

36th IPSWICH SCOUT GROUP

Registered Charity No. 1021334

ANNUAL REPORT
May 2010 – April 2011



Financial Year Jan – Dec 2010

Friday, April 8th 2011
6.30 pm

AGENDA

The meeting will be called to order at 6.30 p.m.

- 1] Welcome address
 - 2] Business of the evening:
 - 3] Apologies
 - 3a] Minutes of the 2009 – 2010 Annual General Meeting
 - 3b] Matters Arising
 - 3c] Confirmation of the Minutes
 - 4] Group Chairman's report
 - 5] Treasurer's report
 - 5a] Adoption of the Treasurer's report and Financial Statement
 - 6] Group Scout Leader's report
 - 6a] Approval of Reports
 - 7] Appointment of Group Chairman
 - 7a] Appointment of deputy Group Chairman
 - 8] Approval of nominated Committee Members
 - 9] Election of Officers:
 - ❖ Election of Group Secretary
 - ❖ Election of Group Treasurer
 - ❖ Election of Accounts Examiner
 - ❖ Election of Group Executive Committee Members
 - 10] Date of Next AGM
- End of Business.

Refreshment interval

36th Ipswich Talent Competition.

Minutes of the AGM of the 36th Ipswich Scout Group held on 14th May 2010

Welcome was extended to Graham Parker, District Scout Leader

Apologies

Apologies were received from Alison Thompson and Paul Shelley

Approval of Previous Meeting's Minutes

The minutes of the previous meeting were agreed as an accurate record of the meeting by Pam Marsh and seconded by Richard Farthing.

Group Chairman's Report

John Primmer thanked everyone who has supported the Group over the last year, which again has been a very successful year. Thanks were given to the parents who have supported the events during 2009. Thanks were also given to Tony Marsh who organised the working parties to tackle the numerous jobs at both Head Quarters and the Belstead site.

All members of the executive Committee stood and were voted into office by a show of hands. Proposed by Linda Groom and seconded by Sarah Jane Bloomfield.

The Fete in 2009 was not our most successful but did return a profit. Free entry was given due to the recession. The Fete for 2010 will show some new stalls and a new 'home made attraction'. Delivery of the programme will be to about 6000 homes and helpers are required to assist with the delivery.

The annual walk this year is to be organised once again by Richard Marsh. Due to the cost of joining the Orwell walk, and an alternative walk is to be organised.

The firework evening was once again successful and well attended. Catering was laid on by some members of the group. Thanks were given to Mick Potter for all the support he has given to the group.

A new event this year was a Christmas Dinner for all leaders, helpers and executive members – this was funded by those attending and looks like becoming an annual event.

The car boot clean up is a very good fund raiser for the group and needs more people to join the rota. Volunteers would only need to attend a couple of times a year for an hour/hour and half.

Race nights have been very successful and will be a regular fund raising event.

Thanks were given to Roger Fern for his support to the group. The Hall Management Committee is looking at potential enhancements, at present a new wooden building on the side of the hall with access from the main hall to allow storage of the tables and chairs.

Once again the Hiring of the hall has proved successful and thanks were given to Tony Marsh who has now got two assistants.

Thanks were given to the Treasurer in preparing the account for 2008 which were signed off by the Scrutineer in October 2009. The 2009 accounts are currently with the Auditor.

Treasurer's Report

The Group account for the year showed a surplus of £1573. The surplus was lower than previous years due to the reduced level of income from fundraising and the purchase of necessary equipment as reported last year. The Group has purchased a new Gala Tent and Rough Terrain Truck to assist with future fundraising events particular the annual fete.

The 2009 fete, although a success, did not generate the profit as in previous years. The committee has reviewed this and hopes to introduce some new ideas for 2010. Race Nights and Car Boot Clean-Ups still provide regular income to the Groups income. Fundraising is imperative to meet the running costs of the Group Headquarters. Thanks were given to everyone who have organised help and attend the events.

