

# Dringhouses Scouts Annual Review 2018/2019



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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 Chair

At the end of yet another incredibly busy year I continue to marvel at our young people, who, when asked to step outside their comfort zones invariably rise to that challenge. This year in particular I have seen a kindness and willingness to help among our young people, which stands out in my memory. This really is a Skill for Life, which our society needs.

Our leaders have also risen to the challenge which being part of such a large group presents. They are truly inspirational and we rely on their commitment. Being a volunteer is no longer just a quick hour a week (if it ever was) with training, planning and review all to be done in addition to the delivery of their section evenings.

The Group continues to grow and most sections are either at or close to capacity. The Executive strive to ensure that adults are in place, are capable and receive support and training to ensure they can effectively provide a high-quality programme to our young people.

The organisational side of the Group has been at the forefront of the Executive & Management Committees' thinking; looking to build on the strong foundations put in place in previous years.

To this end a full review has been undertaken of all the posts in the group. We considered what the Scout Association recommends and what the group needs to fulfil all its responsibilities as well as the current situation as it exists. We are happy to put before you our first draft of the Organisation Chart for the Group. It outlines all the group posts both uniformed and non-uniformed, names the person currently holding that post or shows it as vacant. We have put a good deal of emphasis on filling key posts to enable a new Group Scout Leader to move forward with a strong team supporting them.

On this subject I am pleased to be able to announce that we have a successful candidate for the post of Group Scout Leader in Zoe Platt-Scarce.

Yours in Scouting

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Annie". The script is cursive and fluid, with a large initial 'A'.

Annie Bennett

**Group Chair**

# GSL's Report

This year has seen the Group without a Group Scout Leader (GSL). While Kathryn Dunn, as District Commissioner, stepped in to cover the role, for which we are grateful, the day-to-day things that a GSL would have done have been covered jointly by Annie Bennett and Dave Thorne with the management team as a whole working towards paving the way for a new GSL to be appointed.

It has been another year of fun adventures and exciting activities that will all be mentioned in the section reports, but there are a few things which are worth a special mention:

The community action day at Acomb Wood, despite having to be postponed because of the weather, was an overwhelming success. It's hard to believe what a difference 60 adults, children and young people can make to an area in a few hours. Our work was positively commented on by locals, the BBC (Radio York) and in a note from the County chairperson. What amazed us the most is how much litter people leave behind in our public spaces, so thanks to everyone that helped improve our community on that day. Look out for another event in September or October this year.

It was brilliant to see the Group so well turned out for St George's day, winning the trophy for smartest Group out of all who attended was wonderful and shows just how well our young people did. Well done everyone!

Martin will certainly be mentioning the recent Group camp in his Active Support report, so we won't say much other than to recognise all those who put in so much effort to make this event work and to say what a pleasure it was to see all the happy faces enjoying the activities. Despite nearly needing snorkels!

The success of our Group is the result of two things. Firstly, the wonderful young people who make up our Beaver, Cub, Scout and Explorer sections: their positive attitude, thirst for adventure and willingness to experience new things are what the Group is all about. Secondly, the amazing adult volunteers who make it all happen. Be they leaders, supporters, Executive Committee members or parents who help out occasionally, without you none of this would be possible, so thanks to all of you, you're making a difference!

Keep up the good work everyone!

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## Gone Home



It is with great sadness that we report the loss one of our Active Support team earlier this year. Many of you will have met Bob at the monthly paper collections, which he used to run with his partner Anne, or at Group Camp, which he helped out at every year.

We'll miss Bob and his smiles which were present no matter what the weather was doing to us, and our thoughts are with Anne and his family.



# Meet the Team

## The Executive Committee (core members)

**Annie Bennett**

**Group Chair**



Annie became involved with the Group as a parent and when asked if she would Chair the executive committee, decided it was a post she could bring her organisational skills to and help the Group without being a uniformed member.

**Debbie Paterson**

**Group Treasurer (Joint)**



Debbie has never worn a uniform but has managed to be a member of Dringhouses Scout Group for well over 10 years now. She started volunteering at the 40th anniversary group camp when she and Wendy Hewitt ran the tea van; since then, she has been promoted to working in the kitchen - despite being the least competent cook there, but she can make a decent cup of tea!

