

2ND ROMFORD SCOUT GROUP

England & Wales - Charity number 1013049

Details

Status Registered

Legal form Other

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Activities

Objects: THE INSTRUCTION OF BOYS OF ALL CLASSES IN THE PRINCIPLES OF DISCIPLINE, LOYALTY AND GOOD CITIZENSHIP.

Activities: Scouting.

Classification

- **How:** Provides Buildings/facilities/open Space
- **What:** Education/training
- **Who:** Children/young People

Geography

- Essex
- Havering

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-03-31	£40,667	£21,620	-	-
2024-03-31	£28,799	£21,346	-	-
2023-03-31	£25,041	£23,768	-	-
2022-03-31	£28,734	£12,980	-	-
2021-03-31	£27,463	£5,577	-	-

Trustees

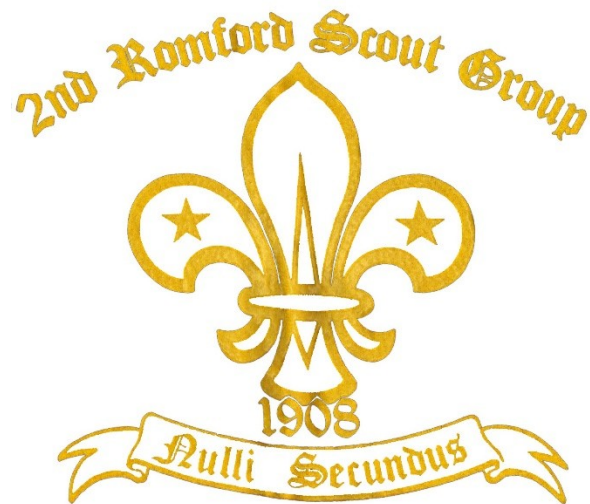
Name	Role	Appointed
David Perceval-Broadfield	Chair	2024-06-10
Brandon Osborne		2024-06-09
Christopher Bennett		2025-10-08
Emma Jermain		2020-04-01
Jacqueline Anne Peatfield		2020-04-01
Julia Moran		2021-09-23
Liam Moore		2020-04-01
Lydia Omodara		2025-06-08
Sarah Jane Osborne		2020-04-01
Stephanie Barber		2025-06-08
Susan Kim Sparks		2020-04-01

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**2nd Romford Scout Group
Annual General Meeting**

8th June 2025

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AGM 2025 agenda

- 1. Introduction and welcome**
- 2. Apologies for absence**
- 3. Governance topics**
 - a. Approve the minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 6th June 2024
 - b. Note the current financial year
 - c. Agree the maximum number of members that may be appointed to the Trustee Board as 12
 - d. Agree the quorum for future meetings of the Group Scout Council (excluding this AGM) as 20
- 4. Review of the previous year**
 - a. Receive and consider the team leader's annual reports for the sections
 - b. Receive and consider the annual report of the Group Lead Volunteer
 - c. Receive and consider the annual report of the Group Trustee Board
 - d. Receive and consider the treasurer's report, including the annual Statement of the Accounts
 - e. Receive and consider the annual report of the Group Chair
 - f. Review of the 5 year plan
- 5. Making appointments**
 - a. Appoint the Group Chair as David Perceval-Broadfield
 - b. Appoint the Group Treasurer as Jackie Peatfield
 - c. Appoint members of the Group Trustee Board
 - d. Apoint the Scrutineer as Stephen Palmer
- 6. District representatives**
- 7. AGM closing remarks**
- 8. Awards presentation**

Minutes of AGM held 6th June 2024

MINUTES OF AGM HELD 06/06/2024

The Meeting was held at Crow camp from 3pm to 5pm

Sarah Osbourne (GLV) introduced herself, welcomed Cheryl from District and explained why we hold an AGM and then handed the Meeting over to The Chairperson Scott Miller.

The Meeting was chaired by Scott Miller (Chairperson) who welcomed everyone to Crow Camp.

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE; Liam Moore Brandon Osborne Emma Jermain

2023 MINUTES

The Minutes from the 2023 AGM (copy attached in the 2024 brochure sent out to all) were forwarded by Scott Miller and Seconded by Julie Leeper and a show of hands to approve.

The Chair proposed that the Group Trustee Board adopts the POR (copy in 2024 brochure) and was Seconded by Robert Leeper and a show of hands to approve.

The Chair advised that due to changes to the Governance code the Trustee Board require a minimum of 5 and no more than 12 Trustees. This was approved, and Seconded by Julia Moran.

He also advised that the Group Scout Council agrees to set a quorum of 20 for future Meetings, this was Seconded by Bethany Murteira and a show of hands to approve.

ACCOUNTS

The Chair thanked Jackie Peatfield (Treasurer) for her ongoing work and support to the Group (A copy of the Accounts are in the 2024 brochure)

The Meeting was then handed to Sarah (GLV) who reiterated the ongoing 5 year plan for 2nd Romford Scouts (details in the 2024 brochure)

SECTION REPORTS

Becca Snell read the Squirrel Section Report (copy in 2024 brochure)

Sophie Osborne read the Beaver Section Report (copy in 2024 brochure)

Robert Leeper read the Cub Section Report (copy in 2024 brochure)

Tony Osborne read the Scout Section Report (copy in 2024 brochure)

Sarah advised that if anyone wishes to help the Group as a Leader, Trustee, Occasional helper to please contact her or any Leader or trustee for further information.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

GLV recommended that Scott Miller be appointed as Group Chair and a show of hands was made for approval.

Group Chair: Recommended that Jackie Peatfield be appointed as Treasurer

Recommended that Julie Leeper and Sue Sparks be appointed as Trustees

Recommended that Liam Moore be appointed as Quartermaster

Recommended that Julia Moran, Emma Jermain and David Perceval-Broadfield be appointed as parent representatives.

Recommended that Brandon Osborne be appointed as 18-25 representative.

LM, EJ & BO whilst not present, have agreed in writing to become/remain a Trustee

All appointments were agreed by a show of hands.

The Chair confirmed that Stephen Palmer had been proposed, seconded and is qualified to Scrutineer the Accounts.

Sarah Osborne then presented the following awards to Group Members:

SQUIRRELS

Kind Squirrel - Theo Pipe

Helpful Squirrel - Oliver Murtiera

Leaders Squirrel - Lucas Marshall

BEAVERS

Team Player - Henry Martin

Doing their Best - Grayson Nualls

Kindest Beaver (voted by Beavers) - Leo Pearce

Sophies Choice - Joshua Easton

CUBS

Six of the Year - Yellow Six (99 points) - Kieron Jermain (sixer), Tilly Southey (second), Jude Stanton, Amen Nosa-Exbuomwan, Inaaya Shaikh

Cubs Cub - Alex Game

Leaders Cub - Aaran Mashru

Most Growth - Lewis Mead

Beyond Cubs - Tilley Southey

SCOUTS

Commitment - Alicia Moran

Caring - Rosie Rodway

Team Player - Dominic Jermain

Enthusiasm - Willow Snell

Scouts Choice - Dominic Jermain

GROUP

Young Leader - Imogen Snell

Leader - Chris Knight (Chris 1)

Trustee - Jackie Peatfield (Treasurer)

Trustees annual report
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025
CHARITY NO 1013049

Trustees'

David Perceval-Broadfield	Chair
Sue Sparks	Secretary
Jackie Peatfield	Treasurer
Sarah Osborne	Group Lead Volunteer
Liam Moore	Quartermaster
Emma Jermain	Parent Representative
Julia Moran	Parent Representative
Lydia Omodara	Parent Representative
Stephanie Barber	Parent Representative
Brandon Osborne	Trustee (under 25 representative)

All trustees have agreed that they are willing to remain on the trustee board and continue to hold the responsibility of trustee. Lydia has done so in writing as she is unable to attend the AGM.

Structure, Governance and Management

The Group's governing documents are those of The Scout Association. They consist of a Royal Charter, which in turn gives authority to the Bye Laws of the Association and the Policy, Organisation and Rules of The Scout Association.

The Group is a Trust established under its rules which are common to all Scouts. The Trustees are appointed in accordance with the Policy, Organisation and Rules of The Scout Association.

The Group is managed by the Group Trustees board (formerly called the Group Executive Committee), the members of which are the 'Charity Trustees' of the Scout Group which is an educational charity. As charity trustees they are responsible for complying with legislation applicable to charities. This includes the registration, keeping proper accounts and making returns to the Charity Commission as appropriate.

The trustee board consists of independent representatives, Chair and Treasurer together with the Group Lead Volunteer (formerly Group Scout Leader) and Parent representation and meets about 4 times a year.

This Group trustee board exists to support the Group Leadership team in meeting the responsibilities of the appointments and is responsible for:-

- The maintenance of the Group property
- The raising of funds and the administration of Group Finance
- The insurance of persons, property and equipment

Group Public occasions

Assisting in the recruitment of Leaders and other adult support

Appointing any sub committees that may be required

Objectives and Aims

The objectives of the group are as a unit of The Scout Association.

The aim of the Scout Association is to promote the development of young people in achieving their full physical, intellectual, social and spiritual potentials, as individuals, as responsible citizens and as members of their local, national and international communities.

The method of achieving the Aim of the Association is by providing an enjoyable and attractive scheme of progressive training, based on the Scout Promise and Law and guided by adult leadership.

The Group has a strong, experienced and dedicated volunteer leader team and welcomes new volunteers who bring with them enthusiasm and fresh ideas.

Achievements and Performance

The Group offers an active program of section night activities, day trips and night away experiences. There have been numerous section and Group experiences open to all members.

The Trustees declare that they have approved the Trustees' report above.

Treasurers Report Year End 31 March 2025

The Group's policy on reserves is to hold sufficient resources to keep its HQ building in good repair, replace equipment when needed and continue the charitable activities of the group should income and fundraising activities fall short.

The Group held reserves of approximately £102,725 at year end.

There were some expenditures this year on hall repairs/improvements. Some of this work has continued into the next financial year.

Looking forward into 2025/26 the Group's reserves will enable the hall costs to be met as well as the building of a new stores and upgrade/repair/replace the group's camping equipment when required.

The financial position of the Group is regularly reviewed by the trustee board.

Income and Expenditure Account
For the Year Ended 31 March 2024
Charity No: 1013049

2024		2025
£	INCOME	£
7478.51	Subscriptions	9315.74
521.85	Gift Aid	491.69
10374.50	Hall Hire	9991.50
	Minibus Scrappage	9400.00
53.45	Fundraising	0.00
500.00	Restricted Donations	300.00
1618.23	Donations	155.00
	Section Activities & District Events	2007.61
1600.10	Bank Interest	1922.38
<u>6652.48</u>	Camp Fees	<u>7083.43</u>
28799.12		40667.35
	 EXPENDITURE	
2530.00	Membership	3136.00
1564.10	Motor Expenses	-533.79
	Minibus Hire	1494.66
1167.12	Buildings Insurance	1241.35
3177.71	Heat & Light	1321.96
306.71	Water	333.97
3418.81	Section Expenses	1627.29

114.10	Leader Training/1st Uniform	110.76
6663.19	Camp Expenses	6782.41
	Section Activities & District Events	2816.04
12.86	Miscellaneous	166.82
0.00	Bank Charges	2.83
439.20	Wi Fi & Website	403.20
1593.92	Equipment	1557.81
	Restricted Expenditure	302.62
<u>358.27</u>	Repairs and Hall Maintenance	<u>856.43</u>
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7453	Surplus/Deficit for the year	19047

Balance Sheet
For the Year Ended 31 March 2025
Charity No: 1013049

2024		2025
£		£
Current Assets		
3359.42	Current Account (Treasurers Account)	7475.46
15571.35	Deposit Account	19299.78
63928.43	32 Day Notice Account	75622.38
0.01	Go Cardless	0.01
256.46	Group Petty Cash	0
<u>562.00</u>	Equals Prepay Card	<u>327.03</u>

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Current Liabilities

0

0

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Represented By

76225

Opening Balance

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Surplus/Deficit for the year

19047

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Scrutineers formal report

Independent examiner's report to David Perceval-Broadfield, Chairman of 2nd Romford Scout Group and Sarah Osborne, Group Lead Volunteer at 2nd Romford Scout Group.

Purpose

The purpose of this report is to submit my findings from the work I have undertaken as an Independent Examiner of the 2nd Romford Scout Group Accounts submitted to me for the year to end March 2025. I am submitting an unqualified report (for a non company charity preparing receipts and payments accounts) with a gross income of £250,000 or less in the relevant financial years. In conducting the examination and preparing this report I have again had the full and open support of the Treasurer for which I am grateful.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the Charity Chairman of the Trust you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act'). I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and, in carrying out my examination, I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. Accounting records were not kept in respect of the Trust as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. The accounts do not accord with those records.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Other Issues for Consideration

I have no issues to raise as a consequence of my examination of this year's accounts. I have however noted the need to undertake heating and floor remedial work in 2025/26. Subject to the extent and value of this work it would be helpful to have the outcomes and final expenditure annotated in next year's accounts.

Signed: Stephen Palmer

Name: Stephen Palmer, Chartered Information Technology Professional, Fellow of the British Computer Society, Fellow of the Society of Information Technology Management. Retired Senior Deputy Director of Residents Services at the London Borough of Hillingdon.

Address: 34 Hempstead Road, Holt, Norfolk, NR25 6DF

Date: 13th May 2025

Chairperson report 2025

I would like to thank all the parents carers, guardians, friends, Squirrels, Beavers, Cubs, Scouts and our amazing leaders and team members for attending the Group Annual General Meeting for 2025.

This is my first year as chairperson for 2nd Romford and it has been an absolute privilege to be part of a hardworking, dedicated, passionate, fun team. I have been able to see the hard work pay off as my youngest son is a cub and I have been able to witness the hard work and thought processes that go on behind the scenes into the running all of the group sections for the benefit of our young people; giving them skills for life to aid them in whatever life path they decide to take - the future teachers, law makers, doctors, chefs or even a Prime Minister or two! The world is their oyster and 2nd Romford is supporting their growth to become even more amazing.

Without the continued support of you parents, carers and guardians none of this would be possible and I personally would like to thank you all for helping our team make things possible for all our young people.

Financial update: for another year the trustee board has managed and maintained the finances and I am pleased to report that 2nd Romford is in a healthy financial situation. This has enabled us to carry out well needed repairs to the hall and to buy new equipment for our sections to use such as tents. The subs you pay go into making all of this possible. Thank you Jackie for being the numbers whiz and managing the accounts.

Engagement update: as of our last trustee committee meeting we currently have 12 squirrels, 23 beavers, 19 cubs and 30 scouts. That is amazing numbers. In regards to volunteers we currently have around 35 people giving up their time to support our young people in developing useful life skills and exploring the amazing world around them. There have been many camps, days out and also the St George's Parade that 2nd Romford has been involved in and the feedback from all of this from our young people, parents, carers and guardians has been positive so thank you to all who have been involved and have made these opportunities available.

The Team: if it was not for the amazing team of second Romford, none of this would be possible and I feel that they need to be acknowledged. First and foremost our group lead volunteer Sarah followed by our our Squirrels section Becca, Flora, Shiv, Becky, Kasey and Amelia. for our beavers section Sophie, Chris, Debbie, Tim, Kit and Val. For our cub section, Robert, Matthew, Becca, Anthony, Emma, Chris, Ben, Faye and Alex. And finally from our Scout section Tony, Liam, Michael, Brandon, Nikki, Sky, Sarah, Mark, Jermain, Scott, Imogen, Harry, Noah, and Elena. Thank you all so much for giving up your time and the efforts you put into making scouting fun and accessible for all of our young people.

The committee: Finally I would like to thank the 2nd Romford committee members for all your hard work and supporting all the sections. The committee as it currently stands is Sarah as the group leader, Jackie who is the numbers whiz, Sue who has the hard job of doing the minutes (as we often go off on tangents during our conversations), Julia, Emma, Brandon and Liam. Also as a side note we are always looking for parents, carers or guardians to join the committee so if you are interested, please grab one of us to talk to.

On that note I will leave you to the rest of your afternoon again thank you all for coming along and supporting 2nd Romford . Your support is greatly appreciated. Be yourself and embrace it!

David Perceval-Broadfield 2nd Romford Committee Chair Person

Group lead volunteer (GLV) report 2025

I would like to thank you all for attending the AGM today, it is reassuring to see so many parents showing a keen interest in their children's Scouting. The Group couldn't thrive without the commitment of the grownups.

You may not know that 2nd Romford Scout Group have been Scouting since 1908. Although an incredible amount has changed in that time within Scouting and of course the wider world, our aim to provide quality Scouting to local children hasn't changed, and I hope you can see the hard work that goes into running the weekly sessions, camps and other events.

Scouting, and specifically 2nd Romford mean a lot to me personally. I am immensely proud of this group, of what we achieve for the young people in our care, of the selflessness of everyone involved in it. I spend a lot of hours Scouting, both planning / prep and also the practical attendance and running of sessions, events, camps and training. I am often asked by non-scout people why I do it, why I spend so much of my time working for free for the benefit of other people's children. Actually, articulating my reasons so they can be understood can be difficult. I guess that being a tiny part in so many young people's journey into adult hood, helping in some small way to develop them into good, well-rounded people makes me feel that I am doing something worthwhile, and ultimately making the world just a miniscule better. It brings me a deeply satisfying joy. Hearing adults who have been through the group as youth members whilst I have been volunteering here talk about how much it meant to them is both humbling and gives me reassurance that what we do matters.

