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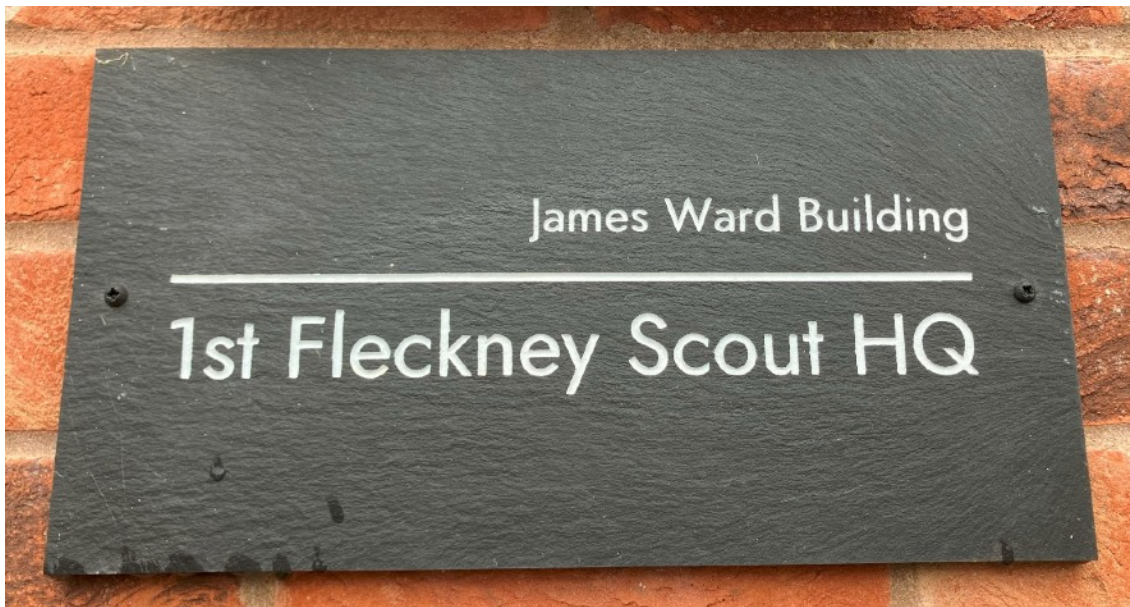


How did they a-fjord to go there?*

***with lots of fundraising!**

Chairman's Report

It has been just over six years since I became the Chairman of the 1st Fleckney Scout Group Trustees Board. This last year has again been extremely frustrating due to having to frequently chase the legals for our long completed new Scout Head Quarters (HQ). However, eventually this persistence eventually paid off and we finally completed on our new HQ on the 16th of April 2025!



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 several grants totalling over £12.3k for new equipment and for enhancements to our new HQ building. The largest being £7.4 from the HDC Community fund, part of which was used for new backwoods equipment and part to build a compound and add storage sheds to the rear of the new HQ. There were also 2 Forward 5 grants, one for portable alter fires and the other for the establishment of a cross bow capability which has already been used by other Groups across the District and County at special events at the our HQ.



The Trustees Board along with the rest of the Group has moved to the new operating model that has been implemented by the Scout Association, this has introduced a number of changes to the way Scouting is managed and governed. Thus with effect from our 2024 AGM, held in Oct 2024, Group Trustees are now appointed for 1 to 3 years and are time limited in post. Under this new structure the Trustees Board now concentrates on governance and all operational matters fall under a new Grouping lead by the Group Lead Volunteer (former GSL).

As noted above, the plan to replace the Groups ageing hut with a new build has finally been

realised! During the first few months of ownership there has been a lot of work going on to turn from a new empty building into our long term home. This has included some upgrades and enhancements as well as all the normal activity associated with taking on a new building, such as snagging, setting up utilities etc. 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 I attended the Group camp, as well as helping or supporting many of the activities taking place to help fund the Norway trip (our 1st overseas camp for many years). I was particularly honoured and genuinely surprised that at the new HQ official opening ceremony on the 6th of July 2025, our new HQ building was named after me! I have had chance to further meet the Groups leaders and helpers, and many parents/carers. 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 1st Fleckney Group Scout Council / Annual General Meeting

