



## Trustees' Annual Report

From 1<sup>st</sup> April 2023 to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2024

### 1 Reference and administration details

Charity name: 1st Yapton & Ford Scout Group  
 Registered charity number: 1044130  
 Charity's principal address: 1<sup>st</sup> Yapton & Ford Scout HQ  
 Drove Lane,  
 Yapton,  
 West Sussex  
 BN18 0EB

#### Trustees

Trustee Name	Office	Dates acted if not for whole year
Vacant	Group Chair	
Katrina McAnaspie	Group Secretary	
Clare Mossop	Group Treasurer	
Deborah Deacon	Group Scout Leader	Sept 2023
Matthew Spurling	Assistant Group Scout Leader	Sept 2023
Carl Monk	Explorer Leader	
James Cobb	Cub Leader	

### 2 Structure, governance and management

#### 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.

#### Group Scout Council

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

### **Additional governance issues**

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

The Committee consists of 3 independent representatives, Chair, Treasurer and Secretary together with the Group Scout Leaders, individual section leaders (if opted to take on the responsibility) and parent's representation and meets every 3 months.

Members of the Trustee Board complete 'Essential Information for Executive Committee' training within the first 5 months of joining the committee. This Group Trustee Board exists to support the Group Scout Leader in meeting the responsibilities of the appointments and is responsible for:

- The maintenance of 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 comprehensive insurance policies to ensure that insurable risks are covered.

## **3 Objectives and activities**

### **The Purpose of Scouting**

Scouting exists to actively engage and support young people in their personal development, empowering them to make a positive contribution to society.

### **The Values of Scouting**

As Scouts we are guided by these values:

- Integrity - We act with integrity; we are honest, trustworthy and loyal.
- Respect - We have self-respect and respect for others.
- Care - We support others and take care of the world in which we live.
- Belief - We explore our faiths, beliefs and attitudes.
- Co-operation - We make a positive difference; we co-operate with others and make friends.

### **The Scout Method**

Scouting takes place when young people, in partnership with adults, work together based on the values of Scouting and:

- Enjoy what they are doing and have fun
- Take part in activities indoors and outdoors
- Learn by doing
- Share in spiritual reflection
- Take responsibility and make choices
- Undertake new and challenging activities
- Make and live by their Promise.

### **1<sup>st</sup> Yapton & Ford Scout Group**

All Sections undertake activities which are adventurous and exciting such as, camping, hiking, climbing, archery, shooting and axe throwing. Other activities within Sections may be related to personal progress such as badge work and community service. Young people are encouraged to plan their own activities to encourage thought for others and self-awareness. Community activities include taking part in the village Remembrance Day parade and supporting the village fair.

### **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.

## **4 Achievements and performance**

It has been a busy year with all Sections having a programme of exciting Scouting activities for their young members. The focus has been about developing independence and self-esteem, problem solving, team building, social and leadership skills but more importantly about developing friendships and having fun!

This year the Beavers enjoyed a Christmas sleep over at the Scout hall and a trip to the Village Christmas Fayre to see Santa himself. They have taken part in several District challenges with great fun and success. Lots of badges have been covered in the meetings with 6 Beavers attaining their Bronze award.

Cubs have enjoyed a JOTT hike, shooting, grass sledging, sailing along with gaining numerous badges along the way, including several Silver awards. A very enjoyable evening was spent in Arundel solving the very "Fishy" and mysterious death of Ernest Cooke. There have been numerous camps through the year which have offered the Cubs a variety of exciting activities and campfires.

Scouts have been developing their map reading, orienteering and compass skills, pioneering and knotting skills, cooking, first aid and digital skills. They used a lot of these skills in a weekend expedition hike and camp as well as their summer camp at Buddens Scout Adventures, near Wareham. They have worked on numerous badges during the year with 7 Scouts attaining their Gold Chief Scout Award.

## **5 Financial Review**

### **Reserves Policy**

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 Trustee Board considers that the group should hold a sum equivalent to 12 months running costs, circa £20,000 and a Building Repair Fund circa £20,000.

