

8th Worthing Sea Scout Group

Registered Charity no. 279339



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Annual Report and Accounts 2013/14

Annual General Meeting – 16th September 2014





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Agenda for the Annual General Meeting of the 8th Worthing Sea Scout Group to be held on 16th September 2014 at 8th Worthing HQ.

1. Welcome and Introductions by Group Chairman.
2. Apologies for absence.
3. Minutes of the previous meeting of the Group Scout Council.
4. Address by the Group Scout Leader.
5. Address by the Group Treasurer.
6. Approval of the annual report and Accounts.
Members of the Group Executive Committee will be available to answer questions.
7. Approval of the Group Scout Leader's nomination of the Group Chairman. *Roger Green*
8. Confirmation of Section Leaders' willingness to sit on the Group Executive Committee.
Jane Preston (Port Beavers), Fiona Bodey (Starboard Beavers), Mike Lytton (Starboard Cubs), Deirdre Green (Midship Cubs), Alyn Laughlin (Port Scouts), James Hackett (Starboard Scouts), Paul Chaplain (Explorers)
9. Approval of the Group Scout Leader's nomination of members of the Group Executive Committee.
Mark Scott (Bosun), Barbara Wells (Group Administrator)
10. Election of the Group Secretary. *Jo Frost*
11. Election of the Group Treasurer. *Diane Waring*
12. Election of members of the Group Scout Council to the Group Executive Committee. *Mark Anderson, Jackie Usher, Vacant, Vacant*
13. Appointment of non Executive roles.
Bethan Norman (independent examiner), Robert Tennent (Gift Aid administrator), Roy Wells (Health and Safety advisor)
14. Presentations.
15. Close of meeting.



Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of the 8th Worthing Sea Scout Group held on 30th September 2013 at 8th Worthing HQ.

Present: Chairman Roger Green, GSL Ian Wetherell, + Acting DC Al Chartres.

Group leaders – Deirdre Green, Mike Lytton, Fiona Bodey, Jane Preston, Keith Preston, Mark Scott, Petula Bladen, Paul Chaplain, James Hackett, Kevin Lawrence, Barbara Wells (minutes) +

Parents/friends of the group – Jim Green, Jackie Usher, Andrew Haste, Thomas Earl, Susan Earl, Stephen Frost, Hazel Whittaker, Ian Whittaker, Diane Waring, and Luke Whittaker (an Explorer).

1. Chairman Roger Green welcomed everybody to the meeting and introduced the Acting DC Al Chartres.
2. Apologies for absence from: Roy Wells, Thegla and Paul Christopher, Jacky Green, Pauline Wilton, Alyn Laughlin, Rachel Drew, Sarah Mitchell, Iain Stewart, Josh Stewart, Mel Doyle, Emma Wallace, Raine Miles.
3. Minutes of the last Group Scout Council (September 2012) were approved: proposed by Deirdre Green, seconded by Fiona Bodey. No abstentions so motion carried.
4. Address by the Group Scout leader: Ian reported on the various projects of the group, leaving all to read the section reports on the reports sheets provided or on group web site.
5. In the absence of the Group Treasurer, Kevin Mullen, his report was read by the Chairman.
6. Approval of the annual report and Accounts: proposed by Jane Preston and seconded by Deirdre Green. No abstentions so motion carried.

7. Approval of the Group Scout Leader's nomination of Roger Green as the Group Chairman. There being no other applicants Roger agreed to continue for another year. Proposed by Mark Scott and seconded by Petula Bladen. No abstentions so motion carried. The whole group wish to say a big thank you to Roger for shouldering a large part of the Treasurer's duties for the past year as well as his chairman's duties.
8. Confirmation of the Section leaders' willingness to sit on the Group Executive Committee and be Trustees.
Yes – Jane Preston (Port Colony), Fiona Bodey (Starboard Colony), Mike Lytton (Starboard Pack), Deirdre Green (Midship Pack), James Hackett (Starboard Troop), Paul Chaplain (Explorers). At this time Alyn Laughlin (Port Troop) declined.
Proposed by Deirdre Green, seconded by Petula Balden. Motion carried.
9. Approval of the Group Scout Leader's nomination of members of the Group Scout Council: Mark Scott (Bosun), and Barbara Wells (Group Administrator). Proposed by Jane Preston, seconded by Fiona Bodey. Motion carried.
10. Election of the Group Secretary (vacant position): hopefully there is a volunteer in the offing.
11. Election of the Group Treasurer (vacant position): position as previous item. Both 10 & 11 proposed by Mike Lytton and seconded by Mark Scott.
12. Election of members of the Group Scout Council nominated by the Chairman: Ian Brownbill, Jackie Usher, Charly Sutherland, and Mark Anderson. Proposed by Fiona Bodey, seconded by Jane Preston. Motion carried.
13. Appointment of non-Executive roles. Bethan Norman (independent examiner), Petula Bladen (Gift Aid examiner), Roy Wells (Health and Safety advisor). Proposed by Mark Scott, seconded by Mike Lytton. Motion carried. Thanks to all these people.

14. Presentations by the Acting DC Al Chartres to members of the group:
Briefly Al spoke about the group – as he sees them out and about in the District and complimented all leaders on how smart all the young members and leaders of the group were when representing 8th Worthing Sea Scout Group.

He congratulated the Chairman on his very slick, well presented AGM. Long Service Awards (LSA) were presented to:

40 years - Barbara Wells - Group Administrator and past Cub Scout Leader of Port Watch Cub pack.

15 years - Jane Preston - Beaver Scout leader of Port Colony.

15 years - James Hackett - Scout leader of Starboard Troop

15 years - Roger Green - Group Chairman

Other Awards, for various lengths of times, were not presented because the recipients were not in attendance – they have been given to group officers for future presentation.

Assistant Scout Leaders – Lewis Chidwick, Matthew Rowe, Andrew Sephton, Nicola Nighy, Kevin Mullen.

15. Closing message by the Chairman, Roger Green.

Roger thanked all people, leaders and parents/friends of 8th Worthing, for all that they have done in the past year.



