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WE'VE ACHIEVED
TOGETHER.**
Cheddington Scouts Impact Report 2012



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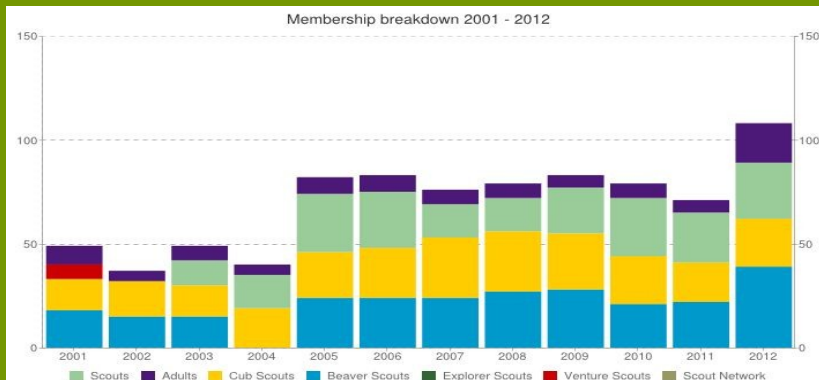
Welcome to 1st Cheddington Scout Group's impact report for 2011/12.

It's been another great year for 1st Cheddington. Our numbers have stayed at high levels and we currently have 115 young people in the group, led by 22 adults. These figures are about to grow again with the opening of our second Cub Pack in September to deal with the increasing demand.

All of our sections continue to offer a full and varied programme of activities, based around Scouting principles, with camps still the most popular activity. This year has also seen a growth in community activities, something we hope to build upon in future years.

I hope you enjoy our report; it gives a small flavour of the great year we've had, of the fun and excitement shared by all our young members, and of the effort and dedication put in by all of the adults involved.

Thank You!
Ian Hale
Group Scout Leader



Note: Explorer Scouts are recorded on the Group census and therefore not shown here

Welcoming more young people

Young people are at the heart of everything we do. Every week over 100 girls and boys from Cheddington, Slapton and the neighbouring villages try out activities, discover new talents and enjoy the adventure of Scouting.

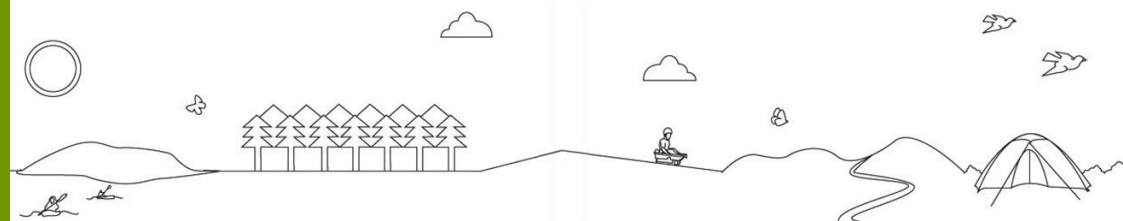
By giving young people the respect and space to develop, to work in terms and take risks in a safe environment, Scouts develop confidence, self-reliance and the skills to become positive and active citizens. Scouting is about young people, it makes sense that they are the ones who shape our Group. As a Scout journeys from a Beaver Scout to an adult leader, we want them to be involved in decision making at every step.

Impact

Scout Community Week offered the opportunity for all of our members to work together to undertake a project that delivers real benefits to our community. Young people of all ages worked with parents to pull down a derelict garage on Church Path. We made bird boxes from recycled wood and these were sold to raise income for the group. Everyone was involved with the Explorers & Scouts helping with the demolition, with the Cubs and Beavers helping to sort the wood, build and paint bird boxes.

Over the year we built a great relationship with B&Q, raising money in store helping people with their shopping and learning more about environmental issues. B&Q sent a representative along to our event to offer continued support.

