



## **36th Ipswich Scout Group Annual Report**

**November 2021 - April 2022**

**Financial Year, Jan 2021 - Dec 2021**

**Registered Charity No. 1021334**

**Monday May 30th 2022 7pm**

### **AGENDA**

The meeting will be called to order at 7p.m.

- 1] Welcome address
- 2] Business of the AGM
- 3] Apologies
- 4] Minutes of the Previous AGM
- 4a] Confirmation of the Minutes
- 5] Reports from the Chairman and GSL
- 6] Adoption of the Treasurer's Report and Statement
- 6a] Approval of financial auditor
- 7] Approval of Reports
- 8] Appointment of Group Chairman
- 8a] Appointment of deputy Group Chairman
- 9] Approval of Committee Members
- 10] Date of Next AGM

## Minutes of the AGM of the 36th Ipswich Scout Group held on 30<sup>th</sup> May 2021

### **Apologies:**

Karen Plummer (KP)

### **Present:**

Jonathan Gorham (JG) (Chair), Catherine Howe (CH), Graham Parker (GP) David Oldaker (DO), Keith Taylor (KT), Carol Lockwood (CL), Richard Farthing (RF), John Primmer (JP), Sarah Ingram (SI), Tina Vickers (TV), Nikki Chapman (NC).

### **Last year's Minutes:**

No matters arising. Received RF and adopted David Oldaker

### **Chair report:**

Similar to last year, as due to the pandemic there has been little occurring for the exec team and the hall. It is good to have kids back in face-to-face scouting. JG thanked leaders for the work that went into this.

There has been work on the hall, updated the locks, and tidied up Charity Farm and maintained the trailer. We have a regular day time booking for the hall which is very good regular income, although looks like this might come to an end at the end of the school year. So will be looking for new hirers.

OSM and Facebook page are being well used. Please make sure contact information is up to date on OSM. Switching to online payments where ever possible to assist with managing finances.

Thank you to all parents who have helped and he hopes they will become more involved as the group goes on. Next year we will do AGM at an event to encourage participation.

JG thanked everyone for their assistance with the group

### **Group Scout Leader:**

CL thanked JG whose support has been invaluable in supporting her in her GSL role. Very lucky that we are up and running, so thank you to the leaders. Beaver and scout leader have left and been replaced. Scouts is thriving with David and Sarah has taken on beavers, which had to put a hold on the waiting list. Beavers and scouts found online hard and numbers were down. Sarah is working through beaver waiting list and will be back up to 24 beavers by end of the year. Kids are currently doing link ups. Capel scout group not running has given us a lot of enquiries, but we are saying we need to keep 4 places for beavers to move up into cubs.

Training is mostly up to date, there is just some Trustee training to be completed.

Parents helping has kept us going, 18 DBS checks have been done in the last week and a half. Parent rota in beavers, this is an expectation when they join. There are parent helpers in all sections now, which has taken a lot of pressure off.

The financial grants have been significant which has allowed us to not charge subs until September and been able to extend this to dance and karate group. In order to carry on the plan that the HQ would be a community resource.

**Treasurer:**

Just over £55,000 in bank account and sections have petty cash. Made £8500 surplus over last 12 months, despite not fundraising, this was because of grants. In addition to HQ updates mentioned above, we will update the heating system. Accounts are with the independent examiner at the current time, if there are any issues JG will send out this information and the plan is to use Colin Bush again next year.

**Receiving and adopting of annual reports financial statement:**

Received – DO

Adopted – KT

**Reappointment of chairman:**

JG resigned and agreed to stand again for next 12 months (2021/2022)

**Appointment of deputy group chairman:**

FR resigned and agreed to stand again for next 12 months (2021/2022)

**Appointment of nominated committee members:**

Treasurer KP

Secretary CH

Committee members – KT, NC, JO

Quorum is 5.

CL agreed ,TV seconded.

**AOB:**

GP reports 36<sup>th</sup> have done really well this year. Thanks to everyone and welcome to new leaders for sections. Delighted to hear that grants are being spent on group, children and hirers. Well done. Hope you have a successful year next year, hope to meet face to face next year.

SI reports things are going well with beavers getting them to experience some badge success.

DO reports needing an assistant scout leader. Richard has been excellent with the scouts. CL reports she is sure they will get an assistant by working together.

Squirrels is on hold at present so as not to stretch us too thin. GP reported if going to think about this need to await district instruction.

