



# Annual Report 2024

**James:** Hello is that Freeth's?

**Freeth's:** Your call is very important to us, please continue to hold.....



## Chairman's Report

It has been just over five years since I became the Chairman of the 1st Fleckney Scout Group Trustees Board. This last year has been extremely frustrating due to having to frequently chase the legals for long completed new Scout HQ, which to date are still not finalised.

The Trustees Board has been actively supporting the Group and has continued to make progress in a number of areas, including supporting Group funds through fund raising, a substantial Gift Aid application and careful monitoring of incomings and outgoings. In addition the Trustees Board has secured two grants, one from ASDA and one from the Leicestershire Scouts Forward 5 initiative. The ASDA grant will be used to purchase new cookery and cutlery for the New HQ building. The Forward 5 grant was used to purchase axe throwing equipment, which has already been used extensively at other Groups across the District and at a number of funding raising events. The Group continues to be well supported by the large number of parents/guardians who support activities, particularly the increasing number of camps (including our 1st overseas camp for many years) and other external activities.



The Trustees Board took an early decision to postpone the 2023 AGM until the Group had transferred into the new building, regrettably due to numerous delays in resolving the legal aspects of the transfer the AGM timed out. In the meantime the Scout Association has implemented a number of changes to the way Scouting is managed and governed.

Thus with effect from our 2024 AGM, due in the Autumn of 2024, we will need to appoint a new Trustees Board, with members being time limited in post. Under the new structure the Trustees Board will concentrate on governance and all operational matters will fall under a new Grouping lead by the Group Lead Volunteer (former GSL).

As noted above, the plan to replace the Groups ageing Scout Head Quarters (HQ) with a new build has been frustratingly delayed. Although the new building was practically completed in Dec 23, due to legal delays initially caused by Harborough District Council and latterly by Developer and their solicitor who seem to take for ever to respond, we still don't have a legal completion date! There still remains a possibility that we might transfer to our new purpose built scout HQ in the next few months (we may even be holding our AGM 2024 in it)! This improved infrastructure will eventually hopefully help the Group expand still further to meet the demand from the ever increasing local population.





It continues to be exciting times for the 1st Fleckney Scout Group, one of the oldest Groups in the country. The Group continued to subsidise external activities, which have been both well subscribed and enjoyed by all who attended.



This year with my attendance at Group and Cub Jam camps as well as several other activities I have had chance to further meet the Groups leaders and helpers, and many parents/carers. Additionally, I was tasked with making the sub camp pirate themed entry gates for the County Cub Jam in Jun 24. I have been impressed with their enthusiasm and dedication, and together with an equally dedicated and enthusiastic support staff, I offer my heartfelt thanks to them all for their hard work over the past 12 months and I hope they will continue on into the future.



**James Ward MBE**  
**1st Fleckney Scout Group Chairman**

# **Agenda for 1<sup>st</sup> Fleckney Group Scout Council / Annual General Meeting**

Saturday 12th October 2024 at 13.00 at the Fleckney Silver Band Hall

## **1. Introduction and welcome by the chair**

## **2. Apologies for absence**

## **3. Governance topics:**

- a. An explanation for the absence of a 2023 AGM
- b. An explanation of The Scout Association driven changes to the management of the Group
- c. Approval of the minutes of the Annual General Meeting held 24 Sept 2022
- d. Adoption of the new model constitution
- e. Note the Groups financial year (1st August 23 to 31 July 24)
- f. Agree (or not) the number of members that may be appointed to the Trustees board
- g. Agree (or not) the quorum for the Group Scout Council/Annual General meeting

## **4. Review of the previous year:**

- a. Group Lead Volunteer's (previous GSL's) Report
- b. Receive and consider the Annual Report of the Group Trustees Board, including the Annual Statement of Accounts

## **5. Making appointments:**

- a. Appoint (GSC to approve or not) the Group Chair for 1 to 3 years
- b. Appoint (GSC to approve or not) Group Treasurer for 1 to 3 years
- c. Appoint (GSC to approve or not) of the Group Trustees Board for 3 Years
- d. Appoint (GSC to approve or not) of the Group Trustees Board for 2 Years
- e. Appoint (GSC to approve or not) of the Group Trustees Board for 1 Year
- f. Appoint an independent examiner of the Group accounts

## **6. Presentations:**

- a. Presentation to Cathy Howells former GSL

## **7. Closing remarks:**



## 1<sup>st</sup> Fleckney Group Scout

### MINUTES OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2022 Held on 24<sup>th</sup> September 2022 at the Silver Band Hall, Fleckney

#### **Present:**

Debbie Billington	District Commissioner
Cathy Howells	Group Scout Leader
James Ward	Executive Chair
Rob McAulay	Executive Treasurer
Gareth Robinson	Executive Secretary
Callum Ward	Beaver Leader
Oliver Williams	Beaver Leader
Sean Bowley	Scout leader
Ruth Hughes	Executive Member
Eric Gamble	Executive Member
Joshua Crewe	Parent
Sue Deacon	Parent
Jenny Bowley	Parent
Emma Buck	Parent
Natalie Gibson	Parent
David Dowdell	Parent
Tracey Dowdell	Parent
Karen Parker	Parent
David Parker	Parent
Samantha Gilbert	Parent
Lisa Harrison	Parent
Olynka Biggs	Parent
Harj Buttar	Parent
James Smith	Parent

An Annual Report 2022 booklet was circulated at the meeting and is cross referenced in these minutes where applicable.

#### **1. Welcome**

James Ward welcomed everyone to the meeting and thanked them for coming. Reminded everyone that due to the pandemic this was the first time in 3 years that it was possible to do the AGM in person

See Chairman's Report on page 3 of the 2021 Annual Report Booklet

#### **2. Apologies**

Alison Gibson (on holiday), Marc Weston and Christelle Coggon

#### **3. Approval of minutes from the 2022 AGM**

These are in the booklet on pages 4-7.

The minutes were accepted as a true copy, proposed by Rob McAulay, seconded by Callum Ward and agreed unanimously.

#### **4. Presentation of the Annual Trustees' 20/21 Report**

This report is in the booklet on pages 8-11.

Approval of the report proposed by Ruth Hughes, seconded by Rob McAulay.

#### **5. Presentation of the 21/22 Annual Accounts (Rob McAulay)**

The financial report is on page 12 in the booklet, and the Treasurers report is on page 13 in the booklet.

- Income has not really increased, apart from gift aid. Most of the income is from grants.
- We need to bring in more money through fundraising. A parents group has been set up since the last meeting. Can't rely on the grants going forward.
- Outgoings are generally the same, gone up a small amount with inflation. Got grants for kit. Capitation has increased (more kids)
- We spend more on badges and neckers because we are doing more activities (with some contributions). Group contributed over £2k to activities.
- Expected to have more expenditure due to the new scout hut etc. but need to bring in more cash from other sources.

Approval of the report proposed by Callum Ward, seconded by Cathy Howells

**6. Approval of the corrections to the 20/21 annual accounts**

The correct figures are included in the booklet on page 12.

Approval of the corrections proposed by Debbie Billington, seconded by Sue Deacon.

**7. Election of Inspector of Accounts for 2022/23**

Eddie Harman was approved as Inspector of Accounts, proposed by Rob McAulay, seconded by Eric Gamble and approved unanimously

**8. Group Scout Leader's Report (Cathy Howells)**

This report is in the booklet on page 14.

An appeal for additional leaders to keep the groups growing – there is a considerable waiting list. Thank you to Alison who is stepping down after 7 years.

**9. Approval of the GSL's Nomination of the Group Chairman**

**10. Election of Group Secretary**

**11. Election of Group Treasurer**

**12. Election of Members to the Group Executive Committee**

**13. GSL's Nominations to the Group Executive Committee**

**14. Co-opted members to the Group Executive Committee**

**15. Confirmation of Section Leaders Opting onto the Executive Committee**

(see form below for items 9 - 15). All nominations were approved unanimously.

Position	Nominee	Nominator	Seconder
Ex-Officio members			
Chairman	James Ward	Cathy Howells	n/a
Secretary	Gareth Robinson	Callum Ward	Oliver Williams
Treasurer	Rob McAulay	Ruth Hughes	Eric Gamble
Group Scout Leader	Cathy Howells		
Elected Members (up to 4)			
Elected Member 1	John Lacey	Cathy Howells	Debbie Billington
Elected Member 2	Ruth Hughes	Cathy Howells	Debbie Billington
Elected Member 3	Eric Gamble	Cathy Howells	Debbie Billington
Elected Member 4	Katrin Wood	Cathy Howells	Debbie Billington
Section Leaders		Opted IN or OUT	
Beavers	Callum Ward	IN	
Cubs	Ivan Odell	IN	
Scouts	Sean Bowley	IN	



Co-opted members (up to 4 or less if less Elected)			
Co-Opted Member 1	Sean Garon	Debbie Billington	Callum Ward
Co-Opted Member 2	Andrew Weatherby	Debbie Billington	Callum Ward
Co-Opted Member 3			
Co-Opted Member 4			
GSL Nominations (up to 4 or less if less Elected)			
GSL Nomination 1		n/a	n/a
GSL Nomination 2		n/a	n/a
GSL Nomination 3		n/a	n/a
GSL Nomination 4			

**16. Distinguished Guest's Speech – Debbie Billington, District Commissioner**

Well done Fleckney for a brilliant year, particularly on the progress with the new hut. Thanks to James on the Executive side and Cathy on the Uniform side.