Saturday 8th November 2025 at 13.30 at the 1st Fleckney Scout HQ

1. Introduction and welcome by the chair

2. Apologies for absence

3. Governance topics:

- a. Approval of the minutes of the Annual General Meeting held 12th October 2024
- b. Adoption of the new model constitution
- c. Note the Groups financial year (1st August 2024 to 31st July 2025)
- d. Agree (or not) the number of members that may be appointed to the Trustees board
- e. Agree (or not) the quorum for the Group Scout Council/Annual General meeting

4. Review of the previous year:

- a. Group Lead Volunteer's (previously 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:

7. Closing remarks:

MINUTES OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2024 Held on 12th October 2024 at the Silver Band Hall, Fleckney

Present:

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| Callum Ward | Group Lead Volunteer / Group Scout Leader |
| Cathy Howells | Outgoing Group Scout Leader |
| James Ward | Group Chair |
| Rob McAulay | Group Treasurer |
| Gareth Robinson | Group Secretary |
| Ruth Hughes | Executive Member |
| Eric Gamble | Executive Member |
| Derek Catt | Executive Member |
| Christelle Coggon | Executive Member |
| Sean Bowley | Scout leader |
| Sue Deacon | Assistant Scout Leader |
| Mark Weston | Saxon Cub Leader |
| Emily Wornum | Viking Cub Leader & Buzzard Beaver Leader |
| Emma Livingstone | Squirrel Leader & Merlin Beaver Leader |
| Rebecca Robinson | Parent |
| Carrie Adams | Parent |
| Jake Chadburn | Parent |
| Brydie Chadburn | Parent |
| Sarah Marshall | Parent |

Annual Report booklets for 2023 NS 2024 were circulated at the meeting and is cross referenced in these minutes where applicable.

1. Introduction and welcome by the chair

James Ward (Chair) welcomed everyone to the meeting and thanked them for coming.
See Chairman's Report on pages 2 and 3 of the 2023 and 2024 Annual Report Booklets.

2. Apologies for absence

DLV – Paul Allenby

3. Governance topics:

a. An explanation for the absence of a 2023 AGM

James Ward explained that we did not hold the AGM in 2023 because we were expecting to be in the new Scout Hut, but because of legal delays we have still not been able to take occupancy yet.

b. An explanation of The Scout Association driven changes to the management of the Group

James Ward explained that the changes have been driven by the Scout Association and what this means for the group, regarding the split between the operational side of the group and the governance side.

c. Approval of the minutes of the Annual General Meeting held 24 Sept 2022

These are in the booklet on pages 4-7.

The minutes were accepted as a true copy, proposed by Eric Gamble, seconded by Rob McAuley.

d. Adoption of the new model constitution

It was agreed by a majority of attendees that the new model constitution should be adopted.

e. Note the Groups financial year (1st August 23 to 31 July 24)

This was noted.

f. Agree (or not) the number of members that may be appointed to the Trustees board

It was agreed in the selection meeting that this would be 8 Trustees with 4 spaces for co-opted members. This was agreed by a majority of attendees.

g. Agree (or not) the quorum for the Group Scout Council/Annual General meeting

It was agreed by a majority of attendees that the quorum for the Group Scout Council/Annual General meeting should be 10.

4. Review of the previous year:

a. Group Lead Volunteer's (previous GSL's) Report

Callum Ward (GLV) presented his report to the meeting.

He recognizes the amount of work that Cathy has put in to the role.

Looking to start a new Scout group after Christmas and we have enough on the waiting list to start a new Squirrel Drey.

The group has done a lot of activities which the group can support 50% of the costs for most activities.

See GLV's Report on pages 15 and 16 of the 2024 Annual Report Booklet.

b. Receive and consider the Annual Report of the Group Trustees Board, including the Annual Statement of Accounts

Rob McAuley (Treasurer) presented the report to the meeting.

Thanks to James and Ruth for all the work that they put in to keep the group going.

The biggest change from last year is we are spending more on camping and activities for the children, so the money coming in is being spent on the children. We do have some money in the bank, some of which is earmarked for equipment and work for the new hut.

See Annual Report on pages 8-10 of the 2024 Annual Report Booklet and the Financial Report and Treasurers Report on pages 11-14 of the 2024 Annual Report Booklet.

Approval of the report proposed by Ruth Hughes, seconded by Callum Ward.