Thanks were given to Pam Marsh for all her support as the Treasurers unofficial Secretary.

The Treasurer's report and Financial Statement were adopted. Proposed Tony Marsh and seconded by Richard Farthing

Group Scout Leader's Report

Jane said that the year has gone quickly and she was still learning and undergoing training. She is enjoying the challenge.

The 36th Ipswich Group remains in a strong position, and more helpers and leaders are needed Both Beaver colonies have had successful sleepovers, the cubs went to Chelmsford for their summer camp and the Scout have completed a night hike. As a group we have taken part in many activities including sports evenings, swimming gala, district quiz and the annual Gang Show. All sections have raised monies over the year for different external charities demonstrating our commitment to the community.

The Beavers continue to grow and the challenge has been to take in beavers via the two colonies and then progress them to a single cub group. More cubs are moving into Scouts and our Scout Troop now stand at 15. However, we are in urgent need of a Scout Leader and Assistant Leader. Carol has stepped in and is organising the Scout troop on a temporary basis but is not fair for this to go on too longer as she is still carrying out her duties as Beaver Scout Leader on a Thursday. Carol was thanked for her help as we would not be able to continue with our Scout troop without her assistance.

Jane thanked all the leaders, assistants and helpers who give up their time every week and sometimes much, much more. She also thanked everyone who has helped her over the last year and also the parents for giving up their valuable time.

The Chairman and Deputy Chairman were reappointed proposed Tony Marsh and seconded by Richard Marsh.

Presentations

Certificates were then awarded to Ruth Kelly, Sue Martin and Alan Martin by Graham Parker

The evening ended with a Talent Competition.

Over 14's

Winner – Charlie singing 'Valerie'

Under 14's

1st Bethany Luke and Lewis

2nd Adam

Beverages and biscuits concluded the evening

The A.G.M will be held the same time next year.

May 2010 – April 2011 Reports

Chairman's Report

I don't want to repeat some of the items in other reports, so I'd just like to take a couple of minutes to explain how the 36th Ipswich Scout Group is organised.

The Scout Group is led by the Group Scout Leader and managed by the Group Executive Committee (and both are responsible to this Group Council for the satisfactory running of our Group).

The Scout Group Council comprises all Parents, Leaders, Helpers and Executive members of the Group. The Annual General Meeting is when we all come together to present our reports and elect officers for the next year.

As Chairman of the group I preside over the meetings of the Group Executive Committee, who meet once a month, on the 3rd Tuesday, here at the Headquarters.

The Group Executive Committee exists to support the Group Scout Leader in meeting the responsibilities of their appointment. The Committee is responsible for:

- the maintenance of the Group's property and equipment;
- the raising of funds and the administration of the Group's finance;
- the insurance of persons, property and equipment;
- Group public occasions; and
- assisting with the recruitment of leaders and helpers
- adherence to current legislation

The fete of 2010 returned a profit of £2,500, much better than in 2009. We launched our Fun Train and this was running all afternoon raising £136. As always **we need your help on the day**. (look for the Fete Help Clip board). And, **we would like more people to run the train** – we do hire it out, so please see me if you want to train as a train driver!

Our Fete Programme will again be delivered to about 6,000 homes in the local area and raise several hundred pounds from the advertisements it carries. However **we do need people to help deliver** them in the weeks leading up to the fete. (look for the Fete Programme Delivery Clip board)

The firework evening was again well attended and all enjoyed the catering laid on by some members of the group. Thanks go to the owner of Charity Farm; Mick Potter for all of the support he gives to the group.

Once again a Christmas Dinner was held for all leaders, helpers and executive members – this was funded by those attending the dinner, and a good time was had by all.

The Car Boot clean-up rota **desperately needs more people**. This activity can raise up to £1,200 per year and all we have to do is provide two people on 26 Sundays per year for about 1 to 1 ½ hours – do the maths that's about £30 per hour! Please volunteer to help us on this fundraiser. (look for the Car Boot Rota Clip board)

We have again run 2 Fun Evenings with Race Nights, and one private event where the monies raised were donated to the group; this continues to raise approximately £300 per evening.

