

33rd Norwich Scout Group



Scouts

Annual General Meeting

Report 2019/2020

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AGM ANNUAL REPORT 2019/2020

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Group Chair Report – Dawn Inger

Since taking over as Group Chair, and I have been impressed with the commitment and dedication of the leaders and volunteers within our group. On behalf of the young people and parents as well as the trustees, thank you to all the volunteers for giving up their free time week in week out to help develop and grow the young people.

Whilst there is always work to do, I can see an incredible the amount of change and improvement in the group in the short time I have been here, Thank you for all your efforts!

It is important to reminder everyone what the role of a trustee and the group executive is and also how we serve the young people:

“Trustees ensure their Scout Group has a clear strategy. The trustee's role in the group is to be the 'guardians of purpose', making sure that all decisions put the needs of the young people first.”

If we want to continue to grow and support the young people then we will need more volunteers, so if you can spare an hour no matter how often then please get involved and join us. We need your help! This can be in any role and not just being a leader for example gardening at Jessopp, cleaning the halls, fundraising the list goes on!

Thank you to the children, parents and volunteers who all make the huge success that is the 33rd Norwich Scout Group!

Group Scout Leader Report – Andrew Parle

This AGM completes my 2 year as Group Scout Leader and how time flies. As a group we have achieved so much. We should all be very proud of everything we have done and achieved. I am personally very proud to be part of this amazing Scout group!

We have over 125 young people and adults volunteers. Every section from Beavers, Cubs and Scouts is strong. With the Scouts section consistently full and a waiting list, Cubs last year saw membership grow from strength to strength over the year, and Beavers continued a steady increase in membership. Well done, this means more local young people are benefiting from Scouting. Thank you to the adults all the time they spend volunteering, which is very honourable thing to do! Also thank you of behalf of all the young people too!

Notably this last year as seen some highlights worth calling out:

- Lots of camps and activities!!!

- We have invested over a thousand pound in kit, maintenance, and new resources
- Jessopp Road continues to improve every week with all the volunteer work parties
- Hours and hours of training completed by the volunteers
- Thousands of pounds in fundraising (see Fundraising report for details)

Also, to mention the trustees of the group (Group Executive) as they play their role to ensure we have a strong and stable financial group. They are for foundations and without them the group will collapse. Thank you for their time and efforts. Also particularly thank you to Carla Larkins-Cook who stood down as our Chair in the year and a big thank you to Dawn Inger who takes up the reins with lots of enthusiasm – Thank you!

Finally thank you to the Young People as you also inspire us adults, to do more and more exciting things. Have fun and be brave, we have plenty more adventures planned as we all try our best during this uncertain time.

It would be wrong not to mention the pandemic, but this report covers the time prior to the lockdown. But I can reassure the following

- The young people's best interest is always at heart and the volunteers will do everything to keep them safe.
- We are a strong and creative group of children and adults. We will keep on trying hard and reinventing regardless what is thrown at us
- The group is financial stable and has good reserves to weather this storm, but we will keep fundraising to be ready for the future.

The 33rd Norwich will continue to grow and develop even with this terrible virus.

We are always looking for help and volunteers, so if you spare a little time or have a skill/trade, we would be delighted to hear from you. Please do get in touch with me for even just a chat. Mobile/text 07974 254 293 or email 33rdNorwichGSL@gmail.com

Thank you, Andrew

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Receipts and Payments Account
For the year to 31st March 2020.

<u>Year to 31.03.19</u>		INCOME		<u>Year to 31.03.20</u>	
3157		Contributions - Scouts -	Pioneers	3364.43	
974		Contributions - Cubs -	Willow	2035.36	
<u>1255</u>	5386	Contributions - Beavers -	Maple	<u>1671.94</u>	7071.73
	0	Gift Aid Received			317.50
	2656	Camps and other events.			1510.68
2000		Hall usage	Weight Watchers	2000.00	
1560			Art Group	1560.00	
1023			Ansar	819.00	
0			Explorers	1500.00	
1049			Others	1249.94	
<u>0</u>	5632	Jessopp Road Site Hire		<u>2089.55</u>	9218.49
	6	Interest received			9.75
	<u>£13,680</u>	Total Income for the Year			<u>£18,128.15</u>
		PAYMENTS			
2005		Expenses - Scouts -	Pioneers	1868.58	
1452		Expenses - Cubs -	Willow	305.60	
<u>736</u>	4192	Expenses - Beavers -	Maple	<u>290.74</u>	2464.92
1575		Capitation - Scouts		1305.00	
810		Capitation - Cubs		1035.00	
<u>990</u>	3375	Capitation - Beavers		<u>810.00</u>	3150.00
	91	Leaders - Training and Uniforms			133.76
	1809	Camps and other events.			250.00
	0	A.G.M. Expenses			188.31
2295		Property	Insurance	2301.93	
210			Water Rates	196.24	
992			Electricity & Gas	946.90	
1216			Maintenance & Repairs	420.80	
1			Rent	1.00	
(260)			Use of Jessopp Road	0.00	
19			Cleaning Expenses	0.00	
<u>0</u>	4473		Jessopp Road Site Expenses	<u>1113.82</u>	4980.69
	<u>£13,939</u>	Total Expenses for the Year			<u>£11,167.68</u>
	9422	General Reserve as at 1/04/2019			9162.41
13680		Add Income		18128.15	
<u>13939</u>	(260)	Less Expenses		<u>11167.68</u>	6960.47
	9162	General reserve as at 31/3/20200			<u>£16,122.88</u>
1662		33rd Redevelopment Fund as at 1/04/2019		3698.82	
3680		Funds raised, grants & donations in year		2590.45	
<u>(1643)</u>		Expenditure in year		<u>(5439.02)</u>	
	3699	Balance as at 31/3/2020			850.25
	<u>12861</u>	TOTAL RESERVES			<u>16973.13</u>
	12066	Bank Balance as at 31.03.20 (Barclays)			15829.76
	1215	Bank Balance as at 31.03.20 (National Savings Account)			1224.87
	200	Cash in Hand			150.00
	102	Sundry Debtors & Prepayments			211.31
370		Amount Due From	Pioneers	395.41	
(366)		Amount Due To	Willow	0.00	
<u>(185)</u>	(180)		Maple	<u>(33.02)</u>	362.39
	13403				17778.33
	542	Less Creditors & Accruals			805.20
	<u>£12,861</u>	Total			<u>£16,973.13</u>

