

JUST LOOK AT WHAT WE'VE ACHIEVED TOGETHER.

12th Wallasey Scout Group Annual Report 2016



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Group Annual Report & Financial Statement 2015/16

What are we proud of...

We are working towards The Scout Association vision for 2018 to ensure that Scouting is available to the next generation of young people. We are committed to making the vision a reality, supporting our adult volunteers and bringing real change to the lives of young people, with a focus on four key areas:

- **Growth**
- **Inclusivity**
- **Youth Shaped**
- **Community Impact**

Scouting at the 12th has...

Growth - we have again seen growth at the 12th, with more adult members joining the adventure, and whilst our Scout Section is at bursting point, we have now been able to invite several members from our waiting lists to join us in Beavers and Cubs in September 2016.

Inclusivity – our annual census demonstrates we can be proud of our diversity regarding the social, health, religious and ethnic backgrounds of our members, but we've seen a massive decrease in the number of girls joining our adventures. **Scouting For All** is key to our plans as a Group and District, as well as within our County and Nationally to ensure we are doing everything we can to demonstrate we are open to people from all backgrounds.

Youth Shaped – we listen to our young members, and have an active Scout Section Forum, but we can and will do more to make sure our future activities incorporate the work of our newly appointed Youth Commissioners, throughout the County; and, in September, we will formally invite applications from our Young Leaders to fill two positions on our Group Executive Committee.

Community Impact – we do a lot to create a positive impact on our local, national and international community, be it through our adventures or fundraising. But we can and will do more, once we have concluded the research into our current effectiveness and impact.

So what for the Year Ahead?

Here's just some of what we have to look forward to over the next 12 months:

- **Remembrance Sleepover (All)**
- **Beaver & Cub Gulliver's World**
- **More #Cubs100 Activities**
- **Scouts Christmas Camp**
- **Family Camp / Big Adventure ????**
- **Monday Nights (Of Course)**

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WHY DON'T YOU?