The new building is exciting and a new cub pack may be on the way.

Debbie extended a plea to parents to get involved. It is important to have more leaders, and equally important for parents to get involved on the Executive. Some of the Executive members have been on the committee for a number of years. There are still two spaces for co-opted members.

Awards - Congratulations to Brett for his 5 year certificate.

Thanks and well done, keep it up and see you next year.

**17. Gift aid forms**

James Ward reiterated the plea for parents to complete Gift Aid forms.

**18. Harborough lotto**

We are signed up to Harborough lotto for the scouts

**19. New Headquarters**

The new headquarters is ongoing. Should be a much warmer / nicer space than before. Will the new building be let out to other groups? Possibly, but this will need a new person to look after lettings on the team.

**20. Quartermaster**

We would also like to have a quartermaster – Sean has volunteered, and Oliver may assist. We will probably need some assistance from parents when the new building is ready for moving equipment across.

**21. Thanks**

Cathy has some presents for the scout leaders.

## Trustees' Annual Report

For the period from **01/08/2023** to **31/07/2024**

<b>Section A</b>	<b>Reference and administration details</b>
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**Name of Charity:** 1<sup>st</sup> Fleckney Scout Group

**Charity Registration:** 1034161

**Meeting Address:** Scout Headquarters  
High Street  
Fleckney  
Leicestershire  
LE8 8AJ

### Trustees who manage the charity

Name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not the whole year
James Ward	Chairman	
Robert McAulay	Treasurer	
Gareth Robinson	Secretary	
Catherine Howells	Group Scout Leader	GSL to 31 Jan 24
Callum Ward	Group Scout Leader	GSL from 31 Jan 24
Eric Gamble	Elected Member	
Ruth Hughes	Elected Member	
John Lacey	Elected Member	
Katrin Wood	Elected Member	To 08/07/24
Christelle Coggin	Elected member	
Andrew Weatherby	Co-opted Member	
Sean Garon	Co-opted Member	
Janine Trinder	Squirrels Leader	
Callum Ward	Beaver Leader	
Ivan Odell	Cub Leader	To 03/09/23
Sean Bowley	Scout Leader	



**Section B****Structure, governance and management****Description of the charity's trusts**

<b>Type of governing document</b>	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.
<b>How the charity is constituted</b>	The Group is a trust established under its rules which are common to all scouts.
<b>Trustee Selection methods</b>	The Trustees are appointed in accordance with the Policy, Organisation and Rules of The Scout Association
<b>Additional governance info</b>	<p>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.</p> <p>The Committee consists of 3 independent representatives, Chair, Treasurer and Secretary together with the Group Scout Leader, individual section leaders and parent's representation and meets quarterly.</p> <p>This Group Executive Committee exists to support the Group Scout Leader in meeting the responsibilities of the appointments and is responsible for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• The maintenance of Group property;</li><li>• The raising of funds and the administration of Group finance;</li><li>• The insurance of persons, property and equipment;</li><li>• Group public occasions;</li><li>• Assisting in the recruitment of leaders and other adult support;</li><li>• Appointing any sub committees that may be required</li><li>• Appointing Group Administrators and Advisors other than those who are elected.</li></ul>
<b>Risk and Internal Control</b>	The group has in place systems of <b>internal controls</b> that are designed to provide reasonable assurance against material mismanagement or loss, these include 2 signatories for all payments and a comprehensive insurance policies to ensure that insurable risks are covered.

**Section C****Objectives and activities**

<b>Summary of the objectives</b>	<p>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.</p> <p>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.</p>
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**Public Benefit Statement**

The Group meets the Charity Commission's public benefit criteria under both the advancement of education and the advancement of citizenship or community development headings.

**Section D****Achievements and performance**

See GSL and Section Leader reports pages 14-21

**Section E****Financial Review****Charity's policy on reserves**

The Group's policy on reserves is to hold sufficient resources to continue the charitable activities of the group should income and fundraising activities fall short. The Group Executive Committee considers that the group should hold a sum equivalent to 4 months running costs, circa £2,500.

The Group held reserves of approximately £50,000 against this at year end. The reserves are high due to saving for a new Head Quarters building.

**Investment policy & objectives**

The Group does not have sufficient funds to invest in longer term investments. The Group has therefore adopted a risk averse strategy to the investment of its funds. All funds are held in cash using only mainstream banks or building societies

**Section F****Declaration**

**The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.  
Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees**

**Signatures****Full names**

Callum Ward

Robert McAulay

**Position**

Group Scout Leader

Treasurer

**Date**



# Financial Report

## Receipts and payments accounts

For the period from

1<sup>st</sup> August 2023

to

31<sup>st</sup> July 2024

### Section A Receipts and Payments

	Unrestricted funds To the nearest £	Restricted funds To the nearest £	Endowment funds To the nearest £	Total Funds To the nearest £	Last year To the nearest £
<b>A1 Receipts</b>					
Subs	13,103			13,103	8,842
Donations	-			-	-
Fundraising	2,455			2,455	1,086
Camp Fees	8,012			8,012	2,738
Activities	2,117			2,117	617
Gift Aid	1,845			1,845	1,797
Grants	4,098			4,098	1,775
Interest	376			376	115
<b>Subtotal</b> (Gross income for AR)	32,006	-	-	32,006	16,969
<b>A2 Asset &amp; Investment sales, (see table)</b>					
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Subtotal</b>	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total Receipts</b>	32,006	-	-	32,006	16,969
<b>A3 Payments</b>					
British Gas	1,302			1,302	1,040
Camp Fees	10,286			10,286	2,733
Hut expenses	6,113			6,113	595
Food	1,177			1,177	138
AGM	-			-	149
Badges and Neckers	2,015			2,015	1,142
Activities	5,916			5,916	2,167
Stationery	50			50	41
Water	269			269	1298
Leaders Uniform	-			-	157
Membership Fees	5,160			5,160	4,203
Insurance	720			720	810
Equipment	2,698			2,698	543
<b>Subtotal</b>	35,705	-	-	35,705	13,976
<b>A4 Asset &amp; Investment Purchases</b>					
Camping Equipment	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Subtotal</b>	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total Payments</b>	35,705	-	-	35,705	13,976
<b>Net of receipts / payments</b>	3,699	-	-	3,699	2,993
<b>A5 Transfers between funds</b>	-			-	-
<b>A6 Cash funds last year end</b>	53,433			53,433	50,489
<b>Cash funds this year end</b>	49,734			49,734	53,433

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Signature

Print Name

Date of approval

Trustees Board Chair

James Ward MBE


2 Sept 24

Trustees Board Treasurer

Robert McAulay

2 Sept 24

## Financial Report

Receipts and payments accounts					
	For the period from	Period end date	To	Period end date	For year
		8/1/23		7/31/24	7/31/23
<b>Section A Receipts and payments</b>					
	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total funds	Last year
	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £
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				-	
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<b>A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).</b>					
	- 0	- 0	- 0	-	
	- 0	- 0	- 0	-	- 0
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>- 0</b>	<b>- 0</b>	<b>- 0</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>- 0</b>
<b>Total receipts</b>	<b>32,006</b>	<b>- 0</b>	<b>- 0</b>	<b>32,006</b>	<b>16,969</b>
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				-	
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>35,705</b>	<b>- 0</b>	<b>- 0</b>	<b>35,705</b>	<b>13,976</b>
<b>A4 Asset and investment purchases</b>					
		- 0	- 0	-	
<b>Camping Equipment</b>		- 0	- 0	-	
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>- 0</b>	<b>- 0</b>	<b>- 0</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>- 0</b>
<b>Total payments</b>	<b>35,705</b>	<b>- 0</b>	<b>- 0</b>	<b>35,705</b>	<b>13,976</b>
<b>Net of receipts/(payments)</b>	<b>- 3,699</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>- 3,699</b>	<b>2,993</b>
<b>A5 Transfers between funds</b>	<b>- 0</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	
<b>A6 Cash funds last year end</b>	<b>53,433</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>53,433</b>	<b>50,440</b>
<b>Cash funds this year end</b>	<b>49,734</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>49,734</b>	<b>53,433</b>
<b>Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period</b>					
Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	
		to nearest £	to nearest £	to nearest £	
<b>B1 Cash funds</b>	Bank Accounts	49,734			
	Petty Cash	-			
		-			
	<b>Total cash funds</b>	<b>49,734</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))				
Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees	Signature	Print Name	Date of approval		
Trustees Board Chair		James Ward MBE	2 Sept 24		
Trustees Board Treasurer		Robert McAulay	2 Sept 24		

## **Treasurer's Report**

### **Overview**

1st Fleckney Scout Group has had a very successful year financially, the group is a well oiled machine when it comes to achieving its financial targets. Although the group made a loss overall, this was expected, financially the group now has a varied range of revenue contributing to its income. The financial loss was anticipated due to the new Scout Hut and the associated one-off costs, without these unique costs the group would easily be in profit.