As always, I would like to take this opportunity to thank the leaders and young leaders - without you volunteering scouting in 2nd Romford simply would not happen. You all juggle your work, home and social lives to fit in Scouting and I know personally how hard this can be. As the Group lead volunteer I count myself fortunate indeed to have you all. It is a literal statement that I couldn't do it without you all.

To our trustees, thank you for your support and for working with me to continue to sustain and develop 2nd Romford to make it a little better each year. Making sure that the group runs, and runs properly and well is important. You are both governance and with the parent representative trustees also you are transparency.

All the adults in 2nd Romford are genuinely a good bunch, I sometimes refer to it as my 2nd Romford 2nd Family, and often that it is how it feels. I am a very lucky Scouter.

As has been said at so many Scout AGM's before..... we are always looking for more adult help and if you are willing, even as just a one off please let us know, we never turn down offers of help. Share your interests and hobbies with us, let us use your knowledge and skills. You are always welcome.

Sarah Osborne - 2nd Romford Group lead volunteer

Squirrel Scout section report 2025

The last year has been a very exciting time for 2nd Romford Squirrels.

Last summer we said goodbye to several Squirrels who had bene with us since the very beginning and completed a whole 2 years as Squirrels Scouts. In September we reduced in numbers to 12 Squirrels due to ratios.

Last September we celebrated our 2nd birthday with a drey party and in February Squirrels joined the Beavers for a sleep over. 6 Squirrels stayed over which was fantastic and they all had great fun. Thank you to the Beaver leaders for accommodating us.

In the past year we've been on lots of adventures including a Litter pick in Collier Row, a Hike in Havering Park, a Chip hike for which the squirrels drew they own maps and planned their kit list; and a visit to Wellgate Farm.

We've had visits from the fire brigade and the police and we've tried Irish dancing for St Patrick's Day, tasted Asian food for Lunar New Year and made pancakes for Shrove Tuesday. We've also visited the park and discovered the bug hotel and in November Scouts Young Leader Harry visited and read us a poem that he'd written in school for Remembrance Day. We also planted poppy seeds but I don't think any of them grew! We even invited some reptiles, creepy crawlies and birds of prey to visit us and the squirrels were very brave handing some of the unusual visitors including a Millipede and crickets.

Last year on Earth Day the Squirrels made pledges on how they will take care of the planet – and they can still be seen on our board in the Scout Hall.

In May 2024 we took part in the inaugural District Squirrels Sports Day at which we came 2nd (although I still say we were robbed of that!) as well as the District Teddy Bears Picnic and we joined other dreys for a Christmas show at 4th Collier Row. And in April 2024 Squirrels once again joined the rest of 2nd Romford at the St George's Day parade.

We've given out loads of activity badges and several of our squirrels have earned their Chief scout Acorn award – the highest award a Squirrel Scout can achieve. They've all worked really hard to earn their badges and have had lots of fun in the process.

As a section leader I rely so much on my amazing team of leaders helping every week (and in between meetings too!), and we welcomed a new leader – Shiv – to the group! So thanks so much to Flora and Shiv for your support, creativity and dedication to our drey. And thank you too to our Young leaders Kasey and Amelia who give up their Mondays – and sometimes weekends too – to help. I must also give honourable mention to Becky, Faye and Tim who have all stepped in at short notice to help and to the lovely Squirrel parents who stay to help us run our sessions. We always welcome parents to help out! And of course thank you to Sarah who provides support and advice at all hours of the day!

We can't wait for next year as we already have lots of exciting plans and adventures to look forward to!

Becca Snell - Squirrel section team leader

Beaver Scout section report 2025

It's been another fantastic year for our Beaver colony, full of friendship, fun, and adventure—just as we promise in our Beaver Scout motto!

This year, we've had the excitement of not one, but two camps. Our annual Beavers-only outdoor camp returned by popular demand, with many beavers returning from the previous year and lots of new faces joining in. From sleeping in tents and lighting fires to the all-important task of washing up—yes, the Beavers really do it themselves—it was a brilliant opportunity for them to build independence and confidence.

We also introduced a new winter sleepover alongside the Squirrels, themed all around Christmas. One of the highlights? Snuggling up in sleeping bags with popcorn and watching *The Grinch*—an instant hit with everyone involved.

We've also been active in a number of District events this year, including:

- **Beaver Sports Day** – where our young people showed amazing team spirit, cheering each other on and giving every activity their best effort.
- **The District Christmas Theatre Show** – a festive treat enjoyed by both Beavers and leaders alike!
- **Adventure Day at Chigwell Row Campsite** – our first time attending, and what a day it was! The Beavers had the chance to try 12 exciting activities like archery, caving, go-karts, and a Beaver favourite: making campfire donuts.
- **St George's Day Parade** – a proud day for the entire District. This year, our colony had the honour of taking part in the colour party as we paraded through Collier Row, followed by a fun pantomime of St George and the Dragon, which the Beavers absolutely loved.

Back in our weekly sessions, we've been just as busy. While I could talk for hours about everything we've done, here are just a few highlights:

- Making puppets and performing puppet shows
- Learning the Beaver Scout promise in sign language
- Creating stickmen and going on scavenger hunts in our local country parks
- Our newly introduced boogie sessions at beavers where at the end of a session we dance it out.

We've also worked toward a wide range of badges, including the Youth Shaped, Disability Awareness, Space, Skills Challenge, and Adventure Challenge badges.

Many of our Beavers have been recognised as Beaver of the Week or Beaver of the Term, celebrating their kindness, helpfulness, and all-around brilliant behaviour. And this year, we had several of our older Beavers achieve the Chief Scout's Bronze Award—the highest honour a Beaver can earn. A huge well done to them!

Our colony has grown massively over the last year. At one point, we reached an amazing 33 Beavers—the largest we’ve been in a very long time. Even with some of our Beavers moving up to Cubs, we still have a thriving group of 25, which is more beavers than we had at this time last year.

I can’t talk about our amazing colony without giving a heartfelt thank you to my incredible leadership team: Debbie, Chris, Tim, and Kit. Your dedication and energy make everything we do possible—Beavers simply couldn’t run without you.

Looking ahead, we’re already excited for more adventures, including the next District Beaver Giant Hike and, of course, our next 2nd Romford Beaver Camp. Our aim remains the same: to honour the Beaver promise by creating a fun, supportive, and inspiring environment where children can learn, grow, and make lifelong friendships.

And finally, to all our Beavers—thank you. You make 2nd Romford the best Beaver colony ever!

Sophie – Beaver section team leader

Cub Scout section report 2025

Welcome to the 2nd Romford AGM 2025. We have had an incredibly busy year, with a variety of things going on, which has kept us all on our toes!

Badges are an important part of our programme, helping us to provide a balanced set of activities and reward the Cubs for their hard work. We have awarded a variety of different badges over the last year. All were well deserved and well done to those who achieved them.

Particular congratulations should go out to the Cubs who achieved their Chief Scout's Silver award - Scarlett, Maria, Ariana, Tilly, Kieron and Alex. The Chief Scout's Silver award is the highest award that a Cub can receive, so it is a fantastic achievement.

Over the past year we have attended many camps and events. We have been away on 2 camps as a Pack. Firstly we went to Chigwell Row in October last year. The cubs did a range of activities from body zorbing to hiking, and we cooked a lovely meal on the fire (although it was a bit dark!). In February we staged a sleepover at the hall where we played some games and went fishing for pizza. We also went away to Thorrington near Colchester in May, hiking, visiting the beach and pier in Clacton and spending our last night in the archery hall! The Sixers went away with other Sixers from around the District to do some more adventurous activities without the youngsters. We also attended the District Sleepover at Ninja Warrior, where the Cubs got run around the Ninja Warrior obstacles and then proceeded to not sleep!

We have attended both the District Cub competitions held this year. The Scooter Rally is always a laugh. We didn't place but I managed to win the Leader race, extending my run of victories to 4 successive years. We also attended the St. George's and Maureen Preston competitions, testing Scouting skills from fire lighting to knots. We came 2nd in the St George's competition, which is a fantastic result. Congratulations to the Cubs, not just for the success but also for wearing the old gold scarf with pride and showing everyone why we are the best group in the world.

On our normal Cub nights we have taken part in a variety of activities, both inside and outside of the hall. Much of our time in the last year or so has been spent on the You Shape Challenge, where the Cubs plan and run their own evenings. This has led to us doing all sorts of things, from football and rugby to malign paper squashies and kites, hosting quizzes and talent shows and hiking, amongst other things. It's been great to see all the ideas that the Cubs have had and hopefully they've seen how much effort goes into planning a night at Cubs!

None of what we have managed to achieve and experience this year would be possible without the fantastic team of Leaders –Becca, Anthony, Matthew, Emma, Faye, Alex and Chris and Ben who help out when they can around their university commitments. They give up their time, often more than the hour and a half a week that they were lured in with. They are all volunteers and without them we wouldn't be able to do what we do.

Finally, thanks to you, the parents, carers and guardians, for your continued support and engagement. We can only give the Cubs what we do if you are willing to ferry them around, give up your time and encourage them. They are a credit to you and will all grow into great young adults (after the dodgy teenage years).

Over the next year we will be continuing to do lots of great activities and I look forward to telling you all about them next year!

Robert Leeper – Cub section team leader

Scout section report 2025

We've had a packed program over the last year during which we awarded our scouts a selection of 40 different badges for activities such as Scientist, Camper, Craft, Orienteer, Expedition, My Faith, Nights Away, the YouShape Central and lead badges. There are a lot of badges you can earn in the Scout section.

Since the last AGM we have attended numerous events and camps.

Some of our scouts attended the District survival camp in April, which includes taking part in emergency first aid scenarios on the Saturday, they had to sleep in bivvies that they made themselves, and on the Sunday prepare and cook a fish. Their bivvies are basically a piece of tarp!

For the first time we entered two teams in the Waltham Walk hiking competition in May, which is a 16 mile incident hike with fun activities at each checkpoint along the route which is completed over two days. We entered teams in 2 sections and both teams were exhausted at the end, but also full of positives.

We attended the District Franklin skills camp in June which tests the scouts camping skills such as campsite layout and tent pitching, safe use of an axe and saw, first aid, pioneering and their cooking abilities. We entered two teams and although we didn't win I know that this is one of the Scouts favourite events in the District calendar. With this years Franklin looming maybe we can bring that trophy home this year.

In August we went to Derbyshire for our summer camp where the scouts did lots of fun activities such as a high ropes challenge, hiking, along with a visit to Alton Towers theme park. The weather was really good to us, which is always a bonus. This is a highlight of our year and I know that the Scouts who have been always have fun.

In December the Scouts went tubing for our Christmas treat. This was really great fun, but tiring for the leaders who had to continually push the Scouts down the slope, there is definitely a physical element to being a Scout leader.

In January we had our group winter camp at Thorrington in Colchester where we had some fun activities, a Christmas roast dinner with decorations and a Christmas tree. This year as the Scout troop is so big we didn't invite the younger sections. Although they were missed it didn't stop us having fun. We even sent anonymous Christmas cards with nice messages.

We had some scouts compete in the District Orienteering Competition in March which is usually an event that everyone enjoys, although I couldn't be there it was great that some of the other leaders were able to ensure that our young people still had the opportunity to take part.

I would like to thank the scout section leaders for all their hard work, dedication, and enthusiasm. I would also like to thank our GSL, the Exec, and all those in the other sections who have helped out at various times of the year.

Tony – Scout Section team leader

5 year plan review - update

1. Retention of members

- a) Scouts running younger sections at least termly
This has been scheduled into the programme and we are looking to have them take more responsibility in running activities that fit in with the planned programme.
- b) Winter camp being a group activity
Winter camp was not able to be a Group activity. This is primarily due to space. We will consider whether this can be facilitated next year, but the success of the Group means that we would struggle to find accommodation that would meet our needs. To balance that there are plans for a Group camp later this year.
- c) Family fun days being organised
We will incorporate a family fun day into our Group camp, inviting family to come for the day and join in our scheduled activities.
- d) Balanced and well planned programme
The programme is balanced with a renewed focus on the challenge badges and fun. The programme is reviewed regularly. There has been an emphasis on allowing the youth members to plan and run the programme working towards the Youshape award.

2. Squirrels

- a) Adequate number of leaders
Squirrels currently has 3 regular leaders, and some others who assist where needed. This is sufficient and there are other parents who will help if one leader cannot attend. This will need to be periodically reviewed.
- b) Appropriate equipment
There still hasn't been a need to buy much equipment specifically for the Squirrels.
- c) Ensuring we have members
With several other dreys now open in the District further recruitment may be necessary in the future. Currently we are maintaining low numbers, partly due to leader numbers but also to better manage the numbers in the Beaver section.
- d) Regular reviews to see how things are going and how they can be improved
The programme is reviewed regularly. There are regular meetings with the leadership team.

3. Youth shaped activities and quality programme

- a) Log chews / Pack and Troop forums
Each section should run forums where the opinions of the youth members are sought with regards to the programme, camps etc. The ideas should be implemented where possible. All sections should allow a forum once a term.
- b) Regular and structured balanced programme planning

Each section holds termly programme planning meetings. The programme is currently well thought out. The younger sections are now using a 2 year programme to ensure that the children have variety and fun with the opportunity to earn their Chief Scouts award.

c) Ensuring the programme is reviewed

As part of the programme planning meeting the sections team members review the previous terms programme. Views of the youth members are sought when appropriate.

4. Inclusion

a) Planned and regular Family fun days

There are plans for a family 'fun day' as part of our Group camp later in the year.

b) Using AGM activity evenings to show what we do

The AGM usually involves entertainment or a series of bases where the sections run activities from their programme. This was reviewed and a new format agreed which incorporates awards for each section.

c) Providing updates on what all sections and the group are doing

Sections are mostly making use of the Facebook page to post pictures and updates on what the sections are doing. There are regular photos shared with and by the parents.

d) Using the Whatsapp groups and Facebook page for communication

The Whatsapp groups are invaluable for communicating with parents. The Facebook group works well for messages to all sections and has included information regarding camp equipment and uniform.

5. Community impact

a) Continuing to chose a termly chosen project

This was the ideal, but a termly project wasn't sustainable. We will look at how we can realistically work with local charities. Scouts try to assist at the miniature railway fun days and the money raised is given to charity. We need to be better at choosing a community project and working towards it as a Group.

b) Using community Facebook pages to share appropriate messages about our Group and activities

We are looking for a volunteer to take responsibility for regularly updating the social media for the Group.

c) Building relationships with local charities and organisations

We have a good relationship with the miniature railway and Wellgate farm. We need to look to extend this further. There may be opportunities to assist Wellgate more this year.

6. People

a) Ensuring our Young Leaders are supported and encouraged to complete the YL programme and achieve their YL belt

We now have additional young leaders in the group. As I am now the District lead for Young leaders I can ensure that training dates and other opportunities are shared with our young leaders. The group continues to encourage and support all our young leader in working towards their young leader belt.

- b) Inviting parents to stay for a session to see what we do and the work involved in running the Group
Parents have been given the opportunity to join the younger sections on numerous occasions. We plan to formally invite parents to attend a session and observe/join in.
- c) Continuing to pay for leaders 1st uniform and establishing an agreement for replacement uniforms
This has continued and does help with the cost to leaders, which may be a barrier to people wanting to help.
- d) Setting an agreement on subsidising leader costs for things like camps
This has happened and is set out in the Group policy/guidelines handbook.
- e) Ensuring that leaders have adequate equipment and support
Any needed equipment is purchased. The trustee board are very supportive of purchasing items for both section and group use.

7. Facilities and equipment

- a) Replacement of lighting in hall
This was completed.
- b) Buying new equipment as required
Any needed equipment is purchased. The trustee board are very supportive of purchasing items for both section and group use.
- c) Ensuring that equipment is repaired/replaced as needed
The Quartermaster organises regular stores / kit check/clear out days where the equipment is checked. Any equipment needing replacing is then submitted to the trustee board for approval. We have a good store of equipment for camps, games and crafts.
- d) Review and replacement of outside storage
We are hoping this will be completed over the summer months.
- e) Ensuring the shared spaces are kept tidy
The sections need to work better at keeping to the office tidy roster. It can be hard to fit in around the running of the sections. The Quartermaster takes good care of the stores and arranged regular stores clear up / equipment check days.
- f) Completing a computerised inventory of equipment
This needs to be picked up again. Tony and Liam were managing this, but further assistance would be beneficial.