5. Making appointments:

a. Appoint (GSC to approve or not) the Group Chair for 1 to 3 years

James Ward was proposed to be the Group Chair and this was agreed by a majority of attendees. He has agreed to hold the post for 3 years.

b. Appoint (GSC to approve or not) Group Treasurer for 1 to 3 years

Rob McAuley was proposed to be the Group Treasurer and this was agreed by a majority of attendees. He has agreed to hold the post for 2 years.

c. Appoint (GSC to approve or not) of the Group Trustees Board for 3 Years

Christelle Coggon, John Lacey, Eric Gamble, Janine Trinder and Gareth Robinson were proposed to be on the Group Trustees Board and this was agreed by a majority of attendees. They have agreed to hold the post for 3 years.

d. Appoint (GSC to approve or not) of the Group Trustees Board for 2 Years

None

e. Appoint (GSC to approve or not) of the Group Trustees Board for 1 Year

None

f. Appoint an independent examiner of the Group accounts

Eddie Harman was approved as Inspector of Accounts.

g. Co-opted members

Ruth will be co-opted at the next trustee board meeting.

6. Presentations:

a. Presentation to Cathy Howells former GSL

Thank you to Cathy Howells who is stepping down after 10 years. She was presented with some flowers and a gift from the group.

Cathy has enjoyed her time as GSL and made some great friends along the way and she will miss Scouting very much.

7. Closing remarks:

- The new build is nearly ready to be signed over to us, we are awaiting the final documentation from the solicitors. Once it is available we will then transfer all the equipment across and then it will be ready for use.
- Gift aid generates a lot of income for the group from tax paying parents. Please sign up to this if you are able.
- James Ward thanked all who attended for coming and offered everyone teas and coffees (thanks to Sue for providing) and some cakes from Fiona Cairns.

Trustees' Annual Report

For the period from 01/08/2024 to 31/07/2025

Section A

Reference and administration details

Name of Charity: 1st Fleckney Scout Group

Charity Registration: 1034161

Meeting Address:

Headquarters

Meeting Address: Scout

Freer Road
Fleckney
LEICESTER
LE8 8EP

Trustees who manage the charity

| Name | Office (if any) | Date of Appointment | Dates acted (if not the whole year) |
|-------------------|--------------------|---------------------------------|--|
| James Ward MBE | Chairman | 22 nd July 2019 | |
| Robert McAulay | Treasurer | 24 th September 2016 | |
| Gareth Robinson | Secretary | 24 th September 2022 | |
| Callum Ward | Group Scout Leader | 9 th September 2019 | |
| Christelle Coggon | Elected member | 14 th November 2022 | |
| Eric Gamble | Elected Member | 23 rd November 2015 | |
| Ruth Hughes | Elected Member | 1 st April 2014 | |
| John Lacey | Elected Member | 24 th September 2016 | |
| Thomas Skinner | Elected Member | 10 th March 2025 | |
| Janine Trinder | Squirrels Leader | 12 th October 2024 | |

Description of the charity's trusts

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| Type of governing document | 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. |
| How the charity is constituted | The Group is a trust established under its rules which are common to all scouts. |
| Trustee Selection methods | The Trustees are appointed in accordance with the Policy, Organisation and Rules of The Scout Association |
| Additional governance info | <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"> • The maintenance of 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 • Appointing Group Administrators and Advisors other than those who are elected. |
| Risk and Internal Control | The group has in place systems of internal controls 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. |

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| Summary of the objectives | <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

1st August 2024

to

31st July 2025

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 £ |
|---|--|--------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|---------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| A1 Receipts | | | | | |
| Subs | 17,968 | | | 17,968 | 13,103 |
| Interest | 202 | | | 202 | 376 |
| Fundraising | 7,015 | | | 7,015 | 2,455 |
| Camp Fees | 17,671 | | | 17,671 | 8,012 |
| Gift Aid | 2,916 | | | 2,916 | 1,845 |
| Grants | 12,359 | | | 12,359 | 4,098 |
| Activities | 5,166 | | | 5,166 | 2,117 |
| Refunds | - | | | - | - |
| HQ Rental | 68 | | | 68 | - |
| Subtotal (Gross income for AR) | 63,364 | - | - | 63,364 | 32,006 |
| A2 Asset & Investment sales, (see table) | | | | | |
| | - | - | - | - | - |
| Subtotal | - | - | - | - | - |
| Total Receipts | 63,364 | - | - | 63,364 | 32,006 |
| A3 Payments | | | | | |
| British Gas | 1,138 | | | 1,138 | 1,302 |
| Camp Fees | 23,760 | | | 23,760 | 10,286 |
| Hut expenses | 27,142 | | | 27,142 | 6,113 |
| Food & Sundries | 531 | | | 531 | 1,177 |
| AGM | 115 | | | 115 | - |
| Badges | 3,464 | | | 3,464 | 2,015 |
| Activities | 7,825 | | | 7,825 | 5,916 |
| Stationery | 73 | | | 73 | 50 |
| Water | 228 | | | 228 | 269 |
| Legal Fees | 13 | | | 13 | - |
| Leaders Uniform | 498 | | | 498 | - |
| Membership Fees | 7,345 | | | 7,345 | 5,160 |
| Camp Refund | 185 | | | 185 | - |

