

1st Lower Morden Scout Group



AGM 2016

Annual Report

January 2015 -

December 2015



1ST Lower Morden Scout Group
Registered Charity No 303787
Report & Accounts for the year ended 31 December 2016

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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 Bob McNally Dave Poynter
Scout Troop Leadership Team	David Williams Bob McNally
Young Leader Help	Daniel Stone, Kieran Eales Michael Adams, Paul Knight

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.

1st LOWER MORDEN SCOUT GROUP
Charity Number 303787
Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on
Tuesday, 19 May 2015 at 6.45 p.m. at Bow Lane, Lower Morden.

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

1. Welcome and Opening Prayer

Andrew opened the Meeting with a story about time.

2. Apologies for Absence

Apologies received from Martin Knight and Peter Mead.

3. Minutes of AGM 2014

Approval - These were accepted as a true record.

Matters Arising – There had been a change in the Officers/Leaders information. Lisa Corbett had now left the Group as a Scout Leader. Kieran Eales had joined the Scout Section as a Young Leader. Alfie Lanham-Brown had also left the Group as a Young Leader Help.

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. Some expenses will be incurred within the next two years because of an ageing minibus which will need replacing. **Mr Hayward stressed that the current minibus is safe to use.** Please consider completing a Gift Aid Form as we can reclaim money from the Government. All you have to do is sign the form as it is a good way of getting 'money for nothing'. You will see from the accounts that we were able to claim £702.80.

5. Section Reports

Individual reports for Beavers, Cubs and Scouts had been circulated as part of the Annual Report. The Chairman read some salient points from the various reports.

6. Group Scout Leader's Report

Andrew Hayward's report had been circulated as part of the Annual Report. Andrew mentioned that the Cubs won the Football Competition in 2014 and were narrowly beaten this time. The members of Teams A and B were asked to stand and they were given a round of applause and a 'Thank you' for their efforts.

The Scouts had won a Boot Trophy for the Incident Hike and the one member of the Team who was present at the AGM stood and took a round of applause.

Seven Beavers were invested at the point in the Meeting.

Andrew mentioned several salient points in his report.

Andrew gave an award to Darren Jerrom for his Services to the Group.

Andrew also gave Terri Jerrom a Group Scarf for her Services to the Group.

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 Representative - Rachel Sibson

GSL's Representative – Jeff Walters

Proposed – Andrew Hayward

Seconded – Ashleigh Cadman

9. Appointment of Group Auditor

Rayvathi Katzanas has been appointed Group Auditor.

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 number of people present at the Meeting shows that this is a great group because of the adults who lead it. We need adults as otherwise Scouting does not work. Helpers are needed in a variety of ways for however much time can be given. The Group does 'stuff' that the Scouts should do!

Mr Rogerson mentioned that on 18 May he had been able to present a Certificate for 25 years to a member who was at the Explorer Meeting – having tried to do this for a while!

He also presented Terri Jerrom with an Award for completing 5 years in Scouting in February 2014 and the Chief Scouts Commendation for Good Service

11. Chairman's Remarks

Mrs Jerrom pointed out this is a fantastic Group and the Leaders work incredibly hard. Although the weather is not very good tonight, please try to go outside to see the transformation that has taken place within the grounds of the Headquarters. This is thanks to David's landscaping work. Mrs Jerrom also thanked the Leaders and Executive Committee for all the work they do. Thanks were also given to the parents and grandparents for coming to this Meeting.

12. Any Other Business

(a) Another Group who had been using the HQ for their camping activities over the last few years had commented to Andrew just how nice the grounds now were and what an improvement! Andrew thanked most profusely David, Mick and Simon, ably assisted by Alan File for the help in caring for the grounds.

(b) Andrew presented Alan File with a Group Scarf for all his work in keeping the grounds in a fantastic condition.

(c) 37 people signed the Attendance Sheet

The Meeting closed at 7.19 p.m.

