



# Pamber Heath Scout Group 2022 AGM

**Date: 4<sup>th</sup> July 2022**

**Venue: Pamber Heath Scout Den and Online**

## Attendees

- Emma Wells (EW, Beaver Leader)
- Peter Amblin (PA, Beaver Leader & Parent)
- Elizabeth Kronfeld (EK, Beavers Young Leader)
- Josh Hensman (JH, District Commissioner)
- Laura Pedley (LP, Treasurer & Parent)
- Anna Soccard (AS, Cub Assistant Leader)
- Graham Morrison (GM, Group Scout Leader)
- Aaron Tizick (AT, Scout Leader, Zoom)
- Kirsty Butler (KB, Beaver Leader, Zoom)
- Debbie Fullick (DF, Explorer Leader, Zoom)
- Andrew Cobb (AC, Community Representative)
- Maria Higson (MH, Cub Leader)
- Sam Dray-Ford (SDF)

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## Minutes

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### Welcome and Introduction

- GM opened the meeting and welcomed all Attendees.
- It was confirmed the meeting was at quorum with representatives from District, Group Leaders, Executive Committee, Local Community and Scout Council in attendance.

### Apologies

- Hannah Monger

### Minutes of 2021 AGM

- Minutes of the 2021 AGM were reported as true by GM, seconded by AC with consensus confirmed via show of hands.

### Treasurers Report

- LP summarised the Treasurers Report (Annex A). It was noted there is ~£750 income still to come in from the

previous years' unclaimed Gift Aid.

- £1,100 is ring fenced to support Children in groups with disabilities
- The accounts were scrutinized and approved by Emily O'Callaghan
- Emily O'Callaghan was appointed as scrutineer for 2022-2023. Nominated by DR, seconded by GM and consensus confirmed via show of hands.

## Group Scout Leader Report

- GM summarised the GSL Report (Annexe B)

## Beaver Section Report

- EW summarised the Beaver Section Report (Annexe C)

## Cub Section Report

- MH summarised the Cub Section Report (Annexe D)

## Scout Section Report

- GM summarised the Scout Section Report (Annexe E)

## Group Chair Nomination

- GM nominated Sam Dray-Ford to be the new group Chair to fill the vacant position. Consensus was confirmed via show of hands.

## Elections for Executive Committee Roles

- Laura Pedley was elected as Treasurer. Proposed by GM, seconded by JH with confirmation of consensus via show of hands.
- David Ranson was elected as Secretary. Proposed by GM, seconded by EW with confirmation of consensus via show of hands.
- Andrew Cobb was elected as Community Representative. Proposed by GM, seconded by JH with confirmation of consensus via show of hands.

## AOB

- GM thanked Anna who became a Full Leader this year and is about to leave us for university.
- GM thanked all attendees and closed the meeting.

## Annexe A: Treasurers Report

Bank balances are both healthy at the end of the year, however outgoings have been higher than subs received. Fortunately due to Local Council Covid grants this has not been an issue. No income from fund raising this year but this needs to be addressed in the new financial year to keep afloat as there is unlikely to be any more Covid grants awarded.

The Water bill was wildly overestimated resulting in higher-than-normal outgoings, however insurance payment for the den was not paid this year balancing the figures out. Both issues have now been rectified and will be corrected going forward into the new year.

Gift Aid was not claimed for the previous financial year. This has now been submitted along with 2021/22 which will boost the income by approximately £750.

Laura Pedley  
Treasurer PHSG

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## Annexe B: GSL Report

We started the year coming out of lockdown with outside meetings being allowed, which was great. The beavers were first with a meeting before Easter, the other sections started after Easter. Our group has been the recipient of Covid hospitality grants this year which has meant our bank balance is quite healthy, but it does hide the fact that without it we ran at a deficit last year, see finance report for details. Our Leader numbers have increased mostly in the beaver section, but we do have one new leader in scouts and two in cubs, unfortunately one of those cub leaders (Anna) finishes in July and is off to university, we wish her well. Bear (Emma) was presented with her 5 years of service award. We also said goodbye to Steve Clough who had been a leader here for many years and we thank him for his vast contribution.

The scout hall has had a lot done to it this year. We employed a company to perform an asbestos survey which showed that we had a minimal amount in the cement boarding on the loft area, we will be monitoring that. We had an electrician perform an electrical circuit check; both are not normal expenditures in a financial year. A few leaders also spent a whole day stripping out and testing the equipment in the stores as most had not been used in over two years, my thanks to them.

The sections have seen a surge in Beaver placements which means the beaver colony has been full all year with children on the waiting list, this has been seen across other groups too! The Cubs and Scout sections remain at low numbers but with Beavers now reaching Cub age we expect to see the Cub section double, potentially nearly triple in size if they all move on! Scouts prepare yourself in 2 years!

Our integration with Basingstoke West District started in July 2021, Pamber's take up of events is increasing with both Beavers and Cubs joining in with district events this year.

Beavers have attended Paultons Park and 4-Kingdoms day district events. 4-Kingdoms was on St Georges day which meant they couldn't attend the St Georges Day Parade at Milestones in Basingstoke, but the Cubs represented Pamber at that event.

