

1st Alsager Scout Group
Annual General Meeting 2020



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**1st Alsager – AGM
2020**

Agenda

2019-20
Annual
Reports

1. Welcome & Apologies
 2. Minutes of the last AGM (2018-19)
 3. Section Report's
 4. GSL's Report
 5. Chairman's Report
 6. Treasurer's Report
 7. Election of Officers for 2020-21
 8. Adoption of the Scout Association Constitution.
 9. District Commissioner
 10. Adult Service Awards in 2019-20
- Close of formal business
11. Scouting during the Pandemic
 12. Youth Awards over lockdown

- All participants will be muted unless required to speak
- All items being discussed will be shown on screen
- If you have any general questions, please send them using the Chat function

- Present:
The meeting was conducted during the afternoon in the presence of County Commissioner Jackie Brocklehurst, Fiona Bruce MP, Invited Guests, Executive Committee Members, Leaders, Members, Parents and their Families as part of a family fun afternoon.
- Welcome:
Albert Hart (Chairman) welcomed everyone to the AGM.
- Section Reports:
Dane Beavers, Trent Beavers, Churnet Beavers, Sioux Cubs, Mohican Cubs, Cherokee Cubs, Somers Scouts, Gladstone Scouts, Phoenix Explorers and Shooting & Archery Club all displayed on the large display boards their report/photos detailing what they have been doing throughout the year. Those present at the family fun afternoon were invited to look at the displays at their leisure during the afternoon.
- Treasurers Report:
There was a display on the large display boards giving details of the group's financial figures for April 2018 to March 2019. Group Treasurer Clive Ambridge invited anyone to contact him if they had any questions about the accounts.
- GSL Report:
*Presented verbally by Don Longhurst (copy attached).
In his report he confirmed that Albert Hart would be stepping down as Group Chairman and would be made Honorary President of the 1st Alsager Scout Group.*
- Chairman's Report:
Presented verbally by Albert Hart.
- Election of Officers:
*Chairman (Alan Smith) confirmed that he had agreed to take on the role of Group Chair.
Secretary (Wendy Ambridge)
Treasurer (Clive Ambridge)
Assistant GSL (Angela Williamson)
Group Administrator (Barbara Cheshire)
All of the above had previously indicated that they were happy to continue and as no other candidates came forward they were all proposed and seconded.*

The Section Leaders for each section were advised that they need to indicate in writing or orally that they wish to sit on the Group Executive Committee.

*Dane Beavers (Maureen Hollings)
Phoenix Explorers (Dan Hancock)
Sioux Cubs (Kevin Chesters)
Trent Beavers (Sandra Knight)
Somers Scouts (Dave Huss)
Churnet Beavers (Rebecca Schauer)
Mohican Cubs (Paul Ambridge)
Cherokee Cubs / Gladstone Scouts (Andy Ellis)*

Action: Any Section Leaders that had not already done so, were to notify Group Chairman or GSL if they wish to sit on the Group Executive Committee

- Presentation of Awards:
Jackie Brocklehurst thanked everyone for all that they do for Scouting in Alsager and commented on how she enjoys visiting Alsager Scout Group seeing the good work carried out by all in Alsager Scout Group. She also had the following awards to present: (some members were unable to attend and their awards were to be handed to them later)

Chief Scout's Silver Award – George Evans

Chief Scout's Silver Award – Cai Ellis

Chief Scout's Gold Award – Luke Ellis

Chief Scout's Gold Award – Reece Bedson

Long Service Award (10 years) – Maureen Hollings

The Silver Acorn – Don Longhurst

*A presentation was made to Albert Hart to thank him for all his support in the role of Group Chairman for the last 14 years. Flowers were also presented to Diana Hart.
Thanks and flowers were also given to Teresa Longhurst for all her hard work in preparing the afternoon teas.*

A few words of thanks were given by Fiona Bruce MP for all the great work that goes on in Alsager Scouting.

MEETING CLOSED AND FAMILY FUN AFTERNOON CONTINUED.

Beavers 2019-20



Cubs 2019-20



Scouts 2019-20



Explorers 2019-20



Phoenix Explorers Report 2019-20

Duke of Edinburgh's Award

As well as the weekly Phoenix Explorer activities, the unit also runs a successful Duke of Edinburgh's Award. Training activities take place on Thursday evenings when needed throughout the year, with weekend expeditions being organised between March and the end of October. This year, we had two expeditions: A bronze level expedition took to the hills of the Peak District where the group hiked for two days and camped overnight at Hazel Barrow Farm. During the weekend, they were assessed by County D of E Assessor, Mick, who was thoroughly impressed with their determination and skill on display.