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Group Secretary:	Mrs Jo Frost secretary@8thworthing.org.uk
Group Treasurer:	Mrs Diane Waring treasurer@8thworthing.org.uk
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Starboard Cubs:	Mr Mike Lytton starboard.cubs@8thworthing.org.uk
Midship Cubs:	Mrs Deirdre Green midship.cubs@8thworthing.org.uk
Starboard Scouts:	Mr James Hackett starboard.scouts@8thworthing.org.uk
Nominated: (Group Bosun)	Mr Mark Scott bosun@8thworthing.org.uk
Nominated: (Group Admin)	Mrs Barbara Wells admin@8thworthing.org.uk
Elected: (Cub Parent Rep)	Mrs Jackie Usher jackie.usher@8thworthing.org.uk
Elected: (Explorer Parent Rep)	Mr Mark Anderson mark.anderson@8thworthing.org.uk



Group Scout Leader



As in previous years I shall present a brief summary of the activities of the sections. Full details are of course contained in their individual accounts. Just for a change I have decided to start with our senior section:

With 55 members Osprey Explore Scouts are one of the largest units in the country. It's not surprising that their comprehensive report contains details of so many activities. Ranging from wheelchair basketball to night hikes and book reading to the London to Brighton Bike Ride, the unit found many ways to organise a full and varied programme. Four of the Explorers have been selected as Worthing representatives to attend the 2015 World Jamboree in Japan.

The Explorer unit also supports the Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme, which is open to young people from 14-25 years of age. During the year training and expeditions for the Silver and Bronze awards were undertaken.

Starboard Scouts have had another successful year with a wide range of activities taking place. They range from the intellectual at Chichester planetarium to the physical weir jumping in Kayaks at Marlow on the Thames. Other activities included beach volleyball and helping as service crew at Bentley copse which earned the Campsite Service Badge for 12 Scouts.

Port Scouts took scouts to the River Wye to undertake their Expedition Challenge Badge, gained despite some very difficult windy conditions. A successful annual camp at Cobnor allowed all the scouts to partake in canoeing, pulling and sailing activities, with most earning the RYA level 2 Start Sailing Award.

Midship Cub Scouts seem to enjoy eating, with at least two activities involving food, and this in addition to running a Chef's Badge session and a Christmas Party! Other activities undertaken included taking part

in the District Rounders competition, (coming second) and in an Oxfam evening.

Starboard Cub Scouts had a super annual camp, activities included a canal boat trip, (Inland Sea Scouts?), archery, rifle shooting and abseiling. They entered the District Chess Tournament and won! Other activities covered included backwoods cooking.

Starboard Beaver Scouts held a sleepover at Blacklands farm to celebrate the Group's 85th anniversary. A beach walk in the dark with torches sounds like a lot of fun, and they also went crabbing on the beach in the summer. The beavers attended the District Cub Fun day at Dappers Lane and went to the pantomime at the Pier Pavillion (Oh yes they did!)

Port Beaver Scouts visited the new Shoreham Lifeboat Station and had an evening of African drumming, noisy it was too! Several meetings were held on an Indian theme with one of our Scouts, Kiran, reporting on his visit to India. The Beavers had raised £574 for the CRED foundation to purchase school desks for a school in India.

Finally, may I point out that in nearly every report from the sections you will notice credit being given to the Leaders, Helpers and Skills instructors, who with the assistance of Scouts and Explorer Scouts help to run the section activities. Many parents help as well and we are always grateful for the support from all these people. So thank you to you all for giving up your time to make such a success of Scouting at the 8th Worthing.

Ian Wetherell
Group Scout Leader



Last year my plea was to have more assistance in running the Group and I am very pleased to report it was not ignored.

We have a new Treasurer, Diane Waring, and Secretary, Jo Frost, both of whom have helped with the running of the Group tremendously.

Many thanks also to Ian Brownbill who ably assisted in bringing new IT to the Group and acted as Minute Secretary, before Jo was appointed, and to Charly Sutherland, whose role as Chairperson of the S.O.S committee made it possible to raise the money for the refurbishment of the Galley. I am sorry to report that both have, unfortunately, now resigned as Parent Representatives on the Executive Committee due to other commitments.

The Group's latest venture is entirely down to Jackie Usher, with help from George Usher and Steve Frost, who have worked tirelessly to produce the Group's Quarterly Newsletter. This has proved to be a great asset to the Group's resources and a fantastic tool in communicating what fun the sections have and what they have been doing and achieving. It also enables the Group to let everyone know where help is needed – it is available on the website

<http://8thworthing.org.uk/newsletter-2.pdf> and hard copy from the HQ.

Following Ian and Charly's resignations we now need more parent representatives to sit on the Executive Committee to represent the different sections and to assist in making things happen. We also need your support in running the Group – this could be helping at camp or in the HQ, helping to run a Section or helping to organise fund raising or even becoming a Leader. Tuition and training will be available no matter how you wish to help from canoeing or sailing to Mountain Leadership - it's all there for you and really helps enable all our young people to achieve and shine in whatever they wish.

Finally, many thanks to all of our Leaders, Assistant Leaders, skills instructors and everyone else that freely gives their time to help and train all of our young people from Beavers through to Explorers and making the 8th what it is today.

Roger Green
Group Chairman



Group Treasurer



Below are the audited group accounts for the year ended to 31st March 2014. They represent the accounts for the Group and Sections combined, plus a breakdown of these for individual Sections. The presentation of the accounts has changed marginally from previous years, on the recommendation of the auditor and in line with that recommended by the scouting movement. Gift aid money is not shown in the consolidated receipts and payments section, until it is actually paid, but outstanding/estimates are shown in the balance sheet of the group as Other monetary assets.

There has been a delay in applying for gift aid as the required information has changed. The claim for 2011-12 is in the last stages of being agreed and sent off, following which work will commence on the last 2 years.

I took over as group treasurer in November 2013 and am still partly finding my way around the system. I would like to thank all the members of the group executive for the support and guidance that they have given me, to our auditor, Bethan Norman, and to the outgoing treasure, Kevin Mullen for handing over the accounts in such good order and the advice he gave me.

The group made a surplus of £10,215, however £7,600 of this was fundraising for specific projects - £5808 for a minibus and £1795 for the Jamboree. The Consolidated group accounts currently show an

unallocated balance of £45,000. Each of the sections has a healthy balance ranging from £650 to £3198 (excluding advances held for future camps).

