

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

12th Wallasey Scout Group Annual Report 2017



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Group Annual Report & Financial Statement 2016/17

What are we proud of...

As we approach 2018 we can be proud of our accomplishments and the work we have carried out to embrace The Scout Association's vision for 2018 and specifically our achievements in four key areas:

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

Scouting at the 12th has...

Growth – with waiting lists for all three sections, and some growth in our adult numbers, it's pleasing to be able to announce that the 12th is actually the largest Scout Group in Wallasey. We can do more though, and will as we move into 2018

Inclusivity – year on year annual census demonstrates we should be proud of our diversity and inclusivity regarding the social, health, religious and ethnic backgrounds of all of our members. Last year we reported a massive decrease in the number of girls joining our adventures, but they're slowly tipping the balance back.

Scouting For All - remains key to our activities and adventures, and with a dynamic group on the leadership team, we work with all of our young members to ensure we do everything possible to demonstrate we are open to everybody, regardless of abilities and backgrounds.

Youth Shaped – An amazing year to report on for our Youth Shaped progress, as one of our Young Leaders became an active and permanent voice on the Group Executive Committee. Our Section Forums continue, which have helped shape changes in the Scout Section, as well as seeing 10 Scouts and 3 of the Leadership Team having an amazingly informative day participating in the Merseyside County Youth Shaped Conference

Community Impact – we work hard to have a positive impact on our local community and have enjoyed our usual Scout Post fundraising, but also working with the Church and wider community to enjoy Secret Cinema, Carols in the Garden, The Big Lunch and of course the Teddy Bear's Picnic & Zipwire, to name a few.

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 Camps**
- **Chamboree 2018**
- **Scouts Christmas Camp**
- **Big Adventures or Family Camp**
- **Monday Nights (Of Course)**

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**Want to join the
adventure?**

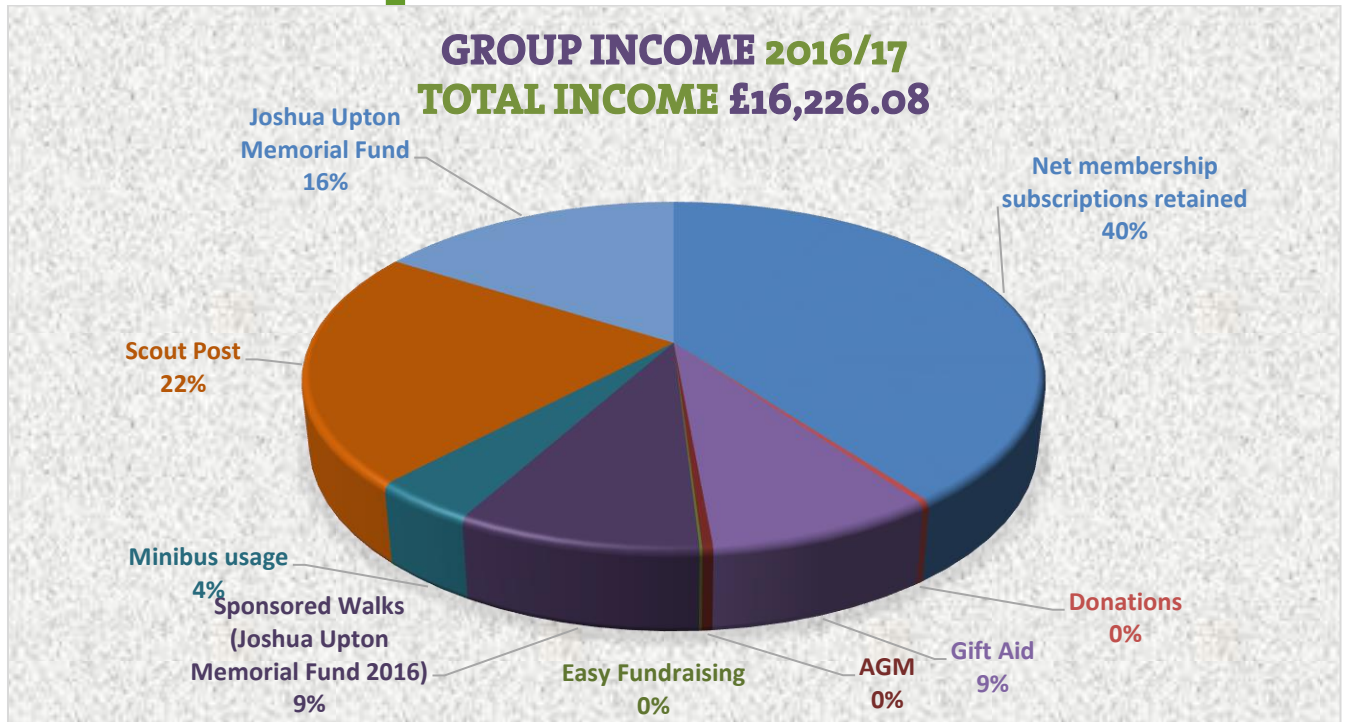
**Think you need special skills...
...think again!**

