



## 1st Crownhill Scout Group

### AGM 2017 Individual Reports

These are the individual reports from the 2017 AGM. Each section lets everyone know what they have been up to in the last year, and we have overview reports from our Chairman and Group Scout Leader.

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## Chairman's Report

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First of all, before I introduce myself, I must thank the group's previous Chairman, Jon Cresswell, for the sterling work he carried out in keeping the group on an even keel and moving forward. Now, to introduce myself. My name is Paul Roberts, and I have been in Scouting since 1989 - I started as an assistant Cub Scout leader at 1st Crownhill. I have carried out many roles in the group, and finally moved on to District roles, carrying out the role of ADC Cubs for Plymouth North.

I then moved to Plympton and Ivybridge as District Explorer Scout Commissioner. When the new Plymouth District started, I was invited to return and was offered two roles – one, of District Explorer Scout Commissioner, or the ADC Cubs. I chose the Cubs and carried out the role until I decided to step back. I still remained in Scouting on the District Executive Committee, and I'm still there. It was only last year, when I accompanied my grandson to 1st Crownhill's AGM, that I heard Rachel's request for someone to step into the role of Chairman and offered my services.

So - what have we done since? Listening to some of the Leaders, who I have known for many years, we established a way forward for the Group. One of the main things that they would like was a new modern, up-to-date projector. This was duly sourced from Richer Sounds in Plymouth, who let us have a £1,000 projector for a mere £350. We thank them for their support with this.

After having the new kitchen fitted, it was found that the Central Heating boiler was beyond repair, and needed replacing. I used my contacts

to source a boiler free of charge from Plumbase Ltd and managed to coerce an installer friend - Mark Conday - to install the said boiler for free. We thank both for their very kind gesture and who knows how much it has saved the Group.

In attending the Group camp it was also clear that the barbecue being used was not efficient and somewhat unsafe to use. It was agreed that, as the barbecue is used a great deal for many fundraising activities, it would be replaced. Hopefully, this will be put to good use at the fundraising Field Gun event on 10th June.

As you can see, I have been very busy in the few months of my Chairmanship. Not one to rest on my laurels, I have one or two ideas for fundraising which I hope to put into practice with your support. More details will be available once I have had a meeting with all concerned.

As you can all appreciate, fundraising is an important part in keeping the Group running as it cannot survive on subs alone. Hopefully your support will continue throughout the next year.

Finally, it would be remiss of me not to mention the support of the Leaders and I am sure their reports will contain all the activities, events and fun that the young members have had. Also, I must mention the work that Rachel does in keeping the Group together. I am sure our working partnership will continue to head in the right direction for the benefit of the Group.

**Paul Roberts**  
1st Crownhill Chairman



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## Group Scout Leader (GSL) Report

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Time to reflect and time to thank all those who have been so active in making the past year so successful for our wonderful group. Numbers are constant and every section is full to brimming with waiting lists in Beavers. A reflection I'm sure on such proactive and creative teams.

We have said goodbye to Jon Cresswell, our Chairman, however his hard work for fundraising for Grants has meant we now have a brand new kitchen which was installed by Jason, who I cannot thank enough for his hard work and dedication to the maintenance of our hut. As a result of Jon's generosity in allowing the group to use the Citadel, combined with Izzy and Rob's amazing organisation skills, we have had two wonderful fundraising events at the Citadel watching Fireworks. Thank you to all those who helped with this.

Paul has already started his role with gusto, and we have a new boiler in place and a new BBQ which will be will used I'm sure.

Izzy has worked tirelessly with all sections, creating the email system which now ensures a consistent message to all, equally the new

joiner's leaflets and continual support of the website. Thank you so much for this.

As you will hear, the children have had a wonderful year with varied activities. Thank you to all those who have helped in the sections.

We must not, though, sit back and rely on the same people each time – we need a fundraising committee and a secretary to support the Group and allow the leaders to engage with the children. My main objective again this year is to continue to support the sections, push the training and encourage more parental support.

As always, we welcome new leaders Claire, Ali and Gary and sadly have to say goodbye to Chris who has been a great asset to Monday Beavers.

I cannot thank everyone enough for their tireless dedication and enthusiasm which continues to make our Group a happy and thriving unit.

