

**Scouts**

*3<sup>rd</sup> Hayling Scouts*

*Annual Report*

*2022 - 2023*

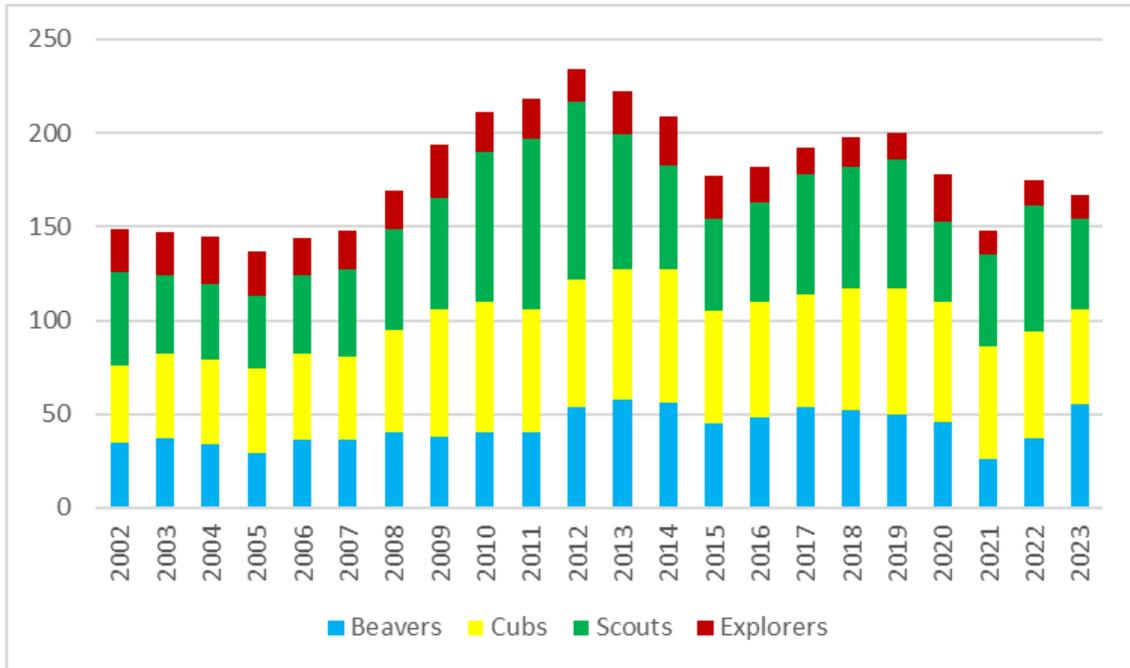


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# Youth Membership

at 31<sup>st</sup> January 2023





## Jim Simpson



Jim arrived on Hayling in 2001 having held Scouting appointments for a number of years in Scotland and Berkshire. It wasn't long before he joined the group as the Section Leader of Lion Troop.

Jim quickly established himself as not only a great Scout Leader but an integral part of the success of Scouting on Hayling Island. Full of good ideas all members of the Group (youngest to oldest) were treated to some new games and activities courtesy of his own experiences.

Jim also made well recognised contributions to larger scale events across Hayling and Havant and was someone whose opinion was always respected. He formed a powerful team with Ed Harrison (leader of Eagle Troop) with joint activities, camps and many will recall their combined efforts in making the centenary celebrations of Scouting memorable to so many.

Whilst on Hayling, Jim was recognised by HQ when presented with the Award of Merit for Outstanding

### Service

Jim, Lorna and their two boys moved to Hedge End in 2012 where he continued his association with Scouting as a Leader in his local Group. He left behind a legacy of a job really well done and a number of young people who developed into Leaders in Scouting across the UK.

Jim's enthusiasm and zest for Scouting will be sadly missed by all who knew him over his many years in Scouting.

## Paul Jackson



Paul (Jacko) joined the Hayling Scouts as a Cub with Jupiter Pack in 1970, then Scouts with Lion Troop followed by Venture Scouts with Dreadnought. At the age of 20, he held his first adult appointment as an Assistant Leader with Lion Troop, before returning to his favourite age range with the Cubs of Saturn Pack and more recently Mars Pack.

At the same time, Jacko became a qualified instructor for Archery and Climbing and would often be found at the HQ or camps running sessions for the Beavers, Cubs and Scouts on Hayling and across Havant District.

Always willing to help where needed, Jacko spent 18 months helping to rebuild the Scout Troop at Rowlands Castle and then 2 years doing the same at Holmwell in Havant - both whilst continuing with

his commitments on Hayling.

A few years ago, following a stroke Jacko was confined to a wheelchair, but this just intensified his commitment to give back his time and skills to the young people in Scouting. He would travel by Bus from his homes in Leigh Park and then Havant to make meetings.

This exceptional commitment was recognised with the Award of Merit for Outstanding Service

Jacko's enthusiasm (and warped sense of humour!) will be sadly missed by all who knew him over his many years in Scouting.

# Who does What

**Group Scout Leader**  
**Deputy Group Scout Leader**

James Perfett  
Sarah Bailey

## Group Executive (GDT) Appointed / Elected Members

### Officers

**Chairman**  
**Treasurer**  
**Secretary**

Tim Pike  
Harry & Matt Pike  
Jill Long

### Specific Roles

**HQ Manager**  
**Quartermaster**  
**Book Sales**  
**Badge Secretary**  
**Transport Manager**  
**Group IT / Wish List**  
**Community Relations**  
**General Duties**

Pete Rowson  
Peter Goddard  
Dr Philip Blossie  
Nigel Kenny  
Clive Allgood  
Andrew Harrison  
Jean Bates  
Alan Scutt  
Ian Hawke

## Section Leaders

### **Beaver Scouts**

**Aspen Colony**  
**Redwood Colony**  
**Maple Colony**

Fiona Jordan-Harrison  
Clementyne Barrett (t)  
Hilary Christie

### **Cub Scouts**

**Jupiter Pack**  
**Mars Pack**  
**Saturn Pack**

Abi Peett  
Seb Harris (Until 11/22)  
Sarah Bailey (t)

### **Scouts**

**Eagle Troop**  
**Lion Troop**  
**Shark Troop**

Ed Harrison  
Jamie Bray (t) / Tom Lincoln (t)  
Dominic Allgood (merged with Lions)

### **Explorer Scouts**

**Nexus Unit**

James Perfett (Acting)

## **Notes:**

1. (t) - These Leaders are also designated Trustees

# Group Support 2022-2023

During the course of the year a number of other people have helped in different ways.