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|-----------------|---------------|----------|----------|---------------|---------------|
| Insurance | 1,440 | | | 1,440 | 720 |
| Equipment | 10,216 | | | 10,216 | 2,698 |
| Subtotal | 83,972 | - | - | 83,972 | 35,705 |

A4 Asset & Investment Purchases



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|-------------------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|
| Camping Equipment | - | - | - | - | - |
| Subtotal | - | - | - | - | - |

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|-----------------------|---------------|----------|----------|---------------|---------------|
| Total Payments | 83,972 | - | - | 83,972 | 35,705 |
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| Net of receipts / payments | -20,607 | - | - | -20,607 | 3,699 |
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| A5 Transfers between funds | - | | | - | - |
| A6 Cash funds last year end | 49,710 | | | 49,710 | 53,409 |

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|---------------------------------|---------------|--|--|---------------|---------------|
| Cash funds this year end | 29,103 | | | 29,103 | 49,710 |
|---------------------------------|---------------|--|--|---------------|---------------|

| 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 |



CHARITY COMMISSION FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Independent examiner's report on the accounts

Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

**Report to the
trustees/ members**

Charity Name
1st Fleckney Scout Group

**On accounts for the
year ended**

31st July 2025

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**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

**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



Independent examiner's
report on the accounts

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.

Signed: EJHarman

Date: 30/09/2025

Name: Eddie Harman

Relevant professional qualification(s) or MAAT

Address: 7 Coleridge Way, LE16 8FL

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



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

**Independent examiner's
report on the accounts**

Treasurer's Report

We are pleased to report that the 1st Fleckney Scout Group achieved a great deal this financial year, the group had a record income and expenditure.

Hard work from the leaders, trustees and dedication from the leadership team especially: Derek Catt, Tom Skinner, James and Callum Ward, have turned 1st Fleckney Scouts into a very successful group.



In successive years the group has increased income; subscriptions paid by parents for the ongoing costs of running the scouting program is our biggest income; £17,968. This is a massive increase from last year and a record for my time as treasurer, this reflects a small rise in the amount paid and an increase in number of young people who are members of 1st Fleckney Scout Group.

Our expenses have increased dramatically but this was expected and related to taking ownership of the new Scout Hut and the one-off costs associated. It won't be until we have quite a few months of costs and expenses in the new Scout Hut that we can see how the group will look financially and whether the income streams we have will be sufficient for the future.



For a complete and detailed overview of the financial situation please refer to the account's spreadsheet attached.

This is my final year as Treasurer; I will be standing down at the next AGM (2026). If you would like to get involved and take the opportunity to support the group and perhaps take this role, please speak to myself or any leader in the group. I didn't want to be Treasurer, but at the 2016 AGM, GSL Cathy Howells stood up in front of the parents who had come along and impressed upon us the importance of doing your duty and helping the group.

Rob McAulay
1st Fleckney Scout Group Treasurer

Group Scout Leader's (Group Lead Volunteer) Report

This has been an amazing year for Fleckney Scout Group – after a particularly wet winter and spring term we finally took possession of the new Scout HQ, with all equipment being transferred and stored over Easter, all sections were able to run sessions in the new HQ for the summer term! We can all agree the change has been amazing.



Thanks to the work of our Chairman, who has worked tirelessly over the last year, we have nearly completed all of the final elements of the HQ – he's not only sorted all the external contractors who have fitted new cupboards and outdoor storage but he's been fitting blinds, painting, cleaning, fixing gutters – all to ensure the group has the best facility!



The group has continued to grow, we now have a Squirrel Drey, two Beaver Colonies, two Cub Packs and two Scout Sections all of which are currently at capacity. As always the waiting list continues to grow, however, we'd need another building to facilitate anymore sections.....maybe too soon to start this project!

