



3rd Annual General Meeting of Central Brussels Scouts Group

Wednesday 20th March 2019, 18.30 to 20.30

Location (small hall), Pavillon, Cinquantenaire, Brussels

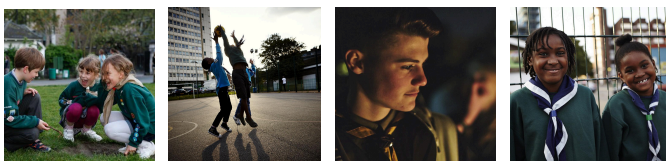
Present

Mark Prescott, Conrad Toft, Julie James, Michael Cloetens, Tessa Harris Hess, Vanessa Ludden, Dace Svoka, Andrew Manassah, Mike Jeffersen, Samatha Lister, Mark Ponsford, Michelle van der Straaten, Sabine Bronchart, Bindia Ravindran, Breandán Murray, Barbara Ernst, Caroline Cambas, Alberto Burba

Agenda

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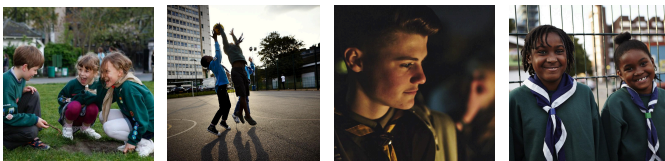
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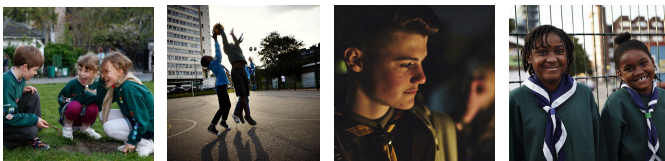


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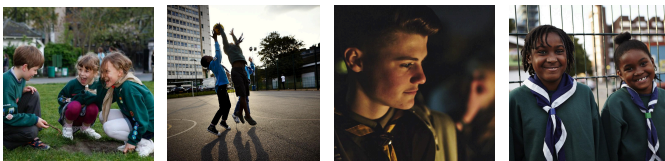


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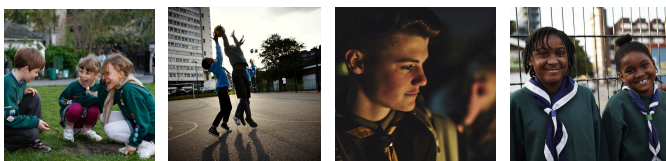


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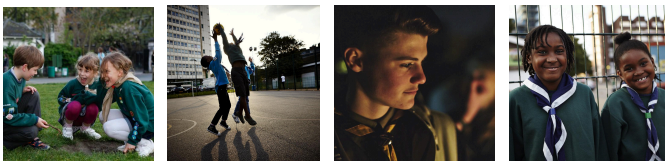
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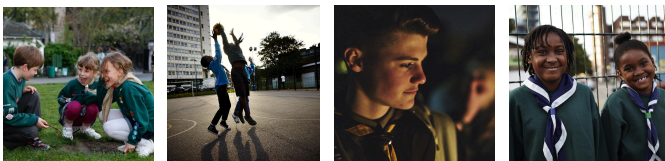


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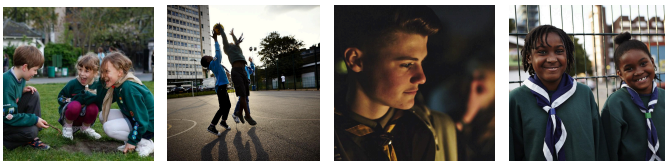
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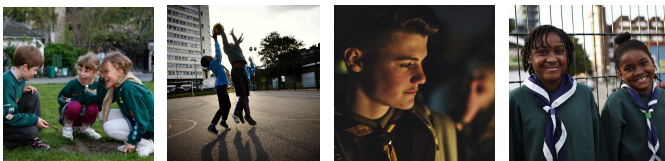
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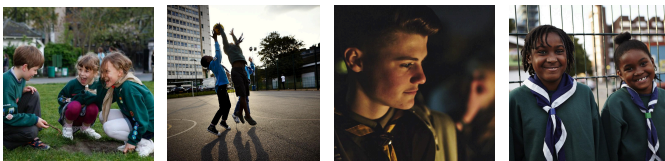
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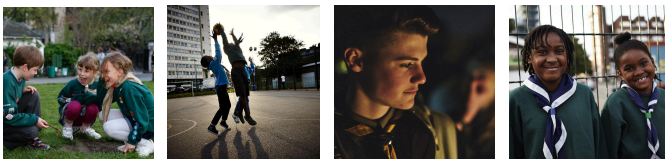


