

# 9th North Watford

(Woodside) Scout Group

Another year of  
adventure!



# TRY SOMETHING AMAZING

Why not try our  
Four Week Challenge?  
Volunteer for four weeks,  
support young people,  
supercharge your CV,  
and have  
some  
brilliant  
fun along  
the way!



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# **9TH NORTH WATFORD SCOUT GROUP**

## **AGM Agenda**

Held at the Scout Hut, Hope Green on 13 June 2016, starting at 7pm

1. Apologies for absence
2. Approval of 2015 AGM minutes
3. Matters arising
4. Approval of Nomination for Chairman
5. Election of Treasurer
6. Election of Secretary
7. Election of Committee members
8. Group Scout Leaders Report
9. Approval of accounts
10. District report
11. Awards and Investitures
12. Chairman's report
13. AOB

# Group Scout Leader's Report

Becky Ellis



Since we last met in June 2015, we have seen a number of changes in the Leadership Team.

We have said goodbye to Jacky and Linda from Cubs. Surprisingly, the HQ didn't collapse after having lost two pieces of "furniture" after so many years of service. We also said goodbye to our Beaver Leader, Charlie. In her time with the 9th, she brought fun into the section. We miss all three and are grateful to them for all their hard work.

We have "lost" another leader to the other side of the world. Nick Rogers decided to take a year out and joined Nathan in the land down under. We have kept both of them on the books, so when they do decide to come back, they will hopefully return to Scouting.

Chris Hawes moved from Scouts to take over as Akela earlier this year.

We are always looking for new leaders and we can never say it enough: Can you spare a couple of hours a week to support one of our sections? We really do need you.

The HQ itself is looking even more tired than it did last year. We are waiting for the roof to be repaired, but sadly we do not have the funds to replace it as we would like to. We have a long, long list of minor repairs and works that need to be done, and yet again we are lacking the resource to get much of it done.

Alongside the need for leaders, we also need some adult help to keep the HQ maintained and clean. Without help, we are at risk of having to stop some of the activities we do purely because the HQ and outside areas are not safe enough. We would like to get a working party together in the next few weeks to do some of the basics. If anyone has a mild case of OCD or loves a good de-clutter, please let me know and I will supply gloves, black bags and an endless supply of tea!

2017 sees the Diamond Jubilee of the 9th North Watford Scout Group and we hope to celebrate this in style.

Finally I just want to add my thanks to the team of adults who give so much to the group on a weekly basis. Without the leaders to run activities, none of your youngsters would know how to start a fire, shoot an arrow or get lost in the woods safely. Without them, we would not be the group we are and I for one am truly grateful to each and every one of them.

Also my thanks to the Exec team – Jonathan Hawes, Colin Smith and Gary McGettrick who keep the finances and week to week running of the group going. We would just love to see more parents in that group.

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# Group Chairman's Report

Jonathan Hawes

2015 saw Becky's first year as GSL and I am sure you will agree she has done a fantastic job. She has also been a great support to all the Leaders and both me and Colin.



As you may be aware, I was 'persuaded' to enter the London Triathlon in August as part of a team with two of my sons Steve, an ex-Beaver/Cub/Scout and Chris, now better known as Akela. We managed to complete the course in just over 3 hours. We're doing it again this year and hope to beat 3 hours. (More photos at [9thnorthwatford.co.uk/triathlon](http://9thnorthwatford.co.uk/triathlon))

Negotiations with Watford Community Housing Trust regarding renewal of both our and the 2nd North Watford leases have recently re-opened, supported by Roger Sands and Dave Collette, District Commissioner. We have made some progress and are hopeful of a resolution soon. In the meantime, the hut now requires quite a lot of maintenance work so we need assistance with both physical help and fund raising to pay for the repairs. If anyone is able to provide help or advice for either then you will be most welcome.

We have arranged for the roof to be repaired during the summer which will cost nearly £9,000 and will use all our contingency funds. In addition, there are two major jobs which need to be undertaken: new guttering around the building and insulation to the ceiling although neither can be done until the roof is repaired. I estimate that the cost of materials alone will be £250 for guttering and £750 for insulation

We would also like to refurbish the kitchen and toilets but, as you can see from the Group Accounts, cannot afford to hence this appeal for help.

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



## Buy a Group T-shirt

Perfect to wear during your Scouting adventure!