Cubs entered a team into the district orienteering competition which I'm very pleased to say they came 2nd overall. Cubs represented Pamber at a local Remembrance Day parade at Baughurst, this was an outside event which was allowable at the time, as our local event at Pamber church was held inside which wasn't allowable.

During the year we've had Scouts out on a night hike, sleeping over at another scout hut.

I wish to thank the leaders for all their hard work during the year and our executive for steering us. We are still short of leaders for the Cub and Scout sections and executive members. If you'd like to join us, please ask any of the existing leadership team. Cubs section is exceptionally vulnerable with the loss of Anna, I'm still covering Cubs but with just 2 leaders we won't be allowed outside of the hut for activities, so please consider joining, you do get a lot out of it.

Looking forward from April; A group camp has been organised for all 3 sections in July, we are going to be at the YMCA campsite in Padworth. This site was chosen as its very local for our children staying away for the first time, they can feel it would be easy to get home if they were home sick, but I hope none of them do. I look forward to moving further afield next time. We are using some of the Covid grant money that we received to subsidise this camp.

Our toilet block is being refurbished, changing for our existing set-up to 3 seated facilities – currently 2,

one of which will be a disabled facility. This is scheduled to happen in late July so no disruption to the term's programs.

Graham Morrison  
Group Scout Leader

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## Annexe C: Beaver Section Report

Leader: Emma Wells

Assistant Leaders: Kirsty Butler, Matt Savill, Pete Amblin, Phil Clint

One to One Support: Kate Young

Young Leader: Elizabeth Kronfelds

Potential new AL: Dave Holby-Wolinski

With the new assistant section leaders, we have been able to move away from needing a parent rota and are able to cover evenings between us when one (or more) cannot attend.

### Beaver Numbers

30/06/22: 20

3 in transition to Cubs

We will be taking more Beavers as spaces are created in September with 5 more Beavers moving up to Cubs in Sept and 2 leavers (Austin & Finley S).

Waiting List currently has 16, with 11 at suitable age. Contacted 6 who have been on waiting list the longest to offer place in September.

### Review of Activities

We have had a busy and varied programme, well supported by the team taking turns and pitching in. We have visited the Fire Station, covered badges such as Navigator, Safety, Emergency Aid, Hobbies, played games and been Creative with crafts, learned some knots, exercised on the Common, built Dens in the Forest, pitched tents, built a bug hotel and made some pancakes. We had a visit from Dance Phase in March who led the group really well – highly recommended!

Outside of the Thursday meetings we also attended Paultons Park and 4 Kingdoms with Hampshire. Both were well organised and great fun, good level of attendance and most importantly the Beavers really enjoyed it!

The group are generally very well behaved and enthusiastic, with a lot of work on badges outside of Beavers sessions this year which is great to see.

### Badges

We have awarded 179 badges this year.

1 Bronze Award presented to Thomas Gannon at Cubs by Emma.

4 Beavers are close to achieving their Bronze award, after the Group Camp we should be in a position to award at least 3.

### Upcoming

Group Camp 16-17<sup>th</sup> July

End of year 21<sup>st</sup> July with Party and Water Fight

Emma Wells

Beaver Leader

## Annexe D: Cub Section Report

It's been a busy year for our Cubs, which can certainly be seen in the many badges achieved and activities undertaken.

In November one of our Cubs joined the Baughurst Scout Group for their Remembrance Day Parade, proudly representing Pamber Heath.

We've been spending as much time as possible outdoors, with evening walks and lots of opportunities for cooking on a fire. We're very proud that the Cubs came 2<sup>nd</sup> overall in the District Orienteering Competition. Since then, we've been doing more orienteering, with the Cubs successfully navigating their way around Pamber Forest.

Building on their skills, in Spring we were lucky enough to have a Leader visit us to help run indoor archery. It was rather impressive to see everyone get to grips with it so quickly, and we look forward to doing more archery in the future.

Alongside the fun outdoors the Cubs have been learning a range of skills, including first aid and money skills. We've also done sewing, making puppets and poppies ready for this years' Remembrance Day (in which the poppies will be part of a public display). With one eye on the environment, we've also made a bird feeder and a bee hotel.

We were very grateful to be visited by a local Firefighter, who gave a great talk on fire safety in the home, as well as explaining the work that they do keeping us safe. Some of the proposed escape plans were initially a little dangerous, but I think we got there in the end!

In Spring our Cubs completed their science badge, which included a pH experiment, building structures from spaghetti, and racing balloon-rockets. It also involved the dropping of eggs, and we had hoped none would break...

It's not been all skills and challenges; we've also played a lot of games and had a lot of laughs. We look forward to another Cub year just as packed!

Maria Higson  
Cub Leader

## Annexe E: Scout Section Report

This year the scout troop has grown in number and is set to grow again. We started with 6 scouts last year and now have 8.

We have completed a number of badges over the winter including the crafts, model making and the scientist badge.

The scouts have participated in 3 hikes over the last year, with one of those being a night hike with a sleep over in the evening.

The summer activities have included the forestry, survivalist and air rifle shooting (with the help from Ollie Silvester).

Aaron Tizick  
Scout Leader

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