1st LOWER MORDEN SCOUT GROUP

Income and Expenditure Account for the year 1st January to 31st December 2015

Opening balance 12612.20

Income

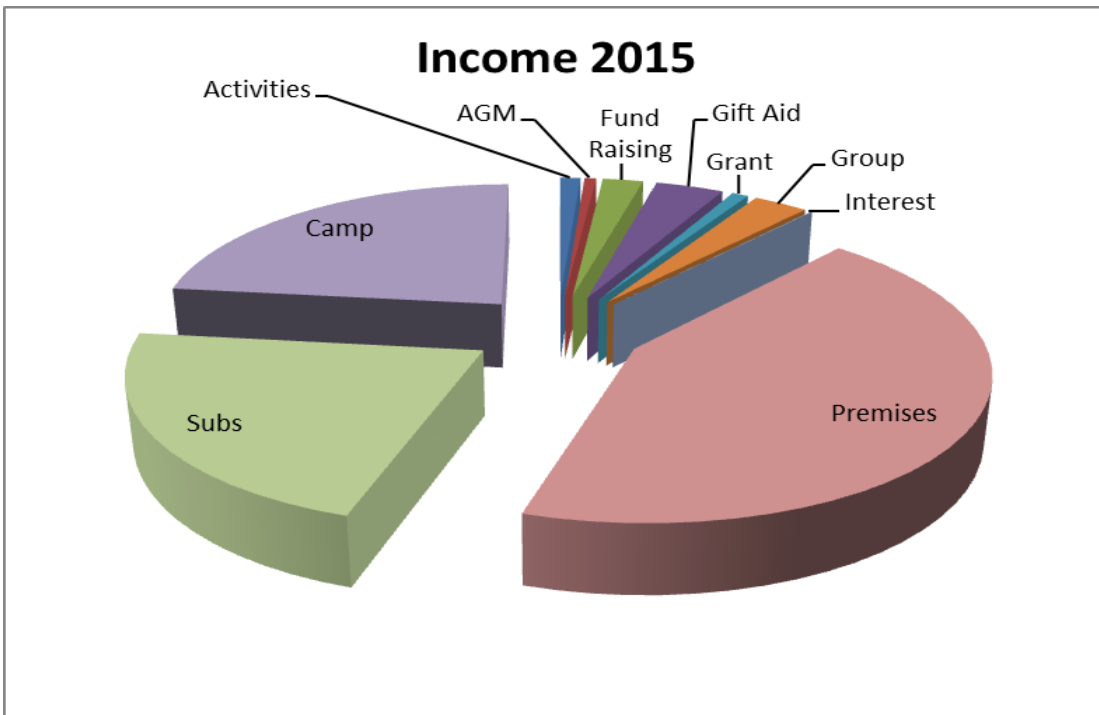
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AGM	143.00
Archery Income	0.00
BBQ	302.54
Beavers	0.00
Camp	5191.00
Cubs	247.00
Gift Aid	833.41
Grant	200.00
Group	604.00
Interest Received	14.45
Investiture Fees	100.00
Mini Bus Hire	0.00
Rental Income 2015	9727.00
Scouts	0.00
Stores	65.00
Subs	4825.00
Training	0.00
Total	22444.51

Expenses

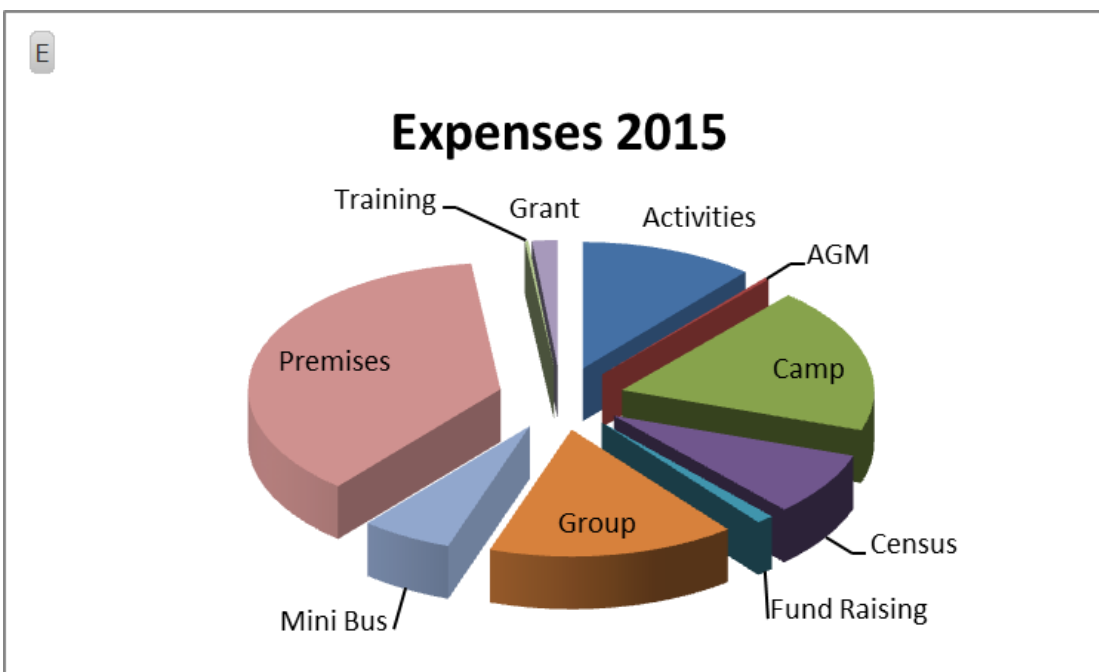
10p Fair Exp 2015	21.79
Archery exp	0.00
AGM exp	73.54
Altar Fires	1340.00
Badge Account	0.00
Bank charges	3.50
BBQ exp	255.64
Beavers exp	291.86
Camp	4571.27
Census	1987.50
Christingle 2015	116.65
Cubs exp	1403.81
Grant	400.00
Group exp	3883.14
Mini Bus	1440.00
Premises 2015	7729.81
Scouts exp	924.99
Training exp	55.00
Total	24498.50

