

1st Lower Morden Scout Group

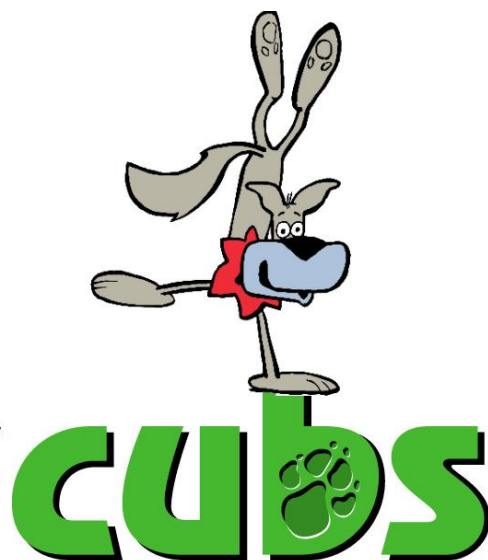


AGM 2015

Annual Report

January 2014 -

December 2014



**1<sup>ST</sup> Lower Morden Scout Group**  
Registered Charity No 303787  
**Report & Accounts for the year ended 31 December 2014**

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**Section Meeting Times**

Beavers (6 - 8 years)	Tuesday	5.45 - 6.45 pm
Cubs (8 - 10½ years)	Tuesday	7.00 - 8.30 pm
Scout Troop (10½ - 14 years)	Thursday	7.15 - 9.00 pm

Any boy or girl wishing to join Beavers, Cubs or Scouts should contact one of the Leaders.

## OFFICERS/LEADERS

### Leaders

Group Scout Leader	Andrew Hayward
Beaver Leadership Team	Nicky Hayward Tracy Eaton Ashleigh Cadman
Cub Scout Leadership Team	Andrew Hayward Peter Mead Lisa Jones Bob McNally Dave Poynter (Helper)
Scout Troop Leadership Team	David Williams
Young Leader Help	Daniel Stone, Connor Fanning, Paul Knight, Alfie Lanham-Brown

### Executive Committee

Chairman	Terrie Jerrom
Secretary	Evelyn Steele
Treasurer	Martin Knight

### Bankers:

CAF Bank Limited  
25 Kings Hill Avenue, Kings Hill,  
West Malling, Kent ME19 4JQ

### Auditor:

Rayvathi Katzanos

Scout Association Group Registration  
No: 46746

Charity Registration No: 303787

The Officers are appointed in accordance with the Policy, Organisation and Rules of the Scout Association.

The Accounts have been drawn up on an income and expenditure basis.

**1<sup>st</sup> LOWER MORDEN SCOUT GROUP**  
**Charity Number 303787**  
**Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on**  
**Tuesday, 20 May 2014 at 6.48 p.m. at Bow Lane, Lower Morden.**

**Present:** Group Executive Committee, Group Leaders, Parents and Friends

**1. Welcome and Opening Prayer**

Andrew Hayward introduced the Members of the Executive, Leaders and the District Commissioner, Joe Rogerson, and opened the Meeting with a story about helping and looking out for each other.

**2. Apologies for Absence**

Apologies received from Martin Knight and Lisa Corbett.

**3. Minutes of AGM 2013**

**Approval** - These were accepted as a true record.

**Matters Arising** – Andrew Hayward had omitted to mention specifically the help David Williams and The Explorer Unit had given for all the work they had undertaken around the grounds of the HQ although this had been added to the Minutes under 'Please Note'. Mr Hayward apologised to the Meeting regarding this omission.

**4. Treasurer's Report**

Mr Hayward gave the report in Mr Knight's absence. Details of the accounts were circulated as part of Annual Report. There is nothing further to report on the accounts, which show a healthy balance. Please consider completing a Gift Aid Form as we can reclaim money from the Government.

Mr Hayward said we are conscious that the money does not just sit in the account but is used for the benefit of the young people in the Group. As you will see, the Headquarters has been decorated inside and out. The section room corridor needs to be painted and this will be done eventually. The grounds are tidier and we plan to spend some of the money on a Traversing Wall and enclose the wooded area for a camp fire circle.

**5. Section Reports**

Individual reports for Beavers, Cubs and Scouts had been circulated as part of the Annual Report. Mr Hayward remarked on how the sleeves of the member's uniforms are growing longer with the number of badges they are earning!