I had the pleasure of attending the Summer International to Norway this year, were 11 Scouts (and leaders) had a brilliant time white water rafting, paddle boarding, mountain biking, climbing and meeting Kristoff the Norwegian Elk Wrangler! The next

International is now booked for Summer 2028, with a further trip pencilled for Summer 2031, thus allowing all group members to have an opportunity to attend at least one international trip.



It's also been a year of more camps – not only have the Squirrels completed their first sleepover (sadly I was busy that weekend), but thanks to our Scout Leader Fox, we all had an amazing Joint Group Camp with Broughton Astley in May – I believe this is being replanned for May 2027! Here's to another year of camps – Squirrel and Beavers Sleepovers, Winter Cub Camp, CubJam 2026, Scout Expedition Weekend, Poacher International 2026 are all but a few of those booked or in the works.

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!

Here's to another excellent year of Scouting!

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

Squirrels

1st Fleckney Squirrel Drey - 2025 Annual Report

Another great year for Squirrels with so much fun sessions planned, these activities help towards badges and help lay the foundations to future scouting.



Badges

This year Squirrels were rewarded 263 badges, Severn Squirrels were rewarded their chief acorn badge, At Christmas we will award five other squirrels their chief acorn badges.



Recruitment

We've managed to recruit more leaders for squirrels so in our sessions now we have myself Janine, Sylvia, Karl, Lucy and Kelly, Edward our young leader, We still have Emma helping when needed now she has moved to Monday Cubs. From October Laura from Thursday Beavers will be joining Squirrels, Amy has now moved to Merlin Beavers So great year for recruiting.



Camping

Squirrels had their first over night camp in Ullesthorpe which was a huge success the slept through the whole night!! which was a big surprise to us all due to their age.



Other sessions planned

During the year we have joined Market Harborough district events, camp fires even though we are no longer allowed to cook marshmallows they enjoyed hot dog sausages.

Drum workshop, Visit from a paramedic first aid, building Robots with extreme Robots, riding scooters with road safety chat, parties, axe throwing, making bug hotels and bird feeders and also hikes, Leicester airport visit, trip to Kibworth fire station where my car was the target for the water hoses, horse riding at mere lane, chip shop visit and a visit to see Mars in Leicester cathedral.



Janine, Sylvia, Karl, Lucy, Emma, Kelly and Edward.

1st Fleckney Merlin Beavers - 2024 Annual Report

We currently have 19 beavers which include 14 boys and 5 girls with four leaders Myself, Janine, Laura, Dave and soon to be joining us is Amy who is moving up from our Squirrel drey.



Badges

259 badges have been awarded this year and we are currently working towards another 12.

3 Chief bronze badges were awarded this year and another 5 will be awarded before they move up to Cubs after the October half term.



Activities.

Winter term started with a visit to the Fleckney bowls club, followed by a trip to Kibworth fire station, a visit and tour around Leicester airport and a library visit.

We have also enjoyed a couple of water sessions which involved having a go at sailing and kayaking.

We did a hike to Wistow and another session involved a chip shop visit where they got to order their food, pay and collect their change and more importantly they got to eat their meals.

We participated in the Fleckney Christmas tree festival and our two beaver colonies created 'Beaver castle' which went and won the competition!

With the pressure of having a great winter term our spring term activities included football training with the Fleckney Athletic coaches (special thanks to our leader Dave aka Wolf), we participated in the RSPB big bird watch, Chinese new year we created Chinese Lunar decorations and they had a go at writing their initials in Mandarin.

We had an external visit from a paramedic who taught all the young people all aspects of first aid including CPR on an Annie doll!

Following this we have had a drum workshop, concocted science experiments, practising putting up patrol tents ready for outdoor camping and ending the spring term with a visit to the Baptist Church.



With the added pressure of both previous terms the summer term started with Tomahawk throwing and was followed by another great visit from Robot wars – the beavers were put into teams and made their own team robot that then had to fight the other teams robot – yes it was as competitive as it sounds!

We had a visit to the Leicester cathedral to see Mars and another session being a special visit from Betty the therapy dog.

We have joined forces with Mark and the Monday cubs a couple of times and have done fire lighting activities and den building at Brocks Hill.

The summer term ended with a trip to Mere Lane riding school.