The 2nd Romford Leader Team

Group lead volunteer: Sarah Osborne

Squirrel section team leader: Becca Snell

Squirrel section team members: Flora Szabo, Shiv Patel and Becky Knight

Squirrel section young leaders: Kasey and Amelia

Beaver section team leader: Sophie Osborne

Beaver section team members: Chris Knight, Debbie Bennett, Tim Perceval-Broadfield and Kit Mann with event help from Val Woolf

Cub section team leader: Robert Leeper

Cub section team members: Matthew Leeper, Becca Snell, Anthony Moran, Emma Mann, Chris Bennett, Ben Pardon and Faye Southey with event help from Alex Peatfield

Scout section team leader: Tony Osborne

Scout section team members: Liam Moore, Michael Bennett, Brandon Osborne, Nikki Hart, Sky Hart, Sarah Osborne, Mark Jermain, Scott Parrott and Imogen Snell

Scout section young leaders: Harry, Noah and Elena

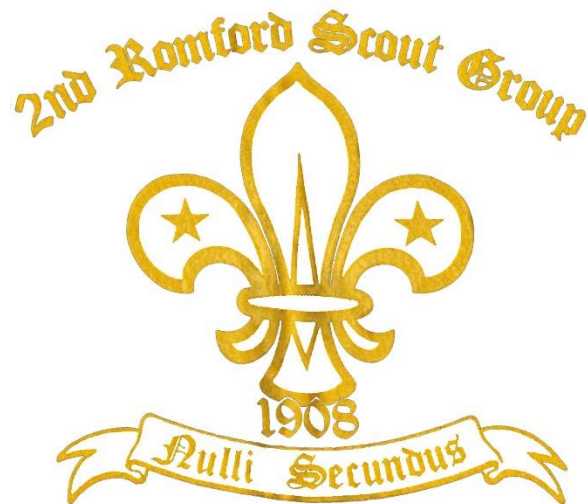
Many thanks to all the leaders and helpers, from me (GLV), the trustees and all the young people in the group.

2ND ROMFORD SCOUT GROUP

England & Wales - Charity number 1013049

Accounts

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**2nd Romford Scout Group
Annual General Meeting**

6th June 2024

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AGM 2024 agenda

- 1. Introduction and welcome**
- 2. Apologies for absence**
- 3. Governance topics**
 - a. Approve the minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 25th May 2023
 - b. Adopt the model constitution from Policy, Organisation and Rules (POR) Can be found here: <https://www.scouts.org.uk/por/5-local-governance-and-finance-of-groups-districts-counties/#5.4>
 - c. Note the current financial year
 - d. Agree the number of members that may be appointed to the Trustee Board as 12
 - e. Agree the quorum for future meetings of the Group Scout Council (excluding this AGM) as 20
- 4. Review of the previous year**
 - a. Receive and consider the team leaders annual reports for the sections
 - b. Receive and consider the Group Lead Volunteer's annual report
 - c. Receive and consider the Annual Report of the Group Trustee Board
 - d. Receive and consider the treasurers report, including the annual Statement of the Accounts
 - e. Receive and consider the Annual Report of the Group Chair
 - f. Review of the 5 year plan
- 5. Making appointments**
 - a. Changes to the trustee board
 - b. Appoint the Group Chair as Scott Miller
 - c. Appoint the Group Treasurer as Jackie Peatfield
 - d. Appoint members of the Group Trustee Board
 - e. Apoint the Scrutineer as Stephen Palmer
- 6. District representatives**
- 7. AGM closing remarks**
- 8. Awards presentation**

Minutes of AGM held 25th May 2023

MINUTES OF AGM HELD 25/05/2023

The Meeting was held at Ashby Hall 25/05/23 at 7pm

Sarah Osborne (GSL) introduced herself and welcomed everyone to the Meeting and explained why we hold an AGM

The AGM was chaired by Julie Leeper as the Chairman Scott Miller had been unable to attend and she read his report for 2023. She then welcomed Geoff Hutton (District President) and Dean Jeffreys (District Commissioner), and thanked them for attending the Meeting

The minutes from 2022 were agreed, proposed by Tony Osborne and seconded by Val Woolf

Sarah introduced the Exec Members.

Treasurer, Jackie Peatfield briefly spoke about the Group Accounts (a copy of which is also in the brochure). The Group is in a healthy financial position. Treasurers Report proposed by Tim Perceval-Broadfield and seconded by James Snell

SECTION REPORTS

Becca Snell read the very first Squirrel section Report (copy in the 2023 brochure)

Sophie Osborne read the Beaver Section Report (copy in the 2023 brochure)

Robert Leeper read the Cub Section Report (copy in the 2023 brochure)

Tony Osborne read the Scout section Report (copy in the 2023 brochure)

Sarah Osborne read the GSL Report and summarised the Groups 5 year Plan (copies in the 2023 brochure)

The adoption of the Section reports was proposed by Faye Southey and seconded by Anthony Moran

Sarah Osborne advised if anyone wishes to help the group as a Leader, Exec Member, Occasional helper, or even to help maintain the Building, to please contact her, or any Leader or Exec member for further information.

PRESENTATIONS

Dean Jeffries presented Awards to:-

Julie Leeper with the Bar to the Silver Acorn award

Tony Osborne with the District Award for Merit

Sophie Osborne with her Wood Badge

Nicki Hart with her Wood Badge for Cub Training

Sarah was able to present Awards to:-

Amy Sullivan with her Young Leaders Belt Buckle

Harry Gates with the Jack Petchey Award

She also congratulated Chris Knight who received her 25 Years Service award at the recent St Georges Day Service.

TRUSTEES REPORT AND TREASURERS REPORT

Both the Trustees Report and the Treasurers Report had been previously distributed to members via email. The adoption of the Trustees Report was proposed by Emma Jermain and seconded by Emma Mann. The adoption of the Group Accounts was proposed by Geoff Hutton and seconded by Faye Pardon

EXECUTIVE MEMBERS

Sarah Osborne nominated Scott Miller to continue as Chairman, and the Meeting agreed unanimously.

The Group Trustee Board proposes Jackie Peatfield to remain as Group Treasurer. Seconded by Sue Sparks and the Meeting agreed unanimously.

The Group Trustee Board proposes Sue Sparks to remain as Group Secretary. Seconded by Jackie Peatfield and the Meeting agreed unanimously.

The Meeting endorsed the Group Nomination of Steve Palmer as Scrutineer of our Accounts, prior to presentation to the Charities Commission which is a legal requirement. The nomination was proposed by Jackie Peatfield and seconded by Sue Sparks

PARENT MEMBERS

The Chairman nominated 4 parents to serve as Members of the Group Executive. It was unanimously agreed

Squirrel Section - TBA

Beaver section - Dave Perceval-Broadfield & Julia Moran

Cub section - David Game

Scouts section - Emma Jermain

NOMINATED TRUSTEES

Committee Members - Julie Leeper Liam Moore (Quartermaster)

David Game proposed, and Robert Leeper seconded, and it was unanimously agreed

EX-OFFICIO TRUSTEES

The GSL nominated 4 Leaders to remain as representatives and the meeting agreed unanimously.

Becca Snell Squirrel Section

Sophie Osborne Beaver Section

Robert Leeper Cub Scouts

Tony Osborne Scouts

The following were proposed by the GSL and unanimously agreed by the Meeting

Agreement of Quorum for trustee Board Meetings @ 6 Members

Agreement of Quorum for AGM's @ 15 Members

Agreement of Adoption of the Constitution as POR section 5.4

Trustees annual report
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024
CHARITY NO 1013049

Trustees'

Scott Miller	Chair
Sue Sparks	Secretary
Jackie Peatfield	Treasurer
Sarah Osborne	Group Scout Leader
Becca Snell	Squirrel Scout Leader
Sophie Osborne	Beaver Scout Leader
Robert Leeper	Cub Scout Leader
Anthony Osborne	Scout Leader
Liam Moore	Quartermaster
Emma Jermain	Cub Parent Representative
Julia Moran	Squirrel Parent Representative
David Percival-Broadfield	Beaver Parent Representative
Julie Leeper	Nominated Member of the Executive

There are slight changes to the role of the trustee board which they have been made aware of. The section leaders will no longer automatically hold a place as trustee. All other trustees have agreed that they are willing to remain on the trustee board and continue to hold the responsibility of trustee.

Structure, Governance and Management

The Group's governing documents are those of The Scout Association. They consist of a Royal Charter, which in turn gives authority to the Bye Laws of the Association and the Policy, Organisation and Rules of The Scout Association.

The Group is a Trust established under its rules which are common to all Scouts. The Trustees are appointed in accordance with the Policy, Organisation and Rules of The Scout Association.

The Group is managed by the Group Trustees board (formally called the Group Executive Committee), the members of which are the 'Charity Trustees' of the Scout Group which is an educational charity. As charity trustees they are responsible for complying with legislation applicable to charities. This includes the registration, keeping proper accounts and making returns to the Charity Commission as appropriate.

The trustee board consists of independent representatives, Chair and Treasurer together with the Group Lead Volunteer (formerly Group Scout Leader) and Parent representation and meets about 4 times a year.

This Group trustee board exists to support the Group Leadership team in meeting the responsibilities of the appointments and is responsible for:-

- The maintenance of the Group property
- The raising of funds and the administration of Group Finance
- The insurance of persons, property and equipment
- Group Public occasions
- Assisting in the recruitment of leaders and other adult support
- Appointing any sub committees that may be required

Objectives and Aims

The objectives of the group are as a unit of The Scout Association.

The aim of the Scout Association is to promote the development of young people in achieving their full physical, intellectual, social and spiritual potentials, as individuals, as responsible citizens and as members of their local national and international communities. The method of achieving the Aim of the Association is by providing an enjoyable and attractive scheme of progressive training, based on the Scout Promise and Law and guided by adult leadership.

The Group has a strong, experienced and dedicated volunteer leader team and welcomes new volunteers who bring with them enthusiasm and fresh ideas.

Achievements and Performance

The Group offers an active program of section night activities, day trips and night away experiences. There have been numerous section and Group experiences open to all members.

Financial Review

The Group's policy on reserves is to hold sufficient resources to keep its HQ building in good repair, replace equipment when needed and continue the charitable activities of the group should income and fundraising activities fall short. This should be a minimum of 12 months running costs and capitation.

The Group held reserves of approximately at the end of the 2023/2024 financial year. The figure is regarded as satisfactory and allows the Group to look forward to improvements at the hall and with regards to equipment and transport.

The Trustees declare that they have approved the Trustees' report above.

Treasurers Report Year End 31 March 2024

The Groups policy on reserves is to hold sufficient resources to keep its HQ building in good repair, replace equipment when needed and continue the charitable activities of the group should income and fundraising activities fall short.

The Group held reserves of approximately £83,000 at year end.

There were no significant expenditures this year on hall repairs/improvements.

Looking forward into 2024/25 the Group's reserves will enable the hall costs to be met as well as consider the replacement of the minibus, building of a new stores and upgrade/repair/replace the group's camping equipment when required.

The financial position of the Group is regularly reviewed by the trustee board.

Income and Expenditure Account
For the Year Ended 31 March 2024
Charity No: 1013049

2023		2024
£	INCOME	£
5449.50	Subscriptions	7478.51
748.89	Gift Aid	521.85
8516.00	Hall Hire	10374.50
1000.00	Grants	0.00
80.24	Fundraising	53.45
300.00	Restricted Donations	500.00
130.00	Donations	1618.23
410.16	Bank Interest	1600.10
8405.80	Camp Fees	6652.48
25040.59		28799.12
	EXPENDITURE	
1845.00	Membership	2530.00
1359.37	Motor Expenses	1564.10
1295.87	Buildings Insurance	1167.12
1103.88	Heat & Light	3177.71
327.55	Water	306.71
2342.82	Section Expenses	3418.81
529.83	Leader Training/1st Uniform	114.10
8186.33	Camp Expenses	6663.19
152.26	Miscellaneous	12.86
0.00	Bank Charges	0.00
242.40	Wi Fi & Website	439.20
2833.26	Equipment	1593.92
3549.26	Repairs and Hall Maintenance	358.27
23767.83		21345.99
1273	Surplus/Deficit for the year	7453

Balance Sheet
For the Year Ended 31 March 2024
Charity No: 1013049

2023		2024
£		£
	Current Assets	
1427.94	Current Account (Treasurers Account)	3359.42
21415.88	Deposit Account	15571.35
52483.80	32 Day Notice Account	63928.43
0.01	Go Cardless	0.01
178.71	Group Petty Cash	256.46
718.20	Equals Prepay Card	562.00
76225		83678
	Current Liabilities	
0		0
76225		83678
	Represented By	
74952	Opening Balance	76225
1273	Surplus/Deficit for the year	7453
76225		83678

Scrutineers formal report

Independent examiner's report to Scott Miller, Chairman of 2nd Romford Scout Group

Purpose

The purpose of this report is to submit my findings from the work I have undertaken as an Independent Examiner of the 2nd Romford Scout Group Accounts submitted to me for 2023/24 financial year. I am submitting an unqualified report (for a non company charity preparing receipts and payments accounts) with a gross income of £250,000 or less in the relevant financial years. In conducting the examination and preparing this report I have had the full and open support of the Treasurer for which I am grateful.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the Charity Chairman of the Trust you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and, in carrying out my examination, I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Your Treasurer has informed me (at my request) of 2 potentially significant funding issues that you are looking at. Firstly the replacement of storage facilities and secondly the potential solutions to the need for minibus provision. Although the financial position of the Charity is healthy at present decisions taken will potentially affect balances negatively. In response to my enquiries the Treasurer has shown me the diligence being applied to the decision making process and the understanding of the financial implications for both issues. I have no concerns to note at present but may comment again should matters progress in the present financial year and should you wish to me to scrutinise those Accounts too.

I also wish to inform you that, having independently scrutinised your Accounts since 2018, I decided to seek some informal advice and guidance from the Charities Commission as to whether there should now be a change of independent scrutineer. Having received such guidance I am happy to continue in future years should you so wish. I would also want to place on record my thanks to the Treasurer for the pro-active and informative way in which the information has again been presented to me this year and the speed and diligence shown by her in responding to my queries.

Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. Accounting records were not kept in respect of the Trust as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. The accounts do not accord with those records.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Other Issues for Consideration

I have no further issues to raise as a consequence of my examination of this year's accounts.

Signed: Stephen Palmer

Name: Stephen Palmer, Chartered Information Technology Professional, Fellow of the British Computer Society, Fellow of the Society of Information Technology Management. Retired Senior Deputy Director of Residents Services at the London Borough of Hillingdon.

Address: 34 Hempstead Road, Holt, Norfolk, NR25 6DF

Date: 9th May 2024

Chairman report 2024

I'd like to welcome and thank all of you who have managed to attend today's fantastic event, esteemed guests, leaders, supporters, parents, and young scouts, welcome to the Group Annual General Meeting for 2024. It's an honour to address you all today as the Chairperson of our remarkable group.

Every year, we gather to discuss our progress, growth, and plans for the future. While some themes remain consistent, I am thrilled to share that this year has seen remarkable changes and continuous improvements both behind the scenes and in the foreground. Our united growth as a group can only lead to a better scouting experience for everyone involved.

Allow me to highlight a few key points:

Team Efforts and Achievements: Our teams have worked tirelessly, and their fantastic efforts have not gone unnoticed. From organizing events to implementing changes, they have contributed significantly to our success.

As Chairperson, I am continually amazed by the constant dedication, drive and passion exhibited by our leaders, volunteers, and wider teams. Their commitment ensures that Scouting in 2nd Romford remains as vibrant and impactful yesterday as it will be tomorrow and in the future.

Engagement is a two-way street, we listen to community feedback, adapt to their needs, and celebrate our shared successes. Together, we can continue to strengthen our bonds and positively impact the lives of those around us!

Financial: Our trustee board has diligently managed our funds and maintained a healthy financial balance. This responsible approach allows us to invest in activities that benefit the entire group. Without your support, scouting in 2nd Romford would not be the same. Thank you for ensuring our financial stability.

Engagement: It warms my heart to see so many members actively participating in camps and events throughout the year. These experiences are a treat for our scouts and reinforce the sense of community within our group. New members, welcome! Your presence enriches our community. And to those who consistently volunteer their time and effort, thank you.

Your dedication ensures that our group thrives and supports our young people and local community. In conclusion, let us celebrate our growth, honour our volunteers, and look forward to an even brighter future for Scouting in 2nd Romford. Thank you all for being part of this incredible journey

Without further delay, I'll leave you with the words I do every year from A.A. Milne "You're braver than you believe, stronger than you seem, and smarter than you think."

Scott Miller - 2nd Romford committee chairman

Group lead volunteer (GLV) report 2024

I would like to thank you all for attending the AGM today, it is good to see so many parents showing a keen interest in their children's Scouting.

2nd Romford Scout Group have been Scouting since 1908. An incredible amount has changed in that time within Scouting and of course the wider world. Our aim to provide quality Scouting to local children hasn't changed, and I hope you can see the hard work that goes into running the weekly sessions, camps and other events.

Scouting, and specifically 2nd Romford mean a lot to me personally. My husband Tony and two of my children are here as leaders. My 2 grandchildren are here as members. My eldest daughter is here too. I am proud of this group, of what we achieve for the young people in our care, of the selflessness of everyone involved in it.

I attend a lot of Scouting events over the year. Two of my favourites over the last 12 months were firstly the Group 115 years celebrations where we all got together, here at Crow camp, for a BBQ and campfire. It was so good to have so many children, parents and families together. And secondly Winter camp where Beavers, Cubs and Scouts all camped together with our usual Christmas theme and for the first time the Squirrels came to join us for the day. Both events took a fair amount of planning, but the experience is always worth it.