We have added the new furniture store on the side of the main building which has greatly eased the effort needed during hiring out the hall.

Improvements have also been made to the walls of the kitchen which has suffered badly from damp, this has now been resolved by using external insulation, cladding and forced ventilation.

The successful hiring of the hall means that we are cash positive as an organisation, we suspended the hall cleaning contract in September 2010, with the intention of cleaning the hall using parents and helpers, but this has not proved possible due to lack of support and has been left to just two couples, so I will be letting out the cleaning contract through a tender process.

Thanks are of course due to all of the people, who have supported the Group over the last year. I should also mention the unsung heroes of the 'working parties' organised by Tony, who attack all of those numerous jobs at the HQ and Belstead.

However it is becoming increasingly clear that there are just not enough of you!

Part of the responsibilities of the management of a scout group is to have plans in place to cover both uniform and non-uniformed roles in the group, this includes succession planning, and this is the area of the 36th Ipswich that needs to be addressed.

We are in serious danger of being a financially secure group but with diminishing numbers of adults supporting the children and the activities of the group – this issue has to be addressed.

What is it that motivates some people to want to "put something back in to society", and yet others cannot find the time for what ever reason? The more there are of us, the less each one has to do.

Please, please if you can spare any time during the coming year to help support the group – talk to me or one of our team. Even just 1 hour in the year can be made use of!

John Primmer, Chairman, 36th Ipswich Scout Group

Treasurers Report

2010 TREASURERS REPORT

The attached accounts for the year ended 31st December 2010 have been independently scrutinised by Colin Bartrum of ICVS. The overall accounts show a surplus of £8,240 and each category is detailed below.

Hall

The 2010 accounts show a surplus of £5,136 for the Hall. The annual contract we have with the local education authority has enabled us to commit to improvements to the Scout Headquarters in Hawthorn Drive. Without this income the Hall account would have resulted in a large deficit. Maintenance, heating and cleaning costs continue to remain high for the upkeep of the headquarters and the committee are mindful of this. Income from the use of the Hall greatly contributes to the financial upkeep of the building and thanks should be given to our Quartermaster Tony Marsh for his commitment and supervision of the premises and its occupancy. The committee has agreed to use the surplus towards a contingency fund against the eventuality that this contract is not renewed. This fund will be used to support the group in difficult times.

Group

The Group account for the year showed a surplus of £3,104. The surplus is higher than last year due to the excellent efforts of the Executive Committee in raising funds and controlling costs. This surplus will allow the group to contribute to the contingency fund to assist in the long-term security of the Group. The introduction of Project 36 (the motorised train and carriages) used at the Fete and other events was largely funded by Asda and has provided the Group with a unique focal point not only to promote the 36th Ipswich Scout Group but the Scout movement. Many thanks go to John Primmer and his team for their hours of dedication and commitment. The 2010 fete was again a success and continues to generate much needed funds. However we should not forget the amount of time and effort that is put into this event. Thanks go the Fete Committee for their efforts. Race Nights and Car Boot Clean-Ups still provide regular income to the Groups income. Fundraising is imperative to meet the running costs of the Group. Thanks to everyone who organised, helped and attended our events.

Summary

My personal thanks go to the Executive Committee, the GSL and the Section Leaders in helping to secure the future of the 36th Ipswich Scout Group.