### **Income**

Our subscription income has increased massively this year compared to previous, subs up by £4,261. Subs are our biggest source of income. Many thanks to the leaders, committee and Ruth Hughes for keeping on top of this and making sure the finances are on a sound footing. Our income from the parents for camp fees has increased 4 fold, this reflects the increase in camps the group is organising and attending this year, the Norway trip in 2025 is also contributing to this income stream. Grants were a considerable part of our income, about 10% of our income, many thanks to James Ward for getting these grants for the group, (£4K). The group has a very active and successful fundraising group which has doubled our fundraising income compared to last year, (£2.5K). Our Total income was £32,006, which is the same as the 2 previous years added together.

### **Expenses**

Our biggest expense is surprising, camp fees account for most of our costs. The group is undertaking many more camps than it has done previously, this is excellent for the children and reflects well on the group. The committee have always driven forward a desire that the majority of expenses should be spent on the children and this is the case. We have spent £6k on the new Hut, we expected this to be our biggest outgoing. In 24-25 we expect to pay a lot more when we receive ownership. Nearly all our expenses have increased, but the biggest increases have come in the areas of providing an excellent and safe experience for the children.

### **2023-2024**

In the Treasurer's report for 22-23 I wrote: *"Looking forward to the 2023-2024 financial year we anticipate a considerable decrease in cash reserves, our expenses will be in the region of £40000, this is due to the expenditure on the new Scout Hut. The group has expected this and has the funds to cover the costs"*. Although we were correct in terms of the amount of expenses we weren't correct about where the expenses would be spent or the considerable reduction in our cash reserves. Therefore, we won't be making any predictions in this report.

Most figures in this report are rounded figures, for the exact figures see 23-24 Accounts spreadsheet attached.

**Rob McAulay**

**1st Fleckney Scout Group Treasurer**



## Group Scout Leader's (Group Lead Volunteer) Report

It's been a year of change at 1st Fleckney Scouts. After many years of servitude (sorry I mean volunteering!) Cathy stood down as GSL in January. Having been apparently groomed (can I use this word in scouting.....) for the role for the last few years, with a great deal of excitement I took on the role!

I now have a greater understanding of how much comes with the role – it's been a manic few months of DBS checks, OSM issues, dealing with the waiting lists and still hunting for a friend for Mark at Monday night Cubs!

The group has continued to grow, with the waiting list ever expanding, to the point we could open another squirrel drey and another beaver colony – if only we could recruit the additional leaders!

As it stands, our very own Ladybird has expressed interest in opening the second squirrel drey, but we might need to wait until his daughter gets to the right age group!



The opening of the second Cub Pack last year alleviated the influx of Beavers, however, we now face the same issue with limited Scout places! One of our current Cub Leaders (Flapps) has agreed to open a new Scout Troop next year when we reach a bottleneck with kids needing to move up. The next issue will be coming up with Troop names – Rohan and Gondor perhaps!

We have 12 Scouts (or will be Scouts) heading off to Norway over the summer on hopefully the first of many international camps – there's now even talk of alternative winter and summer trips, with plenty of opportunities for all kids to attend.



Some of the 1st Fleckney leaders attended (and passed) the Tomahawk Throwing course and have not only been running sessions for the group, but also the district groups to raise some additional funds. It's also been used to much success at local fundraising events – Harbourough Festival, Fleckney Festival, Lubenham Scarecrow Festival. All to raise funds and also promote Scouting to the wider community and try to entice some new leaders! MONDAY NIGHT CUBS.....ANYONE????? They don't bite!

Having made really good friends with the leaders of Broughton Astley at CUBJAM early this year, we have joined forces with them to run a joint Group Camp over May half term. This will not only be a chance for all of our sections – Squirrels through to Scouts to all do activities together, but also for them to meet other members from the wider County.

To end, I'd just like to say a massive thank you to all the leadership team who run amazing sessions each week for the kids, to the parents for all their help (be this at sessions or on camps!), to the trustee board who work diligently in the background ensuring the group runs smoothly and no equipment wish is too much!



To end, I'd just like to say a massive thank you to all the leadership team who run amazing sessions each week for the kids, to the parents for all their help (be this at sessions or on camps!), to the trustee board who work diligently in the background ensuring the group runs smoothly and no equipment wish is too much!



A continued thanks to our Chairman who has worked behind the scenes with all the day to day admin, first aid kit replenishment, checking the bank accounts for payments (no easy task with the volume of activities being done), maintaining equipment, cleaning the hut (no easy task given its current state) and even finding time to come on a few camps, the list is endless! What the group don't see, is the frequent emails and continued pressure he puts on the developers and their solicitors - we are extremely close to the handover for the new hut!

Here's to another excellent year of Scouting!

**Callum Ward**  
**1st Fleckney Group Scout Leader (Group Lead Volunteer)**



# Squirrels

## 1<sup>st</sup> Fleckney Squirrel Drey - 2024 Annual Report

We currently have 20 squirrel members, eight girls and twelve boys with 4 leaders Janine, Emma, Becs and Sylvia. Our session runs on Thursday 5:00-6:00.

### Badges this year

We have just had five squirrels achieve their chief acorn badge and this term they will be in one of our Beaver colonies.

Each session we have planned works towards all the badges Squirrels can get. If all Squirrels attend all the sessions all these badges are achievable, badges are given out at the end of each term.



Activities are also planned for blanket badges; recently the squirrels gained a Harborough district squirrel day, Star wars and a cinema badge.

### Activities

With the age of squirrels some activities we can not do, However the activities we have done this year are farm visit, Library visit, park visit, Allotment visit, we had a fire engine visit us at the hut and they all had a teddy bear train ride.

We attended our first remembrance parade in Fleckney last year and most of the squirrels attended the Saint Georges parade in market Harborough.







In June all squirrels attended the Harborough district squirrel day, lots of activities were planned such as axe throwing, games, campfire and a scavenger hunt.

### **Camping**

Due to still waiting for my night away permit we have currently not held a sleepover camp. we have recently had a 'camp prep' session where the squirrels had the opportunity to pack a bag, stay with just the leaders 2pm-7pm, create and eat their own pizzas for tea, scavenger hunt, singing around a campfire with smores, made bird feeders, indoor activities was lego, playdough and colouring at the end of the day they brushed their own teeth, got dressed into their pyjamas and whilst waiting for parents to collect they had milk and watched a movie, We have planned another camp session in October.



A great first fifteen months for squirrels.

**Janine, Emma, Becs & Sylvia**



# BEAVERS

## 1<sup>st</sup> Fleckney Merlin Beavers - 2024 Annual Report

We started Merlin Beavers in January 2024.

We currently have 20 beavers which include 18 boys and 2 girls with 4 leaders myself, Janine, Laura and Dave.

We have a diverse group of young people who work very well together.

### Badges

We are working towards 13 badges and have completed 12 badges in our sessions, We have also done a blanket badge session for Star Wars, where we had a visit from a storm trooper and a tie pilot.



During the summer holidays our beavers were given the 60 days summer challenge which they have all completed.





## **Activities**

Activities we have done are rock climbing, a wistow hike, sailing, The St George's parade, Robot wars, Pets at home, we had animal encounters visit the hut, a library visit, and a trip to windmill farm park, we also went to the allotments and planted numerous vegetable plants which they will monitor and look after.



Lined up we have the Gullivers Jamboree, a Kibworth fire station visit and a visit to the bowls club.



## **Camping**

As for camps we are currently waiting for Janine's away permit (since February!) and I am hoping to get mine at the Beau camp in September.

**Emma, Janine, Laura & Dave**



# BEAVERS

## 1<sup>st</sup> Fleckney Buzzard Beavers - 2024 Annual Report

The 2023/2024 year has been another action-packed year for the Buzzard Beavers.

The Winter term began with the first of two camps for the year, a group camp at Beaudesert with all sections of 1<sup>st</sup> Fleckney Scout. The Beavers, Cubs and Scouts joined together for two days of adventures – crate stacking, tomahawk throwing, caving and coracle boats among the activities undertaken. The different sections were all mixed together, and it was great to watch them all working so well together. We launched bottle rockets, learned to horse ride, and had fun at our Halloween party. And the beavers also practiced their sword skills, and martial arts.



The spring term showed once again that children will eat all sorts when they're in a group, parents once again mystified how we managed to persuade them all to try Haggis as part of Burns night. We enjoyed a nighttime hike from Wistow, as muddy as it was last years, but everyone had fun, apart from the leaders who then had to walk all the way back to collect their cars! We visited the Windmill farm park in Kibworth, along with the 1<sup>st</sup> Fleckney Squirrels, enjoying having the park to ourselves. And we went on our second camp of the year, an overnight stay at the Ullesthorpe camp site. While it decided to rain on the Sunday, we all enjoyed playing boardgames and doing puzzles with our friends.