The Group held reserves of approximately £71,000 against this at year end. This is above the level required for operating expenses. However, the Group currently Leases the building and grounds from our Landlord and are looking to either buy the site or find a new site.

Details of funds materially in deficit: None



### **Investment Policy**

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.

### Declaration

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature Kam Anaspie

Full name: Katrina McAnaspie

Position: Group Secretary

Date: 25 Oct 24

Clare Mossop

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Group Treasurer

25-10-24

# 1st Yapton & Ford Scout Group (Charity no. 1044130)

## Receipts and payments account

For the year from	01/04/2023	To	31/03/2024
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### Receipts and payments

	2023/2024 Unrestricted funds £	2022/2023 Unrestricted funds £
<b>Receipts</b>		
Donations, legacies and similar income		
Membership subscriptions	£6,161.50	£6,968.00
Donations	£1,100.00	£0.00
Activities and Camp	£3,624.00	£2,951.78
Sub total	£10,885.50	£9,919.78
<b>Fundraising events (gross)</b>		
Yapton Village Fayre	£79.46	£1,513.90
Sub total	£79.46	£1,513.90
<b>Scout hut income</b>		
Potter's House Pre-school	£17,819.01	£14,987.99
Explorers & Guides	£1,259.00	£1,742.00
Other Scout hut income	£2,813.00	£2,358.50
Sub total	£21,891.01	£19,088.49
<b>Total Gross Income</b>	£32,855.97	£30,522.17
Asset and investment sales, etc.	£0.00	£0.00
<b>Total receipts</b>	£32,855.97	£30,522.17

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## Receipts and payments account

Year start date		Year end date	
For the year from	01/04/2023	To	31/03/2024

### Receipts and payments

	2023/2024 Unrestricted funds £	2022/2023 Unrestricted funds £
<b>Payments</b>		
<b>Charitable Payments</b>		
Membership subscriptions paid on (National/County/Area/District)	£3,567.00	£3,503.00
Activities and Camp	£4,170.12	£6,915.34
Adult support and training	£0.00	£0.00
Rent	£0.00	£6,726.00
Water and Sewerage	£1,002.05	£1,435.85
Electricity	£2,593.26	£2,897.16
Insurance	£1,217.68	£1,139.64
Building Maintenance	£423.61	£516.24
Housekeeping	£701.39	£954.75
Camp Subsidy	£848.50	£0.00
Uniforms, Badges and AGM Awards	£1,442.10	£1,950.94
Equipment Purchased	£1,568.10	£2,593.20
Subscriptions, Donations & Business Rates	£286.48	£405.44
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>£17,820.29</b>	<b>£29,037.56</b>
<b>Fundraising expenses</b>		
Bonfire Night	£0.00	£455.93
Other fundraising costs	£0.00	£0.00
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>£0.00</b>	<b>£455.93</b>
<b>Total Gross Expenditure</b>	<b>£17,820.29</b>	<b>£29,493.49</b>
<b>Asset and investment purchases, etc.</b>	<b>£0.00</b>	<b>£0.00</b>
<b>Total payments</b>	<b>£17,820.29</b>	<b>£29,493.49</b>
<b>Net of receipts/(payments)</b>	<b>£15,035.68</b>	<b>£1,028.68</b>
<b>Cash funds last year end</b>	<b>£56,120.58</b>	<b>£55,091.90</b>
<b>Cash funds this year end</b>	<b>£71,156.26</b>	<b>£56,120.58</b>



1st Yapton & Ford Scout Group (Charity no. 1044130)  
Receipts and payments account

Year start date		Year end date	
For the year from	01/04/2023	To	31/03/2024

Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the year

	2023/2024	2022/2023
	Unrestricted funds £	Unrestricted funds £
Cash funds		
Bank current account	£71,156.26	£56,120.58
The Scout Association Short Term Investment Service	£0.00	£0.00
Cash/Floats	£0.00	£0.00
Total cash funds	£71,156.26	£56,120.58
Total net assets	£71,156.26	£56,120.58

The above receipts and payments account and statement of assets and liabilities were approved by the Trustees on 29th April 2024 (the date of the Trustee Board meeting that approved the accounts) and signed on their behalf by:

Signature/Date	Print Name
 29-6-24	Katrina McAnaspie Group Secretary
 20-6-2024	Clare Mossop Group Treasurer

1st Yapton and Ford Scout Group - Charity Number 1044130

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of 1st Yapton and Ford Scout Group

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of 1st Yapton and Ford Scout Group (the charity) for the year ended 31 March 2024.