**Roo Hembury**  
1st Crownhill GSL



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## Beaver Section Report

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### Monday Beavers

Beavers have celebrated being 30 years old and 1st Crownhill were very enthusiastic and a number of the group attended, many who had not previously camped on what was an action packed day before a very wet evening. It was a great chance for myself included to meet other sections across the district.

Due to leadership changes on Monday's we have relied heavily on parental support. I have thanked those persons already but wanted to acknowledge and formerly thank those that have helped to support the group.

Currently we have until the end of the term a student called Harvey who is helping as part of his DofE Award. Also at the end of the summer term due to personal reasons I am stepping down from supporting the section for what of been 2 years. Going for we have a very willing and able person called Ali who has started to shadow me and is actively getting involved in the group and is learning the ropes to take over when the section starts in September.

The section continues to attract and ongoing number of new beavers, with an ongoing waiting list. A great many after the 30 year beaver camp, and some beavers transferring from other sections (Whitleigh). A number of beavers have moved up to Cubs.

There is now a wide range of newly invested beavers and those that are about to leave and move on. The group had completed the following badges:

- Digital Citizen Level 1
- Hobbies
- Collectors
- 1 Night Away from Beaver Camp
- Disability Awareness
- Creative Badge

And we are finishing the term completing the personal challenge badge and the cooking badge to make use our newly donated kitchen. Many beavers have also completed additional badges in their own time such as swimming badges and animal care badges. There are also a number of district groups planned over the summer that I'm sure 1st Crownhill will be present. The field gun run on 10th June and activity day on the 8th July.

On a personal note - thank you to the support of the section, and other leaders and assistant leaders that have supported both myself and section. It has been a pleasure to support the group and one that I have thoroughly enjoyed.

### Chris Moysey

Monday Beaver Leader

### Friday Beavers

We currently have 20 Beavers on record at the moment but having plenty of enquiries and a waiting list. We have had a great time celebrating 30 years of Beavers at a District Camp and it was an opportunity to meet other leaders and other Beavers.

This year we have spent time completing the Faith badge and are now working towards to Explorer and First Aid badge. We have also had time out of the Hut in the woods exploring colour.

We had a sleepover at the Hut which the children enjoyed and earned a Night Away badge for. We had the children gardening and a movie night which went down well – they all seemed to enjoy it and would like to do more camping.

I would also like to thank leaders Kiera and Dan for their support while Lisa is away. Of course thanks to Lisa as well for her guidance. On a personal note I am keen to get my training completed but as always have enjoyed being part of the Group.

### Claire Lockie

Assistant Beaver Leader



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## Cub Section Report

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Since the last AGM, the Cubs have been up to all sorts – a varied programme has allowed all the Cubs to earn (literally) hundreds of badges, learn new skills and make new friends.

The Cubs have done their bit for the environment and their local community, cleaning canons at the citadel, learning about recycling, visiting the fire station. As well as all this good work, they took part in our annual field gun run, watched fireworks from the walls of the citadel (as thanks for cleaning their canons so well), built shelters in the woods and celebrated the Olympics.

We managed to squeeze in 3 camps before Christmas; a leadership camp for sixers and seconders, the annual Christmas camp (this time themed "I'm a Cub Scout, get me out of here!") and even a special train ride to Exeter to celebrate Cubs' 100th Birthday, along with over 1000 Cubs from across the county!

If you aren't already feeling exhausted, there's more! We've learned more about fire safety, caring for animals, and music. We celebrated our patron saint St George's Day in style at Plymouth Argyle stadium and even squeezed in another camp. This time, a with Cubs and Scouts from 1st Crownhill and with guests, recently formed group: 1st Stonehouse Cubs and Scouts.

The activity camp lasted 4 days over the May-day bank holiday, with loads of adventurous activities including: rock climbing, archery, caving and a zip wire, as well as loads of other fun things. Well done to all the cubs for achieving so much this past year, and thank you to all who have supported us, especially to our leaders and parent helpers who give up their time to support all these great activities. Here's to another successful year 1st Crownhill Cubs!