Debbie took over treasurer duties just after that - it is an unfortunate side effect of being an accountant. Despite the grumbling, it is a real pleasure to work with all of the leaders and volunteers that make up Dringhouses Scout Group and to give a little back.

**Jan Moor**

**Group Secretary**



Jan was a Brownie and Guide when she was growing up and absolutely loved it. Jan was very keen her two children should have the same rewarding experiences and so both her children are in Scouting/Guiding and enjoying every moment. Jan has a daughter in the Group, who is now in Scouts, having started 6 years ago as a Beaver.

Jan joined the group as a Parent Rep on the Executive Committee (particularly helping with fundraising) and Active support in Summer 2017, as she wanted to contribute to the Group. She agreed to take on the Group Secretary role earlier this year, which gives her the ability to support the working of the Group a bit more, using her business skills, in between significant travelling for her job.

**Wendy Hewitt**

**Group Treasurer (Joint)**



Wendy started volunteering with the group at the 40th anniversary camp -with Debbie in the tea van. However, she has been involved since her eldest son was a Beaver Scout over 20 years ago. Wendy was the Group Secretary until last year when she agreed to start to take over the treasurer role. Wendy, who works in the church office, is also unofficial caretaker of the HQ (and washer of tea towels)! Wendy enjoys the camaraderie of being part of a team and the ever expanding Group. She also enjoys the challenge of learning the new treasurer role and getting to grips with spreadsheets!

# The Management Team

**David Thorne**

**Assistant Group Scout Leader**



Dave started his Scouting career as a Cub Scout with the 1<sup>st</sup> Epping Ash and later 1<sup>st</sup> Holtspur Scout Groups, 'a few' years later he returned as Assistant Beaver Scout Leader with Dringhouses, transferring to be Cub Leader a year later. Since 2015 he has also been Assistant Group Scout Leader supporting the Group Scout Leader, managing the Group's data and compliance and also co-ordinating the Cubs section. Dave also holds two roles within York Ebor District (of which Dringhouses is a part): District Appointments Secretary, administering the appointment of all leaders in the District and District Executive Committee member where he makes the meetings last a bit longer than they used to.

Dave has two children in the Group, one in Scouts the other in Explorers, both of whom started in Beavers.

**Katie Harvey**

**Assistant Group Scout Leader**



Katie joined Dringhouses Scout Group in 2011 when her son joined Beavers. He is now an Explorer and her daughter is a Scout. Katie started volunteering as an Assistant Beaver Leader and after a couple of years took up the role of Section Leader. Shortly after that Katie also became Assistant Group Scout Leader (Beavers).

**Martin Eason**

**Active Support Manager**



Martin has been with the Group since he joined from Bishopthorpe, as a Venture Scout, in 1991. He moved from Venture Scouts to Assistant Scout Leader and then Venture Scout leader (VSL), where he remained for over 10 years. As well as VSL, he also sat on the county activities and events team, organising annual competitions and events. After a short break he became a parent helper with Bardon Scout Group in Australia. On his return to the UK in 2014 he re-joined the Group as part of the Active Support Team. In June this year he agreed to take on the role of Active Support Manager.

A true scouting family, Martin has two boys who have come through the Group, with his youngest currently in Explorers. His wife Jude, whom he met at Dringhouses Venture Scouts, is also in Active support, while also being part of the Group's training team.

**Max Butler**

**Assistant Group Scout Leader**



Max is Dringhouses through and through, after joining the Group as a Scout in 2004 and has not looked back since! Max is a familiar face and his loud voice and social media skills means everyone's heard him! He is our Assistant Group Scout Leader, responsible for our Scout and Explorer Sections, having previously run Wednesday Explorers and Tuesday Scouts. When he's not busy Scouting with Dringy, he's busy Scouting for North Yorkshire County, planning and delivering their large-scale camps and events; and, when he's not with them, he's with the national Team preparing the UK's 5000 strong contingent for the 2019 World Scout Jamboree in America. It's a wonder he ever gets home in time for tea!