Next AGM: May 2022

**Meeting Closed**

## November 2021 – April 2022 Reports

### **Chairman's Report**

I would like to start by thanking all our leaders who have worked tirelessly to keep the scout group running through a difficult couple of years and it's great to see the scout group doing what it does best, getting out doing events and activities and supporting our young members.

The scout group is in a good financial position and we have recently been investing some of this on heating, lighting and security to keep the HQ facilities up to date.

The Facebook page and our online management system, OSM is now being used by all sections. It is very important that everyone keeps OSM up to date as it is now where we keep the emergency contact information. If you have not checked it recently, please check and update your contact details. We are now collecting subs online which seems to be working well, thanks for your support with this

As usual there has been lots of hard work by the Leaders, assistant leaders, the exec and some parents and friends of the group who get involved and give up their valuable time to support the group. There is a small section of people and this is decreasing, who put in a lot of time to keep all the sections running. If more people could help it would lighten the load for everyone. Please consider if you or anyone you know could help. This could be an occasional helper or as an exec member. Any training required will be supplied and we would appreciate any time, no matter how little you can offer.

The exec has been busy with our normal support role for the GSL and the leaders, ensuring that the equipment and facilities are kept up to date and are safe, keeping the group financially viable and making sure things like Insurance, taxes and bills are managed and paid.

**Jonathan Gorham (Chairman)**

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## **Treasurers Report**

Financially the group is still in a very good position, At the end of 2021 we had a total of £62981.52 in the bank and a small amount in the Beaver section for petty cash.

Although we did no fundraising because of the pandemic, some of our costs were still lower and we received government help in the shape of a grant. We were also able to hire the hall out during some of the year. This allowed us not to charge subs in the first term of the year.

This meant at the end of the year there was a net surplus of £7838.56.

Maintenance in the form of new locks and keys and updated toilets have been completed, and going into this year we have new heating and lighting being fitted.

The Committee have decided to ringfence £35,000, in case in the future we are no longer able to use Charity Farm and have to find alternative premises/storage.

Finally, as many of you will know as a charity we can claim a proportion of our subs back from HMRC under the Gift Aid scheme. All you need to do is a tax payer in the family needs to go onto OSM and complete the short form. This can be back dated so please complete even if your child has moved sections. Thanks.

**Karen Plummer (Treasurer)**

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## **Group Scout Leaders Report**

What a brilliant year this has been for the 36<sup>th</sup> Ipswich Scout Group. Whilst being one where we have still had to navigate our way around COVID restrictions, at the same time as adjusting to the “new norm” and learning to live with COVID, every member of the 36<sup>th</sup> Ipswich has battled on and as a united group, the 36<sup>th</sup>, still remains one of the biggest and best supported groups within Wolsey District.

Each individual beaver, cub and scout of the 36<sup>th</sup> Ipswich over the last year have been amazing. The support that parents have provided our leaders of all of our sections over the last year to enable us to “kick start” the beaver section and the help that parents have provided as occasional helpers to the cubs and scouts sections in particular, has been fantastic. Without the help of our parents, many section meetings would not have been able to run each week. So a huge thank you to our amazing parents.

Our leaders have been fantastic, resilient, resourceful and an absolute credit to scouting but most importantly to the 36<sup>th</sup>. Without them, as 100 % volunteers, giving up hours of their time, not only during section meetings, but the many hours in preparation for these meetings as well as putting on additional events, and at the same time, taking our youngsters to several district and county events too, we as a group could not offer the amazing scouting adventure that the 36<sup>th</sup> Ipswich offers to every individual youngster within our group. So a huge thank you to our amazing leaders.

Sarah Ingram, our beaver leader, ably assisted by Richard, Rosemary and Harry, together with occasional helpers including Tina and Debbie and one of our scouts, Grace, have over the last year, taken our beaver colony from 8 members (this section was the hardest hit by the pandemic) to a blossoming section who are now at full capacity of 25 beavers undertaking a fabulous programme and with a waiting list too. It is lovely to now start having these beavers now commence their linkup into Cubs.

Our Scout section, run by David and Richard, ably assisted by so many of our parents, again, having lost both of its previous section leaders post pandemic, has come on in leaps and bounds over the last year. The numbers have remained solid throughout the year, with some of the scouts progressing into young leadership roles within the 36<sup>th</sup>. These include Aaron-who is now a young leader in cubs, Grace-who is now volunteering in beavers, but will hopefully become a young leader as well as several of our older scouts, who are also soon to leave the scout section due to age restrictions and will either be joining explorers or becoming young leaders too. They are all amazing individuals and an absolute pleasure for David and Richard to lead. The vast majority of our scouts and young leaders too, alongside over 500 scouts/explorers from across Suffolk, will be attending a huge Suffolk Punch Camp in August for 5 days, the first for three years, on a huge scouting adventure alongside 4 leaders from the 36<sup>th</sup> too. This will be a fantastic time, I am sure.

