

## Interesting facts:



## TREES

Did you know you can find at least 10 different types of tree on Pepperpots land?  
How many can you find?

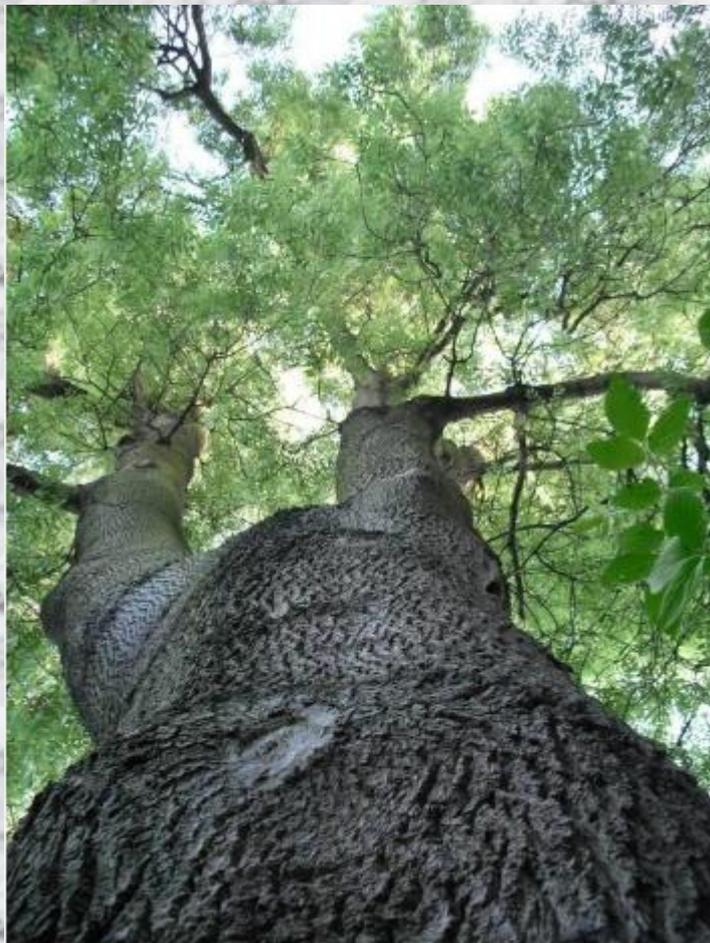
*Look for:*

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| Ash            | Birch         |
| Elder          | Hawthorn      |
| Horse Chestnut | Norway Spruce |
| Oak            | Rowan         |
| Sycamore       | Willow goat   |

There is a Tree Preservation Order on the trees at Pepperpots.

A recent visit from the Forestry Commission estimated that one of the trees could be up to 500 years old! We are going to see if we can get this pinned down a bit more - we need to get a few more measurements, but at the recommended girth measuring height of 1.2m, it is 3.55m around, and about 33m tall.

See if you can see me as you go around.



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### BUILDINGS

Did you know that the Ellis building is named after a Group Scout Leader in the not so distant past? You may see him around the site today. You can see what year the Ellis building was built. As our group continues to grow, the buildings and site morph with us. We continue to develop as and when fundraising allows.



Before the Ellis building the only hut was the white one in the car park area, now used as the Quarter Masters hut. This used to be used all year round for Venture scout meetings, and for other sectional meetings during the summer. Can you imagine how 'cosy' it used to be?

There are a couple of ideas for possible future development / wishlist to enable the group in it's growth and capacity to deal with the waiting lists. One is to add an extra hall - which would require a lot of fundraising and support. The other is to build an outdoor fire shelter a bit like this one from a camp near York. What do you think?



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### CAMPFIRE CIRCLE

Before the Ellis building was built, the campfire circle was located on a bank close to where Otter's steps are now. However this was filled in with earth moved for the foundations of the Ellis building. For a number of years we made do with a couple of fire pits (you can see these on the top plateau as they still get used for smaller fires occasionally) or altar fires - similar to the bbq we are cooking on today.

In 2007 we started work on a prime location for a new campfire circle to celebrate the Scouting Centenary. It is located towards the end of our bottom field close to our official bonfire site.



After much hard work we officially opened our campfire circle in 2008. The Mayor came to help us celebrate it and joined in with a traditional campfire.



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### **BATS**

We have Common Pipistrelle bats living on our site. They are the smallest bat found in Europe growing up to 5.2 cm long with a wing span of up to 25cm and weighing up to 8.5g. They can often be seen flying around the top pepperpot on warm summer evenings feeding on insects. The frequency of its call is 45 KHz which makes it easy to identify with a bat detector. The word Pipistrelle is derived from the Italian word Pipistrello which literally means bat!