Young Leaders

The Young Leaders Scheme is available for all young people aged 14 to 18 in Scouting and enables them to volunteer to help out in the younger sections. Currently, we have eight explorers who are also Young Leaders and provide support across our Beaver and Cub sections. During the last year, they have had the opportunity to undertake several training course, including first aid and a series of modules specific to the Young Leaders Scheme.

Charity Abseil

In September, members and leaders of Phoenix Explorers participated in an exhilarating abseil from Millers Dale Bridge in Derbyshire. Throughout the morning, participants got the opportunity to do two abseils. While doing so, they raised money for *Stone Lion's Prostrate Screening Programme* and *Climbers Against Cancer*. Well done to everyone who took part.

Queen's Scout Success for Shay

Before Christmas, we were very proud to see Shay Norman, a member of Phoenix Explorers, gain his Queen's Scout Award, the highest award in Scouting. The award requires the recipient to complete a variety of components, including a three night, four day expedition and a residential experience, amongst others. Shay's hard work towards the challenge over his time as a young person in Scouting culminated with a very honest and humorous presentation to over 50 people, including his explorer unit and officials from the District and County. Now 18, Shay is a leader at Mohican Cubs, continuing to inspire and motivate others. Well done, Shay!

Milldale Campsite Activities

Twice during the year, Phoenix Explorers visited Milldale Scout Campsite on a Monday evening to take part in a variety of activities, including: competing in a race over the assault course; s'mores around the campfire; and a host of wide games, such as Capture the Flag.

Team Challenges

During the year, members of Phoenix Explorers were tasked with working in teams to compete in a range of challenges. One of the most notable and successful events was a cooking challenge, where the groups were given £5.00 to go out and buy the ingredients for a nutritional meal. They then had to return to the hall and cook it – all in less than an hour and half!

Escape Rooms

To develop teambuilding skills, and have fun, Phoenix Explorers visited Escape Rooms in Newcastle-under-Lyme to try their hand at the live puzzle game. With some of the rooms being more challenging than others, some escaped and some didn't but everyone had a great time all the same.

Night Hikes

Once each term, Phoenix Explorers takes to the local fields and footpaths for an evening hike. Over the last year, they have walked from Mow Cop and Sandbach, as well as completing some challenge hikes in the area directly surrounding Alsager.

Giving Back to the Community

Several times during the year, members of Phoenix Explorers participate in community projects to support Alsager. In March this year, they worked with the Alsager Urban Wildlife Initiative to dig up a patch near the medical centre for the planting of wild flowers designed to attract bees. Many thanks to Antony Cook and Hillary Robinson for working with all their work.

Chase Walk 2020

For the past ten years, Phoenix Explorers have taken part in the annual 40-mile Chase Walk held on Cannock Chase. This year, the unit made the decision to raise money for Alsager Swans, a local swimming club who provide swimming therapy for people of all ages with disabilities. Many thanks to everyone who participated in the event and for raising over £700 for the Swans.

PGL 2020





GSL's Annual Report

Don Longhurst BEM

GSL's Report

Well, where do I start, no one could have expected the situation that we are in due to the Pandemic.

Our first priority as always is the safety of all our member, albeit the youth or our adult volunteers. A number of our volunteer's fall into the high at-risk category either due to health, age or family members. We can therefore not expect all sections to be serviced in the same way as each other during these times. I would like to thank all the leadership team for their excellent dedication to Scouting and look forward to getting back on track next year when, hopefully the pandemic will allow.

Face to face Scouting was suspend mid-March, and whilst a few sections have been running Zoom meetings, this isn't everyone's cup of tea, some have managed some outdoor activities which must be commended.

This year's AGM I was planning to celebrate the volunteers who give so much to Scouting in Alsager. A number of awards were submitted before lockdown, these have now been sanctioned, although we are still waiting for the certificates and badges to be despatched from Head Quarters. So, a big thank you to all the recipients and all the other volunteers in Scout Group.

Despite the lockdown earlier this year and Scouting being suspended, our waiting list has grown to an extent where we have over 50 on it, with enough Beavers to start a further 2 or 3 colonies. If only we had the human resources to make this possible.