On the income side, subs have gone down by 6%, which is a result of reductions in starboard cubs (25%), midship cubs (10%) and both scout troops (15%). All the other sections showed increases in subs. Donations have increased due to the donation by Saywell towards the minibus. Camp income increased dramatically by over £12,000, with explorers and starboard beavers increases being over twice the amount spent in the previous year. Charitable collections and other fund raising also showed a large increase, partly due to fundraising for the jamboree, but also from sections charitable collections and sponsored walks.

Regarding expenditure, HQ costs increased, mainly due to the electricity bills increasing, a lower direct debit has now been agreed with EDF. Adult support and training was down. Insurance increased by 25%. Insurance was reviewed in 2010-11. The group spent significantly more on repairs and renewals. The large increase in other transport costs is mainly due to the use of hired minibuses. Camp expenditure increased. Other expenses increased dramatically due to Sections allocating some expenditure to other expenses rather than specific areas.

I would like to thank all the Section Treasurers for providing me with their accounts in good time to get to the auditor and in good order.

Diane Waring
Group Treasurer

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of the

8th Worthing Sea

~~SCOUT GROUP/DISTRICT/COUNTY/AREA SCOUT COUNCIL~~

I report on the accounts of the Group/District/County/Area for the year ended 31st March 2014

which comprise the Statement of Financial Activities, ~~the Balance Sheet and related notes set out on pages~~

This report is made solely to the trustees in accordance with Section 145 of the Charities Act 2011. My work has been undertaken so that I might state to the charity's trustees those matters I am required to state to them in an Independent Examiner's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, I do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the charity and the charity's trustees for my examination work.

Respective responsibilities of Trustees and Examiner

The Group's/District's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. They consider that an audit is not required for this year (under Section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 (the Charities Act)) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- Examine the accounts (under Section 145 of the Charities Act);
- To follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners (under Section 145(5)(b) of the Charities Act); and
- To state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of Independent Examiner's report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the Group/District and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair' view and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent Examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention ~~(other than that disclosed below *)~~.

1. which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements

- to keep accounting records in accordance with Section 130 of the Charities Act ;and
- to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Act
have not been met; or

2. to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

~~* Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply~~

Name: Bethan Norman 

Qualification: FCA

Address: 21 Malvern Close, Worthing, BN11 2HE

Date: 1 September 2014

2013	2014	Group	SoS	Sections
Restated RECEIPTS				
34,064.00 Membership subscriptions (&fees)	31,961.00	25,331.50		31,961.00
9,456.00 Less subscriptions (&fees) paid on	9,112.40	9,112.40		25,331.50
24,608.00 Net subscriptions (&fees) retained	22,848.60	16,219.10		6,629.50
328.00 DoE Registration fees				
1,753.00 Donations (1)	7,098.46	6,403.06	675.40	20.00
Contributions to Camps/Activities				
17,869.60 Current year	30,496.65			30,496.65
4,564.00 Future events	4,442.27			4,442.27
625.00 Polo Shirt sales	474.30	474.30		
139.00 Other uniform sales				0.00
1,170.29 Other fund raising (2)	1,866.57	1,795.57		71.00
537.00 Charitable collections	1,097.80			1,097.80
10.02 Bank Interest	14.31	14.31		
4.13 National Savings interest	0.00			
Transfer from SoS		1,408.38	-1,408.38	
114.75 Sundry Income	1,282.80	390.06		892.74
51,722.79 TOTAL INCOME	69,621.76	26,704.78	-732.98	43,649.96

PAYMENTS				
5,556.55 Youth programme & activities	5,110.98			5,110.98
230.00 Adult support & training	145.00	145.00		0.00
2,466.83 HQ Rent, Cleaning & maintenance	2,159.82	2,159.82		
5,707.81 HQ Galley refurbishment	0.00			
1,000.40 Water & Refuse	1,100.69	1,100.69		
798.00 Electricity & Gas	1,020.00	1,020.00		
502.54 Telephones & Internet	520.21	520.21		
2,409.32 Insurances (apart from Minibus)	3,022.17	3,022.17		
2,186.89 Repairs & Renewals (Trailer, Boats & Stores)	3,571.88	3,571.88		
214.47 Minibus Fuel Costs	-87.61	-87.61		
1,813.54 Minibus other running costs	1,533.84	1,533.84		
72.08 Other Transport costs (3)	1,146.96	1,146.96		
Camp/Activities costs				
20,028.04 Current year (4)	33,771.66	750.00		33,021.66
3,629.50 future events	1,089.03			1,089.03
589.31 Fundraising expenses (incl. Polo shirts)	713.47	713.47		
476.14 Uniforms	613.46	613.46		0.00
562.00 Charitable payments	982.30	100.00		882.30
379.47 Expenses (incl AGM)	2,670.16	281.68	267.02	2,121.46
478.00 Registration & Membership fees	322.00	322.00		
49,100.89	59,406.02	16,913.57	267.02	42,225.43

2,621.90 Surplus(Deficit of Receipts over Payments)	10,215.74	9,791.21	-1,000.00	1,424.53
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2013		2014 Group	SoS	Sections
Restated				
Balances at 31st March				
45,849.22	Balance Brought forward	48,471.12	34,585.77	1,000.00 12,885.35
2,621.90	Surplus/deficit for year	10,215.74	9,791.21	-1,000.00 1,424.53
<u>48,471.12</u>	Balance carried forward	<u>58,686.86</u>	<u>44,376.98</u>	<u>0.00 14,309.88</u>
Financed by				
47,908.30	Cash in hand & at bank	58,119.82	43,809.94	14,309.88
562.82	National Savings account	567.04	567.04	
<u>48,471.12</u>	Total	<u>58,686.86</u>	<u>44,376.98</u>	<u>0.00 14,309.88</u>

Jamboree	1795.57
Minibus (in donations)	5,808.06
Training	1,422.04
camp deposits	4,182.82
Total of balance specifically allocated	<u>13208.49</u>

	donations includes money from sewell for	
1)	minibus	5,808.06
2)	fund raising for jamboree	1,795.57
3)	Hire of vehicles	1,146.96
4)	Explorer to belgium	750.00