# The Section Leaders

## Beavers

<b>Sarah Ibbotson</b>	<b>Tuesday Beavers</b>
	<p>Sarah started in Guides back in 1992 at Southlands, she was active in Guides and then Venture Scouts until 1998. When her son started Beavers she gradually became more involved; first as a parent helper; then as a Section Assistant and in September 2019 as a Section Leader. Sarah has a son in the Group who is currently in Cubs, her husband David is also involved and is on the Group's Executive Committee. Sarah is particularly passionate about disabilities and equality, having worked in Social Services, Education and Training and Development for the majority of her career.</p> <p>The role can be demanding but the enjoyment of seeing children and young people flourish and progress makes it worthwhile!</p>
<b>Vacancy</b>	<b>Wednesday Beavers</b>
	New section leader required, starting asap.
<b>Katie Harvey</b>	<b>Friday Beavers</b>
	See management team above

## Cubs

<p><b>Jane Wilson</b></p>	<p><b>Tuesday Cubs (Romans)</b></p>
	<p>Jane has been with the group since joining as a Venture Scout in 1985, in 1988 she was presented with a application form to be an Assistant Cub Scout Leader. Jane had a few years break from the Group to assist at Bishopthorpe Cub Section and was then asked to help Lidgett Grove Cub Section get back up on their feet. Jane is married to Martin whom she met through Scouting as he was a Scout Leader at St Chad's and a member of St Chad's Greys Band, so they have attended many Scouting events along with experiences with the band.</p>
<p><b>Tina Brill</b></p>	<p><b>Thursday Cubs (Saxons)</b></p>
	<p>Tina originally joined the Group in 1979 as an Assistant Venture Scout Leader and then went on to take over the role of Venture Scout Leader. Tina eventually left the Group to take on the role of Assistant District Commissioner (Venture Scouts) for the West of York. This was then followed by 10 years as the Assistant County Commissioner (International). Tina has had various admin and support roles at County and District level. This included being the District's first Chairperson of the Appointment Approval Committee and she remains a member of this committee to date. Tina is also a part of the County Training team and a Training Advisor. She has taken part in 3 World Scout Jamborees having been the N York Contingent Leader to the 18th Jamboree in the Netherlands in 1995 and then as a member of the International Service Team in Chile (1999) and at the centenary Jamboree at Gilwell Park in 2007.</p>
<p>Having never really lost touch with the Group she was asked to come back to help run Saxons Cub Pack which she did in 2011 and then in 2018 took on the role of Cub Scout Leader. Tina will be stepping down from this role at the end of July and moving over to join the Group's Active Support Unit (ASU) with specific responsibility for adult training within the Group. Tina's husband Ken, who she met through Scouting, often gets roped in to help with Pack meetings and camps.</p>	
<p><b>David Thorne</b></p>	<p><b>Friday Cubs (Vikings) (see above in Management Team)</b></p>
	<p>See management team above</p>

## Scouts

**Julie Howard**

**Tuesday Scouts (Dringhouses Troop)**



Julie joined the Group in April 2008 as an Assistant Beaver Scout Leader on a Wednesday night continuing in that role until earlier this year. Since 2010 Julie has also volunteered first as assistant and then section leader with Tuesday Scouts.

**Tara Stephenson**

**Thursday Scouts (St Edwards Troop)**



*"One Thursday in October 1986 I bumped into an old school friend in the pub, she was there for the quiz and wearing her uniform. We got chatting and the next Thursday I went to my first ever Cub meeting. They were making bird boxes and I didn't have a clue, I still remember the first Cub I ever spoke to and thanks to Johnny L. here I still am almost 30 years later!"*

After six years of leading Cubs, where she welcomed the first girl into the Pack (possibly the first girl in Cubs in York!) Tara moved to become an assistant Venture Scout Leader, joining in with EuroVenture which took over an airfield in Paris and invaded EuroDisney, toured the Czech Republic and had many other fantastic adventures. But then we needed a female scout leader, because (guess what) the girl Cubs wanted to be Scouts! So, Tara became an Assistant Scout Leader and after a short break, she re-joined the Group.

Tara has been proud to see a great many of our Scouts attend World Scout Jamborees and was part of the Organising Team for the Centenary Jamboree in 2007. Especially lucky since that's how she met her partner Dean!

Tara has been a part of two Cub sections, a Venture Scout Unit, two Scout Troops and a Young Leader Unit and the very first Saturday morning session of Beavers - never again!... \*grin\*. Now she's about to set off to the 24<sup>th</sup> World Scout Jamboree in America and says: "I'm ridiculously proud to be a Scout and I can't wait for my next adventure!"

