



*3rd Hayling Group  
Annual Report  
2017 - 2018*



**International Expeditions 2019 / 2020**

# 90 Years of Scouting with 3<sup>rd</sup> Hayling Scouts

Join Us

For our Birthday Celebrations

At our family and friends camp

14<sup>th</sup> June 2019 to 16<sup>th</sup> June 2019

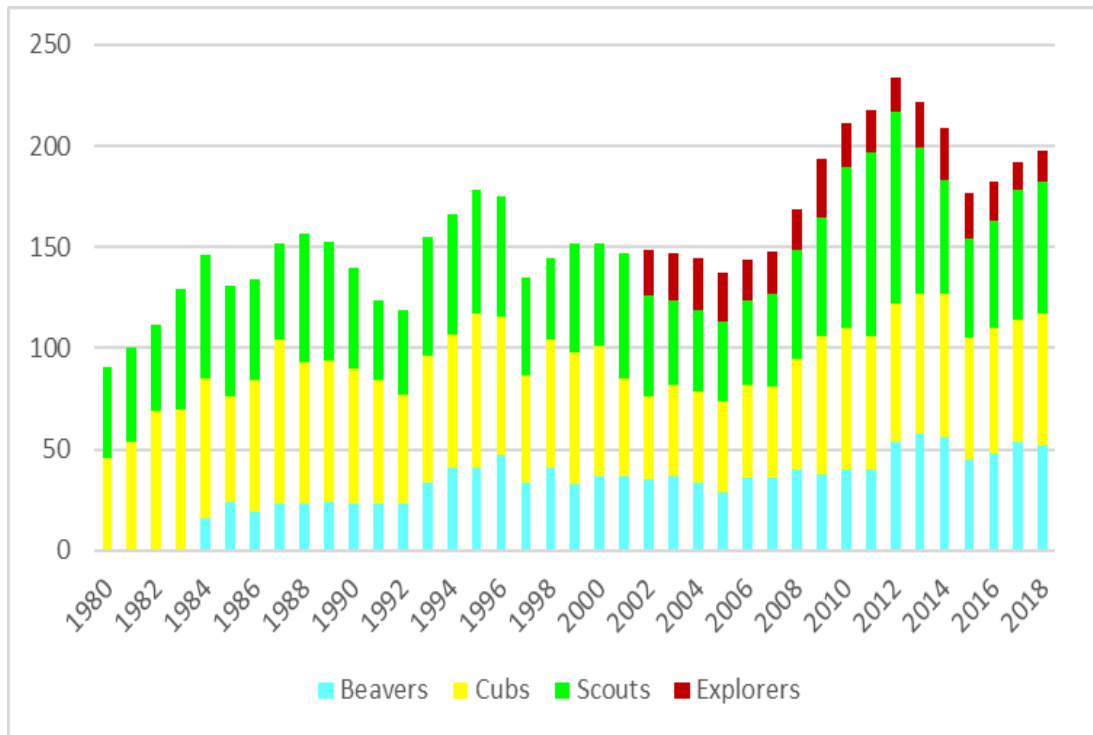
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**I wonder what the theme could be this time?**



# Youth Membership

at 31<sup>st</sup> January 2017



# Group Development Committee 2017-18

**Group Scout Leader**

Ian Hawke

**Assistant Group Scout Leaders**

Mandy Hawke

## Officers

**Chairman**

Dr Aaron Pycroft

**Treasurer**

Mary Pike

**Secretary**

Position Vacant

## Specific Roles

**HQ Manager**

Pete Rowson

**HQ Projects**

Andrew Harrison

**Quartermaster**

Peter Goddard

**Book Sales**

Dr Philip Blossie

**Badge Secretary**

Nigel Kenny

**Transport Manager**

Clive Allgood (p)

**Group IT / Wish List**

Kevin Richardson (p)

**Subs / Gift Aid**

Diane Stanway (p)

Dave Stanway (p)

**General Reps**

Sam Griffiths (p)

Ian Griffiths (p)

Alan Scutt

Meryck Marsden

## Uniformed Representatives

**Beaver Scouts**

**Aspen Colony**

Fiona Jordan-Harrison

**Maple Colony**

Jen Ford (p)

**Redwood Colony**

Linda Hunter

**Cub Scouts**

**Jupiter Pack**

Abi Peett

**Mars Pack**

Jan Allgood (p)

**Saturn Pack**

Sarah Bailey (p)

**Scouts**

**Eagle Troop**

Ed Harrison

**Lion Troop**

Jamie Bray / Tom Lincoln

**Shark Troop**

Jordan Reed

**Explorer Scouts**

**Nexus Unit**

James Perfett / Terry / Leigh

**Young Leaders**

Barney Pycroft

(p) Indicates parent of section member of Group (Beaver, Cub, Scout, Explorer)

# Group Supporting Roles 2017-2018

## Finance Team

Subscriptions Secretary

Diane / Dave Stanway

Gift Aid Coordinator

Diane / Dave Stanway

## HQ Team

HQ Coordinator

Pete Rowson

HQ Support

Alan Perfett

HQ Projects

Andrew Harrison

Caretaker

HQ Cleaning

Explorers

Grounds

Alan Scutt

Lettings Coordinator

Ian Hawke

## Leader Support Team

Badge Secretary

Nigel Kenny

Secondhand Uniform

Duke of Edinburgh's Award Coordinator

Terry Brinnen

## Promotions & Events

Book Sales

Mark Standing / Philip Blossie

Quiz

Mandy Hawke / Billy Ault

Promotions

Position Vacant

## Leader Support Service Team

Activities Support Team

10 Names

Drivers Support Team

Robert Bond

Transport Manager

Clive Allgood

QM Support

Alan Scutt

## Leader Support Skills Team

Archery Team

Paul Jackson, Jamie Bray, Wolf Clostermann

Air Rifle Team

Jamie Bray, Tom Lincoln, Aaron Pycroft

Walls & Towers

Paul Jackson, Tom Lincoln, Jordan Reed

# Group Support 2017-2018

During the course of the year a number of other people have helped in different ways.

To everyone who has supported us in any way during the past year -

## "Thank You"

There are also people, not in uniform or on the Development Committee, who directly or indirectly contribute to the success of 3rd Hayling from behind the scenes.

This page is an opportunity to mention some of them. Of course this is always dangerous, as I know I will miss some. Please accept my apologies if you are one of those I miss. It was not intentional.

Valerie Blossie	Photocopying & various other duties
C.N. Clarke	Auditor
Hayling Islander	For their continued Support
ACE / LIONS	For their financial support and help
HI Businessmen's Club	For their financial support and help
Stoke Fruit Farm	Sponsorship of our Annual Quiz
The Royal Antediluvian Order of Buffaloes (Hayling Branch)	For their financial support.

