



JUST LOOK AT WHAT WE'VE ACHIEVED TOGETHER.

12th Wallasey Scout Group
Annual Report & Accounts 2012/13



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What was 2012/13 All About?

Change, Challenge & Growth

We have exceptional cause to celebrate, having delivered yet again in all three areas, which for the Group include:

Change

- Appointed New Occasional Helpers.
- Expanded the Executive Committee.
- Group Structure and Finances stable with exceptional activity from the Fundraising Committee yet again this financial year!

Challenge

- We challenged ourselves to increase the programme of activities across all three sections, and did just that!

Growth

- 13.5% Growth on last year!

A fantastic year of achievements recognised with the Group receiving First Place District Commissioners Trophy - Well done to everybody who made this possible, you should all be very Proud!

The Vision 2018 will begin to shape our Scouting, but we will not lose sight of the continued need to change, challenge and grow!

Scouting in 2018 will:

- make a positive impact in our communities
- prepare young people to be active citizens
- embrace and contribute to social change

Scouting in 2018 will be:

- shaped by young people in partnership with adults
- enjoyed by more young people and more adult volunteers
- As diverse as the communities in which we live

Members of Scouting in 2018 will feel:

- empowered
- valued
- proud

So what for the Year Ahead?

Lots of exciting things are planned for our members to take part in over the next twelve months, which include:

- A Night at the Beach
- Summer Camp for all sections
- Remembrance Sleepover
- Halloween Camp
- Boats on the Water
- Winter Camp for Scouts
- Old School Lodge Weekends

And much more...

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WHY DON'T YOU?

**Want to join the
adventure?**

**Think you need special skills...
...think again!**

You could simply help occasionally, or help with anything you have an interest in, or, join the adventure and have fun training to have even more fun!

All of the team delivering the Groups Scouting are volunteers and do it because it's not all hard work; there is a lot of fun to be had!

The Group are currently looking for:

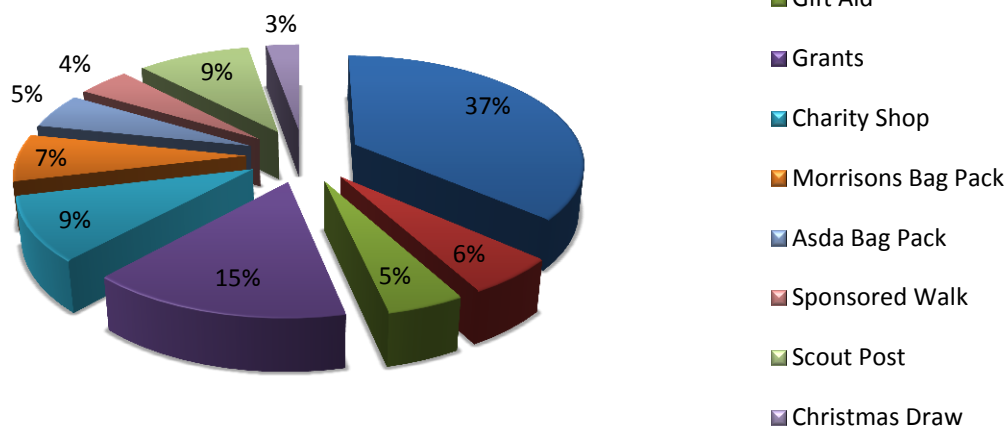
- Scout Section: -
Assistants/Leaders/Helpers
- General Assistants/Helpers

**Want to be a part of this fantastic thing we call
Scouting? Want to enjoy the fun?
Speak to Hawkeye for more details!**