**Scott Franklin**

**Friday Scouts (St Helens Troop)**



Scott has been at Dringhouses since 2014, having previously been Scout Leader at Heslington whilst completing his studies, and having grown-up in a Group in Swindon. He is a cliché in Scouting - his grandparents met through Scouting, his parents met through Scouting, and he went on his first camp when he was merely weeks old. Having taken up his first young-leader role at 11 with cubs, and then at 16 with Scouts, he's a keen believer in putting young people into positions of responsibility, and teaching Patrol and Assistant Patrol Leaders how to be good leaders themselves.

After a week busy teaching at All Saints School, Scott then spends his Friday nights with the 30 young people of St Helen's Troop. He enjoys seeing his wife (Anna) and two children (Marie and Esther) on the other evenings and at weekends and looks forward to taking the girls on camp with him when they're older.

## Explorers

<b>Rob Drysdale</b>	<b>Monday Explorers (Nordic)</b>
	<p>Originally from Newcastle, although you'd never tell from his accent, Rob has been volunteering for The Scouts for more than 8 years; first with two Scout Troops at different Groups, then with Yorvik and Nordic Explorers who meet at Dringhouses. Rob has been completing his degree part time while working in the Rail industry and it was because of his involvement with a society at the University of York, that he was first put in contact with the Group, and the rest is history.</p>
<b>Andy Elliott</b>	<b>Wednesday Explorers (Yorvik)</b>
	<p>Andy was a youth member of the Yorvik Explorer Unit and after returning from University decided to become part of the volunteer team at Dringhouses Scouts. You probably won't see many photographs of Andy at events as he is usually the one taking them all! Having a young family Andy hopes that they will become members of the Group when they are old enough, his 2 year old daughter always asks if she can come on camp with him while he's packing his bags!</p>

# Roll of Honour

Congratulations to all the adult volunteers that have been recognised for their service to Scouting this year:

	<p><b>Award for Merit</b></p> <p>The Award for Merit is given for outstanding service of not less than 12 years and 10 years exceptionally. It implies keen, conscientious, imaginative and dedicated service over a sustained period.</p> <p>Jane Wilson – Section Leader (Cubs)</p>
<p>Length of service awards are available to Members and Associate Members of the Association with eligible roles that accrue service, uniformed or not (with the exception of occasional helpers):</p>	
	<p><b>Chief Scout's 5 Years Service Award</b></p> <p>Kathryn Dunn - Group Scout Leader (Acting) Jonny Fry - Former Section Leader (Scouts)</p>
	<p><b>Chief Scout's 10 Years Service Award</b></p> <p>Annie Bennett – Group Chair Julie Howard – Section Leader (Scouts)</p>
	<p><b>Chief Scout's 15 Years Service Award</b></p> <p>Liz Atkin – Assistant Scout Leader</p>
	<p><b>Chief Scout's 20 Years Service Award</b></p> <p>Mike Hewitt – Active Support Member</p>
	<p><b>Chief Scout's 30 Years Service Award</b></p> <p>Anne Fry- Active Support Member</p>
	<p><b>Chief Scout's 40 Years Service Award</b></p> <p>Ian Everard – Group President</p>
	<p><b>Wood Badge</b></p> <p>Since September 1919 adult volunteers in the Scouts have been awarded the Wood Badge on the completion of their leader training. The basic badge is made up of two wooden beads worn at the end of a leather lace.</p> <p>Dave Thorne – Section Leader (Cubs)</p>

# Group Awards

Congratulations to all of our young people receiving awards this year, all recipients will also receive a £10 voucher to spend in Go Outdoors:

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## BEAVERS

Tuesday

Wednesday

Friday

### Beaver of the year:

Imogen Brook

Benjamin Heppell

Zack Berridge

## CUBS

Romans

Saxons

Vikings

### Cub of the year:

Edward Craven

Daniel Cooke

Henry Thorpe

## SCOUTS

Dringhouses PC Troop

St Edward's Troop

St Helen's Troop

### Scout of the Year

Alex How

Kieran Lund & Mattia Chan

Flo Phillips

## EXPLORERS

Jorvik Explorers

Nordic Explorers

### Explorer Scout of the Year:

Thomas Johnston

James Stead

## The Chairman's Cup

The Chairman's Cup is awarded every year to the member of a Group who has made significant effort over and above what is normally expected. This year we have also introduced a second cup, so one cup will be for adult volunteers, the other for youth members; to recognise those that have made the extra effort. Recipients will also receive a £20 voucher from Go Outdoors