8th Worthing Sea Scout Group

	2014	2014	2013	2013
	£	£	£	£
Monetary Assets				
Bank current and building society accounts		<u>58,687</u>		<u>48,471</u>
Other monetary assets				
Tax claim for the year ending 31.3.2014	7,040			
Tax claim for the year ending 31.3.2013	7,500		7,500	
Tax claim for year ending 31.3.2012	8,000		8,000	
		<u>22,540</u>		<u>15,500</u>
Non-monetary Assets - Assets for Charity's own use				
Land and Buildings (at insured value)	290,000		280,000	
Scouting equipment, etc (at insured value)	58,000		58,000	
Boats and trailers (at insured value)	16,000		33,000	
Other trailers (at insured value)	6,500		6,330	
Minibus (estimated)	3,500		3,500	
Shirts and hats stock (estimated)	600		550	
		<u>374,600</u>		<u>381,380</u>
Liabilities - Due within one year	-		-	
Liabilities - Payable after one year	-		-	
Contingent liabilities and future obligations -	None		None	

Summary of Sections' Income and Expenditure s/cs from 1st April 2013 to 31st March 2014

	Starboard Port	Beavers	Cubs	Cubs	Troop	Troop	Unit	D of E	Totals	Sos
Income										
Total subs recvd	3,713.00	4,728.00	3,144.00	4,368.00	4,884.00	4,272.00	7,560.00		32,669.00	
less paid to other sections	12.00	156.00	72.00	168.00	204.00	96.00			708.00	
Net subs	3,701.00	4,572.00	3,072.00	4,200.00	4,680.00	4,176.00	7,560.00	0.00	31,961.00	
less paid to Group	2,930.00	3,610.00	2,432.50	3,163.50	3,667.00	3,638.50	5,890.00		25,331.50	1408.38
Net subs retained	771.00	962.00	639.50	1,036.50	1,013.00	537.50	1,670.00	0.00	6,629.50	-1,408.38
Donations				1.00		19.00			20.00	
Registration fees									0.00	
Other income:										
Contributions to camps/Outings									0.00	
current year	751.75	1,732.50	3,410.00	2,137.40	5,760.00	5,418.00	10,667.00	620.00	30,496.65	
deposits for future				174.25	415.20		2,952.82	900.00	4,442.27	
uniform									0.00	
fund raising							71.00		71.00	675.4
charitable collections		502.30		595.50					1,097.80	
sundry income incl transfers		80.00	0.00	240.30	48.25	231.19	18.00	275.00	892.74	
Sub totals	1,522.75	3,276.80	4,049.50	4,184.95	7,236.45	6,205.69	15,378.82	1,795.00	43,649.96	-732.98
Expenditure										
Youth Programme & Activities	410.36	800.65	562.41	1,265.59	497.21	623.71	471.88	479.17	5,110.98	
Adult Support									0.00	
Camp Outings costs:									0.00	
Current year	798.79	1,328.24	3,287.75	2,589.39	7,389.75	5,960.75	10,996.38	670.61	33,021.66	
Deposits for future			30.00	175.10	283.93		502.00	98.00	1,089.03	
Uniforms									0.00	
Fees to WSSC									0.00	
Charitable payments		532.30		350.00		546.63	740.88	276.00	2,121.46	267.02
Expenses	53.34		88.82	24.00	391.79				882.30	
Sub Totals	1,262.49	2,661.19	3,968.98	4,404.08	8,562.68	7,131.09	12,711.14	1,523.78	42,225.43	267.02
Surplus/Deficit	260.26	615.61	80.52	-219.13	-1,326.23	-925.40	2,667.68	271.22	1,424.53	-1000

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Port Beavers



For the Summer term we looked at the countryside and had a nature ramble. This was followed with a sea life theme and we had a talk from a parent who used to be in the Royal Navy and visited the RNLI station at Shoreham. We also had a town quiz round Worthing. The Beavers also did a sponsored walk and raised £574 for the CRED foundation to purchase desks for a school in India. Our explorer Scout Kiran was going with others from Worthing High to help at this school.

The Autumn term found us working towards Emergency Aid and Air activity badges, which included a visit from a cabin crew member. We also had a visit from Owls about Town. Kiran gave a talk about his trip to India and brought some letters from the children in the school. Most of the Beavers also attended another District Fun Day at Dappers Lane, which was a once again a great success. We also had our annual sleepover which all the children enjoyed.

For the Spring term 2014 we had a passport theme and had a cowboy campfire evening and did African drumming. We studied Fair Trade and Right to Clean Water as they worked towards their International Partnership Award. We also went on a trip to INTECH science centre.

All those Beavers going on to Cubs gained their Chief Scout Bronze Awards before leaving. I would like to give special thanks to my ABSL Keith Preston and my Colony Assistants Emma Wallace and Mel Doyle for all their invaluable help and support. I would also like to thank my Scout and Explorer helpers Kieran Wallace and Benjamin Rees for all the assistance they give to the Colony.

Jane Preston
Beaver Scout Leader



Starboard Beavers



This year our numbers have stayed constant at 27 beavers. Our popularity shows by our waiting list which is now full until 2017.

In September we celebrated the groups 85th Anniversary jointly with Port beavers by holding a sleepover at Blacklands Farm. This was a great success and a good time was had by all.

We also attended the Beaver Fun day at Dappers lane- always a good day.

We had fun with our beach walk in the dark with torches and of course the crabbing evening in the summer is always a huge success.

We made a great noise at the pantomime at the Pier pavilion at Christmas Its always a pleasure to see the beavers have so much fun with their beaver friends.

We have had a visit from a policeman teaching the beavers about stranger safety and letting them try on his various police hats etc he brought along.

Many of our beavers joined in the JOTT sponsored walk raising money for the British heart foundation.

We are now fully using OSM for our beaver/badge records etc and we have awarded 15 Bronze Chief scout awards this year. We have awarded a total of 285 badges this year-quite a total on beaver level.

None of these activities or the smooth running of our colony would be possible without the support I have from my Assistant Beaver Leaders. So to Raine (squirrel) and Stephen (fox) i give my huge thanks. We also are fortunate enough to have Harvey and Dan who came to help as explorers and decided to stay with us to start their young leader training. Also welcome to Will as part of our team who is also a Young Leader.

