



## Group Annual Report 22/23

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### Chair Report

As ever I am always in awe as to how the Scout group manage to year on year excel in their duties and responsibilities.

As a group, this year has seen exceptional work by our leaders and young leaders, going from strength to strength in providing a varied and educational programme across all ages. This has been a challenge when we've not been able to meet in a hut during the Winter months!

The Exec have, through some tough months, managed to forge ahead with the refurbishment and produced a rather more appealing and safer place to entertain our groups. Simon 'Unicorn' Jeffers has been instrumental in making sure that this project has crossed the line.

There are simply so many people to thank in getting this hut up and running again. From the builders and decorators to all the charities and businesses that have granted us money along the way. Without these we would not be standing here today with a completed hut, ready for a new era! From the bottoms of our hearts, we are so grateful to each and every one of you for investing in us and our programmes and making sure we can deliver to our young people again.

It is with sadness that we are also losing some members of our Exec, and I would like to thank Chloe and Clare for their part in the Exec for the year.

It is also a personal loss that Ian 'Badger' Chamberlain is leaving us today. We started this Exec journey together with Simon and it has been amazing how much we have achieved! We set out our 5 year plan (which due to Covid was more like a 7 year plan!) to get a new hut and expand the Scouts, and I think we can safely say it has been achieved! But if he thinks he is escaping fully you'll be pleased to know he is still staying on to lend his expertise to the Scouts on a Friday night!

Thank you too to Simon Jeffers, without him, none of the hut would be finished and we would still be all meeting outside at the rugby club for another season. We are all so grateful for your dedication and hard work in everything Scouting.

**NICOLA MORGAN – TRUSTEE - CHAIR**

## Treasurer Report

The 2022/23 accounts show we were in a healthy financial position at year end, being able to carry a surplus over into the new financial year. However, it should be noted that a proportion of this surplus has been ringfenced towards the Scout Hut Renovation Project, as it moves to its completion phase.

The hard work that our Grants Coordinator, Charlotte carried out in 2021/2022 had a positive impact for this years' accounts. With successful grants she had obtained the previous year being paid in this financial year towards the Scout Hut Renovation Project.

Our previous treasurer Claire launched our Hardship Fund and this paid out £333 during the 2022/23 financial year. Please check this link out on our website where you can find details about this fund and how to apply if you are in need. <https://www.mbscouts.org.uk/hardship-fund>. It was launched with the aim of ensuring young people are able to engage in Scouting, regardless of their financial situation. I'm really pleased that we are now helping a small number of young people continue to access our group.

Thank you to Chloe who stood as Treasurer for part of this financial year for her work in this role. I was voted in as treasurer part way through as Chloe was unable to continue for the full year.

Thank you to Dawn our scrutineer for as ever your flexibility and speedy turnaround of the annual accounts.

What to expect in the next financial year 2023/2024

**New Bank Account:** We have been looking for some time now as to whether to move our bank account. With the local HSBC branch closing and the fact that we are unable to use their online banking as it does not work for most charities. We have identified a new bank "CAF" and will be looking to transfer to this bank over the summer of 2023. Forms are 99% completed so we are ready to do this! Please be prepared that this will involve setting up new direct debit mandates for all parents/carer so please be patient with us.

It would be great if we can fill this role with a dedicated volunteer, if you are interested in knowing more about the treasurer role, please contact me.

Yours in Scouting,

J SIMON JEFFERS – TRUSTEE– GROUP SCOUT LEADER AND TREASURER

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### Receipts and Payments Account 2022-23

#### 1st Market Bosworth Scout Group (Charity no.516422)

#### Receipts and payments account

	Year start date		Year end date
For the year from	1st April 2022	To	31st March 2023

#### Receipts and payments

	2022/23	
	Unrestricted funds	
	£	
<b>Receipts</b>		
<b>Donations, legacies and similar income</b>		
Membership subscriptions	9,178	
Donations		
Refund for Camp	201	
Gift Aid	-	
Camp and Event Income	12,621	
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>22,001</b>	
<b>Grants</b>		
Maintenence grant	-	
Other grants	37,914	
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>37,914</b>	
<b>Fundraising events (gross)</b>		
Detail 1	3,174	
Detail 2	-	
Detail 3	-	
Other fundraising activities	-	
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>3,174</b>	
<b>Scout hut income</b>		
Hire of building	-	
Hire of equipment	-	
Other Scout hut income	-	
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>-</b>	
<b>Investment income</b>		
Bank interest	125	
Building Society interest	-	
The Scout Association Short Term Investment Service	-	
Other investment income	-	
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>125</b>	
<b>Total Gross Income</b>	<b>63,215</b>	
<b>Asset and investment sales, etc.</b>	<b>-</b>	
<b>Total receipts</b>	<b>63,215</b>	