**Will Bugden**

1st Crownhill Cub Leader



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In the report for last year the number within the Scout Section was approximately 18 and as a result of Cub Scouts moving up to the Scout Section and several Scouts from other Troops and also non-members joining the current number is 30. Cubs continue to join and most of those that reach 14 or 14 ½ move on to join the Explorer Scouts.

2016/2017 saw many of the Tuesday night activities and badge-work sessions revolving around the Creative and Teamwork Challenges and also the Navigator and Survival Skills Activity Badges. As a result of all this work 9 Creative and 15 Teamwork Challenge Awards were gained along with 10 Survival Skills badges. Other badges gained included the following Challenge Awards; 3 Outdoors, 3 Skills, 1 Personal, 3 Team Leader and 20 Adventure.

Due to the various camps held it was possible to award 37 Nights Away badges; 3 ones, 5 twos, 4 threes, 8 fives, 10 tens, 4 fifteens, 1 thirty-five and 2 fifties. Other Activity Badges gained were 1 Hike Away One, 1 Hike Away Five, 7 Emergency Aid One, 2 Emergency Aid two, 4 Emergency Aid Three, 2 Martial Arts and one each of Fire Safety, Model Maker, D.I.Y., Sports Enthusiast, Physical Recreation, Time On The Water One and Paddle Sports One. As part of ongoing attendance and participation in activities 26 Joining In Awards were issued. A grand total of 151 badges were awarded, which is an increase of 26 from last year.

There were three camps held during the year – Woodlands in September, Survival Skills in March and Group Camp in April/May.

Woodlands is the annual County Camp held at the Woodlands Theme Park and was well attended with the Scouts enjoying the full range of the activities available at the Park as well as some put on by the various Scout Groups.

The Survival Skills Camp in March at Shaugh was attended by 10 Scouts and was the culmination of all the training and activity sessions on Tuesdays where they learnt many of the skills needed to survive in the wild. At the camp the Scouts built, lit and cooked on open fires, took part in a number of Wide Games, built shelters, did some shooting and had a great time and lots of fun. Throughout Saturday the Scouts

built shelters/bivouacs with the intention of sleeping in them overnight. However, due to the weather being rather cold only 2 of the Scouts remained in the shelters overnight and they were the two girls. Well done Sophia and Latoya. Those who attended the camp generated a lot of enthusiasm amongst those that did not and it is intended to run another Camp before the Summer Holidays and making the awarding of more Nights Away badges and also Survival Skills Activity Badges as well.

The Group Camp over the May Day Bank Holiday Weekend in April/May was well attended by 20 Scouts who took part in numerous activities and all came away with the Adventure Challenge Award plus other bits and pieces signed off on other badges. A full report of this camp is written elsewhere in the AGM Reports.

By the Summer Holidays many of the Scouts will have completed the Navigator One Activity Badge and also more of the Challenge Awards.

The St. George's Day Parade was held on the 23rd April and was different this year as it was held at Home Park and there were a number of activities for the members to have a go at before the Service and Promise. It was well attended by the Scout section and all the Scouts thoroughly enjoyed themselves.

Well done to all the Scouts for all their achievements and for their enthusiasm and dedication.

A big thank you to the Scout Section Leaders {Simon, Jason & Steve} for their time and effort in putting together and running a successful programme and to all the others who have assisted in any way.

Special thanks to Rob from the Explorer Unit with his continued assistance on a regular weekly basis, to Megan, Latoya and Max with their help as part of the leadership team for several months before moving on. Also thanks to Dave and Philippe for all the help they provided either in their spare time or as a rest from their studies at University. As always a special thank you to Jill for her continued excellent and still often 'headache creating' work as Troop Treasurer.

**Simon Holder**  
Scout Section Leader



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## Explorer Section Report

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As always, the Explorer Scout section has been very busy this year with many meetings being held away from the HQ, however, this term has been unique as the majority of our young people have been involved with year 11 and 12 exams. The absence of so many led us to reduce our meetings by about a third.

As always, our young people have given the leadership team ideas for activities and we would like to think that with their input and our guidance we are delivering an interesting, fun and well balanced programme.

We try to achieve a mix of traditional Scouting skills alongside activities suited to the age range of our Explorers. We aim to progress as many members as possible through the Duke of Edinburgh's Award Scheme which runs in parallel with the Chief Scout's Awards.