**Want to join the
adventure?**

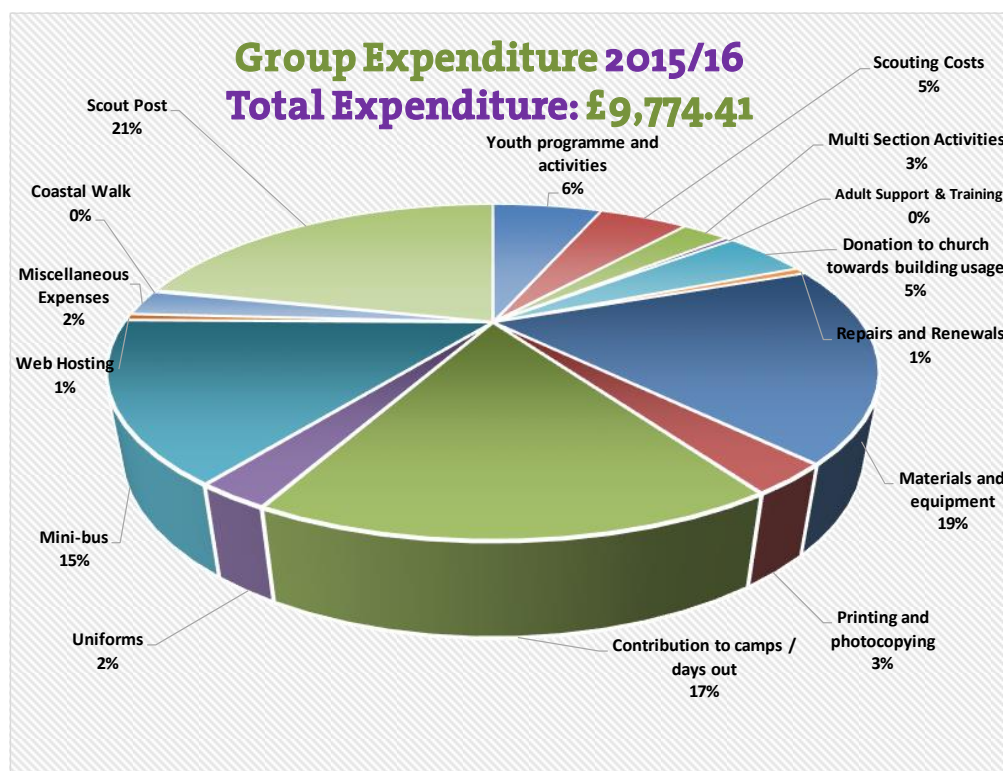
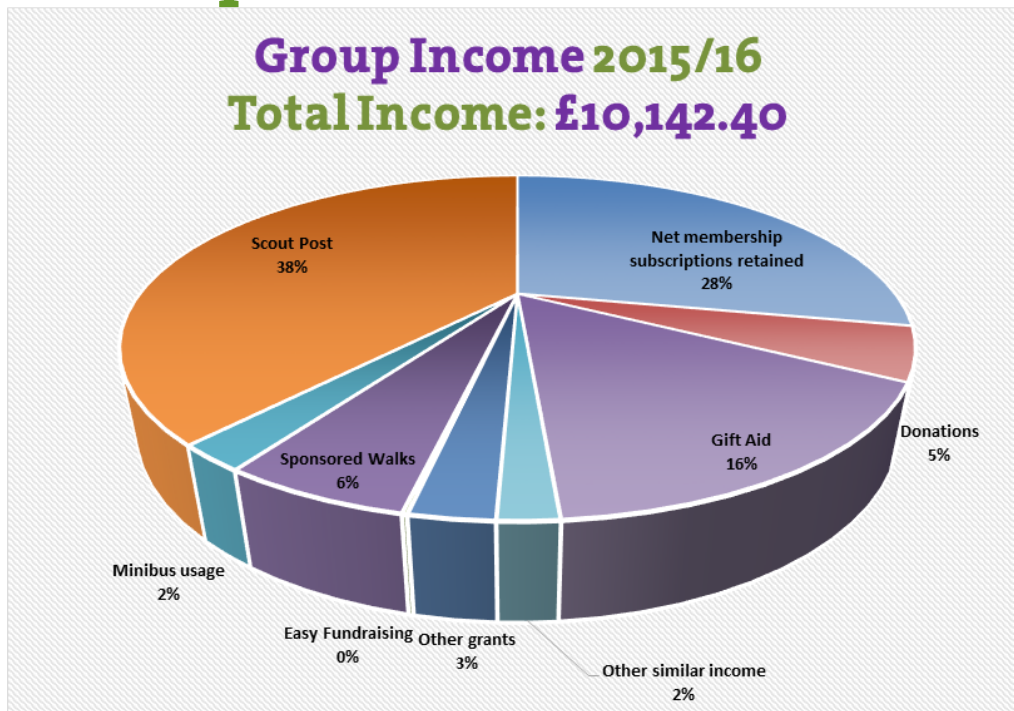
**Think you need special skills...
...think again!**

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!

**Missing out on the fun?
Enjoy a little adventure?
Want to Make a Difference?
Make it Happen &
Speak to Hawkeye!**

Treasurers Report



The above details the percentages for our Group's income and expenditure, with a full Financial Report for the tax year 2015/16 available upon request.

You will see the Group managed to operate within budget for the year, but again with a huge contrast to previous years in the level of fundraising, specifically where all funds and proceeds go to the Group.

Although 2016 saw us slightly increase membership subscriptions by £1 per month this had no noticeable effect on retention. Our aim is to keep subscriptions as low as possible, and subsidise our Scouting, Activities and Adventures as much as possible through fundraising. However, I stress again this year, that this will greatly depend on everybody taking an active role with fundraising over the coming year to ensure we can continue to support each section, and do what many other groups don't, and that is pay heavily towards our days out and camps.

Steve Winter – Group Treasurer

BEAVERS cubs SCOUTS

We have decided to combine our section reports into one and provide a joint report on our

Activities & Adventures

We're not being lazy as section leaders by combining this report, but we know just how much you've all been keeping up with our activities using the Group's social media and website since our last report. So effectively, we'd just be duplicating stuff you already know about. Instead, we'll share just some of our highlights, as we very much take pride in all sections of the Group working together and coming together to share a whole range of activities & adventures.

