

# 9th North Watford

(Woodside) Scout Group

One year of  
adventure!



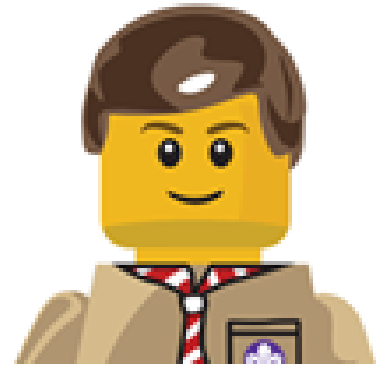


## Gone Home

A long-standing member and supporter of the 9th North Watford, Ray Jenkins, has recently passed away. He was a former Scout Leader and Committee Member for many years until retiring from Scouting a few years back. We are all grateful for the years of service he gave to Scouting and to the 9th and to hear of his passing.

# Group Scout Leader's Report

Chris Gurdler / Becky Ellis



2014 has been a year of “maintaining” at the 9th North Watford. We have maintained our good numbers of young people throughout the Sections and also across our Leadership team, and maintained our high standards of Scouting.

We have even had some maintenance and repairs carried out on the headquarters!

Our young people have been taking part in a wide and varied programme, visiting local places of interest including the Town Hall, seeing how our emergency services work, and making great use of our local campsites and activity centres.

Here are just some of the activities our Beavers, Cubs and Scouts have been up to:

- Beavers Bonanza
- Beavers Day out
- Beavers Christmas Party
- Green Beret at Phasels Wood
- District Pantomime
- St George's Day Parade
- Remembrance Service
- Lees Wood 50<sup>th</sup> Jubilee Camp
- Beaver Sleepover
- Cub Camps
- Scout Camps

And of course our Christmas “Carols on the Green” and Christmas Bazaar.

We are looking forward to 2015 being a great year for our group with more everyday adventure than ever.

## Membership



30



27



30



21

(inc. Exec)

# Group Chairman's Report

Jonathan Hawes

2014 was a strange year in some ways with the Group coming to terms to life after John Lyus (our former GSL) and Kate Lees, (our former Beaver Leader), both of whom stepped down at the end of 2013.



My thanks to Chris Gurdler for stepping up to become Scouter in Charge – a role he took on in addition to being Scout Leader.

My thanks also go to Charlie Rogers for taking over the Beavers, ably mentored by Jackie Jones. I, and we, am extremely fortunate to have such a fantastic leadership team all the way down to our young leaders.

Negotiations with Watford Community Housing Trust regarding renewal of both our and the 2nd North Watford leases continue to drag on despite our best efforts and being well supported by the District Chairman Roger Sands. We have made some progress and are hopeful of a resolution soon.

In the meantime, the Scout HQ now requires quite a lot of maintenance work so we need assistance with both physical help and help in fund raising to pay for the repairs. I am developing a list of jobs and would appreciate some parent volunteers to undertake the work.

As usual, I am appealing for new blood to join the committee as we need new ideas.

Finally, thank you all for your continued support for the Leaders which I know they all appreciate.

**Free money for your Scout Group!**

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# Group Treasurer's Report

Colin Smith

Financial report for the year ending 31 December 2014:



## Income

Subscriptions	£	7,917
Fund Raising	£	977
Donations	£	1,851
Insurance receipt	£	450
<b>Total</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>11,199</b>

## Expenditure

Membership Fees	£	3,871
HQ running costs	£	3,795
Equipment	£	153
Other	£	1,567
<b>Total</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>9,386</b>

Total income over expenditure

£ 1,813

## Buy a Group T-shirt

Perfect to wear during your Scouting adventure!



# WE NEED YOU!

We're looking for adult volunteers to help us provide everyday adventure to the young people in the 9th North Watford. And to help freshen up our Scout Hut!

Volunteering in Scouting is easy and flexible.

Whether you can volunteer weekly, monthly, or even occasionally, we have roles both behind the scenes and working with young people.

Give us a hand and make a positive impact in your local group!

*Speak to a Leader or  
Committee Member today!*



# Look what we've been up to...

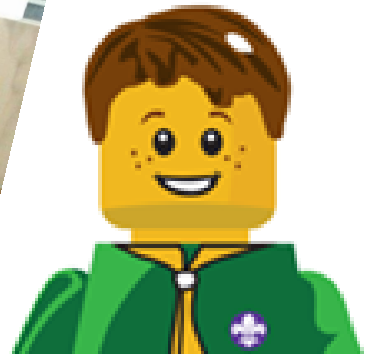




**Come and join the 9th North Watford** as a Beaver...





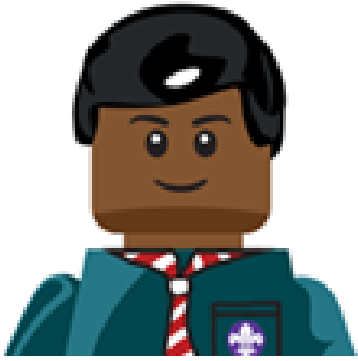


**cubs** 



**Come and join the  
9th North Watford** as a Cub...





**SCOUTS** 



**Come and join the 9th North Watford** *as a Scout...*



## Looking ahead in 2015...

### + Cub Camp

3-5 July at Phasels Wood

### + District Sports Day

5 July at Woodside

### + Scout Camp

10-12 July at Phasels Wood

### + Beavers Fun Day

20 September at Lees Wood

### + Centenary Challenge

26 September at Lees Wood

### + Lees Wood Fireworks

6 November at Lees Wood

### + Green Beret

13-15 November at Tolmers

### + Christmas Bazaar

Christmas time at Scout Hut

### + Carols on the Green

Christmas time at Hope Green

### + District Pantomime

17 December at Alban Arena

*and much more...*

## Group Information

Group Scout Leader

Becky Ellis

Group Chairman

Jonathan Hawes

Group Secretary

Vacant

Group Treasurer

Colin Smith

Beaver Scout Leader

Charlie Rogers

Cub Scout Leader

Jackie Jones

Scout Leader

Chris Gurdler

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