reader, Builder, Cyclist and Hobbies...just to name a few.

We would like to thank Grahame, Gill, and Denise for always being there to help, week in and week out. We appreciate it. Thanks as well to you, our parents, as well as to our Young Leaders

[Isaac and Andrew] who have helped us during the year. We could not do all that we do...without all of you! We hope you have a healthy and happy summer and we look forward to seeing you in September, hopefully, for another fantastic year of Scouting.

Kristy, Brandon, Laura, and Sharron

## TRIBUNI CUB REPORT 2020

### **A year that was different but packed with activities.**

Congratulations to Oliver, Bryn, Joshua, Tom, Charlie, Luke, Harry, Ollie, Jacob on gaining their Chief Scout Silver Award

2019 September to December

Here are some of the activities we have achieved this year

We had a sleepover in the H.Q. and cubs were able to gain their communicators badges, Some of our evenings seen us doing First Aid, A Veggie versus Vegan night, Disability Awareness ,Halloween. The sixers ran an evening doing crafts was excellent well done to them. We also made Guy

Fawkes thanks Chris for getting the straw. Some cubs took the Guy Fawkes home thanks to the parents for taking them. Christmas party and games evening ended off the year.

November - saw us attended the Remembrance Service at Plemstall Church

December - we had a joint meeting with Wednesday cubs Bowling at Cheshire Oaks.

Our Carol Service was held at the local Church in Vicars Cross and was well attended thank you to all who supported this event

2020 January to September

We started this year with lots of ideas and fun activities here are a few we managed to achieve before .....

Chinese New Year with lots of different food to taste and new crafts to make. The Science badge was next to be completed February once again making Pancakes of various colours and shapes. Personal Safety badge was also started but not quite completed but we will.

January 2020 we entered two teams for the District Bowling

Competition and both teams did exceptionally well Congratulations to them

### **LAST MEETING**

We did manage to get an evening at the Hawarden Camp Site doing what Tribuni like best backwoods cooking and of course eating ( Dave we had the bucket ) also wide games

Half Term we attended the Gang Show at the Kings School there were 28 cubs and parents it was an excellent show, and if you have never been it is well worth a visit.



**Exciting News** We entered a team in the District Craft Competition in February and congratulations they won it.

July 2020 The County Craft Competition the winning team was asked to design a poster for the Zoo opening and victory was ours once again thanks to Micah H. ,Lottie A. B. ,Aidan C.,Jacob C., and Jacob W. and Olaf D. Congratulation to everyone and your medals are on the way.

What can I say our Zoom meetings have been fantastic with loads of activities and Kaa challenges which have provided a lot of fun and the competition between the cubs and parents has been great. Thank you to the parents who have supported our zoom meetings and hopefully will continue to do so.

My thanks to Chris for all his hard work in arranging the Zoom Meetings and the power points we use. Danielle for her invaluable input with all the activities and challenges that she has organized. Paul for always supporting and being there for us all and providing his skills. Thanks To Brandon for all his help and keeping us on track with our badges The young leaders who come along and help our thanks from the Tribuni leaders.

Hopefully we will return to some normality in Scouting in the not too distant future and look forward to parents and cubs continuing to support Tribuni Cubs zoom meetings which makes it worthwhile for the leaders.

Gill  
Akela

# Centurion Cub Pack Report 2020



This has been a very different year for Centurion Cub Scouts, but as always we love a challenge!

During the Autumn term the programme included a range of outdoor activities – A naturalist evening at Caldry Valley, fire lighting outside the Scout HQ and some fun games.

Cubs also completed two evenings of First Aid towards their Emergency Aid badge.

We had an exciting Great Cub Bake off with all the usual challenges- you should see the Showstoppers!!



A visit from the local PCSO taught the cubs all about Road Safety.



After Christmas the cubs were introduced to Mindfulness, needless to say we had a very calm evening! I do hope that some of the techniques have been useful during lockdown.

February brought a number of teamwork challenges and completion of the International Badge before going in to lockdown.

In March we managed to squeeze in a trip to Liverpool. We met the cubs at the Bache railway station and travelled by train to visit the World Museum and made a visit to McDonalds. We had such a fun day together; the cubs asked on the way home if we could have more days out. We really hope that 2021 will allow us to start doing more exciting activities and trips out.