Some of those joint adventures have included Beavers & Cubs heading off to Wallasey Town Hall for a meeting with the Mayor, something the Scouts did a little later with the District. The Beavers and Cubs have also been to Greenwoods Forest Park, Wallasey Boathouse, The Welsh Mountain Zoo and both sections visited Wallasey Fire Station. Just some of the Highlights for Beavers have been their weekend away to The Old School Lodge, The Butterfly Park and seeing Beavers gaining their Nautical Skills at Wallasey Boathouse.

Cubs centenary has played a huge part in their highlights, seeing 12th Cubs camping at Gilwell Park for CubJam100, and the fun everybody had at WingDing. Our Scouts have enjoyed the Chamboree, their first Halloween Camp, exploring Liverpool with the Shelterbox Challenge and our JA Challenge training, not to mention some high flying at AirKix. All sections have of course taken part in the annual Coastal Walks and Beach Nights. We could go on, but these are just some of many adventures we're proud to have shared with all of our young members.

Here's to a year of exciting adventures ahead...
The Beaver, Cub & Scout Leaders & Young Leaders

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Here are just a few of the
hashtags # you can find our
adventures on:

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#proud2scout

#scoutingforall

#everydayadventure

12th Wallasey Scout Group has a strong online presence, and we are making every effort to support all of our young members and parents. If you need help, information or advice about getting more out of being online, please speak with Hawkeye, our Group Scout Leader

A Message from the Group Scout Leader

We have much to celebrate since our last report, recognition of this has seen us receiving the District Commissioners Trophies two years running, for our Beaver Scouts in 2015, and our Scout section in 2016 - well done to all! In addition, we have many more members from each section attaining their Chief Scout Awards – credit to their commitment in taking part in the programme of activities and adventures we provide our young members with. It has also been a pleasure to see Sunshine and Tic-Tac finally being awarded their long overdue Wood Beads & Wood Badge Awards; and I know many more of our Leaders will attain theirs over the coming year.

It's a tremendous pleasure to also have had international adventures within the Group - Tommy, our Scout Leader, supporting Water Aid with his volunteering in Tanzania; and, two Young Leaders venturing abroad - Lauren to Australia through the International Scout Exchange Programme – and Lucy, who spent three weeks at the Scout Jamboree in Japan. Some truly amazing adventures we can aspire to achieve! One of my personal highlights however, has to be our amazing 2015 Family Camp – what a weekend packed full of adventure that was!

Yet, it's been over two years since our last celebration evening and annual report, and not without good reason. Whilst we have all been very busy maintaining our Scouting by creating every-day adventures, and enjoying a host of amazing activities, the last two years have also presented many of us with a host of challenges - be that our young members and their families, or our volunteers. Whilst we have continued to deliver Scouting for all of our young members, we have done so despite some considerable adversity, but we have done so because we are Scouts... Scouts who made a promise to always do their best, and from where I'm sitting, that's exactly what each and every one of us can be proud of doing.

For supporting me, and for always doing their best, I would like to express my considerable thanks to all of my Section Leaders and our growing team of Young Leaders, as well as all who volunteer their time and energy to the Group in support of our Scouting adventures. I would also like to say special thanks to Mark Furlong, not only for his service as Group Chairman over the last five years, but his dedication and commitment to all our adventures since 2008 – as too, Kathy Furlong, especially for your support and assistance as Group Secretary.

This year we also welcome Debbie Stevens to her additional role as Assistant Group Scout Leader. Together, over the coming months, Debbie and I will undertake a full and strategic review of the Group, and report our findings to the Group Executive in September. Our objective for doing this is to ensure 12th Wallasey Scout Group is on track to delivering the Scout Association Vision of what Scouting will look like in 2018, especially ensuring we continue to Grow and remain Inclusive, as well as being Youth Shaped and a continued asset to our Community.

Thank you all for your support. Here's to the year ahead!

Yours in Scouting

Group Scout Leader – Andy Pickersgill (aka Hawkeye)

**12th Wallasey
Scout Group
Making it
happen...**