However, the undoubted star of the show – for both beavers and leaders alike – was the visit by the star of Robot Wars, Matilda! The beavers enjoyed piloting robots around the arena that was set up in the hall for the evening, with a variety of challenges completed. And many of the parents stayed to have a go as well!





The summer term saw us welcoming snakes, hissing cockroaches and all sorts of other creatures as part of the animal encounter evening, with all our beavers being brave and holding our guests. We also joined with scout groups from around the district to celebrate St George's Day in Market Harborough. We also saw a return to the Northampton and Lampport railway to ride on the train as part of their Teddy Bears picnic event. Not content with one trip last year, this time it took two trips for all the squirrels, beavers and cubs to have a go. And we saw a wide range of other activities, earning badges for cycling and sailing and archery, as well as our annual Nerf War at the hut, and celebrating the Olympic year by holding a joint beaver-lympics with the returning Thursday Merlin Beavers.



The final event of the year saw the whole group come together once again to visit the cinema in Corby, where we all watched the new Pixar film, Inside Out 2.

Overall, a successful year for Buzzard Beavers, with plenty of fun had by all, and lots of badges earned. As always, we're forever grateful to all the parents who've given up their time this year to support us, particularly those who sacrificed their weekends (and sleep) to join us on our camps.



We look forward to next year, where we have a return to Beaudesert in September for another adventure filled camp, as well as hopefully a new hut...at some point!

**Mouse, Crocodile, Leopard & Fox**





## 1st Fleckney Viking Cubs – 2023 Annual Report

### The Winter Term



We started our term off with a group camp at Beau Desert where the cubs worked hard to gain lots of badges. A packed programme including DIY with some amazing creativity, Archery, Karate and a new activity – Horse riding which included a lot more than just riding the horse (they enjoyed mucking out the stables the most!)



Some of the cubs joined the District Hike using their navigation skills and working as a team with cubs from other groups. Backwoods Cooking and Sword Skills allowed the opportunity for further badges including 'Skills' & 'Teamwork'.

### The Spring Term



Our spring term allowed for lots of outdoor activities including a hike, a visit to Grange farm, and another indoor camp at Lowther Adventure near Kettering! Burns night included celebrating Robert Burn's by tasting haggis and washing it down with Irn Bru and we also had a session around disability awareness.



A group of our cubs joined Hathi and Flaps at the County Rambling Fox Event where they completed a 5-mile event (Hathi's group walked further after getting a bit lost!) cross-country using their navigational skills whilst completing activities along the way to gain points. Thank you Flaps for organising and we are signing up for next year too!





But we think the most popular activity was a special visit from Extreme Robots where the cubs (and adults!) battled with mini robots to the death in our '3, 2, 1, Activate' session, and they met Matilda and Ripper!



### **The Summer Term**

We started the term off with an explosion of colour for the Holi Festival as a joint session with the Saxons Cubs.



Another special visit included the cubs learning about a range of animals whilst having the opportunity to hold lots of them – many of them facing their fears of the snake!

We completed multiple external visits including a trip to the stream train, Pets at Home, Sailing and Archery. Some cubs also joined the squirrels and beavers to watch the new film Inside out 2!



A fantastic weekend at Cub Jam – the first time Fleckney has attended – and definitely won't be the last! The cubs completed a range of activities within Create, Active and Learn. A 2-day weekend where our cubs mixed with other cubs to have fun, build confidence and friendships and have unforgettable outdoor experiences.



A final note to say Congratulations to our own Jacala in becoming the Group Scout Leader. We are excited to see how he continues to grow 1<sup>st</sup> Fleckney Scouts Group.

**Jacala, Shere Khan, Hathi and Flaps.**





## 1<sup>st</sup> Fleckney Saxon Cubs – 2024 Annual Report

Another great year has been had by all the cubs, with 2 receiving their Chief Scouts Silver Award, well done to Albert and Toby. Unfortunately we had to say good bye to Bagheera (Brett) and Kaa (Ivan). This left just myself (Baloo) to run Monday Cubs with occasional support from Friday Cub leaders.



During the year we said good bye to 3 Cubs who will be moving up to Scouts but we also welcomed three new cubs who are new to the Scouting world.

We started the year off in September with a joint Scout Camping session at Beaudesert which the cubs that went thoroughly enjoyed. They tried out various activities such as axe throwing, tree climbing and caving.



Throughout the year the cubs have tried various new activities such as bowls, martial arts, fencing, archery and horse riding. They also took part in a science evening led by one of the parents where the cubs worked towards their Science badge making a home-made lava lamp, oobleck and racing balloons.



We have also linked up with Fridays Cubs on 2 occasions. One to celebrate the Holi Festival of Colour, which concluded with a giant colour explosion! And a cubs sports day with a difference, that included wellie throwing and sleeping bag races. One activity the Cubs particularly enjoyed was junk modelling with a difference. They had to create a crazy golf course using recycled materials then took it in turns testing each other's courses.





During the last 12 months we were also invited back to Kibworth Fire Station to watch how they would rescue a person from a damaged car including their special claw. We have also visited the local farm park, Pets at Home and the Library to learn about the local services.



One eventful evening was when we brought in Robot Wars and the cubs had chance to battle it out with the robots brought in. We also had the regular Nerf Gun battles that the cubs love and we finished the term off with a trip to the local climbing wall which also has a soft play that all the cubs enjoyed to finish the year off.



I just wanted to finish off by saying a "Big Thank you" you to all the parent helpers who have supported me this last 12 months. They have all got stuck in and supported me.

**Baloo (Mark)**

# SCOUTS

## 1st Fleckney Scouts – 2023 Annual Report

The scouting session for 2023-2024 was filled with exciting adventures, skill-building activities, and friendly competition. Our troop thrived, with 20 scouts attending most meetings.

### Group Camp at Beaudesert

We kicked off the year with a memorable group camp at Beaudesert campsite. Activities included crate stacking, axe throwing, and canoeing—a perfect way to strengthen bonds and set the tone for the session.

### Activities Throughout the Year:

- Pumpkin Carving: Our scouts showcased their artistic talents by creating intricate designs on pumpkins.
- Backwoods Cooking: Learning to cook outdoors with minimal resources was both fun and educational.
- Survival Tins: Scouts assembled survival tins, reinforcing preparedness skills.
- Glowstick Dancing: A unique twist on traditional dance, glowstick dancing added magic to our meetings.
- Cooking Session with Kibworth Scouts: Our scouts had a fantastic evening collaborating with Kibworth Scouts during a cooking session. Learning new recipes, sharing culinary tips, and working together in the kitchen fostered camaraderie and culinary skills.
- Campfire Cookout: The other memorable evening was a campfire cookout. Gathered around the fire, our scouts prepared delicious sausages on a stick and smoores.
- Adrenaline Alley Trip: We wrapped up the year with an adrenaline-pumping visit to Adrenaline Alley.





### **Fraser Shield Competition**

The Fraser Shield, Scouting's oldest camping competition, tested our patrol's teamwork and survival abilities. Patrols competed for the coveted trophy, maintaining high standards in camping, cooking, and cleanliness.

1st Fleckney Scouts entered a team of six, securing sixth place out of thirteen teams.

Their camping standards contributed to eighty percent of the overall points.



### **Annual Scout Camp at Johns Lee Woods**

The final meeting of this half of the year was our annual scout camp at Johns Lee Woods. All 18 of our scouts attended and slept in open-fronted cabins or tents. Meals were cooked over open fires by the scouts themselves. Activities included archery, air rifles, and caving. The weekend concluded with an epic water fight.



### **Achievements**

Congratulations to Edward Master's for completing the Gold award this year!

### **Upcoming Activities**

Our scouts will venture into Millennium Woods, where they'll build bivvies—a great opportunity to enhance their outdoor shelter-building skills.

More backwoods cooking awaits them, allowing them to explore creative recipes.

Additionally, they'll learn safe practices for using knives and wood carving techniques. Safety is paramount as they develop these valuable skills.

**Sean Bowley, Scout Leader**

# TOO BUSY TO VOLUNTEER?

think again...





# Annual Report 2024

**James:** Hello is that Freeth's?

**Freeth's:** Your call is very important to us, please continue to hold.....





## Chairman's Report

It has been just over five years since I became the Chairman of the 1st Fleckney Scout Group Trustees Board. This last year has been extremely frustrating due to having to frequently chase the legals for long completed new Scout HQ, which to date are still not finalised.

