



Scouts

3rd/5th Lancing Sea Scouts

AGM held 20th September 2023

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AGM Minutes

3rd/5th Lancing Sea Scouts AGM Meeting

Date: 05/10/2022

Time: 16:30

Location: Scout Hut

Attendees: Alan (Chair), Toni (Secretary), Guy (Treasurer), Leanne (Squirrels Leader), Heather (Beavers Leader), Shaun (Scouts Leader), Andy (Explorers Leader),

Leaders: Tom, Chris, Scott, Vicky, Owen, Zac,

Parents: Katie, Melissa, Mr and Mrs Luke, Deano, Nigel Sinoa, Terry Locke, Antony Bond, Andrew Bingham, Evie Peacock, Emma Sinclair, Ben Walsh, A Butler, Dale Jones, James Byrne, Nicola Happell, M Spurgeon, Nicole Wade.

Minutes

Welcome:

Alan opened the meeting and welcomed the committee

Vote:

Alan opened the vote for a new Chairman. Nominated Chairman is Hazel Butler, All Leaders, Parents and Exec committee members voted Hazel in Chairman for the Group.

Alan opened the vote for a new Treasurer. Nominated Treasurer is Guy Lunn, All Leaders, Parents and Exec committee members voted Guy in as Treasurer for the Group.

Beavers Performance:

Beavers performed a small play about The Gruffalo to the Group.

Section Reports:

Fundraising – Shaun

Shaun ran through the section report thanking everyone for their support over the last year in Fundraising and raised how important it is for the Group to continue fundraising.

Shaun thanked Deb Parson for agreeing to be the Fundraising Lead for the Group.

Supeta – Tom

Tom ran through the report highlighting that 2022 has been the first full operating year for Supeta after Covid. He thanked everyone for their ongoing support in donation, fundraising and grants. There has been considerable work on Supeta including a new engine that was fitted by one of the parents Pete Barker and some state-of-the-art navigation system fitted from a donation by Sussex Masons. Supeta is now available to view on the 'Vessel Finder' app by all.

Supeta has had many journeys this year and over 500 Guides and Scouts from multiple groups as far as Darby have taken Supeta out on small trips.

Treasurer Report – Guy

Guy ran through the report thanking Tom Smith for making the Group a registered charity. The Group as a whole have recorded a surplus of £11,441. This is mainly due to the considerable support of ADUR District Councils generous grants that were available during lockdown.

Squirrels – Alan

September, we saw the creation of our Squirrels group lead by Leanne Strotten. Squirrels are having fun making mini scarecrows, a scarecrow walk in North Lancing, making crispy cakes and playing games. There are lots of fun activities planned for the rest of the year and a growing list of names that would like to join the group.

Membership Agreement:

Owen raised that there is now a Membership agreement that has been approved at the Parent Exec meeting on Monday 3rd October. It was agreed that all sections will complete the membership agreement. It sets the standards and behaviours for each of our Squirrels, Beavers, Cubs and Scouts.

A letter will be issued alongside the agreement explaining what the agreement is about and how it works. We ask that you read and electronically sign the agreement and send back to Alan - GSL.

If you have any questions regarding the agreement, please contact Alan.

Executive Roles:

Alan asked the Executive committee if they were happy to continue in their roles for the next year. All agreed.

Parent Exec Meetings:

We have a monthly Parent Exec meeting and would love to have as many parents attending as possible. The next meeting is on Monday 14th November, 7:30pm at the Hut.

BAU:

There were no BAU requests.

Thank you:

Alan thanked the Beavers for their amazing performance and the Leaders and Parents for attending the meeting today.

Next meeting scheduled for September 2023

GSL Report

What can I say, once again we have had a very successful and entertaining year with such a great bunch of Squirrels, Beavers, Cubs and Scouts. This is all due to the dedication and commitment of all the leaders, helpers, parents, and cake makers who, without their input, we would be just another run of the mill Group. We are not just a Scout Group; we are also a group of friends with the same aims who, as and when required, support each other.

As you are all aware, being involved in Scouting means you give up vast amounts of your own personal and family time, all for free, together with all the training required to be a Leader. As you may be aware, given all the above, it is not just a couple of hours on Squirrel, Beaver, Cub, Scout or Trustee meeting nights. These many hours, days and weeks is time freely given for no financial reward, but to give the young people an experience of all that Scouting stands for - whether that be in the hut, on camp or on the water, at a time in their lives we trust they will never forget. I would personally like to sincerely thank one and all for your involvement with our Scout Group, and particularly the parents for all your support in maintaining the high standards we wish to achieve here at 3rd/5th Lancing Sea Scouts.

