

Group Scout Leaders Report Annual General Meeting 2017

The period in review is April 2016 to March 2017. This was a significant period of positive change for the Scout Group

Amongst our achievements:

- Opening of the Friday Beaver Colony and Thursday Cub Pack to try and ease the waiting list. We now have 3 Beaver Colonies, 3 Cub Packs, 2 Scout Troops and a Explorer Unit.
- Recording 192 members on the Annual Census, this is the highest in our 105 year history. We are the biggest Scout Group in Midlothian, and one of the biggest in Scotland
- Now delivering a balanced programme, challenge and adventure to the young people 5 nights of the week, and sometimes 7!
- Being financially sound

Amongst our challenges:

- Adult Volunteers – Leaders and Volunteers, we are adopting a Parent Rota for the Beaver Section
- Growing Waiting List – This continues to be an issue, the popularity of the Group, Scouting and the Location of the Scout Group are an issue, which we continue to work with the Scout District to address.
- Administration – We are moving to more automated ways of dealing with financial transaction, gathering information etc

I would like to take this opportunity to sincerely thank, all our Leaders, Young Leaders, Committee Members and other volunteers, such as Parents for all the work they have done over the last year. Whether its running a Cub Pack, or fixing the Lights or the toilets. The Scout Group would not exist without this commitment.

No one in this Scout Group, or indeed in Midlothian is paid for delivering Scouting to all these young people, and they do it in their spare time.

**Richard Fairbairn
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30/11/2017**