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### Payments Account 2022-23

#### 1st Market Bosworth Scout Group (Charity no.516422)

#### Receipts and payments account

	Year start date		Year end date
For the year from	1st April 2022	To	31st March 2023

#### Receipts and payments

	2022/23
	Unrestricted funds
	£
<b>Payments</b>	
<b>Charitable Payments</b>	
Membership subscriptions paid on (National/County/Area/District)	4,188
Youth programme and activities	221
Scout Shop (badges)	1,037
Rent	-
Water and Sewerage	510
Electricity and Gas	1,688
Insurance	926
Repairs and Renewals	-
Fire Extinguishers	225
Website	295
Contribution to camp costs	12,282
Tents	1,056
AGM and trustee expenses	-
Scout hut Refurbishment	52,789
Misc	1,207
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>76,424</b>
<b>Fundraising expenses</b>	
Detail 1	12,187
Detail 2	-
Detail 3	-
Other fundraising costs	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>12,187</b>
<b>Total Gross Expenditure</b>	<b>88,610</b>
Asset and investment purchases, etc.	-
<b>Total payments</b>	<b>88,610</b>
<b>Net of receipts/(payments)</b>	<b>- 25,396</b>
Cash funds last year end	£50,305.54
<b>Cash funds this year end</b>	<b>24,910</b>

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### Statements of Assets and Liabilities at the end of the year

1st Market Bosworth Scout Group (Charity no.516422)			
Receipts and payments account			
	Year start date		Year end date
For the year from	1st April 2022	To	31st March 2023
<b>Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the year</b>			
	2022/23		
	Unrestricted funds		
	£		
<b>Cash funds</b>			
Bank current account		17,604	
Bank deposit account		7,306	
Building society account		-	
The Scout Association Short Term Investment Service		-	
Cash/Floats		-	
<b>Total cash funds</b>		<b>24,910</b>	
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<b>Other monetary assets</b>			
Tax claim		-	
Debts due from the County/Area/District/Group		-	
Insurance claim		-	
<b>Sub total</b>		<b>-</b>	
<b>Investment assets</b>			
Investment property - detail		-	
Quoted investments		-	
Other investments - detail		-	
<b>Sub total</b>		<b>-</b>	
<b>Non monetary assets for charity's own use</b>			
Badge stock		-	
Shop stock		-	
Other stock		-	
Land and buildings		-	
Motor vehicles		-	
Scouting equipment, furniture etc		-	
Other		-	
<b>Sub total</b>		<b>-</b>	
<b>Liabilities</b>			
Accounts not yet paid		-	
Expenses incurred but not invoiced		7,378	
Subscriptions not yet paid		-	
Loan - detail		-	
Other liabilities		-	
<b>Sub total</b>		<b>- 7,378</b>	
<b>Total net assets</b>		<b>17,532</b>	
The above receipts and payments account and statement of assets and liabilities were approved by the Trustees on Xth X 200X (the date of the Executive Committee meeting that approved the accounts) and signed on their behalf by			
Signature		Print Name	
			Chair
			Treasurer

## GSL Report

Time again for the reflective look back at the last year for the period of April 22 to March 23.

When I was compiling this years' report it didn't escape me that we again did a lot of outdoor scouting, however, this time through was due to the refurbishment. So I wanted to give my biggest thank you to the parents / carers, young people and leaders who had to endure last minute changes of location, nights that were rained off, too dark to see the planned activity and having to re-organise, and at times just being wet and/or cold. We made it! THANK YOU for supporting us.