There are also many of our friends who continue to support our events, year after year, and we are extremely grateful and lucky to have this ongoing support.

Also those who each year support our Christmas Post Service:

Hayling Hardware	Bentley Walkers
Rae's	Cards 4 Occasions
Identity Hairdressing	Stoke Fruit Farm
Country Foods	Red Cross Centre
Sandy Point Stores	

And of course to all individuals and businesses on Hayling who support us and endorse our aims in many ways. These are shown by name towards the end of this report.

# Chairman's Report

## Adventure, Character and Community

Every year I read the Annual Report and am amazed at the scope of activities, the diversity of the programmes for each section, the sheer enthusiasm of adult leaders and the incredible achievements of our young people; it is truly, truly remarkable. We are a thriving group with children across all ages from six to 18; we have 50 adult volunteers helping across the sections and with the Group Development Team (GDT, the executive committee); we have a successful fund raising strategy and therefore sound finances.

Given this success, two questions follow: firstly how does this happen? Secondly, can we then simply relax and lay down in our Nijers, knowing that all is well with Third Hayling? The answer to question One is of course hard work and commitment on the part of our leadership team brilliantly led by Ian Hawke (he'll be really annoyed at that last bit, so let's see whether it survives the edit!). But also what motivates our leaders are the values of scouting that are clearly expressed in the promise that they make when they take out a warrant and renew every year on St George's Day:

### The Scout Promise

On my honour, I promise that I will do my best  
To do my duty to God and to the Queen,  
To help other people  
And to keep the Scout Law

This is at the heart of what we do and why we do it and was the vision of Baden-Powell over a century ago. As a group, we think this vision and these values are as relevant to young people and society today irrespective of faith or politics. Understanding this helps us to answer the second question with an emphatic 'no.'



*So let's get this straight, the weather of the world has done for your Nijer?*

*Aye skip a double whammy, both Trump and Brexit. Who could have foreseen it?*

As comfortable as a Nijer can be in all weathers (when properly pitched and preferably storm lashed) the challenge is to continue to work hard to make the values of scouting relevant to modern society; we can take nothing for granted. However, here is the thing what Baden-Powell envisioned was young people working together to make a better world. This vision is not individualist or inward looking; we are part of a worldwide movement and whatever the weathers of the world blowing over our Nijers scouting is growing, relevant, and important. The Scout Law expresses these values and lays the foundations for all the ages in scouting including its leaders:

1. A Scout is to be trusted.
2. A Scout is loyal.
3. A Scout is friendly and considerate.
4. A Scout belongs to the worldwide family of Scouts.
5. A Scout has courage in all difficulties.
6. A Scout makes good use of time and is careful of possessions and property.
7. A Scout has self-respect and respect for others.

I do not think that many organisations can make a claim to not only this kind of tradition but also its forward-looking relevance in preparing young people for adult life. What is incredible is the opportunities to have so much fun for young people in realising their potential!

This restatement of values is at the heart of our current three-year plan entitled 'Adventure, Character and Community.' The role of the GDT is to help the Group as a whole shape a direction of travel and to make sure that the leaders have the resources they need to deliver their amazing programmes and to nurture the members of their sections.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all members of the GDT for their hard work and commitment in the running of the group providing such amazing support for our young people and leaders.

Like any organisation events and changes happen and we have to deal with those and the challenges that they bring. However, one of the joys of working with this group is the ways in which people simply pitch in to make things happen (the Scout Law in action) and having such a strong leadership team makes life a lot easier in being Chair. Currently our fundraising continues to be very successful but one of our challenges is to fund a refurbishment of both the car park and the boy's toilets, which will take some considerable investment.

Whilst we are doing this, we need to ensure that as a public building that we have the best disabled access and facilities that we possibly can. This is all part of the plan to ensure that as a group that we are meeting the needs of every section of our community who wants to join and thrive in Third Hayling.



As we look ahead to 2019 and our 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday celebrations we need to ensure that we maximise opportunities for engaging with the community. We thrive because we are part of a vibrant community on Hayling Island and so our thanks go to all of you who support us in so many ways.

If you want to talk to us about how we can work together, whether in supporting activities, sponsoring badges, providing resources then please come and talk to us. Likewise, if you want to come and join in the fun either helping out section leaders or with the GDT, again you will be more than welcome.

Aaron Pycroft

Chair

### **Our Outdoor AGM**



# Group Scout Leader's Review

As I reflect on the past 12 months, once again I find some things make me smile, some make me frown, sometimes they leave me thinking that I could have handled that better, but many make me feel very proud of what collectively we can achieve for the young people of Hayling Island.

Most of the funny bits tend to result from "in jokes" or something perhaps that would be seen as silly by those outside of the group. For example, at last years Fireworks display, when the generator failed, we were a bit like headless chickens trying to come up with some intuitive method to get the lights and the food warmer (electric) operational in order that those in the Marquee cooking hundreds of sausages and burgers could continue. Of course, in the mean time they had solved the lighting problem by utilising a number of older Scouts and Explorers and torches and the warming problem by keeping the cooked items in a dixie over another with boiling water!

I seldom use the phrase "we tried this once but", however there are times when I see or hear of something planned by some of our Leaders and frown based on personal bad experience in the past. Of course whilst the safety and welfare of the young people in the group is our prime objective, it is important that our Leaders learn by their own experience whenever possible and the frown can often turn into a pleasant look of surprise when it works for them!!

We all say or do things that in hindsight we would have said/done differently and I am no exception to this. Fortunately we have a very forgiving bunch of Leaders who will put me right and then move on.

Pride however is the most common trait for being a Group Scout Leader. Not pride in what you have done but in what others have done around you.

Pride in the knowledge that Rosemary Harrison and Zack Allgood, both former active members of the Group have continued in Scouting and both achieved their Queen Scout's Award - the highest accolade in Scouting.

Pride knowing that once again over 1000 nights away were achieved across the Group whether this be with traditional camping, sleepovers in the HQ or as is becoming a more enjoyed challenge of Hammock Camping - saves on wet tents I suppose!!

Pride in the knowledge that we are presenting over 1000 badges each year in recognition of achievement by our youth membership.



The fun day in 2017 gave me one of the best moments however. I was unable to be present as I was in Hertfordshire with my Mother. Whilst I was disappointed to miss the day, it was very reassuring to know that the leadership team with some additional guidance from Jordan Reed just continued with the event which was a tremendous success.

I am always surprised at how quickly 30+ activities can be built and set up in preparation of the arrival of the masses! This is purely as a result of the exceptional teamwork that exists for such events. Tasks were allocated and everyone just got on with the job.



This year we were able to introduce caving (thanks to Stoke Fruit Farm for the hay bales) and also some traditional pioneering with a Monkey Bridge and climbing frame. (See inside back cover).