We recently had the District St. Georges day parade and celebrations. An opportunity to celebrate Scouting. This is always an honour to lead the group as they walk through our local streets with the many other children and adult volunteers from the District. This year for the first time I stayed with the Squirrels and Beavers. I can assure you they all enjoyed it very much, and I very much enjoyed being part of the event with them.

As always, I would like to take this opportunity to thank the leaders and young leaders - without you volunteering Scouting in 2nd Romford would not happen. You all juggle your work, home and social lives to fit in Scouting and I know personally how hard this can be. As the Group lead volunteer I count myself fortunate indeed.

To our trustees, thank you for your support and for working with me to continue to sustain and develop 2nd Romford to make it a little better each year.

As has been said at so many Scout AGM's before..... we are always looking for more adult help and if you are willing, even just on an adhoc basis please let us know, we never turn down offers of help.

Sarah Osborne - 2nd Romford Group Scout leader

Squirrel Scout section report 2024

The last year has been a very exciting time for 2nd Romford Squirrels. We've remained a big Drey, with consistently around 16-18 Squirrels.

In September we celebrated our first birthday with a party and sleepover. We had 8 Squirrels stay over and we were incredibly proud of them.

We've been on all sorts of adventures including a visit to Wellgate Farm last summer where we learned about plants and horticulture. We planted sunflower seeds and monitored their growth. Then we shared this back with the rest of the Drey. Some Squirrels sunflowers were eaten by the birds – but others grew taller than the squirrels!

One week Brandon came to visit and taught the Squirrels how to tie some knots and build shelters. The Squirrels really loved having him visit!

During the Autumn we went on an adventure to Havering park and tried out building dens. We made some spooky masks for Halloween and celebrated fireworks night with sparklers.

Since Christmas we've done science experiments to earn the Exciting Experiments Badge, learned about Lunar New Year and had lots of fun making Easter cards (this was very messy when we tried finger painting!)

We've planned and been on an adventure to Crow camp where we enjoyed being in nature and learned about the environment, as well as having a campfire.

We've given out loads of activity badges and several of our squirrels have earned their Chief scout Acorn award – the highest award a Squirrel Scout can achieve. They've all worked really hard to earn their badges and have had lots of fun in the process.

This has been my first whole year as a Section Leader and it's not been without it challenges. I couldn't have done it without an amazing team of leaders helping every week (and in between meetings too!) Thanks so much to Sarah; Faye; Faye, Flora and Becky. And our Young leaders Imogen, Kasey and Harry. We can't wait for next year as we have lots of exciting plans and adventures to look forwards to!

Becca Snell

Team leader – Squirrels

Beaver Scout section report 2024

Beavers have had another amazing year where we have lived up to our promise of making friends and having fun.

We have attended 2 camps this year - the group's indoor winter camp and our first Beaver's only outdoor camp since before Covid, which for most of the beavers attending would have been their first time camping with us.

- Winter camp is all things Christmas so it is extra fun, and I loved seeing the Beavers who attended taking part in the talent show, a special shout out to Joshua's amazing Country flag recognition talent.
- Our beaver camp was a great opportunity for some of the beavers to try activities they wouldn't normally do, from sleeping in a tent to fire lighting.

District events we have attended this year include the Beavers Giant Hike, Beaver Obstacle Course, Christmas party, St George's day parade and Beavers Sports Day.

- The Beavers Giant Hike included a walk around the stickman trail at Weald Country Park where the beavers get to socialise and have fun with beavers from all around the district.
- The obstacle course is always a great event where an obstacle course is built at Crow just for Beavers in the District to enjoy. There are 11 obstacles for the beavers to try including high ropes, a zipline, soft archery and a popcorn break.
- The District Christmas party included an entertainer and a disco. I think both were enjoyed by both our attendees and leaders (hehe).
- St Georges day is always a day for pride for the district, the group and our beaver colony. We paraded through Collier Row before watching a short panto of St George and the Dragon, which the beavers thoroughly enjoyed.

During our weekly sessions, we have been up to lots of exciting activities. To list them all would take far too long but a few of the highlights were - making slime as part of our experiments badge, a supermarket sweep and a visit to wellgate farm with the cubs. We have also worked towards a variety of badges which includes but is not limited to Faith, Global Issues, Safety, Teamwork Challenge and Personal Challenge.

At the beginning of the year we introduced beaver of the week and beaver of the term which saw lots of our beavers being recognised for their good behaviour, kindness and helpfulness. But this year also saw some of our oldest beavers achieve their Chief Scout Bronze awards which is the highest award/badge that a beaver can achieve after completing all of their challenge badges and 4 activity badges.

Over the last year, we have seen our colony grow tremendously with our beaver numbers up to 22 and still growing, which is the biggest our colony has been in a very long time. We have also welcomed 2 new adult leaders, Tigger and Piglet (Tim and Kit) who have both been great additions to the team. A huge shout out to Rabbit and Robin (Debbie and Chris) who have continued to be such amazing sidekicks, Beavers couldn't run without them.

For myself and the beavers, looking towards the future we plan to participate in the next district Beaver's giant hike, another 2nd Romford Beaver camp and much more. I hope we

can continue to honour our promise and make Beavers a fun and enjoyable place to be where the children can learn, grow and make friends.

And finally a big thank you to all of my beavers for continuing to help make 2nd Romford the best Beaver colony ever!

Sophie - Beaver leader – 2nd Romford Beavers

Cub Scout section report 2024

Welcome to the 2nd Romford AGM 2024. We have had an incredibly busy year, with a variety of things going on, which has kept us all on our toes!

Badges are an important part of our programme, helping us to provide a balanced set of activities and reward the Cubs for their hard work. We have awarded a variety of different badges over the last year. All were well deserved and well done to those who achieved them.

Particular congratulations should go out to the Cubs who achieved their Chief Scout's Silver award - Evelyn, Danielle and Aaran. The Chief Scout's Silver award is the highest award that a Cub can receive, so it is a fantastic achievement.

Over the past year we have attended many camps and events. The annual District Cub camp was a great weekend away, with Cubs from across the District taking part in a variety of 'funfair' themed activities over the weekend. The Sixers went away with other Sixers from around the District to do some more adventurous activities without the youngsters.

As a group, the Cubs travelled to Thorrington in January for winter camp, traditionally an indoor camp to battle the cold, and we took part in some Christmas themed activities and enjoyed my favourite meal – Val's camp Christmas dinner. We have been away ourselves, visiting the Chiltern Hills for a walking weekend with 4th Abingdon Cubs, part of a group ran by one of our Leaders, Alex. I thoroughly enjoyed the hike, though I think some of the Cubs found it quite laborious!

We have attended both the District Cub competitions held this year. The Scooter Rally is always a laugh. We didn't place but I managed to win the Leader race, extending my run of victories to 3 successive years. We also attended the St. George's and Maureen Preston competitions, testing Scouting skills from fire lighting to knots. We won the St George's competition and came third in the Maureen Preston, which is a fantastic set of results. Congratulations to the Cubs, not just for the success but also for wearing the old gold scarf with pride and showing everyone why we are the best group in the world.

On our normal Cub nights we have taken part in a variety of activities, both inside and outside of the hall. I won't give an exhaustive list, but we have made slime, visited Wellgate Farm and, a personal highlight, visited the Gurdwara Karamsa, courtesy of Kuljot and Harjot's parents Jatinda and Kamal. The Gurdwara visit was incredibly interesting and we were made to feel very welcome by everyone that we came across.

None of what we have managed to achieve and experience this year would be possible without the fantastic team of Leaders –Becca, Anthony, Matthew, Emma, Faye and now Chris and Ben who help out when they can around their university commitments. They give up their time, often more than the hour and a half a week that they were lured in with. They are all volunteers and without them we wouldn't be able to do what we do.

Finally, thanks to you, the parents, carers and guardians, for your continued support and engagement. We can only give the Cubs what we do if you are willing to ferry them around, give up your time and encourage them. They are a credit to you and will all grow into great young adults (after the dodgy teenage years).

Over the next year we will be continuing to do lots of great activities and I look forward to telling you all about them next year!

Robert Leeper - CSL – 2nd Romford

Scout section report 2024

We've had a packed program over the last year during which we awarded our scouts with 25 different badges for activities such as Climber, Communicator, Emergency Aid, Model Making, Nights Away, along with one Chief Scout's Gold award which is the highest award in the scout section.

Since the last AGM we have attended numerous events and camps.

We took our scouts to Snowdonia in north Wales to climb Snowdon in May.

We attended the District Franklin skills camp June.

In August we went to South Wales for our summer camp where the scouts did lots of fun activities such as gorge walking, hiking, along with a visit to the Big Pit mining museum.

In December the Scouts helped again with fundraising for SMILE at the Lodge Farm Miniature Railway Christmas Fayre and we went ice skating for our Christmas treat.

In January we had our group winter camp at Thorrington in Colchester and were joined by the Cubs and Beavers Christmas roast dinner with decorations and a Christmas tree.

We had some scouts compete in the District Orienteering Competition in March, despite not winning I think our scouts would agree they all had fun.

I would like to thank the scout section leaders for all their hard work, dedication, and enthusiasm. I would also like to thank our GSL, the Exec, and all those in the other sections who have helped out at various times of the year.

Tony – Scout Section Leader

5 year plan review - update

1. Retention of members

- a) Scouts running younger sections at least termly
This has not happened recently but plans are in place to recommence this.
- b) Winter camp being a group activity
Winter camp was once again open to Beavers, Cubs and Scouts. Squirrels were invited for the day. This may have to be revised, as the Group grows the indoor accommodation does not allow every member to attend. Group camp will be planned within the next year and if successful this may take place annually, giving all sections the opportunity to attend.
- c) Family fun days being organised
We held a family event for our 115th birthday and it was well attended. There are plans for future events with different ideas.
- d) Balanced and well planned programme
The programme is balanced with a renewed focus on the challenge badges and fun. The programme is reviewed regularly.

2. Squirrels

- a) Adequate number of leaders
Squirrels currently has 3 leaders, the GSL assisting and 1 regular parent helper. This is sufficient and there are other parents who will help if one leader cannot attend. This will need to be periodically reviewed as parents may not stay after their children move up to Beavers.
- b) Appropriate equipment
There hasn't been a need to buy much equipment specifically for the Squirrels. We have been purchasing books to match the themes which can be reused over the years.
- c) Ensuring we have members
With several other groups opening in the District we need to be aware that recruitment may be necessary in the future. Currently we are maintaining numbers.
- d) Regular reviews to see how things are going and how they can be improved
The programme is reviewed regularly. There are regular meetings with the leadership team.

3. Youth shaped activities and quality programme

- a) Log chews / Pack and Troop forums
Each section should run forums where the opinions of the youth members are sought with regards to the programme, camps etc. The ideas should be implemented where possible.
- b) Regular and structured balanced programme planning
Each section holds termly programme planning meetings. The programme is currently well thought out. The younger sections are now using a 2 year programme to ensure that the children have variety and fun with the opportunity to earn their Chief Scouts award. The lead volunteer has taken to reviewing each terms programme to ensure that it is balanced.
- c) Ensuring the programme is reviewed

As part of the programme planning meeting the sections team members review the previous terms programme. Views of the youth members are sought when appropriate.

4. Inclusion

- a) Planned and regular Family fun days
The 115 years celebration worked well. The younger sections have also invited families to some of their evenings. There will be further events for families planned.
- b) Using AGM activity evenings to show what we do
The AGM usually involves entertainment or a series of bases where the sections run activities from their programme. This was reviewed and a new format is being tried this year.
- c) Providing updates on what all sections and the group are doing
Sections are mostly making use of the Facebook page to post pictures and updates on what the sections are doing. There are regular photos shared with and by the parents.
- d) Using the Whatsapp groups and Facebook page for communication
The Whatsapp groups are invaluable for communicating with parents. The Facebook group works well for messages to all sections and has included information regarding camp equipment and uniform.

5. Community impact

- a) Continuing to chose a termly chosen project
This was the ideal, but a termly project wasn't sustainable. We will look at how we can realistically work with local charities. Scouts continue to assist twice yearly at the miniature railway fun days and the money raised is given to charity.
- b) Using community Facebook pages to share appropriate messages about our Group and activities
This has not happened yet. We will nominate a social media representative to ensure that this moves forward.
- c) Building relationships with local charities and organisations
We have a good relationship with the miniature railway and Wellgate farm. We need to look to extend this further.

6. People

- a) Ensuring our Young Leaders are supported and encouraged to complete the YL programme and achieve their YL belt
We now have additional young leaders in the group. As I am now the District lead for Young leaders I can ensure that training dates and other opportunities are shared with our young leaders. The group continues to encourage and support all our young leader in working towards their young leader belt.
- b) Inviting parents to stay for a session to see what we do and the work involved in running the Group
Parents have been given the opportunity to join the younger sections on numerous occasions. We will look at ways to increase the opportunities in Scouts.

- c) Continuing to pay for leaders 1st uniform and establishing an agreement for replacement uniforms
This has continued and does help with the cost to leaders, which may be a barrier to people wanting to help.
- d) Setting an agreement on subsidising leader costs for things like camps
This has happened and is set out in the Group policy/guidelines handbook.
- e) Ensuring that leaders have adequate equipment and support
Any needed equipment is purchased. The trustee board are very supportive of purchasing items for both section and group use.

7. Facilities and equipment

- a) Replacement of lighting in hall
This was completed.
- b) Buying new equipment as required
Any needed equipment is purchased. The trustee board are very supportive of purchasing items for both section and group use.
- c) Ensuring that equipment is repaired/replaced as needed
The Quartermaster organises regular stores / kit check/clear out days where the equipment is checked. Any equipment needing replacing is then submitted to the trustee board for approval. We have a good store of equipment for camps, games and crafts.
- d) Review and replacement of outside storage
This is underway and we are hoping it will be completed over the summer months.
- e) Ensuring the shared spaces are kept tidy
The sections need to work better at keeping to the office tidy roster. It can be hard to fit in around the running of the sections. The Quartermaster takes good care of the stores and arranged regular stores clear up / equipment check days.
- f) Completing a computerised inventory of equipment
This continues with Tony and Liam taking the lead.

The 2nd Romford Leader Team

Group Scout Leader: Sarah Osborne

Squirrel Scout Leader: Becca Snell

Squirrel section Assistants: Sarah Osborne, Flora Szabo, Becky Knight and Faye Southey

Squirrel section Young Leaders: Kasey, Harry, Amelia and Imogen

Beaver Scout Leader: Sophie Osborne

Assistant Beaver Scout Leaders: Chris Knight, Debbie Bennett, Tim Perceval-Broadfield and Kit Mann with event help from Val Woolf

Cub Scout Leader: Robert Leeper

Assistant Cub Scout Leaders: Matthew Leeper, Becca Snell, Anthony Moran, Emma Mann, Chris Bennett, Ben Pardon and Faye Southey with event help from Alex Peatfield

Scout Leader: Tony Osborne

Assistant Scout Leaders: Liam Moore, Michael Bennett, Brandon Osborne, Nikki Hart, Sarah Osborne, Mark Jermain & Scott Parrott

Scout section Young Leaders: Imogen and Elena

2nd Romford Scout Group
 Balance Sheet
 For the Year Ended 31 March 2024
 Charity No: 1013049

2023 £		2024 £
	Current Assets	
1427.94	Current Account (Treasurers Account)	3359.42
21415.88	Deposit Account	15571.35
52483.80	32 Day Notice Account	63928.43
0.01	Go Cardless	0.01
178.71	Group Petty Cash	256.46
<u>718.20</u>	Equals Prepay Card	<u>562.00</u>
76225		83678
	Current Liabilities	
<u>0</u>		<u>0</u>
76225		83678
	Represented By	
74952	Opening Balance	76225
1273	Surplus/Deficit for the year	7453
<u>76225</u>		<u>83678</u>

2nd Romford Scout Group
Income and Expenditure Account
For the Year Ended 31 March 2024
Charity No: 1013049

2023		2024
£	INCOME	£
5449.50	Subscriptions	7478.51
748.89	Gift Aid	521.85
8516.00	Hall Hire	10374.50
1000.00	Grants	0.00
80.24	Fundraising	53.45
300.00	Restricted Donations	500.00
130.00	Donations	1618.23
410.16	Bank Interest	1600.10
8405.80	Camp Fees	6652.48
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	EXPENDITURE	
1845.00	Membership	2530.00
1359.37	Motor Expenses	1564.10
1295.87	Buildings Insurance	1167.12
1103.88	Heat & Light	3177.71
327.55	Water	306.71
2342.82	Section Expenses	3418.81
529.83	Leader Training/1st Uniform	114.10
8186.33	Camp Expenses	6663.19
152.26	Miscellaneous	12.86
0.00	Bank Charges	0.00
242.40	Wi Fi & Website	439.20
2833.26	Equipment	1593.92
3549.26	Repairs and Hall Maintenance	358.27
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23767.83		21345.99
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1273	Surplus/Deficit for the year	7453

Independent examiner's report to Scott Miller, Chairman of 2nd Romford Scout Group

Purpose

The purpose of this report is to submit my findings from the work I have undertaken as an Independent Examiner of the 2nd Romford Scout Group Accounts submitted to me for 2023/24 financial year. I am submitting an unqualified report (for a non company charity preparing receipts and payments accounts) with a gross income of £250,000 or less in the relevant financial years. In conducting the examination and preparing this report I have had the full and open support of the Treasurer for which I am grateful.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the Charity Chairman of the Trust you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act'). I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and, in carrying out my examination, I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Your Treasurer has informed me (at my request) of 2 potentially significant funding issues that you are looking at. Firstly the replacement of storage facilities and secondly the potential solutions to the need for minibus provision. Although the financial position of the Charity is healthy at present decisions taken will potentially affect balances negatively. In response to my enquiries the Treasurer has shown me the diligence being applied to the decision making process and the understanding of the financial implications for both issues. I have no concerns to note at present but may comment again should matters progress in the present financial year and should you wish to me to scrutinise those Accounts too.