The Trustees Board has been actively supporting the Group and has continued to make progress in a number of areas, including supporting Group funds through fund raising, a substantial Gift Aid application and careful monitoring of incomings and outgoings. In addition the Trustees Board has secured two grants, one from ASDA and one from the Leicestershire Scouts Forward 5 initiative. The ASDA grant will be used to purchase new cookery and cutlery for the New HQ building. The Forward 5 grant was used to purchase axe throwing equipment, which has already been used extensively at other Groups across the District and at a number of funding raising events. The Group continues to be well supported by the large number of parents/guardians who support activities, particularly the increasing number of camps (including our 1st overseas camp for many years) and other external activities.



The Trustees Board took an early decision to postpone the 2023 AGM until the Group had transferred into the new building, regrettably due to numerous delays in resolving the legal aspects of the transfer the AGM timed out. In the meantime the Scout Association has implemented a number of changes to the way Scouting is managed and governed.

Thus with effect from our 2024 AGM, due in the Autumn of 2024, we will need to appoint a new Trustees Board, with members being time limited in post. Under the new structure the Trustees Board will concentrate on governance and all operational matters will fall under a new Grouping lead by the Group Lead Volunteer (former GSL).

As noted above, the plan to replace the Groups ageing Scout Head Quarters (HQ) with a new build has been frustratingly delayed. Although the new building was practically completed in Dec 23, due to legal delays initially caused by Harborough District Council and latterly by Developer and their solicitor who seem to take for ever to respond, we still don't have a legal completion date! There still remains a possibility that we might transfer to our new purpose built scout HQ in the next few months (we may even be holding our AGM 2024 in it)! This improved infrastructure will eventually hopefully help the Group expand still further to meet the demand from the ever increasing local population.





It continues to be exciting times for the 1st Fleckney Scout Group, one of the oldest Groups in the country. The Group continued to subsidise external activities, which have been both well subscribed and enjoyed by all who attended.



This year with my attendance at Group and Cub Jam camps as well as several other activities I have had chance to further meet the Groups leaders and helpers, and many parents/carers. Additionally, I was tasked with making the sub camp pirate themed entry gates for the County Cub Jam in Jun 24. I have been impressed with their enthusiasm and dedication, and together with an equally dedicated and enthusiastic support staff, I offer my heartfelt thanks to them all for their hard work over the past 12 months and I hope they will continue on into the future.



**James Ward MBE**  
**1st Fleckney Scout Group Chairman**

# **Agenda for 1<sup>st</sup> Fleckney Group Scout Council / Annual General Meeting**

Saturday 12th October 2024 at 13.00 at the Fleckney Silver Band Hall

## **1. Introduction and welcome by the chair**

## **2. Apologies for absence**

## **3. Governance topics:**

- a. An explanation for the absence of a 2023 AGM
- b. An explanation of The Scout Association driven changes to the management of the Group
- c. Approval of the minutes of the Annual General Meeting held 24 Sept 2022
- d. Adoption of the new model constitution
- e. Note the Groups financial year (1st August 23 to 31 July 24)
- f. Agree (or not) the number of members that may be appointed to the Trustees board
- g. Agree (or not) the quorum for the Group Scout Council/Annual General meeting

## **4. Review of the previous year:**

- a. Group Lead Volunteer's (previous GSL's) Report
- b. Receive and consider the Annual Report of the Group Trustees Board, including the Annual Statement of Accounts

## **5. Making appointments:**

- a. Appoint (GSC to approve or not) the Group Chair for 1 to 3 years
- b. Appoint (GSC to approve or not) Group Treasurer for 1 to 3 years
- c. Appoint (GSC to approve or not) of the Group Trustees Board for 3 Years
- d. Appoint (GSC to approve or not) of the Group Trustees Board for 2 Years
- e. Appoint (GSC to approve or not) of the Group Trustees Board for 1 Year
- f. Appoint an independent examiner of the Group accounts

## **6. Presentations:**

- a. Presentation to Cathy Howells former GSL

## **7. Closing remarks:**

## 1<sup>st</sup> Fleckney Group Scout

### MINUTES OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2022 Held on 24<sup>th</sup> September 2022 at the Silver Band Hall, Fleckney

#### **Present:**

Debbie Billington	District Commissioner
Cathy Howells	Group Scout Leader
James Ward	Executive Chair
Rob McAulay	Executive Treasurer
Gareth Robinson	Executive Secretary
Callum Ward	Beaver Leader
Oliver Williams	Beaver Leader
Sean Bowley	Scout leader
Ruth Hughes	Executive Member
Eric Gamble	Executive Member
Joshua Crewe	Parent
Sue Deacon	Parent
Jenny Bowley	Parent
Emma Buck	Parent
Natalie Gibson	Parent
David Dowdell	Parent
Tracey Dowdell	Parent
Karen Parker	Parent
David Parker	Parent
Samantha Gilbert	Parent
Lisa Harrison	Parent
Olynka Biggs	Parent
Harj Buttar	Parent
James Smith	Parent

An Annual Report 2022 booklet was circulated at the meeting and is cross referenced in these minutes where applicable.

#### **1. Welcome**

James Ward welcomed everyone to the meeting and thanked them for coming. Reminded everyone that due to the pandemic this was the first time in 3 years that it was possible to do the AGM in person

See Chairman's Report on page 3 of the 2021 Annual Report Booklet

#### **2. Apologies**

Alison Gibson (on holiday), Marc Weston and Christelle Coggon

#### **3. Approval of minutes from the 2022 AGM**

These are in the booklet on pages 4-7.

The minutes were accepted as a true copy, proposed by Rob McAulay, seconded by Callum Ward and agreed unanimously.

#### **4. Presentation of the Annual Trustees' 20/21 Report**

This report is in the booklet on pages 8-11.

Approval of the report proposed by Ruth Hughes, seconded by Rob McAulay.

#### **5. Presentation of the 21/22 Annual Accounts (Rob McAulay)**

The financial report is on page 12 in the booklet, and the Treasurers report is on page 13 in the booklet.



- Income has not really increased, apart from gift aid. Most of the income is from grants.
- We need to bring in more money through fundraising. A parents group has been set up since the last meeting. Can't rely on the grants going forward.
- Outgoings are generally the same, gone up a small amount with inflation. Got grants for kit. Capitation has increased (more kids)
- We spend more on badges and neckers because we are doing more activities (with some contributions). Group contributed over £2k to activities.
- Expected to have more expenditure due to the new scout hut etc. but need to bring in more cash from other sources.

Approval of the report proposed by Callum Ward, seconded by Cathy Howells

**6. Approval of the corrections to the 20/21 annual accounts**

The correct figures are included in the booklet on page 12.

Approval of the corrections proposed by Debbie Billington, seconded by Sue Deacon.

**7. Election of Inspector of Accounts for 2022/23**

Eddie Harman was approved as Inspector of Accounts, proposed by Rob McAulay, seconded by Eric Gamble and approved unanimously

**8. Group Scout Leader's Report (Cathy Howells)**

This report is in the booklet on page 14.

An appeal for additional leaders to keep the groups growing – there is a considerable waiting list. Thank you to Alison who is stepping down after 7 years.

**9. Approval of the GSL's Nomination of the Group Chairman**

**10. Election of Group Secretary**

**11. Election of Group Treasurer**

**12. Election of Members to the Group Executive Committee**

**13. GSL's Nominations to the Group Executive Committee**

**14. Co-opted members to the Group Executive Committee**

**15. Confirmation of Section Leaders Opting onto the Executive Committee**

(see form below for items 9 - 15). All nominations were approved unanimously.

Position	Nominee	Nominator	Seconder
Ex-Officio members			
Chairman	James Ward	Cathy Howells	n/a
Secretary	Gareth Robinson	Callum Ward	Oliver Williams
Treasurer	Rob McAulay	Ruth Hughes	Eric Gamble
Group Scout Leader	Cathy Howells		
Elected Members (up to 4)			
Elected Member 1	John Lacey	Cathy Howells	Debbie Billington
Elected Member 2	Ruth Hughes	Cathy Howells	Debbie Billington
Elected Member 3	Eric Gamble	Cathy Howells	Debbie Billington
Elected Member 4	Katrin Wood	Cathy Howells	Debbie Billington
Section Leaders		Opted IN or OUT	
Beavers	Callum Ward	IN	
Cubs	Ivan Odell	IN	
Scouts	Sean Bowley	IN	

Co-opted members (up to 4 or less if less Elected)			
Co-Opted Member 1	Sean Garon	Debbie Billington	Callum Ward
Co-Opted Member 2	Andrew Weatherby	Debbie Billington	Callum Ward
Co-Opted Member 3			
Co-Opted Member 4			
GSL Nominations (up to 4 or less if less Elected)			
GSL Nomination 1		n/a	n/a
GSL Nomination 2		n/a	n/a
GSL Nomination 3		n/a	n/a
GSL Nomination 4			

**16. Distinguished Guest's Speech – Debbie Billington, District Commissioner**

Well done Fleckney for a brilliant year, particularly on the progress with the new hut. Thanks to James on the Executive side and Cathy on the Uniform side.

The new building is exciting and a new cub pack may be on the way.

