

# **1<sup>st</sup> West Moors Scout Group**

## **Annual General Meeting Reports 2015**



**The Hideaway, Hardy Road, West Moors, Dorset**

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# Group Executive Committee

## Chairman's Report 2014

The Group Executive Committee plays a vital role in the running of a Scout Group. Executive Committees make decisions and carry out administrative tasks to ensure that the best quality Scouting can be delivered to young people in the Group.

This is my fifth year as Chairman of 1<sup>st</sup> West Moors Scout Group and again this year has seen many changes and challenges to our Scout Group.

This last 12 months we have had a few maintenance days some of which could have been a little better supported but many thanks to those who helped on these days, for those who missed out don't worry we will have some more over the next 12 months. We have managed to install a new toilet in the gents, install additional electricity points in the main hall and leaders room and paint many areas around the HQ, some of the paint did manage to get onto the areas we were trying to cover (thanks to the cubs and beavers who helped with that).

Having said that we do need to thank many Group members and parents for their hard work in achieving so much over a little time, especially when we all have many other commitments

I know a number of you were disappointed that we did not get a chance to have a family camp last year but I am sure this years will more than make up for that (Many thanks to Lynne).

I need to thank Sarah our Secretary, Terry our Treasurer, David who's looking after our giftaid applications and all the other member of the Executive Committee for their hard work and support over the last year.

We always have space on our committee for volunteers, so if you, or a relative or friend who you know might like to help please let me know.

And lastly but by no means least we all must give enormous thanks to Lynne our Group Scout Leader, John our AGSL, Steve, Dave and Louise our Section leaders as well as all their assistant leaders and helpers for all their hard work and dedication to our Scout Group, without them our young people would not be able to enjoy Scouting in West Moors.

Paul Tuttiett, Chairman 1<sup>st</sup> West Moors Scout Group

# Financial Report

## 1ST WEST MOORS SCOUT GROUP BALANCE SHEET 2014

### CURRENT ACCOUNT

<u>EXPENDITURE</u>		<u>INCOME</u>	
HQ RUNNING	£2,027.68	FROM UNITS	£5,456.00
TO UNITS	£1,864.78	FUND RAISING	£1,095.83
TO DISTRICT	£1,795.50	CAMP	£496.00
HQ MAINTENANCE	£315.60	DONATION	£1,181.23
CAMP	£172.78		
TOTAL	£6,176.34	TOTALS	£8,229.06
			EXCESS OF EXPENDITURE OVER INCOME
			£2,052.72
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			CARRIED FORWARD FROM 2013
			£2,964.36
			PLUS BEAVER MONEY HELD
			£634.82
			<u>£3,599.18</u>
			CARRIED FORWARD TO 2015
			£4,901.86
			PLUS BEAVER MONEY HELD
			£750.04
			<u>£5,651.90</u>

### BUILDING FUND

CARRIED FORWARD FROM 2013	£26,291.88
INTEREST	£14.72
	<u>£26,306.60</u>

I have checked the above accounts and as far as reasonably possible believe them to be a true and accurate record.

*Chad*



## Beavers

### AGM Report 2015



Since the last AGM, Steve (Keeo) has left the army and moved to Torquay, and I (Louise) have taken over the leadership.

During the year Beaver Scouts have visited Potterne Park for a walk, West Moors library, Avon Heath for a ramble and attended the District Beaver summer outing to Moors Valley Country Park, where we enjoyed a train ride and ice creams!

All the Challenge badges have been worked towards and I am pleased to say that all Beavers who have transferred to Cubs have achieved their Bronze award.

We have had great fun doing various activity badges including Air Activities, Space, Communicator, Health and Fitness, Emergency Aid, and Guide Dogs for the Blind came to give a talk towards the Disability Awareness activity badge. In fact over 194 badges have been awarded!

We have celebrated Christmas, pancake night with races, Chinese New Year, St George, St Patrick, St David and Easter with egg rolling.

At the present time we have 17 Beavers with 2 moving up to Cubs after the summer holidays and 3 new starters in September.

My thanks go to fellow Leader Andy, colony helper Brenda and parents on the parent rota. Also thanks to Terry for continuing to look after our accounts.

Tic-Tac

Louise Collins, Beaver Scout Leader

## **Cubs**

### **AGM Report 2015**

We have 18 regular attending cubs and have had an action packed year. I'd like to take this opportunity to thank all parents, guardian and siblings for their support. We had a weeks summer camp, sleptover at the scout hut. We've done loads of activities, a few trips and given out lots of badges.

Mostly this year I personally like to thank Sarah, Jayne and Liz for their help week in week out and I'd like to express our gratitude to the parents and cubs for being involved in our wedding and helping to make our day so special. We had compliments from multiple other leaders about our high standard of behaviour.

This year has really reminded me why West Moors Scout Group is such a strong group because we take the scouting family to the next level and for that we thank all of you.

#### **Akela**

**Dave Anderson - Cub Leader**

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## **Cleaner / Caretaker**

We are fortunate enough to let out the Hideaway out to a number of other groups and would like to increase the amount of lettings we have to other groups and individuals.

To allow us to do this we would need a cleaner / caretaker to look after our head quarters on a day to day basis, subject to the Executive Committee's approval.

It is envisaged that this would be paid on a casual basis for a couple of hours a week / fortnight as required during school term time.

If you are interested or know someone who may be interested please talk to Lynne (GSL) or Paul (Chairman) for more information.