**Chairman's Cup – Adult Volunteers: Nicola Silke**

**Chairman's Cup – Youth Members: Ashlee French**

# Section Reports

## BEAVERS

We have all enjoyed another fun filled busy year at Dringhouses Beaver Scouts. With around 70 Beavers throughout the year across Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday evenings; our Joining List has continued to grow and we wish we could fit more young people in, but for the first time we are at full capacity and now have a waiting list. Our dedicated and wonderful team of volunteers consists of 8 Leaders and 8 Young Leaders who all bring enthusiasm, trust, support and commitment to our young people.

Throughout the last year we have been engaged, working hard towards achieving our badges, through a variety of activities and events. These included cooking, learning knots, making water filters, learning about disabilities, fair trade and finding out about where Scouts started from.

We also enjoyed a day at Askham Bryan Wildlife Centre; going to see the York Gang Show; learning about fire safety at Acomb Fire Station; cycling on the Knavesmire; playing tennis; bouncing at Energi, collecting funds for the Group and the RNLI at the train station; collecting paper from our neighbours; listening and learning from the RNLI volunteers and being part of our Group Camp celebration (not forgetting all the other amazing activities we did)!



Along our journey we have made friends, helped one another with challenges, worked in teams, listened and learned and had a great time being Beavers.

This year we said Goodbye to Mike Hewitt, Wednesday Beaver Leader, who has been at Beavers for 19 years. Mike is still part of the group within Active Support. Julie our other Wednesday Beaver Leader also stepped aside to continue her role with Tuesday Scouts.



# cubs



This has been a great year for Cubs. All three nights are hovering around being at capacity with 74 Cubs, 12 Beavers have joined us and 11 have moved up to Scouts to continue their Scouting journey.

As usual we have joined in with the majority of City & District events, attending 7 this year: the District Forum, the basketball competition, the Hergarth Challenge (many congratulations to Saxons Cubs on coming first with a great totem pole!), the emergency aid badge day, the rounders competition and the Beavers to Cubs link-up day and the badge workshop. Sadly, we had to cancel the summer hike this year, but the winter hike still went ahead and was great fun. We have also run two camps, both of which were very well attended and we even tried our hand at Pokémon Go! All the time joining in with the County Jamboree Challenge.

Mixed into all the fun, Cubs have all been working hard on getting badges, often without even realising it, collectively we have:

Slept 412 nights away; Hiked 160 miles; Gained 9 Chief Scouts Silver Awards & 661 badges

This year we welcomed a new leader into Saxons Cubs, Georgina Langford, and she's quickly found friends in the Group and won the respect of the Cubs, Matt Evans has moved from helping with Friday Beavers to join Vikings Cubs, with his primary role still with Friday Scouts. Sadly Tina Brill, who has been a Cub leader for 8 years and a Leader for about 40 years has decided to retire from her section leader role with Saxons Cubs, happily she is not leaving the



Group and is joining the Active support unit. She's not stepping back from Cubs altogether either and is going to continue to support the Cub leaders going forward and look at organising an international camp, but she will be missed by all the Cubs and Cub leaders.

# SCOUTS

Our three Scout Troops are doing more than ever before, taking part in camps, evening activities and events throughout the year. Each of our Troops held their own mini camps – entirely shaped by the Scouts themselves. For Thursday Scouts, it was a back to basics camp at Snowball, for Tuesday Scouts it was a weekend of water sports and alpaca trekking, and Friday Scouts it was bivouacking at Birch Hall on the edge of Dalby Forest.

For their evening sessions, the Scouts have had a jam-packed programme. A highlight from this year would definitely be visiting Aldwark Scout Activity Centre, just outside York, to take part in some kayaking.

Despite the rain, everyone had a great evening and it's something we'd be glad to do again soon.



Other exciting activities included participating in the recent Junior Warrior Challenge and spending a chilly weekend at Hawkhirst Scout Activity Centre on Kielder Water at Winter Camp. Alongside 4000 other Scouts, our participants had the chance to take part in over 100 action packed activities.

Next year, we hope the Scout Troops will get bigger and better. We always

want our young people to have a role in deciding what activities we do, and so we're hoping they have some excellent ideas for us all to do in the future.