Debbie extended a plea to parents to get involved. It is important to have more leaders, and equally important for parents to get involved on the Executive. Some of the Executive members have been on the committee for a number of years. There are still two spaces for co-opted members.

Awards - Congratulations to Brett for his 5 year certificate.

Thanks and well done, keep it up and see you next year.

**17. Gift aid forms**

James Ward reiterated the plea for parents to complete Gift Aid forms.

**18. Harborough lotto**

We are signed up to Harborough lotto for the scouts

**19. New Headquarters**

The new headquarters is ongoing. Should be a much warmer / nicer space than before. Will the new building be let out to other groups? Possibly, but this will need a new person to look after lettings on the team.

**20. Quartermaster**

We would also like to have a quartermaster – Sean has volunteered, and Oliver may assist. We will probably need some assistance from parents when the new building is ready for moving equipment across.

**21. Thanks**

Cathy has some presents for the scout leaders.



## Trustees' Annual Report

For the period from **01/08/2023** to **31/07/2024**

<b>Section A</b>	<b>Reference and administration details</b>
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**Name of Charity:** 1<sup>st</sup> Fleckney Scout Group

**Charity Registration:** 1034161

**Meeting Address:** Scout Headquarters  
High Street  
Fleckney  
Leicestershire  
LE8 8AJ

### Trustees who manage the charity

Name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not the whole year
James Ward	Chairman	
Robert McAulay	Treasurer	
Gareth Robinson	Secretary	
Catherine Howells	Group Scout Leader	GSL to 31 Jan 24
Callum Ward	Group Scout Leader	GSL from 31 Jan 24
Eric Gamble	Elected Member	
Ruth Hughes	Elected Member	
John Lacey	Elected Member	
Katrin Wood	Elected Member	To 08/07/24
Christelle Coggin	Elected member	
Andrew Weatherby	Co-opted Member	
Sean Garon	Co-opted Member	
Janine Trinder	Squirrels Leader	
Callum Ward	Beaver Leader	
Ivan Odell	Cub Leader	To 03/09/23
Sean Bowley	Scout Leader	

**Section B****Structure, governance and management****Description of the charity's trusts**

<b>Type of governing document</b>	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.
<b>How the charity is constituted</b>	The Group is a trust established under its rules which are common to all scouts.
<b>Trustee Selection methods</b>	The Trustees are appointed in accordance with the Policy, Organisation and Rules of The Scout Association
<b>Additional governance info</b>	<p>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.</p> <p>The Committee consists of 3 independent representatives, Chair, Treasurer and Secretary together with the Group Scout Leader, individual section leaders and parent's representation and meets quarterly.</p> <p>This Group Executive Committee exists to support the Group Scout Leader in meeting the responsibilities of the appointments and is responsible for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• The maintenance of Group property;</li><li>• The raising of funds and the administration of Group finance;</li><li>• The insurance of persons, property and equipment;</li><li>• Group public occasions;</li><li>• Assisting in the recruitment of leaders and other adult support;</li><li>• Appointing any sub committees that may be required</li><li>• Appointing Group Administrators and Advisors other than those who are elected.</li></ul>
<b>Risk and Internal Control</b>	The group has in place systems of <b>internal controls</b> that are designed to provide reasonable assurance against material mismanagement or loss, these include 2 signatories for all payments and a comprehensive insurance policies to ensure that insurable risks are covered.

**Section C****Objectives and activities**

<b>Summary of the objectives</b>	<p>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.</p> <p>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.</p>
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**Public Benefit Statement**

The Group meets the Charity Commission's public benefit criteria under both the advancement of education and the advancement of citizenship or community development headings.

**Section D****Achievements and performance**

See GSL and Section Leader reports pages 14-21

**Section E****Financial Review****Charity's policy on reserves**

The Group's policy on reserves is to hold sufficient resources to continue the charitable activities of the group should income and fundraising activities fall short. The Group Executive Committee considers that the group should hold a sum equivalent to 4 months running costs, circa £2,500.

The Group held reserves of approximately £50,000 against this at year end. The reserves are high due to saving for a new Head Quarters building.

**Investment policy & objectives**

The Group does not have sufficient funds to invest in longer term investments. The Group has therefore adopted a risk averse strategy to the investment of its funds. All funds are held in cash using only mainstream banks or building societies

**Section F****Declaration**

**The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.  
Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees**

**Signatures****Full names**

Callum Ward

Robert McAulay

**Position**

Group Scout Leader

Treasurer

**Date**

# Financial Report

## Receipts and payments accounts

For the period from

1<sup>st</sup> August 2023

to

31<sup>st</sup> July 2024

### Section A Receipts and Payments

	Unrestricted funds To the nearest £	Restricted funds To the nearest £	Endowment funds To the nearest £	Total Funds To the nearest £	Last year To the nearest £
<b>A1 Receipts</b>					
Subs	13,103			13,103	8,842
Donations	-			-	-
Fundraising	2,455			2,455	1,086
Camp Fees	8,012			8,012	2,738
Activities	2,117			2,117	617
Gift Aid	1,845			1,845	1,797
Grants	4,098			4,098	1,775
Interest	376			376	115
<b>Subtotal</b> (Gross income for AR)	32,006	-	-	32,006	16,969
<b>A2 Asset &amp; Investment sales, (see table)</b>					
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Subtotal</b>	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total Receipts</b>	32,006	-	-	32,006	16,969
<b>A3 Payments</b>					
British Gas	1,302			1,302	1,040
Camp Fees	10,286			10,286	2,733
Hut expenses	6,113			6,113	595
Food	1,177			1,177	138
AGM	-			-	149
Badges and Neckers	2,015			2,015	1,142
Activities	5,916			5,916	2,167
Stationery	50			50	41
Water	269			269	1298
Leaders Uniform	-			-	157
Membership Fees	5,160			5,160	4,203
Insurance	720			720	810
Equipment	2,698			2,698	543
<b>Subtotal</b>	35,705	-	-	35,705	13,976
<b>A4 Asset &amp; Investment Purchases</b>					
Camping Equipment	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Subtotal</b>	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total Payments</b>	35,705	-	-	35,705	13,976
<b>Net of receipts / payments</b>	3,699	-	-	3,699	2,993
<b>A5 Transfers between funds</b>	-			-	-
<b>A6 Cash funds last year end</b>	53,433			53,433	50,489
<b>Cash funds this year end</b>	49,734			49,734	53,433

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Signature

Print Name

Date of approval

Trustees Board Chair

James Ward MBE

2 Sept 24


Trustees Board Treasurer

Robert McAulay

2 Sept 24



## Financial Report

Receipts and payments accounts					
	For the period from	Period end date	To	Period end date	For year
		8/1/23		7/31/24	7/31/23
<b>Section A Receipts and payments</b>					
	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total funds	Last year
	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £
<b>A1 Receipts</b>					
Subs	13,103			13,103	8,842
Donations	- 0			-	-
Fund raising	2,455			2,455	1,086
Camp fees	8,012			8,012	2,738
Activities	2,117			2,117	617
Gift Aid	1,845			1,845	1,797
Grant	4,098			4,098	1,775
Interest	376			376	115
				-	
				-	
<b>Sub total(Gross income for AR)</b>	32,006	-	-	32,006	16,969
<b>A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).</b>					
	- 0	- 0	- 0	-	
	- 0	- 0	- 0	-	- 0
<b>Sub total</b>	- 0	- 0	- 0	-	- 0
<b>Total receipts</b>	32,006	- 0	- 0	32,006	16,969
<b>A3 Payments</b>					
British Gas	1,302			1,302	1,040
Camp Fees	10,286			10,286	2,733
Hut expenses	6,113			6,113	595
Food	1,177			1,177	138
AGM	-			-	149
Badges / Neckers	2,015			2,015	1,142
Activities	5,916			5,916	2,167
Stationery	50			50	41
Water	269			269	258
Leaders uniform	-			-	157
Membership Fees	5,160			5,160	4,203
Insurance	720			720	810
Equipment	2,698			2,698	543
				-	
<b>Sub total</b>	35,705	- 0	- 0	35,705	13,976
<b>A4 Asset and investment purchases</b>					
		- 0	- 0	-	
<b>Camping Equipment</b>		- 0	- 0	-	
<b>Sub total</b>	- 0	- 0	- 0	-	- 0
<b>Total payments</b>	35,705	- 0	- 0	35,705	13,976
<b>Net of receipts/(payments)</b>	- 3,699	-	-	- 3,699	2,993
<b>A5 Transfers between funds</b>	- 0	-	-	-	
<b>A6 Cash funds last year end</b>	53,433	-	-	53,433	50,440
<b>Cash funds this year end</b>	49,734	-	-	49,734	53,433
<b>Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period</b>					
Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	
		to nearest £	to nearest £	to nearest £	
<b>B1 Cash funds</b>	Bank Accounts	49,734			
	Petty Cash	-			
		-			
	<b>Total cash funds</b>	49,734	-	-	
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))				
Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees	Signature	Print Name	Date of approval		
Trustees Board Chair		James Ward MBE	2 Sept 24		
Trustees Board Treasurer		Robert McAulay	2 Sept 24		

## **Treasurer's Report**

### **Overview**

1st Fleckney Scout Group has had a very successful year financially, the group is a well oiled machine when it comes to achieving its financial targets. Although the group made a loss overall, this was expected, financially the group now has a varied range of revenue contributing to its income. The financial loss was anticipated due to the new Scout Hut and the associated one-off costs, without these unique costs the group would easily be in profit.