Group Treasurer

Beaver Section – Susan Flynn, Beaver Scout Leader

At the moment we have 15 Beavers, 6 Leaders and one young leader. We have completed work for many badges over the last year and working towards the bronze award too.

On the 9th of June the Beavers had a train ride to Cromer for the day visiting Cromer lifeboat station, had fun on the beach, fish and chips for lunch then the train ride back home to Norwich!

On the 12th of July we had a Beaver's activity weekend at Jessopp Road HQ, starting on the Friday evening 6pm till 8 o'clock then Saturday morning 9am till 3pm the theme was the Olympics. Beaver had a great day earning lots of badges. We ended the weekend with a barbecue and a campfire inviting all parents and grandparents. Also presenting Joe Errington, George Bugden, Tom Thrower, and Ivy Simmons with their Bronze Award. This is the highest award you can get in Beavers so many congratulations to them!!

On the 10th of January we had a lovely visit to the pantomime, which the children loved!

Congratulations to all Beavers who worked very hard to earn all their badges throughout the year, my thanks go to all the parents for their help and support and bringing their children to Beavers. My thanks also to the leaders for all your hard work.

Thank you, Sue Flynn (Chippy)

Cubs Section – Heather Battigan, Cub Scout Leader

Another very busy Scouting year was had, starting the year with 16 invested Cubs and 3 uninvested.

April started with a visit from the Fire Brigade who, luckily, did not have a callout like they did in February. All the Cubs enjoyed a very informative visit ending with a chance to have a go with the hose and spraying water. They ended the month with a visit from a Lifeguard. They were shown all the kit they use, as well as the vehicle and gave the Cubs some very important safety advice.



From the beginning of **May** we began 6 months of meeting down Jessopp Road and started the Community Impact badge. We invested 2 Cubs into the

pack this month. We also had Cubs attend the Activity Day at Eaton Vale where a lot of activities were done, and a great day had by them all. St. John's came to Jessopp Road with two of their ambulances and the Cubs took part in a very important and informative evening.



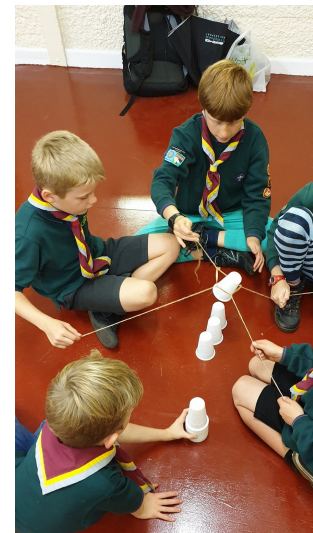
In **June** we had our annual camp and this year's theme was a Christmas Camp. They arrived on Christmas Eve to set up camp and start on some craft work, woke up to find Father Xmas had been (if they had been good!), prepared and cooked a Xmas dinner, played games then went to bed and woke up on Boxing Day. It was great fun! We invested 1 Cub into the pack.



We started **July** with a visit from a naturalist. She had the Cubs very engaged in the subject and they started on making bee hotels. We finished term with making fires and cooking sausages. We invested 1 Cub into the pack and had our annual visitor from Spain for the month.

We met a couple of times during **August** down Jessopp Road.

We started in **September** 3 Cubs down but with 11(!) giving Cubs a try. Most of these having come up from Beavers. A very busy start to the new term. We completed more work towards the Community Impact badge and done the Athletics badge. We invested 5 Cubs into the pack.



October still saw us at Jessopp Road for the whole month, meaning we completed a full 6 months outside, fantastic!

Community Impact and Naturalist badges were completed and had a Halloween themed evening at the end of the month. We invested 3 Cubs.