When I started writing down all the events and nights away we have offered in the last year, it is very clear that our young people have had a lot of experiences available to them. I was curious which ones we organised ourselves. The majority of the experiences offered this year were put on by 1<sup>st</sup> Market Bosworth Scout Group, which means our volunteer leaders have been working very hard to make this happen. I wanted to ensure we took a moment to recognise these efforts. THANK YOU LEADERS

### Chief Scout Awards

Each year since I joined in 2017 I have seen improvements in the program delivery and we are seeing more Cub and Scouts Chief Scout Awards come through. I mentioned in last year's report that I was hopeful of being able to share young people successes in this area.

Well, I was lucky enough to see three of our Scouts present to over 60 people the details of the expedition challenge they had completed over the summer. To earn their badge they had to do two hikes of four hours a day, which had to have meaning. They decided to look at famous monuments in the area and report back on them. They also needed to camp and cook their food using an event pass (no leaders). They decided on the route to the camp site, what kit to take, what food to buy and to do it all successfully (which they did). Then the last stage was to present what they had done. They created a PowerPoint presentation between them, with pictures, video inserts and details of what they had done, and then stood in front of us all to tell us. They did all of this as a team aged between 12/14 years old. I was pretty impressed, a lot of adults will shy away from what they did. This was the final stage of their badge work for them to then receive their Gold Chief Scout awards.

### Leaders

Lindsay (Hedgehog) completed her full Leader training to receive her wood badge. In 1919, Baden-Powell introduced a standardised system for leader training, those who completed the training the course were awarded a "wood badge". This was not a cloth badge, but pair of wooden beads. One came from the ceremonial necklace of the Zulu chief, Dinizulu, and the recipients carved their own second bead. These days they are plastic beads, but the symbolic nature is still there, we are very proud of her accomplishment.

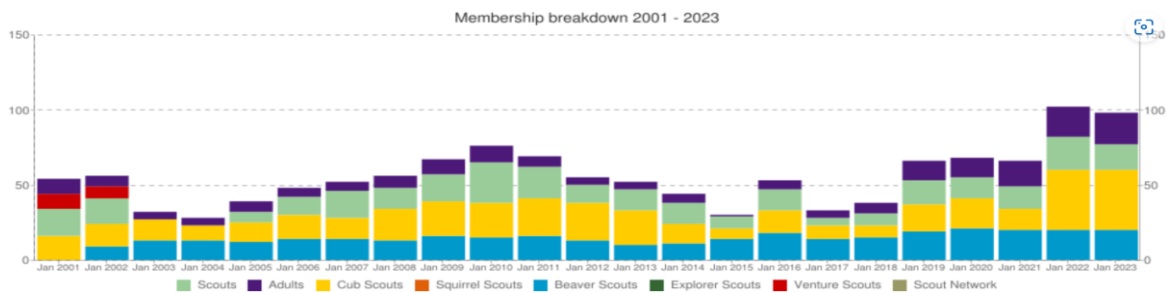
We welcomed this year:

- Section Assistants: Caron "Otter" and Loretta "Snail" to the Beaver Scout section and young leader Emily "Squirrel".
- Asst Section Leader: James Kendrick and young leader Daniel to Monday Cubs
- Asst Section Leader: Duncan Frazer "Grey Wolf", Nick Oxby and young leader Grace to Friday Cubs
- Jon Vening-Richards to the Trustee board as a youth ambassador

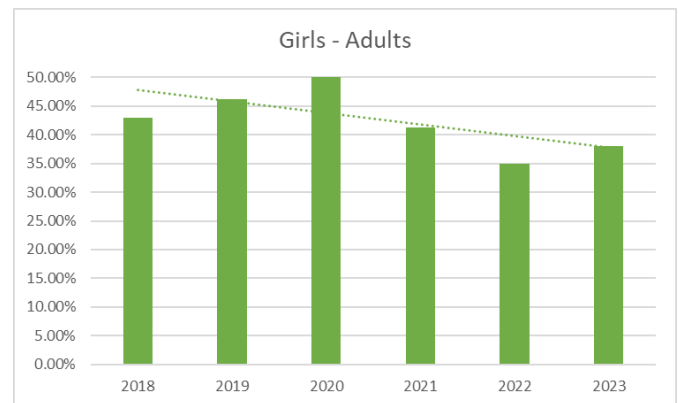
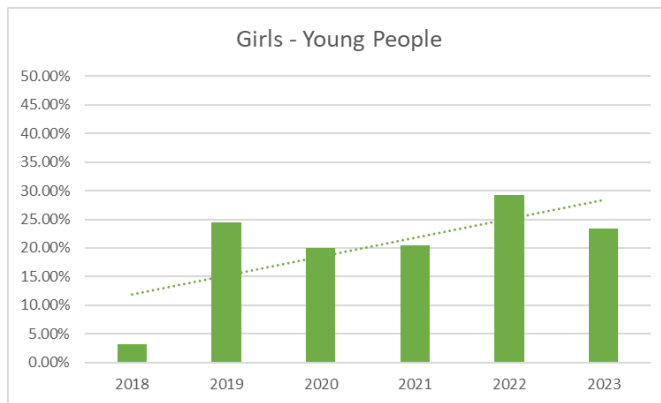
## Membership Numbers