### **Income**

Our subscription income has increased massively this year compared to previous, subs up by £4,261. Subs are our biggest source of income. Many thanks to the leaders, committee and Ruth Hughes for keeping on top of this and making sure the finances are on a sound footing. Our income from the parents for camp fees has increased 4 fold, this reflects the increase in camps the group is organising and attending this year, the Norway trip in 2025 is also contributing to this income stream. Grants were a considerable part of our income, about 10% of our income, many thanks to James Ward for getting these grants for the group, (£4K). The group has a very active and successful fundraising group which has doubled our fundraising income compared to last year, (£2.5K). Our Total income was £32,006, which is the same as the 2 previous years added together.

### **Expenses**

Our biggest expense is surprising, camp fees account for most of our costs. The group is undertaking many more camps than it has done previously, this is excellent for the children and reflects well on the group. The committee have always driven forward a desire that the majority of expenses should be spent on the children and this is the case. We have spent £6k on the new Hut, we expected this to be our biggest outgoing. In 24-25 we expect to pay a lot more when we receive ownership. Nearly all our expenses have increased, but the biggest increases have come in the areas of providing an excellent and safe experience for the children.

### **2023-2024**

In the Treasurer's report for 22-23 I wrote: *"Looking forward to the 2023-2024 financial year we anticipate a considerable decrease in cash reserves, our expenses will be in the region of £40000, this is due to the expenditure on the new Scout Hut. The group has expected this and has the funds to cover the costs"*. Although we were correct in terms of the amount of expenses we weren't correct about where the expenses would be spent or the considerable reduction in our cash reserves. Therefore, we won't be making any predictions in this report.

Most figures in this report are rounded figures, for the exact figures see 23-24 Accounts spreadsheet attached.

**Rob McAulay**

**1st Fleckney Scout Group Treasurer**



## Group Scout Leader's (Group Lead Volunteer) Report

It's been a year of change at 1st Fleckney Scouts. After many years of servitude (sorry I mean volunteering!) Cathy stood down as GSL in January. Having been apparently groomed (can I use this word in scouting.....) for the role for the last few years, with a great deal of excitement I took on the role!

I now have a greater understanding of how much comes with the role – it's been a manic few months of DBS checks, OSM issues, dealing with the waiting lists and still hunting for a friend for Mark at Monday night Cubs!

The group has continued to grow, with the waiting list ever expanding, to the point we could open another squirrel drey and another beaver colony – if only we could recruit the additional leaders!

As it stands, our very own Ladybird has expressed interest in opening the second squirrel drey, but we might need to wait until his daughter gets to the right age group!



The opening of the second Cub Pack last year alleviated the influx of Beavers, however, we now face the same issue with limited Scout places! One of our current Cub Leaders (Flapps) has agreed to open a new Scout Troop next year when we reach a bottleneck with kids needing to move up. The next issue will be coming up with Troop names – Rohan and Gondor perhaps!

We have 12 Scouts (or will be Scouts) heading off to Norway over the summer on hopefully the first of many international camps – there's now even talk of alternative winter and summer trips, with plenty of opportunities for all kids to attend.





Some of the 1st Fleckney leaders attended (and passed) the Tomahawk Throwing course and have not only been running sessions for the group, but also the district groups to raise some additional funds. It's also been used to much success at local fundraising events – Harbourough Festival, Fleckney Festival, Lubenham Scarecrow Festival. All to raise funds and also promote Scouting to the wider community and try to entice some new leaders! MONDAY NIGHT CUBS.....ANYONE????? They don't bite!

Having made really good friends with the leaders of Broughton Astley at CUBJAM early this year, we have joined forces with them to run a joint Group Camp over May half term. This will not only be a chance for all of our sections – Squirrels through to Scouts to all do activities together, but also for them to meet other members from the wider County.

To end, I'd just like to say a massive thank you to all the leadership team who run amazing sessions each week for the kids, to the parents for all their help (be this at sessions or on camps!), to the trustee board who work diligently in the background ensuring the group runs smoothly and no equipment wish is too much!



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A continued thanks to our Chairman who has worked behind the scenes with all the day to day admin, first aid kit replenishment, checking the bank accounts for payments (no easy task with the volume of activities being done), maintaining equipment, cleaning the hut (no easy task given its current state) and even finding time to come on a few camps, the list is endless! What the group don't see, is the frequent emails and continued pressure he puts on the developers and their solicitors - we are extremely close to the handover for the new hut!

Here's to another excellent year of Scouting!

**Callum Ward**  
**1st Fleckney Group Scout Leader (Group Lead Volunteer)**

# Squirrels

## 1<sup>st</sup> Fleckney Squirrel Drey - 2024 Annual Report

We currently have 20 squirrel members, eight girls and twelve boys with 4 leaders Janine, Emma, Becs and Sylvia. Our session runs on Thursday 5:00-6:00.

### Badges this year

We have just had five squirrels achieve their chief acorn badge and this term they will be in one of our Beaver colonies.

Each session we have planned works towards all the badges Squirrels can get. If all Squirrels attend all the sessions all these badges are achievable, badges are given out at the end of each term.



Activities are also planned for blanket badges; recently the squirrels gained a Harborough district squirrel day, Star wars and a cinema badge.

### Activities

With the age of squirrels some activities we can not do, However the activities we have done this year are farm visit, Library visit, park visit, Allotment visit, we had a fire engine visit us at the hut and they all had a teddy bear train ride.

We attended our first remembrance parade in Fleckney last year and most of the squirrels attended the Saint Georges parade in market Harborough.







In June all squirrels attended the Harborough district squirrel day, lots of activities were planned such as axe throwing, games, campfire and a scavenger hunt.

### **Camping**

Due to still waiting for my night away permit we have currently not held a sleepover camp. we have recently had a 'camp prep' session where the squirrels had the opportunity to pack a bag, stay with just the leaders 2pm-7pm, create and eat their own pizzas for tea, scavenger hunt, singing around a campfire with smores, made bird feeders, indoor activities was lego, playdough and colouring at the end of the day they brushed their own teeth, got dressed into their pyjamas and whilst waiting for parents to collect they had milk and watched a movie, We have planned another camp session in October.



A great first fifteen months for squirrels.

**Janine, Emma, Becs & Sylvia**



# BEAVERS

## 1<sup>st</sup> Fleckney Merlin Beavers - 2024 Annual Report

We started Merlin Beavers in January 2024.

We currently have 20 beavers which include 18 boys and 2 girls with 4 leaders myself, Janine, Laura and Dave.

We have a diverse group of young people who work very well together.

### Badges

We are working towards 13 badges and have completed 12 badges in our sessions, We have also done a blanket badge session for Star Wars, where we had a visit from a storm trooper and a tie pilot.



During the summer holidays our beavers were given the 60 days summer challenge which they have all completed.





## **Activities**

Activities we have done are rock climbing, a wistow hike, sailing, The St George's parade, Robot wars, Pets at home, we had animal encounters visit the hut, a library visit, and a trip to windmill farm park, we also went to the allotments and planted numerous vegetable plants which they will monitor and look after.



Lined up we have the Gullivers Jamboree, a Kibworth fire station visit and a visit to the bowls club.



## **Camping**

As for camps we are currently waiting for Janine's away permit (since February!) and I am hoping to get mine at the Beau camp in September.

**Emma, Janine, Laura & Dave**



# BEAVERS

## 1<sup>st</sup> Fleckney Buzzard Beavers - 2024 Annual Report

The 2023/2024 year has been another action-packed year for the Buzzard Beavers.

The Winter term began with the first of two camps for the year, a group camp at Beaudesert with all sections of 1<sup>st</sup> Fleckney Scout. The Beavers, Cubs and Scouts joined together for two days of adventures – crate stacking, tomahawk throwing, caving and coracle boats among the activities undertaken. The different sections were all mixed together, and it was great to watch them all working so well together. We launched bottle rockets, learned to horse ride, and had fun at our Halloween party. And the beavers also practiced their sword skills, and martial arts.



The spring term showed once again that children will eat all sorts when they're in a group, parents once again mystified how we managed to persuade them all to try Haggis as part of Burns night. We enjoyed a nighttime hike from Wistow, as muddy as it was last years, but everyone had fun, apart from the leaders who then had to walk all the way back to collect their cars! We visited the Windmill farm park in Kibworth, along with the 1<sup>st</sup> Fleckney Squirrels, enjoying having the park to ourselves. And we went on our second camp of the year, an overnight stay at the Ullesthorpe camp site. While it decided to rain on the Sunday, we all enjoyed playing boardgames and doing puzzles with our friends.

