

Scouts

Churchdown



AGM Report 2022

Churchdown Scout Group AGM Agenda 2022

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Brown Lodge
Management Chair's
Report 2022

We have had another busy year at Brown Lodge. Thankfully things have continued to return to normal after the last couple of years of Covid challenges. All units are now back to face-to-face meetings and our list of hirers outside of Scouts and Guides continues to grow. I took over as Chair from Debbie in September 2021 and so this has been a learning curve for me!

One of my first challenges as Chair was the celebration for Brown Lodges 50th birthday in November. With the hard work of the committee, we had a fabulous day of celebrations split into 3 parties to reduce the amount of people in an enclosed space at any one time. It was great to see so many people, past and present, who have maintained, used, and supported Brown Lodge over the 50 years. Thank you to all who helped to put on this amazing day and coordinated guests, food, drinks, photos and newspaper articles, as well as the units who use Brown Lodge who decorated their display boards beautifully.

We have recently had some large works on the drainage systems to start to futureproof the building for the next 50 years and we are planning to continue with some more improvements to our building. We are currently working with an architect to update our toilets, install a disabled access toilet, baby changing unit, automatic doors, and a ramp to the front to make our building more accessible. With the help of the architect, we will be getting quotes from builders and be able to apply for a grant once the plans are all agreed. We then also are planning to sort the flooring as this has been down for 50 years too.

We have a great group of people who continue to help with looking after our building. Thank you to Carolyn who comes in regularly to give Brown Lodge a thorough clean, Graham who cuts the grass and maintains the garden. Also thank you to Paul, Dave, Rich, Graham, and Chris who work incredibly hard on any maintenance needed at Brown Lodge.

We continue to hire out Brown Lodge to more users who are not part of Scouting or Guiding, this helps greatly with the upkeep. Thank you to Paul for looking after and coordinating these hirings.

I would like to say a huge thank you to all the committee for their support and hard work, especially to Debbie for helping me to get to grips with my new role and to Amy who took on Treasurer having not long joined the committee!

Caz Finch

Chair Brown Lodge Management

CHURCHDOWN SCOUT GROUP AGM MINUTES – 30TH SEPTEMBER 2021

Present : Clair Auld, Amy Turner, Brian Finch, Hazel Finch, Dave Adkins, Rich Auld, Clare James, Gary James, Jane Frazer-Hook, Matt Wadley, Melanie Griffiths, Roger Smith, Maurice Chalker, Debbie Auld, Carolyn Adkins, Dave Hawkins, Helen Gait, Bethany Adkins, Sara Stone, Tom Batchelor, Louise Fazeli, Julie Smith, Tash Torkoniak, Jessica Hannington, Gemma McCreath, Caz Finch

Apologies : Paul Gait, Joan Trinder, Chris Williams, Ann Bennett, Tom Blacker, Nicholas Adkins, Jacky Hall

Welcome to the meeting by Debbie

Brown Lodge Management AGM

Annual Report and Financial Report retained in AGM booklet. Hazel (Treasurer) reported that around £3000 in rent from the Scout and Guide sections had been lost to Brown Lodge during covid, but grants had been received from the Borough Council to offset the loss. No questions regarding accounts.

Hazel has now resigned as Treasurer and will be succeeded by Amy Turner.

Covid requirements for regular cleaning of Brown Lodge are in place.

Debbie (Chairman) thanked the Leaders and supporters for their ongoing maintenance and care for Brown Lodge. Report retained in booklet, no questions.

Guide representatives on committee : Caz Finch (replacing Debbie as Chair), Gemma McCreath (Guide District Commissioner), Hazel Finch, Ann Bennett, Amy Turner (treasurer)

Scout representatives : Debbie Auld (GSL), Dave Adkins, Paul Gait, Jacky Hall, Brian Finch

Adoption of Report – Proposed : Clair Auld, Second : Roger Smith

Churchdown Gang Show AGM

Jane Frazer-Hook reported that following last year's cancellation of the Show, there may be an attempt to produce a short online show later this year. Next year's Show will be the 20th, and in fact the 40th anniversary of the first Churchdown Scout and Guide Show. A programme is in place, and volunteers are required to assist with the production please.

There has been no change to the finances, and election of the committee members will take place next year.

