

Chairman's Report 12th Bangor Scout Group

AGM May 2019

It takes considerable organization to run any Scout Group, especially one as successful as 12th Bangor.

To give you some idea of the scale of the 12th Bangor Group we currently have approximately 154 boys and girls attending the various sections during the week and that does not include the Squirrels or the Explorers.

Behind the scenes an Executive committee (made up of the GSL, Section Leaders, parent representatives and office bearers) meet between 3 and 4 times a year.

The committee discusses the work and activities being undertaken by each of our sections, the allocation of resources and any pressing matters within the Group.

Advances are also being realized with the roll out of various IT systems to assist with the running of 12th Bangor. They cover a wide range of issues such as compliance, training and subscriptions.

This work has been closely supported by the District team and is ongoing.

We would wish to encourage more parents to get involved in volunteering, leading and assisting behind the scenes.

If anyone is keen to express an interest by all means approach the GSL or Section leaders for more information about how you can get involved in Scouting.

There have been many highlights during the past 12 months which will be touched upon shortly by the section leaders but needless to say your kids will have had the opportunity to develop a wide range of life skills at events close to home, across the UK and further afield.

In addition to the office bearers I would wish to take this opportunity to thank the respective section leaders, volunteers and helpers for all the work put in over the past 12 months as without their dedication and commitment 12th Bangor would not continue to have the success it so rightly deserves.

S Nickell

Chair – 12th Bangor Scout Group

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Beaver Scouts

Our Beaver Colony continues to meet in 2 sessions on Thursday nights.

We had 14 beavers move up to cubs in September 2017, and 8 more in February. In total 13 of these beavers were awarded their Chief Scouts Bronze Award, the highest award for Beavers. During the

year we enrolled 27 new beavers, including 13 squirrels. We ended this year with 43 beavers and although we do still have a waiting list, its not as long as it has been in the past.

We held our sponsored walk at Mount Stewart in April as the usual walk from Crawfordsburn at the beginning of March had been cancelled due to bad weather. Beavers enjoyed playing in the park after the walk, and especially the sausages they had along the way. Many thanks to scouts for providing these.

We attended Rally Day at Crawfordsburn in May.

Unfortunately due to changes in their circumstances, Nicole and Gillian were unable to return to our Thursday night meetings, but thanks to them for all their hard work last year. Gillian is still helping on our days out, many thanks to her for this. We were very pleased that Ruth was able to return in September, unfortunately she has had to take some more time off but we are hopeful she will be able to return next September. We are pleased to have Rhys McLean and Michael Curran both join our leader team, both former beavers who came up right through our group.

Our first outing of the new year was a very interesting visit to Armagh Planetarium in October where 23 beavers completed activities for our Space Activity badge. We had a visit to the Scout Centre at Crawfordsburn in November to do adventurous activities

of crate climbing and archery - Adventurous Activities and sleepovers are an important part of the Beaver Scout programme and we encourage as many beavers as possible to take part at least once before they move on to cubs as without these they will not be able to obtain their Chief Scouts Bronze Award.

For our Christmas outing this year we visited Christmas at Balloo, to play games, do craft and to see Santa. This was the second year for this event which is run by District Explorer Scouts and was enjoyed by all the beavers who attended.

In January we held our indoor sleepover at Ardnalvalley, with a good attendance of 18 beavers. And we took part in the District sponsored walk which was held on the usual first Saturday in March.

We continue to do badge work on an almost weekly basis in order to give all beavers the chance to attain their 6 Challenge badges, as well as giving them the opportunity to collect a wide range of activity badges throughout the year.

Many thanks to all parents and leaders from other sections who helped us during the year, both on regular meeting nights and on days out - much appreciated.

Also thanks to all the parents who ensure Beavers attend on a regular basis and participate fully in all the activities, which makes our job much easier and more rewarding.

Lorraine McEvoy

Beaver Leader

Cub Scouts

The cubs have enjoyed a varied programme this year.

They will have completed eight activity badges and several challenge badges over the course of the year. These include air activities, disability awareness, chef, diy, entertainer, athletes, cyclist and pioneer. They earn the badge the cubs completed the various elements of the badges. For example - making

paper airoplanes, learning sign language, cooking dinner, using a saw, putting on a puppet show with a puppet made at cubs, learning about warm up, cycling a course, and making pioneering projects.

The cubs have attended several camps in October we went to Ballyhornan scout centre for Harry Potter camp the cubs did lots of crafts associated with Harry Potter and played games this was after the sorting hat sorted them into their house for the weekend. In March the sixers and seconders attended spy camp this was a joint camp with 7th Bangor. The cubs dressed like spies and learnt code etc as well and investigations. In June we will be heading to Crawfordsburn for space camp.

This September six cubs attended the soap box race in Chichester England this years team were awarded the fair play award. Again a fantastic enjoyable weekend.