A note from the Treasurer

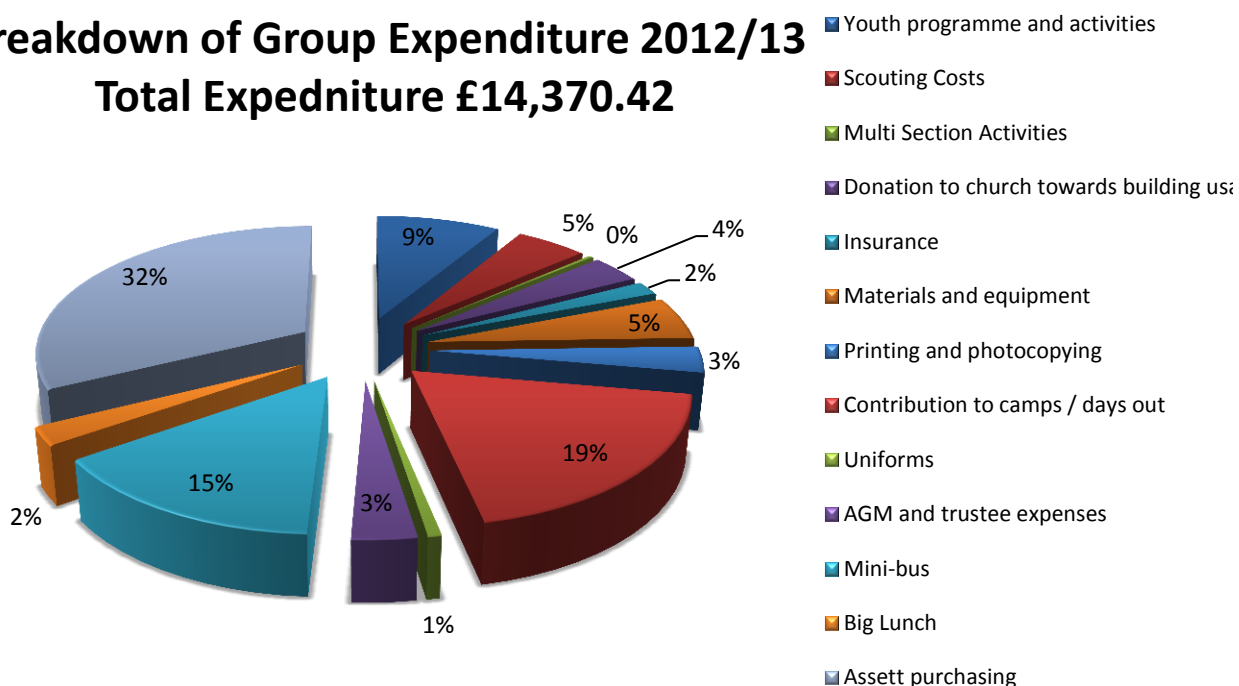
Breakdown of Group Income 2012/13

Total Income £17,569.93



Breakdown of Group Expenditure 2012/13

Total Expenditure £14,370.42



You will see a very brief snapshot in the charts above detailing the Group's income and expenditure, with the full financial report available to anybody wishing to see it. I cannot thank the Fundraising Committee enough, yet again, for all of the extra work they have given me these past twelve months. However, the 41% increase in our Annual Income has not been easy to achieve, and considerable thanks to all who made this possible! The increase has absolutely achieved its objective, and you will see £4600 has been spent on Assets, such as the new Group Trailer, but importantly, you will see just under £3000 has gone towards subsidising the cost of camps and days out for our young people. The Group still have some considerable purchases to make, but we must thank Veolia this year for saving us approximately £1500 in work on the minibus – this has allowed us to divert this money and purchase earlier than planned a range of new tents! The cost of Scouting never decreases, but if we can continue the good work fundraising, I am sure we can continue going from strength to strength, and support more of our young people's everyday adventures!

Steve – Group Treasurer



Scouts have had a very busy year, with several new adventures being had in addition to: Family Camp; Canoeing; District Swimming Gala; Sleepover and Remembrance Day Parade; Christmas Camp; Scout Post; District 5-a-side Competition; St George's Day walk and Parade; JA Challenge; Bala; Wirral Coastal Walk... to name but a few!!! But the really exciting new stuff we've been up to has included the Equinox Challenge and a weekend trip to London, where we not only took on the sights and sounds of our Capital, but ventured into Ripley's, Believe it or Not; The Natural History Museum and enjoyed a spectacular winter view of London from the Eye. Additionally, we made sure our Senior Patrol Leaders, James and Lauren did not leave for Explorers without their Expedition Challenge Awards – what a weekend that was!

Our Challenge was to broaden the Scout programme and this year we did just that. This nonetheless leaves us busy trying to make sure the next twelve months is just as busy, with as many opportunities as possible being made available for our Scouts, who almost all of them started as Hawkeye's Beavers, oh so many years ago now, a sure sign of the successful growth we experience throughout the sections and Group overall.

During the next 12 months the Group will need to ensure we recruit adults to support the Scout Section, but fun and adventure will unquestionably continue and in new ways... watch this space!

Steve Winter (Acting Scout Leader)
Tommy & Lottie (Young Leaders)



A Year in the Cub Pack.

It has been a busy and exciting year since the last AGM, the Cub section is positively overflowing with Cubs, and we've had another visit to see Farmer Andrew, but no strawberries this time, just Asparagus and Rhubarb, oh what delightful faces they all pulled tasting that little set of delights – 2 of their five-a-day though!!! Cubs had fun in the District Regatta they had a great time taking part getting very wet, but a good morning was had by all.

We had several Cubs enjoying Wingding, which was rather muddy and wet, but every face was smiling, be it eating their chippy van suppers, or zorbing across the water. And more water there was at Family camp, which was just an amazing time, and all the adults loved watching the spontaneous water fight, not to mention Carla doing her "Sherlock" Holmes impressions as she searched high and low for her missing gnome! Well, you will bring a gnome to camp!!!! We've done the district 5-a-side, and in March had a team in the district bowling competition where the cubs had a great time.

A highlight though, has to be having 21 Cubs all having the time of their lives at District Camp Wild West, from the Bronco to the Hoedown, the weather to the Sunday afternoon madness, everybody had a great time! A particular favourite for many was having Sunshine put their Indian war paint on!

