

365 DAYS OF ADVENTURE. HERE'S WHAT HAPPENED...

14th King's Lynn Scout Group Annual Report



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Welcome

Beavers

Last year we had a change in leadership at Beavers. Pat, after many years of service to the group, has decided to take a step back from her role as Beaver Scout Leader. Donna Moore stepped in and took over. Donna has embraced the challenge completely and is putting together a great program.

Donna is joined by Charlene Waldron who has taken the position of Assistant Beaver Scout Leader. There are a number of parents who help out on a regular basis.

Cubs

It's always a busy year with the Cubs, but last year they managed to go above and beyond with the huge number of activities being put on to celebrate the Cubs 100th birthday, including a visit from a very special individual.

In addition to Beavers, Cubs went through a change in leadership at the beginning of the year. With myself stepping into the role of Group Scout Leader, Hazel Colley moved from Assistant Cub Scout Leader to Cub Scout Leader. With this loss of one of their full-time leaders, Cubs are looking to reintroduce a parent rota from next term.

Scouts

Our Scouts have been going from strength to strength in recent months, with numbers increasing at an impressive rate. With new young people moving up to scouts from Cubs and joining us from the wider community we are expecting to have around 50 Scouts by the end of the year.

With this in mind, we are in the process of setting up a second Scout Troop with meetings to be held on a Wednesday or Friday evening.

Leadership

With our dedicated core of leaders across all three sections and our Executive now being at full strength, we are in the enviable position of being able to expand our group with the addition of the new Scout Troop. However, with our leaders all working hard in their current sections, we will be looking for new Leaders and Helpers to assist on Wednesday or Friday evenings.

Whilst we have more leaders/helpers than last year, we never turn down offers of help, we find that the more people that are available the easier it is to run a successful group. If you know of anyone who would be willing to help, even if it just on odd occasions, such as transporting kit to camps, please let Jon Wade or myself know.

Training

I am happy to announce that, as of the last month, every single one of our leaders has finished their training, this has taken a lot of work on their part and deserves no small amount of congratulations. This would not have happened so quickly or smoothly if it hadn't been for the hard work and dedication of Moira Wesson, who acted as their training advisor and, with her wealth of experience, guided them through the process.

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Buildings

As you are no doubt aware we share the use of our hall with the local Guide sections, there are always some jobs that need doing and long-term projects on the go. If anybody feels that they might have any Skills of Abilities that would be of assistance in these please let us know, we are always on the lookout for help.

Fund Raising

With rising costs across the board, and some of our activity equipment having seen better days, the Chairman and I will be setting up a fundraising committee to organise a couple of events a year to raise some money for group funds.

Gift Aid is always a good source of income for the group, so if you haven't completed a Gift Aid form please do so.

The Future

We have a good waiting list for both Beavers and Cubs with a few spaces for next year, I am confident that these will be filled with no difficulty. With the planned expansion of the Scout section to a second night, the next task will be shaping the new troop to be as strong and active a section as our existing three.

At present, I do not see the need to advertise as our numbers are growing quite nicely through word of mouth and over the next few years I see the group growing at a steady pace. Ultimately, we are developing a group with a strong core doing plenty of exciting activities and seeing many of our young people grow and develop into respected members of the local community.

Lastly

I want to remind everyone that the group belongs to ALL its members, from the youngest Beaver to the oldest leader, parent or grandparent. We need the support, not only of the members but also parents, relations, friends, partners and everyone else associated with the group, to enable us to flourish and grow.

I want to thank everyone who has supported and helped the Group over the past twelve months.

I want to give special thanks to the leaders and helpers who turn up regularly to provide the "Balanced Programme" to the members of all our Sections, without their help and support we would not have a Group. You can see just how much time and effort these people put in to Scouting and the local community from their individual Section reports.

I would also like to thank the people left at home while my leaders are off doing Scouting activities. These are the people who we could not do without as they support my leaders with the work they do here.

Yours in Scouting
Benjamin Colley
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