Alan Martin (Treasurer)

36TH IPSWICH SCOUT GROUP **RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS 2010** **YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2010**

	2010			2009		
<u>Receipts</u>	Group	Hall	Total	Group	Hall	Total
Sections	3,396		3,396	7,372		7,372
Fundraising	5,907		5,907	2,912		2,912
Hall Lettings		17,128	17,128		12,669	12,669
Donations	963		963	645		645
Equipment	220		220	200		200
Badges/Neckers/T Shirts etc				12		12
Interest	1		1	7		7
Maintenance/Refurbishment		486	486			0
Capitation Rebate	49		49	49		49
Residual Building Project			0		8,750	8,750
Project 36	750		750			0
Total Receipts	11,286	17,614	28,899	11,197	21,419	32,616
	2010			2009		
<u>Payments</u>	Group	Hall	Total	Group	Hall	Total
Capitation	2,746		2,746	3,014		3,014
Badges/Neckers/T Shirts etc	144		144	54		54
Fundraising	1,844		1,844	1,715		1,715
Insurance		2,205	2,205		2,181	2,181

Accounts Examination	100		100	200		200
Electricity	130	803	933	90	1,681	1,771
AGM Expenses	58		58			0
Stationery	186		186	365		365
Sundries	20		20	20		20
Donations	963		963	290		290
Propane		722	722		998	998
Council Tax		251	251		343	343
Water		348	348		251	251
Maintenance/Refurbishment	222	5,054	5,276	26	2,464	2,490
Cleaning		2,654	2,654		3,521	3,521
Equipment	250		250	1,124	46	1,170
Telephone/Internet Connection		440	440		457	457
Sections	150		150	2,726		2,726
Residual Building Project Costs			0		16,560	16,560
Project 36	1,370		1,370			0
Total Payments	8,181	12,478	20,659	9,624	28,502	38,126
Net Surplus/ (Deficit)	3,104	5,136	8,240	1,573	-7,083	-5,510

Statement of Assets and Liabilities

	As at 31/12/10	As at 31/12/09
National Westminster	£31,727	£20,056
Coop Community DirectPlus	£0	£87
Coop Business Select 14 Day	£0	£3,391
Sections Cash	£177	£183
Fundraising Float (Held by GSL)	£150	£0
Quartermaster	£222	£319
	£32,276	£24,036

36th Ipswich Group Scout Leader's report

As Group Scout Leader I am responsible for the uniformed members of the group. Since the last AGM we have been joined by Damon Hyland, Scout Leader, Chris Wise, Assistant Scout Leader and Suzie Vogel, Assistant Beaver Leader. They are doing a grand job but we would like another volunteer to come forward and assist with the Scout Troop as their numbers will be increasing as our cubs are moving up.

The Beaver colonies are still going strong and it continues to be a challenge to move the two colonies into one single cub pack. We have a Cub pack which is full and a Scout Troop waiting for them.

During the year the different sections have taken part in many activities which have included the annual sports evenings for Cubs; District Olympics for Beavers; swimming gala where the whole group take part including some leaders; District quiz and handicraft competitions to name but a few. The Scouts went on District camp at Hallowtree and the Beavers had a sleepover at the Group Headquarters and a good time was had by all.

We had members of our Cub and Scout section take part in the annual Gang Show which takes place every April and this year is on 13th, 14th, 15th and 16th April. Again this year we have members of our group taking part. This is an evening of enjoyable entertainment.

We always encourage the children to help in the community with all of the sections having raised monies for different charities during last year including RNLI and Children in Need.

On the Monday before Christmas, we had a Christmas bag packing session at Tesco. Twenty Scouts, Cubs and Beavers turned out and Tesco's management were very complimentary about their behaviour. I was personally very proud of the children as they were so well behaved and a credit to the 36th.

The 36th remains in a good financial position but we are in need of leaders, assistants and parents to help with the children; volunteers to help with our fundraising efforts which enable us to keep costs to a minimum; and in particular we need help with the Headquarters hiring's. One of the most satisfying and rewarding things you can do is work with the children and watch them grow into young adults and be part of a worldwide association.

I would like to give a huge thank you to all my leaders, assistants who give up their time every week, sometimes at weekends and also the valuable time they give up with training. Thank you also to those parents who do give up their time to help us and lastly to our executive committee who sort out the general running of the group and fundraising and without whose help we would not be here! It's worth a mention that only one member of our executive committee has a child in the group!

