

16th Ilford North Scout Group

Annual Report for year ending 31st March 2009

Administrative Information

The group is part of the Ilford NorthWest District within the Scout Association. The Scout Group now meets at The Stockade, David's Way, Hainault, Essex, which is the headquarters of the 5th Ilford North Scout Group.

The trustees of the group are the Executive Committee which is made up of appointed leaders (ex-officio) and elected representatives of parents from each section in the group.

Ex-Officio Trustees

Group Scout Leader	Mr. Lee Clark
Group Chairman	Mr. Anthony Crisp
Scout Leader	Mr. Martyn Horne
Cub Scout Leader	Ms. Lynda Dibble
Beaver Scout Leader	Miss Bethany Kitney
Group Secretary	Miss Eileen Pooley
Group Treasurer	Mrs. Pamela J Wood MCIE

Elected Trustees

Beaver Scout Parent	Mrs. Catherine Newbigging
Cub Scout Parent	Mrs. Diane Meakin
Scout Parent	Mr. Jerry Smith

Nominated Trustees

Katy Thompson

Bankers

The Groups bank account is with Alliance & Leicester.

Contact Address: - Mr. Lee Clark, 28 Kelsie Way, Hainault, Essex IG6 3BP

Structure, Governance and Management

The method of appointment to the Trustees is set out in The Scout Associations Policy of organisations and Rules. The responsibility of the Trustees is to support the appointed leaders with providing help and finance where required.

Objectives and Activities

The aim of the Scout Association is to promote the development of young people in achieving their full physical, intellectual, social and spiritual potentials, as individuals, as responsible citizens and as members of their local, national and international communities. The Method of achieving the Aim of the Association is by providing as enjoyable and attractive scheme of progressive training, based on the Scout Promise and Law and guided by adult leadership.

Achievement and Performance

The number of members on the register at the annual census was 32 members.

This was made up of 7 Beaver Scouts, 8 Cub Scouts, 6 Scouts, with 11 Adult Leaders and helpers.

Review of the Year

The Group has evolved immensely over the past year. Not only has the structure of the leadership team changed, but the Group now meets at The Stockade, the headquarters of the 5th Ilford North Scout Group.

Since January this year, under the leadership of Group Scout Leader, Lee Clark, the 16th Ilford North has been working in collaboration with the 5th Ilford North. This Collaboration has involved both Groups keeping their own identity but allowing them to play on each others strengths. The aim of this working arrangement was to assist, in the short term, sustainability of both Groups whilst allowing a strategic recruitment campaign to be run and managed by both Groups. Each section from both Groups now meets together on the same night, at the same time, with the same Leaders.

We have already started our recruitment campaign and have successfully recruited a Colony Assistant, an Assistant Beaver Scout Leader and an Assistant Cub Scout Leader in recent months, making us the fastest growing group in the District. We have leaders in each section who are all well supported by other adult Members of the Groups.

The new Youth Programme Team, which has developed as a result of the collaborative working arrangement, along with many other adults within the Groups has all put in numerous hours at the Stockade in these early stages of the re-development. The stores and cupboards have been cleared out and an audit has been done of all that the Groups equipment, the outside area has been tidy up and work has started on moving the stored to an outside building. This has all enabled the Groups to use the Stockade in a more practical way. For example in March, the Beaver Colony held a Group Camp Fire, the Cub Pack has celebrated St. George's Day with a themed party and the Scouts have held a games night and a sleep over after a day hiking. The Stockade is now being used for what it was designed for - Scouting.

Although, this is only the start of the re-development of the Stockade, plans are due to be drawn up and approved by the executive within the next few months. This will include moving the kitchen, installing wet rooms and disabled facilities, a new storage cupboard, and a meeting/waiting room. It is then hoped that the Stockade will then have the potential for hiring out to other organisations, and hosting other Scout Groups who wish to stay near London.

In March the Group held it first Parents Evening. This was a great opportunity for the parents of both Groups to meet with the adults involved in the running and supporting of both Groups. In order for the Group to achieve its vision the Groups decided it needed to widen its adult support, so we also ran a "name generation" exercise. In essence we wanted the parents to look at their family, friends, neighbours, work colleagues maybe even themselves and to provide us with the names and contact details of anyone who they think might be suitable for the various roles we need to fill. We managed to collect 17 names in total for various roles within the Groups. This event was enjoyed by all and highlighted the parents support not only for the leaders but also for both Groups.

Financial Review

The group is financially sound but in the future will have to look at fund raising, as what money we have is only raised by subscriptions, although a sponsored silence was held during the year which raised £213. We also received £300 in Jack Petchy awards to the young leaders in the group and this has all been spent on much needed equipment.

Reserve Policy

We are in the process of trying to get grants to be able us to carry out the much needed work on the hall. We have in the past been unable to have a reserve policy, but this is something we hope to address in the future.

Our thanks must go to everyone who has supported the Scout Group in any way. Thank you to all the parents that have helped us in some way and we hope we can rely on your continued support in the years to come.

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Group Chairman – Anthony Crisp

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Group Scout Leader – Lee Clark