

# **365 DAYS OF ADVENTURE. HERE'S WHAT HAPPENED...**

**2nd Southwick Scout Group  
AGM Section Reports**



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## Beavers Report 2015/16

The Beavers have had another active year.

We've had a steady flow of Beavers go through the Colony, with 6 going to Cubs in the New Year.

We've had a busy evenings programme, including learning about Baden Powell, making fruit kebabs, building shelters (in the hut), making masks, looking at the stars, and planted some blubs and tied some knots.

We've "Cleaned for the Queen" attended St George's Parade, did some clay modelling and kept fit.

We've been up to loads, including the District Beaver Easter Egg Hunt at Hillside and some beavers help at the Tesco Bag Packing at Christmas.

We've 13 Beavers at the moment, with more wanting to join, however we can increase the numbers till we have more help. If you can spare some time please come along to Beavers and lend a hand.

A big thank you to Nick for his help at Beavers, and Claire whose also been helping.

Thank you

Andrew Spring  
Group Scout Leader

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## **Cub Pack Report 2015/16**

The cub pack have had a fun and action packed year and I hope it has been as fun for the Cubs as it has been for me and my fellow leaders.

We started the year with learning emergency aid and then athletics, In May we had a great time with the whole Group at our first ever Group Camp at Hillside, followed by a great evening at Adur Petanque club.

In June we had a Fire station visit and the fire crew got called out so I gave the tour!. We had a great District camp at Hillside, where we teamed up with Bramber & Beeding and some of the Cubs had their first taste of camping. In July my 6 months (actually took 12 months!) build box carts challenge was completed and we raced our new carts – it was lots of fun. The summer term finished with a great round of water filled obstacle races and Akela's legendary Water slide!

The Autumn started by re-learning our promise and the cubs all agreed our code of conduct. End of September we had 2 teams in the Supreme Box cart championship at Goodwood. It was fantastic fun, I wish we could have taken more cubs and parents wished they could do it too!. In October we had a great night hike and Daisy ( Akela's dog) a Pets as Therapy dog came in with her Human (Akela's wife) and we learned about books and all the Cubs read to Daisy as part of the Schools Read to Dogs Scheme. We followed up in November with learning about remembrance, then used the climbing wall and went swimming. In December we made some fantastic Christmas cakes and finished at Christmas with a "Home Alone" Cinema Christmas party in the hut lots of lemonade and popcorn!

From January we learned about everyone's hobbies and collections, and every cub learned how to drill, hammer and saw safely! In February we cooked for Chinese New year and then did pancakes for Pancake day.

March started off with The District Night games at Hillside that our Group organises, In our Special Centenary year we had exactly 100 cubs from the district attend, a great night was had by all. Special thanks to all the helpers and leaders in the District for supporting the evening. We then made Mothers Day cards and did a gift bag with brownies & shortcake for our Mums. We also made Bird feeders by re-cycling juice cartoons for our conservation badge. The last night of term was making gooey chocolate nests for easter.

I am extremely grateful to the continued help and support from my assistant leader Jason and Andrew our GSL – I could not do it without them both. Leaders can't run everything themselves, Parents play a huge part in helping the pack run many activities; I would like to particularly thank Amy Banks and Simon Johnson for helping out when asked (and anyone else I have forgotten).

Right now we have a healthy pack size of 22 cubs, all we really need now is some additional adult help. If anyone would like to help, or help more often or consider our lovely looking uniform please talk to me.

Akela  
Paul McCulloch  
Cub Scout Leader

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## Troop Report 2015-16

Well – another busy and fun-packed year has just whizzed by very fast!

After last year's AGM, the scouts did lots of training to prepare them for summer Camp. This included navigation, knots, first aid, fire-lighting (with the added bonus of toasted marsh mallows), and a night hike from Devil's Dyke. On a lighter note, we also spent an evening making dragonflies mobiles, which counted towards the Creative Challenge award.

Summer Camp was at Lordings Farm, Adversane and was another resounding success. We had 13 scouts organised into two patrols, and there was a canal theme because we were camping next to the restored Wey & Arun Canal. One day we had a talk from some members of the Canal Trust who showed us everything that they have been doing - fascinating. Apart from that, we all enjoyed traditional scout camping, collecting wood for our open fires, on which we cooked the majority of our meals, and heated most water. If you want to borrow the DVD I made, just ask me!

We can't wait now for this year's camp which will be at Warren Farm, Blackboys in August.

In the autumn we built and raced sedan chairs, had a great evening run by the XXXX Explorers, went swimming, played wide games up The Downs, and had a great turn-out for the Remembrance Day Parade and Service on the Green.

We also had a joint night with 4<sup>th</sup> Lancing playing wide games at Hillside Scout Camp, and we made pizzas in the hut!

Then, after a few sessions bag-packing at Tesco, to raise funds, that was the end of 2015!

Our Spring Term programme was themed around the Skills Challenge award. So there was lots of circuit training, health awareness, and domestic skills. Yes – the scouts even spent an evening ironing, sewing, and cleaning the hut toilets!! We also spent two weeks building a huge Monkey Bridge down the length of the hall, which was enjoyed by all the Beavers and cubs too. We made pancakes in February and camped overnight at Hillside in March, which was literally freezing! This term we also introduced our new Scout-of-the-Month award, highly sought after!!

Our programme for this summer term is all about preparing for summer camp again, so lots of tent-pitching, hiking, and we have just held another successful camp at Hillside (with much nicer weather, thankfully).

We currently have 16 Scouts, but have recently lost a few older scouts and so the troop is fairly young at the moment. We could also do with some adult support. *Please let me know if you think you could help us out now and again.* I'd like to thank **Nick** and **Ben** (Assistant Scout Leaders), and **Stan** (Instructor), for their invaluable and loyal support over the year (and over the years!).

Thanks!!

**Steve Pover** (Skip) Scout Leader

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## Group Scout Leader's Report - 2015/16

Another year has passed and it is time to reflect on the group over the last twelve months..

During the last year, the group's numbers have dropped to approximately 50 young people between the three sections, as well as losing a couple of Uniformed Leaders.

As always, all Sections are providing a varied programme that both engages and entertains the young members of the group.

I will not repeat what the Section Leaders will no doubt be mentioning in their *own* reports, but you can see we have been very busy; including some Group activities too...

- We took part in the Remembrance Day Service at Southwick Green. It was nice to see so many other Scout Groups there, a very good turnout indeed.
- We had another successful bag packing session at Tesco's just before Christmas, raising much-needed funds for the group.
- There was also a good turnout for the St George's Day Parade at Shoreham Recreation Group, despite the chilly weather, again!

### Leaders/Helpers

Over the past year we've struggled with Leaders/Helpers in the Beaver and Cubs Section

Beavers – We've been short of help at Beavers for a while now, and Nick Reeve (Assistant Scout Leader) has been kindly helping out where he can (THANK YOU NICK!). Ceri our Assistant Beaver Leader left us at the end of the year, and more recently I've been helping Wenda run Beavers. Wenda has decided to step down as Beaver Leader at the end of the summer term, so we are now REALLY short of leaders/helpers at Beavers!

Cubs – We've been reduced down to two leaders for a while now and I've been helping out where I can. We do have some willing Parents helping when they can, but more is always better!

If you can help in anyway, please speak to one of the leaders... It's good fun and great for your CV.

### Some thank-yous!

I would like to thank all the leaders/assistant leaders/helpers for their continued efforts every evening, providing a great Scouting experience for the young people of Southwick and Shoreham.

In addition, I would like to thank the Executive Committee and its members for their tireless efforts behind the scenes.

Andrew Spring  
Group Scout Leader