After such a large increase last year in youth numbers, we saw our youth numbers consolidate this year. We saw a slight decline due to older Scouts leaving. Unfortunately, district was unable to offer an option for Explorer Section for these young people last year, so for some, their Scouting journey has ended. However, I am pleased to say that:

- Some Scouts have come back to us as young leaders, helping within each section.
- Since this census count we have seen an increase in numbers in Scout section and overall due to Cubs moving up and new starters.



We saw the ratio of girls drop this year, however, this appears to be driven by numbers in the Scout section previously mentioned. We expect to see this ratio increase for next year as the young people flow back through. Our adult girl ratio has increased since the previous year. In 1918 65% of Cub leaders were women you can read more here: <https://heritage.scouts.org.uk/exhibitions/early-days-of-scouting-1907-1920/scoutingforgirls/> - Whether you're a girl or boy, if you are interested in becoming a leader, please contact me for a no obligation chat.



## Nights Away

Each section is targeted to offer a night/s away and I'm pleased that we managed to do the following last year:

- |                             |           |          |                          |
|-----------------------------|-----------|----------|--------------------------|
| - Fox Coverts               | 14 May 22 | 1 Night  | Scouts                   |
| - Willesley Campsite        | 4 Jun 22  | 1 Night  | Scouts                   |
| - Space Centre              | 10 Jun 22 | 1 Night  | Beavers, Cubs and Scouts |
| - Willesley Camp [District] | 11 Jun 22 | 1 Night  | Cubs and Scouts          |
| - Bournemouth               | 30 Jul 22 | 7 Nights | Scouts                   |
| - Scouts School Sleepover   | 12 Nov 22 | 1 Night  | Beavers, Cubs and Scouts |
| - Pillows and Pilots        | 18 Mar 22 | 1 Night  | Beavers, Cubs and Scouts |

It takes a tremendous amount of effort to organise the camps. Thank you to the leaders who go the extra mile to make it happen. Also a thank you to the leaders and adults who support these camps without you they simply can't happen.



## Events

What is astonishing is the amount of events we managed to do last year, here is a list:

- National Memorial Arboretum	9 Apr 22	Beavers, Cubs and Scouts
- British Touring Cars Test Day	21 Apr 22	Scouts
- Saint Georges Day [District]	24 Apr 22	Beavers, Cubs and Scouts
- Ashby Canal Hike	7 May 22	Beavers, Cubs and Scouts
- Triumph Motorcycles Factory	7 May 22	Beavers, Cubs and Scouts
- Sailing	2 Jul 22	Scouts
- Water activities	28 Jun 22	Cubs
- Hermitage Model Railway	5 Sep 22	Cubs
- Warhammer night	18 Sep 22	Scouts
- Halloween scream n scout [District]	29 Oct 22	Cubs and Scouts
- Remembrance Sunday	13 Nov 22	Beavers, Cubs and Scouts
- Cadburys World	19 Nov 22	Beavers, Cubs and Scouts
- Santa's Sleigh!	14 Dec 22	Scouts
- Cinderella Pantomime [District]	18 Dec 22	Beavers
- Aladdin : by Panto in a Day	18 Dec 22	Cubs
- Christmas Bowling	19 Dec 22	Scouts
- Astronomy Night	13 Feb 22	Scouts

I have included a couple of photos from one of my personal favourite event that I attended. You can read about a lot of the events on our website: <https://www.mbscouts.org.uk/news/article>



## Behind the Scenes

We really could do with more volunteers to become Trustees to help us maintain this level of success. We need people to fill these roles asap especially the Treasurer role, otherwise we very likely will not be able to support in the future the amount of activities that I have had the pleasure of reporting for this financial year.