I also wish to inform you that, having independently scrutinised your Accounts since 2018, I decided to seek some informal advice and guidance from the Charities Commission as to whether there should now be a change of independent scrutineer. Having received such guidance I am happy to continue in future years should you so wish. I would also want to place on record my thanks to the Treasurer for the proactive and informative way in which the information has again been presented to me this year and the speed and diligence shown by her in responding to my queries.

Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. Accounting records were not kept in respect of the Trust as required by section 130 of the Act; or

2. The accounts do not accord with those records.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Other Issues for Consideration

I have no further issues to raise as a consequence of my examination of this year's accounts.

Signed: Stephen Palmer

Name: Stephen Palmer, Chartered Information Technology Professional, Fellow of the British Computer Society, Fellow of the Society of Information Technology Management. Retired Senior Deputy Director of Residents Services at the London Borough of Hillingdon.

Address: 34 Hempstead Road, Holt, Norfolk, NR25 6DF

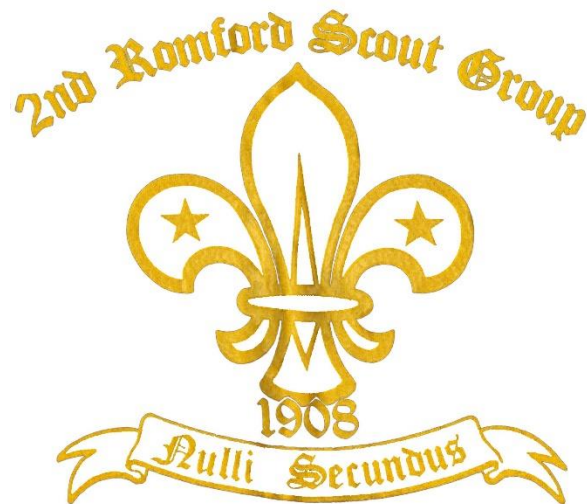
Date: 9th May 2024

2ND ROMFORD SCOUT GROUP

England & Wales - Charity number 1013049

Accounts

Charity No 1013049



**2nd Romford Scout Group
Annual General Meeting**

25th May 2023

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AGM 2023 agenda

- 1 Introduction of Trustee board
- 2 Agreement of 2022 AGM minutes
- 3 Trustees annual report
- 4 Treasurers report – including the scrutineers formal report
- 5 Adoption of accounts – Financial year 1st April 2022 to 31st March 2023
- 6 Section reports
- 7 Adoption of section reports
- 8 Nomination of Chairman - The Group Scout Leader nominates Scott Miller to remain as Chairman
As Scott could not attend he has agreed in writing to the trustee board that he is happy to continue in his role.
- 9 Election of treasurer - The Group trustee board proposes Jackie Peatfield to remain as Group Treasurer
- 10 Election of Secretary -The Group trustee board proposes Sue Sparks to remain as Group Secretary
- 11 Nomination of Scrutineer -The Treasurer nominates Mr Stephen Palmer to remain as Scrutineer
- 12 Ex-officio trustees -
The GSL nominates 4 Leaders to remain as representatives :-

Becca Snell	Squirrel Scouts
Sophie Osborne	Beaver Scouts
Robert Leeper	Cub Scouts
Tony Osborne	Scouts

All leader representatives agree that they are willing to be members of the Group Trustee Board

- 13 Nominated trustees -
The GSL and Chair nominate Liam Moore to remain as Quartermaster
The GSL and Chair nominate Julie Leeper to remain a trustee

Both agree that they are willing to be members of the Group Trustee Board. Liam is not able to attend the AGM but has confirmed in writing to the trustee board that he is happy to continue in his role.

14 Elected trustees

The following Parent representatives are prepared to stand to be elected :-

Julia Moran (was Squirrel section)	Beaver Scouts
Dave Percival-Broadfield	Beaver Scouts
David Game	Cub Scouts
Emma Jermain	Scouts

All parent representatives agree that they are willing to be members of the Group Trustee Board

15 Agreement of Quorum for trustee board meetings as 6 members

16 Agreement of Quorum for AGM's as 15 members

17 The group adopts the constitution as per POR section 5.4

Can be found here: <https://www.scouts.org.uk/por/5-local-governance-and-finance-of-groups-districts-counties/#5.4>

18 GSL (Group Scout Leader)

19 The 5 year plan review

20 Romford District representative/s

21 Awards

Minutes of AGM held 20th October 2022

The Meeting was held at Ashby Hall on 20/10/22 at 7pm

Sarah Osborne (GSL) introduced herself and welcomed everyone to the Meeting and explained why we hold an AGM.

The AGM was chaired by Julie Leeper as the Chairman Scott Miller had been unable to attend and she advised that his report for 2022 was available to read in the 2022 brochure.

The minutes from 2021 were agreed.

Sarah introduced the Exec Members.

Treasurer, Jackie Peatfield briefly spoke about the Group Accounts (a copy of which is also in the brochure). She advised that if anyone is eligible to sign up for Gift Aid who has not already done so, please do, as that would be beneficial to the Group.

SECTION REPORTS

Chris Knight read Sophie Osbornes Beaver Section Report in her absence.

Robert Leeper read the Cub Section Report

Tony Osborne read the Scout section Report

The adoption of the Section reports was proposed by Emma Jermain and seconded by Keely St Ledger

Sarah Osborne gave a brief history of the 2nd Romford Group, and advised if anyone wishes to help the group as a Leader, Exec Member, Occasional helper, or even to help maintain the Building, to please contact her, or any Leader or Exec member for further information.

PRESENTATIONS

Sarah was able to present Debbie Bennett with her Wood Badge and 5 Year Service Award. She also presented Val Woolf with her Wood Badge for her work with the Beaver Section.

A certificate was accepted by Jackie Peatfield on behalf of Dick Peatfield for 15 years Service on the Exec Committee

Sarah then went on to outline the 5 year plan for the Group. (A copy was sent to all prior to the Meeting)

TRUSTEES REPORT AND TREASURERS REPORT

Both the **Trustees Report** and the **Treasurers Report** had been previously distributed to members via email. The adoption of the **Trustees Report** was proposed by Emma Jermain and seconded by Julia Moran. The adoption of the **Group Accounts** was proposed by James Snell and seconded by Tim Percival Broadfield.

EXECUTIVE MEMBERS

Sarah Osborne proposed Scott Miller to continue as **Chairman**. Seconded by Dave Percival Broadfield and the Meeting agreed unanimously.

Sue Sparks proposed Jackie Peatfield as **Group Treasurer**. Seconded by Keeley St Ledger and the Meeting agreed unanimously.

Jackie Peatfield proposed Sue Sparks as **Group Secretary**. Seconded by Kerry Slinn and the Meeting agreed unanimously.

The Meeting endorsed the **Group Nomination** of Steve Palmer as Scrutineer of our Accounts, prior to presentation to the Charities Commission which is a legal requirement. The nomination was proposed by Tony Osborne and seconded by Robert Leeper

PARENT MEMBERS

The Chairman nominated 5 parents to serve as Members of the Group Executive.

Squirrel Section	-	Julia Moran
Beaver section	-	Dave & Tim Percival Broadfield
Cub section	-	Emma Jermain
Scouts section	-	Michelle Linsell

COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Committee Members - Julie Leeper Liam Moore (Quartermaster)

David Game proposed, and Robert Leeper seconded, and it was unanimously agreed

Trustees annual report
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023
CHARITY NO 1013049

Trustees'

Scott Miller	Chair
Sue Sparks	Secretary
Jackie Peatfield	Treasurer
Sarah Osborne	Group Scout Leader
Becca Snell	Squirrel Scout Leader
Sophie Osborne	Beaver Scout Leader
Robert Leeper	Cub Scout Leader
Anthony Osborne	Scout Leader
Liam Moore	Quartermaster
Emma Jermain	Cub Parent Representative
Julia Moran	Squirrel Parent Representative
David Game	Cub Parent Representative
David Percival-Broadfield	Beaver Parent Representative
Julie Leeper	Nominated Member of the Executive

All trustees have agreed that they are willing to remain on the trustee board and continue to hold the responsibility of trustee. There are slight changes to the role of the trustee board which they have been made aware of.

Structure, Governance and Management

The Group's governing documents are those of The Scout Association. They consist of a Royal Charter, which in turn gives authority to the Bye Laws of the Association and the Policy, Organisation and Rules of The Scout Association.

The Group is a Trust established under its rules which are common to all Scouts. The Trustees are appointed in accordance with the Policy, Organisation and Rules of The Scout Association.

The Group is managed by the Group Trustees board (formally called the Group Executive Committee), the members of which are the 'Charity Trustees' of the Scout Group which is an educational charity. As charity trustees they are responsible for complying with legislation applicable to charities. This includes the registration, keeping proper accounts and making returns to the Charity Commission as appropriate.

The trustee board consists of independent representatives, Chair, Secretary, Treasurer together with the Group Scout Leader, individual section Leaders and Parent representation and meets about 4 times a year.

This Group trustee board exists to support the Group Scout Leader in meeting the responsibilities of the appointments and is responsible for:-

- The maintenance of the Group property
- The raising of funds and the administration of Group Finance
- The insurance of persons, property and equipment
- Group Public occasions
- Assisting in the recruitment of leaders and other adult support
- Appointing any sub committees that may be required

Objectives and Aims

The objectives of the group are as a unit of The Scout Association.

The aim of the Scout Association is to promote the development of young people in achieving their full physical, intellectual, social and spiritual potentials, as individuals, as responsible citizens and as members of their local national and international communities. The method of achieving the Aim of the Association is by providing an enjoyable and attractive scheme of progressive training, based on the Scout Promise and Law and guided by adult leadership.

The Group has a strong, experienced and dedicated volunteer leader team and welcomes new volunteers who bring with them enthusiasm and fresh ideas.

Achievements and Performance

The Group offers an active program of section night activities, day trips and night away experiences. There have been numerous section and Group experiences open to all members.

Financial Review

The Group's policy on reserves is to hold sufficient resources to keep its HQ building in good repair, replace equipment when needed and continue the charitable activities of the group should income and fundraising activities fall short. This should be a minimum of 12 months running costs and capitation.

The Group held reserves of approximately £76,000 at the end of the 2022/2023 financial year. The figure is regarded as satisfactory and allows the Group to look forward to improvements at the hall and with regards to equipment and transport.

The Trustees declare that they have approved the Trustees' report above.

Treasurers Report Year End 31 March 2023

The Groups policy on reserves is to hold sufficient resources to keep its HQ building in good repair, replace equipment when needed and continue the charitable activities of the group should income and fundraising activities fall short.

The Group held reserves of approximately £76,000 at year end. This figure includes funds to upgrade the minibus when required and to continue renovations/improvements to the hall. Significant expenditure this year on hall repairs/improvement were upgrading the lighting by replacing the old units with more economical LED lights plus installing a new consumer unit.

Looking forward into 2023/24 the Group's reserves will enable the hall and minibus costs to be met as well as upgrade/repair/replace the group's camping equipment when required.

The financial position of the Group is regularly reviewed by the executive committee.

Income and Expenditure Account
For the Year Ended 31 March 2023
Charity No: 1013049

2022		2023
£	INCOME	£
4226.50	Subscriptions	5449.50
935.53	Gift Aid	748.89
9655.50	Hall Hire	8516.00
10667.00	Grants	1000.00
13.17	Fundraising	80.24
550.00	Jack Petchey	300.00
50.00	Donations	130.00
16.34	Bank Interest	410.16
2619.63	Camp Fees	8405.80
28733.67		25040.59
	EXPENDITURE	
945.00	Membership	1845.00
1802.81	Motor Expenses	1359.37
1217.56	Buildings Insurance	1295.87
1874.28	Heat & Light	1103.88
41.00	Water	327.55
1890.71	Section Expenses	2342.82
282.56	Leader Training/1st Uniform	529.83
3078.84	Camp Expenses	8186.33
194.82	Miscellaneous	152.26
23.80	Covid Related Expenses	0.00
153.01	Bank Charges	0.00
190.19	Wi Fi & Website	242.40
657.65	Equipment	2833.26
627.64	Repairs and Hall Maintenance	3549.26
12979.87		23767.83
15754	Surplus/Deficit for the year	1273

Balance Sheet
For the Year Ended 31 March 2023
Charity No: 1013049

2022		2023
£		£
	Current Assets	
6730.82	Current Account (Treasurers Account)	1427.94
22879.10	Deposit Account	21415.88
45110.42	32 Day Notice Account	52483.80
0.01	Go Cardless	0.01
119.42	Total Cash held by Sections	0
18.71	Group Petty Cash	178.71
93.30	Equals Prepay Card	718.20
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74952		76225
	Current Liabilities	
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0		0
74952		76225
	Represented By	
59198	Opening Balance	74952
15754	Surplus/Deficit for the year	1273
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74952		76225

Section accounts
For the Year Ended 31 March 2023
Charity No: 1013049

**BEAVER SCOUT
ACCOUNT**

INCOME		EXPENDITURE	
B/Fwd 1/4/22	0	Consumables	
Subs		Events	
Donation		Equipment	
		Sundries	
		Badges/Certificates	0.00
		To Group	
	0	Cash in Hand C/Fwd	0.00
			0.00

CUB SCOUT ACCOUNT

B/Fwd 1/4/22	0	Consumables	
Subs		Events	
Donation		Stationery	
		Equipment	
		Badges/Certificates	
		Presents	
		To Group	
		To Beaver Section	
	0	Cash in Hand C/Fwd	0.00
			0

SCOUT ACCOUNT

B/Fwd 1/4/22	119.42	Consumables	
Subs		Events	
		Badges/Certificates	
		Sundries	
		Activities	
		Minibus Fuel	0.00
		To Group	119.42
	119.42	Cash in Hand C/Fwd	0.00
			119.42

These amounts relate to cash in/out only and as such this is the last year this page will be shown.

Scrutineers formal report

Independent examiner's report to Scott Miller, Chairman of 2nd Romford Scout Group and Sarah Osborne, Group Scout Leader

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Date: 9th May 2023

Chairman report 2023

I'd like to welcome and thank all who have managed to attend today - Guests, leaders, supporters, parents and young people, welcome to the Group Annual General Meeting for 2023.

This is now my fourth year on the trustee board as Chairperson. I can't help but notice and reflect on how these times have changed in Scouting within this time. I'm amazed at the constant and continued growth and plans for the future, this can only lead to a better way of Scouting for us all. It's also great to be part of a trustee board which has prudently managed their funds and financial balance which gives scope for spending on activities for young people.

It's great to see that so many members attended camps, events and outings this year which are always a highlight. This group is amazing, and it is thanks to all the leaders and volunteers alongside the wider teams for pulling it all together. Leaders who volunteer their time are the lifeblood of Scouting. A big welcome to all the new members of the group, and a massive thank you to those who constantly volunteer their time and efforts to ensure that this group runs with fantastic dedication to support all our young people and our local community.

As we look towards the current financial year, our focus is to ensure we maintain our continued goal of delivering high-quality Scouting to all the young people in our group.

Without further delay, I'll leave you with the words I do every year from A.A. Milne "You're braver than you believe, stronger than you seem, and smarter than you think."

Scott Jason Miller

2nd Romford trustee board chairman

Group Scout leader (GSL) report 2023

I would like to thank you all for attending the AGM today, it is good to see so many parents showing a keen interest in their children's Scouting.

2nd Romford Scout Group was established in 1908, the year after Baden Powell's first camp. We were fortunate indeed that we were gifted this land and the hall opened for Scouting in 1938. 2nd Romford is very special to me, as it is to so many of our leaders and Exec. I believe it is a combination of tradition and modern ideas, a place where we aim for young people to learn and grow and blossom into confident, compassionate, and resilient young adults. Where we aim to 'do our best' and instil that ethos in the children who walk through the doors.

14 years ago I was sat in one of these very chairs at an AGM as the parent of both a Cub and Scout. I myself had never been in Scouting before. After that meeting Tony and I spoke to Skip (Paul Leeper) who was the GSL and volunteered our help. I became a Cub leader and then a few years later moved onto Scouts (where I still help). Eventually I took on the role of GSL and have also held a role in the District working with the young leaders. In September last year I also started helping at our Squirrel Drey when it opened. You get the idea that I like to be busy. I try and visit Beavers and Cubs when I can and aim to be at every investiture, if work allows.