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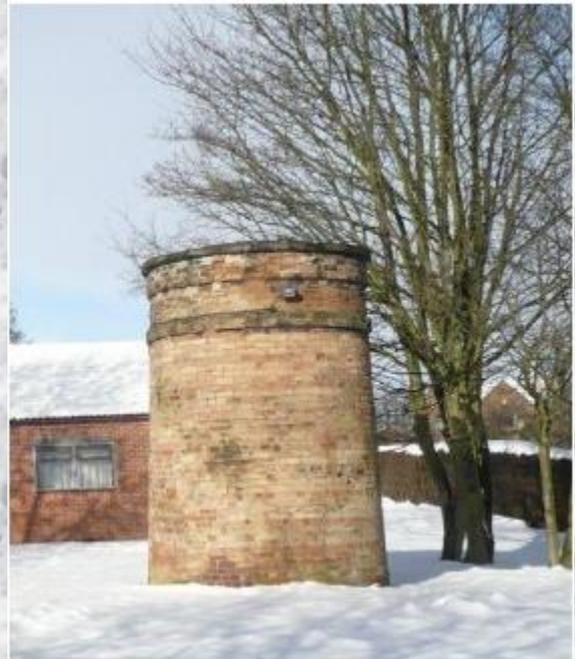
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### **PEPPERPOTS STRUCTURES**

We have named our site after the striking pepperpot like chimney structures that were built at the top of the shafts in the 19<sup>th</sup> century to ventilate the railway tunnel underneath the land.

Evidence of the old line route can be found along its course through Woodthorpe - the cutting at Arnold park, the raised bank in the Open Space (helicopter park), there is a tunnel entrance at a neighbouring scout group - 1<sup>st</sup> Arnold and Woodthorpe, on Weaverthorpe Road. The tunnel comes out past the borders of our land and is on other private land.

Have a look in with Hayden and Les who are with us today, they can tell you about the tunnel history and show you the principal behind building a tunnel.



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**FIREWORK & BONFIRE  
FUNDRAISING PUBLIC EVENT**

Our annual firework display is open to the public and we normally see a crowd on the bottom field of up to 800 people. We spend around £1000 on the fireworks and the display normally lasts about 25 minutes followed by the lighting of our huge bonfire. With so many people on site it takes a small army of volunteers to staff the event to keep it safe and our fireworks are lit by a fully trained firework team. With ticket and hot food sales we can make up to £3,000 on the night making it our biggest fundraising event of the year.



When you are on the bottom field you will see it's ideal positioning for the display, it is large enough to enable safe distance viewing. You will also see the ash remnants from the previous displays. We have many familiar return visitors.

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# **GROUP NAME & ST MARK'S SPONSORSHIP**

We are 3rd Woodthorpe (St Mark's) Scout Group, and have been for nearly 60 years (2015 is our big birthday!).



We originally used to meet on the site of the current Woodthorpe library before the current St Mark's church was built. The above photo was taken outside the library in July 1956 of our then cub pack. Some of our sections continue to meet at the Church Hall during the winter months, moving up to Pepperpots during the summer. Faith has always been a part of providing a balanced scouting programme along with outdoor activities, life skills and respect. Scouting is non-denominational, and remains one of the biggest and diverse youth uniformed organisations around.

We have three church parades each year, where we join in with the family service. For the last 6 years we have also helped to organise a Remembrance Service for the uniformed organisations in Woodthorpe: 3<sup>rd</sup> Woodthorpe, 1st Arnold and Woodthorpe, and the Brownie and guides. Families of our scouts are very welcome to join in these services.

St Mark's Church are here today in the main hall, go and say 'hi'.

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### FUNDRAISING

Although each scout member pays subs this has to provide in addition to the running of the weekly programme: member insurance cover, building rent, maintenance, and occasionally subsidy towards camps, trips, etc. We have a fantastic site in Peppers but we suffer from bill increases the same as everyone. We run gardening and maintenance sessions for parent volunteers regularly during the growing months and prep to make things sound for the winter months - this enables us to promote the family atmosphere we aim to achieve within 3<sup>rd</sup> Woodthorpe, and it helps us to keep subs down without hiring regular maintenance staff.

We do like to run fundraisers to provide for specific items such as new equipment, the new storage area, further building development, etc. A few examples are the collecting of Sainsburys Active Kids vouchers - we do this every time they run it. These tend to be used to replace camp equipment, especially the cooking equipment each year in the patrol boxes.

Another event which has become popular is the 3W Family Pub Quiz, hosted by Badger - it is quite an effect when everyone starts singing in the music section!



We are hoping to get the block car race out for another go - this takes an initial outlay so we need to gauge interest. We have it set up in the main hall with some past cars (more photos are available on our website - [www.3wscouts.org.uk](http://www.3wscouts.org.uk)). We had prizes for fastest, scariest, best paintwork, funniest, etc. Have a look and see what you think - it's a popular one with the scouts to do with Grandpa!

Do you have any ideas? Would you be prepared to (help) organise something as a one off? You will also find an 'ideas' tree in the main hall with some post-it notes. Please fill in a 'leaf' and stick it on the tree, and we'll go through them at the next committee meeting.