Do you have any time in which you could help us? Would you or any friends or family like to join us maybe as an executive committee member or just assist with fundraising or support activities such as painting or decorating? Or would you like to join us as a leader or group assistant? Just a few hours a year would really help us and make a difference.

Jane Primmer
Group Scout Leader

36th Ipswich Scout Section – Annual Report 2011

Welcome to this year's Scout section report.

Since the last AGM we now have a new scout leadership team. Chris and I have joined the team and over the last 12 months have made considerable progress into providing a stability and structure to the scouting program. I have taken on the role of Scout Leader and although I have no previous scouting experience I have spent the last 22 years serving in the Army and have a wealth of experience and knowledge about outdoor pursuits which I hope to pass on to the troop. Chris was a former scout with an extensive knowledge of the scout network and pioneering and together I think we have formed an excellent team which we hope will go on to benefit the Group for years to come.

We currently have a total of 10 Scouts but over the next 6 months we are scheduled to have a steady influx from the Cubs section which will bolster our low numbers. Unfortunately we will be losing "Charlie" who will soon be passing to the Explorer Scouts and we would like to take this opportunity to wish her the best of luck.

Over the last year we have structured the training programme to enable us to achieve an end goal, which is to partake in a camp this summer. At present we are looking at attending the Wolsey District Scout Camp for the weekend at the end of June. During this camp it is hoped to partake in some new activities such as abseiling and archery as well as the more tradition scouting camp activities. This is the reason that we have been concentrating on more outdoor activities this term to allow this to be as effortless and enjoyable as possible. We have spent many hours now refining our Map and Compass skills, and over the last 2 weeks we have done some night time compass work, which has allowed the scouts to show off their new found skills to each other. We will be spending much more time at Charity Farm between now and the summer further refining our camping and pioneering abilities. Over the winter we completed successful ICT courses, first aid, and most of the troop achieved swimming badges of differing levels. The Troop has also concentrated on bicycle safety and at present has planned a cycle route which we hope to do when the weather and light levels improve.

So what of the future – our vision is to spend as much time outside as possible and really try to instil into the scouts the benefits of healthy outdoor challenging activities. This will include more camps, hiking and participating in wider district activities. We feel this will build their confidence, physical fitness and character, as well as learning lots of new essential skills; and hopefully having lots of fun!

Finally I would like to reiterate a point from last year that if you feel that you have any skills that would be interesting or beneficial to the Troop and would be prepared to spend a couple of hours instructing the scouts please speak to myself or Chris. Not only would the scouts find this extremely rewarding, but you may just find yourself enjoying it as well. Unfortunately I now have unforeseen work commitments that will take me out of the country until the end of September; however I leave the Scout Troop in the very capable hands of Chris and on behalf of both of us I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your continued support.

Damon Hyland,

Scout Leader 36th Ipswich

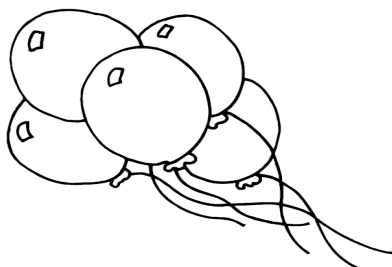
36th Ipswich Cub Scout Annual Report 2011

Fun, fun, fun, that's what being a Cub Scout is all about

Meeting up each week with your peers and having to integrate and socialize is a very important part of growing up and with a mixture of discipline, exercise, fresh air, eating and fun, hopefully that's what we all help your child to achieve.

A little competition is healthy for the soul, so they say, and this is introduced by participating in the activities that require Cubs to compete with other Cub Packs for those coveted awards such as the District Handicraft Competition (at which we took 1ST place last year), District Quiz, District Sports Night and District Swimming Gala. We have always done rather well at these events but more importantly it has always been remarked upon how well behaved our Cubs are compared to some other packs, which I feel is a credit to us all, leaders and parents alike.