The replacement Scout Hut has now been summated to the planning department; we have one stumbling block being badgers. We tried to get planning permission, with a badger report to be a condition on any approval, however the Planning Officer will not proceed without a report up front, so we are employing a company to provide such a report. The history of our hut, as I understand it, is that it was a First World War army hut at Shoreham Fort and then moved to its present location for the use of St James Church as their Church Hall, until the new North Lancing School was completed, and the old school then used as the Church Hall. Once planning permission has been secured, we can then approach various companies to sponsor our proposed new Scout Hut, which will cost about £600,000 to build and fit out to our requirements.

Congratulations to four of our Scouts/Explorers who attended the Scout Jamboree in South Korea. As you may be aware it didn't go exactly to plan, however I am sure it was a life-changing experience!

A massive thanks to Tom [Capt. Chaos] for getting our yacht Supeta up and running to the approved standard, and taking our Scouts young and old aboard, giving them the experience on such a beautiful yacht.

Also a huge thank you to all the Leaders and crew for all their input in supervising the Scouts on the water for the safe tuition for sailing, and powerboating at Shoreham Sailing Club. Also, a huge thank you to Scott, Jamie, Kieran, Ian and Andy at Cuckoos Corner, teaching the Scouts, Cubs, Beavers and Squirrels to paddle kayaks, canoes and paddleboards, again in a safe and professional way and whatever the tide. A massive thank you to all at Shoreham Sailing Club for allowing us to use their facilities, thanks.

I apologise if I have missed anyone out, but I thank you too. As the old saying goes "did you make a living or did you make a difference?" I believe we are all making a difference which will linger on in our and the past and present Scouts, Cubs, Beavers and Squirrels memories forever.

Alan [Skip, Tashmeister] your GSL



Treasurers Report

It has been another busy year for 3rd/5th, and our first full year as a charity in our own right.

The Group recorded a deficit for the year of £9,439 (2022 - £11,441 surplus) following a transfer to the Poland 2023/4 designated reserve. This deficit has arisen despite savings having been made where possible, but also due to a general increase in costs across the board that we have all felt this past year, and an increase in spending on maintaining the Groups assets. This program of maintenance has been funded by way of grant and reserve funding built up in previous years, and ensures that we are able to provide safe and secure facilities for all sections to use.

Without the continued support of parents, friends and family in attending our fundraising events, of which we had nine last year, we would have no choice but to increase subs. Thankfully though we have been able to maintain subs at the same level as in previous years. Subs alone are not sufficient to keep the Group functioning though, and this year we have been able to put together a fundraising committee to help generate new sources from both inside and outside of the Group.

Across all sections, seven camps here held in the year, and overall fees have covered the costs of providing these camps.

Streamside also continues to cover its costs, and thanks to the grants from ADC in previous years, we will be able start a series of refurbishment works next year to ensure that the facilities are the best that they can be.

Supeta endured a rocky start to 2023 after suffering a blown engine, but thanks to leaders and parents we were able to get her back on the water. Since then, 2023 has seen Supeta generate a surplus of almost £5,000 which has helped to ensure that she is entirely self-funding, and will in due course, feed monies back in to the Group.

During the year we submitted a planning application to ADC for a new scout hut on the existing site. This process is ongoing and will hopefully be approved this coming year.

In 2022 we introduced a dual authorisation process with Barclays to safeguard the Groups money. All bank payments now require two mandated officials to approve payments to safeguard the Groups money.

Whilst at times it can be difficult to balance the needs of the Group, we have to ensure sufficient funds held for those unexpected 'rainy days' that inevitably come along.

The attached profit and loss account and balance sheet forming the Group accounts for the year ended 31 March 2023 have been independently verified and approved as correct, and will shortly be filed with the Charities Commission.