Responsibilities and basis of report

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


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

Independent examiner's statement

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

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

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

  
Samantha Thompson FCA  
Independent Examiner  
Samantha Thompson Limited  
1 Halliford Drive  
Bognor Regis  
PO22 0AB

Date 25/6/2024



# **Annual Report of the Board of Trustees**

## **For year ending March 2024**

Scout Association Registration Number: 16895



## Group Chair's Report

As we have had no Chair since our last AGM, I have written a summary to act as an introduction to this report.

Scouting imparts life skills to young people in an open and friendly environment outside of the classroom. Young people are encouraged to join in, develop team working skills, improve their self-confidence and take part in a wide range of activities in a safe and caring environment, where the most important thing is to "Do your best".

This is a fundamental part of the Scouting Promise and one which we believe will help not only during the time at Scouts but throughout their lives.

We are fortunate to have a number of Young Leaders in the Group, who are acting as role models for the younger sections while improving their own leadership skills.

I was once told by a head teacher at a local high school that having Scouting achievements on a CV would put candidates ahead of any qualification that he could provide. Of the 12 people who have walked on the moon 11 of them were Scouts, that is where aiming high can get you.

I would like to thank Debbie and Matt for stepping into the roles of Group Scout Leader and Assistant GSL and of course pass on a huge thank you to Carl, Ali, Jamie and Sam, our section leaders, who continue to offer a wide range of activities ensuring that there is something in the programme for all tastes and abilities. Together they encourage Explorers, Scouts, Cubs and Beavers to take every opportunity that comes their way.

Our Group Treasurer Clare has once again done an amazing job of keeping us on track and financially viable in a time of ever-increasing costs.

Running without a Chair has been difficult this year as we have been negotiating an extension to our lease. This is now in place and we are secure here at Drove Lane for another 5 years.

Currently we are also managing the Group without any appointed Trustees, which means that the leaders responsible for planning and carrying out the programme for our young people are also taking on the responsibility of maintaining the hall, fundraising and ensuring the Group is being run safely and legally.

It would be an enormous help if we could welcome a few parents or carers from each section to help lighten the load. We meet once each term, plus the AGM. We try to have a working day at the hall for running maintenance once a year. If anyone feels they could join us we would welcome you with open arms. I know it is a well-used phrase, but many hands really do make light work and conversely few hands can become easily overwhelmed.

Please consider offering your help to the Group, talk to any one of us at the meeting or email [yaton.scouts@gmail.com](mailto:yaton.scouts@gmail.com) if you would like to know more about what is involved.

Thank You

*Katrina*  
**Group Secretary**

## Group Scout Leader's Report

Where to start! This time last year I said no more. Matt and I were to give up in the summer. But as you can see, we both still here. Toby Hewson had decided to step away from the group to concentrate his role in the district band. Thank you, Toby, for the work you done. The group wishes you well We were approached by the district to stay on with the group, So I took the role as Lead volunteer (GSL), and Matthew became deputy group lead volunteer (DGSL) to the group.

We have had an interesting year.

Scouting is updating their policy. As leaders and trustees, we have to follow guidelines. It has involved a lot of reading and trying to put it all into practice. Some changes are needed to keep us up to date with rules and regulations.

The group has been going from strength to strength. Numbers are on the up. All have a mixture of girls and boys. All sections are completing a wide range of activities, to cover all criteria of their badge work. Please read their section reports.

A huge thank you to Katria and Mike for their continuous hard work in securing our lease for another 5 years. They have spent hours on this trying to get the best outcome for the group.

A big thank you to all our leaders, helpers, and trustees, for their continuing help.