# Group Treasurer's Report

Colin Smith

Financial report for the year ending 31 December 2015:



## Income

Subscriptions	£	7,929
Fund Raising	£	366
Donations	£	1,865
Insurance receipt	£	85
<b>Total</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>10,294</b>

## Expenditure

Membership Fees	£	3,480
HQ running costs	£	3,009
Equipment	£	103
Other	£	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>6,592</b>

**Total income over expenditure**     **£ 3,702**

## Balance as at 31 December 2015

Current account	£	12,285
Savings account	£	5,292
Cash in hand	£	223
Uncleared cheques	£	(92)
<b>Total</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>17,708</b>

## 2016 Budget

### Income

Subscriptions	£	4,428
<b>Total</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>4,428</b>

### Expenditure

Membership Fees	£	2,945
HQ running costs	£	3,860
Equipment	£	500
Roof repair	£	8,600
General repair	£	1,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>16,905</b>

2016 expected expenditure over income     **£ 12,477**

## Membership



14



23



27



15

(inc. Exec)

# 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...**





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





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



# TAKE THE FOUR WEEK CHALLENGE!

Try Scouting for yourself



## Would you like to...

- ▶ Spend some quality time with your child?
- ▶ Develop your own skills?
- ▶ Have fun and rediscover adventure?
- ▶ Give something back to the community?

Why not try some of the fun and adventure of Scouting for yourself? We're now inviting parents to come along to Scouts for four weeks. You'll be amazed at the difference you can make and how good you'll feel...

**Week 1** Come along and see what we get up to

**Week 2** Start to help out

**Week 3** Get a little more involved - maybe run an activity

**Week 4** By now you'll know if Scouting is for you.

We have a wide range of flexible vacancies either supporting young people or behind the scenes. Even if you can only give an hour a month, any help is truly amazing!



## INTERESTED?

Speak to a Leader to get started!

# 9TH NORTH WATFORD SCOUT GROUP

## 2015 AGM Minutes

Held at the Scout Hut, Hope Green on 8 June 2015, starting at 7pm

### Welcome from the Chairman, Jonathan Hawes

### 2014 minutes

Approved. Chris Gurdler proposed, seconded by Jack Mawhinney. No matters arising.

### Approval of Nomination for Chairman

Nominated by Becky Ellis, Jonathan Hawes accepted.

### Election of Treasurer

Colin Smith has volunteered by email, proposed by Becky Ellis, Seconded by Chris Gurdler

### Election of Secretary

Vacant position. If anyone is interested, please speak to a leader.

### Election of Committee Members

Leaders are no longer compulsory members of the exec. Chris Gurdler, Jacky Jones, Linda Kidd will continue. Gary McGettrick is a parent representative. The group needs more parent volunteers, preferably from each section.

### GSL Report from Becky Ellis

Thanks to Chris for acting as GSL. We need some help making the hut a better place to come, volunteers required.

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 50th 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.

### Approval of Accounts

Approved. Proposed Chris Gurdler, seconded Becky Ellis

## District Report from Dave Collette (District Commissioner)

It was National Volunteering week last week, would like to pay tribute to the leaders at the 9th for everything they do. Jonathan, Jack and Chris for roles in the district. Jack as new ADC for Growth & Development, Chris Hawes as Media Manager.

Thanks for the support at the Lees Wood 50th celebrations. Watford North and South Scouts own 67 acres. There is a District trip to Lochearnhead in Scotland, owned by Hertfordshire Souts.

Numbers are up in the District for 2015 (872 Watford North), more in the County, over 17,000

Councillors and businessmen think Scouting is dying, but it's not. Meeting with these people, they are astounded at the numbers involved in Scouts.

Congratulations to Rob Day for earned his Queen's Scout Award this year.

We need more adult helpers so that more young people can get involved – please let us know if you can help out! Putting your involvement on your CV is sometimes helpful, especially for young people.

### Awards and Investitures

- Presentation of badges to Scouts
- Presentation of Chief Scout Silver award to Thomas Robbins
- Investiture of Robert Day

### Chairman's Report

2014 was a strange year in some ways with the Group coming to terms to life after John

Lys (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. Signs of movement on the lease 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.

5 people in this group are also involved in District Roles

### AOB

Jonathan Hawes, Chris Hawes and his brother are entering the London Triathlon to raise funds for the group. Look out for sponsorship forms.

*Meeting closed at 7.40pm*

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# Who we are at the 9th!

<b>GSL</b>	Becky Ellis
<b>Exec</b>	Jonathan Hawes Colin Smith Gary McGettrick
<b>Beavers</b>	Jackie Granados Philippa Li Lewis Grace <i>Parent Helper: Karen Studley</i>
<b>Cubs</b>	Chris Hawes Sam Downing Eileen Ryan <i>Young Leader: Yazad</i>
<b>Scouts</b>	Chris Gurdler Jack Mawhinney Rob Day James Townley <i>Young Leaders: Ricky and David</i>

## Vacancies

We need new volunteers to help your local Scout Group. **Satisfaction guaranteed.**

Specific vacancies we have are:

- Group Secretary
- Assistant Leaders or Section Assistants
- Occasional Helpers
- Volunteer cleaners/maintenance crew

**Come and join the 9th North Watford** as an adult volunteer...





[www.9thnorthwatford.co.uk](http://www.9thnorthwatford.co.uk)

Find us on  for photos of our Scouting adventures!

Note: Members, parents and supporters only