**6. Group Scout Leader's Report**

Andrew Hayward's report had been circulated as part of the Annual Report. The Group's numbers are around the 80 mark which is no mean feat when considering the number of outside activities children can become involved in. Scouting is for everyone whether you are able-bodied or not, as the Cubs have recently experienced. All Sections are burgeoning. Thank you to the adults who continue to work around the Headquarters: Alan File who looks after the grounds, David Williams and the Explorer Unit for helping, Simon Day and Mike Hooker who worked on the outside of the building. Thank you also to Peter Wraight of the 6/12<sup>th</sup> Mitcham who painted the hall and also Bill Lanham-Brown for updating the electrics (although these were safe.) The Headquarters still require a lot of work so if you can help it would be appreciated.

The Website has been updated by Kaa.

Finally, thank you to Nicky, my wife, for all the support she gives me.

Andrew Hayward then advised that the cup on display was won by the Cubs in the District Football Competition – the first time in 24 years for the 1<sup>st</sup> Lower Morden to win this. The Cubs played seven games and won seven games with no goals going passed the Keeper. The only goal scored against them was in the penalty shoot out. Mr Hayward presented the Cub players with their certificates and also thanked the other Cubs who were present for the matches. Mr Simon Poynter thanked the parents who stayed behind when time was really at a premium.

#### **7. Group Scout Leader's Nomination of Group Chairman**

Mrs Jerrom was re-appointed as Group Chairman.

#### **8. Election of Group Officers and Group Executive Committee Members**

Treasurer - Martin Knight

Secretary - Evelyn Steele

Parent Representatives - Rachel Sibson

GSL's Representative – Jeff Walters

Proposed – Andrew Hayward

Seconded – Alan File

#### **9. Appointment of Group Auditor**

David Rylands has resigned as Group Auditor and Ms Rayvathi Katzanas has agreed to take on this role.

#### **10. Guest Speaker**

Mr Joe Rogerson, District Commissioner, Wimbledon and Wandle District, thanked the Meeting for inviting him to the Group's wonderful Headquarters. The Wimbledon and Wandle District should thank Andrew and Terrie for the wonderful work they do. It is a thriving Group but only because the people who are behind it make it happen. The Group provided a high variety of activities which is great for the Borough. The Leaders work very hard for the kids but they need help, particularly for the older Sections, including the Explorers. Any help you can offer will be greatly appreciated. Andrew works extremely hard for the Group. This is a wonderful Group and long may it remain so.

#### **11. Chairman's Remarks**

Mrs Jerrom pointed out this is a fantastic Group and the Leaders work incredibly hard. When you go outside tonight, please make a point of looking at the grounds which have gone through such a transformation. Thank you very much for coming to this Meeting.

#### **12. Any Other Business**

(a) Thank you to the Senior Adult Support section for running the BBQ

(b) Alan File spoke and said he would appreciate if any Father/s can help with the grass cutting – please make a point of seeing me if you can help. Mrs Jerrom also advised that any help Mothers can give would also be appreciated!

(c) 18 people signed the Attendance Sheet

The Meeting closed at 7.10 p.m.