**WE NEED YOUR HELP.** We are looking for more people to become trustees of the group. You may even like to become a volunteer leader. Without new members it will become increasingly hard for us to run the Scout Group, as we need to follow guidelines set out by the Scouts POR and the charity commissions. Volunteering with any section or on the committee can be rewarding, even if you only have a little time to give.

We always need the ground tidying up, painting is ongoing and the hut needs to be maintained. So, your help can bring it back to life and keep it working for our Young People. If you think you could offer us any support please feel free to speak to myself Matt or District to find out more.

*Debbie*

**Group Scout Leader**

## Beaver Scout Leader's Report April 2023 – March 2024

Looking back we have had yet another busy year.

In April we took part in the annual St George's day parade and had a good turnout. Later that month the Beavers took part in the district Easter challenge.

July The beavers had a nature sleepover. They made lots of crafts, had a hike, and looked for insects. The Beavers slept under canvas. For many it was their first time.

July was my last Beaver meetings. It was a sad day but I knew the colony was in safe hands. Thank you to all leaders and Beavers I have enjoyed spending time with over the past 30 years it was great.

*Debbie (Deer)*

Hello, let me introduce myself, I'm Ratty, (Samantha) I took over from Deer (my Mum) in September. My first 6 months has flown by.

We are currently running a colony of 22 With 3 leaders and 1 helper. Beavers have enjoyed a varied programme. They have covered many badges over the year. Including their Youth shape badge, which involves them being a part of planning what we do and how we run Beavers.

September, we took part in the district sandcastle competition and this year our Beavers came 2nd with their creation.

November. Beavers took part in the district Christmas challenge day. They were able to take home lots of crafts. They also made lots of new friends and many parts of badges were completed that day.

November is when we have our annual sleep over. This year the Beavers choose to have a Christmas camp. All things Christmas was made. They even went down to the Christmas fair in the village and spoke to the big man himself.

In December we took part in the annual Christingle at St Mary's Church. Then came the end of the year party.

In March the Beavers took part in the district Easter Challenge. It was held at 7th Littlehampton HQ.

This year Bronze awards were earned by:

Oliver Stubbs, Isabelle Hylands, Benji Antal, Thomas Duckworth. Evan Bate and Liam McManus.

*Samantha (Ratty)*

**Beaver Scout Leader**

### Beaver Annual Awards

100% Attendance is Oliver Redman

The most improved is Tommy Stubbs

Most helpful Beaver is Oliver Fry



## Cub Scout Leader's Report April 2023 – March 2024

We have had another busy and exciting year within the Cub Section and our numbers have remained high and at the moment we are currently full and have three on the waiting list due to the success of Beavers feeding into us. It is great to see so many young people in the village (and further afield) wanting to partake in Scouting.

There is so much to talk about so I am sorry it is not going to be a short report from me this year....

We started off the year with a bang, crash thump and a wallop as the Cubs participated in a new activity of Axe throwing. It was great to invite the leaders from 1st Ferring along to offer this activity to the Cubs, they all thoroughly enjoyed themselves and soon learnt that it is not quite as easy as it looks however there were some pretty impressive results.

The following week we ran a joint Camp with the Scouts as part of the JOTT (Jamboree on the Trail) Badge. We met up on the Friday Night at the Scout Hut and ventured out for a Hike around the fields in the Village before coming back to the hall, having a campfire and then settling down for bed. This was the last year of the JOTT Hikes however it was a great way to finish and we are sure to do some more joint ventures with the Scouts as it is such a great activity and to see the Cubs and the Scouts come together and help each other out and break down some of the barriers that Cubs see and think about the big scary older smelly Scouts.

During the Summer months we like to get out as much as we can where possible as we have to make the most of the weather so as we have done in previous years we completed the Cyclist Badge, both maintenance, safety and then the actual fun bit of getting out and going for a ride. Another fun outside activity is racing down the side of Cissbury Ring on Grass Sledges, it is great to see the faces of the Cubs as they gain not only speed and momentum as they go down the hill but the confidence in themselves as they see what they can do and achieve. We have to say a massive thank you to the parents that volunteer when we run this activity as unknowingly they "volunteer" to be the human wall at the bottom of the hill to catch those that are still mastering the act of braking and steering at the same time.