In November I decided to keep a tally of all the time I gave to Scouting in that month. It ended up being around 90 hours. This included section sessions, admin, meetings and district events. That's a lot of hours on top of a full-time job. This shows how much Scouting means to me.

In writing this I asked myself what have I got from this?..... all the many many hours I have given. Aside from a sense of pride at myself and for the incredible amount of young people who have been through the group in the last 14 years, some of whom are sat here as leaders now..... I would say it was the people. The friends I have made in Scouting are the kind that stay for a lifetime, this is so very true for our youth members, but even as an adult Scouting has given me much. It has given my family much too. My husband Tony and two of my children are here as leaders. My 2 grandchildren are here as members. I am proud of this group, of what we achieve for the young people in our care, of the selflessness of everyone involved in it.

I am lucky enough to attend all the group events, although I don't feel so lucky when I am planning them. And for me Group camp, winter camp, anything where all the sections are together are highlights of my year. Watching our youngest members take part in things they just wouldn't normally do alongside our oldest members really is wonderful.

As always, I would like to take this opportunity to thank the leaders and young leaders - without you Scouting in 2nd Romford would not happen. I know you all have families, education, jobs and a multitude of other things outside of this hall but as Group Scout leader I couldn't be prouder of you all. Your never-ending commitment to planning, taking part, packing away, cleaning up, showing up..... It is incredible. To our exec, thank you for your support and for working with me to continue to try and make sure that we look after the money, but also spend what is needed. If anyone doesn't know, everyone of the leaders, young leaders, exec and myself are all volunteers.

I will end with some similar words to the ones used by Paul Leeper at that AGM 14 years ago.....We are always looking for more adult help and if you are willing, even just on an adhoc basis please let us know, we never turn down offers of help.

Sarah Osborne - 2nd Romford Group Scout leader

Squirrel Scout section report 2023

We had our very first Squirrel's meeting in September 2022 when we welcomed 18 Squirrels. It's been a pretty steep learning curve in some areas but everyone got to know each other quickly and settled in.

Since September we've grown a bit and currently have 22 Squirrels, 18 of whom are invested. Two have started linking with Beavers and will be leaving our section in the next few weeks. Our first Squirrel linked with Beavers in March.

We currently have 3 leaders – Becca, Sarah & Faye – two parent helpers – Flora & Claire and 1 young leader, Imogen.

Since September, collectively the Squirrels have earned over 40 badges! We awarded our first Chief Scout Acorn badge to Benji shortly before he linked with Beavers and Leo just needs to complete a couple of elements to receive his. It's a great achievement so well done!

We invested our first 15 Squirrels in November which was a brilliant (if somewhat chaotic) moment for us all.

We had our first trip out in October when we visited Havering Park where we made Nature Trolls from sticks, twigs, leaves and other foraged items.

Over the winter we welcomed a range of visitors including the police, a nurse and a doctor. We also went to Romford fire station which was a definite highlight for us all.

Squirrels have done a range of activities including craft, learning some words in Mandarin, trying new foods, helping to make pancakes and using team work to make up their own stories. We had a short Zoom meeting with a Drey in Salford and saw some similarities and differences. We've planted seeds and bulbs, learned about how to plan for a hike and played some very silly games!

We were very proud on St Georges Day when 16 of our Squirrels attended the District parade. They all marched brilliantly and their behaviour was impeccable at the play after the march. A number of leaders from other groups spoke to me afterwards to say how impressed they were with our Squirrels. They were an absolute credit to 2nd Romford.

We have so many plans for the upcoming year and can't wait to tell you all about it!

Becca – Squirrel leader – 2nd Romford Squirrels

Beaver Scout section report 2023

Beavers have had an amazing year where we have lived up to our promise of making friends and having fun.

We attended two group camps - one indoor and one sleeping in tents, which for most of the beavers attending would have been their first time camping with us.

- Group camp was a great opportunity for some of the Beavers to try activities they wouldn't normally from climbing to knife safety, from bracelet making to fire lighting, from kayaking to archery our Beavers tried it all.
- Winter camp is all things Christmas so it is extra fun, and I loved seeing the Beavers who attended taking part in the talent show.

Other group events we have attended this year were the Queen's Jubilee party and Litter picking in the local area for the big help out coronation event.

- The Jubilee party included a bouncy castle, crown making and T-shirt decorating. There were also some very yummy cakes.
- The litter picking was a great opportunity for the beavers to show the local community how committed they are to their promise. It will also count towards badge work, which is an extra bonus.

Post-covid, district events have started again and we attended the district Beaver obstacle course, Christmas party and St George's day parade.

- The Obstacle course is a great event. An obstacle course is built at Crow just for the Beavers in the District to enjoy.
- The District Christmas party included an entertainer and some yummy food. I think both were enjoyed by our attendees.
- I have taken part in the District St. Georges parade since I was a youth member of 2nd Romford myself. As the 1st parade since I became Beaver leader (due to Covid) I felt very honoured to lead the Beavers. The entertainment at the church was fun, the Beavers loved it.

During our weekly sessions, we have been up to lots of exciting activities. To list them all would take far too long but we had a glitter party, went bowling and held our own mini sports day. We also worked towards a variety of badges including gardener, space, adventure challenge and camp craft to name a few.

This has been a historic year for the Beavers as we have gone from being the youngest section to now having our first squirrel join us in Beavers. We look forward to welcoming many more in the future.

Looking towards the future we are plan to participate in the district Beaver's giant hike, a 2nd Romford Beaver camp and much more. I hope we can continue to honour our promise and make Beavers a fun and enjoyable place to be where the children can learn, grow and make friends.

I would like to thank Chris, Debbie and Matthew for all their help making 2nd Romford the best Beaver colony ever (hehe)

Sophie - Beaver leader – 2nd Romford Beavers

Cub Scout section report 2023

Welcome to the 2nd Romford AGM 2023. Last year I was a tad overzealous with my section report and managed to discuss with you events that had occurred after the relevant time period. The benefit of this for me is that I can reuse some of last year's report, and the benefit for you is that you get to listen to me say it all over again!

Badges are an important part of our programme, helping us to provide a balanced set of activities and reward the Cubs for their hard work. We have awarded many badges over the last year. All were well deserved and well done to those who achieved them. Particular congratulations should go out to the Cubs who achieved their Chief Scout's Silver award - Willow, Alicia, Danielius, Charlotte, Lukas, Lilly-Rose and Adrijus. The Chief Scout's Silver award is the highest award that a Cub can receive, so it is a fantastic achievement.

Over the past year we have attended many camps and events. The annual District Cub camp was a great weekend away, with 2nd Romford flying the flag for Malta in as part of the Commonwealth theme (don't ask me why I picked Malta, it made things way more difficult than it could have been). The Sixers went away with other Sixers from around the District to do some more adventurous activities without the youngsters. As a group, the Cubs travelled to Thorrington in January for winter camp. Traditionally an indoor camp to battle the cold, and we took part in some Christmas themed activities and enjoyed my favourite meal – Val's camp Christmas dinner. We also went away with the Scouts a fantastic week away in Dorset. I won't go into too much detail on the week's activities otherwise Tony will tell me off for stealing some of his report, but I will say a few words. At summer camp we camp traditionally, so the Cubs were responsible for cooking their own meals, maintaining their site and preparing for the day's activities. It was a tiring but fantastic week away, and I'm very proud of the Cubs for stepping up and camping in a different style to what they are used to. I hope that they all got a lot out of it. We have also recently returned from a weekend away at Thriftwood, taking part in crate stacking, using the cresta run and cooking up a backwoods banquet.

We have attended both the District Cub competitions held this year. The Scooter Rally was great fun, with a slightly reprofiled course this year. We didn't place but I managed to win the Leader race, realising in the process that I'm not as fit as I thought I was. We also attended the St. George's competition, testing Scouting skills from fire lighting to knots. We managed to come third, so congratulations to the Cubs, not just for the success but also for wearing the old gold scarf with pride and showing everyone why we are the best group in the world.

On our normal Cub nights we have managed to do some great activities, some for badge work and some just because! We were lucky enough to be given a tour of Romford Fire Station and the Locals in Havering-atte-Bower were kind enough to take us on a tour of the village once home to King Harold I. We also celebrated the late Queen's Platinum Jubilee and the Coronation of King Charles III.

None of what we have managed to achieve and experience this year would be possible without the fantastic team of Leaders – Nikki, Becca, Alex, Anthony and now Chris as he has recently turned 18. They give up their time, often more than the hour and a half a week that they were lured in with. They are all volunteers and without them we wouldn't be able to do what we do. Our Young Leader Ben also deserves thanks for giving his time whilst studying before he goes to university.

Finally, thanks to you, the parents, carers and guardians, for your continued support and engagement. We can only give the Cubs what we do if you are willing to ferry them around, give up your time and encourage them. They are a credit to you and will all grow into great young adults (after the dodgy teenage years).

Over the next year we will be continuing to do lots of great activities and I look forward to telling you all about them next year!

Robert Leeper - CSL – 2nd Romford

Scout section report 2023

We've had a packed program over the last year during which we awarded our Scouts with more than 40 badges for activities such as Astronautics (their choice), Climbing, Craft, Navigation, Nautical Skills, Nights Away along with one Chief Scout's Gold award. We have also attended numerous events and camps since the last AGM. Let me list for you just some of what we have been up to.....

June 2022 - The Scouts attended our Group Jubilee party and supported the Lodge Farm Park Miniature Railway's with a cakes and hot drinks stall with the proceeds going to the charity SMILE.

July 2022 – The Scouts ran one of the sessions for both Cubs and Beavers. They showed good leadership skills for their young age.

August 2022 - We went Poole in Dorset on our first summer camp since the start of COVID, where the Scouts took part in lots of fun activities such as a visit to Brownsea Island - the location of the first ever Scout camp, a hike along the Jurassic Coast and a bike ride in the New Forest. We even took the Cubs along with us, which made a different experience to usual.

September 2022 - We attended the District Franklin skills camp as well as group camp.

October 2022 - We had an overnight expedition camp working on our challenge badges. This is a Duke of Edinburgh award style expedition.

November 2022 – We attended the District Remembrance parade and service, dressed smartly and well behaved. A proud moment of the year.

December 2022 - The Scouts helped again with fundraising for SMILE at the Lodge Farm Miniature Railway Christmas Fayre and we went tubing at the Brentwood Ski Slope for our Christmas treat.

January 2023 - We had our group winter camp at Thorrington in Colchester and were joined by the Cubs and Beavers. This is Christmas themed event with a roast dinner, decorations around the hall and a Christmas tree.

February 2023 – We took part in numerous activities in session nights including making pancakes, map work, working on our local knowledge badge and practicing for the orienteering competition.

March 2023 - We had some Scouts compete in the District Orienteering Competition, despite not winning I think our Scouts would agree they all had fun.

April 2023 – Scouts attended the District St. Georges day parade and service. It was a wet walk, but the Scouts showed their resilience and also were quite well behaved. The older Scouts also attended the District survival camp where they made a shelter and slept in the woods overnight with only basic equipment like a sleeping bag and matches.

I would like to thank the Scout section leaders and our two young leaders for all their hard work, dedication, and enthusiasm. I would also like to thank our GSL, the trustee board and all those in the other sections who have helped out at various times of the year.

Tony Osborne
Scout Leader

2nd Romford Scout Troop

A brief reminder of our year (in pictures)











5 year plan review

1. Retention of members

- a) Scouts running younger sections at least termly
This continues to happen with the Scouts planning and running a Beaver and Cub meeting each term. There are plans to expand this to Squirrels too.
- b) Winter camp being a group activity
Winter camp continues to be open to Beavers, Cubs and Scouts. Squirrels will be invited to the next one for the day.
- c) Family fun days being organised
A family fun day was planned but with very little interest from the families. There are plans for future events this year with different ideas.
- d) Balanced and well planned programme
The programme is balanced with a renewed focus on the challenge badges and fun.

2. Squirrels

- a) Adequate number of leaders
Squirrels currently has 2 leaders, the GSL assisting and 2 regular parent helpers. This is sufficient and there are other parents who will help if one leader cannot attend. Less than 5 adults does make having 22 children present difficult.
- b) Appropriate equipment
There hasn't been a need to buy much equipment specifically for the Squirrels. We have been purchasing books to match the themes which can be reused over the years.
- c) Ensuring we have members
We have had a high interest in Squirrels thus far, partly due to the fact that there aren't many groups locally. As more open in September we need to ensure that we continue to recruit.
- d) Regular reviews to see how things are going and how they can be improved
The programme is reviewed regularly. A review with the section leader and GSL took place after the first few months and another will happen during the summer.

3. Youth shaped activities and quality programme

- a) Log chews / Pack and Troop forums
Each section should run forums where the opinions of the youth members are sought with regards to the programme, camps etc. The ideas should be implemented where possible.
- b) Regular and structured balanced programme planning
Each section holds termly programme planning meetings. The programme is currently well thought out. The younger sections are now using a 2 year programme to ensure that the children have variety and fun with the opportunity to earn their Chief Scouts award. A 2 year programme is in the process of being agreed for the Cub section. This becomes more difficult in the Scout section as the members are there for 4 years.
- c) Ensuring the programme is reviewed

This has not been happening formally, but will become part of the programme planning meeting and the views of the members will be sought.

4. Inclusion

- a) Planned and regular Family fun days
As mentioned the last organised family day was cancelled due to low interest. Future events are planned with different activities to see what works.
- b) Using AGM activity evenings to show what we do
The AGM usually involves entertainment or a series of bases where the sections run activities from their programme. This will be reviewed after this AGM to see if there are things we can change/add to show off the work we do in a different / better way.
- c) Providing updates on what all sections and the group are doing
Sections are mostly making use of the Facebook page to post pictures and updates on what the sections are doing. I would like this to be happening once per half term for each section.
- d) Using the Whatsapp groups and Facebook page for communication
The Whatsapp groups are invaluable for communicating with parents. The Facebook group works well for messages to all sections and has included information regarding camp equipment and uniform.

5. Community impact

- a) Continuing to chose a termly chosen project
This hasn't been happening, but will be reintegrated into the sections programmes from September.
- b) Using community Facebook pages to share appropriate messages about our Group and activities
This has not yet happened. We need to put some time into deciding the appropriate pages to share information on. Consideration for a social media rep for each section or the group as a whole.
- c) Building relationships with local charities and organisations
This has begun. We have a good relationship with the Havering miniature railway and have recently been involved in a community litter picking event organised by the local BOD officer working for the council. Talks are underway to do a project with St. Francis hospice and the food bank.

6. People

- a) Ensuring our Young Leaders are supported and encouraged to complete the YL programme and achieve their YL belt
The GSL has run training for YL at the hall to help them complete their modules. The group have also paid for the YL to do their 1st aid training. Section leaders are responsible for signing off the YL missions. The group will purchase the YL badges when district do not fulfil this.

- b) Inviting parents to stay for a session to see what we do and the work involved in running the Group
This will be integrated into the programme from September in all sections.
- c) Continuing to pay for leaders 1st uniform and establishing an agreement for replacement uniforms
This has continued and does help with the cost to leaders, which may be a barrier to people wanting to help.
- d) Setting an agreement on subsidising leader costs for things like camps
This has happened and is set out in the Group policy/guidelines handbook.
- e) Ensuring that leaders have adequate equipment and support
Any needed equipment is purchased. The trustee board are very supportive of purchasing items for both section and group use.

7. Facilities and equipment

- a) Replacement of lighting in hall
This has been completed.
- b) Buying new equipment as required
Any needed equipment is purchased. The trustee board are very supportive of purchasing items for both section and group use.
- c) Ensuring that equipment is repaired/replaced as needed
The Quartermaster organises regular stores / kit check/clear out days where the equipment is checked. There is one set for June. Any equipment needing replacing is then submitted to the trustee board for approval. We have a good store of equipment for camps, games and crafts.
- d) Review and replacement of outside storage
This is underway. We need quotes for the building work. If anyone knows a builder who would quote please let us know.
- e) Ensuring the shared spaces are kept tidy
A roster for the office has been working, if not perfectly, enough that the office does look much better generally. The Quartermaster takes good care of the stores and arranged regular stores clear up / equipment check days.
- f) Completing a computerised inventory of equipment
This has been started and will continue at the next stores clear out in June.