However, the undoubted star of the show – for both beavers and leaders alike – was the visit by the star of Robot Wars, Matilda! The beavers enjoyed piloting robots around the arena that was set up in the hall for the evening, with a variety of challenges completed. And many of the parents stayed to have a go as well!





The summer term saw us welcoming snakes, hissing cockroaches and all sorts of other creatures as part of the animal encounter evening, with all our beavers being brave and holding our guests. We also joined with scout groups from around the district to celebrate St George's Day in Market Harborough. We also saw a return to the Northampton and Lampport railway to ride on the train as part of their Teddy Bears picnic event. Not content with one trip last year, this time it took two trips for all the squirrels, beavers and cubs to have a go. And we saw a wide range of other activities, earning badges for cycling and sailing and archery, as well as our annual Nerf War at the hut, and celebrating the Olympic year by holding a joint beaver-lympics with the returning Thursday Merlin Beavers.



The final event of the year saw the whole group come together once again to visit the cinema in Corby, where we all watched the new Pixar film, Inside Out 2.

Overall, a successful year for Buzzard Beavers, with plenty of fun had by all, and lots of badges earned. As always, we're forever grateful to all the parents who've given up their time this year to support us, particularly those who sacrificed their weekends (and sleep) to join us on our camps.



We look forward to next year, where we have a return to Beaudesert in September for another adventure filled camp, as well as hopefully a new hut...at some point!

**Mouse, Crocodile, Leopard & Fox**





## 1st Fleckney Viking Cubs – 2023 Annual Report

### The Winter Term



We started our term off with a group camp at Beau Desert where the cubs worked hard to gain lots of badges. A packed programme including DIY with some amazing creativity, Archery, Karate and a new activity – Horse riding which included a lot more than just riding the horse (they enjoyed mucking out the stables the most!)



Some of the cubs joined the District Hike using their navigation skills and working as a team with cubs from other groups. Backwoods Cooking and Sword Skills allowed the opportunity for further badges including 'Skills' & 'Teamwork'.

### The Spring Term



Our spring term allowed for lots of outdoor activities including a hike, a visit to Grange farm, and another indoor camp at Lowther Adventure near Kettering! Burns night included celebrating Robert Burn's by tasting haggis and washing it down with Irn Bru and we also had a session around disability awareness.



A group of our cubs joined Hathi and Flaps at the County Rambling Fox Event where they completed a 5-mile event (Hathi's group walked further after getting a bit lost!) cross-country using their navigational skills whilst completing activities along the way to gain points. Thank you Flaps for organising and we are signing up for next year too!





But we think the most popular activity was a special visit from Extreme Robots where the cubs (and adults!) battled with mini robots to the death in our '3, 2, 1, Activate' session, and they met Matilda and Ripper!



### **The Summer Term**

We started the term off with an explosion of colour for the Holi Festival as a joint session with the Saxons Cubs.



Another special visit included the cubs learning about a range of animals whilst having the opportunity to hold lots of them – many of them facing their fears of the snake!

We completed multiple external visits including a trip to the stream train, Pets at Home, Sailing and Archery. Some cubs also joined the squirrels and beavers to watch the new film Inside out 2!



A fantastic weekend at Cub Jam – the first time Fleckney has attended – and definitely won't be the last! The cubs completed a range of activities within Create, Active and Learn. A 2-day weekend where our cubs mixed with other cubs to have fun, build confidence and friendships and have unforgettable outdoor experiences.



A final note to say Congratulations to our own Jacala in becoming the Group Scout Leader. We are excited to see how he continues to grow 1<sup>st</sup> Fleckney Scouts Group.

**Jacala, Shere Khan, Hathi and Flaps.**





## 1<sup>st</sup> Fleckney Saxon Cubs – 2024 Annual Report

Another great year has been had by all the cubs, with 2 receiving their Chief Scouts Silver Award, well done to Albert and Toby. Unfortunately we had to say good bye to Bagheera (Brett) and Kaa (Ivan). This left just myself (Baloo) to run Monday Cubs with occasional support from Friday Cub leaders.



During the year we said good bye to 3 Cubs who will be moving up to Scouts but we also welcomed three new cubs who are new to the Scouting world.

We started the year off in September with a joint Scout Camping session at Beaudesert which the cubs that went thoroughly enjoyed. They tried out various activities such as axe throwing, tree climbing and caving.



Throughout the year the cubs have tried various new activities such as bowls, martial arts, fencing, archery and horse riding. They also took part in a science evening led by one of the parents where the cubs worked towards their Science badge making a home-made lava lamp, oobleck and racing balloons.



We have also linked up with Fridays Cubs on 2 occasions. One to celebrate the Holi Festival of Colour, which concluded with a giant colour explosion! And a cubs sports day with a difference, that included wellie throwing and sleeping bag races. One activity the Cubs particularly enjoyed was junk modelling with a difference. They had to create a crazy golf course using recycled materials then took it in turns testing each other's courses.





During the last 12 months we were also invited back to Kibworth Fire Station to watch how they would rescue a person from a damaged car including their special claw. We have also visited the local farm park, Pets at Home and the Library to learn about the local services.



One eventful evening was when we brought in Robot Wars and the cubs had chance to battle it out with the robots brought in. We also had the regular Nerf Gun battles that the cubs love and we finished the term off with a trip to the local climbing wall which also has a soft play that all the cubs enjoyed to finish the year off.



I just wanted to finish off by saying a "Big Thank you" you to all the parent helpers who have supported me this last 12 months. They have all got stuck in and supported me.

**Baloo (Mark)**



# SCOUTS

## 1st Fleckney Scouts – 2023 Annual Report

The scouting session for 2023-2024 was filled with exciting adventures, skill-building activities, and friendly competition. Our troop thrived, with 20 scouts attending most meetings.

### Group Camp at Beaudesert

We kicked off the year with a memorable group camp at Beaudesert campsite. Activities included crate stacking, axe throwing, and canoeing—a perfect way to strengthen bonds and set the tone for the session.

### Activities Throughout the Year:

- Pumpkin Carving: Our scouts showcased their artistic talents by creating intricate designs on pumpkins.
- Backwoods Cooking: Learning to cook outdoors with minimal resources was both fun and educational.
- Survival Tins: Scouts assembled survival tins, reinforcing preparedness skills.
- Glowstick Dancing: A unique twist on traditional dance, glowstick dancing added magic to our meetings.
- Cooking Session with Kibworth Scouts: Our scouts had a fantastic evening collaborating with Kibworth Scouts during a cooking session. Learning new recipes, sharing culinary tips, and working together in the kitchen fostered camaraderie and culinary skills.
- Campfire Cookout: The other memorable evening was a campfire cookout. Gathered around the fire, our scouts prepared delicious sausages on a stick and smoores.
- Adrenaline Alley Trip: We wrapped up the year with an adrenaline-pumping visit to Adrenaline Alley



### **Fraser Shield Competition**

The Fraser Shield, Scouting's oldest camping competition, tested our patrol's teamwork and survival abilities. Patrols competed for the coveted trophy, maintaining high standards in camping, cooking, and cleanliness.

1st Fleckney Scouts entered a team of six, securing sixth place out of thirteen teams.

Their camping standards contributed to eighty percent of the overall points.



### **Annual Scout Camp at Johns Lee Woods**

The final meeting of this half of the year was our annual scout camp at Johns Lee Woods. All 18 of our scouts attended and slept in open-fronted cabins or tents. Meals were cooked over open fires by the scouts themselves. Activities included archery, air rifles, and caving. The weekend concluded with an epic water fight.



### **Achievements**

Congratulations to Edward Master's for completing the Gold award this year!

### **Upcoming Activities**

Our scouts will venture into Millennium Woods, where they'll build bivvies—a great opportunity to enhance their outdoor shelter-building skills.

More backwoods cooking awaits them, allowing them to explore creative recipes.

Additionally, they'll learn safe practices for using knives and wood carving techniques. Safety is paramount as they develop these valuable skills.

**Sean Bowley, Scout Leader**



# TOO BUSY TO VOLUNTEER?

think again...





Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/  
members of

Charity Name

1<sup>st</sup> Fleckney Scout Group

On accounts for the year  
ended

31<sup>st</sup> July 2024

Charity no  
(if any)

1034161

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(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)

Respective  
responsibilities of  
trustees and examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 (the Charities Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the Charities Act,
- to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 145(5)(b) of the Charities Act, and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent  
examiner's statement

My examination was carried out in accordance with general Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from the trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair' view and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent  
examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no material matters have come to my attention (other than that disclosed below \*) which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act or
- the accounts do not accord with the accounting records

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

\* Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.

Signed:

*EJ Harman*

Date:

10/09/2024

Name:

Eddie Harman

Relevant professional  
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(if any):

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Section B

Disclosure

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight matters of concern (see CC32, Independent examination of charity accounts: directions and guidance for examiners).

Give here brief details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose.

None