# Scouts Report

## Annual Report 2015

The troop currently has 15 scouts, our numbers have dropped for a number of reasons. Several scouts have left because of their age and decided not to continue with Explores, others have decided to join the local Army Cadets or ATC.

Rebekka Channen and Luke Cottenham have joined Jonathan, Nick and I as adult leaders and we have been regularly assisted by Dean Channen and Roxanne Evans as young leaders. Thank you to all those who regularly attend to assist in the running of the troop, Roxanne and her sister Lauren, a scout, have just left us as the family have moved out of the area.

We had 6 scouts attend summer camp (Goose 2014) at Budden's Activity Centre near Wareham. The scouts partook in numerous adventurous activities including; rafting, high ropes, canoeing, zip wire, archery, buggy racing, backwards cooking, water slide, mountain biking and circus skills. The evenings provided entertainment in the form of talent nights, discos, cinema, campfires and fireworks.

I unfortunately was out of action and neither Jon or Nick were available to stay for the week, their help in setting up and dismantling the site was much appreciated by Mike Downton, Jane Mearns and Jenny Tarrant who looked after our scouts. A big thank you to them.

Later in the year we attended the District Survival weekend in the New Forest. 7 scouts attended a weekend going back to basics. Building a temporary shelter to sleep in, cooking on open fires without utensils. The young people learnt about berries and grubs trying several varieties. They also had the opportunity to skin a rabbit and feathering a pheasant. Several competitions were undertaken throughout the event and we came away with the Cooking Trophy.

Members of the troop attended the district Extreme activities held throughout the year including, Sailing, Climbing, Archery, Shooting and Canoeing.

We also sent a representative to District Patrol Leaders Training weekend in Blandford.

In this year's Rifle Shooting competition West Moors came first winning the troop trophy and Charlie Glover took the silver medal in the individual competition.

We have given out many awards this year;

Adventure Challenge, Outdoor Challenge, Creative Challenge, Outdoor Plus, Hobbies, Master at Arms Model Maker, Survival, Naturist and Artist

We have continued to run a programme of varied activities including various cooking events, quiz nights, DIY skills, Pinewood racers, rifle shooting and a Casino evening.

Many thanks to all who have supported the troop over the past year, especially to Jonathan and Nick for their continued assistance and support.

Steve Leach, Scout Leader

## **Explorers**

### **AGM Report 2015**

#### **No Written report submitted**

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#### **Executive Committee**

As a charitable organisation our Scout Group cannot function without an Executive committee to look after its affairs. We still have a number of vacancies on the Executive committee. These being representatives from Beavers, Cubs and Scouts. If you have a child in any of these sections and you would like to take a more active role in your child's progress through Scouting then please get in touch with your section leader who would be pleased give you more details.

The task is not as onerous as you may think we meet approximately six times a year for approximately 1½ - 2 hours.

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#### **Fund Raising**

Key to us achieving any of our activities is fund raising, so we ask you to actively participate in our fund raising activities and social functions, But please make sure we have all signed the Gift Aid form as we are able to claim £2.50 for every £10 donation this includes your child's subscriptions.

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#### **Working Parties**

A few times a year we hold working mornings / days at the Hideaway to ensure that the HQ is a safe, clean and pleasant place for our young people to meet. This involves cleaning, painting general maintenance of the building, sorting through and maintaining the equipment in the stores so that it is in a good and reliable state for the next time it is used.

We need your help to achieve this, couple of time over the last year only two or three people turned up to assist on these days so very little work was carried out.

When a notice comes home of one of these days, please please do your best to support the group in providing these facilities for your children.

Thank you.

# Group Scout Leader

## Report 2015

Scouting in West Moors is thriving. Section Leavers are reporting that they've had a good year and a whole range of activities and experiences have been enjoyed by all and added to the development of each of our members. That wouldn't have been possible without the support and dedication of all our many supporters, including you. John and I in particular like to thank section leaders, assistants and helpers. I'd also like to say a special thank you to our executive committee who back us up by ensuring there's a roof over our head and money to pay the bills.

We have taken part in a number of village events including a service at St Mary's to commemorate the start of WW1 and the annual Christmas Carol Service and Fayre. I'm pleased to report that as ever we've had positive comments about the positive way our young people represent Scouting.

Our own events such as the Boxing day Duck Dash, Family Social events, our own celebration of St George's Day (Thank you West Moors Pre-school for letting us use your building) and here on camp this weekend are all important to celebrate Scouting in West Moors and the family we are all part of. With my GSL hat on I was very proud to see our Cubs and Scouts form a Guard of Honour at last month's wedding of Akela and Mao. There were Scouting people from other parts of the country; all commented how smart they were and how well they behaved. The values of Scouting give young people a good grounding for their future lives.

Like most voluntary organisations it is really important to have a strong committee. We would really encourage more parents to support us in that way as Leaders should be busy providing programmes for young people not fundraising. We are always willing to help but we need you to take a lead in this area over the coming year. We meet no more than 6 times a year and our meetings are sociable as well as necessary to keep us in line with the Scout Association's Royal Charter and Charity Commission rules.

I'll finish with news of events in the coming year. Cub Scouts will celebrate 100 years in 2016 so expect some special events. We will run another family fun afternoon and dependent on your feedback from this weekend another Family Camp.

We hope you will continue to support us and your children as they experience a very varied programme of scouting activities

Lynne Anderson, Group Scout Leader