To everyone who has supported us in any way during the past year -

## "Thank You"

There are also people, not in uniform or on the Development Committee, who directly or indirectly contribute to the success of 3rd Hayling from behind the scenes.

This page is an opportunity to mention some of them. Of course this is always dangerous, as I know I will miss some. Please accept my apologies if you are one of those I miss. It was not intentional.

Phil & Valerie Blossie	Photocopying
N. Vallette	Auditor
Hayling Herald	For their continued Support
Stoke Fruit Farm	For support in many ways
Mark Standing	Management of our Book Sales

There are also many of our friends who continue to support our events, year after year, and we are extremely grateful and lucky to have this ongoing support.

Also those who each year support our Christmas Post Service:

Hayling Hardware	Bentley Walkers
Rae's	Cards 4 Occasions
<b>Identity Hairdressing</b>	<b>Stoke Fruit Farm</b>
<b>Country Foods</b>	<b>Red Cross Centre</b>
Sandy Point Stores	Hayling Library
Northney Farm Tea Rooms	

And of course to all individuals and businesses and community groups on Hayling who support us and endorse our aims in many ways.

# Chairmans report

The past year has brought much needed stability back to Scouting after the pandemic, and it is great to see Scouting continuing to thrive on Hayling Island. It cannot be overstated how much impact good Scouting can have on young people – and the many thousands of residents who have benefited from our programme testify the difference it has made to them. It remains gratifying to hear so many positive stories about the quality of our weekly programmes and camps.

As a Group Development Team, our priority continues to be to ensure our volunteer leaders have the facilities to do a great job – our building, our equipment and our financial resources. We have been able to invest in improvements to both our building and equipment over the past year, which means we can offer both traditional Scouting activities, and those requiring 21<sup>st</sup> century technologies.

The hard work of the members of the Group Development Team behind the scenes means my role as chairman is a simple one – to keep us in compliance with national charity law and Scouting rules, both of which are updated regularly. To do this, I work closely with the Group Scout Leader. I also represent our Group at a District level as a member of the District Executive Committee.

There are a number of changes to governance rules happening this year, as set out in The Scout Association's Policy, Organisation and Rules. Whilst these will mostly be invisible to young people and their parents, the changes will ensure clarity about decision making in Scout Groups particularly where disagreements occur. I'm pleased to say that voting is rarely required at 3<sup>rd</sup> Hayling, and that we move forward after debate and through consensus.

Our finances remain in a strong position – we have a robust budget setting process, which then enables members of the Group Development Team to spend money within their areas quickly to respond to immediate needs. We then discuss larger investments at our regular team meetings. I'm grateful to Nigel Valette for agreeing to undertake the independent examination of our accounts, which double checks our compliance.

I want to finish by thanking everyone involved in uniformed roles, and behind the scenes as GDT members, maintaining our facilities and equipment, and helping run book sales and other events. It is a huge team effort, and everyone's contribution is valuable. We recognise that securing volunteers remains challenging for many organisations, but I am confident that our Scout Group continue to thrive with our combination of youth and experience.

Tim Pike

Group Chairman

# Group Scout Leaders Review

Welcome back to another review of a Scouting year and what a year it has been, firstly thank you to Sarah Bailey for coming on board as my deputy group scout leader.

There have also been several other changes in the leadership team. Hillary has taken on running Maple beaver colony & Seb has become a cub leader with Saturn pack, Tom is now running Explorers after I stepped back to fulfil the role of group scout leader. Dom has taken over the running of Lion scout troop and Jamie has taken up the challenge of organising active support. Our leaders put in a voluntary 2-6hrs per week in Scouting supporting the young people helping them gain valuable skills for life. This helps the young people get the best from Scouting at incredible value for money as NONE of our leaders get paid for any of their time. Could you as an adult help for just 2-6hrs per year? to help keep things running efficiently and smoothly at 3<sup>rd</sup> Hayling Scout Group.

2022 Also saw the return of our duck race it was a lovely warm day with many spectators watching at nearly 1000 bright yellow ducks took to the water fighting for 1<sup>st</sup> place after an intense 30 or so minutes the ducks approached the finish line with some final ducking & diving. The last duck owner received a bottle of toilet duck.

## Family Camp June 2022

A lovely warm weekend at Lyons Copse apart from a small shower on Friday night we had around 100 young people camping for the weekend and around 30 parents joined us too.

Activities ranges from Abseiling & climbing, Rafting, Archery, Branding, pizza making, Giant trebuchets (catapults) water fights & more. Everyone had a fantastic weekend and can't wait until 2024 for our next camp where we will be celebrating 95 years of scouting on Hayling Island.

Our Explorers enjoyed their trip to Switzerland in the summer for 2 weeks please see the explorer report for more information on this.

October & February saw our half termly book sale with great success again thank you to all involved with this.

November was the return of our firework display another great display put on by Tom & Jamie, we managed to secure the only evening that week that had no rain although the fire did struggle a bit because of all the rain beforehand but a successful and enjoyable evening was had.

December saw the Christmas post again this was a massive success we managed to sort and deliver almost 3500 cards, thank you to everyone that helped with this.