As a result of our work we have received a number of comments about the improvement to the visual aesthetics of the area, providing the young people with a real sense of achievement. We were also able to support a charity which enables Scouts with special needs and young people to take part in Scouting who would otherwise not be able to afford to do so.



Beaver Scouts

Cheddington Beavers have enjoyed undertaking a range of interesting activities, enabling them to try new things, have fun with other Beavers, work and play together and to develop their confidence.

Our Beavers represented Buckinghamshire in a trip to Legoland for the Beavers 25th anniversary – a great day out, with the unique experience of a theme park along with 6,000 other Beavers. Experiences like this allow the Beavers to understand that they are part of the wider community of Scouting.

Both colonies enjoyed a visit from the Bedfordshire Bat Group; apart from some very interesting information about bats, the Beavers had to overcome their fears to see a live bat close up. As a result, the Beavers developed an understanding of nature giving them appreciation of the world around them, helping them to think about how they care for the environment as they grow up.

May saw our Parent-Beaver camp where Beavers worked with their parents to solve lots of challenges and activities. The activity the Beavers enjoyed most was blindfolding their parents and directing them through an obstacle course. This built trust between the adults and children and taught the Beavers responsibility when looking after others. The Beavers slept together in dormitory rooms building their independence and self-confidence through being away from their parents in a safe environment.

Congratulations to the following Beavers who have achieved their Chief Scouts Bronze Award this year...

Louis Alderton
Daniel Aley
Charlotte Aulton
Zoe Chang
Shane Coyne
Teddy Fogden
Edie Jones
Nathaniel Lacey
Emma List
Maggie Long
Danielle Lowe

James Ollerenshaw
Joshua Pearce
Joe Purnell
Hugo Sharman
Finley Simone
Joseph Spencer
Lillian Vaughan-Mason
Jack Walker
Felix Yates
Thom Yates



Cub Scouts

The highlights of the Cubs' eventful year started with a building activity using just paper, cellotape and straws. An exciting teambuilding activity enhancing teamwork with new cub members. This activity explored their imagination and planning skills to build a bridge that withstood a weight test for stability and creativity.

In March, Cubs and their families visited the Bayfordbury Observatory to enhance the astronomy badge, this hands on experience offered the Cubs an opportunity to explore the skies through a variety of telescopes. They learnt more about constellations through the indoor planetarium and turned their hand to making pin-hole cameras and mini-telescopes. This event developed a wider knowledge and understanding of the world and offered many opportunities to ask questions and confirm facts.

Cub camp in May took an Olympic theme with the Cubs taking part in a number of events to build independence, confidence and develop their decision making skills, including packing their bags, erecting tents and designing their own Olympic t-shirts. Through this experience, Cubs developed their skills of working with others and building their sense of responsibility.

The Pack was visited by an Owl society who gave the Cubs the opportunity to handle the birds, promoting positive behaviour and sensitivity to animals and others. In addition they found out about breeding protection, conservation and environmental impacts of modern society.



Scouts

At Cheddington there are 30 Scouts who regularly participate in a wide range of activities including; hikes, camps, games evenings, they even had their own version of the Highland Games and Medieval Warfare. Through working together in teams to solve problems, Scouts develop their interpersonal skills and become responsible citizens.

Having taken responsibility for their own programmes, the Scouts have requested more cooking sessions. This will undoubtedly prove of huge benefit to them when they are older. Gone are the days when they just cooked eggs, sausages and beans! Through this and other skill development activities, Scouts become increasingly self-reliant and it builds confidence in our young people—which was in evidence at Family Camp where the Scouts supported younger members of the Group.

Our membership is increasingly co-educational which has had a big impact on the Scouts – making them more considerate and thoughtful in all the events they undertake. The leaders have noticed a big change in attitudes over the recent years - boys and girls working together means that they see one another as equals and helps them to build a more tolerant society.

Congratulations to the following Scouts who have achieved their Chief Scouts Gold Award this year...