Thanks also to the Scout helpers we have had with us throughout the year-always a help. It always makes me think when my scout helpers and even Explorers turn out to be my old beavers!!!

Thanks to the parents who have volunteered to help on our outdoor activities. We can't do it without you.

Looking forward to another year of fun and friends at Starboard Beaver's

Fiona Bodey
Beaver Scout Leader



This year has been another busy and exciting one for Starboard watch Cub pack.

We have been very active with camps and outdoor activities.

A fantastic summer camp at Bentley Copse in Surrey had all the usual 'full on' activities from 'backwoods cooking to climbing tower, abseiling to shooting and archery, along with a fantastic day drip on a canal river boat.

Through the year we had many outdoor badge work evenings and ended our year with a summer BBQ at Goring gap

Our sporting and challenge year has also been very busy and a lot of fun, with, as always our focus being on healthy completion and enjoyment!

We have a very young pack of cubs this year but they have all tried their very best to try out for teams and take part in pack and District events. We finished highly placed in the cubs district challenge, football and rounder's but our best moment came in winning the newly revived 'Cubs district Chess tournament'

On a leadership Team note. This year has been a very good one for Starboard pack.

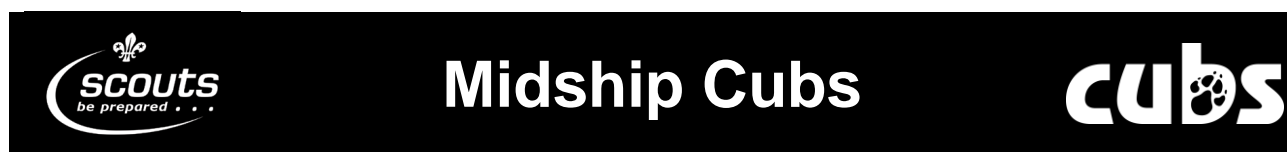
We have had a valuable Team member, Jayne Gathergood return to us after a sabbatical along with some excellent parent help and support especially Matt Mitchell for his fantastic effort and input to our camps and hikes.

We have also put a big focus and effort into developing our younger team members, by encouraging and supporting them in the hope that they will follow on through scouts, explorers and into Leadership roles, helping to secure Leadership future for us and the Group. This has culminated in one of our scout helpers, Hannah Mitchell being selected for 2015 jamboree in Japan.

All in all another excellent and productive year for Starboard Watch Cub Pack with the coming year looking even brighter.

Every Cub, Scout helper and Leader has put in huge effort and done their best but more importantly has had fun doing it !

Mike Lytton
Cub Scout Leader



Midship Cubs have had another busy, successful fun packed year.

Summer Term 2013: We started the term with an enjoyable afternoon at the Gang show. This term the Cubs worked towards the Chefs, Home Help, Athletics, Athletics plus, C yclist, and Communicators badges. We also had an interesting visit from an Air Hostess which counted towards our Air Activities badge. We held a Fathers day craft evening which counted towards their Creative Challenge, the Scouts ran an evening about Oxfam which counted towards the Cubs Global Challenge, and the Sixers and Seconders ran an evening for their promise Challenge. We also took part in the Cub District Football where Midships were 3rd

and Cub District Rounders where we were 2nd. We ended the term with our usual Summer BBQ.

We have held two camps. One at Yapton in May, where the older Cubs worked towards and gained their Outdoor Plus Challenge. In August we camped at Bushy Wood, near Hailsham. It was well attended and many badges were earned – Camper, Naturalist, Emergency Aid1, 2 and 3, Astronomer, Map Reader, Navigator, Scientist, Local knowledge, My Faith, Physical Recreation, Hikes Away, Nights Away and Outdoor Challenge. Thanks to all the leaders and everyone involved in running the camps, and also thanks to the catering team, Rachel Henderson-Payne and Debbie Silburn for keeping everyone fed at both camps.

Autumn Term 2013: At the beginning of this term we finished off the Air Activities badge. The Cubs gained their Home Safety and Artist Badges. The Scouts ran a Recycling evening, and the sixers and seconders ran a games evening. We also held a Fairtrade evening with food tasting, which the Cubs thoroughly enjoyed. We had a visitor from Guide Dogs for the Blind with a puppy and presented them with a cheque that the Cubs had collected with sponsorship activities. We ended the term on our last three evenings with Christmas craft, a visit to the pantomime, and a Christmas Party.

Summer Term 2014: At the start of the term we had a Police visit and talk which counted towards their Community Challenge. Many thanks to Mark Shepherd. The Scouts ran an evening, and we held an International evening about Italy, again with food tasting which the Cubs love. The Seconders and Sixers ran an evening, and we visited the Mosque towards their Worls Faith badge, while the older Cubs took their IT badge. We held our usual sponsored walk and rounded off the evening with tomato soup and hotdogs back at the HQ. We also held a 'Cubs choice evening' where the Cubs could pick which badges they wanted to take between Collector, Hobbies, Book Reader, Sports Enthusiast, Skater, Martial Arts or Musician. On the last week of term we had Easter crafts.

Over the year I awarded 293 Activity Badges, 69 Challenge and 10 Chief Scouts Silver Awards.

I have to say a big thank you to my husband Jim for running football, helping with the rounders and badge work, and generally doing anything asked of him. Also I would like to thank my son Mike for his continued help and support.

Our busy and full programme would not of been possible without the help, hard work and support of Roy Wells and Thegla Christopher, so I would like to give them my thanks. Also a big thank you to Paul Christopher for his endless energy at camps, hikes and help on various pack evenings.

I also must thank Sam Rippon, our Young Leader, for all his help, also thanks to Starboard Scouts Michael Howarth, Ollie Lifford, Alex Davies, Harry Bickers, Amie Hall and Harry Leamon, and Explorers Zac Boucher, Hannah Walker and Daniel Bilek.

Lastly thanks for the parental support we have received this year, and a big thank you to my Cubs who have made every pack meeting fun, a challenge, with their never ending energy and enthusiasm without whom none of the above would have been possible.