Adoption of last year's Churchdown Scout Group's AGM minutes

Proposed : Dave Adkins, Second : Louise Fazeli

Treasurer's Report

Financial Report is retained in the AGM booklet. Brian (Treasurer) reported that with much of the year still affected by covid restrictions, our income has been significantly reduced. Likewise capital expenses have been relatively low as no new equipment has been purchased. We were still required to pay approx. £5000 in capitation to District. No questions for Brian.

Thanks to Dave Walesby for once again organising our Gift Aid contributions to the Group's finances.

Brian will now be standing down as Treasurer, Carolyn Adkins is to take over.

Adoption of Treasurer's Report – Proposed : Tom Batchelor, Seconded : Helen Gait

Election of Officers

Chair – Debbie Auld to continue. Treasurer – Carolyn Adkins, Proposed : Clair Auld, Seconded : Julie Smith. Secretary – Clare James, Proposed : Helen Gait, Seconded : Richard Auld. Committee members – Helen Gait, Jacky Hall, Maurice Chalker, Clair Auld, Tom Batchelor, Simon Ball, Melanie Griffiths, Proposed : Dave Adkins, Seconded : Richard Auld

Section Reports

Retained in AGM booklet

GSL's Report

Retained in AGM booklet. Debbie pointed out that Cub Leader, Paul Barnard is leaving the Group as he is moving away from Churchdown and that Assistant Cub Leader Matt Wadley is also going to be absent for long periods of time due to a new job. She would like to thank them both for their hard work within the Group. She thanked all Leaders and supporters for their continued assistance.

Subscriptions for 2021/2022

The Executive Committee propose keeping subs at £120 per year, payable at £40 per term

Proposed : Roger Smith, Seconded : Clair Auld

Awards

District Commissioner Dave Hawkins awarded 15 year Long Service Awards to Debbie Auld and Roger Smith, 40 years to Richard Auld and Chris Williams. Tash Torkoniak has completed her Getting Started training, and Matt Wadley received a Special Award for his work on the virtual Cotswold Marathon.

GSL Awards presented as follows: GSL Bell, awarded for good work – Matt Wadley for bringing our website up to date and ensuring it operates smoothly. Phoenix Award, awarded for initiative – Dave Adkins and Richard Auld for arranging a very different camp which enabled members of the Group from all sections to do overnights under canvas. Lifeline Award, awarded to Young Leaders Luke Needle and Francesca Frazer-Hook for outstanding support to the Beaver section.

Presentation

This year Hazel Finch has stepped down as Treasurer of Brown Lodge Management Committee and Brian Finch has stepped down as Treasurer to the Scout Executive Committee, both giving many years of service and hard work in these roles. On behalf of everyone involved with the Group, Debbie thanked them for all their involvement, and presented them with a voucher for an Afternoon Tea for Two, as well as flowers and wine!

AOB None

Meeting closed, refreshments served.



BEAVER ANNUAL REPORT



Beavers have come back to face2face nearly as it was before COVID-2019 attacked. It has been difficult when we are still vulnerable, and it's been fingers crossed that programmes could be planned and take place without last minute problems.

We've come from the Great Indoors badgework, with allowances for challenges being continued @home so that Beavers achieved the highest award while in Beavers, being the Bronze Chief Scout Challenge Award. So, in a time of great uncertainty, with COVID restrictions being changed daily, we've come from last July when we had a Beaver sleepover at the Scout summer camp at Haw Bridge and now 11 months later, we have had our very own Platinum Jubilee Sleepover in Brown Lodge.



Post zoom and face2face, the programme has been planned for Beavers to achieve as many badges as possible, along with Bronze, including some being achieved individually:



Builder, Cook, Creative, Cyclist, Global Issues, Safety, Collector, Hobby, Sports, Disability Awareness



Air Activities, Emergency Aid, Nights Away, Snow Sports, Digital Maker, Hikes Away, Community Impact



Bronze = My Adventure, My Outdoors, My Skills, My World, Teamwork and Personal

District and local events took place, namely Remembrance and the St George's Day parade.

Our leadership team is two and it's been worrying if we might have succumbed to COVID and would have had to cancel. Despite world conditions, we have been able to welcome the support of young people to help as young leaders or toward service for their Duke of Edinburgh awards - they have shown excellent scouting skills and initiative while studying and taking their exams. We have also been able to call upon help from others of our scouting family and friends and we are thankful.