With David taking over as the section leader of Scouts, together with Ian now leaving the group, this has left a huge hole in the Cub section leadership roles. Unfortunately, this now only leaves Sarah Dommett and myself as warranted leaders in the Cubs section. We have now been joined by Aaron, who is doing an amazing job as a young leader, as well as Caroline who helps out as an occasional helper for both cubs and scouts when she can, however, the only way that Cubs can run each week, is reliance upon a “small” group of DBS checked parents. A huge thank you for your amazing support. Long term, however, Cubs really need more occasional helpers to assist with running section meetings, even if only once a month or half term, if this is something that you could help with, please speak to either myself or Sarah. As a well-known companies advertising campaign slogan “every little helps”.

Thanks also to each and every one of our exec members who have provided the “back office” support that is so important to a successful scout group. Special thanks to Jonathan Gorham, our Chairman, who has helps so much with the running of the 36<sup>th</sup> exec, also to

Karen our group treasurer for all that she does to ensure that the finances of the 36<sup>th</sup> are in a healthy and orderly position.

***Carol Lockwood (Group Scout Leader)***

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### **36<sup>th</sup> Ipswich Scout Section Report**

We've had an active year with the scouts and are continuing to grow from strength to strength, delivering a varied, enjoyable scout led programme. Since being back face to face myself and David have been keen to spend as much time outdoors and active as possible, topping up and working on scouting skills and providing a knowledge base for the scouts to build on in the future years to come. This includes navigation, pioneering, knife/axe, fire lighting, first aid and plenty more! By building these skills the scouts have progressed in their requirements to complete their gold scout award, and we hope to award this to several members in the coming months.

Whilst we've not been able to offer camps over the last year, this is set to change with the leader team working on getting their camp permits validated. We are however fortunate enough to be supported in taking the scouts to the Suffolk Punch camp in August, something which we're all very much looking forward to!

It's been great to see some of our older scouts taking on roles within the group as Young Leaders, and we hope to see them continue to grow in the roles and stay an active part of the group.

We're constantly striving for a youth led programme and will be reinstating scout councils, wherein the patrol leaders will help to shape the terms programmes based on the feedback from their patrols. This enables us to really deliver a programme that the Scouts are passionate about and to keep them coming back with big grins week in and week out. On that note the Scouts have been working closely in their Patrols and me and David have been immensely proud to watch them grow and thrive.

In the coming year we're keen to have a survival camp, where the older scouts will be able to put to the test the skills they work on, such as shelter building, backwoods cooking, navigating and teamwork. We'd look to run this camp every other year to allow every member of the group the opportunity to complete it and achieve their survival badge. This is another event the scouts have been vocal in telling us they'd love to do, so we're keen to make it a reality. We also look forward to getting back to district activities and working with other scout groups.

Thank you for the continued support of the group, parents and all our volunteers in allowing the Scouts the opportunities they get.

***David Oldaker (Scout Leader)***

***Richard Beeby (Assistant Scout Leader)***



## **36<sup>th</sup> Ipswich Cub Scout Section Report**

The cubs have had a fun filled and busy year, having now worked our way through and around COVID lockdowns and restrictions, we are now back to enjoying our scouting adventures. We have had several cubs this year, who have or are presently, linking up into Scouts and are doing lots of amazing new activities, as well as more cubs who are soon to commence their linkup to Scouts after half term. We have now also, began receiving beavers linking into Cubs too, as well as some new cubs joining from outside of scouting completely. They have all settled very well and undertaking lots of new scouting challenges and activities.

The cubs have been undertaking lots of the activities and challenges too. These have included Tobogganing, compass/tracking, geocaching, highland games, ten pin bowling, fire lighting, tie dying, scientist day, police investigation night to name but a few. The Cubs as part of the new money management badge, completed a "grow a pound" challenge undertaking a range of activities and raised over £380 which was split and donated between four of the cubs' chosen charities.