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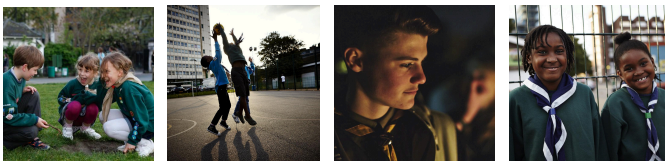
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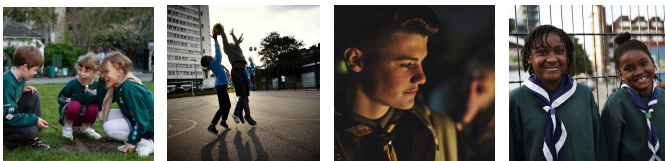
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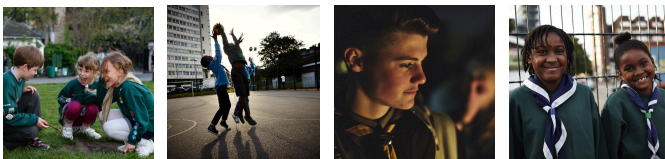


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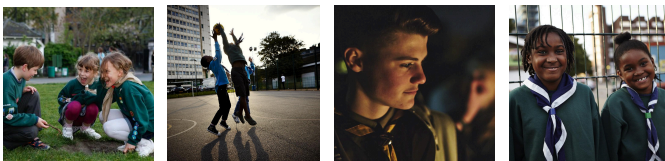
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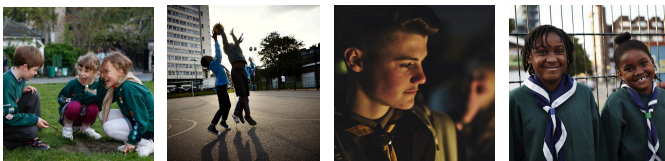


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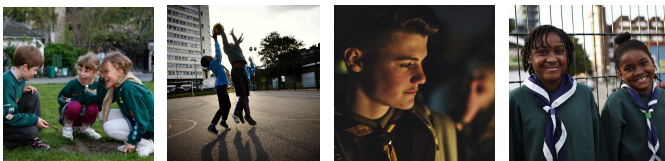
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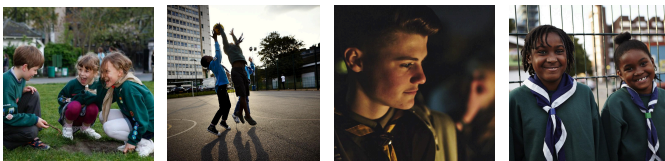
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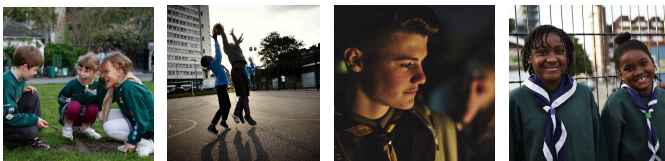
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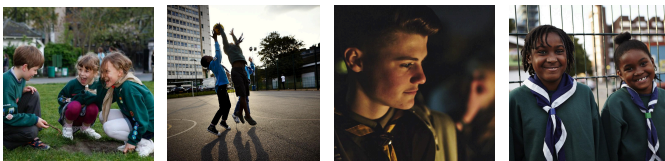