# EXPLORERS

This last year has been a monumental year for Explorer Scouts at Dringhouses, we are so proud to be the first ever Scout Group in York to open its second Explorer Scout Unit. Our new unit, Nordic Explorers meets on a Monday evening, with already over a dozen members. Both Yorvik Explorers (our Wednesday unit) and Nordic have taken part in some incredible activities from hiking to mountain biking and climbing to ice skating – they even spent a weekend camping with visiting Scouts from Münster, Germany!

This year has seen a large number of our Explorer Scouts take part in their Duke of Edinburgh awards – again a first ever for us here at Dringhouses. We are also delighted that 6 of our Explorer Scouts will represent the Group, District, County and Country at the 24th World Scout Jamboree in America this Summer.

At the end of this term Rob Drysdale is moving out of the area and will be standing down as Section Leader with Nordic Explorers. Rob has been with the Group for four years and the Explorer Section will miss him, Good luck for the future Rob!

Many of our Explorer Scouts are young leaders too, helping out at our Beaver, Cub and Scout Sessions throughout the week. We couldn't run such amazing programmes for our younger sections without our Young Leaders – thank you!



# /activesupport

Another busy year for the Scout Active Support (SAS) team has seen us support and lead several activities; have a change in leadership; and there has been a substantial growth in our numbers. The SAS team are a group of volunteers who offer their time on an “as and when” basis to support the Group, its leaders and our young people. Team members share their knowledge, skills and enthusiasm, giving what time they can to volunteer. We are always looking for new members to join us.

After 3 successful years at the helm, Alan Furby has stepped down and handed the baton on to Martin Eason. Alan remains part of SAS as well as having several other roles, including training within the Group and the District, so he doesn't get away that easily. A huge thanks to Alan for getting SAS off the ground and in a strong position.



Activities over the past year have included the management of the monthly paper collection (thanks Anne), erection of the sound baffles on the roof of the HQ, driving minibuses and towing trailers, pitching tents, helping on tin rattles and, of course leading on last month's Group Camp.

Group Camp saw the recruitment of several additional volunteers to SAS, which will further strengthen our ability to offer the

greatest of experiences to our young people, but there is always room for more.

Plans for 2019/20 include:

- ✿ Continued support to fundraising
- ✿ Volunteers Camp in September
- ✿ Group Social in November
- ✿ Continued support to section nights and camps
- ✿ Spring Fair (formally the September Fair)
- ✿ Group Camp 2020



If you are interested in offering any support to the Group please contact Martin Eason [martin.eason@dringhousescouts.org.uk](mailto:martin.eason@dringhousescouts.org.uk)

# The Year in Photos







# Statutory Reports

For year ending April 2019

# Trustees' Annual Report

For the Period from 1 April 2018 to 31 March 2019

## 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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### Group Executive Committee:

Annie Bennett	Group Chair	David Thorne	Asst, Grp Scout Leader
Wendy Hewitt	Group Secretary	Max Butler	Asst, Grp Scout Leader
Debbie Paterson	Group Treasurer	Katie Harvey	Asst, Grp Scout Leader
Phil Bennett	Group Scout Leader (to end of April 2018)		
Kathryn Dunn	Group Scout Leader (Acting) (from end of April 2018)		

### Ex-Officio Members of the Executive Committee:

Rob Drysdale	Section Ldr (Explorers)	Andy Elliott	Section Ldr (Explorers)
Tara Stephenson	Section Ldr (Scouts)	Jane Wilson	Section Ldr (Cubs)
Tina Brill	Section Ldr (Cubs)	Alan Furby	Active Support Mgr
Mike Hewitt	Section Ldr (Beavers) to end of Jan 19)		

### Nominated Members of the Executive Committee:

Simon Thompson	Group Quartermaster	Mike Hewitt	Health and Safety Officer (From Feb 19)
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### Elected Members of the Executive Committee:

David Ibbotson	Parent Rep- Cubs	Fiona Kirkman	Parent Rep- Beavers
Martin Eason	Parent Rep- Scouts		

## 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. The Group Executive Committee:

- Maintains 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 Associations 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 20 camps or outings in the year and also enjoyed other varied activities. This included our annual group camp attended by around 250 children and adults. All of our members are working towards their bronze, silver and gold Chief Scouts 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, we spent more than we received in unrestricted income. This was partly because we replaced the floor in 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 our second autumn fair, held bucket collections at York station as well as continuing with our monthly paper collection. We also received grants to enable us to buy tents and to go towards the cost of replacing the floor.

### **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 2019, the minibus fund was £6,130 (2018; £12,700) and the premises fund was nil (2018; £200). We also have grant funding of £2,760 which is to be spent on tents and computers which is unspent at the year-end – it is held in restricted funds.

Our year-end cash balance is £8,409 (2018; £25,584) which is less than the unspent grants plus the sinking funds. We therefore need to build up our reserves in 2019/20. This will be done by continued fundraising plus the submission of a gift aid claim.

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

# Financial Summary

For the Period from 1 April 2018 to 31 March 2019

## Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds 2018/19 £	Restricted funds 2018/19 £	Total funds 2018/19 £	Last year 2017/18 £
<b>Receipts</b>				
Donations, legacies and similar income				
Membership subscriptions	22,530		22,530	18,599
less: membership subscriptions paid to National/County/Area and District	-10,922		-10,922	-9,501
Net membership subscriptions retained	11,609	0	11,609	9,098
Gift aid	0		0	0
Sub total	11,609	0	11,609	9,098
Grants and donations				
Grants received		3,597	3,597	46,340
Sub total	0	3,597	3,597	46,340
Fundraising (gross)				
Paper collection and other activities	6,507		6,507	5,690
Sub total	6,507		6,507	5,690
Activities				
Camps and activities	18,600		18,600	15,168
Minibus hirings	3,117		3,117	4,087
Badges and neckers			0	0

	Unrestricted funds 2018/19 £	Restricted funds 2018/19 £	Total funds 2018/19 £	Last year 2017/18 £
Sub total	21,717	0	21,717	19,255
Interest	0		0	49
Property rent income	988		988	44
Sub total	988	0	988	93
Miscellaneous	29		29	1
<b>Total receipts</b>	<b>40,849</b>	<b>3,597</b>	<b>44,446</b>	<b>80,477</b>
<b>Payments</b>				
Camps	-18,465		-18,465	-17,522
Section activities	-1,604		-1,604	-2,353
Ground rent, fuel, insurance, repairs and renewals	-8,816	-302	-9,118	-8,672
Equipment	-188		-188	-6,976
Minibus expenses	-15,413	-11,580	-26,993	-31,625
Badges, neckers and uniform	-2,073		-2,073	-2,281
Administration	-2,204		-2,204	-1,988
Sub total	-48,763	-11,882	-60,645	-71,417
Fundraising expenses	-793		-793	-1,598
Sub total	-793	0	-793	-1,598
Miscellaneous	-183		-183	-189
<b>Total payments</b>	<b>-49,739</b>	<b>-11,882</b>	<b>-61,621</b>	<b>-73,204</b>
Net of receipts/(payments)	-8,890	-8,285	-17,175	7,273
Transfers between funds				
Cash funds last year end	14,539	11,045	25,584	18,311
Cash funds this year end	<b>5,649</b>	<b>2,760</b>	<b>8,409</b>	<b>25,584</b>

#### Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

	Unrestricted funds Saturday, March 31, 2018 £	Restricted funds Saturday, March 31, 2018 £	Total Saturday, March 31, 2018 £	Total Friday, March 31, 2017 £
<b>Cash funds</b>				
Current account	5,649	2,760	8,409	10,964
Virgin Money			0	7,347
<b>Total</b>	<b>5,649</b>	<b>2,760</b>	<b>8,409</b>	<b>18,311</b>
<b>Other assets</b>				
Motor vehicles	-	45,963	45,963	51,070
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

Annie Bennett, Chair

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# And Finally...