The 4th of **November** was the last night at Jessopp Road which we ended with fireworks, BBQ and toasted marshmallows. Back to Colman Road and we started on the Road Safety badge which we completed over the month. We invested 2 Cubs.

In **December**, the Cubs had Xmas decorations to decorate and take home. At the Craft Fair we sold bags of plain plaster decorations, several Cubs came along to help with the sales. One Monday clashed with an 'all schools' carol

concert so it was a short month for meetings. We ended the term with our traditional party night.

We started back in **January** doing various things, including Chinese New Year, and began the Home Safety activity badge. We had another 4 trying out Cubs.

In **February** we carried on with Home Safety as well as taking part in designing a badge for the District's St. George's Activity Day. They tried their hand in cooking pancakes on a tin can, which went down a treat. We met at half term and had a games night. We invested 2 Cubs but lost 6 Cubs (luckily only to Scouts).

Finally, the end of our busy year, **March**. The Artist badge was started on. Still-life, mod-roc bowls and Mother's Day items were completed. We invested 2 Cubs.



We ended the year with 22 Invested Cubs and 5 who were in the trying out phase. A fabulous total to end the year with. Sadly, the 16th of March was the last of our face to face meetings due to Covid-19.

As always, I could not do any of this without the fabulous help from Hathi, Chil, Kaa, Baloo and newest recruit, Bagheera. Thank you!

Akela

From April 2019 to March 2020 we again have had a busy time. We have achieved 6 weekend camps and a main summer camp this year.

- May 2019 - We had a Competition / Training camp to prepare them for Summer Camp.



- June 2019 - We had two camps this month, at the beginning we had a weekend camp at West Runton, teaching survival techniques, shelter building and fish preparation. Then at the end of the month we had a cycle camp to Whitwell Hall.
- July 2019 - This year's Summer Camp was at Kibblestone International Scout Campsite travelling there and back by train. The scouts took part in many activities on site including various high ropes challenges, axe throwing, abseiling, rock face climbing, rafting. We also had a day trip to Stafford and visited Stafford Castle.



- September 2019 – North Norfolk Railway. Again, we were guests of the North Norfolk Railway to camp at their 1940s Event in vintage uniforms.

We camped at Holt Railway station as usual, with the scouts erecting a 1940s display camp. Scouts assisted with gate duty for the North Norfolk Railway on both mornings. We then spent the afternoon going up and down on the trains with the Trek Cart. We also took part in the people parade.

We had our largest attendance at this camp with 27 young people attending.



- December 2019, We had our biannual Christmas Camp at Jessopp Road with a visit from Santa
- March 2020- Spring Camp at Jessopp Road. Here the scouts helped to prepare the site for the coming summer, with general tidying up and moving stuff ready for the summer.

In addition, we offer a varied program to run week by week consisting of many traditional activities and try to get out in the great outdoors.

Scouts have consistently helped over the year in the ongoing works of the Jessopp Road site

Numbers remain high at 36 members in the troop, which is as large as we can manage safely with our hall sizes. Demand continues to remain high with a consistent waiting list.

Sadly at the end of the month as you all know we went into lockdown but we commenced Zoom meetings promptly.

I would like to thank Luke, Andy, James, Katie, Ryan, Steve and Terry for all their help over the last year.

Tony

Fundraising- Malene Bloomfield

Several fundraising activities added a nice sum of money to the fundraising pot in 2019-20.

The sale of tickets for the Great Duck Race raised £1036.14. This included the Scouts running a Hook a Duck game at Recreation Road School Fête as well as selling the tickets at the fete.

The Coop grant earned 33rd Scouts £500. Waitrose grant added £300 to the fundraising pot and Tesco grant added £2000.00 to the pot. Coop community fund, payment 1 added £334.14 to the fundraising pot. The cake sale in the City from the charity stall in December 2019 raised £484.66

The Christmas market at Jessop Road was a great success and raised £822.39. Lots of local families attended and the 'booze shed' proved a great success as people could sit down and enjoy hot drinks and festive treats.

Finally recycling of Christmas Trees in the beginning of January 2020 raised £845.04. This 'service' is gaining popularity in the local community and Facebook and word of mouth have helped spread the message so hopefully this will be a nice little money earner for years to come.



Jessopp Road Development

Progress over the last year at Jessopp Road has been massive and the site continues to improve all the time.



Some highlights of work achieved in this year are:

- Creating of the new fire site area, including new seating
- Dismantling and moving the original post war “shed”
- Laying a new concrete path
- Rebuilding the “shed” and restoring it so it can be used for the next generation
- Removal of 2 substantial & dangerous tree (with planning permission and replaced with semi mature trees)
- Decorating the inside of the main hall throughout, including removing condemned gas heating, new lighting, painting the floor and restoring the windows (glass and painted)
- Many various smaller jobs for example filling potholes etc



All work done on site is by volunteers, the leaders, parents and children. Also all funding comes from the users or grants. So we really appreciate all donations of time or money to Jessopp Road and a big thank you to those people.

But we need more help please – Do you have a skill/trade, or just an hour to lend a pair of hands or can supply needed materials or would like to make a donation. Please get in touch with Tony (Scout Leader) or Andrew (Group Scout Leader)