I think the last year can be best summed up by Henry David Thoreau "Go confidently in the direction of your dreams. Live the life you have imagined." We have dreamed about achieving so many things over the past year, events, nights away, scout hut refurbishment, higher quality program, more leaders and more Chief Scout awards and I think you would be hard pushed to say that we did not fulfil any of those dreams. Please contact me if you are interested in joining a fabulous team of volunteers delivering a Scouting experience.

Thank you all for your ongoing support.

Yours in Scouting

**J SIMON JEFFERS – TRUSTEE– GROUP SCOUT LEADER AND TREASURER**

P.S. We are always learning and striving to improve: At each section meeting we see areas we can improve on as we do for each camp. Some improvements need investment in time, some in money and some in simply educating ourselves. If you see anything that can be improved or are able to volunteer whether it be for cleaning the kitchen or running an event please let me know.

## Beavers Section AGM Report 2022

We've had a fantastic year and our Beaver Colony continues to thrive with very healthy numbers and a waiting list! We love seeing our Beaver Scouts develop new skills each week and the Beaver Leadership Team works hard to provide an interesting and engaging programme. The pandemic has been particularly difficult for this cohort of Young People as it disrupted their opportunities for social interaction in their very early years. The Beaver Leaders take immense pride in developing our newest and often extremely shy Beavers, and seeing them 'swim up' as confident Cubs at the end of their time with us.



The Beaver Leadership Team has expanded considerably over the past year. From helping out on our Parent Rota to undertaking the '4 week challenge', we recruited Otter (Caron Stone) and Snail (Loretta Aylmer) as Section Assistants. Our Young Leader Koala (Kyle Jennings) turned 18 in the Autumn Term and received his Adult Leader uniform and is undertaking



training to be an Assistant Beaver Section Leader. Koala has been our Beavers Young Leader since he was 14, and so his surprise 18<sup>th</sup> birthday party the Beavers held for him was thoroughly deserved! We also welcomed our GSL's daughter Emily as our new Young Leader. "Squirrel" has become a much loved member of the Beaver Colony already, and is being supported with her Young Leader training.

Over the year, 11 of our Beavers 'swam-up' to Cubs, with 8 of those receiving their Chief Bronze Scout Awards, which is a big success for our Beaver Colony and credit should be given to the Leadership team who carried on throughout the pandemic delivering an adapted programme online, which still met all the requirements for the badges. The Bronze Scout award takes a lot of time and dedication from the Beavers, their parents/carers and the Leaders, so we were delighted to have awarded such a high number.

In the Summer term of 2022, the Beavers worked towards their Collector, Explore, Gardener, Builder, Hikes, Nights Away and Digital Citizen badges. The Beavers really enjoyed their all-section visit to





the Triumph Motorcycle Museum in Hinckley, followed by a 2.5 mile hike down the Ashby Canal. Fortunately, no Beavers were seen swimming in the canal!

In combination with their Gardener badge, the Beavers grew a variety of plants and made seed bombs and sunflower kits to sell at our 'Beavers Garden Centre and Pop-Up Café', with the profits contributing to the Scout Hut internal renovation.



The Beavers had lots of fun at our National Space Centre sleepover in Leicester, with the most hardcore then joining the District Camp at Willesley Scout Campsite the following day to sleep under canvas for their second night!

We ended the year with a party to celebrate Fox's forthcoming nuptials and the Beavers presented her with bridal shower gifts. Many thanks to all who contributed to our collection for Fox.

The Autumn term in 2022 saw us working towards our World, Faith, International, Navigator and



Global badges. In October we headed back to Market Bosworth Rugby Club as the very exciting internal renovations on the Scout Hut had started. We had a visit from Muslim leader Bijal, who taught the Beavers about Islam and other faiths. We had a trip to the library for a very chilled Yoga session from local instructor Fay, who took the Beavers on a fantastic magical Yoga journey.

Many of the Beavers took part in our Remembrance Day sleepover at St Peters Primary School, followed by the Remembrance Day Service at St Peters Church and Parade through Market Bosworth. Our Beavers were very respectful and impeccably behaved throughout and we were very proud of them.