The woodwork base proved popular and it is surprising how many young people had never handled a saw or used nails!

Archery is always good and our Mayor and the Mayors consort both had a go and of course anything involving water always works.

Events like these always bring out the best in everyone, but by themselves do not make Scouting a success. It is still the weekly meetings that are the mainstay of our movement and it is our Leaders, helpers and young Leaders that make it happen in such a way that the young people keep coming back for more. Thank you to every one of you who gives up your time freely each week in the name of 3<sup>rd</sup> Hayling Scouts.

During this year we have said goodbye (only temporarily!!) to Andrea, Karen and Rebecca from Jupiter Cubs but have welcomed Stephen (eagle Troop), Dominic (Redwood Beavers), Charlotte (Jupiter Cubs), James L (Jupiter Cubs) and James S (Lion Troop).

Scouting like any other youth organisation is dependent on adult support, whether this be with the Leaders to the many supporting roles that keep the group financially healthy and provide the facilities and equipment that enable active programmes and camps.

This support comes in two main ways:-

1. The formal Group Development Team, led by our Chairman Aaron Pycroft. This team that includes our Group Treasurer and another 12 members have each taken on specific areas of responsibility to develop Scouting on Hayling, whether this be with our transport, HQ, equipment, fund raising, badge mgmt. or links with other organisations on Hayling. They do an outstanding job and I know that the Leaders really do appreciate their efforts.
2. Informal support, whether this be in the sponsorship of some of our events, helping at book sales, providing unusual items of equipment (e.g. Hay Bales!) or just being willing to undertake tasks as and when they arise.

Whichever way they perform their role, these people are all key contributors to the continued success of the Group.

In addition to our own 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday celebrations, 2019 will be a special year for several members of the Group. The next World Scout Jamboree will take place in the USA, with Jason and Jack being invited to attend as part of the Hampshire contingent (along with 40,000 others from across the World). 5 Scouts will be taking part in a Hampshire expedition to the USA, called Project 19 where they will not only explore parts of America but also spend a day at the World Jamboree.

Last year I reported that Jordan Reed had become our first contingent team Leader for the World Jamboree and in addition, Jan Allgood has been selected to be part of the International Service Team for the event, providing the support required to ensure its success.

Also, Sarah Bailey and Pippa Bostock have been selected as Leaders for the P19 event.

In total this means 11 people taking part, who collectively have to raise in excess of £35,000 to take part.

To end my report, I would like to thank everyone who makes Scouting successful and enjoyable on Hayling in whatever capacity and also to my wife Mandy, who will be the first to point out that I am not very organised. Her support, understanding and putting up with my endless visits to the HQ, or meetings with Aaron or wherever is very much appreciated.

*Jan*



# Treasurer's Report

Income for the year again exceeded £36,000, including the cost of camps and expeditions which are shown in the accounts under the "Money Exchange, camps and trips" line items. There is also a new entry to cover the funds associated with our 11 attendees to the World Jamboree and Project 19 expeditions in 2019.

Our main income sources continue to be Subscriptions, Gift Aid and Fund Raising, with the latter providing an income of nearly £8000. As has already been communicated, after 7 years we have found it necessary to increase the annual subscription to £108 per annum. This increase reflects the increases over 7 years in our utility charges, insurance and membership fees. A complete breakdown can be made available if required. However the increased level of subscription remains below that of many other groups and well below that for most other organisations and hobbies.

Included in the income column is a provisional amount for Gift Aid, for which we are awaiting final payment. These will be updated with the actual amount prior to the accounts being submitted for Audit.

Consistent with previous years, the Group has recently made a donation of £200 to each of the participants to the World Scout Jamboree and Project 19. This will appear in next years accounts as a transfer from the general fund.

During the past year we have seen an increase in expenditure for equipment to replace items after many years in service. As Pete our Quartermaster points out, our camping equipment is in use most weekends from May until September and at many other times throughout the year.

My thanks to Diane and Dave Stanway for managing the subscriptions and Gift Aid across the group and to C. N. Clarke who continue to audit our accounts each year without charge. At this time, these accounts are unaudited, but I am sure the draft represents a true summary of our financial affairs.

Mary Pike  
Treasurer

**3RD HAYLING ISLAND SCOUT GROUP**

Charity No. 308136

**Year ended 31st March 2018**

**Income and Expenditure Account**

<b>2016/2017</b>	<b>Income</b>	<b>2017/2018</b>	<b>2016/2017</b>	<b>Expenditure</b>	<b>2017/2018</b>
13067.00	Subscriptions	13073.50	7334.40	Capitation	7959.60
1350.00	Donations	2565.00	1489.31	Section Allowances	1959.98
48.20	Bank interest	29.64	74.20	Competitions	121.20
2814.04	Gift Aid	2600.00	1200.00	Badges	950.00
0.00	Photocopying	0.00	46.99	Leader Uniform & Training	158.29
0.00	Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme	0.00	1657.81	Photocopier	1756.26
0.00	Facilities hire	0.00	1392.04	Insurance	1462.73
753.00	Fundraising: Quiz	584.00	1712.21	General expenses	1278.48
805.50	Other events	964.20	2737.92	HQ: Services	1161.37
949.10	Christmas Post	887.19	1207.68	HQ: Maintenance	269.91
5554.97	Book fair	6105.58	895.53	Equipment	1739.52
0.00	World Jamboree	2108.00	123.54	Transport expenses	200.34
<b>25341.81</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>28917.11</b>	110.00	Fundraising: Quiz	118.60
10985.45	Money exchange, camps & trips	6095.59	189.44	Book Fair	997.95
<b>36327.26</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>35012.70</b>	711.72	Other events	752.75
1260.00	Less: Explorer subs(District)	1440.00	0.00	World jamboree	2717.00
<b>35067.26</b>	<b>Total income</b>	<b>33572.70</b>	<b>20882.79</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>23603.98</b>
			4200.00	Kitchen Refurb/New trailer	4456.00
			15929.49	Money exchange,camps & trips	6647.85
			<b>41012.28</b>		<b>34707.83</b>
			1260.00	Less: facility use (explorers)	1440.00
			<b>39752.28</b>	<b>Total expenditure</b>	<b>33267.83</b>
				Less: money held on 01.04.17	12614.00
				Plus: money held on 31.03.18	12648.00
				Plus:surplus income over expenditure	270.87
					<b>33572.70</b>
				<b>Money held on account</b>	
			1566.00	Transport Fund	0.00
			1543.00	Activities Fund	1535.00
			2000.00	Scout Development Fund	2000.00
			0.00	World jamboree	791.00
			7505.00	Camp & sections Funds	8322.00
			0.00	Building Fund	0.00
			<b>12614.00</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>12648.00</b>

We have examined the books and papers presented to me and in our opinion they represent a true and fair statement of affairs.

C. N. Clarke Auditors .....

Date.....