The last part of 2022 was a very sad time we lost 2 members from the scouting family we had to say goodbye to Jim Simpson & Jacko (Paul Jackson) both passed away due to illness. They will both be missed enormously Jim was a scout leader for Lion troop for 10 years before moving away from the area. Jacko joined the group as a youngster in the late eighties both devoting their lives to scouting. We wish their families all the best for the future.

This year has also seen the completion of many projects around the Headquarters we have had new water heater in the toilets. Installation of acoustic insulation and redecoration in our rear hall The Day Hall this has made the room so much more user-friendly.

Thank you to all our leaders & helpers the Group would not be here without you!

James Perfett

Group Scout Leader

# Treasurer's report

Business as usual returned in 2022/2023 leading to a busy financial year of money going through the accounts for camps, events and trips, alongside our continued spending on equipment and HQ improvements.

From an income perspective, subscriptions were slightly down on the previous year due to Explorers subs now being collected by district. Subs make up approximately 50% of our income. Outside of this, we had some generous donations from several parties and a very strong year of fundraising with the book sales doing especially well. This additional income allows us to keep subs low for our members.

From the expenditure side, we have continued to invest in our HQ. The primary capital expenditure was for the soundproofing of Day room and we also renewed the front doors of the hut. We also invested in new tables for the HQ, replacement and additional activity equipment and a new trailer to allow safe transport of kit to camps and events.

We still continue to hold some grant money in our post-Covid money which we will continue to invest over the next few years in projects to benefit our members.

We would also like to take the opportunity to thank Nigel Valette for his support this year in scrutinising our accounts.

Matt Pike and Angharad Pike, Treasurers

**3<sup>rd</sup> HAYLING SCOUT GROUP (Charity No: 308136)**  
**Accounts for the period 1<sup>st</sup> April 2022 to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2023**

2021/2022			
<b>Balance Forward:</b>			
50236.86	<b>Bank Accounts</b>		£48,082.67
 <b>Income:</b>			
17466.00	<b>Subscriptions</b>	£15,575.00	
328.36	<b>Donations</b>	£2,143.99	
5.50	<b>Bank Interest</b>	£224.61	
0.00	<b>Gift Aid</b>	£0.00	
16000.00	<b>Grants</b>	£0.00	
8689.14	<b>Fundraising</b>	£11,602.74	
378.00	<b>World Jamboree</b>	£4,411.53	
1382.42	<b>Suisse Adventure</b>	£221.42	
342.00	<b>Camps, Activities etc</b>	£9,941.05	
<u>44591.42</u>		<u>£44,120.34</u>	£44,120.34
 <b>Expenditure:</b>			
7316.40	<b>Membership Fee</b>	£7,696.00	
2279.81	<b>Section Allowances</b>	£1,634.46	
1529.94	<b>Badges</b>	£826.30	
324.00	<b>Leader Uniform and Training</b>	£467.63	
1765.29	<b>Photocopier</b>	£1,623.65	
1683.89	<b>Insurance</b>	£2,133.27	
1534.83	<b>General Expenses</b>	£536.57	
2868.68	<b>HQ: Services</b>	£2,263.68	
21688.15	<b>HQ: Maintenance</b>	£8,754.98	
2638.04	<b>Equipment</b>	£3,769.08	
1564.36	<b>Suisse Adventure</b>	£2,255.76	
1153.65	<b>Fundraising Costs</b>	£1,627.24	
398.57	<b>Camps, Activities etc</b>	£9,053.69	
0.00	<b>World Jamboree</b>	£5,878.88	
<u>46745.61</u>		<u>£48,521.19</u>	£48,521.19
 <b>Balance represented by:</b>			
<u>48082.67</u>	<b>Bank Accounts</b>	£43,681.82	£43,681.82
		<u>£92,203.01</u>	<u>£92,203.01</u>

I confirm that I have examined the accounts of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Hayling Scout Group and found them to be correct against the evidence provided.



Nigel N Valette ACIB

Date: 25<sup>th</sup> June 2023

# Aspen Beavers

The importance of names, we are Aspen Beavers – part of 3<sup>rd</sup> Hayling Scouts – part of Hawk District – part of Hampshire Scouts - part of worldwide Scouting. All of this can be seen from the badges on our uniform. At each level there is meaning and reputation and history. We each benefit from this and add to it.

Less obvious on the uniform is the individual Beaver's name. For the first time in all my years of Scouting I experienced belongings identifiable as belonging to an individual. A Necker was lost in the dark. It was all on its own on an expanse of grass. Third Hayling Neckers are burgundy – that connects us all. We are joined together by the colour, but what makes us individual is the name in the back of the Necker. The morning after Aspen's meeting at Mengham Junior it was this burgundy that allowed a parent to recognise it but, miraculously, it was the name in the back that allowed the Necker to reunite with its Beaver Scout.

As a leader, something I fear greatly is being lost – I have no sense of direction (true – Andrew) but I recognise my small part in this world of Scouting and take pride and comfort in being a named individual in a named section, in a named district, in a named county in the whole world of Scouting.



Aspen Beavers and their parents have gone beyond just our Colony with:

- Group Camp - either camping in the wild or as day visitors – making memories in Scouting.
- District Sports - thanks to Mengham Junior School for hosting. There were traditional games, Welly wanging, Hoop la, Sack race, Potato relay (thank you

Stoke Fruit Farm). Every Beaver wins a trophy for participating. We had visitors from the County team and Ukraine (goodness knows what they thought of it).

- District New Year party - time to be together, Hayling Leaders central to the event organisation.
- JOTA – the theme is connecting to the world but more important for Beavers is connecting with our group (and getting a badge and a woggle).