We try to undertake working on a few badges together as a pack and we are in the process of working towards the Scientist's badge, which has included making a potato monster as a vessel to grow cress and coloured bath crystals. We also had a session learning about osmosis using balloons.



Most of the Cubs have just completed their Home Help badge, the majority of which has been done at home, but has been carefully monitored to make sure each task has been undertaken fully, thanks to Pam.



Our next project will be towards Global Conservation by planting several hedge trees, at our country HQ, Belstead, which Brian has managed to secure. We have 8 Cherry, 4 Elder, 6 Blackthorn, 6 Dog Rose, 2 Hazel and 4 crab apples. We may need several adult volunteers to help with this project.

All the criteria to attain these badges can be found in the Cubs Power pack and on the Internet so if they miss a part they can catch up at home.

We are always striving to improve our group headquarters and one of the major recent improvements has been to the Hawthorn Drive headquarters. A storage area for the tables and chairs has been erected and this has made a big difference to our activity area and given us a lot more space.

All that's left now is to say a big THANK YOU to Pam, Brian, Sharon, Charlotte, Luke, Sarah-Jane and Jane for all their hard work during this past year.

Iona Walker – Akela
36th Ipswich Cub Scout Leader

36th Ipswich (Wednesday) Beavers Annual Report 2011

A successful year for Wednesday beavers, we have seen many beavers move onto cubs and a steady but high number join the youngest section of the group. We also have a waiting list which is strong and is in double figures, so we can be sure of a continuous stream of new children who want to become Beavers. The colony currently is 20 members strong, all boys at the moment but we are trying to encourage girls into the section.

This year the beavers have been working hard to achieve lots of badges, these include:

<u>Challenge Badges</u>	<u>Activity Badges</u>	<u>Staged Badges</u>
Friendship	Creative	Hikes Away
Creative	Imagination	Emergency Aid
Fitness	Explore	Information Technology
Global	Air Activities	
	Adventure	
	Faith	
	Hobbies	
	Safety	

Whilst earning their badges the beavers have gained valuable skills, such as how to spot dangers in and around the home, the importance of health and fitness and how and when to make a 999 call. Some of the older members of the colony have completed their Chief Scout bronze award too!

Alongside the badges the Wednesday beavers have taken part in lots of other activities, some of which were new to them, others had experienced them before such as Pond dipping, an adventure walk and tobogganing. Also they have had fun taking part in a District trip to Snakes and Ladders, Halloween and Christmas Parties, a chocolate themed evening, a summers Walk around Copdock village and a water based activity evening at hallowtree where they took part in lots of games and had a giant water fight. They all got a bit wet and so did the leaders!!

I would like to thank my fantastic leadership team; Sue, Rosemary, Matthew and Sam who have, as always, been a credit to the colony and to the group. Id also like to thank, all the parents and other supporters of the group who make the group as strong as we are and make it possible for so many children to continue scouting in this area.

Parent support is vital in the running of scouting and we could always do with a few pairs of hands, whether it's a few hours a week or a few hours a year.... It all counts so please come and speak to any of the leaders and show your support.

Mitchell Billing
Wednesday Beaver Leader

36th Ipswich (Thursday) Beavers Annual Report 2011

Hi everyone

Welcome to the Thursday beavers annual report of what we have been up to over the last 12 months. The beavers have had a very busy year undertaking lots of badge work, fun activities and learning lots of new things. The beavers over the last year have undertaken their Air activity badge for the first time, where they had fun designing and "flying" their own space ships, aeroplanes and had a fantastic talk and film all about helicopters including the apache and even watched how they are used in Afghanistan - thanks to Damon. They have also undertaken their Safety badge and learnt all about Green cross code, water and stranger dangers, as well as their Emergency aid stage one badge and learnt how to give first aid and how to make a 999 call etc, as well as their IT stage one badge and how computers work, designing their own pictures and some basic IT fun.