# Aspen Beaver Colony

Aspen Beavers has a strong team of leaders and Luke our enthusiastic young leader. As leaders we try and produce a varied programme that mixes new items with old and successful favourites. Luke brings a new selection of games to challenge and occupy the Beavers.



Our activities work alongside opportunities to play - so essential to social development. The Beaver motto "Fun and Friends" becomes the first steps of the Scouting ethos as they play together.

Some of the best times are the sleepovers - an extended opportunity for craft or cooking or Duplo or playing or junk modelling. Not to mention food and sleeping and being away from home and sharing and spending time with friends.



For the regular evenings the years highlight was disability awareness. The Beavers show real empathy for those with additional needs as they try blindfolds and a white cane or use a Zimmer frame through doorways. I wasn't aware of the importance of the best Zimmer till the Beaver walk down Kings Road became a lesson in sharing. (The most coveted is the wheeled tri walker).



This year's Aspen photographs demonstrate our varied programme for you all to see.



It is now time to say thank you from Aspen Beavers and myself as a Beaver leader. We couldn't provide the varied programme without everyone's support and generosity.

Thanks to the Aspen leaders who are regularly giving their time, experience and enthusiasm: Pippa and Helen. We work as a team sharing responsibility for programme planning and delivery. Thanks particularly to Luke as a Young Leader. Plus all the help from the wider Hayling community.

Our challenge for next year is to involve the extended family of the Aspen Beavers to forge a supportive relationship with the Colony and Group. It is my role to encourage a commitment to Scouting for this success to continue beyond their time as Beavers.

It's been an honour.

Fiona Jordan Harrison, Beaver Leader, Aspen





# Maple Beaver Colony

Maple colony have had another busy and exciting year.

Making the most of the great outdoors is something we always try to achieve throughout the year, this year we visited Northney to pick blackberries, took creepy night walks around a farm and church grounds, star gazing beach walks, a wet, fun and muddy tractor ride through Northney farm and a hike along the Billy trail as well as various games evenings around Hayling.



In November Maple had a sleepover in the hut which was the first chance many beavers had to spend a night away from home, for those who have been with Maple longer it gave them the opportunity to achieve another night away badge. During this sleepover we made smores on the camp fire, played games, watched films, ate far too much and did actually manage to have a few hours' sleep.

As part of the Community badge, Maple practised their carol singing whilst entertaining the residents of Saltmarsh House, a local care home. Another activity in support of this badge was an evening of litter picking of the local area and park around the Beaver Hut. All the beavers were proud of this achievement and were shocked at how much litter was collected.



More recently we visited Havant Police Station for an evening where the Beavers were locked in a Police cell, they also had the fun of trying on riot protection gear and sitting in the back of the riot van.



Hayling First Responders supported Beavers with 2 separate visits to teach lifelong first aid skills such as CPR, slings and bandages and recovery position, earning all Maple attendees their first aid badge.

Ten Beavers have left Maple with progression to Cubs, 3 Beavers completed their Chief Scouts Bronze Award.

Maple Colony hosted a bring a friend evening which has promoted the colony and ensured a constant flow of new faces are joining Maple.

Being part of Beavers is about trying new things and enjoying what you do, learning new skills whilst having fun, something Maple constantly promote. Many badges have been earned this year, such as cooking, air activities, space and communication. The Beavers have enjoyed archery, making bird feeders and junk modelling, we even joined in the fun of Hayling Rocks and had a very messy evening making slime.

A big thank you to all the leaders, young leaders and helpers that have supported Maple this year. Without your ongoing support, the Beavers would not be so much fun or exciting. We said goodbye to John who has moved on to become a Cubs helper and more recently to Kerry who left us due to her other commitments. Kerry has jointly run Maple Colony for two years and will be greatly missed.

A big thank you from all at Maple & we look forward to another fun year of Scouting.

Jen



# Redwood Beaver Colony

WOW what a great year Redwood Beavers have had.



We spent most of the Summer term out of the hut exploring the beaches, trails and the wonderful outside facilities we are so fortunate to have on the Island, collecting treasures, learning and caring about our environment and generally having fun. We have incorporated most of our activities to work towards badges. Learning how to stay safe in the water,

learning and practising our Green Cross Code and the Countryside Code. Bike rides, walks, sports and games evenings have been plentiful. The local park has been invaluable as sometimes the Beavers just want to be outside and let off some steam so we can pop to the park practising crossing the road safely and enjoying the freedom of an open space with their friends.

As mentioned in last years report Francine our lovely leader had to leave us. Abi, Domonic and myself carried on and things were great. Then Abi was offered the chance of running her own Cub Pack and of course she accepted as she was just the right person for the job. We said goodbye to her at the end of the year with a heavy heart because she is so lovely and such an asset to our group but we understood that running Cubs was absolutely the best thing for her and we wish her every success and happiness. We then were down to two with Dom turning 18 he became an adult leader. We decided to run a parent rota asking for 2 volunteers a week to stay and help. The response was amazing and since then we have had no problems in finding extra help. It's been lovely to get to know some of the parents more and for them to see exactly what Beavers is all about. We have also been joined by Hannah Kirby this term who has been amazing. She will be turning 18 soon and we are hoping she will stay with us as another adult leader.

Over the next two terms we have been mainly in the hut working on a variety of sections from the Challenge Badges. Beavers learnt how to tie a reef knot, fold their neckerchiefs properly, fire safety including lighting a candle and keeping their body fit and healthy. They were set challenges building a tower with marshmallows and spaghetti, inventing and building a machine out of junk, working in teams to build runways for toy cars and marbles.

We ran a cooking evening with food from around the world. A chicken and a vegetarian Stir fry was prepared and cooked by the Beavers and although some said they didn't like stir fry they all tried it and most had seconds!! Strawberry ice cream made in a plastic bag was attempted but wasn't very successful as ice cream. It did however make a lovely drink and was consumed eagerly. A cheesecake desert was made and a table was set up with nibbles from various parts of the world which everyone tried.

We did our yearly January steam walk in the dark with everyone wearing their wellies and very warm clothes as the evening was cold and rainy but we had an almost full turn out and as usual it was a highly fun and exciting evening.

Crafting is always a big part of Redwoods activities as I love glueing and sticking!! For Mothering Sunday we made flowers from lollipop sticks, card and bling, Easter craft was decorating foam bunnies and making chocolate Easter nests. Christmas and Halloween always involve craft.



Encouraging Beavers to socialise and mix with children they do not know is a very valuable lesson and it was so lovely to see so many Redwood Beavers attend the District Moores Valley Trip. We travelled on a double decker bus from Havant and spent a wonderful day walking and playing on the adventure trail and also the huge play park equipment. All the Beavers made new friends and although some were nervous to start by the end of the day all were being far more adventurous and trying new things. We had a big picnic by the lake and everyone was very impressed with the Beavers behaviour.