CHIEF SCOUTS SILVER AWARD

Chief Scout Silver Awards were gained by the following Midship Cubs between April 2013 and March 2014:

Archie Wilson
Harvey Pike
William Calvert
Henry Clark
Harrison Southby
Charlotte Boucher
Nicholas Bryan
Thomas Brownbill
Matthew Rowland
Oliver Tweed

Deirdre Green
Cub Scout Leader

Yet again it has been an eventful year for Port Troop. We have again had some leadership changes, with Matt Rowe leaving us as an ASL, and Steve Frost joining us as an ASL. We have also gained multiple Section Assistants to help us out, these being Hannah Squibb, Teresa Price and Helen Laughlin. As always we have had a great core of support from parent helpers over the year. I would especially like to thank Andy and Brenda Price and Sarah Walker.

The Summer term of 2013 saw us embark on our weekly rotation, enabling the scouts to all get a chance to go to kayaking at least twice in the term. We also managed to fit in an excellently attended family hike.

This took us through to our Summer Camp, which was held at Cobnor Activities Centre, near Chichester. We had 23 Scouts attend and during this time they tackled many adventurous activities, including kayaking, pulling and sailing. The majority of them also managed to gain their RYA Start Sailing level 1 award. They also had a shore leave day trip to Butlins in Bognor Regis, which they all enjoyed.

In the Autumn term of 2013, Matt Rowe left us, and Steve, Teresa and Hannah joined us. In September we managed to fit in an Expedition Challenge and an Outdoor Challenge Plus camp. We took 6 scouts up to the River Wye for their Expedition challenge, this trip saw us take 3 open canoes and 3 leader's kayaks on a fantastic trip, led by Mick Orpin, it was a touch windy on the river that weekend but the Scouts battled onwards and gained their well-earned Expedition Challenge badges. The Outdoor Challenge Plus camp at Broadstone Warren saw better weather for the 9 scouts involved, but they did face great challenges in finding enough wood for the fire. Luckily, Mark Scott our camp leader had planned ahead and brought some extra wood, anyone would think that he has been a scout for most of his life, being prepared like that!

As a result of completing those 2 Challenge badges, 2 of our Scouts attained the full diamond of Challenge badges, and therefore warrant a special mention here. Well done to Harrison and Samuel Price.

We also had a great turn out for Remembrance Sunday, I was so proud that so many Scouts turned out for the event. They were a real credit to themselves and to the Troop.

The Spring term was full of fun packed adventure, through a varied program and a rather cold winter camp at Broadstone Warren. We also managed to get out and about with an evening with Sussex Search and Rescue on Lancing Clump. We also had a great evening run by Circus Seen, in which the Scouts learnt loads of new circus skills. There was certainly some clowning about that night.

During this year we have managed to achieve the following badges: Adventure Challenge – 22, Community Challenge – 2, Creative Challenge – 16, Expedition Challenge – 6, Global Challenge – 21, Outdoor Challenge -2, Outdoor Plus Challenge – 9, Promise Challenge - 4, Emergency Aid level 2 – 2, Emergency Aid level 3 – 15, Basic Nautical Skills – 11, Camper – 9, Circus Skills – 28, Entertainer – 16, Guide – 24, Martial Arts – 2, Meteorologist – 16, Navigator – 24, Paddle Sports – 6, Paddle Sports plus - 6, Physical Recreation – 2 and Chief's Scouts Gold Award – 3.

The troop is currently running at 29 scouts but this will rise to 32 in the Autumn term of 2014, and with our Summer camp this year being run at Thames Young Mariners in Richmond, Surrey I am sure we will have a bumper crop of badges and successes to report on next year.

The team has worked really hard this year to deliver a great programme, I would like to thank all of them for their hard work. Without them none of this would happen. So thanks to Mark Scott, Lou Scott, Steve Frost, Hannah Squibb, Mick Orpin, Teresa Price, Helen Laughlin, Tors Head, Charlotte Price, Josh Earl, Tom Branch, Jack Bruford and Andrew

Shakespeare. Thanks to all the parents and everyone else who has helped out over the year.

Alyn Laughlin

Scout Leader



It has been another great year for Starboard Scouts as we continue to enjoy the activities and balanced programme within in our popular Troop.

Our badgework continues to be one of our great strengths and 5 of our scouts have achieved the highest award recognition – the Chief Scout's Gold Award. Many more have earned a good number of Challenge badges and many are now well under way to gaining their Chief Scout's Gold Award.

Last year's summer camp was another great success; 18 scouts camped at Longridge Boating Centre in Marlow and had a brilliant week of water and land based activities. One of the highlights for the leaders was getting every scout to kayak over Marlow weir! We are looking forward to another great summer camp at Longridge this year and are excited about using their new facilities and trying out their new activities.

We have taken part in some really great activities this last year including wide games, a visit from the local magistrates, teambuilding, having a private session at the Flying Fortress, castaway cooking, visiting the Chichester Planetarium, Scuba Diving, and a visit from a reptile rescue organisation who brought some snakes to show us. We have been indoor kayaking at Lancing College and at Christmas we had a party and took the scouts ten pin bowling and went ice skating at the Guildford Spectrum. In January 12 of our oldest scouts took part in a Junior Service Crew Weekend at Bentley Copse Campsite in Surrey. They helped the warden clear up after the winter storms and prepare the site for a forthcoming camp. They all earned their Campsite Service badge.

We also had a great weekend camp at Blacklands Farm where the older Scouts were able to complete their Expedition Challenge.

In June we entered two teams in the District Air Rifle Shooting competition and did extremely well! Out of 19 teams we came 3rd overall. Two of our scouts did exceptionally well. Out of 70 competitors, they ranked 4th and 5th and were invited to join the District Shooting Squad. As we got into the summer we started our weekly kayaking sessions at Southwater – thank you to Paul Chaplain for running these. We made the most of being outside this summer, we took a trip to the lifeboat station at Shoreham, made Coke Can BBQ's, hiked across the downs and finished with a sausage sizzle, took part in an incident hike and played beach volleyball on the sand courts in Worthing. Our list of activities goes on. We like to keep the favourites in our programme but we are always thinking of new and different activities for the scouts. I am sure that in the coming year will be no exception.