The beavers have just completed their Healthy eating activity badge, their Health and fitness activity badge and their Fitness challenge. This has been a fantastic term for the beavers learning that do be fit and active doesn't mean just attending the Gym and doing lots of hard work, they have learnt that by taking part in lots of fun games, and fun fitness activities that they stay fit very easily. They have also tried lots of different healthy foods including fresh fruit salads, healthy sandwiches, and lots of healthy snacks. Next term, with the onset of Spring and Summer, they will be undertaking their Outdoor Challenge and Global Challenge badges - bring on the nice weather!

Many of the beavers have also taken part in our sleepover, when we went to Woodbridge on the train, having spent the night at the headquarters. They had a fantastic time, including visiting the Tide Mill and learning how the Mill used to make flour. The steps inside the Mill were very steep and narrow, so it was great fun trying to climb down backwards without hitting your head! The views of the river were amazing with loads of birds. They also learnt the difference between "sculling" and "rowing" and had a go at sitting in the boats and how the seat moves backwards and forwards and had a go at rowing with the huge oars. The best part of the sleepover was the impromptu "campfire sing song" on Woodbridge train station on the way back home - very ably lead by Tina Vickers - the locals faces were an absolute picture! Another sleepover is being planned for the end of September.

The beavers as part of the "Faith" badge performed a Christmas play for their parents and families, where every beaver had their own part in the play and were all dressed in their nativity outfits and all had a speaking part, as well as singing not only the traditional Carol's as part of the play, but also learnt and sang lots of novelty Christmas songs. The beavers performed

fantastically, sang superbly, spoke beautifully especially the narrators, and made all of the leaders and helpers very proud and I am sure that they made their families very proud too.

We close as always with our continued thanks on behalf of all of the beavers to Lisa, Gillian, Suzie, Kim, Poppy and Alison for everything they do for the beavers.

Carol Lockwood,
Beaver Leader (Thursday)

Quartermaster's Report – January 1st to December 31st, 2010

May I start by saying a big thank you to a very small band of volunteers, most of them already committed to helping out with the Group's administrative and fund-raising activities, that have come forward, or agreed to help when asked, to maintain the Group's assets and property.

These are the 'backroom' people, although most of these people are not parents of members of the Group, they still continue to help with painting, cleaning, carpentry, electrical work, gardening, administrative work, health & safety, putting up Christmas decorations and the many other items/activities that happen within a Scout Group. As parents, how do you think these tasks get done? If we had to pay people to do these jobs, the Group would have no funds left. These tasks should be done by volunteers from within the band of parents whose children are members of the Group, that is how Scout Groups become successful and enjoyable, they become a team.

Thanks to our forward looking Executive committee, we have over the last year, been able to improve the Group's assets as listed below:

- 1] Added three more spotlights to the Main Hall.
- 2] Replaced the old fridge in the Kitchen.
- 3] All the unused canoes and associated equipment were sold.
- 4] Project 36 [the model train seen at last year's Fete] was designed and created by a small team of people over a period of about five months in the evenings and some weekends at our Charity Farm site. This was the dream child of John Primmer, our Group Chairman and it resulted in a job very well done.
- 5] The old Canoe Store was converted into a Train Shed.
- 6] An old caravan chassis was made into a Trailer to carry the engine and carriages. An old friend of the Group, "Psycho", Ron Carrol, contributed greatly to this activity and created much merriment when experimenting with methods of creating a steam effect for the engine.
- 7] The caravan, which is used at the Fete had it's wheels and brakes repaired.
- 8] New cleaning equipment was purchased to enable us to clean the Headquarters building.
- 9] The necessary equipment to strip and re-coat the Hall floor was also purchased.

Looking back over the year, I've come to the conclusion that companies and commercial enterprises that spend thousands of pounds on "Team building" activities could do no better than by becoming an active member of a Scout Group support team and have more fun and friendship doing it. As long as we can help our young members to learn more skills, help other people, work with the community and enjoy life, we will be succeeding.

