

Dringhouses Scouts Annual Review 2017/2018



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Our Purpose:

'The purpose of Scouting is to contribute to the development of young people in achieving their full physical, intellectual, social and spiritual potential; as individuals, as responsible citizens and as members of their local, national and international communities.'



Welcome

A word from our Group Scout Chairperson

At the end of a packed year, I look back at the achievements of our young people taking on activities, which stretch them and tough challenges and meeting them with bravery and determination. It has been particularly gratifying to have people share their thoughts on social media and for us to hear first-hand of their sense of accomplishment and sheer enjoyment. It makes the hard work, huge amount of planning and hours of review so worthwhile.

The Group has reached a size where organization needs to be fit for purpose, enabling us to help our young people gain those all-important Skills for Life. There is always room for improvement and we have renewed our efforts to keep pace with training and development. To help define this we outlined procedures and policy, which you may have seen on the website. Our progress is an ongoing process and we are striving continuously to improve.

Our young people are a credit to the group, their parents and themselves and there have been so many impressive acts of kindness and selflessness. We owe a huge debt of thanks to the tireless efforts of our Adult volunteers without them none of this would be possible. I wanted to add my personal thanks to those who in the true spirit of Scouting have supported me unfailingly; I count myself very fortunate to have them as colleagues and friends.

Finally, I must pay tribute to Phil who has now stepped down as Group Scout Leader needing to attend to his own small band of future Beavers. He took what was already a very successful group and moved it forward with a new level of organization and leadership structure fit to deal with such a large group. His achievements have laid foundations, which will support the group, future leadership and the needs of our young people going forward.

Yours In Scouting

Annie

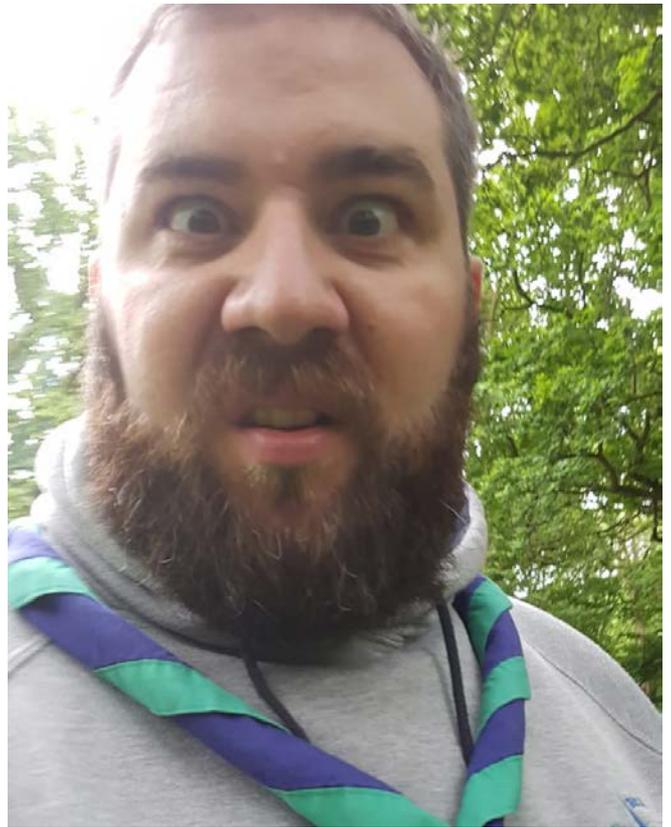
Annie Bennett
Group Scout Chairperson

GSL'S Report

Phil's look back on the last year of Adventure!

It's been another fantastic year of Scouting at Dringhouses with even more young people than ever before getting up to even more fun and adventure!

Our young people have been getting up to all kinds wonderful activities, but I will let the sections tell you all about that. But I do want to mention a couple events; Group Camp 2017 at Hesley Wood was our biggest and best so far! Thank you to all the adults that made it a huge success, especially to Max who built us a kitchen and dining space for over 200 people!



I also want to say a huge well done to everyone that came to our Community Action Day last October. It was amazing to see so many of our Young People making a real positive impact on our local community.

As ever, we continue to be supported by a hardworking and dedicated team of adults in a variety of roles across the Group. Thank you to all our Adult Volunteers and Young Leaders!

Our success and popularity is down these volunteers who give their time freely so that our young people can have fun and adventure every week. As we keep growing, so does our need to find more help from adult volunteers, it is a great team here at Dringy and there are lots of flexible ways you can help us, from helping with our sections, to doing DIY on maintenance days or helping with some of the admin.

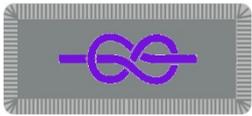
Keep up the good work everybody!

Yours In Scouting

Phil Bennett
Group Scout Leader

Roll of Honour

Congratulations to All Adult Volunteers that have been recognised for their service to Scouting



County Commissioner's Commendation
Max Butler – Assistant Group Scout Leader



Chief Scout's Commendation for Good Service
Annie Bennett – Group Chairman



Chief Scout's 5 Years Service Award
Katie Harvey – Assistant Group Scout Leader
Wendy Hewitt – Group Secretary
Susan Hill – Assistant Section Leader
David Hill – Section Leader
Iain McIntyre – Section Assistant
David Thorne – Assistant Group Scout Leader
Mauby Van Wyk – Section Assistant



Chief Scout's 10 Years Service Award
Paul Homan – Active Support Member



Chief Scout's 15 Years Service Award
Graham Stirk – Vice President



Chief Scout's 25 Years Service Award
Jonathan Vickers – Assistant Section Leader

BEAVERS

What a fun packed year we have just seen and how time flies when you're having fun! This year we have almost 70 Beaver Scouts aged between 6 and 8 years old attending one of three colony meetings which are held between 6.15 and 7.15pm on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Friday evenings during term time. We have 7 Leaders and 14 Young leaders supporting and guiding our Beavers.



Over this last year Dringhouses Beavers have been working extremely hard to earn a multitude of badges from an exciting and varied programme. We are very proud of our Beavers who show dedication and resilience through working together, making new friends, learning new skills and overcoming new challenges.

Exploring our local community is a great way to learn about nature, the outdoors and being aware and familiar of our surroundings. We enjoyed visiting Mayfield Pond hunting for animals and learning about their habitats whilst the local Knavesmire provided a magical backyard for our Beavers to roam and explore. Here we loved hunting for treasure in the woods, gathering colourful leaves to create artwork to design our own Green Man, hunting for minibeasts, discovering and identifying plants and trees, setting up tracking trails for each other to follow, understanding and navigating local maps, jumping, running and flying around obstacle courses, catching moths and becoming winners in our very own Triathlon raising funds for our group.

We have also enjoyed creating our own recycled robots with bright LED eyes, celebrating traditions and food from other countries, building and parading Chinese dragons, constructing and experimenting with volcanoes, growing sunflowers, taking photographs, studying planets and space, bucket collections at York Station and bouncing around at Energi with our cubs and scouts.

Last year we said goodbye and thanked Anne Fry for her devoted and enthusiastic role at Dringhouses Beavers, but after 15 years of Leading Venture Scouts at St Chad's then 15 years at Beavers at Dringhouses, she hasn't walked away yet! Anne still continues to support the group wherever she can (which makes us feel very lucky). We also congratulated those Beavers who received their Bronze Chief Scout award from the Lord Mayor for completing all challenge badges before moving on to cubs.

Well done everyone!



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So, the 2017/18 year has passed really quickly; usually a good sign that we've been busy having lots of fun and this is certainly true of the past year. All three sections have stayed pretty much the same size, with 16 Beavers moving up to join Cubs and 25 moving up to Scouts. We've taken part in 10 City and District events, shooting, archery, ten pin bowling, football and the District quiz.

We've completed three hikes, traveling a combined distance of just under 300 miles in the process and raising nearly £400 for charity too, more than a pound a mile! There have been three camps, seeing Cubs spend a collective 191 nights away from home taking part in loads of new activities and having great adventures and making new friends.

Cubs have also worked hard to gain even more badges, just under 1050 badges have been awarded this year and this includes 10 Chief Scouts Silver Awards, the highest challenge award a Cub Scout can get.

We were sad to see some Cub leaders leave us this year (Denise Galloway, Kirsty Galloway, Nick Langan and Megan Hale), but also very happy to welcome new leaders to Cubs as well (Alex Finch, Natasha Bayston and Mike Laing). We're already working on some new adventures for the coming year, so hold on to your hats, it's going to be a fun ride!



