

# 5<sup>th</sup> Ilford North Scout Group

## Annual Report for year ending 31<sup>st</sup> March 2009

### Administrative Information

The group is part of the Ilford NorthWest District within the Scout Association. The Scout Group own its own premises, The Stockade, David's Way, Hainault, Essex.

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. Stuart Grierson (Until 1 <sup>st</sup> March 2009)
Acting Group Chairman	Mr. Philip Wray (From 1 <sup>st</sup> March 2009)
Acting Scout Leader	Mr. Mark Carter (Until 1 <sup>st</sup> January 2009)
Cub Scout Leader	Vacant
Beaver Scout Leader	Ms. Cheryl Gregory (Until 1 <sup>st</sup> January 2009)
Group Secretary	Vacant
Group Treasurer	Vacant

### Elected Trustees

Beaver Scout Parent	Vacant
Cub Scout Parent	Vacant
Scout Parent	Vacant

### Nominated Trustees

None

### Bankers

As the Group have no active executive, under Scout Association Rules the Finances are controlled and run by the District. All money has been transferred into the District Bank Account Lloyds Bank TSB, Manford Way, Hainault, Essex.

Group Registration number with The Scout Association: - 19825

Charity Registration number: - 303805

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### 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 26 members.

Made up of 4 Beaver Scouts, 15 Cub Scouts, 5 Scouts, with 2 Leaders.

## **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 Stockade itself is already beginning to look and feel like the Groups Headquarters.

Since January this year, the 5th Ilford North has been working in collaboration with the 16th 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.

While some adults within the Group have moved on, the Groups have also seen some adults move into different roles. This has proved to be beneficial. For example we now have an International Advisor, who assists the Leaders with the international aspect of the programme.

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 tidied 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 Groups held their 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**

Financially the group is stable as you will see from the accounts. Because of a lack of active Executive the Finances are being controlled by the District in line with Scout Association ruling. During the later part of the year money was spent on improving the site.

## **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, and we hope that we will shortly be able to resolve our lack of Executive committee. 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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Acting Chairman – Philip Wray

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Group Scout Leader – Lee Clark