I want to take this opportunity to thank all of the leaders for their time, commitment and energy that they have given and continue to give week in, week out. Unfortunately after 8 years with us we said goodbye to Pauline Wilton in April. I'd like to thank her for everything she did for the troop during that time.

And finally big thanks to all our supportive parents and to all our Scouts, without whom there wouldn't be a Scout Troop to lead. They are a fantastic group of kids and make leading the troop very rewarding.

James Hackett
Scout Leader



At the end of March this year, we had 55 invested Explorers (46 boys and 9 girls) split into 6 Patrols named after Royal Navy ships: **O**cean, **S**omerset, **P**ortland, **R**ichmond, **E**xeter and **Y**ork. The average size of an Explorer Unit in the UK is 16 so we are over 3 times this. We continue to

be the biggest Explorer Unit in Worthing District and one of the biggest in the UK.

April: During the second week of the Easter holidays the Worthing District Gang Show was performed at the Pavilion theatre. 3 of our Explorers took part making up the majority of the senior male cast! We kicked off the term with some ice breaker activities. The 2 Bronze DofE teams went on a training weekend. Everyone got a free book for World Book Night. Thank you to Jackie Usher for arranging this. We played wheelchair basketball.

May: The Silver DofE team completed their practice expedition. Explorers had to identify streets where the names had been mixed up to form anagrams then use their mobile phones to take photos of the street signs. The Bronze DofE teams completed their practice expedition. We went swimming at the new Splashpoint pool. We went to Snowdonia for a week of hill walking on the Group's annual expedition and climbed mount Snowdon on the 60th anniversary of Everest being conquered! Thank you to Andy Price for organising this and Wayne Dix for his help as a mountain leader.

June: The PLs organised a senses night. We went to the Flying Fortress in Ford! We took part in the London to Brighton bike ride to raise funds for the British Heart Foundation. We played pitch and putt at Rustington Golf Centre. The County Archery team set up a range in the HQ.

July: We held our own Royal Tournament. We went go karting at Lancing. We went kayaking (and bridge jumping!) on the River Arun. We played beach volleyball at Worthing's sand courts. The Bronze DofE teams completed their qualifying expedition. We attended the District swim at Arundel Lido.

August: During the holidays Scout Shops asked us for models to attend a photo shoot for their new catalogue to go out to 117,000 members! We boarded a coach and headed to Belgium for our Summer Camp. 31 Explorers attended accompanied by 7 adult leaders. Our coach took us through the Eurotunnel and on to Merkenveld Scout Centre which was our base for the week. Everyone was given a personalised hoody as part of the cost. We used buses and trains to get around. Activities

included: a day trip to Bruges including a boat trip on the canal; a day at De Kijkuit Activity Centre where we took part in zip wire, high-ropes, canoeing, BMX track and archery; a day trip to Ostend beach where we hired some pedal go karts to explore the town; we hired a coach for a day trip to Ypres and visited the museum, trenches and graves from WWI followed by a meal in a restaurant and then finished with the last post ceremony at The Menin Gate, which we were very privileged to take part in and lay a wreath; we hired another coach for a day at Bellewaerde theme park; we hired some bikes and explored the local area including a visit to the labyrinth at Loppem castle and the local swimming pool. Thank you to Petula Bladen, Steve Briscoe, Jacky Green, Kevin Lawrence, James Swift and Ian Tester for their help in running the Camp. Thank you to West Sussex Scouts for a generous grant which allowed us to keep the cost affordable.

September: 1 of our Explorers and 3 of our future Explorers (then still in Scouts) were selected to go to the 23rd World Scout Jamboree in Japan next year. Only 8 spaces were allocated to Worthing District. Daniel Gilmore from Sussex Music Workshops ran an African drumming workshop. A record 41 Explorers went on a night hike from the Franklin Arms pub in Washington to Hill Barn Recreation Ground. We used the smart phone Video Star app to record our own music videos!

October: We went kayaking (and bridge jumping!) on the River Arun again. We went indoor kayaking at Lancing College swimming pool. We had a wide game at Cote Street. We invited parents to attend an open evening to launch My.SCOUT, our next Summer Camp and give an overview of the DofE scheme. This was very well attended. The Silver DofE team completed their qualifying expedition.

November: We attended the school's fireworks display. We attended the town's annual remembrance service and parade. The Royal Navy Students Presentation Team visited us. We had a lively debate evening. We had a night hike from Sleepy Hollow to Honeysuckle Lane.

December: We had a nautical skills evening in preparation for our forthcoming inspection. We attended RN inspection. CircusSeen ran a circus skills workshop complete with tightwire.

January: We showed a video of our Summer Camp at Belgium. We ran a casino evening to teach Explorers the futility of gambling! We had a wide game at Highdown. We made death masks using Modroc!

February: We entered 2 teams in the Charlton Chase. Port Beavers ran a Back to Beavers evening for us! Thank you to Jane and Keith Preston for arranging this. We had a game shows evening. We had a first aid training evening.

March: We cooked pancakes by candlelight. We tried castaway cooking. We went to the cinema to watch Need For Speed. We had a mobile phone photography competition.



Osprey Explorer Sea Scout Unit - 2nd June 2014

Our attendance is flexible to allow for the school and college coursework and exam commitments which affect our members' age group. 19 new members joined us from Scouts; 8 from Port and 11 from Starboard. 9 members left; 7 of these were older than 17½ and 2 of these went on to be Leaders. We have a Unit Forum to make sure our programme is balanced and the Explorer Scouts have a big say in what their programme contains. We include the whole Unit in our forum and set aside a meeting twice a year when everyone can have a say about the Unit and its programme. Our Patrols are reorganised every term to give Explorers the opportunity to mix with different people and hopefully make some new friends. The oldest 6 Explorers become PLs and the next oldest APLs. Anyone with below average attendance in the last term isn't eligible to be a PL or APL. Our Explorers selected to go to the 23rd World Scout Jamboree organised fundraising and attended a programme of events with the rest of the County contingent in readiness for next year. A summary chart of our accounts appeared earlier in this

booklet. Thank you to Jacky for her work as our treasurer. Most of our Explorers have previously been Beavers, Cubs and Scouts. 47 of our Explorers are participating in the Duke of Edinburgh's Award Scheme. 18 of our Explorers are registered with the District Young Leader Unit and help regularly at all Beaver, Cub and Scout sections.

