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16th Morecambe & Heysham
Church of the Ascension
Scout Group

Registered Charity No. 509581

Group Registration No. 33071

Annual Review 2009/10

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

SATURDAY 26 JUNE 2010

SILVERHELME CAMPSITE

SILVERDALE

16TH MORECAMBE & HEYSHAM
CHURCH OF THE ASCENSION
SCOUT GROUP

ANNUAL REVIEW & BARBECUE

26 June 2010

At SilverHelme Campsite, Silverdale

PROGRAMME FOR THE EVENING

- 7.00 pm Arrival of Guests and Supporters
- Meet the Section Leaders and discuss Scouting topics
- View the Campsite and any Section displays
- 7.15 pm Welcome & Introduction
 Acting Group Scout Leader
- 7.20 pm Annual General Meeting of the Group Scout Council
- 7.40 pm Presentation of Awards
- 7.45 pm Meet the Leaders & Committee members while enjoying a drink and
 refreshments

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, Mr. J Watson, Mr. P Morris, Mr. D Higgins

4. Nomination of Group Chairman:-
Rev. P Ennion is nominated
5. Election of Group Secretary:-
Mr. P Anderton is nominated - other nominations invited
6. Election of Group Treasurer:-
Mr. R Gill is nominated - other nominations invited
7. Election of Group Auditor for 2009/10:-
Lisa Stott is nominated - other nominations invited
8. Election of members of the Group Council to the Executive Committee:-
Tracey Penny, Angela Rawlinson, Anne Blackshaw, Steph Stephenson, Glenys McKay are nominated
Further nominations are invited.
9. Any other business

From the Group Chairman

"They won't all fit around the camp fire." This was the headline in a national newspaper some weeks ago. It was reporting that the Scout Association in this country has seen its biggest growth in almost four decades. How wonderful and uplifting it is to read good news like this. It is estimated that the total number of Scouts is in the region of 500,000, with also a high number on waiting lists. The waiting list is due to the lack of Leaders and Volunteers. Something I have heard mentioned several times at the 16th Morecambe & Heysham Scout Group !

Whatever the facts & figures, this encouraging news underlines just how greatly valued the Uniformed Organisations are and the contribution they make in the formation of young people in their early years. None of this of course, would be possible without the excellent leadership and dedication of those who lead and help with the various groups. We thank them and we thank also those who participate in our regular meetings and the contribution of time and talents to ensure all is running well. As Vicar, it is always a joy to have the Uniformed Groups present on the Parade Sunday's and the effort made to attend the morning service at The Ascension.

I thank all those who have contributed to this Annual Report and have pleasure in commending it to you.

That recent article which emphasised now popular Scouting had become said that "Scouting is empowering, wild and fun, and offers so many adventure-based activities for young people and adults alike.

I am sure this is true of all the Uniformed Groups. Long may this continue for the sake of all our wonderful young people.

Rev Peter Ennion

GROUP SCOUT LEADER'S REPORT 2009/10

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 again increased mirroring the national trend 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.

Our leaders have been ably supported in their work by another dedicated team of volunteers, namely our Group Executive Committee, ably chaired by Rev. Peter Ennion. 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.

Over the past few months one particular major project that we have been working on was to look to source funds, or sponsorship, to replace our ageing Scout minibus. The current vehicle had given us several years' sterling service enabling the Sections to provide an extended range of outdoor activities, but it was nearing the end of its life. I have been struck by the amount of energy and enthusiasm that has been put into the dedicated fundraising that has taken place both by members and by their families and culminating in a successful ending. Thank you to you all.

Mention must be made of Chris Stephenson who agreed to lead the fundraising effort and has brought it to a successful conclusion in a far shorter timescale than I ever imagined possible – thanks Chris.

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
May 2010

SCOUT SECTION REPORT 2009/10

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 held at Braggers Wood Campsite, Bransgore in the New Forest from 25 July - 1 August. In spite of changeable unseasonal weather there was more fun, excitement and adventure to be had.