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!

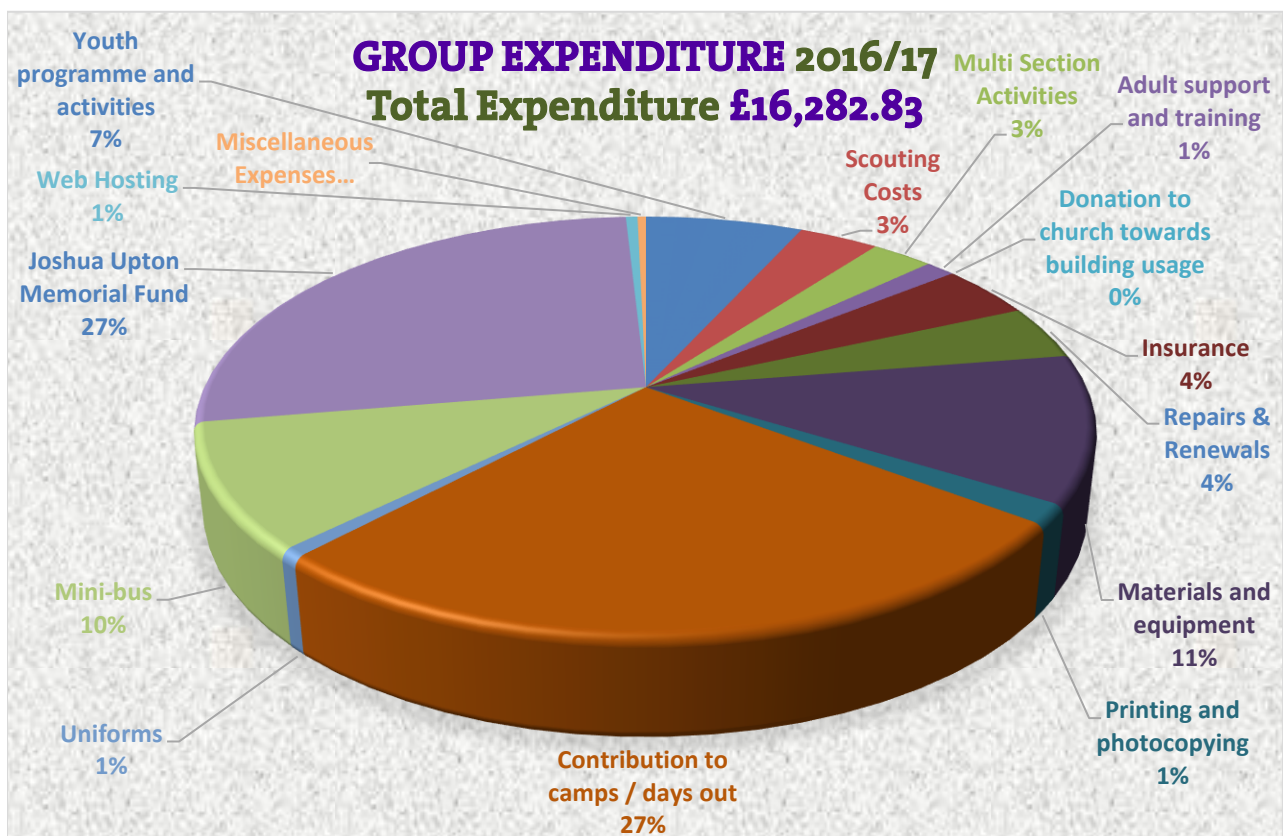
**Missing out on the fun?
Enjoy a little adventure?
Want to Make a Difference?
Make it Happen &
Speak to Hawkeye!**

Treasurers Report



The two pie charts give you an overall reflection of the percentages for our Group's income and expenditure. A full Financial Report for the tax year 2016/17 has also been published.