With the recommencement of Wolsey District Cub events, our cubs have again, had some fantastic successes in Wolsey District cub events and competitions, during the last 6 months. These have included an outstanding victory in the Cubs district quiz, in which we were able to enter two teams. Both teams performed extremely well, with one of our teams being outright winners of the competition, with our other team, finishing third (being beaten into third place by half a point). Our cubs also romped home to win the Wolsey District construction challenge, where they designed a set for the Platinum Jubilee celebrations, as well as our cubs coming second in a very closely fought Wolsey district Ten pin bowling competition.

There are many more district events planned for this coming year. Eleven of our Cubs are taking part in the Wolsey district Jubilee party, as well as all our cubs, having the opportunity to attend the Suffolk Punch activity day for beavers and cubs in August. Many of our older cubs, who are presently on link up to scouts, are also off to the 5-day, 4-night, Suffolk Punch camp for scouts and explorers from across the county too.

Whilst we have not undertaken a Cub camp yet, we are planning a Cubs sleepover (due to so many of our cubs not having been to camp previously due to COVID) which we hope will take place before the summer holiday break. We are also planning a joint beaver and cub camp for spring of 2023. The Wolsey district sixer/seconder district camp is also taking place in September of this year, which will be an amazing opportunity for our older cubs to get vital camping experience before they join our scout's section. (Details to follow on this camp before the summer holidays).

A huge thank you must be paid to Sarah for all her help and hard work in making Cubs such a success. A huge thank you also to Aaron, who has now joined cubs as a young leader and to the parents who kindly offer to help to, many of whom are the same, time after time. Without them, cubs could just not run due to ratios. The cubs themselves are an absolute asset to the 36<sup>th</sup> Ipswich Scout Group and their attitudes, behaviour, and endeavours at everything that we undertake in cubs makes all the hard work that we as leaders undertake, so worthwhile, so well-done Cubs.

**Akela - Carol Lockwood (Cub Leader)**

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### **36th Ipswich Beaver Scout Section Report**

The last twelve months has been a period of rebuilding for the Beaver section, which was hit hard by Covid. A year ago, in April 2021, there were only 8 Beavers in the group, but this number has grown significantly and we are now back up to full capacity. We currently have 25 Beavers in the section and weekly attendance is excellent.

Whilst Covid itself appears to be behind us, the lasting impact of those two years continues to inform our planning. Our current Beavers were between the ages of 4 and 6 during the national lockdowns, so I am aware that we are dealing with children who have not had some of the same experiences that Beavers in previous years would have had. For example, their opportunities for sleepovers with Grandparents were curtailed, their social experiences were reduced and this had had a lasting impact on their confidence. In addition to this, the same can be said for their parents, who haven't had to "let go" of them until now. With this in mind, we have postponed organising sleepovers, and have concentrated on building their confidence by challenging them in ways they are not challenged at school: through physical and adventurous activities, team-building games etc. I have put a lot of time and effort into building trust and relationships with the families too, so that when the time is right, they will feel confident to let their children attend larger, longer, more adventurous events, including sleepovers, District Camps and trips to Gilwell.

One of my main aims, when I took over as Beaver Leader in April 2021, was to make sure the Beavers earned plenty of badges. This sense of purpose and achievement works well to build confidence and many of them are pretty well-badged now. I ensure that every activity they attend contributes towards one badge or another and an increasing number are on track to earn the Bronze award by the time they leave.

In the last 12 months the Beavers have done the following:

Tobogganing	Hikes	Visited Jimmy's Farm
Mini-pioneering	Biscuit decorating	Planted seeds
Indoor caving	Fair Trade cooking	Made water filters
Tree safari	Teamwork challenges	Science experiments
Scavenger Hunt	Craft activities	Green Cross Code
Tied shoelaces	Lit candles	Safety challenges
Made models	Endangered species	Learnt a song
Been to the Pantomime	Learnt about money	Looked after our teeth
Learnt new games	Used maps	Made new friends

With a Jubilee Tea Party, pond-dipping, tennis, archery, grass-sledging, meeting a Police Officer, mini-pioneering projects, a sandcastle competition, a litter pick, two hikes and the Suffolk Punch activity day planned over the next weeks and months, you can see we really have tried to pack it in, to make up for the two years lost to Covid.

The leadership team remains stable: I am ably supported by Richard, Rosemary and Harry. Caroline Gosling is no longer a Beaver Leader and instead supports the Cubs and Scouts. Debbie Clark has joined us as a sectional assistant and Grace Newman as a young leader.

In summary, the last year has been very successful for the Beaver Section, which is currently thriving.