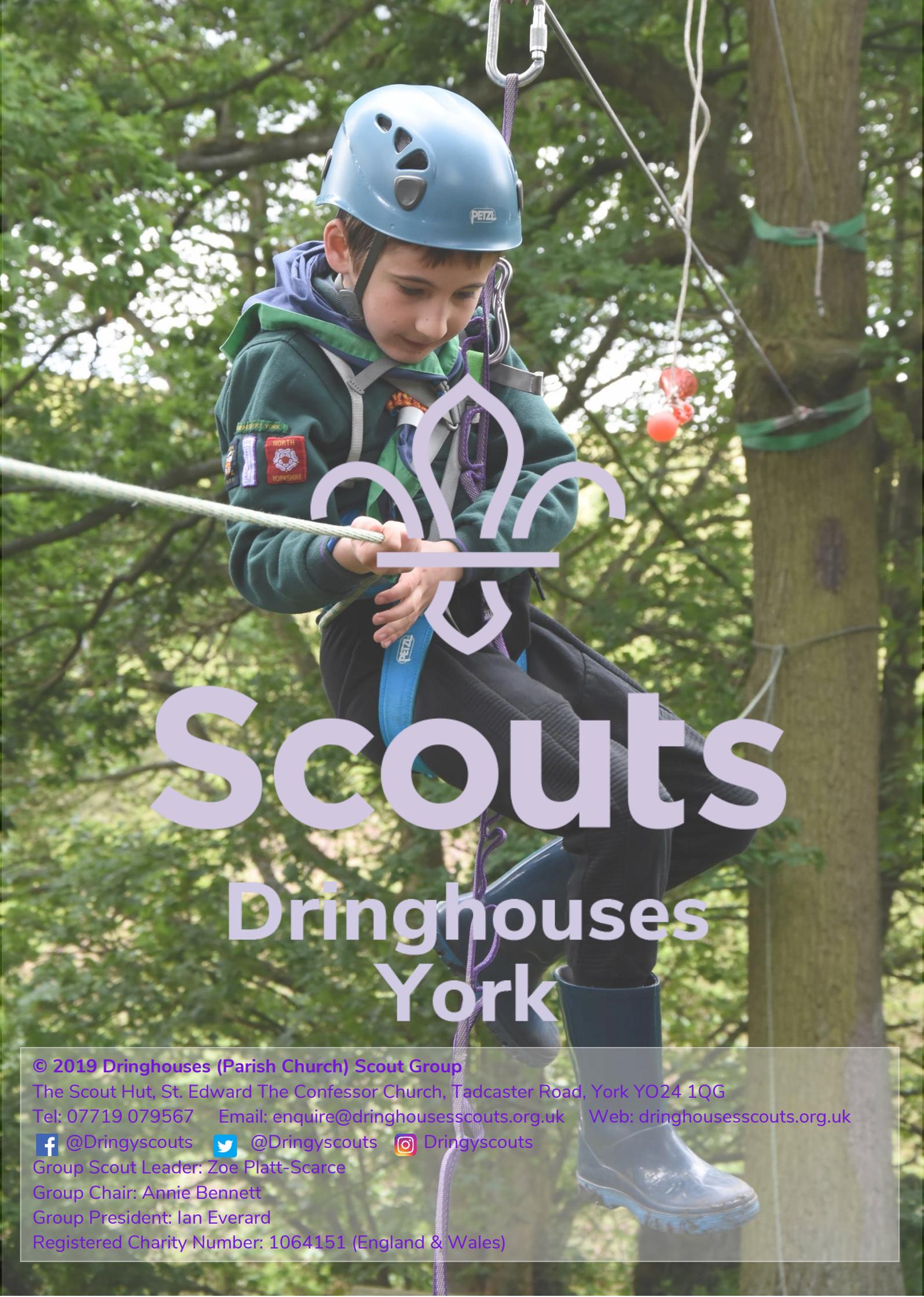


As you may have heard, the company who pay us to collect paper have withdrawn this service with no notice. We only found out in late June and the July collection was our last ever.

We need to spread the word within the Group and the wider community that we are no longer collecting paper. We will do this through email, posters and social media, you may have seen some of this already. However, the biggest operation will be a leaflet campaign to try to reach every house we normally collect from.

So, we are asking for your help: we would appreciate any adult who is able to volunteer to leaflet their street or a nearby street so we can make sure as many people as possible know and we avoid upset. If you can help with this please let Annie Bennett know ([annie.bennett@dringhousescouts.org.uk](mailto:annie.bennett@dringhousescouts.org.uk)).

Finally, we would like to thank everyone who has helped with the paper collection over the years, rain or shine; it has helped the Group to maintain a healthy income and has supported so many activities and equipment purchases.

A young boy is climbing a rope in a tree. He is wearing a blue helmet with the Petzl logo, a green jacket with a 'NORTH YORKSHIRE' patch, and blue boots. He is holding a rope and looking down. The background is a lush green forest.

# Scouts

## Dringhouses

### York

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