The cubs have had several outings these included a Cinema trip to see the Grinch, 10 pin Bowling at the ice bowl and Archery at the new elite archery site.

May I take this opportunity to thank the parents for bringing the cubs along each week and the leaders for all the effort put in to ensure the cubs enjoy each week as there is a lot of backstage work for weekly programmes and especially camps.

Thanks

Jo

Scouts

Group Scout Leader, Mr Chairman and members of the Group, I am delighted to report that the scout section has had another successful year of scouting and that our Vision for 2023, #SkillsForLife remains a core tenet in everything that we do.

In April there was the annual St. Georges Day Parade and those who attended were well turned out. Unfortunately, I was unable to attend as I was attending the South Down District Parade- Thank you to Cody and Davy who took the lead.

In June the Scouts finished the year at camp. This saw a number of Scouts move from scouts to explorers and we wish the best in their new scouting adventures.

In the Summer, Both the Scout section and Bangor East Explorer Unit attended summer camp in the Lancashire – Red Rose 2018. This really was a camp filled with adventure! Scouts took part in water sports, caving, and mountain climbing among other activities. The weather wasn't as kind as we expected, being a further north than we are used to. Despite this all thoroughly enjoyed themselves. I must express my thanks to Don and Lorraine McEvoy to take the lead on summer camp, I think everyone involved would agree that it really couldn't happen without them.

Unfortunately, the annual District Camp was postponed from our usual weekend to mid 2019. In September we welcomed a number of new Cubs to the section.

The Christmas Party was held again in Elite Archery were a number of scouts enjoyed a night of archery lead by Michael and his team. We also saw another group of Scouts leave to start a new adventure in Explorers.

Early January saw 13 young people from 12th Bangor receive their Chief Scout's Gold Award in Belfast City Hall Presented by both the NI and UK Chief Commissioners.

I am delighted to report that Peter Donaldson was selected to attend the World Scout Jamboree in West Virginia and Todd McEvoy was selected to attend Eurojam in Poland in 2020.

This just leaves me to say a huge thank you to all who supported the section over that past year.

Evan Fleming

Explorer scouts

Another healthy and active year for Bangor East Explorers, a number of new to scouting members.

With 8 explorers and one leader going to the WSJ this year has seen a lot of activity in training camps and fundraising for them.

Here are a few highlights of the last 12 months:

April

- District Hall, Explorers worked hard learning DIY skills and a bit of manual labour in The Garage
- St Georges Day Parade followed by mini golf at Pickie
- Helping at County Cub Day

May

- More work at Balloo
- Helping at Beaver Rally Day/overnighter

June

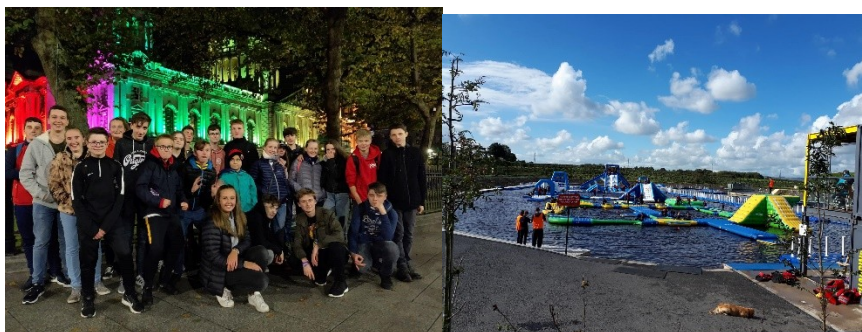
- Explorers went as Staff to TOE camp
- Water sports night at Ballyholme and end of year BBQ

July/August

- Red Rose was summer camp for Bangor East Explorers
- One Explorer completed his Explorer Belt
- Bangor West went on a road trip down Ireland

September

- Chillax Camp at Ardnavey – fantastic weekend Culture night and go Hydro



October

- Overnight hike

November

- Members of the successful all-female **British Army Ice Maiden Team** who recently traversed Antarctica unaided, on skis and by using muscle-power alone will be giving a presentation in the Assembly Buildings Conference Centre,
- Remembrance Sunday
- Cash for Kids warehouse packing for Mission Christmas 2017

December

- Carol Service
- Christmas at Balloo - Explorers worked hard to provide a great Christmas event for Squirrels and Beaver across the District
- Explorer leaders did the 5K Santa Dash for cash for kids.

January

- Icebreaker hike and camp overnight
- Visit to Wyzcom
- Sports Commentary
- Interview Skills
- Presenting Skills
- Broadcasting Etiquette
- Radio Station Operation



- Christmas Party

February

- Bangor Grammar and Glenlola Collegiate Hospice Fundraiser

March

- **Smartphone Quiz fundraiser**
- Exchill camp
- Eurojam meeting

There will be over 12 explorers and a number of leaders heading to Exsite 2019, the first NI Explorer only camp this summer at Crawfordsburn while 8 are at the World jamboree in West Virginia

Gillian McEvoy

GSL report AGM 2019

Evening everyone and thank you for coming along.