Camping skills displayed were generally very good and the lucky attendees were treated to a first-rate range of activities and trips. Activities included a challenge day, camp Olympics, climbing, archery and mountain biking. There were interesting visits to the National Motor Museum at Beaulieu, the Tank Museum at Bovington and Splashdown Water Park at Poole.

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, canoeing on the canal, the ever-popular chip survey, hikes to the source of the R. Wyre, to Great Gable on Remembrance Sunday, to Scafell Pike and a gliding experience evening at Bowland Forest Gliding Club.

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 Harry Blenkinsip, Ben Moore and Liam English. We will continue to promote the fullest possible use of training themes in our programmes.

On the competition front, 2009 was once more a successful year. In the District camping competition our team kept up our high standards finishing in 1st place for the 3rd year running. We were also successful in gaining 2nd and 5th places in the County Crew Challenge. We participated in the County Orienteering event at Astley Park, Chorley, with several well placed finishes in the under 15 section, and taking 1st place in the inter-troop trophy. Continuing winning ways we recently won both age sections in the Lonsdale Hiking competition. Our two teams in the District Night Activity also did us proud, the juniors finishing 1st and the seniors 3rd. 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 30, with several 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

The Steed Trophy for Patrol Camping is this year awarded to Eagles combined Patrol for their performance at the annual 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 Tom for their loyalty and dedicated support, which makes so much more possible.

Alan S Hague
Scout Leader
May 2010

16th Morecambe Scouts Alder Beavers Annual Report 2010.

I would like to start by thanking Sharon Orwin and Kelly Glendenning for helping run Beavers from September 2008 to July 2009. Without them Beavers would have closed so we are indebted to them for giving their time and skills so generously. Secondly I would like to welcome Andrew and Susan back from their travels in New Zealand.

Alder Beavers meets on Monday 6.15pm - 7.30pm 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 and much appreciated.

During the Autumn/Winter term the boys completed their Global Challenge which is part of their Bronze award. They learnt the Kea (Beavers) promise from New Zealand and how to do a Hongi which is a Maori greeting. We had a foreign tasting night and the Beavers were extremely adventurous in the foods they were prepared to sample. Well done! The council recycling lady gave a talk about recycling and the Beavers were very knowledgeable about separating their waste. They were rewarded with a recycled pencilcase, pencil and note book made of old tyres. We did our own recycling and walked to Spar car park Torrisholme and deposited newspapers, cans and newspapers. In October we visited Asda and found many F&R Trade products some of which were very hard to spot. In November the boys made Firework rocket pictures and a poppy picture to commemorate Remembrance Sunday. An Autumn favourite is a board game night when the boys move around the room and spend about 10 minutes playing cards, dominoes, Connect 4, frustration and downfall. We made our traditional Christmas cards and ended the year with a Christmas party.

From January to April the Beavers completed the Creative Challenge by making fantastic models from all their home recycling, they brought their favourite mug and made a hot chocolate and read their favourite books and we read Beaver and the Echo to them, they made Easter nests and finally we tried to dye celery with food colouring but this wasn't successful!. In March we walked along the prom from the Clock Tower to the Battery and back to raise money for Sport Relief. A big thank you - we raised £221.50

We started in April by attending the St George's Day parade and walking along the Promenade on a beautiful evening to the central Methodist Church for our service. In the Summer term we completed the Outdoor Challenge by packing a rucksack and watching and helping some of the scouts put up a tent. We visited Happy Mount Park play area and look forward to trying out their new one too. The boys thoroughly enjoyed their trip to Morecambe Superbowl with Joshua Walling getting the highest score. We are looking forward to our sandcastle building - weather permitting and the sausage sizzle at Silverhelme where we are able to build our own fires, cook tea and then present the boys with their badges in a fantastic setting. Sports night will round off a successful year of Fun and Friendships which is what Beavers is all about.

In between gaining badges we play lots of games and Harry has joined us as a Junior Leader and is doing a great job of assisting/running the games/activities. Finally thank you to Andrew Assistant Beaver Leader and Sue Section Assistant for all their support in running Beavers.