In November we joined forces with Mars Cub Pack and held a Bring and Buy Sale and Auction as a fund raising event for the Charity Step by Step. It was a chance to do some good and for the Beavers to mix with the Cubs. The event was a great success and the representative from the Charity was on hand to explain their work.

Lots of Redwood Beavers attended the Beaver District Christmas Party and enjoyed playing traditional party games, eating lots of lovely party food and I think best of all having fun on the huge bouncy adventure course and bouncy castle. It was a great fun couple of hours and again encourages Beavers to mix and make new friends.

Dominic ran an evening covering the Space Activity Badge where the Beavers learnt about the stars and constellations. They used a telescope and played fun themed games. We also ran a Collectors Badge evening where the Beavers brought in their collections and talked about them. We could not believe the variety of items the Beavers showed and how interesting the displays were.

Rocks, keyrings, football cards, toy vehicles, gaming toys and a collection of torches were some of the items.

We held a sleepover this year at the Hayling Scout Hut but were joined by 1<sup>st</sup> Homewell Beaver Group and 1<sup>st</sup> West Leigh Beaver Group. The theme was underwater and we had

crafts, activities and games all on the theme. Our films for the evening were Atlantis and Finding Nemo, dinner was fish fingers and chips and the duplo was used to build underwater areas and boats. However Brett Martinson leader of 1<sup>st</sup> Homewell decided to set the challenge of the highest tower and then let them crash!! Everyone was moved back out of the way and as you can imagine the noise was deafening as they crashed to the ground. The Beavers were so excited and thrilled at this I think I will definitely have to do it again. It was demolition at its best.



I am so blessed with being able to run Beavers with such wonderful people. Dominic has certainly stepped up to the mark as a Leader and its a great pleasure to work with him and to see how he has matured and grown as a person. Hannah although quite new to us is certainly a great asset and her Scouting skills along with Dom are fantastic.

I have been travelling a bit this year and I know I can leave the group in very capable hands with these two. The parents as mentioned have been awesome and I truly appreciate their help and understanding. Explorer leaders Leigh (my husband) and Terry have also been amazing and help out whenever I need them. A special thank you goes to Jan Allgood who as a Cub Leader and close friend of mine is always there to help and support me when I lose track and energy sometimes. Jacko is also invaluable when he runs Archery evenings for us. We are so lucky on Hayling to have such dedicated and lovely people who I know if I put a call out for help someone will answer it.

Looking forward to more fun and friendship.

Thank you  
Linda Hunter (Badger)





The start of this term has been busy preparing to earn our Outdoor challenge badge, learning different knots, first aid, fire lighting, whittling, cooking, hiking and much much more with the highlight being our first camp in May.



We are all incredibly excited for this next year and the challenges and celebrations this will bring for us! I hope to be signing off some Silver Awards in the near future as well as losing some fantastic Sixers and Seconders to Scouts where I know they will do Jupiter proud!

A huge thank you to Karen (until Easter), Simon, James and the Sixers from Jupiter for teaching me so much in this first term, and thank you to Charlie for joining me on this adventure! Let's get started for 2018/19!

Abi



# Mars Cub Pack

We have had another exceptional year in Cubbing. We have had lots of fun doing all sorts over the year. What makes an exciting year in Cubs? Well I think it may have something to do with camping, cooking, air rifle shooting, archery and fire lighting.

In April some of the Cubs attended a District sleepover at the Royal Navy Submarine Museum in Gosport where they did activities on HMS Alliance and slept in the museum. They made Submarines and completed Sammy Seal Submariners Spy trail. In the evening they watched "A night at the museum" - which I thought was apt! Cubs also achieved their communicator badge.

We have just completed our combined Cub Camp at Rowlands Castle with Jupiter Pack in tents and enjoyed fire lighting, whittling and backwards cooking of sponge in an orange and dough sticks. We also built amazing shelters in Stansted Gardens and played wide games. In the evening we enjoyed a good camp fire with camp fire songs and smores. We also had a show and tell with teddies - a very important part of camping for Cubs our motto "respect the Teddy".



At that camp 8 cubs achieved their Outdoor Challenge Award which involved lots of willingness and perseverance to accomplish something to be proud of, and 4 Cubs attended camp who were

seasoned campers!

I always say to my Cubs that trying something new is as important as turning up every week. April last year Cubs cooked a dinner for their six, went on a scavenger hunt, made and flew kites. We had quite a lot of swimming and did some bike maintenance and a cycle ride which earned the Cubs their cyclist badge



We have also covered athletics badge, crabbing and Fathers Day craft.

This year we have had a joint sleepover with Jupiter Pack at the Hut in January. We covered digital citizen badge and filled in with biscuit making, games and finished the evening with watching Wall-e. We also had duplo competitions!

In the Autumn we covered Teamwork Challenge, completed Artist badge. We had a visit from the dog ownership incentive from Havant Council. We also raised funds for Step by Step a charity that helps young people who are affected by hard times in today's society. We also visited Farm to Fork at Tesco, the Cubs had an amazing time seeing where bread was made, looking at fish on the fish counter and going into the deep freeze at -20 degrees.



We also covered Home Safety Badge and Hayling PSCO's came in to talk about Stranger danger and the emergency services. We finished 2017 with a disco and an evening at Flip out in Port Solent.

We have said good bye to Jayden and Megan who have both moved up to Scouts and congratulate Megan on completing her Chief Scout Silver award - well done!

I have also awarded this year: 16 artist badges, 6 Team Leader challenge badges, 17 Team Work challenge badges, 17 Hikes Away 1 badges, 13 entertainer badges, 12 Digital Citizen badges, 1, 11 Road Safety badges, 7 1 night away badge, 4 2 nights away badge, 1 3 nights away badge, 2 4 nights away badges, 4 5 nights away badges, 9 Outdoor challenge badges, 3 adventure challenge badges, 1 world challenge badge, 3 personal challenge badges, 1 our skills challenge badge, 1 2 year service award, 2 3 year service awards, and 5 4 year service award. Phew! What an achievement well done cubs.

This year I have had a change of Leadership. Abi and Charlotte have left to head up Jupiter Pack, I have had Sam Johnson as a Young Leader. Thank you to Jacko for this continued help and support with Mars Pack.

I would like to thank the many organisations and individuals who give their time, patience and generosity to Mars Pack and scouting, we would not be able to deliver such exciting evenings and adventures so thank-you to Jacko for archery, Jamie Mccallum for the use of his pool, Dave and Diane Stanway. Linda and Leigh Hunter for their continuous support and help particularly in crafting. Also to many volunteer parents who kindly come and help and support us and Mars Pack as well - thank you.