Lined up for the new winter term we have a trip to the heights of Abraham, a police visit, A bird of prey visit, cooking classes and a roller skating Christmas party.

Camping.

Janine finally has her away permit! (I have completed my away permit but I know I'll be waiting a while to receive it!)

Merlin beavers have been on two camps one was joint with the Buzzard beavers at Ullesthorpe and the other being a group camp where we were joined with the Broughton Astley scout group.

Talks are already underway with the Buzzard beaver leaders for another joint beaver camp in the new year.

Emma, Janine, Laura and Dave

1st Fleckney Buzzard Beavers - 2025 Annual Report

The 2024/2025 year has been another action-packed year for the Buzzard Beavers. The Winter term began with a return to the Beaudesert camp site, for the first of three camps this year. The Beavers and Cubs had two days of adventures – crate stacking, climbing, caving and coracle boats among the activities undertaken. The beavers also had a visit from the Leicestershire Police dogs, went climbing, visited the Kibworth Fire Station, built dens and went Kayaking – an action packed term!



The spring term saw us on a night hike, while also completing the global issues, first aid, safety and Air Activities Badge. We made Lego machines, learned about the Chinese new year and Burns night, and practiced our sword skills when the fencing team came to visit. We also visited a local farm where we learned about what farmers do, and got to bottle feed baby lambs. And we went on our second camp of the year, a Space themed overnight stay at the Ullesthorpe camp site, which was a joint camp with the Merlin beavers.



The summer term saw us on finally in the new HQ building, although we spent the first half term barely in it! We had a nature walk to the Millenium woods, and completed our Faith badge at the Baptist church. We joined with scout groups from around the district to celebrate St George's Day in Market Harborough. And we also had a Taskmaster themed district beaver day, where we made new friends with beavers from around our district and competed to win prizes.

We also completed our Navigator, Disability Awareness and Air Activities level 2 badges. But the highlight of the term was the joint group camp with the Broughton Astley Scout Group, where we occupied the whole of John's Lee Wood campsite – special thanks to Fox for all his hard work to put this on.

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.



On a sad note, we saw a lot of leader changes this year. Crocodile has taken a step back to focus on his role as the Group Scout Leader. Fox stepped back having opened the new Warrior Scout troop, and then volunteering to also lead the Avenger Scouts. And Leopard is now focusing on the Viking Cub section, as her children have now aged out of Beavers. Buzzard Beavers past and present thank them all for their hard work – but there's no rest!



Luckily, after a term of being by himself, Mouse was joined by Sea Otter - a parent helper who, in her own words, wanted to be "one of the cool kids with a necker". I'm really pleased to welcome her to the section, and look forward to her leading the first aid badge soon!



Mouse & Sea Otter

1st Fleckney Viking Cubs – 2025 Annual Report

Winter Term

Our packed programme started with our Beau camp with a range of activities completed over the weekend - all cubs enjoyed trying new activities and gaining lots of badges. Other sessions included Den building, Bowls, a Fire Station Trip to Kibworth Fire Station, and Clay Modelling.

A new and exciting challenge many of our cubs took on for their first time was Snorkelling! Starting with some theory around water safety, using snorkelling equipment and safety hand signals was then put into practice in the swimming pool!

Cooking on fire outside the hut included preparing and cooking hot dogs, chocolate oranges, banana splits and marshmallows.



Another fantastic attendance for Remembrance Sunday with all the cubs representing the 1st Fleckney Scout Group and remembering those who gave their life for their country.

Spring Term

Brushing the dust off our walking boots after the Christmas break got us ready for our Night Hike which the cubs always enjoy walking (and running!) through the fields and using their navigation skills to find their way from Wistow to Fleckney.

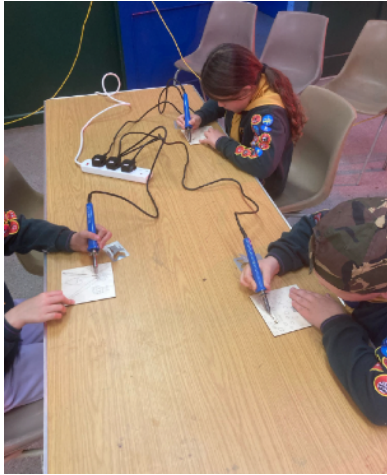
The cubs demonstrated their skills in Fleckney's got talent followed by a Space session which included learning about what you might find in space, and how an astronaut trains for space travel.