I am proud to be the Leader of Osprey Explorers, but I could not do it without the team of Leaders that support me. A huge thank you to them for their consistent dedication that keep the Unit running so successfully and make it so much fun. They are: Petula Bladen, Jacky Green, James Hackett, Kevin Lawrence, Harry Rippon, James Swift and Ian Tester.

Paul Chaplain
Explorer Scout Leader



The Duke of Edinburgh's Award (DofE) is a voluntary, non-competitive programme of activities for anyone aged 14-25. Founded by HRH The Duke of Edinburgh in 1956, there are 3 progressive levels: Bronze, Silver and Gold. At each level participants undertake activities in 4 Sections: Volunteering – undertaking service to individuals or the community. Physical – improving in an area of sport, dance or fitness activities. Skills – developing practical and social skills and personal interests. Expedition – planning, training for and completing an adventurous journey in the UK or abroad. Gold programme participants must also do an additional 5th Residential section which involves staying and working away from home doing a shared activity. The DofE offers an individual challenge and encourages young people to learn about commitment, responsibility and independence. Gaining any one of the 3 levels of the DofE is a huge achievement.

This year has been very successful for the Unit. We have gained 10 Bronze Awards and two Silver Awards. Well done to Phoenix Almeida-Amir, Matt Appleton, Jack Bruford, Josh Earl, Sam Edney, Will Lytton, Charlotte Price, James Randall and Dan Smith on their Bronze Awards and Tom Branch and Adam Hart on their Silver.

As usual a large number of our participants carry out their Young Leader Training through Explorers and help with various sections in the Group to complete the Volunteering Section of their Award. Others have helped at a charity café, Worthing Library, a computer after-school club, a charity shop and helping children learn to read at a primary school.

The participants also show their other abilities in the Physical Recreation and Skills Sections of the award. The Physical Recreation section always includes a wide range of activities. At Bronze level these have been cycling, Kung Fu, badminton, golf, basketball, climbing, gym work and hockey, with football and hockey being played for the Silver Award. The Skills section is always interesting as the young people show what a wide variety of skills they have. These include playing the guitar, drums and piano, animation, cricket coaching, textiles and making military models.

The Expedition Section for Bronze again took place on the South Downs, with the Silver practice being carried out in Ashdown Forest and the qualifying in the New Forest.

This year I have had a number of one-to-one sessions with the participants on a Monday evening at Explorers and this has certainly proved beneficial and hopefully we will have even more Awards presented in the coming year.

A number of our Leaders have also attended various courses run by WSCC, including Expedition Supervisor and Expedition Assessor training. Petula Bladen, Paul Chaplin, Kevin Lawrence, Andy Price and Mark Scott are now qualified supervisors and Tim Hill and Andy Price are accredited assessors.

Both Bronze and Silver Expeditions for the current year have now been completed and we are just waiting for the participants to give their presentations.

I would like to say a huge thank you to the above Leaders and also to James Hackett, Andy Sephton, Ian Tester and Martin Wilton for their help.

Jacky Green
DofE Co-ordinator



Summary

8th Worthing Sea Scouts successfully completed their RN inspection ashore at their HQ on 12 December 2013.

What I saw in the inspection

Parade presence. The parade made for an impressive site with over 100 people present. The opening ceremony was conducted smartly although the use of the ship's bell was not understood and I am sure I heard the report that it was, 'sunrise'. Splitting the formal inspection into 2 sessions enabled other activities to be prepared and saved the scouts and explorers from excessive waiting. It was a little disconcerting that PLs turned their backs to me as I approached their patrols and some used 'land scout' salutes. Although not 'wrong', the Navy style salute and the stories about its origins are a part of our maritime heritage. Having criticised these details, the PLs, and the cubs, reported confidently and behaviour was excellent throughout.

Uniforms. Uniforms were very smart.

Training bases. A good range of activities was on display. They were mostly adult led but explorers were in charge of a session on how to wear personal buoyancy correctly. There were also knotting, lashings,

parts of boat and heaving line practicals under way. The scouts learning about weather maps were very knowledgeable but the up to date information being used was quite depressing! Explorers showed me the results of their DofE expeditions: 2 teams produced calendars and on team a book. These were all very professionally produced.

Youth leadership. Scouts were happy with their responsibilities at troop meetings and at camp. I quizzed them quite heavily about cooking at camp and they were very knowledgeable. The explorers operated in patrols which I believe is unusual but, in my opinion, a proven method of organising scouting.

HQ and equipment. The HQ, camping store (especially) and the boats all looked well cared for. I recommend that you rig a halyard in the hall for your RN Recognition pennant. The Group's supporters were clearly enthusiastic and I hope the new magazine proves to be an enduring success.

Reputation and events

RN events. Having now made my first visit to 8th Worthing, I challenge you to make a return visit by attending one of the Royal Navy Recognised Sea Scouts' events. I have recorded Harry Rippon as your champion for this challenge and hope to see him at the summer camp.

Other outreach. The Group is clearly very active at district and county events and it is a great credit to have no less than 4 young people selected to attend the World Jamboree in Japan.

Water activities. Water activities pose a logistical challenge but scouts and explorers spoke enthusiastically about their boating, especially at camps. Those that attended the River Wye Expedition Challenge were justifiably proud of their achievement.

Self-assessment

I generally agree with the self assessment. Scouts, explorers and leaders were all enthusiastic and had many tales to tell about their adventures and achievements. The explorers reported challenges and awards as an area for development but there is a good DofE training scheme running and, with 2 Chief Scout's Platinum Awards presented at

the inspection, improvements are obviously already in hand. I moderated the parade presence score based on my observations (but also have a personal action to help fix this). Facilities are excellent and I have only seen one other camping equipment store of comparable quality and tidiness.

Actions for Staff Officer Sea Scouts

I aim to provide guidance on piping and ceremonial within the next 6 months. The inspection form needs to be amended to include significant events such as regattas as well as nights away events.

Conclusion

8th Worthing is delivering high quality sea scouting. You have excellent facilities and your organisation is obviously very strong. It was easy to renew your Royal Navy Recognition.

David Gray
Lieutenant Commander Royal Navy



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