Scouting isn't just for the youth, but also for our volunteers. The pleasure we get in seeing the scouts achieve and develop as they grow through the sections is a great thrill, let alone the comradery scouting brings.

So, if you feel you could offer some time and join our friendly, successful team please do so today. We desperately need fresh blood to ensure that we can give Scouting to all those who wish to experience the Great Adventure that Scouting offers.

Thank you all,
Don Longhurst



Chairman's Annual Report

Alan Smith

Chairman's Report

When I took on this role in 2019, I was fully anticipating a normal quiet year, nobody could have anticipated the global shock that was heading towards all of us. A set of circumstances that I suspect are unique in the lifetime of everybody living today.

I am delighted to say that 1st Alsager Scout Group have risen to the occasion superbly well.

The first lockdown provided some considerable opportunities for work that needed doing in terms of maintenance to the Scout Hall, the main hall and hallway has been redecorated and a number of maintenance tasks have been undertaken.

The major external activity undertaken during the 1st lockdown was assisting the Alsager Round Table with the collection for Alsager Food Bank. The use of the hall was used to drop off the donations received from the public; the hall was literally filled to overflowing. A few leaders then dealt with the majority of the sorting of the food, which we then stored until the foodbank required it. This really was a marvellous demonstration of scouts helping others who are less fortunate than themselves.

Another very significant development has been the use of the Scout Hall by the Development and Learning Centre which seeks to equip those people with learning difficulties with "Skills for Life". This very much chimes with Scouting's basic aims and we are happy to provide our facilities for this excellent support organisation.

My final observation that the Group leaders have provided excellent service before, after and during the lockdown and I am certain this will continue into 2021.

Alan Smith.



Treasurer's Annual Report

Clive Ambridge

Treasurers Report



Financial Year: 2019-2020 (6th April 2019 to 5th April 2020)

Current Account (Receipts and Payments)

Receipts	2019-2020	2018-2019
Sections In:	£18,050.81	£17,683.44
Sections Activities In:	£9,376.10	£6,505.37
Donations In:	£13,551.79	£8,416.05
Fund Raising In:	£9,756.10	£6,246.76
Miscellaneous In:	£0.00	£146.00
Receipts Total	£50,734.80	£38,997.62

Payments	2019-2020	2018-2019
Capitation:	-£6,270.00	-£5,635.00
Sections Out:	-£4,856.20	-£5,592.80
Sections Activities Out:	-£11,589.31	-£6,882.81
Scout Group Van & Minibus	-£14,126.56	-£5,403.09
Scout Group Insurance Policies:	-£2,115.79	-£2,288.66
Utility Bills:	-£3,119.55	-£2,774.10
Donations Out:	-£686.94	-£1,808.32
Scout Hall Maintenance:	-£4,178.68	-£2,690.92
Scout Group Equipment & Materials:	-£4,319.07	-£3,457.81
Fund Raising Out:	-£1,982.61	-£1,448.39
Miscellaneous Out:	-£1,312.90	-£901.50
Payments Total	-£54,557.61	-£38,883.40

Treasurers Report

Financial Year: 2019-2020 (6th April 2019 to 5th April 2020)

Bank Accounts Summary

Opening Balance Current Account	£11,047.84	
Receipts	£50,734.80	
Payments	£54,557.61	
Balance Current Account as at Financial Year End	<u>£7,225.03</u>	
Balance No 2 Account as at Financial Year End	£11,909.43	Account used to receive online payments for activities and subs. (Monies transferred to main account when activity and subs complete)
Balance Reserve Account as at Financial Year End	£4,415.37	Reserve for one years running costs of Hall, should we have no income.

Note: If anyone would like to see our complete accounts please feel free to contact:

Group Treasurer: Clive Ambridge

Email: grouptreasurer@alsagerscoutgroup.org.uk

Committee Elections

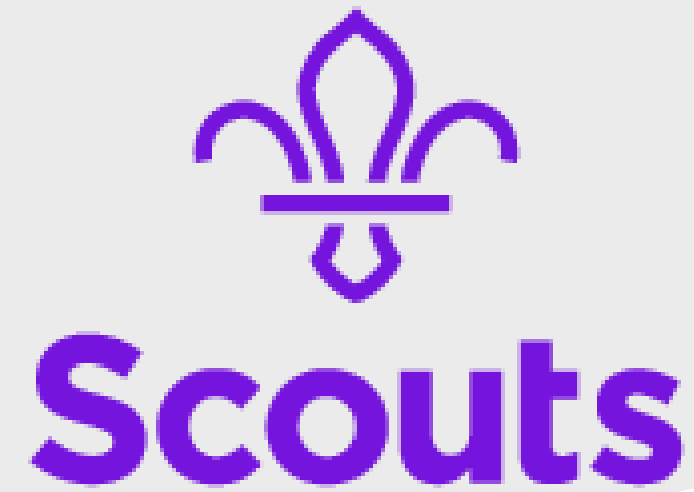
Group Chairman – Alan Smith

Group Secretary – Wendy Ambridge

Group Treasurer – Clive Ambridge

Group Administrator – Barbara Cheshire

U25 Representative – Shay Norman



District Commissioner

(Potteries North)

Dale Harrison

Adult Awards 2019-2020

Maureen Hollings (Beavers) – Chief Scout's Commendation for Good Service

Terry Hyde (Beavers) – Chief Scout's Commendation for Good Service

Sandra Knight (Beavers) – Chief Scout's Commendation for Good Service

David Ambridge (Scouts) – Chief Scout's Commendation for Good Service

Paul Ambridge (Cubs) – Chief Scout's Commendation for Good Service

Chris Heeks (Cubs) – Award for Merit

Judith Johnson (Cubs) – Award for Merit

Dave Huss (Scouts) – Bar to the Award for Merit

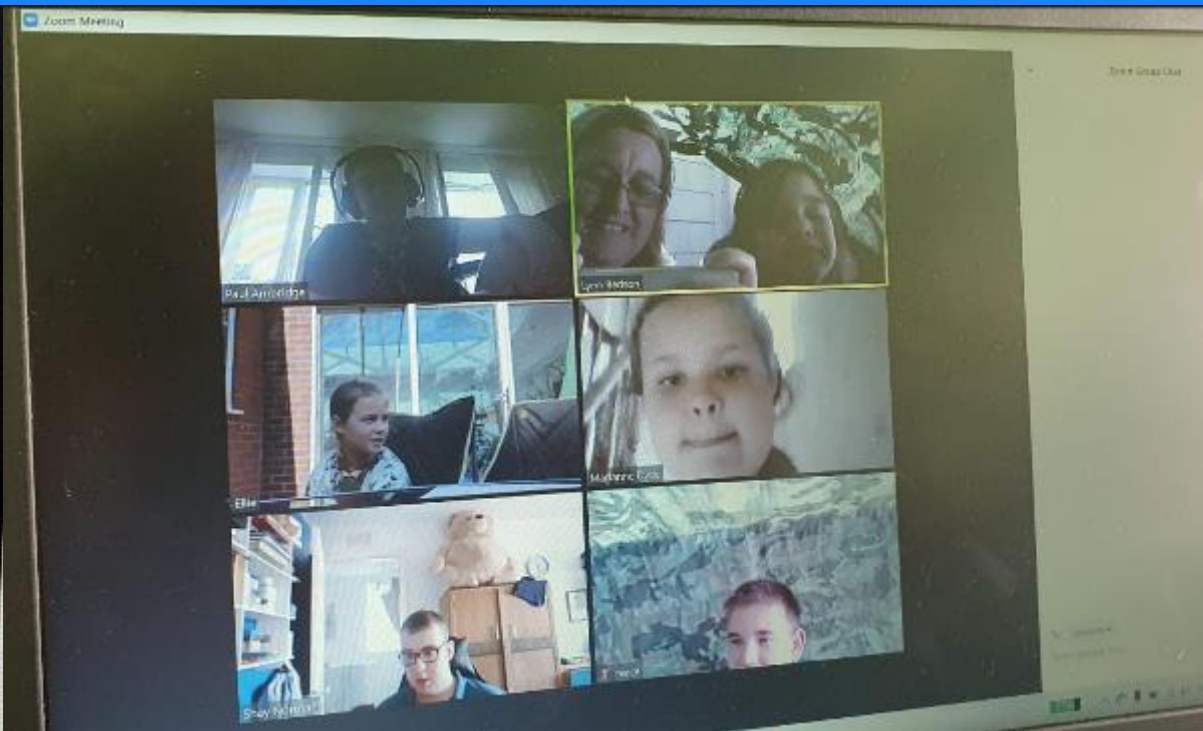


Don Longhurst (GSL) – British Empire Medal for Service to Community

Shay Norman (Cubs) – Queen's Scout Award

Close of formal business for 2019-20

Scouting during the Pandemic



UK Parliament Badge

- Alice C
- Albert C
- Sophie P
- Toby P
- Anya J
- Eadie J
- Isaac W
- Nathaniel H
- George E
- Alexander S
- Christopher B
- Jacob H
- Jonathan S