Guy Lunn

Treasurer

treasurer@3rd5thlancingseascouts.org.uk



Surplus/(Deficit) Account

3rd/5th Lancing Sea Scouts

For the year ended 31 March 2023

Account	2023	2022	Charity 9m	Pre Charity 3m
Income				
Camp income	12,274	8,156	7,946	210
Donations	3,773	8,282	5,447	2,835
Fundraising	6,925	7,748	7,397	351
Gift Aid	1,308	1,119	1,119	(1)
Grants	15,920	16,779	8,206	8,573
Hires	8,170	4,434	4,099	335
Interest Income	42	24	23	1
Other Income	1,016	1,323	312	1,011
Subs	8,567	9,073	6,031	3,042
Uniform contribution/sales	312	48	48	-
Total Income	58,306	56,984	40,628	16,356
Direct Costs				
Activity programme costs	781	828	828	(0)
Badges/uniform etc	1,847	1,637	1,507	130
Camp costs	12,417	12,960	12,549	411
Capitation	4,140	3,853	3,105	748
Fundraising costs	1,937	2,098	2,098	0
Total Direct Costs	21,122	21,376	20,087	1,289
Gross Surplus/(Deficit)	37,184	35,608	20,541	15,067
Overhead Costs				
Advertising & Marketing	0	35	35	-
Annual dues, inspections & life raft costs	580	883	827	56
Bank and Payment platform fees	167	148	112	36
Boat fuel	766	163	138	25
Charitable donations	390	555	555	-
Cleaning & Waste Disposal	340	280	125	155
Depreciation Expense	2,485	2,726	2,095	631
General Expenses	64	91	-	91
Insurance	6,275	5,574	4,466	1,108
Legal fees	3,042	0	-	-
Light, Power, Heating	519	(1,493)	(1,952)	459
Medical/safety kit	905	73	73	(0)
Mileage/fuel claims	184	15	-	15
Mooring, canal & boat storage costs	4,716	4,375	3,956	419
Postage, Freight & Courier	12	0	-	-
Printing, Stationery & Postage	210	175	117	58
Rates	115	243	235	8
Repairs & Maintenance	19,599	8,238	7,252	986
Training & Courses	1,940	382	382	-
Website & Internet	1,371	1,706	1,368	338
Total Overhead Costs	43,679	24,167	19,784	4,383
Operating Surplus/(Deficit)	(6,495)	11,441	757	10,684
Net Surplus/(Deficit)	(6,495)	11,441	757	10,684
Transfer to Designated Reserves	(2,944)			
Surplus/(Deficit) after reserves transf	(9,439)	11,441	757	10,684

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Surplus/(Deficit) by CATEGORY

3rd/5th Lancing Sea Scouts

For the year ended 31 March 2023

Account	Boats/Equip ment	Camps - Blacklands	Camps - Brownsea	Camps - Poland	Camps - Streamside	Cuckoo Corner	Group	Other events	Scout Hut	Streamside	Supeta	Total
Income												
Camp Income	-	760	8,747	-	1,795	-	-	972	-	-	-	12,274
Donations	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,047	-	503	-	2,223	3,773
Fundraising	-	-	-	2,051	-	-	376	4,498	-	-	-	6,925
Gift Aid	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,308	-	-	-	-	1,308
Grants	-	-	-	900	-	-	500	-	-	-	14,520	15,920
Hires	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	475	2,885	4,810	8,170
Interest Income	-	-	-	-	-	-	42	-	-	-	-	42
Other Income	666	-	-	-	-	-	350	-	-	-	-	1,016
Subs	-	-	-	-	-	-	8,567	-	-	-	-	8,567
Uniform contribution/sales	-	-	-	-	-	-	312	-	-	-	-	312
Total Income	666	760	8,747	2,951	1,795	-	12,501	5,470	978	2,885	21,553	58,306
Direct costs												
Activity programme costs	-	-	-	-	-	-	781	-	-	-	-	781
Badges/uniform etc	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,847	-	-	-	-	1,847
Camp costs	-	675	9,012	-	1,452	-	-	1,278	-	-	-	12,417
Capitation	-	-	-	-	-	-	4,140	-	-	-	-	4,140
Fundraising costs	-	-	-	7	-	-	128	1,803	-	-	-	1,937
Total Direct costs	-	675	9,012	7	1,452	-	6,896	3,080	-	-	-	21,122
Administrative Costs												
Annual dues, inspections & life raft costs	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	580	580
Bank and Payment platform fees	0	-	-	-	-	-	162	-	-	-	5	167
Boat fuel	202	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	564	766
Charitable donations	-	-	-	-	-	-	55	335	-	-	-	390
Cleaning & Waste Disposal	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	333	7	340
Legal fees	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3,042	-	-	3,042
Depreciation Expense	2,003	-	-	-	-	-	202	-	-	-	281	2,485
General Expenses	-	-	-	-	-	-	17	-	-	40	7	64
Insurance	2,756	-	-	-	-	-	449	-	1,081	573	1,416	6,275
Light, Power, Heating	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	951	(432)	-	519
Medical/safety kit	45	-	-	-	-	-	49	-	-	-	810	905
Mileage/fuel claims	184	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	184
Mooring, canal & boat storage costs	405	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4,311	4,716
Postage, Freight & Courier	6	-	-	-	-	-	6	-	-	-	-	12
Printing, Stationery & Postage	-	-	-	-	-	-	148	-	20	-	42	210
Rates	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	115	-	-	115
Repairs & Maintenance	9,088	-	-	-	60	138	-	-	1,636	1,129	7,548	19,599
Training & Courses	-	-	-	-	-	-	685	-	-	-	1,255	1,940
Website & Internet	-	-	-	-	-	40	94	-	83	1,113	41	1,371
Total Administrative Costs	14,688	-	-	-	60	626	1,418	335	6,928	2,756	16,867	43,679
Surplus/(Deficit)	(14,022)	85	(265)	2,944	283	(626)	4,187	2,055	(5,950)	129	4,686	(6,495)
Transfer to Designated Reserves	-	-	-	(2,944)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	(2,944)
Surplus/(Deficit) after reserves transfe	(14,022)	85	(265)	0	283	(626)	4,187	2,055	(5,950)	129	4,686	(9,439)

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Surplus/(Deficit) by SECTION

3rd/5th Lancing Sea Scouts

For the year ended 31 March 2023

Account	Squirrels	Beavers	Cubs	Scouts	Group	Total
Income						
Camp income	-	454	375	11,047	398	12,274
Donations	-	300	-	-	3,473	3,773
Fundraising	137	377	-	2,457	3,955	6,925
Gift Aid	-	-	-	1,308	-	1,308
Grants	500	-	-	900	14,520	15,920
Hires	-	-	-	-	8,170	8,170
Interest Income	-	-	-	18	24	42
Other Income	-	-	-	-	1,016	1,016
Subs	820	2,335	2,525	2,887	-	8,567
Uniform contribution/sales	156	87	69	-	-	312
Total Income	1,613	3,553	2,969	18,616	31,555	58,306
Direct costs						
Activity programme costs	100	205	207	216	53	781
Badges/uniform etc	461	141	152	607	486	1,847
Camp costs	-	429	166	11,819	2	12,417
Capitation	-	863	1,438	1,840	-	4,140
Fundraising costs	16	-	-	28	1,894	1,937
Total Direct costs	577	1,637	1,963	14,510	2,435	21,122
Administrative Costs						
Annual dues, inspections & life raft costs	-	-	-	-	580	580
Bank and Payment platform fees	13	59	53	-	42	167
Boat fuel	-	-	-	106	660	766
Charitable donations	-	-	-	-	390	390
Cleaning & Waste Disposal	-	-	-	-	340	340
Legal fees	-	-	-	-	3,042	3,042
Depreciation Expense	-	-	-	-	2,485	2,485
General Expenses	-	-	-	-	64	64
Insurance	-	-	-	-	6,275	6,275
Light, Power, Heating	-	-	-	-	519	519
Medical/safety kit	-	-	-	22	883	905
Mileage/fuel claims	-	-	-	-	184	184
Mooring, canal & boat storage costs	-	-	-	-	4,716	4,716
Postage, Freight & Courier	-	-	-	-	12	12
Printing, Stationery & Postage	-	-	-	130	80	210
Rates	-	-	-	-	115	115
Repairs & Maintenance	-	-	-	-	19,599	19,599
Training & Courses	-	-	-	-	1,940	1,940
Website & Internet	0	-	-	10	1,361	1,371
Total Administrative Costs	13	59	53	268	43,285	43,679
Surplus/(Deficit)	1,023	1,857	953	3,838	(14,165)	(6,495)
Transfer to Designated Reserves				(2,944)		(2,944)
Surplus/(Deficit) after reserves transfe	1,023	1,857	953	894	(14,165)	(9,439)

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Balance Sheet

3rd/5th Lancing Sea Scouts

As at 31 March 2023

Account	31 Mar 2023	31 Mar 2022
Fixed Assets		
Tangible Assets		
Boats and boating equipment	165,808	164,458
Buildings	280,518	280,518
Computer Equipment	604	604
Contents and camping equipment	47,399	46,904
Less Accumulated Depreciation on Boats and boating equipment	(5,704)	(3,461)
Less Accumulated Depreciation on Computer Equipment	(604)	(402)
Less Accumulated Depreciation on Contents and Camping equipment	(41)	0
Total Tangible Assets	487,980	488,620
Total Fixed Assets	487,980	488,620
Current Assets		
Cash at bank and in hand		
Boats ac 5024 - Kayak sub ac	763	0
Boats account 5024	139	5,734
Brownsea spending ac 1852	7,614	0
Camp Surplus ac 4903 [old Streamside]	388	7,203
Cash Control - other events	422	300
Group account 0192	6,840	15,238
New Build account 7424	1,697	1,957
PayPal account	0	56
Poland BPA 9924	903	3,391
Spare ac 8568 [old Brownsea]	0	1,475
Streamside spending 747	6,649	0
Supeta current ac 9391	8,432	4,902
Total Cash at bank and in hand	33,846	40,256
Accrued income	0	5,494
Costs in advance	587	0
Prepayments	6,063	6,199
Total Current Assets	40,495	51,949
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year		
Accruals	105	958
Income in Advance	4,632	9,378
Total Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	4,737	10,336
Net Current Assets (Liabilities)	35,758	41,613
Total Assets less Current Liabilities	523,739	530,234
Net Assets	523,739	530,234
Capital and Reserves		
Current Year Earnings	(9,439)	757
General reserves b/fwd	757	-
Designated reserves	7,034	4,090
Reserves on becoming a charity	44,813	44,813
Non monetary assets/Revaluation reserve	480,574	480,574
Total Capital and Reserves	523,739	530,234

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Squirrels

Good evening,

Sorry I can't be with you tonight, I'm sadly working.

Wow we are a year old this week, they say time fly's by when you're having fun! And it sure has been just that, pure FUN!!

We saw our first Squirrels move up to Beavers and am so proud to see them progress through the Group. We welcomed 7 new Squirrels to the drey, on possibly the hottest night at the hut, and managed to keep them all calm enough to play a few games and do some drawing!

This term kicks off with our birthday party (kindly the Lancing Lions have donated £250) which has enabled us to hire Mr Clumsy to entertain all!!

A couple of local cake makers have offered us cupcakes and a birthday cake, and Foster & co have paid for 25 pizzas from the Italian in Lancing to be delivered - so a real community celebration feel.

We have lots planned including a trip to the lawn bowls group at the manor!

The waitlist is still quite full and remains closed until the next lot move up.

We have a sponsorship challenge due to launch for 'Change Our Planet', as we did a lot about the ocean last term. This will have 3 challenges: to complete a litter pick; collect a week's worth of lunchbox wrappers from your class for lancing recycling (Sue) and 1 challenge to change the world that they choose to complete.

We are after another leader or two, to add to our bank leaders as a few have work commitments and childcare needs and can't guarantee every week moving forward. If you are interested please let myself, Owen or Alan know.

Thank you to everyone whom has supported Squirrels and me; I couldn't have done it without this and my amazing team of leaders.

I wonder what our 2nd year will bring ?

Nutkin – Squirrels Section Leader



BEAVERS

Beavers have had another busy and exciting year. We currently have 19 Beavers and 4 leaders: Seagull, Puffin, Gannet and Egret. William Swarsbrick, Darcee Luke and Josh Taylor have continued to give us fantastic support as Young Leaders.

As well as a packed programme working towards a wide variety of badges, we have had some memorable highlights. In November last year the Beavers made their own Remembrance wreath and took part in selling poppies ahead of proudly marching as part of the Group on the day itself.

As part of our continuing links to the community and helping others, we invited someone from *Lancing and Sompting Foodbank* to talk to us about the work they do and explain to us about the types of food they need. After that, we had an exciting time in Asda with our own money to buy things for the charity.

To raise money for the Group, in October we ran a very successful jumble sale which saw Beavers and their parents all supporting the cause which raised £313.00. We had lots of lovely comments from members of the public who came along to buy. We continue to support *Keep Lancing Lovely* and had a very wet and blowy litter pick on the beach. We also continue to collect recycling for *Recycling in Lancing*. If any other sections would like to help, we collect crisp packets, milk bottle tops, Pringle tubes, biscuit, chocolate and sweet wrappers.