Our weekly programme has included Cooking Singing and Playing, noteworthy evenings include:

- Gardening Tony – planting marigolds and plant care.
- Tent pitching
- Paddling on the beach in nice weather (for once).
- RNLI – always an interesting evening, an opportunity for the Leaders to learn as well, with a safety message for an Island Scout Group. As a bonus we all got to feed coins into their collection spiral.
- Christmas log decorations and traditional party.
- 2 Sleepovers, a challenge for many and great for all with badges to be gained.
- Craft – as Leaders we do enjoy our Beavers taking large things dripping in paint back to their families.
- Coronation party – celebrating in style with our own King, Queen and Archbishop of Canterbury.

Team Aspen showed their skills with specific evenings:

- Problem solving challenge set and run by Ian Armitage
- Pet show organised by Ryan Kendall with entries of Dogs, Chickens, Guinea Pigs and Fish (but a noticeable lack of ponies).
- Games and general awesomeness – Thomas Griffiths
- IT and OSM – Andrew because Fiona won't do it.
- The Aspen team is:
  - Ryan Kendall
  - Andrew Harrison
  - Thomas Griffiths, Young Leader

My thanks to them all for delivering quality Scouting to Aspen Beavers.

Thanks also to Edward for stepping in when Mummy and Daddy can't be there.

My journey in Scouting is reaching a new destination with the World Scout Jamboree in South Korea. Everyone there will be wearing the promise badge Fleur de Lis, all proud to be members of the Scout movement. Aspen Beavers are starting that journey, most not even aware of the other sections but they have that important journey in front of them.

This is my last report as the Leader of Aspen Beaver Colony. It has been an amazing journey – life in Scouting does not stop – it takes a different path.

During the year we said goodbye to Ian as he has continued his journey by becoming a Cub Scout Leader.

We will be saying goodbye to Ryan in July as a regular helper to the colony because of family life.

It's been an honour.

Fiona Jordan Harrison, Beaver Leader, Aspen



# Maple Beaver Colony

I feel privileged to write the very first Section Report for Maple Beaver Colony! This is my first time leading a Colony (and thank goodness I have help from Dale, Clementyne and Linda); it's been a steep learning curve, but we have accomplished so much in our first term.

Before I took over as leader, we had a few very special events including the Remembrance Parade where the Beavers showed their most respectful behaviour as we marched from Hollow Lane up to the Cenotaph in St. Mary's Road for the laying of wreaths. We also had a joint meeting with Redwood Beavers where we visited St. Mary's Church and learned about both the features of the church and the Christian faith. A few lucky Beavers even got to ring the church bell!



For our first meeting in January, we had a log chew covering our 5 Scout Values, The Beaver Promise and the Code of Conduct. The Beavers traced their handprints for our board and thought/wrote/drew what the Promise meant to them. Early in the term we also learned a few knots using strawberry laces and used them to create some kites. This was my first lesson in how to manage time with 13 young Beavers! The following week was Chinese New Year and we set up our tasks a bit more efficiently to make sure we finished on time! We learned about the ancient art of paper cutting and practiced writing Chinese calligraphy before playing a game of Catch the Dragon's Tail.

Linda came to help with our next meeting making cards. We let the Beavers vote on the recipient of our cards, and they all wanted to give them to family members, which was very sweet. As the weather started to slowly improve, we took advantage by going for a mindfulness walk on the Billy Trail. The Beavers were encouraged to use the letters of the word 'SCOUT' to think about Scenery (features we could see in the low light), Collecting (picking up sticks, rocks and acorns), Offline Observation (tuning into our senses), Unwind (practicing yoga poses) and Textures (using our feet to make different noises on the ground).



After half term we celebrated Pancake Day and invested our first Beavers into Maple! We then had a very special guest at our next meeting, which covered sign language and learning about different sensory impairments. One of our Beavers has an aunt with hearing loss and she came along to our meeting to talk about her experience and show some of her hearing aids. The Beavers then practiced fingerspelling the BSL alphabet before learning how to sign, 'Hello, my name is'.



Other meetings this term included making Pita Pocket Pizzas, crafting phone stands for Mother's Day, going Treasure Hunting at the Oyster Beds and celebrating our final night of the term with games and snacks with our families.

Of course, we also had our annual Beaver Sleepover, which was a great success! We had a wonderful group of helpful volunteers that made the weekend so much easier. We had a variety of activities including Lego, connect-4, Hama beads, seed planting, and with some special volunteers we were able to do archery! We also, of course, had a big fire for roasting marshmallows.



All in all, we've had a wonderful first term and I look forward to another year of adventures.

# Redwood Beaver Colony

Welcome back, it has been an amazing year. We have done and learnt so much I can't wait to tell you all about it!



Picking up where we left off last time, we start at our summer term. We got messy making bird feeders, crafty with our camp crafts and went wild with wide games! The Beavers learnt how to put up a tent, start a fire and even became some mini pioneers by learning knots to make an A-frame. We joined the rest of 3rd Hayling with our group camp where some got their first night's away badge camping with their families and others tried their aim with some tomahawking!



We did a litter pick along the Beach well sort of... with the amount of wind and rain I would not be surprised if, despite our best efforts, we didn't lose some before it made it in the bag! The Beavers loved getting soaked so much that half of them didn't even want to wear a coat!

Since I last wrote this we have had not one but 2 sleepovers! The Beavers enjoyed their Jubilee-themed Sleepover in May 2022 with Aspen Beavers.



They made birdhouses that looked like Post boxes! A pompom Union Jack and some delicious treats!



Their second sleepover was with Maple Beavers in March 2023 when they decorated plant pots and grew some mustard seeds, had smores and sang campfire songs. This sleepover ended

with some archery where the Beavers demonstrated that if you withhold snacks from them, you should be careful.

Both sleepovers had swings which unfortunately were too small for the adults.... But I guess the kids loved them so we might keep using them.



the area around the hut.

As we started to come into the springtime. The Beavers became explorers and map experts they played a game of human battleships shouting out coordinates and trying to sink their fellow beavers. The next evening they split into 3 groups and with the help of my wonderful parent helpers they used a map and their skills to explore



The Beavers built their own water filters using sand, charcoal, stones and other materials after it was all complete and filtered through the brave ones even drank from it!



We celebrated pancake day just as you might think.

Now normally I believe it is my job to not only give the Beavers a good experience where they learn a lot and do things, they won't normally get to do but also to do my best to get all their energy out before they go back home..... This is not the case for pancake day, this is the day we give them sugar and chocolate and then send them back. Now parents I am sorry, but you have to admit normally I do my job pretty well!



Families joined us to see what Beavers is all about. At the moment one of the kid's favourite games is called slug where they all slide along the floor. So after some dodgeball where the Beavers won (Obvs) for the best experience the families learnt how to play their Beavers' favourite game! Now this was right after a team water activity so needless to say the floors were sparkling, and the tops were not..

What I am most proud about this year is the beavers have learned how not everyone is able to buy food and hygiene products and they have helped raise loads of items to be donated to Portsmouth Food Bank. The beavers brought in pasta and loo rolls, tinned fruit and all sorts of other things to help families less fortunate than themselves and they did an amazing job at helping their community.

The Beavers have learnt a lot this year about the world like who is in it, what others eat, how we can help both each other and the planet as well as how others worship and what is around them. As always, I am so Proud of them.



See you next Year!

Redwood Beavers

Clementyne Barrett, Debbie Maseyk and William Bedford

# Jupiter Cub Pack

Once again, I have given the responsibility over to the Cubs to write their own reports. After all it is their Cub Pack!

Alex

I love cubs - meeting new friends, learning skills and having adventures. My favourite things so far are cub camp and the visit to the mosque. It was interesting learning about the faith and beliefs of other cubs in our pack. We also had an evening about Shikism. I enjoy playing games especially 20/20 in the dark with torches. I feel very proud when I am given the badges I have earnt.



Louis

I really enjoy Cubs. This year I have had the added responsibility of sixer. My favourite activities have been cub camp, playing games and I have really enjoyed cooking - making pancakes and eating new foods for Chinese New Year with chopsticks - which is trickier than it looks! I also enjoy all the outdoor activities - climbing, fires, archery and throwing the tomahawks. I also took part in the remembrance parade as it was important to remember the soldiers who made sacrifices for us. It was a honour to do this on behalf of Jupiter pack.

Jacob

I really enjoyed group camp the best bit was archery. I really liked doing the raft building as it meant I could go in the water. I got to the top of the climbing wall it was really high! I loved the camp fire I liked the standee uppy action songs the best.

I have loved doing tomahawk throwing I managed to get one on! I am looking forward to doing another bike ride this year.



Tristan

I enjoy my time in cubs, especially becoming a Sixer. I love doing loads of badge work and playing outdoor games. I really like cubs, because I see friends, earn badges and play games.

It's AWESOME, I really like the leaders because they are caring and patient. I love my time at Cubs.



Edward

I like Cubs because you can be yourself and nobody is rude to you. I like games, especially 'slug'. I showed my collection of Pokémon cards to get my collector badge. Being a seconder now makes me feel happy. My Cubs leader is very kind. It is fun because I'm with my friend from school and I make new friends from other schools.

I hope we will go swimming at the Oven in the future.

Jack

I liked going crabbing, I caught one but couldn't get it out. I liked riding our bikes along the Billy trail. I loved camping, the best bit was doing all the activities like tomahawks and archery. We have learnt to make fires with a flint and steel and had lots of practice setting cotton wool on fire!

Back to me. The Cubs have all worked hard on their badges this year. We presented 1 Chief Scout Silver Award to George. He concentrated on being more independent for his Personal Challenge and he attended every week with a smile! We presented 138 badges

this year, lots of them being Challenge badges but a few Cubs have worked on some badges at home and 1 Cub managed to earn 8 activity badges this year!

My highlight was Group camp. It was inspiring to see so many Cubs complete their first nights away from home. They all challenged themselves to complete the different activities on offer and all tried something new. The food bases were as popular as always as well as the adventure activities.

We have also enjoyed wide games, crabbing, bike rides, hikes, den building, bug hunting, crafting, cooking, parties, visit to a mosque, photography, pioneering, knots and much much more!

We said a sad goodbye to Francine this year, she is greatly missed by us all and we wish her luck for the future. We have welcomed Ian to Jupiter Pack and he has brought new enthusiasm and fresh ideas and we cannot wait to invest him in the next few weeks.

Words in an annual report are never enough, but a huge thank you to the Cubs in Jupiter Pack it wouldn't be the best pack in the universe with you all. This extends to the parents who wash uniforms, drop off each week and have patience with my lack of organisation! But most importantly thank you to Jim, Jan, Ian and Tolly for their help and commitment each week. Let's see what this next year brings!

Abi, Jim, Jan, Ian & Tolly



# Saturn Cub Pack

Another year already? Time really does fly when you're having fun.

We have had another packed year in Saturn Pack, as always, I would like to start by saying a massive thank you to my leadership team Pippa, Kate, Rebecca, Seb and James (Young Leader) who contribute and bring so much enthusiasm into the group!

This year we bid farewell to Eric who has been a young leader and more recently a qualified leader with Saturn. He is now working as an instructor at Calshot, we are sorry to see him leave but wish him every success - we are sure you will do well!

We have had an exciting year full of challenges and adventures, we attended our 3rd Hayling Island group camp at Lyons Copse in the summer with all the other members of Hayling Scouts it was a weekend full of activities and wonderful to spend time with the whole group.

This report is a chance to give you a small snippet of a year in Saturn.

Thought-out the year we have celebrated important dates in the calendar and taken part in activities for St Georges day, Chinese New Year, Burns Night, Guy Fawkes, Christmas, Easter, the Cubs also attended the important Remembrance Day Parade in November.

The Cubs have spent many a section evening partaking in traditional scouting skills including pioneering camp gadgets, arts and crafts, demanding task master challenges, lighting fires skills and arguably most importantly perfecting toasting marshmallows to make smores!



We have been on several evening hikes on and off the Island, one I remember well is when we took the shoreline from The Ship Inn to Warblington. The Cubs were very lucky that the owner allowed us to get a close up on their land to view of the Saxon Castle which was built 1515!

We always like to keep ties with the local community we visited St Marys Church and the Hayling Fire station; both nights were very informative and lots of fun.

The whole section also entered the Hayling Horticultural Summer show competition and one of our cubs won 1<sup>st</sup> prize!



A big challenge for cubs this year is when they completed the communicator badge, they went one step above for the badge and all made their very own Morse code machine with electrical circuits, they all succeeded in making a fully working sender of messages.



Visually impaired artist Clarke Reynolds and Steve Baker from “Seekers Creates” visited Saturn pack to discuss different ability. Clarke discussed how visual impairment can not only be managed but enabled to thrive! The cubs learnt braille and even ended the evening eating a braille cake!

In October, we took the Cubs to Ferny Croft for Fright Night. It was a full day of Halloween activities. The cubs played some Traditional fairground games, met some dinosaurs, went Climbing, did Archery, backwards cooking Tomahawks, Pumpkin carving and Zorbing. All of the Cubs held a snake and spied on some creepy spiders and insects in the scary creature zone. The day concluded with Spooky woodland trail with some super scenes, jump scares and a campfire. It was a fantastic day, all the Cubs really enjoyed themselves and it was especially nice to share it with other Cubs and Scouts from around Hampshire.

Scouting the Zoo - along with 100s of Scouts. When we visited Marwell Zoo - it rained hard all day. We still managed to have lots of fun learning about animal care and meeting a huge variety of species throughout the day. It was also dino week and the Cubs enjoyed spotting amazing Lego sculptures around the park.

Our trip to Fort Purbrook was an awesome evening, we scaled heights on the indoor climbing walls and took part in initiative tests deep in the tunnels - I was very impressed with the teamwork skills shown by the all the cubs that night. (See the pictures at the end of my report.

Each year we like to try and get the Cubs a little bit wet! In the summer we took them for an evening of paddle boarding in Gosport working towards paddle sports award. We also held an annual end of term swimming party at the Oven Camp site where we did lots of team building games and concluded the evening with a BBQ tea.

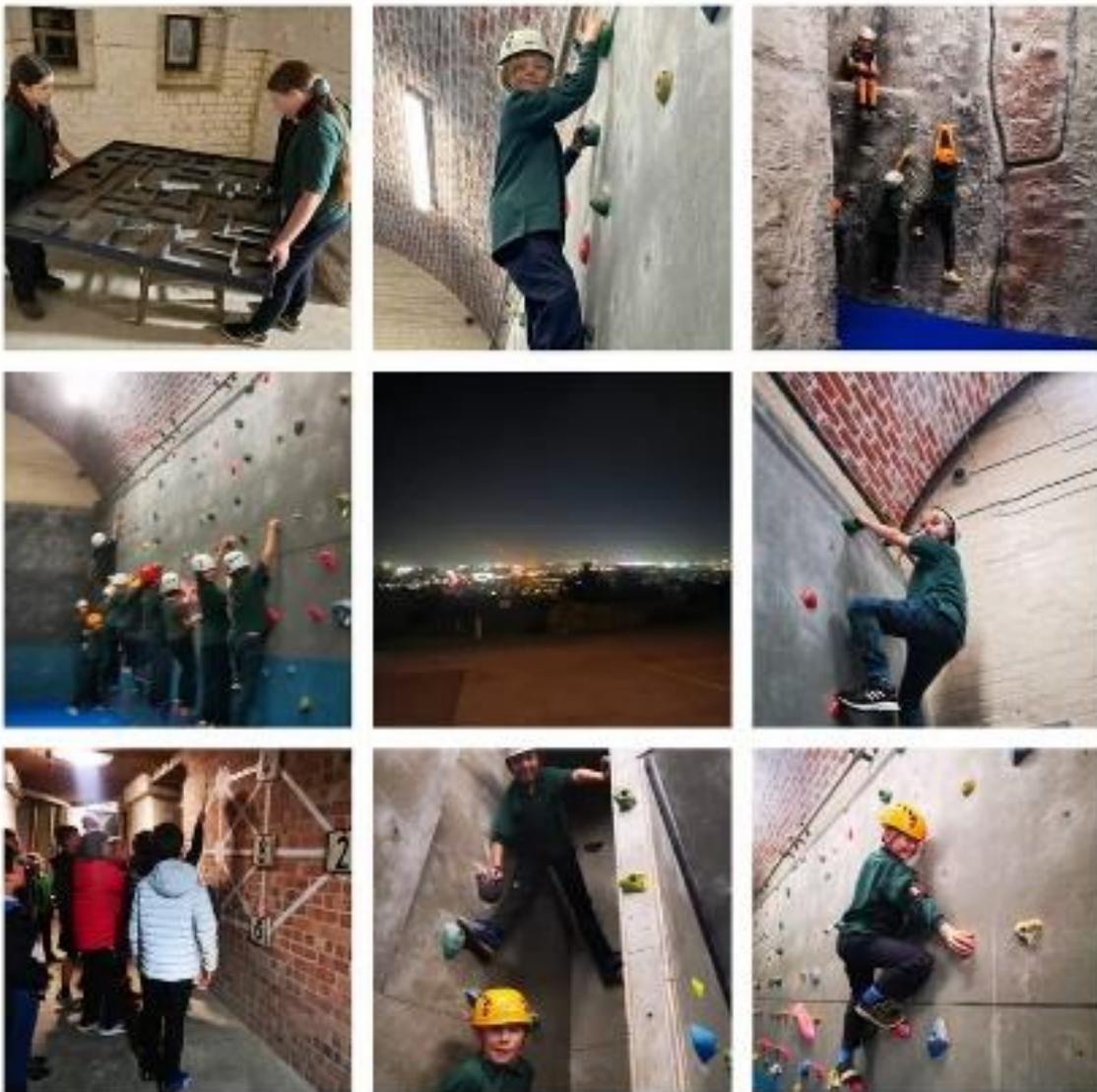


I am particularly proud of the Cubs this year for their contributions for the ongoing crisis in Ukraine. Every Cub brought in various toiletries and essentials that we donated to Stellas Voice who took them to the frontline they were shocked and thankful with the generosity. Massive thank you to all the parents for your support with this it was very much appreciated!

I would like to finish the report this year and say a massive thank you to all the parents for your continued support, and to the Cubs who have worked very hard completing many activity and challenge badges, you are all awesome and make each week so fun and rewarding.

Looking forward to another fun filled year ahead - we have lots in the pipeline already!

Sarah – Akela



# Eagle Troop

When the Eagle troop leaders set out to plan a term's programme or a camp, we try and get a mixture of old and new. The old are those timeless activities and experiences that we experienced as scouts that we try and recreate for the current generation. The new are the crazy ideas that keep things fresh and, in some cases, become firm favourites for the future.

The summer term had the classic tent pitching, fire lighting and camp cooking. The troop cooking competition saw the winning patrol produce a triumph. Their attempt at the district cooking competition ended in disaster (their words, not mine) with rice that could only be eaten with a saw. The rest of the term had a disproportionate amount of weaponry for a peaceful group of scouts – rifle shooting, a water fight, mini medieval war machines and mega medieval war machines. The latter was in preparation for group camp...

On the Tuesday before group camp, Eagle troop constructed two trebuchets and two ballistae at the top of the hill. The scouts enjoyed a weekend of activities and camping in nifers. The water fight at the end did not disappoint and included water balloons raining from the sky, courtesy of one of the trebuchets.

The previous two years we had tried to hold our summer camp at Broadstone Warren. Unfortunately, Covid meant this wasn't possible. In the summer of 2022, we finally returned to our favourite forest. The week-long camp had many of the old favourites; traditional camping, cooking on fires, wide games and sleeping in bivis. We also had loot drops, flongs for the food auction and stool building. The construction of mallets was popular ('Flatinators'), with these increasing in size as the week went on. A huge



congratulations to Tolly, Mikey, Oliver and Max for completing their Chief Scout Gold Award on this camp.

The winter term was less conventional. The weirder evenings being knot-olympics, casino night, chocolate fondue of terror and night mountain biking. After summer camp there was more demand for Flatinators, so we spent an evening where every scout created their own. 'Operation Pitch Black' saw a night exercise where scouts all started in different locations on the Billy Trail with their own mission. This was further enhanced by the evening taking place during a storm. Our camp for the term was J.O.T.A. up in Northney. The Tuesday before, Eagle troop constructed a pioneering project climbing frame that could be used during the weekend. It was a relaxed technical camp with radios and an internet café. The



most popular activity was 'landlines'. The forgotten art of making phone calls through

cables... in a field.

Our Spring programme had a riddle element to it, with several evenings being named after places from Lord of the Rings – linked to the evening they represented. Dungeons and Dragons has become a very popular evening for the troop, occurring most terms. We run about 6 tabletop scenarios for the scouts to explore with their pieces of paper, miniatures and dice. My thanks to Ben and Andrew for joining us on those evenings. Notable evenings include: Riddles in the dark (turning the hut into a caving complex with



missions), Chip shop survey (Nobies is currently the highest scorer), The fires of Caradhras (Tokens frozen in giant blocks of ice that must be melted over fires to retrieve them- and use to purchase marshmallows). The Spring term also include our usual Hut sleepover. This year we had almost 100% attendance and the scouts made some real improvements to the hut during the service element. This included a much-needed refresh of the marker lines in the main hall.

The summer term is ahead of us, and we have planned a term that contains a lot of outdoors as well as evenings that give valuable camping skills. We hope to enter patrols into the Gunnel camping competition (being rebooted after a few years of not happening). Our summer camp sees a return to Broadstone Warren, just on a different site.

This last year has sadly seen the death of two scouters who had a lot do with Eagle troop over many years.



Paul Jackson (Jacko) helped every section in the group in one way or another. He ran countless archery sessions as well as being a firm fixture in every group event. In the early 2000s he joined us (as a somewhat younger leadership team) on many weekend and summer camps. He was the king of wind-up merchants and taught generations of scouts about sarcasm.

Jim Simpson ran Lion troop for several years whilst we ran Eagles. I learnt a lot from him as a young leader and the Eagle leaders spent many a camp and scouting adventure alongside him. My fondest memories of Jim are of him entertaining the masses at campfires and leading the charge in group camp water fights. He was a true gentleman and a great scouter. My thanks to both of them for their help, support and the great memories.

We have scouted with a really great group of scouts who I would like to thank for making the year such a success and embracing the old and the new. A huge thank you to the leaders; Pete, Mitch, Paul, Barnabas, Mr Mill and Tolly for all the hard work over the year. Bring on the summer term!

Edd Harrison – Section Leader of Eagle Troop

# Lion Troop

This is Lion Troops first section report after merging with Shark Troop. This is also my first section report as a Section Leader.

We run on Monday nights from 7:00pm to 9:00pm. We currently up to 22 scouts and with a wide range of ages.

This year we have done many cool activities, skills and adventures at scouts. The scouts enjoyed all then sessions we have ran. With some evening getting great feedback and taste for wanting it again.

The am going to list a few activities we have done this year with a description of what we did



and how it went coupled with some photos of the scouts.

This was a pioneering evening, we split the scout troop in two groups and gave them a challenge to construct the tallest free-standing tower that would support the weight of their group.

They created tripods, with bracing struts that spanned across each gap, some did multiple struts at different heights to allow the whole groups to securely position themselves onto the structure.