An all-section trip to Cadbury World was an amazing day out for the Beavers, although we cannot confirm exactly how much chocolate was consumed on the trip!



Just before Christmas, our Beaver Scouts joined other Beaver colonies from across Leicestershire at DeMontfort Hall for a Pantomime performance of Cinderella. We then rounded off the year with a Christmas party, because the Beavers and all the Leaders never miss an opportunity for a party!

In the Spring term, we focused on our Disability Awareness, Community Impact, Musician and Digital Maker badges. Beaver Parent and Physio Cheryl Johnson visited us with lots of different disability aids, which the Beavers used to experience limited mobility. They also learned some Makaton, spelled their name in braille using Skittles sweets, and their favourite activity was blindfolded jam sandwich making! For our Musician badge we made our own guitars and musical instruments and

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Pedro Pony brought in a selection of his guitars to show the Beaver Scouts. For our Digital Maker badge the Beaver Scouts learned about coding, and used Scratch to design their own Campsite.

A few of the Beaver Scouts joined the all-section Pillows and Pilots sleepover at RAF Museum Midlands (RAF Cosford). The highlight of the sleepover was definitely the 'silent disco' inside an aircraft!

We are all so incredibly proud of our Beaver Scouts this year. Everywhere we go we are complimented on their behaviour and engagement. We are fully committed to Youth-Led Scouting and our regular 'Log Chews' help the Leaders to understand what the Beaver Scouts want to do and incorporate this into our programme planning. This year we have awarded 330 badges, each one meeting the badge requirements and very well earned, and 64 more badges than the previous year! That's a lot of sewing for our Beaver Scout Parents!



**FOX (ABI), HEDGEHOG (LINDSAY), PEDRO PONY (PEDRO), KOALA (KYLE), OTTER (CARON), SNAIL (LORETTA) AND SQUIRREL (EMILY) - BEAVER SECTION LEADERSHIP TEAM**



## Friday Cubs Report

The start of our Friday evenings can sometimes feel like we have uncaged a weeks worth of pent up crazy from following school rules, it certainly starts my weekend with huge a burst of energy thanks to all the Cubs.

We started this section a little over 2 years ago, with rather less experience than Blossom can bring to a Monday night but hopefully just as much enthusiasm. Thankfully we had Duncan join from Solihull, which whilst a sad loss for them was our gain as Duncan brought with him decades of Scouting wisdom. WhatsApp tells me that the date we started 2 years ago was 20/4/2021 and that Paul created our Friday Cub Leaders group chat, which seems particularly fitting since he is soon to take over the reigns as Akala having gone full circle to rejoin us.



The start of this year, whilst a very long while ago, was notable for how many of the Boys moved onto Scouts, perhaps a little earlier than we would have liked but the FOMO or urge not to miss out was too strong to hold onto most of them. This left us with 3 senior sixers that stayed the course.

When we reviewed badge work and progress this Spring we were delighted that the 3 of them had completed all of their Challenges with us and were eligible to receive their Chief Scout Silver Award. They received this award last month at the start of their journey in Scouts. This is hard earned and only a handful of Cubs each year achieve this.

2 out of the 3 Cubs that received this award were Girls. This statistic sums up how balanced our Section now is with 43% of our Cubs on Fridays being girls. I'm immensely proud that we include a fun, challenging and rewarding experience for both girls and boys.

The parents deserve a big thankyou this year for being so patient and understanding for so much of it as we constantly moved from one venue to the next whilst the refurbishment was being carried out. At times as a leader

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this was nearly all consuming and for the GSL it certainly was. Without a GSL that so tirelessly stuck to the task the Cubs would not have such a first-rate venue to meet in for the years to come. I would also like to thank everyone else that helped us move back into our new Hut once construction was over.

Our young leader has grown immeasurably in the last 12 months, in my eyes she is a reliable and equal part of the leadership team and certainly not young in anything but name.

As I look to the future I hope that more Cubs will achieve their Silver award next year than this.

**IAN (BADGER) – TRUSTEE -  
CUB SECTION LEADER**



# Monday Cubs Report

We have been actively busy over the last year we have had Cubs move on to the Scout section and new ones move up from Beaver Scouts section. We have been out of the hut for most of the year using the rugby club and the community library due to the refurbishment.