Home help and working towards their safety badge included ironing their neckers, sweeping, mopping, and sewing on their Vikings badges onto their neckers.

For Mothers Day, the cubs did some Pyography creating some beautiful wooden creations ready to take home to surprise their mothers.

12 cubs took part in the Rambling Fox Challenge 2025 again for another year, which included a full day of navigating, hiking through fields and through residential areas, and team work activities to complete on the way to gain points on the leader board. We knew it was going to be a long day when we were already digging into the snacks 20 minutes in but we all managed to finish the challenge successfully walking a total of

10.3KM! Same again next year?!



Summer Term

Making the most of the weather, we completed multiple outdoor activities including Knives, Axes and Saws, Tomahawk Throwing and Archery sessions.

We held a Lord of the Rings Camp at John Lees Wood for a 3 night camp with activities including laser tag, caving, shelter building, Go Karts, baking, tomahawks, bushcraft, catapults and orienteering. Thank you to all the leaders and parent helpers who made this camp a success.



We walked to Millennium Woods to build some tarp shelters learning a range of knots from Jacala and making sturdy shelters working as a team.

We attended Cub Splash in June which included a full day packed with land and water activities where they had lots of fun trying new activities. It was a very hot day but all 23 cubs got stuck into each activity which included stand up paddle boarding, kayaking, tomahawk throwing, archery, shooting, high ropes, and abseiling.

Jacala, Shere Khan, Hathi and Flaps.

1st Fleckney Saxon Cubs – 2024 Annual Report

We have had another fantastic year. Saying Hello to 4 new Cubs who have joined throughout the year.

We started the year off in September with various activities including fire lighting and backwoods cooking.

Through out the year the Cubs tried their hand at various activities. From joining the scouts for an evening of axe throwing outside the new HQ, to a nice sailing experience. A great morning had by all (and only 2 Cubs fell in).

The Cubs have also experienced animal critters which they thoroughly enjoyed, with various animals brought in from Insects, to turtles, to snakes for them to hold and stroke. Some Cubs were more scared than others!

Leading up to the end of 2024 the Cubs also covered things such as personal safety, money badge, artist badge and healthy eating where the Cubs created a vehicle using healthy foods. The evening was known as 'meals on wheels'. We then finished the year off with our yearly Nerf Gun battle and making Christmas baubles.

After Christmas we became a lot smaller pack with a number of Cubs joining Scouts. The adventures didn't stop though. We had great evenings covering First Aid, building Lego bridges and creating junk models.

We have started to link in more often with Beavers from Thursday night (for activities such as hikes and cricket training), so they can get used to working with the Cubs ready for when they join later in the year. This will hopefully make it a smoother transition. My Cubs have also joined Beavers on a African drumming experience which again was a great evening. Not sure about the leader's ears though!

The Cubs have also learnt how to cook at the new HQ making pasta and meat balls. I think the vegetable's put them off to start with but they all loved eating the pasta and meat balls afterwards.

They have also had fun with indoor Olympics, electricity: making alarms and fans, Map and compass reading and making homemade kites throughout the year. As well as linking in with Beavers and Scouts, we have also linked up with Friday Cubs where Callum and I put our bush skills training to good use and led a session on knives, saws and axe work.

We finished the year off by building dens; trying not to get wet by the leaders (they obviously got wet!) and by practising our fire lighting skills by cooking a cake in an orange skin and having Smores. All Cubs love Smores!

We had time for just one more event which was horse riding and care for horses, which again the Cubs really enjoyed.

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

Baloo (Mark)

1st Fleckney Warrior & Avenger Scouts – 2025 Annual Report

Programme Overview January 2025

| DATE | ACTIVITY NAME | DESCRIPTION |
|------------|-------------------------------------|---|
| 09/01/2025 | Welcome Games and Rules | Welcome the Scouts to a brand-new section within 1 st Fleckney Scout group. Covering the rules for the troop and some team building |
| 16/01/2025 | Fire Lighting Contest | The Scouts were split into groups where they had to buy materials using time. It was then the quickest to light a fire and boil some water. |
| 23/01/2025 | Orienteering Planning & Fire Safety | The Scouts all planned and orienteering route to walk at a later stage. They learnt skills with the map, compass and route card. They then finished by learning some fire safety. |
| 29/01/2025 | Rules, Games & Troop Forum | A section leader left, so the troop was introduced to the new leaders and the same rules as the 2 nd |
| 31/01/2025 | Scouts Got Talent | The Scouts had the opportunity to join the Viking Cubs with their talent show. |