Finally I like to say how much I enjoy scouting and the activities, fun and adventures we have, Jacko and I love thinking up new and different cub evenings to put into the programme. When I tell people I am a Cub Leader people always reply that Scouting is such a good experience for young people and they learn so much about life and skills to help them through life so here comes another year of fire lighting, air rifle shooting, archery camping and cooking!!

Jan - Akela  
Mars Pack Leader

# Saturn Cub Pack

Saturn pack have had another fantastic, busy, and entertaining year. I would like to thank my leadership team of Kate, Pippa, Danny, and Aza for all the enthusiasm they bring to the group each week. We were very lucky to have Kaj within our group who left to join the Navy at the end of the summer last year and he is sorely missed. We all wish him every success.

When I write this report I also struggle to know where to start as we have done so many things over the past 12 months so I will give you some snippets of our year.

Last Summer Saturn pack had an awesome camping adventure to Cricket camp in



Bursledon. For some cubs it was the first night they have ever stayed away in a tent, which made it extra special. During the weekend we went caving, tried our hands at tomahawk throwing and made a very large Da Vinci bridge. We also went on a hike, somehow we ended in some mud and when I say mud I mean MUD we had a few cubs (and leaders) that had to be rescued. All great fun and lots of team building involved! We enjoyed marshmallows and traditional songs by the camp

fire and watched the stars. This really was a fun weekend.

Over the year we have covered a number of challenge badges we made some bird houses for our DIY badge these houses turned out really well. I remember this night because if you can imagine 25 plus Cub scouts hammering nails at the same time it was very loud. The result of these bird houses are that a number of cubs now have birds nesting in their own back gardens.

When we covered our scientist badge we were very lucky to have not one but four scientists from stem ambassadors come in and help us run the evening. The highlight of this evening was being shown the reaction with Ethanol, wire wool and a match. It was amazing, a ball of flames shot into the air - this really was a wow moment.

We have celebrated many important and notable dates during the year such as Burns night where we ate haggis, Chinese New Year where we made stir fry and wrote messages in Chinese. On Pancake Day we made pancakes, not on a frying pan but on empty tin cans of beans using a candle as the source of heat; the cubs were very impressed. We visited the local Synagogue to learn about other faiths which was a very interesting evening. Remembrance Day is a very important day to remember in our cub group. This year the cubs made a canvas of finger print poppies and I am very happy to say is now being displayed in our Royal British Legion for all to see.



We have been kayaking with our cubs twice over this past year and it proves to be a very popular evening. We play games on the water, practice technique and learn some very valuable water skills. We always enjoy this evening and tend to ache for a day or two after all the exercise.

Saturn pack made a trip to Marwell zoo this year. We had an action packed day exploring the Zoo along with 100s of other scouts from Hampshire. We did not stop for a moment with the cubs keen to see as many animals as they could. Another really great day.



Ferny croft camp in the New Forest had an open day this year and we decided to take the opportunity to camp for the weekend and make the most of what they had to offer. We took part in lots of activities. We Tomahawked, tried some archery, high ropes, climbing, a leap of faith off of a 20ft pole, abseiling, golf, aeroball, fire lighting, knife skills, zip lining, branding, hiking, volley ball, marshmallow toasting, candy floss and bouncy castles. We even found time to meet the New Forest Ponies. We can't wait to return next year!

Backwoods cooking, making massive wooden reindeers at our Christmas camp, shooting, archery, visiting the fire station and submarine museum, making Igloo's from milk cartons, pioneering, Easter egg hunts, Halloween parties, gardening are other items that have kept us very busy this year.

We have awarded many Challenge and activity badges this year and I am very pleased to say that Ptolemy Allgood, Enzo Richardson, Charlie Milton, Jacob Robinson and Noah Jeacock have gained the highest award in Cub Scouts the Silver award. Congratulations!

I would like to say a big thank you to all parents for your help and support this year, also to the Cubs of Saturn pack for being absolutely awesome and making each week so much fun!

I look forward to another fun filled year.  
Sarah Bailey - Akela Saturn Pack Leader



# Eagle Scout Troop

Tuesday evenings aren't the same as other evenings. Things happen. Unusual things. Sometimes I find myself standing there witnessing scouts and leaders engrossed in the strangest of activities for no other reason than because it's Tuesday. The last year was no exception.

Perhaps the strangest evenings of the Summer term were 'Last man standing' and 'Exploded view'. The first saw scouts complete a range of challenges to see who could last the longest. These included; Dangling from the rafters (last to drop), Submerging head in water (last to come up for air), Remembering Pi's decimal places (last to not make a mistake) and many more. The second saw us dismantling things. With a variety of tools, we took apart old computers, speakers, engines and hedge trimmers, laying their components out and trying to work out how they all worked.

During the term we attended two camps. There was one just for patrol leaders called 'PL Secret Mission', unfortunately I can't tell you about that one. The other was Gunnell, the district camping competition. We entered two teams who came 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> as well as one of them winning the cooking competition - fire cooked breaded chicken was what won it. Well done to all the scouts who took part!



Summer Camp was at Bentley Copse, a site recommended to us by Shark troop. When we arrived, the pitches looked smaller than we were used to, however we found out that we were the only troop on site all week, so promptly took over the forest. The scouts set up their own patrol sites that were some of the best we have seen, all fronted with impressive gateways. There were a host of activities like swimming, climbing and crate stacking. The food auction was a big success with the scouts spending well earned 'flongs' with most of our meals being cooked on the fires. With an empty site, we made use of all the terrain for our countless wide games. Jail break and the light game are made more exciting when there are badgers playing as well.



The two most bizarre evenings of the Winter term were 'Chocolate Fondue Roulette' and 'The Maze'. In chocolate fondue roulette, each patrol had a mixing bowl full of melted chocolate and a skewer. Each round, a different item would be revealed and the scouts had to see if they were brave enough to dunk and eat it. Some were easy - mini doughnuts and strawberries. Some more obscure- onion rings, sprouts and chillies. Fish fingers dipped in chocolate are surprisingly good, trust me, try it! The maze involved turning the scout hut into a giant potholing complex; the scouts had to crawl through the various tunnels with torches to complete challenges.



We had some classic evenings in the Spring term. The two different ones that stood out were 'soap carving' and 'Task Master'. Soap carving allowed scouts to practice using their penknives accurately. Some scouts created miniature works of art, other scouts created a mess. Task master was another evening filled with challenges. The second to last challenge was to gather items that they thought would help them with the mystery final challenge. Piles of equipment were scavenged from around the hut. They were then told the final challenge - their patrol leader had to hold all of it off the ground. It was like scout buckaroo.

Our February hut sleepover was a fun 24 hours. 3 course meals were cooked and films were watched. During this weekend the 25 attendees put in 2 hours of hut maintenance. What we achieved with those 50 man-hours was impressive.

Throughout the year we have done some of the more traditional scout evenings, the likes of pioneering, fire lighting and cooking. The Summer term's evenings are more focused on gearing us up for Gunnell and Summer camp with plenty of camping skills. I dare say that 'sands of time' and 'micro orienteering' will ensure that we have our fix of the unusual towards the end of the term. This year's Summer camp is a return to Broadstone Warren, the Eagle troop leaders' favourite camp site, the forest calls.



My thanks to the incredible leaders and scouts of Eagle troop.

Tuesday evenings aren't the same as other evenings. We wouldn't have it any other way.

Edd Harrison



# Lion Scout Troop

We are the smallest scout troop on Hayling, meeting on Friday evening's at 19:00 til 21:00, our Leaders are Tom Lincoln and Jamie Bray, with assistant leaders: Mervyn Haines, Michelle Lynch, Liam Holden and new to the Lion troop team: James Sharp and Freya the boxer (James' dog).

We plan range of activities for our weekly meeting, improving the Scouts skill set and knowledge within scouting or programme goes towards badge requirements allowing scouts to work through badges and complete some remaining bits in their own time.



In 2017 we returned to Braggers Wood Scout Campsite in Dorset for our summer camp. The week saw some great activities even if the weather wasn't always on our side. Onsite we built Bivouac's, Shelters built of natural materials such as fallen trees, branches and leaves, Crate Stacking where the Scouts, in small teams compete to build the tallest tower of crates whilst standing on top of them and a

Zipwire need we say anymore?

Pizza cooking, the Campsite has a pizza oven so, the Scouts prepared and cooked their own pizza, some got a little burnt but when the oven got going and with a bit of timing they turned out perfect,



Then with traditional scouting tasks, activities and games throughout the week such as Backwoods cooking with our Dutch Oven in the altar fire, first aid, Wide games, Site maintenance, Knife, Axe and Saw safety. Oh, and tea making important to keep the GSL happy when he pops over to say hello. 😊

As well as the onsite activities we went off site too. We went to Splashdown water park in Poole and also to Hainsbury Head Outdoor Centre where Scouts build a raft in the rain, despite it being cold and wet they all worked together and completed the raft in good time, they then took the raft out for a paddle,



In October we attended the county winter camp where scouts joined several other sections at Lyons cove scout campsite near Wickham, Fareham. Here they took part in activities like climbing, mountain biking, sumo wrestling, adventure course, space gyroscope, bouncy castles, archery, surfboard simulator, bucking bronco and many more.

This year we are going to Hampshire 0018 for our summer camp, organised by the county leaders this Hampshire jamboree will give our scouts access to countless activities whilst giving them the opportunity to meet scouts from all over Hampshire, you'll have to wait until our next AGM to hear about what we got up to though.

***Jamie Bray and Tom Lincoln***  
**Scout Leaders, Lion Troop**



# Shark Scout Troop

The last 12 months have been seriously busy for Shark Troop and it doesn't show any signs of abating as we are already moving at a tremendous pace through 2018.



Collectively, the Scouts have camped for a staggering 112 nights under canvas (more than any year previous), kayaked our way around Gosport in weather that can only be described as a monsoon and smashed our way into the history books (remaining undefeated) at the prestigious Scout conker tournament.

Continuing our water inspired program and a first for Shark Troop we attempted fishing at a lake over in Denmead, however other than this one impressive fish caught by Ryan (some say by luck rather than skill) we didn't catch anything other than each other, trees and foliage. In a strange stroke of luck, we were given several fishing rods from Havant Brough Council from a house eviction the day before, so we have no excuse but to try our hand (or luck) at fishing sometime in the future.

Last Summer took us back to Broadstone Warren in East Sussex which is the home of Winnie-the-Pooh and the 500-acre woodland of the Magnificat Ashdown forest from where the book was inspired. Like the imagination of the furry character from A.A Milne, I too have fond memories of Ashdown forest as a Scout and I'm confident our Scouts now have equal memories and stories of this special place they will take away forever.

Over the course of the week we took part in a range of activities including grass sledging, raft building and human table football to name just a few. We even managed to 'lose' the Scouts down a hole in the ground for a couple of hours, which unbeknownst to us was an activity we paid for called pot holing. It was bliss momentarily until they returned wet, covered in mud and smelling of a sewer!







Without a doubt our favourite moment from Summer Camp was the moment Matthew realised his tongue was perfect to cover the hole in a piece of drain pipe! The object of the exercise is to work as a team to cover small holes in the drainpipe with fingers, raising the water level to float a ball to the top. With a lack of fingers, Eric resorted to using his forehead, and Matthew discovered his tongue was the perfect to plug the hole. Both got totally soaked in the process, and the video is simply hilarious. It just goes to show that the best activities are the often the simplest.

Last September Hampshire Scouts hosted a selection weekend for applicants interested in attending the North American World Scout Jamboree in 2019. More than 300 Scouts attended the weekend from across Hampshire, and of the seven from 3<sup>rd</sup> Hayling it was tremendous that five were from Shark Troop.

I was fortunate in 2007 to have been nominated for the World Jamboree and not selected against fellow Scouts, so I cannot begin to imagine the immense pressure and expectation on these young people's shoulders knowing they were competing for one of only 120 places.

Unsurprisingly, the competition across Hampshire was extremely high but it is with great pleasure to announce that Jason Hughes and Jack Hayes have secured a well-deserved place at the 24<sup>th</sup> World Scout Jamboree in West Virginia. This is the beginning of a once in a lifetime experience they will share with their Jamboree Unit, The Royals. Good Luck!

Ryan Cooper, Luke Bailey and Ethan Lewis are taking part in an alternative international experience in 2019 called Project 19 which essentially is a three-week, 1144-mile road trip from New York to Florida, branded as the road to adventure. As they travel the East Coast of America they will stay in University accommodation, traditional campsites and a few sleazy motels to break up the journey, dropping into West Virginia to see Jack, Jason and the 40,000 other Scouts at the Jamboree. What an awesome experience!

All seven Scouts (5 Sharks & 2 Eagles) have a staggering fundraising target to achieve over the next year, so if you can help them on this journey I am sure they will be extremely grateful.



At Christmas we unashamedly thrust festive cheer on the other Scout sections with no less than a giant Christmas card, advent calendar and cracker, all at 100 times the original size just so they couldn't be ignored. As a Shark Troop tradition, we celebrated the end of the year with a take away roast dinner, provided by parents in an array of in foil parcels and Tupperware containers. This level of service will put Deliveroo out of the market I am sure.

As always, the success and stability of Shark Troop comes from the expertise and dedication of the entire leadership team. I am very privileged to volunteer alongside some exceptional leaders who consistently go above and beyond to make Scouting fun, engaging and relevant for the ever-growing expectations of our young people. Jamie, Chris, Hannah and Matt, I would like to thank you for your continued enthusiasm and hard work over the last several years; I'm excited to work with you in shaping a new future for Shark Troop in 2019 and beyond.