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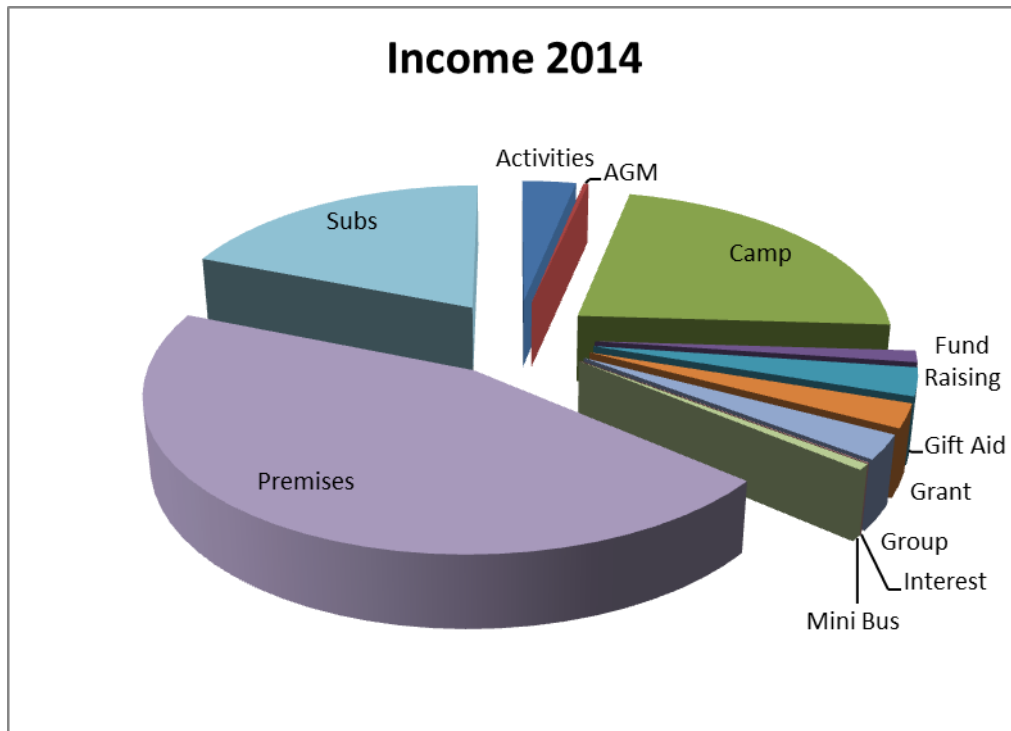
**Income and Expenditure Account for the year 1<sup>ST</sup> January to 31 December 2014**

**Accounts - Current Opening Balance is £13645.43**

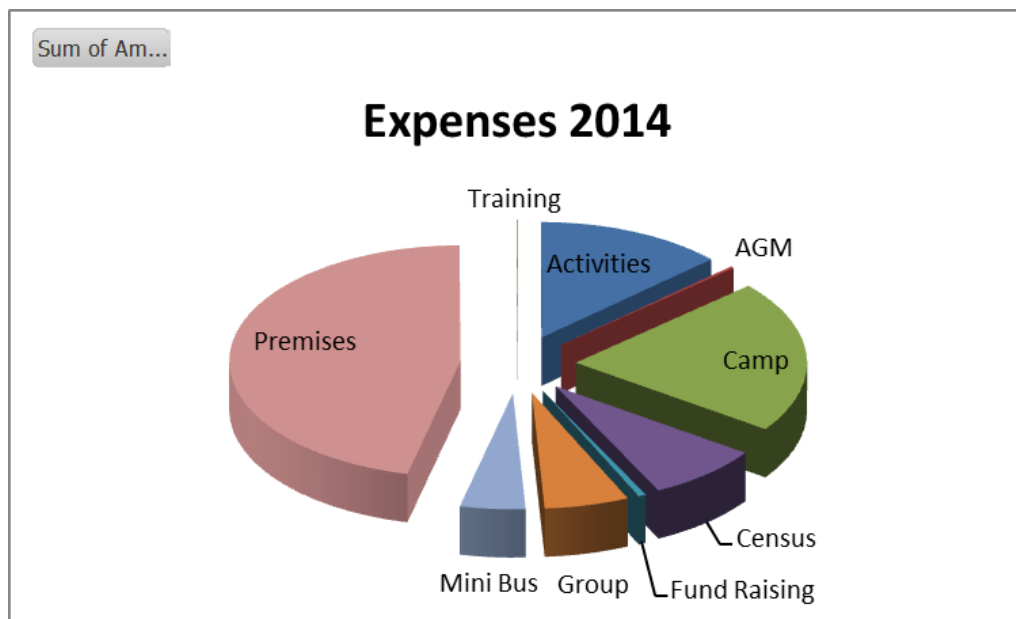
<u>INCOME</u>	<u>£</u>	<u>EXPENDITURE</u>	<u>£</u>
10p Fair February 2014	178.27	10p Fair Expenses 2014	18.88
AGM	71.00	Archery Expenses	10.00
Archery	30.00	AGM Expenses	64.84
BBQ	113.00	Badge Account	0.00
Beavers	0.00	Bank Charges	3.50
Camp	5303.47	BBQ Expenses	109.71
Cubs	74.00	Beaver Expenses	517.61
Gift Aid	702.80	Camp - Beaver Camp Expenses	264.20
Grant	600.00	Cub Camp Expenses	938.32
Group	545.00	France 201 Expenses	3763.45
Interest Received	11.81	Survival February	273.33
Investiture Fees	85.00	Census	1961.00
Mini Bus Hire	150.00	Christingle 2014	117.98
Rental Income 2013	245.00	Cub Expenses	1370.36
Rental Income 2014	10369.00	Grant	0.00
Scouts	200.00	Jack Petchy 2014	0.00
Stores	70.00	Group Expenses	1309.01
Subscriptions	4390.00	Mini Bus - Motor Insurance/Tax	954.57
Training	0.00	Repairs	168.69
Watersports	450.00	Disel - Group	144.46
		Scouts	0.00
		Premises 2014	
		Alarm System	0.00
		B Telecom	194.08
		EDF Electricity	203.00
		Gas 2013	868.73
		Gas 2014	712.48
		Insurance	2196.36
		Misc - Premises	2624.65
		Nicky Cleaning	292.50
		Refurbishment	2768.00
		Stand-By-Fire Equip.	301.05
		Sutton Water	1225.46
		Scouts Expenses	705.36
		Training Expenses	18.00
		Watersports Expenses	520.00
 <b><u>TOTAL</u></b>	 <b>23588.35</b>	 <b><u>TOTAL</u></b>	 <b>24621.58</b>