February 2025

| DATE | ACTIVITY NAME | DESCRIPTION |
|------------|---------------------------------|--|
| 06/02/2025 | Orienteering Practical | The Scouts used their previous route cards created to walk one of the routes using a map and compass. The Scouts led this walk whilst the leaders were shadow walkers. |
| 13/02/2025 | Off-Road Cycling Theory + Forum | The Scouts learnt the different parts to a bike and how to utilize this off-road. Due to the weather they could not actually go out, so they finished with games. |
| 27/02/2025 | Pioneering | The Scouts had practice with how to make a washing up area using pioneering poles and |

March 2025

| DATE | ACTIVITY NAME | DESCRIPTION |
|------------|------------------------------|--|
| 06/03/2025 | Come Dine with Me - Planning | The Scouts planned a 3-course meal, including a visit to the Fleckney Co-Op to look at pricing and check whether they could afford it with their |
| 13/03/2025 | Camping Standards | The Scouts learnt their camping standards, including tent distances, fire distances, etc.... |

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| 20/03/2025 | Skills Night | The Scouts undertook various challenges and learning new skills by carrying out tasks such as putting a road map of the UK together on the floor and team building. |
| 27/03/2025 | Hike – Kilby Road | A hike. |

April 2025

| DATE | ACTIVITY NAME | DESCRIPTION |
|------------------------------------|------------------------------|---|
| 03/04/2025 | Camp Standards & Troop Forum | The Scouts continued learning their camping standards, including tent distances, fire distances, etc.... |
| 10/04/2025 | Tomahawk Throwing | Fleckney Target Team hosted Tomahawk throwing for the Scouts. |
| 29/04/2025 & 01/05/2025 | Rules, Games & Forum | Welcome the Scouts back after the holiday. Covering the rules for the troop and some team building games. |

May 2025

| DATE | ACTIVITY NAME | DESCRIPTION |
|------------------------------------|-------------------------------|---|
| 06/05/2025 & 08/05/2025 | First Aid | The Leicester Scouts First Aid Team (Richard) came to visit the Scouts where they learnt various skills including using an AED. |
| 13/05/2025 | Orienteering & Route Planning | The Scouts furthered their knowledge with maps, compasses and route cards. |
| 15/05/2025 | Tents | The Scouts put their camp standards night to the test and each patrol erected a tent each. |

June 2025

| DATE | ACTIVITY NAME | DESCRIPTION |
|------------------------------------|--|--|
| 03/06/2025 & 05/06/2025 | Leicestershire Police – Substance Misuse | Th Leicestershire Substance misuse Team visited each section to talk through the dangers of substance misuse as well as some challenges with beer goggles. |
| 10/06/2025 & 19/06/2025 | DIY | The Scout sections both helped painting the fence at the HQ, along with learning how to take apart and rewire a plug. |
| 12/06/2025 | Cricket - Fleckney Cricket Ground | The Scouts attended a session where they learnt some basic cricket skills. |
| 17/06/2025 | Water Challenge | The Scouts attempted various challenges using water, for example moving the water from one side of the field to the other using a teaspoon. |
| 26/06/2025 | Olympics – Joint Session | Both Scout sections came together to take part in various Scout-themed Olympic events. |

Nights Away & Special Activities

| EVENT | DATE(S) | SUMMARY |
|---------------------------------------|---------------|---|
| CANOE BREAKOUT SESSION | 16/02/2025 | The Scouts enjoyed a Kayaking session in Lutterworth swimming pool. |
| LOTR THEMED CAMP | 22–24/05/2025 | A 4-night camp at Johns Lee Wood with Broughton Astley Scout Group. |
| WATER FIGHT | 01/07/2025 | To finish the term off with both sections having lots of fun! 39 Scouts were in attendance. |

Photo Gallery





Looking Ahead

- Focus areas for next term:
 - Survival and Cooking
- Upcoming trips or special events:
 - Norway 2025
 - Poacher 2026
- Volunteers

Section Team Leader: Tom Skinner

Section Team Members:

John Dodd, Charlotte Skinner, Sue Deacon, Callum Ward

TOO BUSY TO VOLUNTEER?

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