Virtual Scout Group

- Alice C
- Sophie P
- Isaac W
- Ethan W
- Eadie J
- Lily M
- Malachy A
- Albert C
- Nathaniel H
- Anya J
- Toby P

Great Indoors Level 1

- Jamie A

Great Indoors Weekender

- Alice C
- Sophie P
- Ethan W
- Albert C
- Toby P
- Lenura W

We had dozens more Beavers, Cubs, Scouts and Explorers take part in National and local Virtual Activities and badges and we hope to get these awarded as soon as possible

Phoenix Explorers
Return to Face-to-Face Scouting

Borrow Pit Games and Activities

For the first weekly meeting in September, the explorers took part in hide and seek games and a scavenger hunt.

Hike (Team Challenge)

Two teams of Phoenix Explorer members competed against each other to get to the scout hall in the quickest time possible. They started at two different locations which were equidistant from the finish points.

Team Games Night

On Cedar Avenue and Fanny's Croft, the unit was separated into teams to compete against each other in a variety of challenges, including Foot Golf, Spotlight Tag and Capture the Flags

Orienteering

To practise their map reading skills, the Phoenix members were challenged to find a range of orienteering markers in the quickest time possible.

Zoom for Self-Isolating Members

To support members of the unit who were self-isolating, Zoom sessions were held as well as face-to-face sessions. During these sessions, they did a variety of activities, including quizzes and charades.

Cycling with Alsager Harlequins

Led by members of Alsager Harlequins, the explorers took part in a cycle ride that covered more than 10 miles of the local roadways. They then ran a Sunday hike covering an impressive 26 miles. Many thanks to all members of Harlequins for their support.

Tennis at Alsager Tennis Club

With the support of tennis club members, Phoenix Explorers visited the club on a Thursday evening to develop their tennis skills on the newly-surfaced courts. Many thanks to Mark from the tennis club.

Alsager Photo Orienteering

Following a set of clues, the explorers took photographs of a range of locations in Alsager. Entries were then submitted to the Phoenix email account and prizes delivered to the winning team.

Night Hike from Sandbach

Starting on the Cobbles in Sandbach, the group hiked back to Alsager, walking over footpath, towpath and Salt Line.



Beavers Awards Due



Activity Badges

Communicator:

- Henry N
- Jamie A
- Thomas B

Gardener:

- Henry N

Photographer:

- Wilson J
- Marley G
- Jamie A
- Thomas B

Experiment:

- Leon M
- Thomas B

Book Reader:

- Jamie A
- Thomas B
- Sebastian M

Builder:

- Jamie A
- Thomas B

International:

- Jamie A

Space:

- Jamie A

Camp Craft:

- Thomas B

Challenge Awards

World Challenge:

- Noah S
- Leon M
- Jamie A
- Thomas B
- Sebastian M

Adventure Challenge:

- Wilson J
- Jamie A
- Thomas B

Outdoors Challenge:

- Wilson J
- Leon M
- Jamie A
- Marley G

- Thomas B

Skills Challenge:

- Wilson J
- Jamie A
- Thomas B

Personal Challenge:

- Wilson J
- Leon M
- Jamie A
- Jake V
- Thomas B
- Noah S
- Joel T

Teamwork Challenge:

- Wilson J
- Jamie A
- Thomas B

Chief Scout's Bronze Award

- Wilson J
- Jamie A
- Thomas B



Cub Awards Due

Activity Badges

Animal Carer:

- Ben D

Artist:

- Ben H
- Quinn A

Communicator:

- Leo H
- George H
- Emily B
- Felicity A
- Eleanor S
- Millie D
- Jennifer W
- Isaac P

Chef:

- William B
- Harrison M

Naturalist:

- Jake W
- Jensen B
- Alec S

Environmental Conservation:

- Emily B
- Eleanor S

Collector Activity:

- Jennifer W

Backwoods Cooking:

- Jennifer W

Astronomer:

- Alec S

Challenge Awards

Adventure Challenge:

- Leo H
- Millie D

Personal Challenge:

- Matilda B

Skills Challenge:

- William B
- Oliver E
- Ben H
- Quinn A
- Emily S

World Challenge:

- Jake W

- Eleanor S
- Jennifer W
- Charlie W

Team Leader Challenge:

- Felicity A
- Eleanor S
- Millie D

Teamwork Challenge:

- Felicity A
- Eleanor S
- Millie D

Chief Scout's Silver Award

- Annie C
- Matilda B
- Lenura W
- Emily B
- Eleanor S



Scout Awards Due

Activity Badges

Fire Safety:

Alice C
Sophie P
Albert C
Toby P

Chef:

Sophie P
Toby P

Challenge Awards

Team Leader:

Alice C

Creative:

Anya J

Teamwork:

Anya J

Climate Change Challenge

Alice C
Sophie P
Eadie J
Albert C
Nathaniel H
Anya J
Toby P



Staged Awards Due

STAGED BADGES

Nights Away 1:

- Jake V
- Alfie H
- Sebastian M
- Anya J

Nights Away 2:

- Poppy A
- Wilson J
- George W
- Marley G
- Sebastian M
- Jake O
- James W

Nights Away 3:

- Francesca T
- Harrison M

Nights Away 4:

- Jamie A
- Lexi M
- Eadie J
- Ben H
- Quinn A

Digital Maker 1:

- Thomas B

Nights Away 5:

- Thomas B
- Leo H
- William B
- Elizabeth B
- George H
- Zac T
- Charlie W
- Louie C
- Sophie P
- Jasper B
- Alexander H

Nights Away 10:

- Charlotte A

Nights Away 20:

- Ethan W

Nights Away 100:

- Cai E

Digital Citizen 1:

- Jamie A
- Leo H
- George H
- Joshua S

Air Activities 1:

- William B

Hikes 1:

- Finley B
- Nathaniel H
- Quinn A

Hikes 2:

- Thomas B
- Malachy A
- Anja J
- Toby P
- Alexander S

Navigator 1:

- William B

Navigator 3:

- Cai E
- George E
- Alexander S

Community Impact 2:

- Jennifer W

Emergency Aid 2:

- Jensen B
- Charlie W
- Alec S



Joining In Awards Due

1 Year:

- Evan H
- Alexander M
- Jacob E
- Henry N
- Matthew D
- Joel T
- Isa T
- Jake V
- Thomas B
- Sebastian M
- Arthur M
- Fenna W
- Matilda B
- Parry S
- Nathan H
- Lexi M
- Madison W
- Emmeline H
- Malachy A
- Kai B
- Jack S

2 Years:

- Samuel R
- Archie L
- Wilson J
- Kevin R
- George T
- Finley B
- Felicity A
- Francesca T
- Maxfield P
- Oliver T
- Wilfred C
- Jacob H
- Harrison M
- Albert W

3 Years:

- Elizabeth B
- Jake W
- Jensen B
- Isaac B
- Jake O
- Charlie W
- Christopher S
- Louie C
- Lily M
- James W
- Quinn A
- Emily S
- Isaac P
- Sebastian M

6 Years:

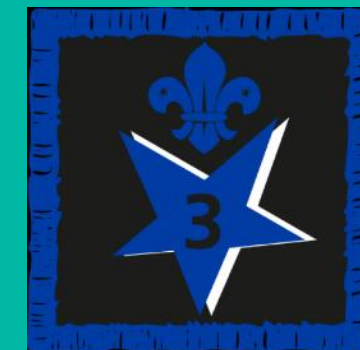
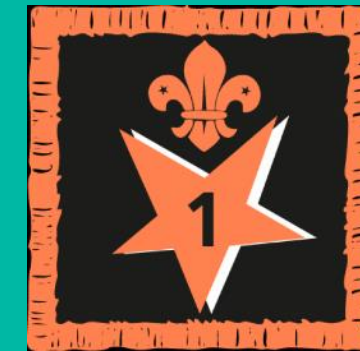
- Aidan M
- Albert C
- George P
- George E

4 Years:

- William B
- Emily B
- William B
- Jonathan S
- Jasper B
- Alexander H
- Charlotte A
- Alex G
- Ben H
- Eleanor S
- Millie D

5 Years:

- Leighton M
- Dexter S
- Nathaniel H
- Ethan C
- Alexander S
- Christopher B



**Do more.
Share more.
Be more.**

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