An interesting year, as we see the changeover from Steve Winter to Barbara Poole as Group Treasurer, a transition which will be completed by the end of the financial year 2018. You will see the Group managed to operate slightly over budget for the year, but again with a huge contrast to previous years in the level of fundraising, this is specifically due to the group management of the Joshua Upton Memorial Fund. Fundraising must remain a priority if we are to continue with the levels of subsidising activities and camps, given the rising costs of these being absorbed by the Group.



Steve Winter & Barbara Poole – Group Treasurer

BEAVERS cubs SCOUTS

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

Activities & Adventures

We're being lazy again and doing a joint sections report, but only because we know just how much you all keep up with our activities and adventures using the Group's social media and website.

So, we'll just share with you some of our highlights. Where to start though, as so much has taken place. Everybody had an amazing time at Summer Camp, with oodles of activities and fun, especially seeing Carla being invested as our new Scout Section Leader whilst on the water; and of course, getting wet in the process, along with everybody else too! Beavers all had an amazing day out at Gulliver's World, and both Beavers and Cubs enjoyed their adventures at the Butterfly Park and as per usual, at Claremont Farm. Beavers and Cubs also had a blast at the Space Port, with all sections taking part in the Remembrance Parade the following day. There's been lots happening in the Scout section too, with Survival Camp, Patrol Leader Camps, Expedition Challenge Camps, Hike Training Camp, Chinese New Year in Liverpool, Christmas Camp with a full on 4 course Christmas Dinner and Santa visiting!! District Bowling for all sections, Five-side-competitions, swimming and more. Not forgetting too, Jackie also being invested as our new Assistant Cubs Scout Leader at our annual family Beach Night. It really has been a very busy year full of some amazing adventures, including all of the fun stuff we do on a Monday night at the Church. In partnership with the Church and all of the Groups, we've also enjoyed Carols in the Garden, The Big Lunch and of course the Teddy Bears Picnic, with a Teddy Zipwire. Wow... they are just some snippets. We really do enjoy doing what we do, and have an amazing group of young members who make it all happen with us.

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

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hashtags # you can find our
adventures on:

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#proud2scout

#scoutingforall

#everydayadventure

#JoshPeg

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 Leaders & Group Chair

This has been Debbie's first full year as Assistant Group Scout Leader, and we were both delighted to accept Mike's offer in taking up the role of Group Chair, which he did in February of this year. Welcoming Mike aboard may seem daft, as he's been involved with the Group in various forms since 2008, and was a Cub Scout Leader for six years from 1994 to 2000 in Allerton. The three of us together have regrouped, and with Executive meetings held almost every month, have been working with the teams to deliver Scouting at 12th Wallasey Scout Group.

Working with the Group Executive and Leadership Teams, we continue fully reviewing all aspects of the Group to ensure we are the best we possibly can be. This will always be an ongoing activity, and as well as with all areas of our Group Management, we hope you will see some exciting changes in our section administration as we continue trialling the Online Scout Manager system. We are hopeful that by this time next year, all parents will be able to access their child's records, update information, and see their progress with awards and badges. Our activities aim to make the Group as efficient and effective as possible, which is why we've delighted in being able to switch the majority of communications and interactions with parents and members to being digital – either by email, or online in some way. This has made things a lot easier, as well as speeding things up for all; and, obviously saves enormous amounts of printing. Thanks to everybody for their support in adapting to this format of communication.

Our objectives moving forward are to continue with the review 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. Our partnership with the Church will also be a valued contributor to all of our forthcoming community engagement and work, and we've some exciting events taking place over the year ahead. Big thanks to Rev. Steve Lanford, our Church Minister, and all of his team, for sharing the adventures and keeping Scouting involved in the heart of the Church's activities.

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

Yours in Scouting

Group Scout Leaders – Andy & Debbie
Group Chair – Mike Noyce

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Scout Group**
**Making it
happen...**