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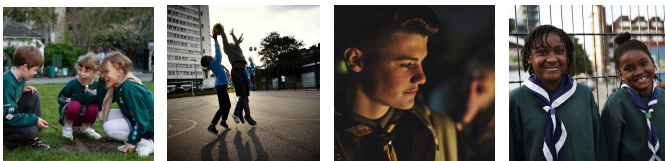
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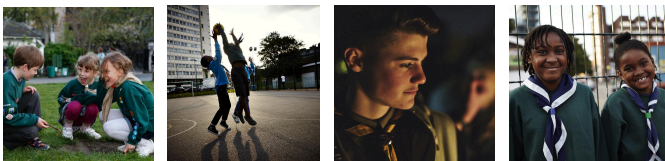
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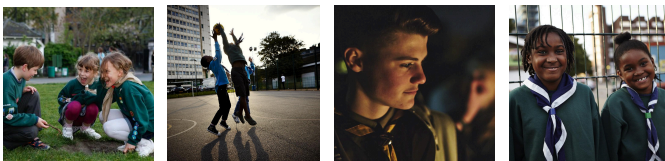
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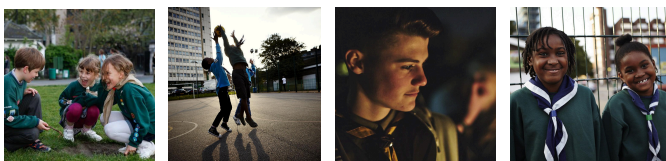


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40. me a personal thank you for the *me and e?ort you put in to making 41. CBS such a success

CBS Chairman, Mark Prescott welcomed participants and informed them that CBS will be five years old in May. The traditional gift for a 5th anniversary is wood – this is apt for a scouting association in lots of ways. Having started as a tiny acorn, CBS is starting to grow into a mighty oak.



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CBS started back in May 2014 with a single Beaver Colony. Today it has two Beaver Scout Colonies, two Cub Scout Packs and two Scout Troops. Over the past 5 years CBS has taken hundreds of children through the scouting system – a formative experience that few forget.

One of the highlights of this year was certainly CBS's participation in the event to mark the centenary of the end of World War One. CBS was very proud that over thirty scouts and leaders from Central Brussels Scouts turned out a cold Sunday morning with their family members to honour the war dead at the service at Heverlee Commonwealth War Cemetery on 11 November 2018.

It was just after the war, in 1920, that the 1st World Scout Jamboree took place at London's Kensington Olympia. And nearly a century on, CBS is very proud that two of our scouts will be representing CBS at the 24th World Scout Jamboree in West Virginia, USA later on this year. Congratulations to them and CBS looks forward to hearing about their adventures.

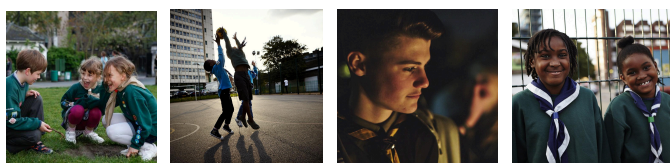
Since the scouting movement began in 1910, society has changed beyond recognition; yet scouting is still going strong in today's digital age. And some things haven't changed that much. For instance, the chance that scouting gives young people to venture into nature and to learn a whole range of new skills. Also, the scouting movement's values, which have remained constant and are reflected in the enduring popularity of badges like first aid, alongside more modern badges like world faiths or digital maker.

CBS is here to help promote those values here in Brussels. It couldn't function without the steadfast support and commitment of its volunteers. The Chairman personally thanked CBS's volunteers for the time and effort put in to making CBS such a success.

2. Approval of minutes of 2nd CBS Minutes ¹

¹ Available at the following link

<https://drive.google.com/open?id=16i1gWPuCv0ibcBHrbFKFXg653FBK7Mur>



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The minutes for 2018 were approved.

3. Group Scout Leader's Report

Group Scout leader, Conrad Toft, gave his report as follows.

Brief History of the different sections

- Shackleton Beavers May 2014
- Newton Cubs Sept 2014
- Tuvalu Scouts Sept 2015
- Exec Team created Autumn 2015
- Sherrington Cubs Jan 2016
- Cook Beavers Apr 2016
- Tonga Scouts Nov 2016

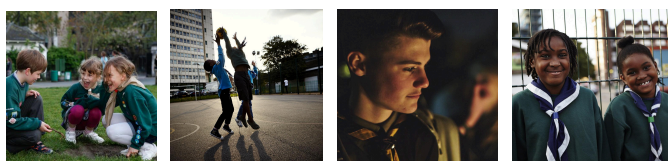
Membership as of March 2019

| Section | Boys | Girls | Total |
|--------------------|------|-------|-------|
| Shackleton Beavers | 8 | 3 | 11 |
| Cook Beavers | 5 | 6 | 11 |
| Newton Cubs | 6 | 10 | 16 |
| Sherrington Cubs | 10 | 5 | 15 |
| Tuvalu Scouts | 9 | 9 | 18 |
| Tonga Scouts | 7 | 11 | 18 |
| Total | 45 | 44 | 89 |

This represents a slight drop from 93 in 2018. 168 on the waiting list.