Jordan

Section Leader - Shark Troop

# Nexus Explorer Unit

## *A Year in the life of a Explorer scout*

The last year has been another good year for Nexus explorers. We have lost a few due to retirement - who thought you could retire at 18! Some have gone on to become leaders and others have gone off to university and we have also taken in new members full of new ideas.

We have been building houses out of cardboard boxes, complete with windows and doors, big enough to get a small group into and cooking on conventional cookers as well as fires and eating lots in the process too. Also planning menus for camp & working out costings.



We have been cycling, riding from Hayling to Portsmouth via the ferry and returning back round the top of the harbour. As well as riding to Portsmouth we have also been mountain biking up at Queen Elizabeth Country Park in the dark. Just because it's been winter and dark it doesn't keep us indoors. Catching crabs and trying to line them up to race afterwards is still good fun.

We have had BBQs on the beach with a few brave enough for a swim in the sea and the more sensible ones watched, as it was a rather cold and windy evening.

One evening we challenged the explorers to devise a method of switching on the kettle from the opposite end of the main HQ hall so a ball run of guttering and other objects was devised and success was achieved.





We have been helping out as usual at the Hayling businessmen's BBQ, as well as getting all the books out for the book sales.

In February 2018 we went camping in freezing temperatures with it barely getting above freezing the whole weekend. On the Saturday we had a walk along the river Hamble in the morning then swimming at a swimming pool in the afternoon. When we arrived on Friday evening we lit a large fire and kept it going until Sunday lunchtime.

The Duke of Edinburgh's Award is ticking along with a Bronze registered group ready to go this year. They will have to do some volunteering, learn a skill, engage in a physical activity and undertake a two day expedition on the Downs carrying everything they need for the two days - tents, food cooking stoves, sleeping bags and sleeping mats.

2019 is going to be a busy year for us as we have one explorer off to project 19 in America this will include a visit to the World scout Jamboree.

Also 2019 3<sup>rd</sup> Hayling scouts will be celebrating its 90<sup>th</sup> birthday so we are already planning for next year especially group camp where we are challenged to build something bigger and better than the Viking ship from 2014.

Are you aged 14-18 looking for something extra in life then why not come and join us on a Thursday evening?

James, Terry & Leigh  
Nexus Explorers

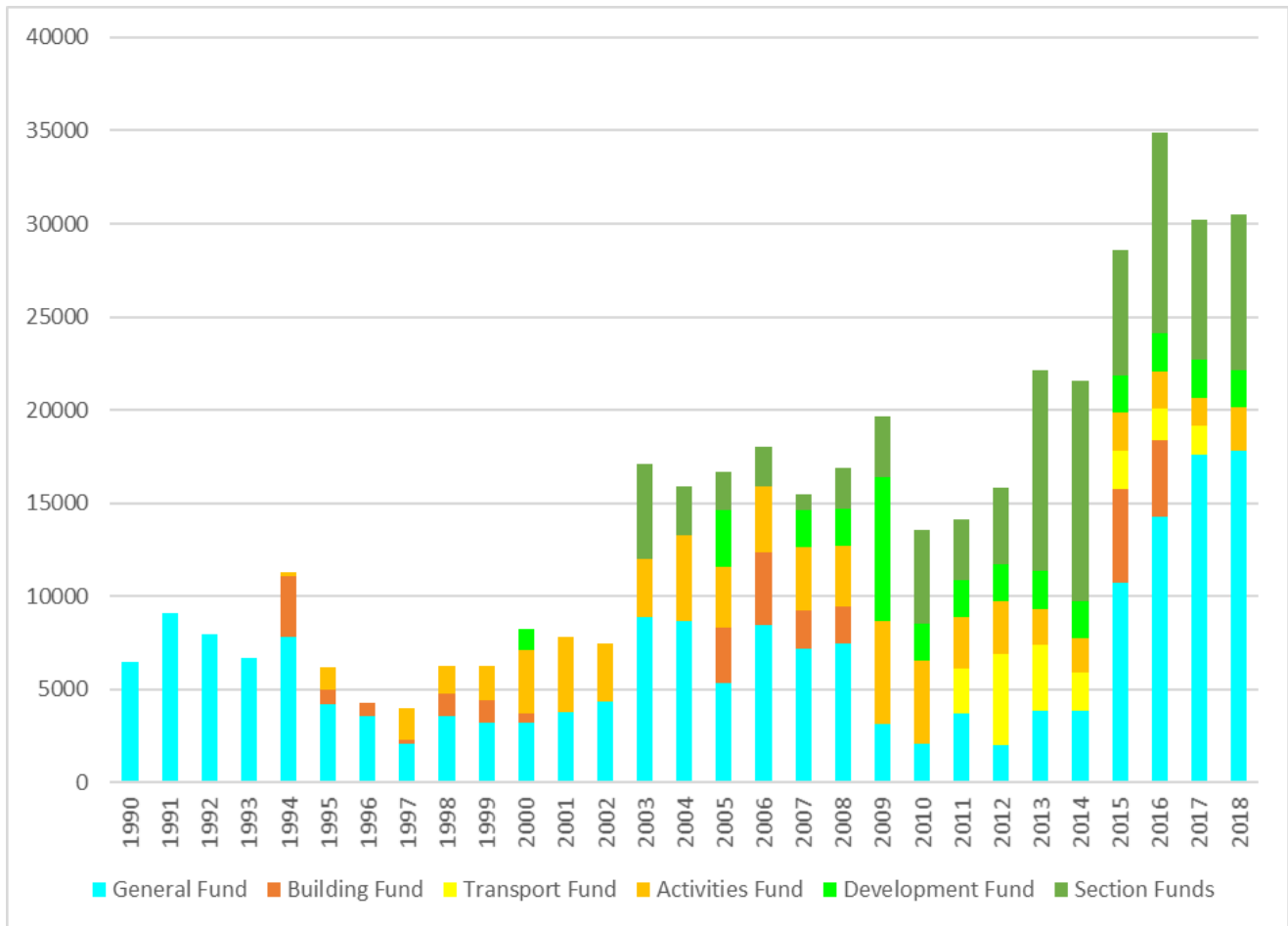
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at 31<sup>st</sup> March 2018



## Notes:

1. The building and transport funds are currently set to £0, following recent additions to each of these. Following the audit of this years accounts, the next meeting of our Group Executive Committee will consider what monies will be transferred from the general fund in support of future building maintenance and transport.
2. The Section Funds include camp payments for this years camps and expeditions and also money currently held on behalf of those taking part in the next World Scout Jamboree and P19 expeditions.

What can be built in about 1 hour with good teamwork!!!