The 2nd Romford Leader Team

Group Scout Leader: Sarah Osborne

Squirrel Scout Leader: Becca Snell

Squirrel section Assistants: Sarah Osborne & Faye Pardon

Section helpers: Claire & Flora

Beaver Scout Leader: Sophie Osborne

Assistant Beaver Scout Leaders: Chris Knight, Debbie Bennett & Matthew Leeper

Cub Scout Leader: Robert Leeper

Assistant Cub Scout Leaders: Alex Peatfield, Nikki Hart, Becca Snell, Chris Bennett & Anthony Moran

Section helpers: Kerry & Antonio

Cub section Young Leader: Ben

Scout Leader: Tony Osborne

Assistant Scout Leaders: Liam Moore, Michael Bennett, Becky Cooksey, Sarah Osborne, Mark Jermain & Scott Parrott

Scout section Young Leaders: Imogen & Elena

2nd Romford Scout Group
Income and Expenditure Account
For the Year Ended 31 March 2023
Charity No: 1013049

2022		2023
£	INCOME	£
4226.50	Subscriptions	5449.50
935.53	Gift Aid	748.89
9655.50	Hall Hire	8516.00
10667.00	Grants	1000.00
13.17	Fundraising	80.24
550.00	Jack Petchey	300.00
50.00	Donations	130.00
16.34	Bank Interest	410.16
<u>2619.63</u>	Camp Fees	<u>8405.80</u>
28733.67		25040.59
	EXPENDITURE	
945.00	Membership	1845.00
1802.81	Motor Expenses	1359.37
1217.56	Buildings Insurance	1295.87
1874.28	Heat & Light	1103.88
41.00	Water	327.55
1890.71	Section Expenses	2342.82
282.56	Leader Training/1st Uniform	529.83
3078.84	Camp Expenses	8186.33
194.82	Miscellaneous	152.26
23.80	Covid Related Expenses	0.00
153.01	Bank Charges	0.00
190.19	Wi Fi & Website	242.40
657.65	Equipment	2833.26
<u>627.64</u>	Repairs and Hall Maintenance	<u>3549.26</u>
12979.87		23767.83
<u>15754</u>	Surplus/Deficit for the year	<u>1273</u>

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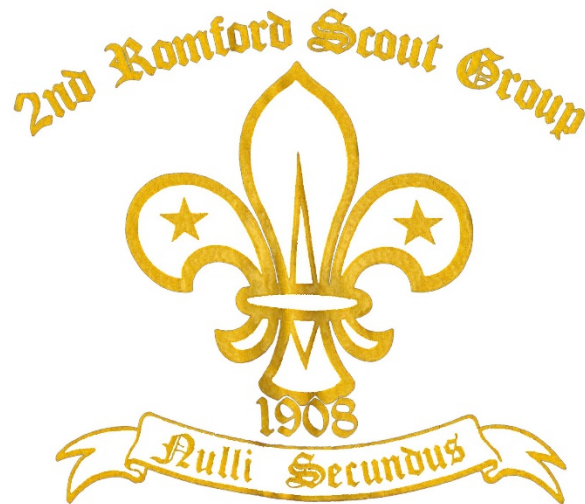
Date: 9th May 2023

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2nd Romford Scout Group Annual General Meeting

20th October 2022

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 The Treasurer nominates Mr Stephen Palmer as Scrutineer
- 12 NOMINATION OF EXECUTIVE MEMBERS
 The GSL nominates 4 Leader representatives :-
 Becca Snell Squirrel Scouts
 Sophie Osborne Beaver Scouts
 Robert Leeper Cub Scouts
 Tony Osborne Scouts

The Executive committee nominate co-opted member Liam Moore as Quartermaster

The GSL and Chair nominate Julie Leeper

Both Sophie and Liam are unable to attend but have both agreed in writing that they accept their place on the executive committee.

- 13 ELECTION OF COMMITTEE MEMBERS
 The following Parent representatives are prepared to stand to be elected :-
 Julia Moran Squirrel Scouts
 Emma Jermain & David Game Beaver Scouts
 Cub Scouts
 Michell Linsell Scouts

- 13 GSL (Group Scout Leader)
 14 THE 5 YEAR PLAN

Minutes of AGM held 23rd September 2021

The Meeting was held at Ashby Hall on 23/9/21 at 6.30pm

Sarah Osborne (GSL) introduced herself and welcomed everyone to the Meeting and explained why we hold an AGM, and Sarah introduced Scott Miller and nominated him to continue as our Chairman, and the motion was agreed by all those present.

The AGM was chaired by Scott Miller. Scott read out the Chairmans report to the Group, and the minutes from 2020 were agreed.

Sarah read a brief history of 2nd Romford Scout Group and was able to present Amy Sullivan with her Jack Petchey Award Certificate for services to the Group.

She also presented a 2020 Jack Petchey Award Certificate to Imogen Snell, (due to Covid restrictions she had been unable to so earlier in the year), which was accepted on her behalf by James Snell.

Both the **Trustees Report** and the **Treasurers Report** had been previously distributed to members via email. The adoption of the **Trustees Report** was proposed by Chris Knight and seconded by Faye Pardon

The **Group Accounts** for 2020/2021 were presented and The **Treasurers Report** was read out by Jackie Peatfield, adopted by Emma Jermain and seconded by James Snell

Scott Miller proposed Jackie Peatfield as **Group Treasurer**. Seconded by Chris Knight and the Meeting agreed unanimously.

Scott Miller proposed Sue Sparks as **Group Secretary**. Seconded by Debbie Bennett and the Meeting agreed unanimously.

The Meeting endorsed the **Group Nomination** of Steve Palmer as Scrutineer of our Accounts, prior to presentation to the Charities Commission which is a legal requirement. The nomination was proposed by Mark Jermain and seconded by Sue Sparks

SECTION REPORTS

Sophie Osborne read out a note from Val Woof the now retired Kanga, and then read the Beaver Scouts section report for the year.

Robert Leeper read out the Cub Scout section report for the year.

Tony Osborne read out the Scout section report for the year.

The adoption of the **Section Reports** was proposed Michelle Linsell and seconded by Julia Moran

The Chairman nominated 4 parents to serve as Members of the Group Executive.

Beaver section - Emma Jermain

Cub section - Julia Moran

Scouts section - Michelle Linsell & Martin Grace

Committee Members - Julie Leeper, Dick Peatfield & Liam Moore
(Quartermaster)

Kerry Harvey proposed, and Robert Leeper seconded, and it was unanimously agreed

Trustees annual report
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022
CHARITY NO 1013049

Trustees'

Scott Miller	Chair
Sue Sparks	Secretary
Jackie Peatfield	Treasurer
Sarah Osborne	Group Scout Leader
Sophie Osborne	Beaver Scout Leader
Robert Leeper	Cub Scout Leader
Anthony Osborne	Scout Leader
Liam Moore	Quartermaster
Emma Jermain	Cub Parent Representative
Michelle Linsell	Scout Parent Representative
Martin Grace	Scout Parent Representative
Julia Moran	Cub Parent Representative
Dick Peatfield	Elected Member of the Executive
Julie Leeper	Elected Member of the Executive

Structure, Governance and Management

The Group's governing documents are those of The Scout Association. They consist of a Royal Charter, which in turn gives authority to the Bye Laws of the Association and the Policy, Organisation and Rules of The Scout Association.

The Group is a Trust established under its rules which are common to all Scouts. The Trustees are appointed in accordance with the Policy, Organisation and Rules of The Scout Association.

The Group is managed by the Group Executive Committee, the members of which are the 'Charity Trustees' of the Scout Group which is an educational charity. As charity trustees they are responsible for complying with legislation applicable to charities. This includes the registration, keeping proper accounts and making returns to the Charity Commission as appropriate.

The Committee consists of independent representatives, Chair, Secretary, Treasurer together with the Group Scout Leader, individual section Leaders and Parent representation and meets about 4 times a year.

This Group Executive Committee exists to support the Group Scout Leader in meeting the responsibilities of the appointments and is responsible for:-

- The maintenance of the Group property
- The raising of funds and the administration of Group Finance
- The insurance of persons, property and equipment
- Group Public occasions
- Assisting in the recruitment of leaders and other adult support
- Appointing any sub committees that may be required

Objectives and Aims

The objectives of the group are as a unit of The Scout Association.

The aim of the Scout Association is to promote the development of young people in achieving their full physical, intellectual, social and spiritual potentials, as individuals, as responsible citizens and as members of their local national and international communities. The method of achieving the Aim of the Association is by providing an enjoyable and attractive scheme of progressive training, based on the Scout Promise and Law and guided by adult leadership.

The Group has a strong, experienced and dedicated volunteer leader team and welcomes new volunteers who bring with them enthusiasm and fresh ideas.

Achievements and Performance

During the year the Sections have either retained their numbers or increased them. The Group offers an active program of section night activities, day trips and night away experiences. There have been numerous section and Group experiences open to all members.

Financial Review

The Group's policy on reserves is to hold sufficient resources to keep its HQ building in good repair, replace equipment when needed and continue the charitable activities of the group should income and fundraising activities fall short.

The Group held reserves of approximately £74952 at the end of the 2021/2022 financial year. The figure is regarded as satisfactory and allows the Group to look forward to improvements at the hall and with regards to equipment and transport.

The Trustees declare that they have approved the Trustees' report above.

Treasurers Report Year End 31 March 2022

The Group's policy on reserves is to hold sufficient resources to keep its HQ building in good repair, replace equipment when needed and continue the charitable activities of the group should income and fundraising activities fall short.

Boosted by the eligibility for Covid 19 Grants the Group held reserves of approximately £75,000 at year end. This figure includes funds to upgrade the minibus when required and to continue renovations/improvements to the hall.

Looking forward into 2022/23 the Group's reserves will enable the hall and minibus costs to be met as well as upgrade/repair/replace the group's camping equipment when required.

The financial position of the Group is regularly reviewed by the executive committee.

Income and Expenditure Account
For the Year Ended 31 March 2022
Charity No: 1013049

2021		2022
£	INCOME	£
1073.0		4226.5
0	Subscriptions	0
	Gift Aid	935.53
5871.0		9655.5
0	Hall Hire	0
20241.00	Covid Grants	10667.00
0.00	Fundraising	13.17
250.00	Jack Petchey Donations	550.00
	Bank Interest	50.00
27.98		16.34
	Camp Fees	2619.63
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	EXPENDITURE	
0.00	Membership	945.00
	Motor Expenses	1802.81
820.67		1217.56
1181.31	Buildings Insurance	6
1596.38	Heat & Light	1874.28
284.24	Water	41.00
		1890.71
266.61	Section Expenses	1
0.00	Leader Training/1st Uniform	282.56
		3078.84
0.00	Camp Expenses	4
131.79	Miscellaneous Covid Related Expenses	194.82
126.67		23.80
36.96	Bank Charges	153.01

306.00	Wi Fi & Website	190.19
803.90	Equipment	657.65
22.75	Repairs and Hall Maintenance	627.64
<u>5577.2</u>		<u>12979.</u>
8		87
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21886	Surplus/Deficit for the year	15754

Balance Sheet
For the Year Ended 31 March 2022
Charity No: 1013049

2021		2022
£		£
	Current Assets	
2318.7	Current Account (Treasurers Account)	6730.8
6		2
10877.18	Deposit Account	22879.10
45096.00	32 Day Notice Account	45110.42
0.01	Go Cardless	0.01
	Total Cash held by Sections	119.42
132.41	Group Petty Cash	18.71
773.62	Equals Prepay Card	93.30
<u>0.00</u>		<u>93.30</u>
59198		74952
	Current Liabilities	
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0		0
59198		74952
	Represented By	
	Opening Balance	59198
37312	Surplus/Deficit for the year	15754
21886		74952
<u>59198</u>		<u>74952</u>

Sections accounts
For the Year Ended 31 March 2022
Charity No: 1013049

**BEAVER SCOUT
ACCOUNT**

INCOME

B/Fwd 1/4/21	30.98
Subs	
Donation	
	30.98

EXPENDITURE

Consumables	30.98
Events	
Equipment	
Sundries	
Badges/Certificates	30.98
To Group	
Cash in Hand C/Fwd	0.00
	30.98

CUB SCOUT ACCOUNT

B/Fwd 1/4/21	3.01
Subs	164.00
Donation	
	167.01

Consumables	34.50
Events	
Stationery	
Equipment	48.00
Badges/Certificates	
Presents	82.50
To Group	84.51
To Beaver Section	
Cash in Hand C/Fwd	0.00
	167.01

SCOUT ACCOUNT

B/Fwd 1/4/21	98.42
Subs	21.00

Consumables	
Events	
Badges/Certificates	
Sundries	
Activities	
Minibus Fuel	0.00
To Group	

_____	Cash in Hand C/Fwd	_____
119.42		119.42

		119.42

Chairman's report 2022

I'd Like to Welcome all who have managed to attend today - Guests, Leaders, Supporters, parents and young people. Welcome to the 2nd Romford Scout Group Annual Group Meeting for 2022.

This has been my third year as Chairman of the executive, I have found stepping into the role over the last few years has been challenging at times with certainly more challenging times on the way I'm sure.

A massive thanks to all our section leaders and all those who have taken part in the planning of camps, activities and badge work, fingers crossed you won't have to fill out as many Risk assessments as you did over the last few years thanks to COVID.

Thank you to all those who constantly volunteer their time to ensure that this group runs and I've been amazed again this year again by all the fantastic dedication shown by all the leaders and exec members.

Big thanks to all, both new to their roles and all those who have chosen to remain with us again this year. I continue to believe that together we can build, grow and continue to support all our young people and our local community.

We are one of the oldest Scout groups in the area and we continue to hand down the skills for life from the older members of group to the young ones coming up, and this is fantastic.

As we look towards the end of this year and next year, our focus is to ensure we maintain our goal of high-quality scouting and to ensure we recruit new members to allow this to happen year on year.

Thank you ALL very much for what you do and continue to do for Scouting.

Without further delay, I'll leave you with the words of A.A. Milne "You're braver than you believe, and stronger than you seem, and smarter than you think."

Scott Jason Miller
2nd Romford Executive committee chairman

Group Scout leader (GSL) report 2022

I would like to thank you all for attending the AGM today, it is good to see so many parents showing a keen interest in their children's Scouting.

2nd Romford Scout Group was established in 1908, the year after Baden Powell's first camp. We were fortunate indeed that we were gifted this land and the hall opened for Scouting in 1938. Since then only a world war has been able to affect Scouting, and more recently a global pandemic. 2nd Romford is very special to me, as it is to so many of our leaders and Exec. I believe it is a combination of tradition and modern ideas, a place where we aim for young people to learn and grow and blossom into confident and compassionate young adults.

To the leaders and young leaders, without you Scouting in 2nd Romford would not happen. I know you all have families, education, jobs and a multitude of other things outside of this hall but as Group Scout leader I couldn't be prouder of you all. Your never-ending commitment to planning, taking part, packing away, cleaning up, showing up..... It is incredible.

To our exec, thank you for your support and for working with me to continue to try and make sure that we look after the money, but also spend what is needed.

If anyone doesn't know, everyone of the leaders, young leaders, exec and myself are all volunteers. We do not receive any money and often pay out of our own pockets for camps etc. It is a commitment that at times can begin to feel like a burden, but knowing that we are making even a tiny difference to the lives of these young people is more reward than we could ever need.

I'd like to share with you these words I found online. They were originally written by a Scout Leader called David Bell in 2014, although I have amended them slightly.

We are only Leaders - we are not experts - we are your next-door neighbours - we are not perfect we are people just like you. We don't have any more spare time or energy than you do, we all work full time and juggle our families and our schedules and try to keep it all together as best we can.

The only difference is that we believe passionately about what Scouting has to offer. So much so, that we contribute our time, our efforts and our talents to help our children - and your children - grow in Scouting. We complete risk assessments, forms, budgets and records and ensure OSM is kept updated. We are required to take in excess of 50 hours training in our first few years as well as planning meetings so we can meet our greatest challenge - providing a variety of programmes and activities which meet the needs and interests of our very individual members.

We try to involve parents who want us to understand that they don't have the time to drive on outings or help at meetings. We rejoice in the generosity of others.

Sometimes we find ourselves going in too many directions – we run out of steam – we have memory lapses – communication lines break down – time slips by – but that doesn't mean we don't care.

So many evenings we spend worrying or seeking help and advice from other leaders when disappointments or problems occur. "How do I hold my Scouts attention?". "How do you cope with Scouts of different skills levels?" Our laptops are full of menus, camp budgets, permission forms and numerous other scouting related documents. A couple of children won't show up and don't think to call to let us know – sometimes we feel unappreciated.

Yet these children can fill us with pride at their determination and accomplishments. Their smiles and laughter fill up a room, and when they say "thank you" it makes it all worthwhile. We help these children build relationships.

Some struggle more than others. Trustworthy, Loyal, Helpful, Friendly....all these traits are encouraged by the Scout Promise and Law – and sometimes we too must learn these lessons over and over again with the Scouts – but we are willing to keep learning.

Please be patient if we appear distracted or frustrated or overwhelmed at times. Forgive us if we are not always the kind of Scout Leader you would be – if only you had the time. Instead, provide us with your encouragement – a kind word, a thank you – or offer us your help. Keep us always in your thoughts and prayers.

We are, after all, only mentors...role models...leaders...volunteers who have made a Promise to give these young people, your children, the most precious gift we have to offer – the gift of time.