**Sarah Ingram (Beaver Leader)**

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**Provisional Date of Next AGM: May 2023**

## 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	Jonathan Gorham	QUARTERMASTER TOWN	Vacant
DEPUTY CHAIRMAN	Vacant	QUARTERMASTER COUNTRY	Vacant

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

GROUP TREASURER	Karen Plummer
GROUP SECRETARY	Catherine Howe
MINUTES SECRETARY	Catherine Howe
COMMITTEE MEMBER 1	Naz Saddiq
COMMITTEE MEMBER 2	Nikki Chaplin
COMMITTEE MEMBER 3	Julia Oldaker
COMMITTEE MEMBER 4	

## Current Leaders and Helpers

Group Scout Leader and trustee	Carol Lockwood
Scout Leader and trustee Assistant Scout Leader Occasional Helper	David Oldaker Richard Beeby Caroline Gosling
Cub Leader and trustee	Carol Lockwood
Assistant Cub Leader Young Leader	Sarah Dommett Aaron Leverett
Beaver Leader and trustee	Sarah Ingram
Assistant Beaver Leader Assistant Beaver Leader Occasional Helper Occasional Helper Occasional Helper	Richard Beeby Carla Hyland Harry Cranmar Rosemary Howe Debbie Clark

## 36th Ipswich Scout Group Accounts 2021

### **36th IPSWICH SCOUT GROUP ACCOUNTS 2021**

#### RECEIPTS & PAYMENTS 2021

YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER 2021

<u>Receipts</u>	<u>Total</u>
Donations	£ 100.00
Fundraising	£ -
Hall Lettings	£ 5,660.00
Misc	£ -
Sections	£ 1,873.84
Vehicle Income	£ -
Internet refund	£ 16.78
Bank Interest	£ 16.50
IBC CV Grant	£ 9,907.43
Gift Aid	£ 1,030.39
Capitation refund	£ 26.00
	£ 18,630.94

<u>Payments</u>	<u>Total</u>
Accounts Examination	£ 100.00
Capitation	£ 2,106.00
Business Tax & Rates	£ 86.54
Electricity	£ 1,193.76
Equipment	£ -
Fundraising	£ -
Hall Hire	£ -
Insurance	£ 943.31
Maintenance	£ 3,587.28
Propane	£ -
Sections	£ 1,099.98
Sundries	£ 134.02
Telephone & Internet	£ 289.58
Vehicle costs	£ 877.40
Water Rates	£ 374.51
	£ 10,792.38
<b>Net Surplus</b>	<b>£ 7,838.56</b>

#### RECEIPTS & PAYMENTS 2020

YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER 2020

<u>Receipts</u>	<u>Total</u>
Donations	£ 100.00
Fundraising	
Hall Letting	£ 5,427.82
Misc	£ 35.50
Sections	£ 3,129.85
Vehicle Income	£ 17.00
Electricity refund	£ 26.70
Bank Interest	£ 126.85
IBC CV Grant	£ 10,000.00
	£ 18,863.72

<u>Payments</u>	<u>Total</u>
Accounts Examination	£ 100.00
Capitation	£ 3,124.00
Business tax and rate	£ 10.00
Electricity	£ 1,535.88
Equipment	£ 92.30
Fundraising	£ 150.00
Hall Hire	£ 160.00
Insurance	£ 839.33
Maintenance	£ 1,402.28
Propane	£ 571.20
Sections	£ 261.89
Sundries	£ 630.00
Telephone & Internet	£ 204.90
Vehicle costs	£ 1,012.40
Water rates	£ 108.82
Charity Donation	£ 100.00
	£ 10,303.00
<b>Net Surplus</b>	<b>£ 8,560.72</b>

**Statement of Assets and Liabilities**

**As at 31st Dec 2021**

Lloyds	£	51,981.52	
(£35,000 ringfenced for charity farm contingency)			
Lloyds Fixed Savings A/C	£	11,000.00	
Beaver Section	£	26.97	
Cub Section	£	-	
Scout Section	£	-	
Holding for Beavers	£	108.51	
Holding for cubs	£	1,111.46	
Holding for scouts	£	447.22	
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	£	63,008.49	

**Statement of Assets and Liabilities**

**As at 31st Dec 2020**

Lloyds	£	44,142.96	
Lloyds Fixed Saving A/c	£	11,000.00	
Beaver section	£	102.31	
Cubs section	£	20.83	
Scout section	£	10.00	
Holding for beavers	£	-	
Holding for cubs	£	1,085.19	
Holding for scouts	£	421.40	
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	£	55,276.10	