Jen Moore Beaver Leader

16th Morecambe Cubs

Year Review

2009-2010

A successful year has been had by both cub packs. Numbers are healthy- 46 members at time of writing. We undertook our first Winter Camp at Great Tower in February of this year- we did activities such as archery, shooting, zipwire, obstacle course and the old favourite of kick the bottle!

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, Ben Moore, Alex Briggs, David Penny, Miles Pearson, Matthew Devereux, Jake Fisher and Jonathon Higgins.

Along with all this work towards various activity and challenge badges, we have been able to link up both packs for various sporting events such as Tae Kwon Do at Lancaster and Morecambe College.

An event we are looking forward to later this year is the Cub Section Camp to Bibby's Farm in July- lets hope the weather holds! We have eight boys who have completed their Silver Awards this year- the highest award in the cub section- which is a record number!

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, helpers from other sections and the members who have raised money for the new minibus- over £2000 from this section alone

Marcus Harding

Church of the Ascension Scout Group
Receipts and Payments Accounts for Year Ended 28th February 2010

Receipts	2008/2009		2009/2010		Payments	2008/2009		2009/2010	
	£	£	£	£		£	£	£	£
scriptions Alder Beavers	£ 1,700.00	£ 1,970.00 ✓	Capitation	£ 2,626.00	£ 2,430.00 ✓				
Cubs	£ 2,135.50	£ 4,797.50 ✓	Leader Insurance	£ 224.00	£ -				
Scouts	£ 2,270.00	£ 2,675.00 ✓	Heat & Light	£ 1,016.05	£ 595.25				
des Rent	£ 414.00	£ 540.00 ✓	Water	£ 40.94	£ 97.57				
er Rent	£ -	£ 200.00 ✓	H.Q. Expenses	£ 1,287.68	£ 1,326.79				
np Receipts	£ 12,240.00	£ 9,089.00 ✓	Camp Expenditure	£ 10,796.22	£ 6,146.25				
tion Activities and Sundries	£ 20.00	£ 105.00 ✓	Phones	£ 142.60	£ 150.62				
nt- Joseph Jones Trust	£ -	£ 508.25 ✓	Minibus Expenditure	£1,337.34	£ 1,817.68				
nt- Galbraith Trust	£ -	£ 524.00 ✓	Activities & Sundries	£ 1,443.16	£ 1,766.67				
ations Received	£ 1,205.00	£ 500.00 ✓	Uniform	£ 168.28	£ 380.69				
Aid	£ 463.62	£ -	Gifts and Donations Made	£ 95.00	£ -				
orm	£ 134.00	£ 256.00 ✓	Fund Raising Expenses	£ 720.38	£ 562.62				
ik Interest	£ 63.51	£ 2.91 ✓	Badges & Books	£ 418.89	£ 511.37				
d Raising	£ 1,630.56	£ 1,503.78 ✓	Training	£ -	£ 30.00				
d Raising Minibus	£ -	£ 5,124.60 ✓	Equipment (Inc.Repairs)	£ 110.68	£ 1,734.16				
of minibus	£ 30.00	£ -	Postage & Stationery	£ 55.69	£ 82.38				
s charges to sections	£ -	£ -	Bank Charges	£ -	£ -				
es and Trips	£ 402.22	£ 83.00 ✓	Miscellaneous	£ 1,889.98	£ 1,269.38				
ellaneous	£ 1,033.36	£ 144.00 ✓							
standing Cheques	£ -		Outstanding Payments	-£ 180.30	-£ 2,369.97				
oup Balance B/fwd	£5,713.89	£7,611.75	Group Balance C/fwd	£7,611.75	£14,095.72				
ction Balance B/fwd	£5,023.89	£4,675.21	Section Balance C/fwd	£4,675.21	£9,682.82				
	£34,479.55	£40,310.00		£34,479.55	£40,310.00				

Group Scout Leader W. S. Hague
 Chairman [Signature]
 Secretary [Signature]
 Treasurer [Signature]

Audited and found to be correct [Signature]
 Name LISA STOTT
 Date 22.06.10

Executive Committee Members [Signature] Blackshaw
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A. Rawlins