I would like to begin with a few thank you`s.

Thank you to all our leaders for the time and energy they put into last year`s programme. From sleepovers to weekends away, one off events and of course the weekly meeting nights.

Thank you to all the parents and children for being part of 12th.

Thank you parents for all the drop offs and collections.

The sowing on of badges so that at this years St.George`s day parade we looked Brill and had a really great turnout.

To the children for coming along, joining in and having fun just being themselves.

To our executive committee for their work in looking after our finances and processions including the hall.

The future of 12th is improving with the introduction of OSM across all scout groups in County Down. Online Scout manager is a safe and secure database which is GDPR complaint.

In July each family will receive an email which will allow access to several features.

You will be able to view and edit your children's information, make payments to the group directly into the groups bank account and complete a gift aid form if required.

The capitation this year will be £40, an increase of £5 on last year.

The hall payments will remain at £5 a month.

Over time paper forms will be phased out, an email link attachment will advise of upcoming activities. Attendance will be via the link. All payments for section activities and weekly subs will continue as in previous years.

The July email will also include an invite to work days at the hall in August to prepare for the new season.

So keep an eye out for the email.

Confirm you have an active email you can check daily, any changes please inform your child`s section leader before the end of June.

Also please check out our website at 12thBangorScoutGroup.com.

Lastly all annual reports will appear on the Charity commission NI website during June. An email will be sent out once online.

Dave GSL 12th Bangor Scout Group.

12th BANGOR SCOUT GROUP ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING (AGM)
HELD AT THE SCOUT HALL – TUESDAY 21st MAY 2019

PRESENT

Dave Orr (GSL)	Steven Nickell (Chairman)	Clem
McDonald(Leader)	Evan Fleming(Leader)	
Paddy McKinnie(Leader)	Lucy Lockhart	Alison
Donaldson	Joanne Orr(Leader)	
Erin Hamilton(Leader)	Karen Scroggie	Carol
Thompson	Chris Watson	
Lorraine McEvoy(Leader)	Hilary Hamilton(Leader)	Gillian
McEvoy(Leader)		

WELCOME

Steven welcomed everyone to the meeting.
Copies of agenda and section reports on the table.

APOLOGIES

Neil McRoberts, Elaine McRoberts, Don McEvoy, Carmel Hennesey, Stephen Murphy, Kieran McEvoy and Caroline McCartney.

MINUTES OF LAST MEETING

Approved- Proposed by Gillian Mc Evoy, Seconded by Erin Hamilton

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Stephen explained how the group and committee works. Meeting 3-4 times a year to discuss various topic effecting the group.

SECTION REPORTS

Steven asked if each of the Section Leaders could give highlights of the reports they had provided for the meeting of what their sections had done/achieved over the past 12 months.

Beavers	(Lorraine)
Cubs	(Erin)
Scouts	(Evan)
Explorers	(Gillian)

Stephen thanked the leaders for the varied programmes and opportunities given to the kids.

TREASURERS REPORT

In Becky`s absence, Dave explained highlights from the report.

ELECTION OF COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Steven handed over the meeting to Dave (GSL) and stood down as the Chairman.

Dave asked those in attendance to put forwarded proposals for the election of the Committee and Committee Members for the next 12 months.

PROPOSALS

Proposal 1

Proposed by:	Erin Hamilton
Seconded by:	Karen Scroggie

- I propose that Steven Nickell be re-elected and appointed as Chairperson for the Group.

The above proposal was agreed by all those in attendance

Proposal 2

Re-election and appointed of Secretary for the Group.

As Tony has stepped down at short notice, a new secretary will have to be sought.

Therefore position is currently vacant.

Proposal 3

**Proposed by: Erin Hamilton
Seconded by: Karen Scroggie**

- I propose that Becky Hunter be re-elected and appointed as Treasurer for the Group.

The above proposal was agreed by all those in attendance.

Proposal 4

**Proposed by: Erin Hamilton
Seconded by: Hilary Hamilton**

- I propose that Karen Scroggie, Carmel Hennesey and Lucy Lockheart be appointed as Committee Members for the Group.

The above proposal was agreed by all those in attendance.

GSL REPORT

Dave thanked everyone connected to 12th for all their support within the last year to make 12th have another successful year. He finished his report by highlighting the future for the group including the introduction of OSM.

AOB

Gillian discussed the explorers keeping the connection and ability to pay through the group as they weren't in the position to go alone due to leader numbers.

Stephen wished the kids going away well and closed the meeting.

The meeting closed at 20:20