Tic-tac / Keo
Louise Fazeli / Keren Needle
Beaver Leaders
June 2022

Cub Scout Section – Grey pack

Annual report 2021-2022

We have had a very busy year so far in Cubs. In October, after many years of service in Grey pack, Paul Barnard stepped down as Akela due to him moving away. Sam Stocken has joined Cubs as an occasional helper; we also have been joined by two young leaders, and their support and help have been invaluable. We have been fortunate to have had many visitors and workshops.

In the autumn, we had visitors come in to speak to the Cubs our first visitor, who was in the military, came in to talk about the importance of Remembrance Day and Hannah, who came to share family stories and items from the Second World War. We finished the term. We had guests come in and give the Cubs a taster of Ju-Jitsu which all the Cubs thoroughly enjoyed. Our last pack meeting for the Autumn term was at the Warehouse, where Tash had organised for the Cubs to go climbing, bouldering and caving. They had a fantastic night and enjoyed doing all three.

We celebrated Burns night with a highland game at the start of the Spring term and had a mini traditional burns night supper of haggis, neeps and tatties. The Brownies joined us for fire lighting and backwoods cooking evening. We had a fantastic evening, and it was great to have the Brownies join us. We enjoyed a night hike around Churchdown and the airport.

In the Summer term, Tash taught the Cubs Knots and lashings. After this, the Cubs successfully completed a pioneering challenge and successfully transported their dinosaur eggs across the swap. We were lucky to have Ian, who came in and showed the Cubs a part of a Jet engine and spoke to them about how jet engines work. We also welcomed another guest who did a fantastic drama workshop with the Cubs, and the Cubs had a wonderful time.

The Cubs have attended the first-ever Cub and Guides Evolution camp and had a fantastic time. They got to try lots of different activities, learnt new skills and met many other Cubs and Guides. We are also bringing back a Grey pack tradition, the Pinewood Derby the Cubs got their cars and are working on them ready for race night. We want to thank Matt Townsend for making the cars for the Cubs.

We would like to say a big thank you to Debbie and Rich Auld, Wendy Cox, Graham Speare and Louise Fazeli for all their help and support this year.

Churchdown Grey Pack Leaders.

Scout Section Annual Report 2021/2022

This report covers the twelve months to Easter 2022.

We started the year as we finished the last, on Zoom, explaining our plans for the forthcoming term. We split the Troop into three large Patrols, the leaders who were not yet comfortable meeting face to face ran activities on Zoom, whilst some ran three "late pancake nights" at Brown Lodge and others oversaw a Monopoly Run around the village. The rest of the term was outside and at Brown Lodge. Rotations included Kayaking, Air Rifle Shooting, Archery, Geocaching and Tomahawk Throwing.

Other activities during the year included Foreign Cooking, Map and Compass work, Summer Camp Slide Show (from 2019 & 2015), Scouts made Concrete Poppies, Celebrated Brown Lodge @ 50, went Tubing, Christmas Party, Pioneering, making a Hot Vegan Soup, Wide Games, Winter Olympics, Pancake Night, First Aid, Taskmaster, Escape Rooms and Ten Pin Bowling.

Rev Jacqui Hyde kindly came and talked to us about Remembrance and her Great Uncle's experiences during WW2.

Our camping experiences were limited, as there was no Spring Camp. Many Scouts had missed out on Nights Away opportunities, so it was decided to run a weekend's PL Training Camp at Haw Bridge to remind those who had camped with us before what to do, and then to hold a long weekend Summer Camp for the rest of the Troop who wished to join us. The few days in between would be a nice relaxing time for the leaders, but, it was suggested that the Beavers, Cubs and Explorers could use the field during the quiet time. All Scouts happily provided clear Covid tests before attending and, fortunately, before leaving both camps. As we were only local, this was an ideal opportunity to show parents what all of the kit they had helped load on a lorry in previous years was brought for. The District Commissioner visited us and very bravely agreed to judge the Competition Meal. Winter Camp was at Huish Woods near Taunton, our departure from Churchdown was delayed due to Storm Eunice, so one night was spent at Brown Lodge and we left for Taunton early Saturday morning.

Falcon Patrol won the Cooking Competition in December, well done Freddie.

In March Scouts were invited to take part in a Night Hike which was run by 7th Swindon Scout Troop in which Eagle Patrol won an award, well done Sophie.

Remembrance Parade was limited to two Leaders and colour party only. There was no Christmas Carol Service, but Scouts did attend St George's Day Parade in Gloucester.

Scout numbers have risen slightly over the year to 38.

