



'Vermin' Explorer Scout Unit

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Vermin AGM 2013 / 2014 Minutes

Date: 11 September 2014

Start Time: 20:00

Present: Shaun (ESL), Alex (Ch), Dan G, Devon, Dom, Elliott C, Ethan, Jon M, Reuben, Elliot T, Molly

Welcomes:

From the Chair: 'Welcome

Chairperson Report

The unit has had another great year. We have had an exciting and varied programme, with most people contributing and helping to organise the evenings, we have had lots of camps and trips for people to go on and do something a bit different, and we have had plenty of joint evenings with other units and with 1st Norwich. Our numbers have stayed about the same, with some people joining us from scouts and us losing a few as they turned 18.

We have had a busy year with regards to camps and trips. We had had explorers go on:

- Birthday Camp
- Isle of Wight Revolution
- Halloween Sleepover
- Gilwell24
- Thorpe Park Day Trip

Each camp has something different to offer and a new opportunity to have fun and try something new. The explorers that have been on the camps have a fantastic time and look forward to the next one.

This year we have improved our relationship with 1st Norwich scouts by having several joint evenings to give them the chance to experience what we do at explorers. We had fun at Quasar and doing an assault course down at Cooper's Lane. Then there was the chocolate night for some of the older scouts which gave them a taste of what explorers is about.

There have been a number of district events run this year. The main thing being The Gold Toilet Seat challenges some of which we have entered and we won the Mario Kart night that we hosted. We did well in this year's BPA, improving further on last year and coming 2nd! A few of us also went to the district explorer's summer beach party in July and had fun splashing around in the sea and having a BBQ.

One of the main projects that we have undertaken this year was the renovation of The Hole, we have made good progress and what we have done looks great, it is going to be an awesome place once it is finished.



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We have a lot of look forward to in the coming year. The main thing being the joint summer camp with 1st Norwich to Germany, but there will also be Birthday Camp, Isle of Wight Revolution, Gilwell24 and the May sleepover to go on again. This year we hope to have two extra camps, a district camp at Hautbois House in June and a walking weekend with 1st Norwich in Derbyshire this November. It would be nice to see everyone in the unit getting involved and going on camps this year.

We are planning on doing more district events with the upcoming shooting competition, Operation Halloween and BPA (1st this year?) We are going to sustain our relationships with 1st Norwich by having more joint nights like Quasar and the scout hike. And get more involved with network through MiMo.

I hope that the next year is even better than the last, we have another entertaining and action packed programme and everybody is able to have fun and make explorers what they want it to be.

And finally, I would like to thank Shaun on behalf of the unit. None of this could have been possible without the time and effort put in by him, we would not be able to do all the activities that we do and go on all the camps that we attend and Vermin would not be the same without him.

Alex White
Chairperson

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Financial Report 2013 / 2014

Our accounting year runs the same as the schools academic year, September – August.

Last August, our submitted end of year accounts had a closing balance of £768.10, down up £155.00 on the previous year.

Since the start of the 2013/14 academic year, our total income was £2069,20. 44% of this was from members Subs, another 44% from Nights Away and the remainder from activity provision charges/fundraising

Total expenses have come to a hefty £2179.03. 36% of this was on annual capitation fees and service charges, 60% was on nights away and activity provision and the remaining 4% on various other bits and pieces.

The difference in income vs. expenditure for the year was -£109.83

This means we ended the year with a bank balance of £678.27, which leaves the unit in good stead for the upcoming service charges and capitation.

Currently subs are £90 per year. There are 39 term-time weeks, which means each regular meeting night costs explorers approx. £2.31.

All figures are correct at 10/09/14.

Shaun

Income & Expenditure Account for Vermin Explorers 01/09/13 - 31/08/14

	£	£
<u>INCOME</u>		
Subs Received		905.00
Fundraising		69.20
Activity Provision		160.00
Nights Away		915.00
Merchandise		20.00
Scout Stuff		0.00
		<u>2069.20</u>
<u>EXPENDITURE</u>		
Subs Paid	792.00	
Fundraising	0.00	
Activity Provision	421.04	
Nights Away	880.00	
Other	71.34	
Scout Stuff	14.65	
Merchandise	0.00	2179.03
Surplus of Income over Expenditure		<u>-109.83</u>