Looking to the future:

We are presently considering ways of making the HQ building more energy efficient, getting a Furniture Store built with direct access from the Hall and taking steps to combat the long term damp problem on the West wall of the HQ Kitchen. By the time you read this, some of these things may have been completed.



In closing, I would like to think that our members parents will consider forming a team of volunteers to keep the Group's assets and equipment in good condition.

Perhaps we may call it, "TEAM 36" ?
Don't wait to be asked – sign up!

Tony Marsh, Quartermaster, 36th Ipswich

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEMBERS NOMINATIONS.

The GROUP CHAIRMAN, DEPUTY CHAIRMAN & QUARTERMASTER are appointed by the Group Scout Leader and those appointments endorsed by the Scout Group Council at the A.G.M.

GROUP CHAIRMAN.....	John Primmer	QUARTERMASTER TOWN.....	Tony Marsh
DEPUTY CHAIRMAN.....	Richard Farthing	QUARTERMASTER COUNTRY.....	Tony Marsh

Nominations received and approved by the Group Scout Leader are as follows: -

NOMINEES: -

GROUP TREASURER.....	Alan Martin	COMMITTEE MEMBER 3.....	VACANCY
GROUP SECRETARY.....	Sue Martin	COMMITTEE MEMBER 4.....	VACANCY
MINUTES SECRETARY.....	Sue Martin	COMMITTEE MEMBER 5.....	VACANCY
COMMITTEE MEMBER 1.....	Richard Marsh	COMMITTEE MEMBER 6.....	VACANCY
COMMITTEE MEMBER 2.....	Keith Taylor		

The Group Scout Leader and the Executive Committee may co-opt the particular skills, services or advice of people other than those above, this may be done without the approval of the full Scout Group Council, but must be within POR guidelines.

Current Leaders and Helpers

Group Scout Leader.....Jane Primmer

Scout Leader.....Damon Hyland

Assistant Scout Leader.....Chris Wise

Scout Sectional Assistant.....VACANCY

Cub Leader.....Iona Walker

Assistant Cub Leader.....Pam Marsh

Assistant Cub Leader...Sarah Jane Bloomfield

Assistant Cub Leader.....Brian Ellul

Cub Sectional AssistantJane Primmer

Beaver Leader Wed..... Mitchell Billing

Beaver Leader Thurs.....Carol Lockwood

Assistant Beaver Leader WedsSue Thompson

Assistant Beaver Leader Thurs Suzie Vogel

Beaver Sectional Assistant Weds...Rosemary Howe

Beaver Sectional Assistant ThursVACANCY

Young Leaders.....Samuel Allum

Young Leaders.....Mathew Hall

Young Leaders.....Mathew Lockwood

Young Leaders.....Poppy Turner

Young Leaders.....Matthew Balham

Young Leaders Gillian Balham



INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF
36th IPSWICH SCOUT GROUP
CHARITY NO: 1021334

I report on the accounts for the year ended 31 Dec 2010.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year (under section 43(2) of the Charities Act 1993 (the 1993 Act)) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- Examine the accounts (under section 43 of the Act, as amended);
- to follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners (under section 43(7)(b) of the Act, as amended); and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.


Basis of independent examiner's report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from the trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently I do not express an audit opinion on the accounts.

Independent examiner's statement

In the course of my examination, no matter has come to my attention (other than that disclosed below):

- (1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect, the trustees have not met the requirements to ensure that:
- proper accounting records are kept (in accordance with section 41 of the Act); and
 - accounts are prepared which agree with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Act; or
- (2) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed: 
C L Bartram
Associate Member of the Association of Independent Examiners
ICVS
1 Cornhill
IPSWICH
Suffolk, IP1 1DD

Dated: 25 March 2011

DISCLOSURE

(Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight material problems)

Give here brief details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose