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16th Morecambe & Heysham  
Church of the Ascension  
Scout Group

Registered Charity No. 509581

Group Registration No. 33071

## Annual Review 2011/12

Annual General Meeting of the Group Council

Annual Report of the Group Executive Committee

Annual Statement of Accounts

Section Reports

We've joined the adventure!



16TH MORECAMBE & HEYSHAM  
(CHURCH OF THE ASCENSION)

SCOUT GROUP

ANNUAL REVIEW

SUNDAY 24 JUNE 2012

SCOUT HEADQUARTERS  
MICHAELSON AVENUE  
TORRISHOLME  
MORECAMBE



16TH MORECAMBE & HEYSHAM  
CHURCH OF THE ASCENSION  
SCOUT GROUP

ANNUAL REVIEW & AGM

24 June 2012

PROGRAMME

- 2.30 pm      Arrival of Guests and Supporters
- Meet the Section Leaders and discuss Scouting topics  
                 View the HQ and Section displays
- 2.45 pm      Welcome & Introduction  
                 Acting Group Chairman
- 2.50 pm      Annual General Meeting of the Group Scout Council
- Annual Report of the Group Executive Committee, Section Reports & Annual  
                 Accounts will be published on the website
- 3.15 pm      Presentation of Awards etc
- Steed Trophies  
                 Investitures  
                 Chief Scout's Bronze, Silver & Gold awards
- 3.45 pm      Meet the Leaders & Committee members while enjoying a drink



## Agenda

1. Executive Committee Report  
See Section Reports
2. Laying of Accounts and Annual Report
3. Approval of the Acting Group Scout Leader's nominations for the Group Executive for the forthcoming year

The following are nominated

Mr. R Crewdson, Mrs. Glenys McKay, Mrs. Tracey Penny, Mrs. Angela Rawlinson

4. Nomination of Group Chairman:-

Mr. Jeremy Watson is nominated

5. Election of Group Secretary:-

Mr. Paul Anderton is nominated - other nominations invited

6. Election of Group Treasurer:-

Mr. Robert Gill is nominated - other nominations invited

7. Election of Group Auditor for 2012/13:-

Lisa Stott is nominated - other nominations invited

8. Election of members of the Group Council to the Executive Committee:-

Anne Blackshaw, Steph Stephenson, Graham Lawton are nominated

Further nominations are invited.

9. Any other business

10. Presentations & Investitures:-

Steed Trophies

CSSA's



## GROUP SCOUT LEADER'S REPORT 2011/12

I am pleased to report that our Group continues to provide a high standard of Scouting to the young people within our catchment area. Group numbers have been maintained and there is good continuity between the sections.

It is my duty to ensure that all adults working within the Group are 'fit and proper' persons to carry out the tasks given them and to make sure that there is continuity and development of training in Sections of the Group and that all adults in the Group are appropriately trained. Again, I am happy to report that our excellent team of volunteer leaders has continued to develop their skills and they are all providing an interesting and enjoyable balanced programme to our young people.

Several leaders' warrants, their authorisation to act in that capacity, have come up for renewal during the year and I am delighted that all those concerned have indicated their intention to continue in post for a further period.

Our leaders have been ably supported in their work by another dedicated team of volunteers, namely our Group Executive Committee, ably chaired, firstly, by Rev. Peter Ennion and following his leaving the district, latterly by Jeremy Watson. I would take this opportunity to thank Father Peter for his able chairmanship and support; the Group wishes him every success in his new post. They have ensured that the necessary resources have been available to maintain the first-rate programmes that have been developed by the leaders. However, we really do need more parents and friends to join our committee to ensure that the good work is carried on. We presently have minimal parent representation from either the Cub or the Beaver sections. This is not an onerous task - we meet bi-monthly. If you feel that you are able to help please speak to myself or any member of the committee. You would be made most welcome.

In this, the Queen's diamond jubilee year, the Scout Association launched Scout Community Week. This was a UK-wide fundraising initiative to help Scouts 'do 1 thing' to have an impact on their community. It gave Scouts for a week in May, the chance to reaffirm their commitment to helping local areas and raising community spirits by doing what they do best: volunteering. Beavers, Cubs and Scouts from our Group did us proud putting their skills to good use by volunteering to carry out a number of useful tasks at St. John's Hospice.

Finally, on a personal note, the Group was honoured in the annual national St. George's Day awards with the granting of a bar to the Silver Acorn to myself awarded "after not less than five years of further especially distinguished service while holding an adult appointment."

I hope that you will enjoy reading the various sections' reports. These illustrate the excellent work being carried out, the progress made within the training scheme and the achievements of our young people.

Alan S Hague  
Acting Group Scout Leader  
June 2012





Alder Beavers meet on Monday 5.45pm-7.00pm and there are 18 beavers at present. We strive to provide a full and exciting programme with the support of the parent rota. Their help and support is invaluable.

We completed the Global Challenge between Sept- Dec 2011. The boys had a talk from an Explorer Scout who had been to the World Jamboree in Sweden in Summer 2011 and they filled in their 'passports' visiting a different country from each continent and tasting food and learning the flag and capital of that country. We raised money for Children in Need by decorating and eating Pudsey shaped biscuits. Board games is always a favourite night especially when the Jenga tower falls. At Christmas the boys made some beautiful stained glass window tree decorations.

In the Spring Term we completed both the Creative Challenge and Emergency 1st Aid badge. The boys learnt about dangers in the home especially the kitchen, the recovery position, how to put on a sling and looking after burns and grazes. We had a go at 'tie dying' and also growing cress for our Experimenter badge. The cress then formed part of each Beavers tinfoil tray garden complete with pond, path and flowers. For Sport Relief we incorporated our walk of 1 mile with a visit to the recycling in Torrisholme. At Easter we made an origami basket filled with an Easter Egg.

The final challenge badge for this year was 'Outdoor'. The boys brought to the colony their own rucksack packed for a day trip out and we discussed what the correct items to include were. As part of Scout Community Week, in May, we raised money by helping at the Hospice. We had great fun washing the vehicles and getting very wet. We assisted with Church Parade in May and the boys did an excellent job of talking about the Queen and her life in pictures and her Diamond Jubilee. Some of the Beavers were able to attend a Funday at Littledale Campsite and gain their Adventure Activity Badge. In preparation for the Olympics they will be making Olympic Torches and another enjoyable night to come is our Sausage Sizzle at Silverdale in July. It is a beautiful setting and we enjoy being able to give out badges and Bronze Awards and carry out investitures. This year 2 boys have gained their Bronze Award Joshua Allison and Sam Hansson completing all six challenge badges.

A big thank you to Andrew - Assistant Beaver Leader, Sue - Section Assistant and George - Young Leader for all their support in running Alder beavers.

Jen Moore Beaver Leader





## 16<sup>th</sup> Morecambe Cubs

### Year Review

### 2011 - 2012

A successful year has been had by both cub packs. Numbers are healthy- 32 members at time of writing. The adult team still consists of Gill Briggs, Donna Pearson, Kris Devereux and myself. We have been fortunate enough to have a number of young people to help with the running of the meetings- Zoe Bleasdale, Alex Briggs, David Penny, Miles Pearson and Matthew Devereux.

Along with all the work towards various activity and challenge badges, we have been able to link up both packs for various sporting events such as hiring the large sports hall at Lancaster and Morecambe College and undertaking a multitude of sports that evening.

The Annual Inter-Pack Football Tournament was won by Apache.

Other notable events have been the trip to the Lifeboat Station, Sausage Sizzle (which was extremely well attended) and the Swimming Gala. Helping at St. John's Hospice, both at Christmas and in May, were successful activities and strong links have been created with this charity.

An event we are looking forward to later this year is the Cub Section Camp to Bowley in July- let's hope the weather holds!

We have five boys who have completed their Silver Awards this year- the highest award in the cub section.

Finally, I would like to say thank-you to all who have helped us in any way during the year with a special mention to any visitors and helpers.

Marcus Harding





## SCOUT SECTION REPORT 2011/12

I am pleased to report that this year has been yet another eventful, enjoyable and successful twelve months in the life of the Troop.

The highlight of the year was undoubtedly the Annual Summer Camp. This was based on the Kandersteg International Scout Centre in the Swiss Alps. In company with 6<sup>th</sup> Morecambe Guides the lucky participants were treated to a plethora of exciting and adventurous activities and trips including hikes in the mountains, mountain biking, an international disco, national day carnival and visits to the summits of Neissen and the Jungfrauoch. On the return journey we took in the sights of Paris, ascending the Eiffel Tower and enjoying the thrills of Disneyland.

Well-attended camps were also held during the year at Silverdale at Spring Bank Holiday and indoors at Great Tower in January.

We tried, as ever, during the year to put on a balanced, interesting and exciting programme mixing the learning of scouting skills with progress award work, outdoor events and, of course, lots of games! Indoor highlights included foreign cooking and the annual super-scout competition whilst out of doors there were wide games, a cross bay walk, helping at the 'Race for Life' event, canoeing on the canal, the ever-popular chip survey, 'gorge' walking, remembrance Sunday hike to Clougha Pike, hikes to Wansfell Pike over Christmas and a snow & ice expedition to Grasmere.

There has been good progress in the training scheme, with a number of scouts gaining a variety of Challenge and Activity badges. The highest training award in the Scout Section, the Chief Scout's Gold Award, was presented to Daniel Smith. We will continue to promote the fullest possible use of training themes in our programmes.

On the competition front, 2011 was once more a successful year. In the District camping competition our team kept up our high standards finishing in 1st place for the 5th year running. We were also successful in winning the County Crew Challenge. We participated in the County Orienteering event at Beacon Fell, finishing in 1st and 2nd places in the under 15 section, and taking 1st place in the inter-troop trophy. Continuing winning ways we won both age sections in the Lonsdale Hiking competition for the 3rd year in succession. We came a very creditable 3rd in both the Bowlander County Hiking Competition and the District swimming gala, were runners-up in the District quiz and won the District 5-a-side football event. Success in the competitions based on scouting skills is particularly gratifying representing as it does the putting into practice of expertise gained mainly within the Troop.

The year saw us maintaining Troop numbers, presently 27, with some recruits joining from outside the Group as well as Cubs coming through. It is pleasing to record that several former members have moved on to Explorer Scouts.

Our excellent Troop website on the Internet continues to provide a colourful insight into our activities. See [www.16thmorecambescouts.org.uk](http://www.16thmorecambescouts.org.uk)

The Steed Trophy for Patrol Camping is this year awarded to Eagles Patrol for their performance at the diamond jubilee camp.



Finally, I should like to say a word of thanks to all those who have helped us in any way during the year. Particularly may I express my gratitude to the Patrol Leaders past and present and to the two Chris's, Harry and our Young Leaders Ben and Shaun for their loyalty and dedicated support, which makes so much more possible.

Alan S Hague

Scout Leader

June 2012



## Group Accounts

### Church of the Ascension Scout Group Receipts and Payments Accounts for Year Ended 28th February 2012

Receipts	2010/2011		2011/2012		Payments	2010/2011		2011/2012	
	£	£	£	£		£	£	£	£
Subscriptions	£ 8,432.50	£ 7,640.00	Capitation	£ 2,674.30	£ 2,895.90				
Guides Rent	£ 786.00	£ 432.00	Leader Insurance	£ 279.99	£ 307.82				
Other Rent	£ 200.00	£ 200.00	Heat & Light	£ 498.98	£ 563.86				
Camp Receipts	£ 10,380.00	£ 12,528.00	Water	£ 68.78	£ 65.57				
Section Activities and Sundries	£ -	£ 330.00	H.Q. Expenses	£ 1,160.08	£ 1,664.13				
Sharpe Bequest	£ 445.07	£ -	Camp Expenditure	£ 5,717.88	£ 13,563.54				
	£ -	£ -	Phones	£ 204.63	£ 83.33				
Donations Received	£ 500.00	£ 500.00	Minibus Expenditure	£12,588.08	£ 1,327.04				
Gift Aid	£ -	£ 884.72	Activities & Sundries	£ 2,165.80	£ 3,153.90				
Uniform	£ 239.50	£ 187.00	Uniform	£ 196.61	£ 330.28				
Bank Interest	£ 21.39	£ 7.09	Gifts and Donations Made	£ -	£ -				
Fund Raising	£ 2,828.14	£ 8,113.63	Fund Raising Expenses	£ 1,002.15	£ 4,496.63				
Fund Raising Minibus	£ 9,445.51	£ -	Badges & Books	£ 611.70	£ 518.77				
Use of minibus	£ -	£ -	Training	£ 105.00	£ 165.00				
Less charges to sections	£ -	£ -	Equipment (Inc.Repairs)	£ 944.63	£ 643.71				
Hikes and Trips	£ 234.91	£ -	Postage & Stationery	£ 105.05	£ 56.76				
Miscellaneous	£ 2,041.50	£ 373.77	Bank Charges	£ -	£ -				
			Miscellaneous	£ 3,424.54	£ 2,474.98				
Outstanding Cheques	£ -		Outstanding Payments	-£ 127.45	-£ 186.41				
Group Balance B/fwd	£14,095.72	£18,058.14	Group Balance C/fwd	£18,058.14	£17,130.66				
Section Balance B/fwd	£7,360.00	£7,331.35	Section Balance C/fwd	£7,331.35	£7,330.23				
	<b>£57,010.24</b>	<b>£56,585.70</b>		<b>£57,010.24</b>	<b>£56,585.70</b>				

Group Scout Leader

Alan S Hagne

Audited and found to be correct

Lisa Stott

Chairman

J Walker

Secretary

R AndelleName LISA STOTT

Treasurer

R HagneDate 18.6.12

Executive Committee Members

R CREWTEGAMCOYT PennyA J ShawA Rowan