Some of our older Beavers were invited to take part in the annual District climbing event in February and in June we attended the amazing Go Beavers County event taking part in archery, water activities, grass sledging and clambering through a cave bus. This is our 4th year and is something we all really enjoy.

We had a fun but very wet den building session, learned our Green Cross code, enjoyed some lovely evening sailing sessions on Supeta, had our own version of the Highland Games for Burns Night, practised our archery skills and made some delicious chocolate mug cakes.

Finally, we enjoyed a great weekend camp as part of the 3rd/5th 40th Jamboree celebrations and had a great time camping at the scout hut, swimming at Lancing College and completing challenges with the Squirrels.

This is the first term we have had a Squirrel intake and it has been great to see how quickly they have settled in - all thanks to the excellent grounding they have had from Leanne and the Squirrel Leaders.

We're looking forward to another exciting year and to start this, we will be holding a plant, book and cake sale on 30 September as our fund-raising event for *Lancing and Sompting Foodbank*. Look out for information coming your way!

The Beaver leaders - Seagull (Heather), Trudy (Puffin), Gannet (Nick), Egret (Terry)





The Cubs have had another busy and successful year!

We have handed out 266 challenge, staged and activity badges through our various activities and are delighted to have 3 Cubs achieve the Chief Scout Silver Award, the highest award possible in the Cub section.

In the Spring term we focused on the Duke of Cornwall award and learned what to do in a range of emergency situations including severe weather, flooding or power cuts. Many cubs also went on to achieve both Home and Personal safety badges. We have worked hard across the year on our Scout skills; particularly navigation and knotting and enjoyed a variety of other activities from fire lighting to hikes, athletics, archery, rounders and our annual water fight at Streamside .

We are grateful to the various water teams who have run no water water evenings, a sailing session including trips on the powerboat, a kayaking and paddleboarding session and trips on Supeta.

Our thanks go to Alan and Owen for organising the Group Jamboree camp. 17 Cubs attended, many of whom were away from home for the first time, and a great time was had by all!

Josh and Sam have both completed their starting modules and are looking forward to 'Branching Out' with further training modules in the new year.

As we head into our 3rd year as a leadership team, we are looking forward to more fun and adventures including district camp, activity days and a special event for our sixers and seconders, building their leadership skills

Jo Barnes

Cub Team Leader



SCOUTS

Well, this last year has been a blast and one to remember.

It hard to know where to start. At the back end of 2022, we had two camps at streamside, one being a water camp consisting of a kayaking trip up to Bramber and then a hike camp at Streamside, where the older scouts got lost. LOL. As usual we finished the year with our usual quiz night and then celebration meal and awards evening.

Then into 2023. We started the year by completely quite a bit of badge work from Nautical skills which include water safety, International looking at the scout jamborees, Media relation planning a radio show and Local knowledge doing a what 3 words challenge around Lancing.

We had a camp at streamside in March, where we did some skills-based activities but also having the first ever 3rd 5th radio. The scout broadcasted to the members of 3rd 5th via our Facebook page. Also throughout the winter and into the spring, we have used Supeta most Thursday evening so the scouts can continue their water activities through the colder months without getting wet.

Then came the summer. We kicked it off with a camp at Broadstone Warren, where we did many activities, from Create stacking, Low ropes, Pot holing, Archery, making hammocks and Orienteering. We then went on the water doing plenty of sailing, kayaking, canoeing and paddleboarding. And in between we had the Group camp at streamside which was fantastic and also great to camp with the Cub section.

We had 6 scouts attend the Royal Navy Summer camp, based this year in Gosport along with Vicky and Randy attending during the May half term. Over the week, they did different water activities from yachting, sailing and kayaking but also some land activities too which include STEM.

As well as all that, the scouts did a sponsored walk for funds towards their t-shirts and hoodies for summer camp. They walked from Brighton pier to Lancing Perch, in heat of 26 degrees, but lots of ice creams were provided on the way to keep us cool. Overall, we raised around £1500 which was a fantastic achievement by everyone involved.

Then the big one- Summer camp and streamside week. This year was even more special as we hosted the Zywiec scouts from Poland. Brownsea wasn't the best which was due to the Great British



weather. However, that did not damper the camp. Yes we only got 2 days on the water and yes we had to leave a day early. But the true ethos of scouting was shown by the scouts in the way they got on with despite the bad weather and bonding fantastically with the Polish Scouts. They singed, danced and made memories even if it was in the rain. Their behaviour was a true credit to myself, Scott and all the leaders but also to everyone involved in the Group either as members or parents. An extremely proud moment for myself as a scout leader.

