



## 2<sup>nd</sup> BEESTON SEA SCOUTS



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**2<sup>ND</sup> BEESTON SEA SCOUTS, LILAC GROVE,  
BEESTON, NOTTINGHAM, NG9 1PF  
RIVER BASE, BARTON ISLAND, ATTENBOROUGH (MAY TO SEPTEMBER)**

REGISTERED CHARITY NO: 522425

18<sup>th</sup> February 2020

Dear Parent, Guardian, Leaders, and Friends of 2nd Beeston.

What a good year we had in 2019 our big 90<sup>th</sup> year celebration, numbers grew in all sections, new leaders came to join us, we had our big party on one of the few lovely Saturdays last year Picnic in the Park and much more

What a good year 2020 is going to be. Our teams of leaders are all doing a great job in making 2<sup>nd</sup> Beeston the Group to belong too. Camps being organised for Cubs, Scouts and Explorers, Beavers off to Conkers, time on the water for all sections. Exciting meetings every week, archery sessions starting up again. Just a taste of what our young people will be able to join in with.

For those of you who have just had young people join the Group you may have heard of all the facilities we have but have not seen all of them yet, you will not be disappointed. We have the unique Barton Island, an Island in the middle of the Trent opposite Attenborough nature reserve it is a child's paradise and by child I mean anyone under 90. There will be opportunities through the year to come and see for your selves so please don't miss out.

We are very fortunate to have a good fleet of boats canoes etc. and this year there are taster's sessions for stand up paddle boarding. We want to get a couple of boards so the young people can expand their boating experience. Are you a boating person? Would you like to come along and share your knowledge while having a load of fun? We already do lots with our young people but we want to do more, adults coming along to help giving time when they can will make this happen.

Back this year opportunities to sail at Attenborough sailing club, what a great thing to learn how to do. We are going to do two sponsored events this year Beavers and Cubs (16<sup>th</sup> May) will be starting at the stone bridge at the bottom of Meadow Road and paddling/walking to Castle Marina and back, please support this event we need everyone there and please make sure when the forms are released you do your best to get as much sponsorship as you can. Because we do so much this Group costs a fortune to run so we rely on everyone to do their bit. Scouts and Explorers (27<sup>th</sup> June) are going to have a 24hour sail at Attenborough sailing club again a sponsored event so please do everything you can to support this event. This should be a really exciting event look out for the details

Did you realise that your leaders not only do a brilliant job but they are all volunteers, that's right, they get no financial reward in fact it costs them but they do it because they love it. Mad, maybe but it would not work without them so please if they ask for your support try to give it you will almost certainly enjoy it.

Do you use OSM (Online Scout Management)? <https://www.onlinescoutmanager.co.uk/features/parents.html>  
This is a really great way of you keeping in touch with what is happening? Do you struggle with computers? We can help, if you speak to one of the leaders they will arrange to help you which will in turn help them. What will it tell you? Up and coming events, how your young person is getting on with badges and much more take a look.

We are moving on with the replacement for Lilac Grove HQ. We know have the 25year lease which enables us to move forward, we are in the process of applying for planning permission and applying for

Grants. Do you know anyone we might approach for funding, we have around £85,000 but we need around £250,000. We will be having events as well so please support if you can.

We so need this new building so we are in a good place for the Group to be vibrant and keep doing what it has done for the last 90 years for the next 90 years.

We have started a very informal get together evening for everyone involved or interest in 2<sup>nd</sup> Beeston to come along to. We hold it at the Star Inn in Beeston and the next one will be on Tuesday 17th March 19.30 until late. Come for half an hour or make a night of it, up to you. We do try to get ideas to raise money but mainly it's about making everyone associated with 2<sup>nd</sup> Beeston feel a part of our community. Come and learn how it ticks, meet people instrumental in the smooth running of the Group you did not know existed. 2<sup>nd</sup> Beeston is a name, it is the people that make it what it is "A great place for all our young people to develop and progress".

Do you like a little flutter? Do you do the lottery? Have you heard of the Broxtowe Lottery?

Would you like the money that goes to good causes to directly help 2<sup>nd</sup> Beeston?

Did you know for every £1 stake 2<sup>nd</sup> Beeston gets 50p if you nominate it as your charity?

Did you know you could win £25,000?

Did you know you do all of this from your own computer or phone?

Spread the word and for very little effort 2<sup>nd</sup> Beeston will really benefit. <https://www.broxtowelotto.co.uk/>

This is meant to be a bit of fun so please only participate if you can afford it.

I want to promote the Broxtowe lottery to a wider audience. I have negotiated great terms to do this in Beeston Square once a month at the farmers market. We have a huge number of ex members still around Beeston who have very fond memories of their time with the Group many of whom I am sure we could convince to have a go. You know what is coming next!! I need help to make this work, if we can get enough people it would only be a couple of hours once a month. I am sure doing this would be some people's nightmare so I am after all of you who enjoy a chat. We can get people signed up and with the potential to raise the profile of the Group which always make our endeavours far easier to attain. Send me an email but don't think too long and talk yourself out of it!!

Don't forget the AGM 25<sup>th</sup> April 18.00 hours followed by Tony's Pig race should be a fun night at Lilac Grove. There will be tea, coffee and squash, if you prefer something a little stronger bring it along but please remember it is a family event. You will be able to purchase hot dogs and burgers from the BBQ. We usually have a good turnout for this so please let's get as many as we can and show other Groups how it is done.

Have you seen our web site, <http://www.2ndbeeston.org.uk/> and don't forget our facebook page, <https://www.facebook.com/2ndbeestonscouts>

It is a long letter because there is a lot of really good things to tell you and I have only really scratched the surface. Go on I know time is precious but so is the future of all the young people who come through our doors, we need a little bit from lots of people and a few more people who have time for a bigger commitment, could that be you?

Thank you for taking the time to read this, I hope it has inspired you if only a little.

Yours in Scouting

Pete  
Chairman