SCOUTS



These past 12 months has seen all three Scout troops develop and evolve more than ever before. We welcomed Simon as Section Leader for Thursday Troop after moving from Beavers and also, Julie who stepped up as Section Leader for Tuesday Troop.

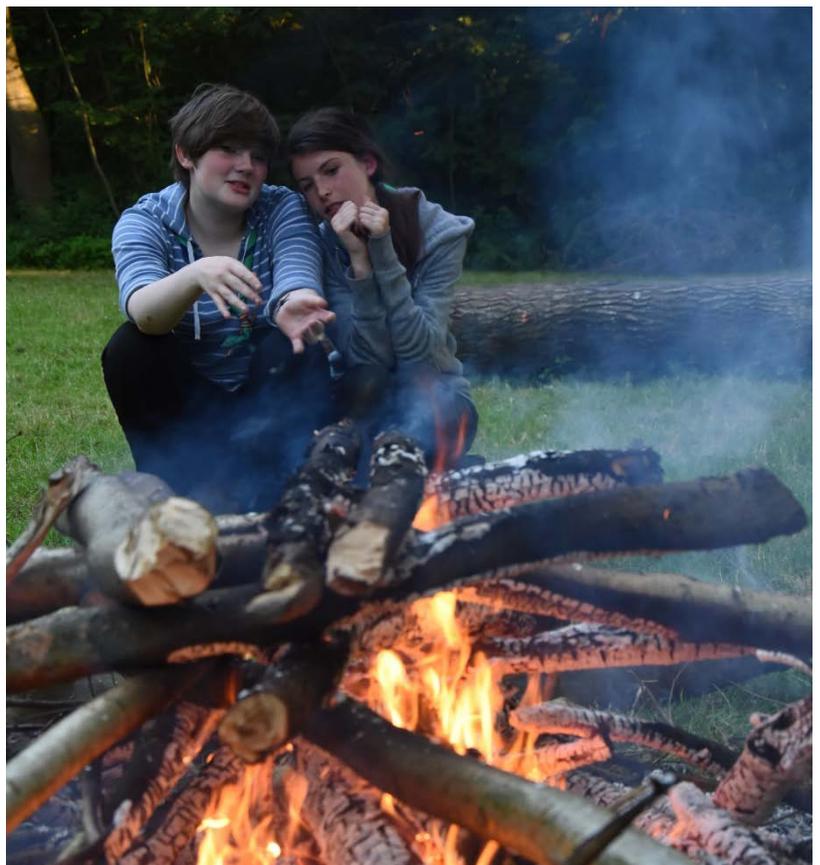
Our Scouts have not been short of things to do, with even more challenging activities on offer every week; activities our young people have

chosen, as we move to be an organisation entirely shaped by young people.

Over the last 12 months, our Scouts have had the opportunity to plan and execute their own overnight expedition, build and sleep in shelters and visit a deep coal mine. They have also tried their hand at photography, constructing bat boxes, making pin-hole cameras and building their own live webpage!

As well as learning skills to develop themselves, The Scouts have given back to the community at our various community events over the last 12 months, including clearing litter, painting fences and at our very own paper collection.

It has been an incredible year and we really couldn't thank our young people any more for giving our volunteers the opportunity to be a part of the adventure.



EXPLORERS



Yorvik Explorer Scouts have seen an incredible 12 months. We have more members than ever before and we are now the biggest Explorer Unit in our district!

Last year, we held our very first week long Summer Camp at Gilwell Park, the home of UK Scouting where the Explorers got to try their hand at new and exciting activities, from Mountain Boarding to Sailing and Raft Building!

In October, Yorvik entered two teams into the York Ebor District Explorer event 'ESCAPE', where they competed against other units from the across the UK in Yorkshire's most intrepid evade and capture wide game.

As December was looking to be a busy month for everyone, Christmas was postponed for Yorvik and we held our Christmas Camp in January – 'Janumas Camp'. The Explorer Scouts went to Birch Hall Scout Activity Centre, cooked a full roast Christmas dinner for 15 people, went mountain biking and visited Bradford's film and media museum.

On our regular Wednesday night meetings, the Explorers have been climbing, ice skating, geocaching and hiking they have tried their hands at programming, DIY and giant pioneering plus much more! It certainly hasn't been a quiet year, but next year is going to be bigger and even better, with another 12 months of adventure packed activities and camps.