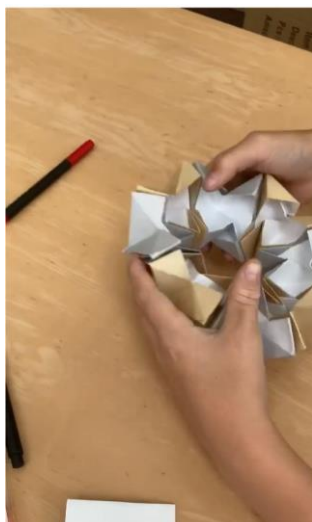


So lockdown happened in March 2020, but this didn't stop us. Thanks to the wonderful world of zoom we were able to meet online and start a range of different fun activities.



The cubs have really risen to the challenges including the Virtual camp and Hike to the moon.

Weekly meetings have included St George's Day challenges- some fab dragons were created, making things such as armpit fudge- yum, yum, eggy bread and cake in a mug- with some very explosive effects (mainly from the Leaders!!)

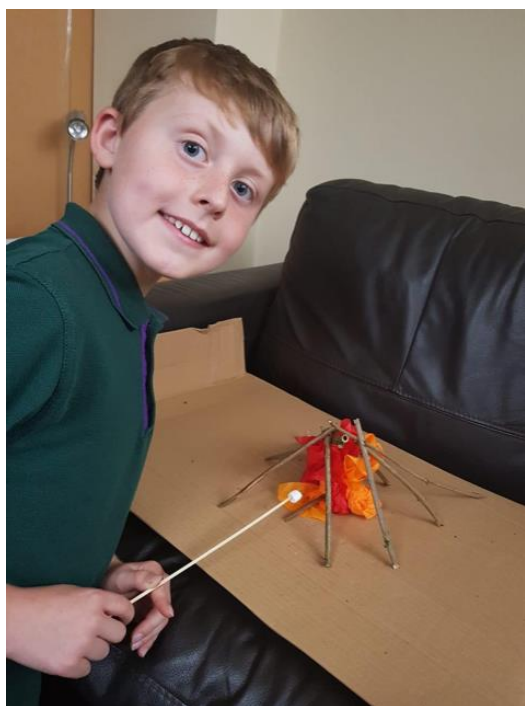


Our fantastic new Young Leader Nung got the cubs completing some very tricky origami challenges and has kept them all fit throughout lockdown with fitness bingo and other fitness challenges.

We have also managed to complete several badges over lockdown

including the book reader badge, naturalist and Home Safety.

We have enjoyed many quizzes, challenges and dingbat activities.



We really enjoyed coming round to see you all with your badges and goodie bags in the summer holidays!

Thank you to all the parents for facilitating the use of Zoom to enable our young people to keep meeting together

I would also like to thank the leadership team (Vicki, Alec, Jonny, Fiona, Anna and Nung) for their creativity, ideas, patience and ingenuity in making a difficult term still happen!!

We say goodbye to Fiona as she moves on from school and Alec for the next 18 months who has moved with work to Luton.

Congratulations to Jonny Prescott for achieving his Queen's Scout Award- we are very proud of you.

Thanks to all of you for your support.

Rachel (Akela)





It seems a long time ago now but we started the year way back in Easter 2019. As the evenings got lighter our programme moved outdoors with some core outdoor scout skills, firelighting, pioneering, and learning to use compasses with some clock face orienteering. The scouts were put through their paces with the Athletics badge and we hosted visitors from Reunion Island in the Indian Ocean

In May we had our Spring camp at Forest Camp. Activities included rafting, archery, wide games, high ropes and the cave bus.



Outdoor activities continued after half term with barbequing home made burgers, cycle skills and geocaching. We spend a night on the Dee kayaking & playing in homemade coracles, a (rather wet) photo hide and seek around Vicar's cross and the ever favourite water fight.



In July we joined the rest of the group at the - District camp at Tatton Park. The scouts enjoyed a wide range of activities with highlights including paddle boards, laser tag, evening music, bungee run, segways and even an ice cream van.



After the summer break, we played wide games before most of activities moved back indoors with crystal maze challenges, LGBT awareness, cooking on hike stoves, and a hobbies presentation night.

We squeezed in a final camp in September with a weekend at Cox Wood campsite with shooting, archery, climbing, crate stacking, and t-shirt tie-dye



Running into Christmas we made rubber band powered cars, produced stop motion animations, made duct tape wallets and Christmas crafts.



Our final night away was our ever popular xmas sleepover, with Christmas theme games, Wii dance off, Christmas crafts and the legendary Christmas dinner breakfast



Returning for the New Year we continued with a variety of indoor based activities. The scouts competed in a trading game challenge, learnt internet safety and first aid skills.



They got creative with paracord craft, making marble runs and pancakes and pulled out all the stops with a cooking challenge.