Leaders

- Shackleton Beavers – Samantha
- Cook Beavers – Tessa and Martin
- Newton Cubs – Samantha



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- Tuvalu Scouts – Robin and Daniele
- Sherrington Cubs – Vanessa, Dace, Neil
- Tonga Scouts – Mike, Alberto, Andrew

Wide range of activities carried out over the past year

Activities carried out by the Beavers included putting on a Nativity Play, Pony riding, Archery, Lego car racing, Gardening, Photography, Cycling, Hikes, Pantomimes, Pottery

Activities carried out by the Cubs included putting on a Nativity Play, Derby car racing with other troops, awareness raising of Oxfam, Apple picking, Cycling Sports, Pantomime, Pottery, Park clean up, Buddhist Centre, Hikes & camps, Horse, Fishing, Disability awareness, Ice Skating, Musical Theatre, Orienteering, Cycling, Martial Arts Camps

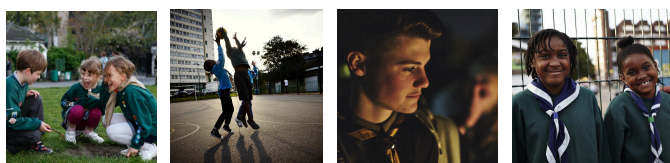
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Successes achieved by CBS over the past year

- New venue for Tonga Scouts (ACE School)
- Third evening in Pavillion (for Shackleton and Newton)
- Chief Scout Commendation for former leader Lucy Chambers
- Completion of Getting Started training for new leaders
- GDPR compliance

Challenges faced and opportunities for future

- Need more leaders – particularly for Beavers and Scouts
- Possibility of opening sections in West Brussels (via Amber)
- More training support for leaders
- Still need more leaders with nights-away permits
- Updating camping equipment
- Increase community involvement
- More family activities
- More interactive use of Online Scout Manager



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4. Financial Report

The financial report was given by Group Scout Leader, Conrad Toft, as our new Treasurer, Natacha Hesketh was unable to attend.

Income

- Subscriptions €14,440
- Fundraising €563
- Camps €737 (n.b. €803 costs to be borne from 2018-19 budget)

Expenditure

- Membership fees €3,395 (BSO) & €3,248 (FOS)
- Badges & uniforms €3,544
- Programme €1,002
- Leader training €550
- Bank charges €36

Treasurer's report

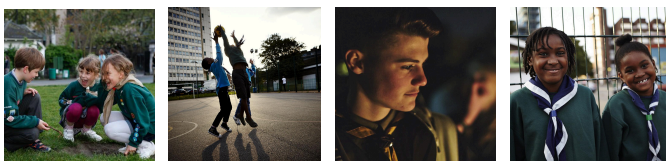
Summary

- Total gross receipts: €15,744
- Total gross payments: €11,774
- Total receipts net of payments: €3,970
- Cash funds start of period: €8,693
- Cash funds end of period: €12,663

5. Election of Committee

The following people were elected to the Committee (Group Scout Leader position is handled at District level and is held by Conrad Toft).

- Exec Team Group Chair - Mark Prescott
- Exec Secretary - Julie James

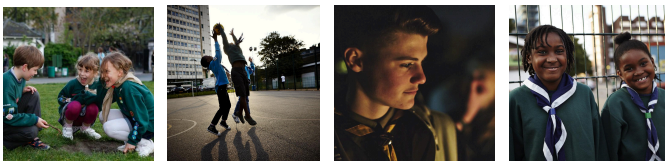


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- Treasurer - Natacha Hesketh
- Membership Secretary - Michelle van der Straaten (census & membership, facilities & safeguarding)
- Membership Secretary - Sabine Bronchart (FOS insurance and subs)
- Waiting List Coordinator - Bindia Ravindran
- Website - Breandán Murray
- Quartermaster - Mark Ponsford
- Groups Liaison - Barbara Ernst
- Fundraising/Community – To see if a team can be set up
- Member without portfolio - Caroline Cambas