- Ben Dryburgh
- Paul Fenton
- James Flanders
- Angus Gowanlock
- Emily Hale
- James Holliday
- Reed McLaughlin
- Anthony Reeve
- Anna Wallace
- Jack Youren



Explorer Scouts

Each year Explorers build an impressive illuminated Christmas display for the village, providing a focal point for both locals and passersby. This tableau brightens up the village for all of the community and has become a focus of the Christmas celebrations.

In June, Explorers were invited to the Speakers Apartments at the Palace of Westminster to meet the All Party Parliamentary Scout group to discuss current scout issues. Meeting with John Bercow allowed the young people to discuss local issues directly with our MP.

Explorers have again given their time to support the village Burns night supper. By doing this they have raised money for the Florence Nightingale hospice.

12 Explorers are working towards their D of E Awards at Bronze, Silver and Gold levels. This has involved them in volunteering at schools, libraries, and other scout units, to provide activities for other young people in our community and the surrounding area.

A report from your trustees...

Thank you to all the trustees and fundraising team for all of the hard work that has gone into making this last year a real success for the Group. We have looked at the governance of your Scout group and taken the opportunity to clarify some of our policies. The majority of our policies can be found on the Group website www.cheddingtonscouts.org.uk and in the Policy Organisation and Rules of The Scout Association.

We wrote a benevolence policy, which won us a national award for good governance earlier in the year,. Our aim is to make Scouting available to all young people in the Cheddington and Slapton areas. Because of this policy we have been able to secure a small grant to seed a fund to pay for children in need of support to attend camps. We hope to develop a uniform re-cycling scheme to expand the fund; if you have old uniform you no longer need please donate that to the group (through the leaders) and we will use it to directly help others.

Thanks to the hard work of the members of the fundraising team, we have been able to raise more than £2,000 to provide more equipment for the young people in the group and to build a fund to replace our Scout hall. 5 of our leaders; Jo, Karin, Keith, Sarah and Louise walked 50 miles

to raise us £800, which was a fantastic start to our year. Yet again the village fete was a great day not only for those attending but also for the Scout Group. We have started a Lucky Number draw, which has already made a dozen people winners, if you would like to join them (and support your scout group) for £1 per month speak to Kim Key or download the form from the group website. By raising money through our activities, we are able to approach funders for grants. Grants



and funds raised allow us to fulfil our charitable aims and build a legacy for future children of our villages.

Community week was a great demonstration of this and what we can achieve working together as a Scout Group to benefit our local community. The event culminated in a community garden party to show off the day's work. Hopefully through their involvement in this project, all of our young people will take ownership of their village environment and help them develop as part of our community.

We have also been looking at the future of our Scout hall. With some kind and generous help from B&Q, Santander, Gavin Long and Wayne Coyne, we have done what we can to maintain and improve the quality of the experience for

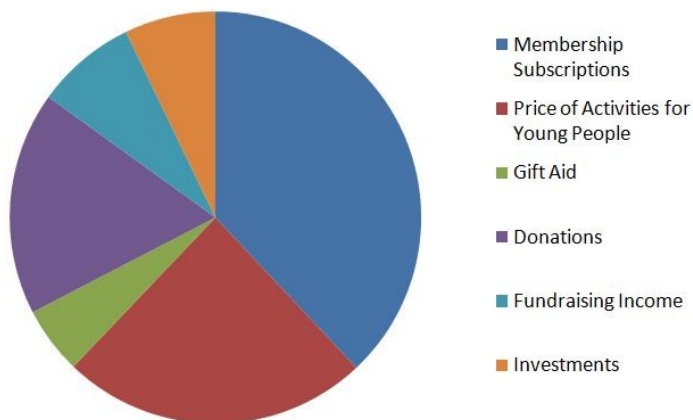


the young people in the group. Sadly, it is increasingly difficult to maintain the building and as we expand as a group the building is becoming too small for our needs. We have begun the long process of replacing the current hall with a purpose designed building to provide the young people of the villages with a safe environment in which to have adventures into the foreseeable future. We are currently in the process of undertaking a professional feasibility study, generously funded by a grant from Chuckles Pantomime Group in Tring. We are very grateful for their support. Through their grant, we are able to begin the process of replacing the current building with a purpose built new one. Our vision is that this will serve the whole community and provide a long lasting home for the young people of our villages as they enjoy their Scouting.