Finally, I would like to thank all the Leaders for their help and support, without which none of this would have been possible.

Richard Auld. Scout Section Leader.

Churchdown Phoenix Explorer Annual Report 2021-22

Following the relaxation of Covid restrictions this year the Explorers have enjoyed a complete schedule of face to face meetings and attended several Country/District camps. The Leadership Team have been supported by the Churchdown Scout Active Support unit to provide throughout the year and we are extremely grateful for their time and efforts, as are the young people.

This year one of our Explorers successfully completed her Platinum Award and we have many Explorers assisting as Young Leaders with the Churchdown Scout Group, across the different Sections.

The Explorers enjoyed a Covid secure Summer Camp in July 2021. For many was the first experience of camping with Phoenix Explorers and they all had a fantastic time, cooking on open fires, sleeping in Section tents and generally spending time with each other outdoors and away from their homes for the first time in many months due to lock-downs. We would like to thank Churchdown Scouts for allowing the Section to use their Summer Camp field for this period as it enabled our camp to occur as we were struggling to find a suitable field.



During this year the Explorers have taken part in Shooting and Archery evenings, spent time Kayaking on the Severn, and enjoyed hikes around the local area, Laser Tag and Go Karting. We have attended the Warehouse for climbing and bouldering. We hope to take advantage of the Warehouse indoor caving during the next year. We have also spent evenings cooking up a storm with 'ready steady cook', blind cook (recipe given but not title to the dish), vegan nights, outdoor pizza and paella nights, and BBQs. To fit in with the seasons of the year we also created a Winter Olympic event evening, easter egg hunt, Christmas party, and painted several community crowns for the Queens platinum jubilee.





The Explorers look forward to BEAST camp every year and this year was no exception. All those who attended thoroughly enjoyed themselves and the activities which were put on. They are looking forward to next year already. The Explorers were sorry that no Explorer Network Ball was able to be held last year but are looking forward to the Ball this year.

We are delighted that one of our Explorers was selected to be part of the World Scout Jamboree in 2023. To support their fund raising efforts the Explorers took up the opportunity to work with the Round Table on the Santa Run in Up Hatherley. The Explorers have developed several activities with for fundraising which they will arrange during next year to assist.



The Explorer section has continued to grow and during the next year the Explorers will have the opportunity to take part in the Churchdown Gang Show, Gloucester Gang Show, BEAST, Strategy and we hope to enable several weekend camps and a summer camp.

As we go into the next year we are looking for additional adult help, whether from new Leaders, parents, Active Support Unit members or Occasional Helpers as there are known, planned attendance gaps which need to be managed and mitigated during the Autumn Term in particular. Please contact the Leadership Team if anyone would be interested in joining us whether for a one off, short period or full time.

Group Scout Leader AGM Report 2022

Numbers in all Sections remain strong. We have constant enquiries through our website and by other means from those wishing to join Scouting in Churchdown. We have long waiting lists, particularly for the younger sections.

This year has seen the return to a full program of face-to-face Scouting for everyone. Our Leaders have yet again provided excellent programs for all the ages. It's been great to see all the young people back together having fun. Activities have been in and outdoors and ranged from badgework to learning new skills and nights away.

As in every year Sections at times will have had challenges, very often it is due to needing more adult help, especially for certain activities. Support from our Scout Active Support Section and our Occasional Helpers has once again been invaluable. So, I would like to take the opportunity to thank them.

I wish to express my thanks to the Executive Committee who have worked hard this year ensuring the finances of the Group are well kept. A special thanks to Carolyn Adkins who took on the role of Group Treasure at last year's AGM and has done excellent work sorting out changing the Groups Bank accounts, to avoid charges. This has been an immense task.

In November there was a celebration held for the 50th year of the opening of Brown Lodge. Leaders' past and present as well as past Queens Scouts came together during the day to mark this occasion. It was great to see everyone and catch up.

Some of our Leaders, SAS and Executive Members received Long Service awards. These were Jo Bennet 20 years, Maurice Chalker 25 years, Graham Speare 30 years, Chris Williams, and Richard Auld both 40 years. A total of 115 years between them. I believe this shows how dedicated our Leaders are.

Finally, I wish to express my thanks to all the Leaders and the Executive Committee for their hard work and support to me as Group Scout Leader. I consider Churchdown Scouts to be incredibly lucky to have such dedicated people keeping the Group functioning and providing Scouting to such a high standard.

Debbie Auld – Group Scout Leader