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Active Support has now moved into the 2nd year of existence at Dringhouses Scout Group and we have just completed our first full year where we have helped out on numerous occasions, but some people may say - what is Active Support!

We are a bunch of volunteers who are able to help in various ways, but we are unable to commit to being a regular leader on a weekly basis. We may drive a minibus for



a section outing, we may run a stall at a Fayre or we may help at Group Camp. Either way we give help when we can and have fun whilst doing it.

We only meet about 6 times per year to plan what we are doing and are always looking for new members, so if you have spare time and want to get involved then contact me at alan.furby@dringhousescouts.org.uk for further info. No matter what your skills are, we will find a way of using them to help out.

Looking back over the last 12 months we started the year parading our flag at St George's day Parade to the minster, we helped run bases and helped with catering at Group Camp, we got involved in the community work on Hobb Moor, helped with paper collections and tin rattling at York station, we helped run stalls at the September fayre and drove the minibus for section activities and many other things.

As Active Support Manager, I would like to thank all Active Support members for their time and efforts over the past year and I look forward to working with you all for a more successful year over the next 12 months.

Thanks Alan!



Trustees' Annual Report

For The Period from 1 April 2017 To 31 March 2018

Reference and Administration Details

Registered Charity Number	1064151
Registered Number with Scout Association	37243
Charity's Contact Address	57 Dringthorpe Road, York YO24 1LF

Trustees Group Executive Committee

Presidents:

Ian Everard	President	Graham Stirk	Vice President
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Ex-Officio Members:

Ann Bennett	Chairman	Philip Bennett	Group Scout Leader
Deborah Paterson	Treasurer	Wendy Hewitt	Secretary
Alan Furby	Active Support Manager		
David Hill	Tuesday Beavers	Jane Wilson	Romans Cubs
Julie Howard	Dringhouses PC Scouts	Mike Hewitt	Wednesday Beavers
Max Butler	Yorvik Explorers	Tina Brill	Saxons Cubs
Simon Smith	St Edwards Scouts	Katie Harvey	Friday Beavers
Dave Thorne	Vikings Cubs	Scott Franklin	St Helens Scouts

Elected Members:

Martin Eason	Parent Rep	Jan Moor	Parent Rep
Fiona Kirkman	Parent Rep	David Ibbotson	Parent Rep

Structure, governance and management

The Group's is set up under the Scout Association's governing documents which are common to all scout groups. These are a Royal Charter which gives authority to the Bye Laws of the Association and the Policy, Organisation and Rules (POR) of the Scout Association.

- The Trustees are appointed in accordance with the POR. The Group is managed by the Group Executive Committee, which supports the Group Scout Leader
- Maintains and insures Group property;
- Administers the Group's finances, including fundraising;
- Is responsible for risk assessments and insurance;
- Runs Group public occasions;
- Assists with the recruitment of leaders and other adult support;
- Appoints any sub-groups that may be required.

Risk and internal control

There are, of course, risks associated with running a scout group. The Group Executive Committee has identified the following major risks:

1. Damage to the building, property and equipment. The Group would ask neighbouring organisations such as the church and other scout groups for the use of buildings, property and equipment. The Group also comprehensively insures our buildings and their contents.
2. Injury to leaders, helpers, supporters and members. The Group contributes to the Scout Association's national accident insurance policy through capitation fees paid annually and takes out insurance to cover occasional helpers. Risk assessments are undertaken before all activities.
3. Reduced income from fund raising. The Group is reliant upon income from subscriptions and fundraising. In the absence of fund raising income, the Committee would raise the level of subscriptions to increase income and would also institute cost cutting measures.
4. Reduction or loss of leaders. The group is totally reliant upon volunteers to run and administer the activities of the group. We are constantly seeking and recruiting new leaders. However, if there was a reduction in the number of leaders to an unacceptable level and recruitment was unsuccessful then there the number of sections would have to be reduced.

Summary of the objects of the charity set out in its governing document

The objectives of the group are as a unit of the Scout Association. The aim of the Scout Association is to promote the development of young people in achieving their full physical, intellectual, social and spiritual potentials, as individuals, as responsible citizens and as members of their local national and international communities. The method of achieving the aim of the Association is by providing an enjoyable and attractive scheme of progressive training, based on the Scout Promise and Law and guided by adult leadership. In planning our activities to meet the Scout Association's objectives, we also keep in mind the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit.