**CLOSING BALANCE AT 31 DECEMBER 2014 CARRIED FORWARD £12612.20**

Income - Where the Money Came From



Expenditure - Where the Money Went



## REPORTS FROM SECTIONS



It was another good year for the Beavers. We had a fantastic I spy themed sleep over where we went to London with our I spy books and took photo evidence of us at all the relevant landmarks and even managed photos with a busker at Waterloo station and with a group of soldiers by the war memorial and a trip on the river bus. After a tiring day we came back to Bow Lane for dinner and a camp fire. The kids were exhausted and this is the first sleepover where they hit the pillows and fell asleep instantly....Will do this one again!

Badges earned this year included the Outdoor Challenge, Fitness challenge, Explore & Healthy eating badges and the Faith Badge.

Over the course of the year the Beavers have enjoyed cooking, baking and lots of craft work. We've had trips to the bowling alley, the church & the mosque and a mad Zumba class and a district visit to RAF Hendon museum. We also had a visit from a guide dog. Evening activities included Pancake night, First aid, Mother's day gifts, Outside games and of course our annual summer water party! The year was finally closed with the Colony joining with the rest of the Group for the annual Christingle Carol Service at St Martin's.

My thanks go to the parents, the Beavers and of course to Ashleigh, Tracy, Stoney & Paul and the other Groups leaders for their help and support during 2014

Roo (Nicky)



The past year has been another very active and successful year for the Cubs with the pack taking part in lots of activities - both Group & District and also earning lots of badges.

During the first half of the year the Cubs attended the District Badge Day (held at our HQ). This year it was the Scientists badge. After this the cubs earned their Artist Badge and also their Creative Challenge. You can see some of the models made on the Cub noticeboard. We also celebrated the 2014 Winter Olympics with a bout of curling, ice hockey and of course a 'snowball fight' - all indoors of course!



We also hosted the District Chess Competition and all those who attended did very well.

In April the Cubs achieved the Disability Awareness Badge - the first in the District to do so. They learned basic sign language, how to cope with disabilities and rounded off the month with a visit from a Guide Dog and his owner.

In May we entered 2 teams in the District Cub Football Tournament and surprised ourselves by winning it for the first time ever! The winning team were on form that day and won all their matches only conceding 1 goal and that was in the penalty shoot-out!

In June the Cubs paid a visit to Wimbledon Park Lake and had a go at kayaking and sailing, thereby earning the Water Activities and Time On The Water badge. We also held our Pack Holiday at Frylands Wood where the Cubs had a go at rifle shooting, climbing, abseiling, caving and orienteering to name a few! As a result all Cubs earned their Outdoor Challenge badge.

After the summer break the Cubs worked towards their Road Safety, Physical Recreation and Sports Enthusiast Badges. The Cubs also took part in the District Gala and though we had some individual successes we weren't able to convert them to achieve enough points to win this year. Whilst training for the Gala the Cubs also earned various stages of the Swimming Badges.

To finish off the year the pack visited St Martin's Church and also the Mosque in Morden to earn their World Faith and My Faith Badges.

As part of our Christmas celebrations we had a bowling evening at the David Lloyd Centre in Raynes Park and we then joined with the Group at the annual Christingle Carol Service.

As I write this report our numbers currently stand at an amazing 38 with excellent links with the colony and the troop, ensuring what we hope is seamless Scouting for our members.

My thanks go to the Leadership Team of Peter (Kaa), Bob (Baggy), David (Chil) plus Lisa (Shere Khan) and Connor as well as the Cubs and their parents. A special thanks must also go to the other Group Leaders who have helped us run our activities and covered us for holidays etc. It's been a hugely fun and successful year and I'm looking forward to the year ahead.



We currently have 18 Scouts in the Troop and, once again, have had a busy year earning several badges and taking part in numerous activities.

We had a good summer last year and lots of activities were able to take place outside. We headed off to Brighton to litter pick earning the Scouts their community challenge badge. In July we took part in the Sports Day and won several events. We also spent a day Rafting at Ravensbury Park.

In August we travelled to France for our sixth trip overseas. This time we headed off to Northern France spending our time in Rouen, Tours and Normandy. The Scouts included: cycling, canoeing, high ropes, a town trip, karting, a trip to the Bayeaux Tapestry, a trip to the Normandy Beaches and a session of Sand Yachting. It was a busy week!

We took part again in the Incident Hike and fared very well. We came first! Well done to the team and we will have to defend our trophy later on this year.

This year's Survival Camp was a busy one. We were lucky with the weather this year as the whole weekend was very mild. On the Saturday we headed off to London for a trip on the London Eye, lunch in Trafalgar Square and walking through South Bank and Covent Garden talking and posing in front of the living statues! The evening was spent cooking dinner and warming up in front of a camp fire. We went to Surbiton Karting on the Sunday and a good time was had by all.

We performed very well at the District Football Competition and came a respectable third. We hope to do even better over the next few years. Our congratulations to this year's Jack Petchey award winners, Joe Benjamin and Mark Binks.

Trips to come include Litter Picking, once again at Crystal Palace after the London to Brighton Mini Run has departed, Sports Day and taking part in the annual Rafting. We also have planned our seventh trip abroad and will be heading to France. This year it will be a return to the Centre where our trips first began in 2008. Our activities will include kayaking, cycling and swimming.

This year marked a departure from the Troop. Lisa Eales, our Scout Leader since 2005 has decided to leave the Group. We all wish her well. Thanks as ever for the Scouts turning up week on week and taking part in the planned activities, the parents for bringing them along and the help that we have received from

District and those who have assisted us on selected nights. Thanks to Kieran Eales who is now with us every week barring work commitments and to Explorers Thomas Day and Michael Adams who provide regular help to us.

### Group Chairman's Report

I am pleased to report that the Group has had another successful year. There have been many exciting events throughout our 4 sections, this is due to the hard work and dedication of the section leaders who work strenuously throughout the year to provide a wide variety of activities to keep our young people interested and keen. I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the leaders for giving up their time to our group.

Fortunately, the Group is sound financially due to good fund raising and many parents prompt payment of subs. Please gift aid your subs as this brings in a lot of money to the group at no cost to yourselves. Prompt payment of subs is essential as it takes a lot of time to chase overdue payments.

As I have stated before our vision for Bow Lane is that it be used to benefit young people in the local community. The thriving groups run here by our leaders and volunteers are testament to that happening. The successful Pre-school based here, has recently been judged by OFSTED as Outstanding.

Over the last year we have worked tirelessly to improve our headquarters here at Bow Lane, including the re-decoration of the scout room. The outside environment is stunning, thanks to the hard work of David Williams and the Explorers, Mick Hooker, Simon Day and Alan. If the weather permits please take this opportunity to look around.

We need help to keep our headquarters in a good state of repair and willingly accept offers of help with maintenance from parents / carers.

If you would like to get involved in scouting yourselves, please speak to Andrew about helping out during section meetings or you may like to join the executive committee which requires a couple of hours a term to attend a meeting. If you are interested please speak to myself. I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the executive committee for their support and hard work.

Finally, I would like to finish this report with a special thank you to Andrew Hayward our GSL, who leads the group with enthusiasm and great determination.

Terrie Jerrom.

## Group Treasurer's Report

The Group's Annual report and Accounts are presented on an income and expenditure basis. A copy of the audited accounts will be displayed on the notice board. There are no financial issues arising from the accounts.

Rayvathi Katzanos independently audits the accounts. We are grateful for her carrying out this work voluntarily.