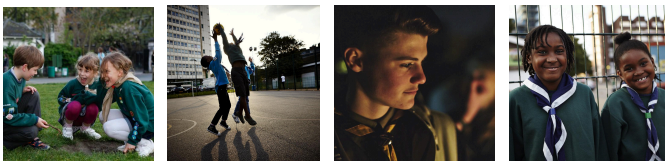
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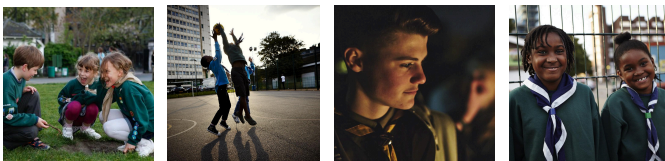
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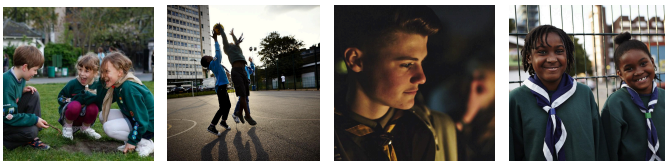
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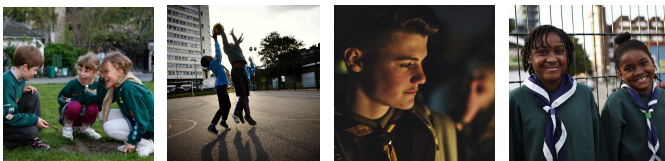
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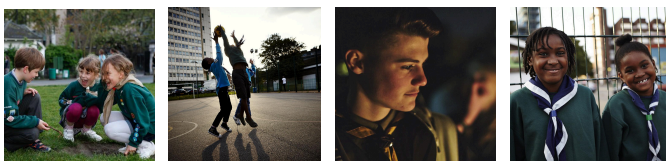


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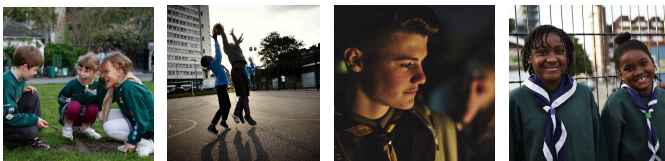
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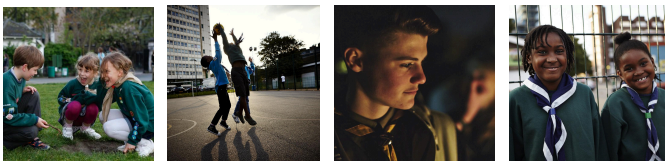
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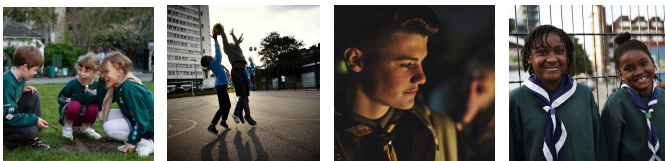
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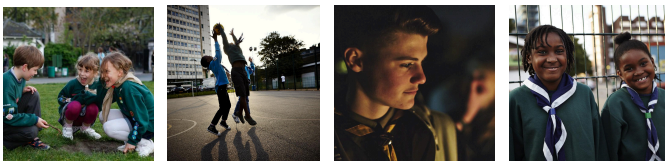


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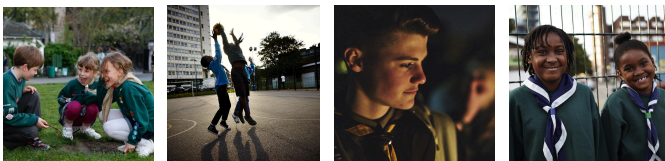


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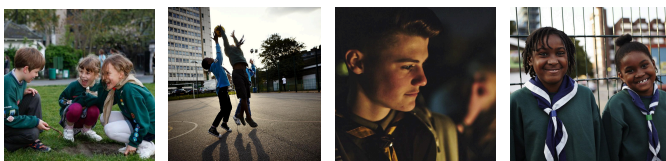
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It was decided to create a committee to organise a family picnic to celebrate 5th Years of CBS. The following people volunteered to be part of the organising committee

- Samatha Lister
- Natacha Hesketh
- Michelle van der Straaten
- Barbara Ernst
- Julie James

The Committee will meet before the summer holidays.



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