So we went to streamside to the second half of the 12 day camp, and we shopped in Worthing, Jumped at FlipOut, Toured London and Climbed at Broadstone. And to top it off, we have just an awesome evening when we closed camp on the Tuesday. These two weeks brought people together and made memories to last a lifetime.

So onto next year- well its 2024 and we have lots planned including camping in Poland, Plus another another baby Mole will arrive sometime over the Christmas period.

Lastly, I want to thank everyone involved within the scout section, were that is the Scouts or leaders (there is too many leaders too name). This year, parents have played a big part too, getting involved with the scout section either on the sponsored walk, hut clear up, fundraising or with summer camp. We are one big team and I couldn't ask for a better one. So from me a massive THANK YOU.

Mole- Scout Leader





Barracuda Explorers

Barracudas have had a great year with many activities.

Our Explorers/Network enjoyed a Gold DofE Final walking expedition in the Lake district giving the Explorers a fantastic opportunity to see the Lakes from the top.

Our October get away was to the Peak District where we walked up the highest peak (Kinder Scout) and spent a day climbing in an old Quarry

We continue our work with the Lions to support Santa Sleigh during December round Lancing & Sompting

One of our leaders Logan went to Buckingham Palace in July to collect his Gold DofE award, well done Logan.

We have been running more activities with the other explorer units in Adur and the explorers have built good relationships with the other explorers, on camps and DofE Expeditions.

Our Summer camp was to the Brecon Beacons staying at the Chichester Youth Adventure Trust cottage and we had explorers from 3 groups with us and we enjoyed Climbing Waterfall walking, Mountaineering, Zip-World and Swansea Monopoly run.

Whilst some of us were in Wales 4 Barracudas and 1 Leader Nigel went to Korea for the Jamboree and they all had a fantastic time and overcame the obstacle in their way like the campsite, but this did not stop them from meeting many different explorers from around the world and enjoying the culture.

We are looking forward to next years adventure to the Yorkshire Dales, Snowdonia and in 2025 Norway.

Many thanks to all the leaders and support we have been given to help provide scouting for many young people

Andy, Barracudas ESL



Fundraising Report

So over the last year, there has been a lot of fundraising going on- even if we had a break for a few months.

At the end of 2022 we had the following events: Bonfire night, Poppy Appeal and Breakfast with Santa. All making good profit amount and also making money for national organisations in the poppy appeal.

We have also supported Lucy, Brandon and Aiden with their fundraising for the World Scout Jamboree, with a band night, food on our events, going along to community events they have hosted and supporting them with their Jamboree journey too. thank you to those who have supported, but as Davina has said, thank God it finished.

This year, a committee has been formed to help myself with the fundraising. Debs Parsons, Leanne Strotten, Emma Sinclair, Katie Wastell and Chloe Barter have been meeting with myself to plan events which we will be hosting.

The first event was the Scout sponsored walk from Brighton Pier to Lancing Perch, where we raised £1500. An amazing amount for our first event as a team and no real spending needed.

Going forward we have planned the following, so spread the word and come along.

Scout Aid- 23rd September- 2pm to 11:30

And then we have Halloween Disco for the kids, Bonfire night, poppy appeal and Christmas wonderland fair.

Recently Olivia (Scouts) dad who does long distance marathons (Basically runs more the 26.2 miles) and has started getting sponsors for do these crazy runs. The has set up a go fund me page to raise funds for the Group and the scout section.

Having the fundraising team has help so much, but it is just the scout parents, so would be amazing to see other section parents involved, sparing their ideas and thoughts and becoming part of this amazing Group.

Over the next year, there will be a lot of fundraising toward the scouts Poland trip and for some new kits for the Group, however the more we fundraise the less chance of subs going up. So please support either by attending or prompting the events.

Mole



Streamside Report

2023 was a very busy time, including our own sections, from Scouts, Cubs and Beavers and Squirrels. Outside groups include Cub packs, Beaver Colony's, a range of Scout and Explorer Groups, Guide Units, Brownie packs DOE participants, Lancing college, Schools, District Scout Events from outside Adur together with various School visits, Church Groups, Environmental Groups and Trefoil Groups to name but a few from all over the Country.