Closing Balance 10558.21

Income - Where the Money Came From



Expenditure - Where the Money Went



REPORTS FROM SECTIONS



It was another good year for the Beavers.

Badges earned this year included Disability Awareness badge, Teamwork challenge, and Experiment badge.

Over the course of the year the Beavers have enjoyed cooking, baking and lots of craft work. We've had a trip to the bowling alley and Wimbledon Fire Station and had a visit from the Blue Cross lady who brought her dog along with her and we also participated in District Beaver Badge Day. Unfortunately we were unable to attend district sports day due to lack of interest from our beavers and had very poor attendance at St George's day parade, thus making the leaders unwilling to give up our weekends to take the beavers on any extra trips. We are hoping that this will improve with the new intake of Beavers! Evening activities included learning our promise in sign language, campfire night, making erupting volcanoes, christmas biscuits, Mother's Day gifts, outside games and of course our annual summer water party! The year was finally closed with the beavers making the christingles and then the Colony joining with the rest of the Group for the annual Christingle Carol Service at St Martin's and then a Christmas party.

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 2015

Roo (Nicky)



Once again 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 Communicator badge. After this the cubs earned their First Aid Stage 2 badge learning resuscitation, how to deal with cuts and bleeding, broken bones and putting someone in the recovery position. We also entered a team at the District Cub Quiz but all teams were soundly beaten by a very good 1st Wimbledon team.

We also attended the District Chess Competition and thanks to Baggy's coaching all those who attended did very well.

In March the pack entered a couple of teams in the Royal Kingston District Scooter Rally. There were a number of packs from our District attending and we all had a great time. The Cubs also achieved the Home Safety badge during April.

In May we entered 2 teams in the District Cub Football Tournament and both teams did very well. For the second year running we had a team make the final but they came up against a very strong 22nd Wimbledon team who in the end were worthy winners.

The Cubs spent May working towards the Global Challenge Badge which consisted of an International Fancy dress night, a talk about the 2007 Jamboree, keeping a recycling diary and also an international food night. In July we held our Pack Holiday at Downe Scout Campsite where the Cubs had a go at the assault course, rifle shooting, zip wire, grass sledging, caving and orienteering to name a few! As a result all Cubs earned their Outdoor Challenge badge.

We also attended the District Sports Day at Wimbledon Park Arena and a very successful day by coming second overall in the cub events and winning the Cubs Tug of War trophy - well done everyone!

At the end of term barbeque it was a pleasure to award 15 Chief Scouts Silver Awards to some of the older members of the pack. These were the first to be awarded for a number of years. Congratulations to all the recipients.

After the summer break the Cubs worked towards their Artist, Chefs badge and also the new Our Skills Challenge. 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.

The pack also attended the inaugural Wimbledon & Wandle District Scooter Rally which was thankfully held inside on what was a bitterly cold day!

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 26 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), Nathan, Mykey and Ella (our D of E helpers) as well as the Cubs and their parents. A special thanks must also go to the other Group Leaders who have helped us in the past year and to David especially who took my place at the Pack Holiday when my Dad sadly passed away. It's been a hugely fun and successful year and I'm looking forward to the year ahead.

Andrew Hayward (Baloo)



We currently have 31 Scouts in the Troop and, we have, once again, had a busy year. Several Cubs joined all at once from the Pack so we have had a challenging time incorporating them into the Troop and keeping them entertained. I still need to keep my promise about taking them to Air Hop!

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 - and we will be there again in a few weeks!. 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 seventh trip overseas. This time we headed off to Northern France and this time we travelled part of the way by bike. It was tough and we all slept well after our journey. This year the activities were Paddle boarding, karting, canoeing, a bike hike, high ropes and trips to the beach.

We took part again in the Swimming Gale in the October and the Troop fared very well. At the Incident Hike in November, in the tradition of many first timers at the event, our two groups got lost. The teams did well though and earned their trip to McDonalds afterwards.

This year's Survival Camp was a busy one. The weather was a little changeable but that did not damp our spirits. On the Saturday we headed off to London, we stopped off first at the Hunterian Museum. The museum houses a fascinating collection of animal and human specimens, models, instruments and paintings illustrating the science of surgery from the 17th Century to the present day. The Scouts were fascinated and we had to drag them away so not to be late for our main event. We headed to the Thames and boarded speed boats for a trip down the Thames. For 40 minutes we raced down the Thames at speed. We went as far as the Dome and back again! In the evening the Scouts made dinner and warmed up in front of a camp fire. On the Sunday, the Scouts went swimming earning their Swimming badges in the pool.

We performed very well at the District Football Competition and one Group came a respectable third just missing out on a place in the final. It was tough competition for our two teams this year.

We had a visit from D&L Knotting who impressed me when they visited the pack. The D&L team taught the Scouts to make key rings, bracelets and rope.

To come is a return to Crystal Palace for the London to Brighton Mini Run, the District Sports Day and taking part in the annual Rafting. We are also planning our eighth trip abroad.

Thank you as always for the Scouts turning up week on week and taking part in the planned activities, the parents for bringing them along.

Thanks to my team Bob McNally, Kieran Eales, Daniel Stone and to Explorer Michael Adams.

David Williams

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 parent's 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.

Over the last few years we have worked tirelessly to improve our headquarters here at Bow Lane. 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. The Accounts are with the Auditor and a copy of the audited accounts will be displayed on the notice board as soon as they are available. 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 £ 833.41
- 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 Scout Leader's Report

I am pleased to report that 2015 was another good year for the Group. As always our mantra and mission purpose is 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. We had an increase of 15 members over the last 12 months taking up to 90 in total. That's fantastic growth and for me that is brilliant news. 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 plan and implement.

I always say that 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. You may have seen in the news recently an interview with Bear Grylls, the UK Chief Scout. He explained that there are 35,000 young people on waiting lists to join the movement. 35,000!! It would be great if we could do our bit and look to open a second colony and pack in the not too distant future. All we need is more adult help. I appreciate we all have busy lives but all we would need is what spare time that you could give us. Any help of any nature is always welcome. And you'd always be welcomed with a smile. Go on, come and join the fun!!

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 we 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.

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. David Williams and Alan File also continue to work wonders with their 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 around the grounds 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 is currently being redeveloped and we hope it will go live in the next couple of months. This will also link to our Facebook page and our Twitter Feed - @1stLoMo and will keep you fully updated on events past and a calendar of what's on and where. Please click on www.1stlowermorden.org.uk 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 1st 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 last year especially as my Dad's condition got worse with him passing away in early July. I could not have carried on Scouting 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. Thanks should also go to *their* partners and families for *their* support too.

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)
Group Scout Leader.

Footnote.

In closing I would like to once again say thank you to our army of volunteers. Volunteers don't get paid - not because they're worthless, but because they're priceless.

To that effect our volunteers and members have the right to carry out their Scouting without fear of violence or abuse. Aggressive behaviour is considered to be any personal, abusive and/or aggressive comments, swearing, physical contact and/or aggressive gestures.

Any violence or abuse directed at our volunteers or young people is totally unacceptable. We operate a zero tolerance policy towards this and will take any necessary action as required.