Our first night back after the summer holiday last year we attended the north west Leicestershire model railway club at hermitage recreation ground where the cubs got the chance to have a close look at a miniature steam train and got rides on the 3.1/2 track miniature railway. The club thanked us for some very well behaved cubs, and we also made it in there newsletter.



We have also done lots of things like shooting and archery sessions and we've also visited the local fire station which the cubs and leaders enjoyed. We have done wide game in the village where we asked the young people to find three parents who were hidden in Bosworth. They used their maps to find them, and as the parents could have been anywhere in the park or the village it was a great challenge which the parents also enjoyed.



We have built dens in the woods even an animal hide which we noticed over time that something had been using it. We did orienteering in the dark in Bosworth Park which was a challenge!

We have had challenges with the weather at times from rain, wind and frozen ground but we persevered we did revert to a zoom session.

We have some fun activities coming up we have some visitors coming to join us to talk about adhd on one evening as some of the cubs showed an interest in learning why some of the cubs have different aspects to others.

We have a canoeing session coming up from part of the water activities team which should be a good evening at Moira Furnace

We have welcomed James Kendrick to the team and also gained a new young leader to help us.

It's been fun with challenges we look forward to another year of fun and activities.

## BLOSSOM - CUB LEADER



## Monday Scouts Report



The past 12 months have been a very good time for the Scout Section.

Last July and August saw the Troop's first "proper" summer camp since before the pandemic, with twenty of us descending on Butcher's Coppice camp Site in Bournemouth for a week that has been described as "epic". Highlights of the camp included an afternoon at Splashdown, a day on Brownsea Island, the birthplace of Scouting, and a final evening out at Nando's among other exciting trips. The camp was well received by both Scouts and parents, and was featured heavily in the local press.

Due to the ongoing renovations to the Hut, the Section continued as much as possible with its policy of putting the "Out" in "Scouting", taking full advantage of the range of alternative meeting places in the area.

Activities included in our programme, planned to a large extent by the Scouts themselves, have included night hikes, cooking, shelter building, fire lighting, navigation exercises, and an evening of mental health first aid.

As well as this, the Section attended the Group sleepover at the school, the Mallory Mile, Pillows and Pilots at the RAF Museum, and the annual District camp at Willesley, where we won the Tug of War competition.

We have also seen our first Expedition Challenge team for several years successfully complete their project, which included 2 ten-mile hikes and an overnight camp, remotely supported by leaders. The camp was held under what we call an Event Passport, which means that no adults remained on site overnight, which highlights how effective Scouting is at achieving its aim of helping Young People achieve their potential and take responsibility for themselves and others.

As a result of this successful Expedition, three of the Troop achieved their Chief Scout's Gold Awards, the highest possible award for a member of the Scout Section, and an amazing achievement. It won't surprise you to hear that several other members are well on the way to achieving theirs.

We're also glad to say that the three Chief Scouts Gold awardees are still with us, and have taken up roles as Young Leaders in our Cub and Beaver Sections.



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So, what of the future? We're continuing with our aim of helping the Scouts take as much responsibility for the programme as possible, while working within a framework composed of the nine Challenge badges that make up the Chief Scout's Gold Award. We have two camps planned already, a weekend at Summer Solstice, and our annual summer camp, which the Scouts have decided to hold at Rhydd Covert, next door to the West Midlands Safari Park. And of course, we'll be continuing to teach #SkillsForLife while having #EverydayAdventures!

Of course, none of this could have been achieved without our team of volunteers, and especially our Young Leaders Ellis and Niall, who have proved their worth time and again. Our adult volunteers have done a great job too, and deserve a big thank you for giving up their time for the Section. A special mention for Paul, who has been an incredibly valuable member of the team since he joined us during the pandemic. Paul is taking a step back from the Scout Section to take up the role of Section Leader at our Friday Cub Pack, and we know he'll do an excellent job there.

We'd also like to extend a big thank you to the parents of our Scouts for their support and trust. Without you, Scouting in Bosworth would not be the success story it is today.