Unfortunately at this point our activities abruptly stopped by the lockdown, curtailing activities for the rest of the year.

Writing this report has been rather bittersweet, being a reminder of all the fantastic activities we did last year but also of all we have missed out on during the last six months of lockdown limbo. Hopefully it won't be too long until we can get back to normal.

# **Cestrian Scout Group AGM and Annual Review 2019**

Date: 12<sup>th</sup> July 2019

Location: Cestrian Scout Headquarters, Thackeray Drive starting at 7:45pm.

Attendees: Executive Committee, Group Leaders, Parents and members.

## **1. Welcome by the Group Scout Leader (GSL)**

Keith Harding opened the meeting with a short prayer and welcomed all for attending.

## **2. Apologies for absence**

Apologies were received from: Dave Watson, Kristy Collins, Matthew Dunford, Alec Stokes, Jennifer Biggs, Anna Davies, Vicky Courtney and Fiona Morrison.

## **3. Approval of the 2018 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 30<sup>th</sup> April 2019. Treasurers Report**

The accounts were approved – see Treasurers Report attached to the Group Review.

Approval of Accounts: Seconded by Grahame Polley

## **5. Group Scout Leaders Report**

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

Keith introduced and welcomed Alan Wilding (DC) and thanked him for attending his first AGM in his new role as District Commissioner. He also thanked the Leadership Team for all their hard work and support.

A growth award was reached again this year after a lapse last year. We had previously gained eight years in a row.

It was mentioned that nationally there are 160,000 members in Scouting with 50,000 more on waiting lists. If there were new members/leaders there is a lot of potential for new Groups and additional sections within our own Group. Grahame is adding to Cestrian's waiting list almost daily.

Keith congratulated Chris Huxley-Clowes for gaining the Chiefs Scouts Commendation for Good Services, Brandon Hone for his new role as Youth Commissioner for the District and achieving both the DofE Gold and the Queens Scout Award's plus completing his ABSL Wood Badge training. Alec Stokes was congratulated for obtaining a place on the IST at the World Scout Jamboree in July 2019.

Grahame and Denise were thanked for their continued support. Keith finished with a "Thought For Scouts" reading



## **6. Chairpersons Report**

Denise read out her report which is also in the 2019 Annual Review.

## **7. Nomination and approval for the Group Chairperson**

Keith has to nominate the Group Chairperson. Denise is willing to continue for a further year.

Denise Huxley was nominated by Keith Harding and seconded by Paul Wright.

## **8. Election for Minute Secretary**

Shirley Polley is willing to continue as Minute Secretary for a further year unless a Group Secretary is appointed.

Proposed: Denise

Seconded: Keith Harding

## **9. Election of Group Treasurer.**

As Sarah Oliver is willing to continue as treasurer for a further year and there were no further nominations Sarah will continue as the Group's Treasurer.

Proposed: Grahame

Seconded: Chris Huxley-Clowes

## **10. Election of Auditors**

As the requirement to have the accounts audited by an Official Auditor is only required if the annual income exceeds £25,000, all future accounts only have to be scrutinised.

## **11. Election of Group Executive**

Current members of the Executive Committee are willing to continue for a further year. No new members were nominated.

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

Chris Huxley-Clowes was nominated by Keith to sit on the Executive Committee.

Proposed: Keith Harding

Seconded: Denise Huxley

## **13. District Commissioners Review**

This was conducted by Chester's new DC, Alan Wilding. Alan thanked Cestrian Scouts for inviting him to attend his first AGM. It was noted that Cestrian Scouts are at many of the District events, thanks to all Group Leaders and Executive Committee..

Help is always needed in Scouting, not necessarily as a Leader but any help is appreciated. It's often the small things e.g.: loading/unloading equipment, making tea or attending functions that make a big difference.

#### **14. Presentation of Awards**

Shirley Polley was congratulated on receiving her 15yr service award which had been presented at the District AGM. A certificate for 5yrs service was presented to Danielle Huxley-Clowes and 5yrs service certificates are to be presented to David Watson and Nigel Browning.

#### **15. Vote of Thanks**

Grahame gave a vote of thanks to the Committee Members, the Leaders and to those preparing the BBQ.

Thanks also go to Andy and Chris Hunt (BroBuild) for undertaking work on the HQ free of charge. Also to Kath Lloyd and Peter Bulmer for help updating the HQ lease.

The meeting was closed, with a quote from Baden-Powell, at 7:15pm.

The meeting will be followed by a photographic slide show prepared by Alec Stokes and a free BBQ.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Chair Dated: \_\_\_\_\_