We're busy getting ready for an exciting 5 days summer camp at Linnet Clough. I would like to thank Sue, Lottie, Steve, Alex and Andy for their help throughout the year also Carla, Tom, Mike and Mark as without our parent helpers we would not be able to do all the trips.

Akela



The Beaver section has hit a maximum on numbers again as our members have been a consistent 26 attending each week! The Beaver Team could not possibly function without our Assistant Beaver Leaders, Louisa (Bubbles), Debbie (Tic-Tac) and Kathryn (Keeo), not to mention the much needed help and support given by our new Young Leader, Aaron, and parents Kathy, Mark, Claire, Mike and more.... Thank you all!!!!

Beavers were out in force at Family Camp, at Forest Camp, Sandiway, where they got to grips with water, and how to throw it over just about everybody and everything. We all had a great sing song around the campfire too, and rounders on the last day was a hoot!

We've been doing lots of other stuff too, like Christmas Crafts, and Tic-Tac ran a base at the District Badge day, getting messy with the Experiments badge! We had another torch walk in the Park, and hide and seek really is fun with fluorescent jackets on – do you think they'll ever figure out how we know where they are? Like the Scouts and Cubs we enjoyed the District Bowling competition and are looking forward to the District Day out to the Museum of Science and Industry in Manchester, but a highlight this year has to be the District Camp Wild West, where we had 12 Beavers camping alongside the Scouts and Cubs and doing allsorts of things from Grass Sledging, to Gold Panning, Cooking on Fires to riding the Rodeo Bull - although very tiring for the leaders, the smiles on every child's face told us it was every minute worth all the effort!

I have lots of people to thank for all they do for the Group, but my special thanks goes to Bubbles, Tic-Tac and Keeo for making the section as great as it is, without them we simply could not have the numbers that we have enjoying Beavers!

Sunshine

Want to know more about Scouting?
Activities, Badges, Events, who, what, when, where,
why and how???

Then check out the websites!

www.scouts.org.uk

www.merseysidescouts.com www.12thwallasey.co.uk

Also, don't forget to follow our tweets

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A Message from the Group Scout Leader

Another very busy, and exceptionally successful, year for all sections of the Group; with a variety of awards being achieved not least each section seeing Gold, Silver and Bronze Chief Scout Awards being earned, but also recognition, to everybody in the Group, as we were awarded First Place in the District, and received the Commissioners Trophy for our adventures throughout the year.

We have continued to do exactly what the County have asked for too, with yet another year of Growth in the Group – 13.5% across all sections - fabulous! And whilst our young members have increased, so too has the number of adults wanting to join in the fun! Despite some changes to the Group Leadership teams over the last year, we have been busier than ever, and Mark's team on the fundraising side of the executive committee need to be applauded for their hard work and efforts. As a result, the Group has had an extremely strong year financially, which is mainly due to the extraordinary efforts of all who get involved with the various fundraising activities we engage in to help keep the cost of scouting down for everybody, so thank you! And despite growth in members, the Group has sustained considerable losses of around £800 due to unpaid subscriptions over the year, which understandably will have to be addressed to prevent this re-occurring.

It has been quite a strange year at times, as it is hard to believe so much has been achieved by everybody in the last twelve months. I would like to acknowledge a couple of achievements of my own, which in reality could not have been achieved at all without the amazing team at the 12th being behind me – firstly, thank you Tic-Tac for nominating me for the award I received for Wirral Volunteer of the Year 2012 (Aspen); secondly, to the District Commissioner for his recognition and nomination for my Chief Scout Commendation; and thirdly, to Pol, and our four children, for their patience and assistance with my studies, and all, who stepped in to cover things when assignment times were looming, support without which I truly would not have achieved my Masters.

In addition to the Section Leaders, and Executive team members already mentioned, thanks also has to go to every parent who has joined in with helping us throughout the year, but some special thanks has to be made to Mark and Kathy, and Steve and Annette, who have not only worked tirelessly for the Group, but who also stepped forward to support my extraordinarily busy year. I truly could go on, but you all know how much you have done to support our Group, your children and Scouting, and to you all, I say a huge THANK YOU!

I am simply going to repeat what I said last year, that is, I am exceptionally lucky to have an incredible team of dedicated volunteers who deliver Scouting week in and week out for the benefits of all of the young people we have enrolled as members in the largest Youth Movement in the world – those members are your children! And we should not forget it is for each and every young person that every Leader and Helper voluntarily dedicates their Monday evenings, weekends, holidays and spare time, to ensure the successful delivery of this highly valued adventure we call Scouting! To my team and all of the parents who make a valuable contribution to the success of our Group, I give considerable thanks for all of your efforts over this last year; it truly has been something quite extraordinary! The year ahead will prove, I am sure, to be even better again... why, because together, we can make it happen!

Yours in Scouting

Hawkeye

AKA – Andrew Pickersgill – Group Scout Leader