We are always looking for more adult help and if you know of anyone who would be willing, even if it just on adhoc occasions please let us know, we never turn down offers of help; here are just some of the ways you could get involved:

- Help an hour or two a week assisting one of our sections - Squirrels, Beavers, Cubs or Scouts.
- Help by offering a special expertise you have, any skills, hobbies or interests you have can be put to good use as we try to develop a varied and interesting portfolio of activities, events and experiences for our young people, and that could be a once a year event.
- Join the executive committee and help keep the group running, they meet once a term usually.
- Help with maintaining and upgrading the building. We continue every year to make repairs and improvements on the structure and fittings. We still have much to do. If you can help with repairs, improvements or helping us clean please let us know.
- Complete a Gift Aid form, this costs you nothing, is simple to do, takes a matter of minutes and the Government gives us money back in return, for every £1 donated by Gift Aid we are able to claim back 25p. You can opt in on OSM but if you aren't sure how just speak to any leader.

Feedback/Ideas/Suggestions - We welcome feedback on all our activities good or bad, the Group will take anything you have to say into consideration.

We are continually striving to improve the future of Scouting, 2nd Romford. With your help we can turn that aim into a reality. So if you have any ideas or suggestions, please tell us.

You can have an input in any of the following ways

- Verbally to any leader
- Email via scouts2ndromford@outlook.com or the Group Scout leader SarahGSL@2ndromfordscouts.org.uk
- Become a member of the Executive committee as a parent representative and be part of the decision making.

Sarah Osborne - 2nd Romford Group Scout leader

Beaver Scout section report 2022

Firstly I want to apologise for not being here tonight. I am on a much-needed holiday in the sun!

So... what happened in Beavers in the last year?

This was my first year as Beaver Leader. Over the year we have changed and grown as a colony.

We saw our first Beaver achieve their Chief Scout Bronze award since before Covid.

Some of our Beavers went on their first camp, both indoors and under canvas.

Most certainly we kept our Beaver Scout promise. We had fun and made friends along the way.

Everything started to get back to normal and we have made the most of the opportunity to do activities both indoors and outdoors. We even attended the first district Beaver event since Covid last weekend, the Beaver obstacle course and the 6 who attended had a great time.

I can't speak for the Beavers about what their best part of the year was but here are a couple of mine:

The talent show at Group winter camp. The Beavers were amazing in their confidence, all getting up and performing in some way. I was so proud to stand up there with them.

The end of Summer term glitter party, where we had a glitter fight. I am sure all the Beaver parents will agree it was very messy but the Beavers seemed to all enjoy themselves, and I know I certainly did.

Our litter picking competition at King Georges park where the children competed in Groups to see who could pick up the most litter. This also helped towards the community help part of our World challenge badge.

We have done lots since April and I am sure over the next year we will continue to keep our Beaver promise with more activities, district events, camps and fun Thursday sessions.

Sophie Osborne

Beaver Leader

2nd Romford Scout Group

Cub Scout section report 2022

Welcome to the 2nd Romford AGM 2022. When I delivered my section report at the last AGM, I had just taken on the role of Cub Section Leader. Over the past year I have settled into the role and we have had a great year. I ended last year by saying that covid had impacted the year, and I hoped to have more to tell you about this year, and that is certainly the case!

Badges are an important part of our programme, helping us to provide a balanced set of activities and reward the Cubs for their hard work. An exhaustive list of the badges that we have worked towards this year and what they entail would quite significantly extend the time that I speak to you today, so for all our sakes I will just highlight the Chief Scout's Silver awards that we have awarded this year, to Willow, Alicia, Danielius, Charlotte Paige and Dominic. The Chief Scout's Silver award is the highest award that a Cub can receive and is a fantastic achievement. Well done to those Cubs, and well done to all who have achieved any badges this year.

Over the past year we have attended various camps and events. We attended the District sleepover at Jump Evolution. The term 'sleep' over is not fully accurate. The Sixers went away to take part in some more adventurous activities to prepare them for Scouts. We also recently attended the Jubilee themed District Cub camp, flying the flag for Malta. As a group, the Cubs travelled to Thorrington in January for winter camp, traditionally an indoor camp to battle the cold, and we took part in some Christmas themed activities and enjoyed my favourite meal - Val's camp Christmas dinner. We have recently returned from a fantastic week away in Dorset. The highlight of the Group calendar, the annual summer camp was packed with activities, from visiting the birthplace of Scouting, to trying new water sports, cycling in the New Forest and visits to a theme and water park. At summer camp we camp traditionally, so the Cubs were responsible for cooking

their own meals, maintaining their site and preparing for the day's activities. For the most part this went well, though on one occasion someone managed to forget to bring spare clothes to the water sports, which caused a bit of a run around! It was a tiring but fantastic week away, and I'm very proud of the Cubs for stepping up and camping in a different style to what they are used to. I hope that they all got a lot out of it.

We have attended both the District Cub competitions held this year. The Scooter Rally is a fun scooter racing event, made all the more fun by the fact that we won! The St. George's Competition is a more traditional competition, testing Scouting skills from fire lighting to knots. The scores were close, but again we came away victorious! Congratulations to both teams, not just for the success but also for wearing the old gold scarf with pride and showing everyone why we are the best group in the world.

None of what we have managed to achieve and experience this year would be possible without the fantastic team of Leaders - Sky, Nikki, Becca, Alex and Anthony. They give up their time week in, week out to give the Cubs their Scouting experience. They are all volunteers and without them we wouldn't be able to do what we do. Special thanks also go to Ben and Chris, our Young Leaders, who also give up their time around sixth form/ college to help us to run the section. Without all of you my Thursdays would be pretty boring.



Finally, thanks to you, the parents, carers and guardians, for your continued support and engagement. It is evident that you care about what your Cubs do every week, from bringing them every Thursday to the WhatsApp messages covering everything Cubs and more, and that is incredibly important. You really make the Group what it is and you are helping your Cubs to gain valuable life skills. The respect, tolerance, and work ethic that I picked up through my time as a young person in Scouting are skills that I use every day and will set your Cubs in good stead for the future. Your children are a credit to you and to the Group.

Over the next year we will continue to provide activities that are fun, adventurous, and enriching. I look forward to telling you all about them next year!

Robert Leeper - CSL - 2nd Romford



Scout section report 2022

We've had a packed program over the last year during which we awarded our scouts with 55 badges for activities such as Athletics, Electronics, Entertainer, Model Maker, along with one Chief Scout's Gold award.

Since the last AGM we have attended numerous camps and competitions.

Following the easing of the COVID restrictions, we had our first face-to-face camp as a Hammocking Camp at Thriftwood in October. Despite being cold and very wet it was good to finally be camping again.

In December the Scouts helped with fundraising at the Lodge Farm Miniature Railway Christmas Fayre, and we went bowling at City Limits for our Christmas treat.

In January we had our group winter camp at Thorrington in Colchester and were joined by the Cubs and Beavers. Everyone had a great weekend. As usual we enjoyed a variety of activities as well as a full Christmas roast dinner with decorations and a Christmas tree.

We had some scouts compete in the District Orienteering Competition in March, despite not winning I think our scouts would agree they all had fun.

I would like to thank the scout section leaders for all their hard work, dedication and enthusiasm. I would also like to thank our GSL, the Exec, and all those in the other sections who have helped out at various times of the year.

Tony Osborne
Scout Leader
2nd Romford Scout Troop

The 2nd Romford leader Team

Group Scout Leader: Sarah Osborne

Squirrel Scout Leader: Becca Snell

Section helpers: Faye Pardon & Julia Moran

Beaver Scout Leader: Sophie Osborne

Assistant Beaver Scout Leaders: Chris Knight, Debbie Bennett & Matthew Leeper

Cub Scout Leader: Robert Leeper

Assistant Cub Scout Leaders: Sky Hart, Nikki Hart & Anthony Moran

Section assistants: Kerry Slinn & Antonio Tam

Cub Section Young Leaders: Ben & Chris

Scout Leader: Tony Osborne

Assistant Scout Leaders: Liam Moore, Michael Bennett, Becky Cooksey, Mark Jermain & Scott Parrott

Scout Section Young Leaders: Imogen & Elena

2nd Romford Scout Group
 Balance Sheet
 For the Year Ended 31 March 2022
 Charity No: 1013049

2021		2022
£		£
	Current Assets	
2318.76	Current Account (Treasurers Account)	6730.82
10877.18	Deposit Account	22879.10
45096.00	32 Day Notice Account	45110.42
0.01	Go Cardless	0.01
132.41	Total Cash held by Sections	119.42
773.62	Group Petty Cash	18.71
<u>0.00</u>	Equals Prepay Card	<u>93.30</u>
59198		74952
	Current Liabilities	
<u>0</u>		<u>0</u>
59198		74952
	Represented By	
37312	Opening Balance	59198
21886	Surplus/Deficit for the year	15754
<u>59198</u>		<u>74952</u>

2nd Romford Scout Group
 Income and Expenditure Account
 For the Year Ended 31 March 2022
 Charity No: 1013049

2021	
£	INCOME
1073.00	Subscriptions
	Gift Aid
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250.00	Jack Petchey
	Donations
27.98	Bank Interest
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	EXPENDITURE
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820.67	Motor Expenses
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	Surplus/Deficit for the year
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2nd Romford Scout Group
Income and Expenditure Account
For the Year Ended 31 March 2022
Charity No: 1013049

BEAVER SCOUT ACCOUNT

INCOME		EXPENDITURE	
B/Fwd 1/4/21	30.98	Consumables	30.98
Subs		Events	
Donation		Equipment	
		Sundries	
		Badges/Certificates	
			<u>30.98</u>
	<u>30.98</u>	To Group	
		Cash in Hand C/Fwd	0.00
			<u>30.98</u>

CUB SCOUT ACCOUNT

B/Fwd 1/4/21	3.01	Consumables	34.50
Subs	164.00	Events	
Donation		Stationery	
		Equipment	48.00
		Badges/Certificates	
		Presents	
			<u>82.50</u>
	<u>167.01</u>	To Group	84.51
		To Beaver Section	
		Cash in Hand C/Fwd	0.00
			<u>167.01</u>

SCOUT ACCOUNT

B/Fwd 1/4/21	98.42	Consumables	
Subs	21.00	Events	
		Badges/Certificates	
		Sundries	
		Activities	
		Minibus Fuel	
			<u>0.00</u>
	<u>119.42</u>	To Group	
		Cash in Hand C/Fwd	119.42
			<u>119.42</u>

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Independent examiner's report to Scott Miller, Chairman of 2nd Romford Scout Group and Sarah Osborne, Group Scout Leader

Purpose

The purpose of this report is to submit my findings from the work I have undertaken as an Independent Examiner of the 2nd Romford Scout Group Accounts submitted to me for the year to end March 2022. I am submitting an unqualified report (for a non company charity preparing receipts and payments accounts) with a gross income of £250,000 or less in the relevant financial years. In conducting the examination and preparing this report I have had the full and open support of the Treasurer for which I am grateful.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the Charity Chairman of the Trust you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and, in carrying out my examination, I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. Accounting records were not kept in respect of the Trust as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. The accounts do not accord with those records.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Other Issues for Consideration

I have no further issues to raise as a consequence of my examination of this year's accounts.

Signed: Stephen Palmer

Name: Stephen Palmer, Chartered Information Technology Professional, Fellow of the British Computer Society, Fellow of the Society of Information Technology Management. Retired Senior Deputy Director of Residents Services at the London Borough of Hillingdon.

Address: 34 Hempstead Road, Holt, Norfolk, NR25 6DF
Date: 21st September 2022

2ND ROMFORD SCOUT GROUP

England & Wales - Charity number 1013049

Accounts

2nd Romford Scout Group
AGM Minutes
23rd September 2021

MINUTES OF AGM HELD 23/09/2021

The Meeting was held at Ashby Hall 23/9/21 at 6.30pm

Sarah Osborne (GSL) introduced herself and welcomed everyone to the Meeting and explained why we hold an AGM, and Sarah introduced Scott Miller and nominated him to continue as our Chairman, and the motion was agreed by all those present.

The AGM was chaired by Scott Miller. Scott read out the Chairmans report to the Group, and the minutes from 2020 were agreed.

Sarah read a brief history of 2nd Romford Scout Group and was able to present Amy Sullivan with her Jack Petchey Award Certificate for services to the Group.

She also presented a 2020 Jack Petchey Award Certificate to Imogen Snell, (due to Covid restrictions she had been unable to so earlier in the year), which was accepted on her behalf by James Snell.

Both the **Trustees Report** and the **Treasurers Report** had been previously distributed to members via email. The adoption of the **Trustees Report** was proposed by Chris Knight and seconded by Faye Pardon

The **Group Accounts** for 2020/2021 were presented and The **Treasurers Report** was read out by Jackie Peatfield, adopted by Emma Jermain and seconded by James Snell

Scott Miller proposed Jackie Peatfield as **Group Treasurer**. Seconded by Chris Knight and the Meeting agreed unanimously.

Scott Miller proposed Sue Sparks as **Group Secretary**. Seconded by Debbie Bennett and the Meeting agreed unanimously.

The Meeting endorsed the **Group Nomination** of Steve Palmer as Scrutineer of our Accounts, prior to presentation to the Charities Commission which is a legal requirement. The nomination was proposed by Mark Jermain and seconded by Sue Sparks

SECTION REPORTS

Sophie Osborne read out a note from Val Woof the now retired Kanga, and then read the Beaver Scouts section report for the year.

Robert Leeper read out the Cub Scout section report for the year.

Tony Osborne read out the Scout section report for the year.

The adoption of the **Section Reports** was proposed Michelle Linsell and seconded by Julia Moran

The Chairman nominated 3 parents to serve as Members of the Group Executive.

Beaver section - Emma Jermain

Cub section - Julia Moran

Scouts section - Michelle Linsell Martin Grace

Committee Members - Julie Leeper Dick Peatfield Liam Moore
(Quartermaster)

Kerry Harvey proposed, and Robert Leeper seconded, and it was unanimously agreed

2nd Romford Scout Group
Balance Sheet
For the Year Ended 31 March 2021
Charity No: 1013049

2020

£

Current Assets

1336.04	Current Account (Treasurers Account)
9729.78	Deposit Account
25070.42	32 Day Notice Account
0.01	Go Cardless
352.41	Total Cash held by Sections
823.62	Petty Cash
0	Scout Camp Deposits
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37312	

Current Liabilities

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37312	

Represented By

35820	General Fund
1493	Surplus/Deficit for the year
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<u>37312</u>	

2021

£

2318.76
10877.18
45096
0.01
132.41
773.62
0.00

59198

0

59198

37312
21886

59198

2nd Romford Scout Group
 Income and Expenditure Account
 For the Year Ended 31 March 2021
 Charity No: 1013049

2020	
£	INCOME
3162.00	Subscriptions
9581.00	Hall Hire
	Covid Grants
55.00	Fundraising
250.00	Jack Petchey
421.40	Donations
82.48	Bank Interest
334.10	Camp
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13885.98	
	EXPENDITURE
1665.00	Membership
3036.49	Motor Expenses
1066.08	Buildings Insurance
2631.19	Heat & Light
243.89	Water
1109.48	Section Expenses
153.75	Section Exps Paid from Group PC
391.91	Leader Training
758.10	Group Camp
361.01	Miscellaneous
	Covid Related Expenses
11.65	Bank Charges
113.61	Wi Fi
656.93	Equipment
194.20	Repairs and Hall Maintenance
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12393.29	
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1492.69	Surplus/Deficit for the year

2021

£

1073.00
5871.00
20241.00
0.00
250.00

27.98

27462.98

0.00
820.67
1181.31
1596.38
284.24
266.61
0.00
0.00
0.00
131.79
126.67
36.96
306.00
803.90
22.75

5577.28

21885.70

2nd Romford Scout Group
Income and Expenditure Account
For the Year Ended 31 March 2021
Charity No: 1013049

BEAVER SCOUT ACCOUNT

INCOME

B/Fwd 1/4/20 30.98
Subs
Donation

30.98

EXPENDITURE

Consumables
Events
Equipment
Sundries
Badges/Certificates

To Group
Cash in Hand C/Fwd

CUB SCOUT ACCOUNT

B/Fwd 1/4/20 23.01
Subs
Donation

23.01

Consumables
Events
Stationery
Sundries
Badges/Certificates
Presents

To Group
To Beaver Section
Cash in Hand C/Fwd

SCOUT ACCOUNT

B/Fwd 1/4/20 298.42
Subs

Consumables
Events
Badges/Certificates
Sundries
Activities
Minibus Fuel

To Group
Cash in Hand C/Fwd

298.42

0.00

30.98
30.98

0

20.00

3.01

23.01

0.00

200.00

98.42

298.42

Independent examiner's report to Scott Miller, Chairman of 2nd Romford Scout Group

Purpose

The purpose of this report is to submit my findings from the work I have undertaken as an Independent Examiner of the 2nd Romford Scout Group Accounts submitted to me. I am submitting an unqualified report (for a non company charity preparing receipts and payments accounts) with a gross income of £250,000 or less in the relevant financial years. In conducting the examination and preparing this report I have had the full and open support of the Treasurer for which I am grateful.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the Charity Chairman of the Trust you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and, in carrying out my examination, I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. Accounting records were not kept in respect of the Trust as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. The accounts do not accord with those records.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Other Issues for Consideration

I have no further issues to raise as a consequence of my examination of this year's accounts.

Signed: Stephen Palmer

Name: Stephen Palmer, Chartered Information Technology Professional, Fellow of the British Computer Society, Fellow of the Society of Information

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Date: 8th May 2021