I would like to point out the following from the accounts;

- Gift Aid this year raised £ 702.80
- Thank you to all those who have completed the necessary Gift Aid form. If you have not already completed a form, can you please reconsider as this brings in a substantial amount to the Group? If you require a form please contact your Group Leader.

Thank you to all the Officers and Leaders for their support during the last year.

Martin Knight  
Group Treasurer



## Group Scout Leader's Report

I am pleased to report that 2014 was another good year for the Group. We continue to ensure that our members continue to receive the best possible Scouting that they can here and that the programme we offer always continues to be inclusive, exciting, challenging, action packed and rewarding. As you can see from our numbers our young people are obviously enjoying the Scouting we are offering them. Talking of numbers, at the time of writing we have 20 Beavers, 38 Cubs and 20 Scouts which I think is outstanding. I am so proud of my team and the work that they do that we have a membership of that level. The young people continue to join us because of the extremely varied and active programmes that the leaders in all 3 sections have planned and implemented. However, I do not want the Group to simply stay static, I want us to grow and expand. It's part of our Group Development Plan to grow the Group and if we can get some more adult help then I am sure the children will soon follow. One of my

favourite quotes that I never tire of using is "If you build it they will come." (Field of Dreams starring Kevin Costner if you're wondering!). I know this can happen here.

The Sharks Explorer Unit continues to meet here on Monday nights. We continue to have an excellent relationship with the Unit and have held many joint activities. It's also great to see familiar faces return to the sections to carry out their service too. Together with the Sharks ESU, I am proud to be able to offer mixed Scouting from 6-18 in our community.

We continue to be very active and over the last 12 months have participated in many of the District events - these have included the Swimming Gala, Sports Day, Chess Competitions, District Quizzes, St George's Day Parade, Football, Incident Hikes, Badge Days and Activity Days. I am pleased to report that we achieved a couple of notable successes too. The Cubs won the Football Tournament for the first time ever and the troop won the District Incident Hike once again.

Throughout the year the Group along with Mick & Gaye Hooker from The Bow Lane Pre School Nursery and also Simon Day (an Explorer parent) plus our very own David Williams have continued to work together to make alterations so we can continue to shape the HQ and our grounds to meet our needs and requirements. Alan File also continues to work wonders with his gardening expertise outside. I am very grateful to them ALL for their hard work. The HQ and grounds are simply stunning - thank you! Just look at our new camp fire circle and outside cooking area and you'll see what I mean. I'm very grateful to everyone concerned for all their hard work and their willingness to help out.

However, (and I know I repeat this every year), the HQ still requires a lot of work from *everyone* connected with the Group and I hope that you will join us in completing the various projects that need taking on and completing. As I have said on many occasions we are extremely lucky to have the grounds and HQ we have. If you think that you may be able to help with anything, be it practical, fund raising, administrative, that you have a special skill or talent or maybe you would even like to help with running the meetings then please get in touch with me or the leadership team. *Whatever* you can do and offer will be appreciated and welcomed!

Our website has now been regularly updated and hosts a wealth of useful information. Please visit [www.1stlowermorden.org](http://www.1stlowermorden.org) to find out more. Thank you to Peter (Kaa) for your expertise and time.

I would just like to close by expressing my sincere thanks to the entire leadership team at the 1<sup>st</sup> Lower Morden. The success of this Group is down to them. We all bring something different to the Group and it's their talents that have made this Group what it is. They have continued to be a great support to me over the last few years and I could not have carried out my GSL role without them. Likewise I couldn't have done it without the support from the Group's Executive Committee - thank you Carol, Rachel, Jeff, Martin, Evelyn and our Chairman Terrie Jerrom. Thank you also should go to *their* partners and families for *their* support too. As we look forward to celebrating our 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary later this and 80 years of Scouting in our community it's great to have such a brilliant team to work with.

Our '2020 Vision' is well under way and if you look both inside and outside you can see some of the benefits already. There's plenty more to do but with the team and the volunteers we have I know we will get there and make our HQ a Centre of Scouting Excellence.

Finally, a thank you should also go to you - the parents, supporters and the Beavers, Cubs & Scouts. Without you and your children our hard work would be wasted. Thank you for the privilege of letting us teach, instruct and work with your sons and daughters. Together, we will all work to build on our successes and put the young people first and give them the best Scouting experience possible.

Andrew Hayward (Baloo)