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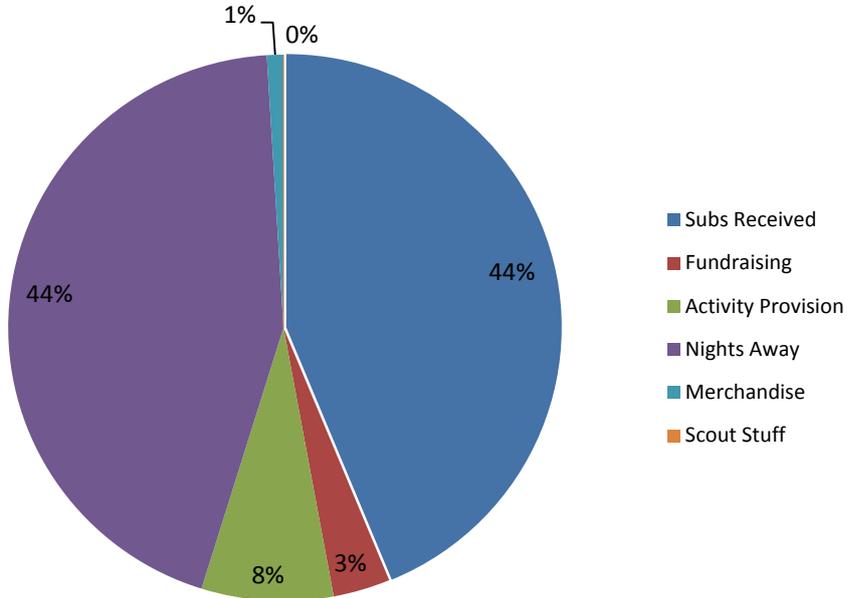
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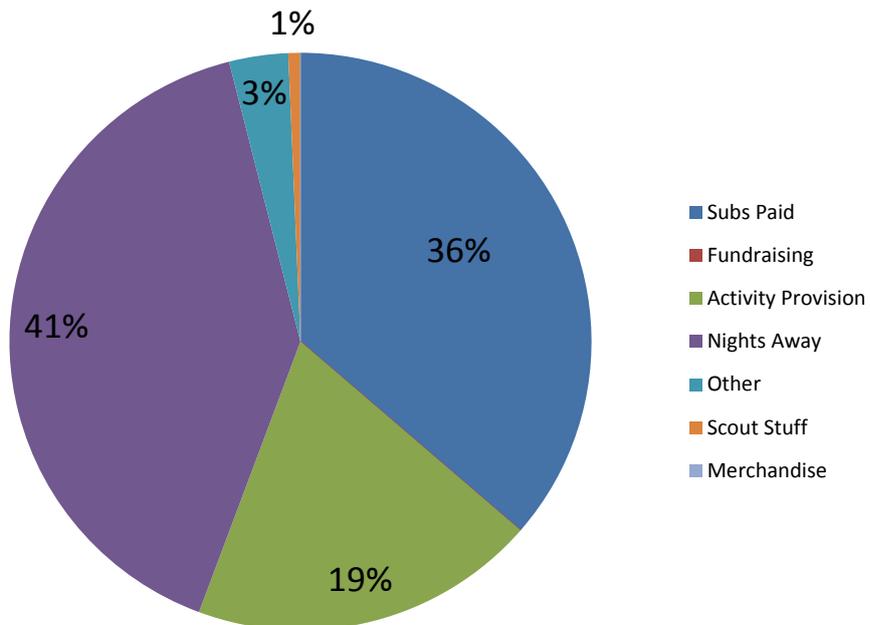
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Unit Income Breakdown 2013-14



Unit Expense Breakdown 2013-14





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District Info:

A lot has happened in the District over the past year. Many of the events were covered in the chairpersons report. There has been a greater working between all units. There is also a push for Explorer finances to be brought under one District umbrella and this process is ongoing and gaining pace.

Similarly, a common system is to be used across the district for many admin tasks, called 'Online Scout Manager.' This will house Explorer details, events, attendance, badges and finances.

We aim to provide at least the same level of inter-unit activities as we have done over the past year, with GTS Challenges, camps and programme events.

We also now have a new District Commissioner to help develop the District in all sections.

Committee Roles and Structure:

There are 3 positions available, Chairperson, Secretary and Treasurer. People can be nominated, or put themselves forward. Election to the Committee is via voting by invested Explorer scouts, either For, Against or Abstain. In cases where there is enough interest, the position of Vice-Chair is also available.

Election of new committee:

For Chairperson – Alex W with for: 7 against: 0 abstain: 1, resulting in Alex elected.

For Secretary – Megan R with for: 6 against: 1 abstain: 1, resulting in Meg elected.

For Treasurer – Domynek B with for: 2 against: 3 abstain: 3, resulting in Dom rejected.

Next Year:

Birthday Camp 05 – 07 October,

Halloween Camp 26-28 October,

BPA

Questions and AOB:

What is other in the accounts?

Other is those expenses which don't fall into the categories of Nights Away, Scouting items, activity provision, subs etc. This includes items like postage, website.

What was the fundraising in the accounts as we didn't do any?

This was the result of an uncashed cheque donation sent to ShelterBox so was credited back into our accounts.