Both groups were very successful, and I think they thoroughly enjoyed creating these massive structures.



Scouts in these photos were doing a evening called Task Master. They were split into patrols and cycled around 5 bases.

The Bases were: Smell this was a base done blindfolded and scouts smelt 12 different smelling sources then they got a chance to write them down and marked at the end of the night.

Next base was memory, this was a table with 20 objects from around the scout hut they had to remember and write down.

Next base is the Lego above. We made up a Lego structure and the scouts had to replicate it brick for brick in the exact same position. At a distance of 1/3 of the scout back room.

Next base was throwing tea bags into a ranging size of pots, bowl and cups. These had corresponding points based on difficulty.

The last base was music. We did a music quiz by getting some Icon and some abstract music and gave them 15 seconds of listening before writing down what they think the song was called and artist.



This scout evening was the basics of our canvas tents we use in scouting when we go camping.

We like to get the scouts to get everything needed to pitch these tents, then make them pitch the tents with our help, going through vocabulary used with these tents, such as guy lines, ridge poles, storm lashing etc.

We then help the scouts neatly and properly fold them away before returning them to the store.

This evening is a great one for the scouts as it builds their team working skill but also personal learning and understanding of the tents. These tents get used at Group Camp, Gunnel and Summer Camp.

To end Lion Troops Section Report, I thought we finish on the summer camp we have just partaken union.

## Summer Camp

This year on. Lion troops summer camp we visited a scouting activity centre called Bently Copse. Its located near Guildford.

The site was a mixture between dense trees and open pitches, a picturesque scene for most campers.

Outside the site it was boarding a lovely forest which the scouts loved to walk through and play wide games in.

Bently Copse offered many activities which we took full advantage of. Some where self lead and other were run by the great onsite team. These activities were such as: Create Stacking, Air pistols, Freesbie Golf, laser tag, Cave maze and pedal Karts.

The onsite tuck went down well with the scouts, they got a allowance of what they could spend. Some enjoyed the challenge of getting exactly their money worth of sweet and sweet treats.



Above (left) is cave maze, this was a building on site that had 3 level of maze that all inter connected, It was pitch black inside the maze with little obstacles and tricks to aid the

exploration and experience. We also played a game. Such as Troll Hunter, this is where a scout is a hunter and the rest of the scouts run and hide in the maze to be found but the hunter.

Above (right) this was create stacking, this is where one scout got put into a harness and the other scouts had to build them a platform crate by crate seeing who could get the highest. Usually ending in the tower falling down and the scout swinging whilst suspended by the harness in the air.



Above (left) air pistols, this was lead by two of the leader attending summer camp (shoutout to Jamie and Clem) they ran two half hours sessions for the scout to try and become sharpshooters with air pistols. They did very well and got to take their targets away with them.

Above (right) bivy making in the woods at the camp site. We spent the afternoon foraging for good sized stick to create a lean too shelter. The

scouts got to use axes and saw to create their structures. And of course the ultimate test is to get them to get into the bivy to see how it was.

I think we have a good year of scouting and the aim os to get better and better. But I couldn't have done it without my leaders. So thank you to my leader! Jamie, Michelle, Murv and Gareth for coming every week and supporting me and the section.

Following this thank-you two the young leader as-well, Tolly and Tegan for the effort and time given to the section every-week.

Shoutout to two honourably leaders: Ed Mill and Clem for helping on short notice.

Dom Allgood and Lion Troop leaders

# Nexus Explorers

2022 saw the 20<sup>th</sup> Birthday for Explorer scouting in the UK. Hayling Explorers took part in many activities with other explorers from around the world & Hampshire, when we were finally allowed to travel to Switzerland after 2 years of delays caused by a virus or something no one seems to talk about any more. Our activities during the year included eating, making fires and using them to cook on, relaxing by the fire too. In July we had a BBQ up at QECP with explorers from Havant, Rowlands castle, Waterlooville & Petersfield it was a lovely warm evening with fun and games with plenty of food.

The highlight of the year was our trip to Kandersteg in Switzerland 12 explorers and 4 leaders from Hayling went to Switzerland for 2 weeks along with around 100 other explorers from Hampshire. It was a very warm 2 weeks with only rain during the last few days. Activities included Ice climbing, White water rafting, Swimming in a glacier fed lake refreshing was one way to describe it, Other activities included High ropes, Rock climbing eating local food. Our explorers meet scouts from all over the world including Germany, France, Portugal & Spain & amazingly 2 rovers from Sweden they were meet in a mountain hut had the same neckers as Hayling. The staff at Kandersteg are also from all over the world we met some from Australia, Czech Republic and Argentina. The Explorers shopped and cooked for themselves for the 2 weeks choosing their own menu, Enjoying things from the usual spaghetti Bolognese with garlic bread to German sausages with mash and veg, Cheese and biscuits for afters.

Who knew the Swiss chickens could lay hard boiled eggs



## Our Sub Camp



Our sub camp was made up of Explorers from all over Hampshire and the Isle of Wight Who having only met for a few hours at a time before the trip got on with each other really well and made lots of new friends.

At the end of 2022 I stepped aside from being Explorer leader to carry on my new role of Group Scout Leader Tom Lincoln has taken over the running of Explorers although I still pop along occasionally. The last 10 years running Explorers has been fun and sometimes challenging but enjoyable making many new friends along the way, taking me to places that I would never have visited and would love to go back to.

I would like to say a massive thank you to Leigh Terry and Colin for all the support you have given me over the years running the group.

James Perfett

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After taking over from James in January 2023 we started the term with your typical indoor scouting activities, from Cooking to Pioneering, Pancakes to Egg hunts.

We also attended the launch of HAWK district explorers, a weekend camp where we could meet the other sections from the new district and share ideas, skills and generally have a good time.

The program for explorers is youth lead with support from, Leigh, Terry, Colin and Myself and we have had some interesting ideas put forward for the summer term.

Tom