They all have found using Streamside an amazing experience for the young people. Feedback from the various groups using Streamside is amazing and feels so lucky for the children to have such a wonderful opportunity in such a beautiful site. We hosted the Polish Scouts as part of their stay with us and the Group's first ever Group camp with all four sections present. Many thanks to all the Section Leaders and a special mention to Owen (Conquer) for all the hard yards he put in to organize the event and what a success it was too! So as you can see Streamside is helping bring children to the country side in this wonderful National Park.

2024 is shaping up to be another successful year with bookings starting to come in from various groups new to Streamside are already booked in.

What is very gratifying is the feedback from the Groups using Streamside, verbal and written, thanking us for the professional and friendly way Streamside is presented and managed and that nothing is too much trouble.

We are looking to remove the existing shower room this year, 2024, relocate it in the existing disabled toilet thereby enlarging the galley and provide the required ventilation should we ever replace the new cooker with a commercial cooker in the future. Therefore, we are closing Streamside down for the first three months of 2024.

A huge thank you to Jamie and his dad for sorting out all the lights inside and out to updating the old lighting to LED which are more environmentally friendly and cost less to run!

The successful management that allows Streamside to go from strength to strength is due to the dedication of the 3rd/5th leaders, from the hands-on practical side to the looking after the purse strings, and getting the books in a proper order, many thanks to Guy for all his time spent sorting things out thank you.

Streamside is an ongoing asset to our Group and has built up a great rapport with its users and 3rd/5th; long may this remain and be enhanced.

Alan aka Skip/Jash



Royal Navy Report

2023 has seen the return of the Royal Navy Camps following covid!

Unfortunately, HMS Bristol has been decommissioned and is no longer being used for camps, they are looking to in the next 5 years find a replacement! It's a big task, Bristol has to be broken down in dock! It's a big big ship!

Decommissioned that didn't stop Scouts and the Navy so camp, albeit a bit different, went ahead!

In May half term Scouts from up and down the country came together in Gosport for a week of making new friends both kids and adults, learning new skills and having fun.

Vicky and 6 Scouts attended the camp and spent the week kayaking, dinghy sailing, paddle boarding, canoeing, yachting, swimming, raft building and STEM activities. We got to visit Whale Island Navy Base and sail from there.

The Scouts had a wonderful time, so did the leaders, the camp was brilliantly put together and memories made to last beyond scouts.

Soccer six this weekend coming unfortunately had to be postponed and we will know at some point when this will go ahead.

Vicky is back off in October to attend camp again this time with Explorers and Scouts over 14 years old. We will be hopefully having some of the Group attend.

Moving forward the RN camp will run again next May and we will absolutely be applying for as many places as we can get.

These camps not only offer the children invaluable experiences, it also allows leaders to share skill set it allows friendships to be formed with different Groups up and down the country that we can call upon to offer the kids different opportunities in different places.

Vicky Spurgeon – ASL Scouts



Supeta Report

Our very own sail training yacht goes from strength to strength in use and capabilities. She is incredibly well used even by the Squirrels and Beavers who enjoy the canal trips popping up all around the yacht when you least expect them to. Like Meerkats suddenly appearing with happy grins.

Additional child lifejackets were bought owing to the increased of the younger Groups as safety is paramount.

Games even onboard such as spotting and counting jellyfish, looking for giant cartoon characters that are painted on a wall to spying Captain Jack Sparrow who is a full-size pirate standing on a balcony overlooking all.

Last year she took over 500 young people out and had 50 plus boat movements through the lock gates. Once at sea allowing young people to learn how to sail as well as dolphin spotting. This year she has already far exceeded that amount and still months to go. Probably stands around a 100% increase at this point.

Her navigation systems have been updated greatly and now has very had many additional features added giving the so many more capabilities which in turn makes it safer for all.

She sailed to Brownsea in Poole Harbour for Summer Camp as last year taking Scouts on trips to Bournemouth and Swanage. Unfortunately, the bad weather reduced the time at sea but still was very well used.

SUPETA is run and supported by a dedicated team, but we are sadly very short in Skippers to take her to sea. Currently down to one so desperately need more so if anyone knows of someone suitable, please let us know. Even radio appeals have not produced anyone.

Looking forward to a busy autumn sail period. Welcoming lots of Squirrels, Beavers, Scouts, Explorers and leaders onboard.

Thank you

Tom Smith