Achievements and performance

We continue to run 10 full groups each week during term time. As well as the weekly meetings, our members attended 10 camps or outings in the year and also enjoyed other activities. This included our annual group camp attended by almost 200 children and adults. All of our members are working towards their bronze, silver and gold Chief Scout awards. The success of the weekly sessions as well as the camps is down to our leaders and we are very grateful for the time that they give and enthusiasm that they bring to the group.

Financial review

This year, spent more than we received in unrestricted income. This was partly because we spent £2000 on sound reducing baffles for our hall. We also subsidised the Christmas outing to a trampoline park which was open to all members. We put a lot of effort into raising funds this year – we held an autumn fair which raised almost £1000 despite torrential rain. We also applied successfully for several grants to enable us to buy laptops, catering equipment and tents. We were also delighted to receive a grant of £40,000 which allowed us to buy a new minibus with some left over to put towards another bus.

Reserves policy

The Group's policy on reserves is to hold sufficient resources to continue the charitable activities of the group should income and fundraising activities fall short. The Group Executive Committee considers that the group should hold a sum of £1,000 in reserve as well as the two sinking funds described below. At the end of March 2017, the minibus fund was £12,700 (2017; £6,700) and the premises fund was £200 (2017; £2,000). We also received a grant of £277 which is to be spent on tents which is unspent at the year-end – it is held in restricted funds. Our year-end cash balance of £25,584 (2017; £18,311) which means that we have sufficient reserves.

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Annie Bennett, Chair

Debbie Paterson, Treasurer

Date

Financial Summary

For The Period from 1 April 2017 To 31 March 2018

Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds 2017/18	Restricted funds 2017/18	Total funds 2017/18	Last year 2016/17
	£	£	£	£
Receipts				
Donations, legacies and similar income				
Membership subscriptions	18,599		18,599	14,943
less: membership subscriptions paid to National/County/Area and District	-9,501		-9,501	-8,151
Net membership subscriptions retained	9,098	0	9,098	6,792
Gift aid	0		0	5,050
Sub total	9,098	0	9,098	11,841
Grants and donations				
Grants received		46,340	46,340	100
Sub total	0	46,340	46,340	100
Fundraising (gross)				
Paper collection and other activities	5,690		5,690	4,822
Sub total	5,690		5,690	4,822
Activities				
Camps and activities	15,168		15,168	15,700
Minibus hiring	4,087		4,087	994
Badges and neckers			0	0
Sub total	19,255	0	19,255	16,694
Interest	49		49	64
Property rent income	44		44	445
Sub total	93	0	93	509
Miscellaneous	1		1	17
Total receipts	34,136	46,340	80,476	33,983

Payments

Camps	-17,213	-309	-17,522	-12,680
Section activities	-2,353		-2,353	-1,558
Ground rent, fuel, insurance, repairs and renewals	-8,672		-8,672	-2,962
Equipment	-686	-6,290	-6,976	-1,407
Minibus expenses	-3,205	-28,420	-31,625	-6,066
Badges, neckers and uniform	-2,281		-2,281	-3,377
Administration	-1,988		-1,988	-476
Sub total	-36,397	-35,019	-71,416	-28,525
Fundraising expenses	-1,321	-276	-1,598	0
Sub total	-1,321	-276	-1,598	0
Miscellaneous	-189		-189	-68
Total payments	-37,908	-35,296	-73,204	-28,592

<i>Net of receipts/(payments)</i>	-3,772	11,045	7,273	5,391
Transfers between funds				
Cash funds last year end	18,311	0	18,311	12,920
<i>Cash funds this year end</i>	14,539	11,045	25,584	18,311

Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

	Unrestricted funds 31 March 2018 £	Restricted funds 31 March 2018 £	Total 31 March 2018 £	Total 31 March 2017 £
Cash funds				
Current account	14,539	11,045	25,584	10,964
Virgin Money			0	7,347
Total	14,539	11,045	25,584	18,311
	OK	OK	OK	
Other assets	Unrestricted funds 31 March 2018 £	Restricted funds 31 March 2018 £	Total 31 March 2018	31 March 2017 £
Motor vehicles		-	-	-
Equipment etc.		-	-	-

The above receipts and payments accounts and statement of assets and liabilities were approved by the Trustees and signed on their behalf by

Date of approval

Debbie Paterson

Annie Bennett



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