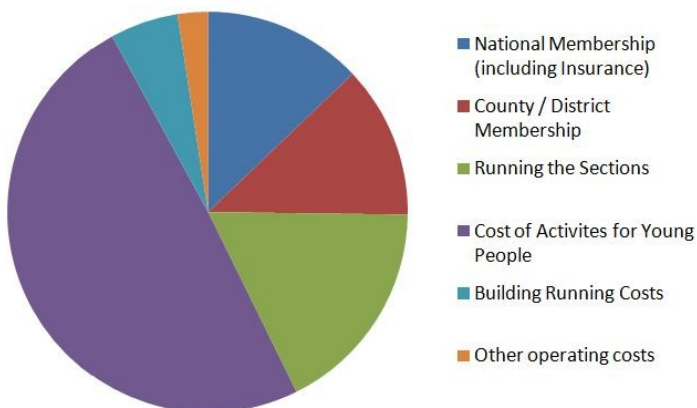
We would very much like to hear from anyone who can help us to gain future donations (both financial and in-kind) or who can support our ongoing fundraising efforts. Many employers will match fund – if you work for such a company please let us know.

Lets talk money.

Where the money comes from...



How we spend your money...



A quick view of your money...

| | This Year | Last Year |
|-------------------------------------|----------------|----------------|
| Total Receipts | £17,544 | £13,254 |
| Total Payments | (£13,753) | (£11,708) |
| Excess of receipts over payments | £3,791 | £1,546 |
| Unrestricted funds carried forwards | £12,228 | £10,682 |
| TOTAL FUNDS | £16,019 | £12,228 |

SUMMARY ACCOUNTS 2012

RECEIPTS

| | 2011 / 2012 | 2010 / 2011 |
|---------------------------------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| Voluntary Income | | |
| Membership Payments | £8,425 | £6,823 |
| <u>Less: Membership Fees paid out</u> | <u>(£4,619)</u> | <u>(£2,978)</u> |
| Net income from members | £3,806 | £3,845 |
| Donations | £4,089 | £137 |
| Gift Aid | £1,146 | £0 |
| Total Voluntary Income | £9,041 | £3,982 |
| Fundraising Income | £1,715 | £4,243 |
| Investment Income | £1,552 | £592 |
| Scouting Activities | £5,236 | £4,437 |
| TOTAL RECIEPTS | £17,544 | £13,254 |

PAYMENTS

| | | |
|-------------------------------------|----------------|----------------|
| Cost of generating funds | £304 | £2,471 |
| Electricity and water | £464 | £411 |
| Insurance | £504 | £483 |
| Repairs to the Scout Hall | £42 | £250 |
| Materials and equipment | £2,850 | £283 |
| Cost of activities and competitions | £9,081 | £7,810 |
| Uniforms | £341 | £0 |
| Examination Fees (two years) | £145 | £0 |
| Sundry expenses | £22 | £0 |
| Cost of charitable activities | £13,449 | £9,237 |
| TOTAL PAYMENTS | £13,753 | £11,708 |

WHERE WE KEEP YOUR MONEY

| | | |
|-------------------------------------------|----------------|----------------|
| Bank Current Account | £12,002 | £8,350 |
| Bank Deposit Account | £4,470 | £4,468 |
| Cetendone Explorers [money held in trust] | £0 | (£894) |
| Summer Camp Deposits | (£710) | £0 |
| Cash | £257 | £304 |
| NET ASSETS | £16,019 | £12,228 |



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THANK YOU FOR ALL YOUR HELP!

We want to thank all of the parents and leaders that help every week and especially our friends including...



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... not forgetting the grass cutting team and all those who've helped with working parties at the HQ.



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