KIRK – SCOUT LEADER



# Grants and Fundraising Report 2021-22

## Scout Hut refurbishment: - Project completed

I would like to firstly mention the young people and their involvement in fundraising. In the last year they have sponsored walked on the Ashby Canal hike, run section cafés, supported Santa sled and one Cub Scout [Alfred] cycled 200 miles cycle for new camp equipment. As well as fundraise they have endured being outside whilst work has been done over winter for the Scout hut refurbishment, they have also drawn and provided ideas for us to include in grant applications. Without their hard work we would not have been able to secure the support of the organisations we are about to thank. Well done young people.

The scout hut refurbishment has been done in two phases, the 1<sup>st</sup> was to secure the building itself to ensure that it was protected from the elements with new windows, doors, guttering, rendering, external insulation and upgrade the path and fence along the side of the hut. This work was carried out in 2021/2022.

The 2<sup>nd</sup> phase where the work was carried out in 2022/2023 was to secure disabled access [ramp] into the scout hut and throughout the Scout hut by moving a storeroom and to install a disabled toilet. We also refurbished the current toilet, kitchen and store room's. We choose to heat the hut with infrared heaters as we felt that would be the most energy and cost effective way considering the amount and type of use the hut has. We have also installed LED strip lighting and led spotlights for energy efficiency.

We believe that the work done has secured the scout hut use as a premise for Scouting in Market Bosworth for the next 10 to 30+ more years. We are humbled that people and organisations have given their time, resources and/or money to Market Bosworth Scout Group. Our thanks go to:

Trustees-Dixie educational foundation,  
Paul Scragg-Hinckley and Bosworth  
Dr Luke Evans-MP  
Lee Ward-Hayward's Architects  
Sue Davies-Bernard Sunley  
Darrell Gillett-Resurfacing  
Jonathan Griffin / Adrian Wray-Forward 5  
Vance Harvey-JC Brooks Trust Fund  
Paula-Leslie Charitable Trust  
Cathy Monkman-Parish Council  
Our Trustees / Exec members  
Rhys-Mallory Associates  
Michael-Quiz master  
Steve Dumford-Rugby Club  
Alex – Dixie Arms

Martin Cartwright-PCIF - Hinckley and Bosworth,  
Maureen Cook-Hinckley and Bosworth  
Jez Harding-J Harding Construction  
Scout Group fundraising  
John Moore-JLR Joinery  
The Directors-Rank Foundation  
Helen-Maud Elkington  
Mrs J L Capers-Will  
Mark Simpson-Extra Room Storage  
John Hayes-Rotary  
Charlotte Scott- Grants  
Chris Johnson-Drawings  
Chris McCormick – Bar for fundraising  
Dick Bates-Community Library  
Peter Bailey -Structural Report

## **Scout Hut defib:** - Project completed

A defib arriving wasn't part of the plan of our refurbishment. We were contacted by Market Bosworth Rotary towards the end of the project to see if we would consider having one installed. Our trustees met with John and Clare from the Rotary and a case was put forward and accepted. Next was how we were going to fund this installation. Our thanks go to:

Clare Ashdown Rotary  
Steve Astbury Electrical

Jez Harding J Harding Construction  
Scout Group fundraising

## **Scout Section** – 80% completed

Our Scouts wrote to and had a grant accepted by the Trustees-of Dixie educational foundation who awarded it at our last AGM. The grant was for New Blinds, Projector and Screen, Fridge, Microwave. We have purchased and installed all bar the blinds at the time of writing. Our thanks go to:

Trustees-of Dixie educational foundation

### Ongoing projects

The following projects are ongoing, If you are interested in supporting this project please let me know.

#### **Poles for our Traditional Tents:** - 60% funding secured, project ongoing

We have raised £750 from our Parish Council and we have applied for a grant from another organisation of £485.52 to complete this project and await the outcome.

#### **Power for CPAP machines and lighting:** - 42% funding secured, project ongoing

We have raised £500 from Market Bosworth Rotary and we have applied for a grant from another organisation for £700 to complete this project and await the outcome.

#### **Chairs, chair storage and table storage** - started

We are looking to raise £3,572.26 to replace chairs and purchase wheelable chair and table storage. To 1) provide safer and tidy storage of these items, 2) safer way of transporting table and chairs, especially for less able people. We have applied for a grant from an organisation to complete this project and await the outcome.

It would be great if we can fill this role with a dedicated volunteer, if you are interested in knowing more about the Grant role, please contact me.

### **J S JEFFERS – TRUSTEE – GROUP SCOUT LEADER AND TREASURER**

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