We would like to welcome Ellie Hepburn and Cameron Livsey to our section. Ellie is an undergraduate at Marjons University and is in the Youth Commissioner for Plymouth District. Cameron has returned to the Unit after a three year absence whilst gaining his degree at Cardiff University. Cameron is also the Network Commissioner for our area.

### Activities

Indoor....Mexican cooking, topical debates, scone making, junk modelling, refugee awareness presentation, laser tag, crazy golf course design, first aid instruction, musical performances, acting, Christmas show at the Barbican Theatre

Outdoor.... Outdoor Monopoly, night hikes, kayaking, wide games, field games, beach cleans with Surfers Against Sewage, sossie sizzle and end of year BBQ at Cadover Bridge

### Camps

In this past calendar year members of the Explorer section have attended many camps. Some have been to assist at section camps and the Woodlands adventure park camp as young leaders.

Some of our Explorers attended County events at the Kernow 24 and Frosty Hosty camps in the winter.

### Individually

Well done to Morgan, Dino, Louise and Sam for achieving their Chief Scouts Platinum award. We have individuals continuing their D of E awards at all levels and wish them luck in their endeavours.

We continue to have Explorers helping out at other sections of the Group as a part of the Young Leaders and D of E Schemes.

Well done to Sam for completing the 45 mile Ten Tors challenge this year.

A special thank you goes to Sally Walker our treasurer who meticulously looks after all of our finances.

### Headcount

Our membership presently stands at 16. We lost four members who turned 18 this year and have gained 3 from outside Scouting.

### The Explorer Scout Leadership Team



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## Treasurer's Report

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The Total Income was £13,413.05 and the Total Expenditure was £12,414.65 with an excess expenditure for the year of £998.40.

The income was up £1,960, but this is mainly due to increased activities and fundraising (up £1,205 mainly due to the firework nights). We also had a grant for £1,500 to cover the kitchen refurbishment. The main area for concern is the reduced subs, mainly in the beaver section.

Expenditure was down £446 overall, but if you exclude the Electrical rewire (£4000 last year) Kitchen Refurb (£1,941 this year) the overall expenditure was up £1,6123, but this is mainly due to increase Activities

(£555) and Capital Equipment (£538)

Gift Aid 'Sign-up' is strong with over £2,188 being reclaimed from the Inland Revenue.

We have had a problem this year with the lack of documentation being kept by the Beavers section, but I will look after their subs for a short while.

I would like to thank Chris Green, Lynsey O'Brian and Jill Caskey who do a fantastic job taking care of the section accounts.

**Heather Oldham**  
Group Treasurer

INCOME		
	2016-2017	Difference
Subscriptions	£2341.39	-£1371.11
Bank Interest	£54.47	£15.33
Gift Aid	£2,188.13	£289.99
Donations	£1,720.00	£214.20
Activities	£3,737.78	£1,618.89
Fundraising	£3,324.78	£1,205.54
Other Income	£46.50	-£12.50
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>£13,413.05</b>	<b>£1,960.34</b>

EXPENDITURE		
	2016-2017	Difference
Headquarters	£4,138.87	-£3,586.33
Donations		-£12.25
Activities	£3,369.64	£555.17
Fundraising Expenses	£530.60	£253.00
Expenses	£875.13	-£309.78
Capital Equipment	£600.65	£538.66
Badges	£958.54	£173.79
Kitchen Refurb	£1,941.22	£1,941.22
<b>Total Expenditure</b>	<b>£12,414.65</b>	<b>-£446.52</b>

Income less Expenses = £998.40

The total current assets of the Group is £9,290.95 which was made up of

	2012/2013	2013/2014	2014/2015	2015/2016	2016/2017
Bank accounts	£9,048.47	£13,046.40	£18,247.34	£6,592.30	£12,360.00
Unbanked Cash/Cheques	£248.58	£136.57	£197.13	£1,700.15	£1,365.00
Uncleared Cash/Cheques		-£4,036.14	-£8,524.63		-£4,434.15
<b>Current Assets</b>	<b>£9,297.05</b>	<b>£9,146.83</b>	<b>£9,919.94</b>	<b>£8,292.45</b>	<b>£9,290.85</b>
Endeavour Project – restricted funds			£5,820.00		





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