Local a'fish'ionados of Arundel's foremost seafood chef, Ernest Cooke sadly passed away during the Summer Term. Ernest's body was found next to an empty safe in the 'bass'ment of his Michelin starred restaurant, Mullett Over. The only item missing from the safe was a prized recipe that had been passed down from generation to generation within the Cooke family. Chief Inspector Evan Elpus and his team were 'flounder'ing with the Investigation so called upon the help of 1st Yapton and Ford Cubs. It was a perfect oppor'tuna'ty to become top detectives! The Cubs managed to solve all the Clues and Identity both the 'gill'ty party and the weapon they used to carry out this 'herring'dous crime...

At the end of the term we got another oppor'tuna'ty to see if we could spot some fish when we went to The Wey and Arun for an evening of fun on the water. It was very calm on the water prior to arrival, then there was no chance of spotting any fish when the Cubs entered the water. It was a great evening, if not a little cold towards the end of the evening. We managed to warm up the following week with an end of term BBQ, Campfire and Games.

We then move on to our Summer Camp which is one of the highlights of the year for both Cubs and leaders. We get to take the Cubs away for 4 nights and watch them grow and develop as they endure 5 days away from their family. It is a tiring experience and the Cubs get to experience a whole range of activities, some of which they have never completed before and are a real test for them both physically and mentally to overcome different obstacles. It is great to see them all working as part of a team, encouraging one another and building each

other up. Both the Cubs and the leaders go away at the end of the week exhausted but with smiles on our faces.

On one of the first evenings back after the summer break we got the Air Rifles out in preparation for The District Air Rifle Shooting Competition, each Cub was given two targets to shoot at, one sitting and the other standing. After completion of our inhouse competition the targets were sent off to the District and the top eight cards were chosen to take part in the next round of the competition where they had the chance to compete to be part of the district shooting team. This was a joint Cub and Scout Competition so our Cubs were shooting against some really experienced competitors. They all did exceedingly well, with a bit more practice we will try again another year.

After the rest over the Summer holidays we come back for another term of activities, this time not as adventurous as the previous term but we try and make the most of the first few evenings and get outside to do some activities before the nights draw in and the weather is against us. We ventured out to Slindon Woods and Dappers Lane which are both popular evenings where we do some shelter building and Games. As the nights drew in we then ran a host of evenings in the hall doing some Chalk Art, Hobbies evening, Lego, Knots and Map Skills. All of these evenings were working towards some of the things that we were going to be doing at our 2 night Winter Camp which was titled, "Back to Basics".

The aim of this Camp was as it suggests to "to go back to basics" and learn all the skills required that will help them progress through into Scouts and then into adult life. During the weekend the Cubs partook in a whole range of activities whilst being supervised by the Leaders at all times. On the first night we ran a joint evening with the Scouts and where they had to complete a range of challenges to earn items in order to cook some food on Trangia stoves. They all worked well together and succeeded in going to bed with a full stomach. Over the rest of the weekend the Cubs learnt how to make fires and then how to cook on them. They also enhanced their Map reading skills and led us on a Hike around the local area although with all the rain it was a bit flooded in places so we did have to backtrack a couple of times. We were planning on getting the Cubs to pitch their own tents however due to the weather we decided it may be best to sleep in the Bunkhouse as it was December after all and a little on the chilly side. At the end of the Camp the Cubs got to take home a Survival Tin packed with lots of items to help them survive in the "wild".

If the camp was not enough, our end of term treat was a winter wonderland Skating experience in Bognor. It was a little slippery and was comical to watch some of the Cubs and Leaders as they tried to manoeuvre their way around the ice when some of them struggle with walking on dry land, let alone having a thin sharp piece of metal strapped to the bottom of their foot on a giant ice cube.

Finally we get to this year and we have completed a few new badges including the home safety badge, the international badge, and the environmental conservation evening which we also managed to include the DIY badge in as well. There was a lot of different stages to all these badges and it took us a while to complete but we learnt a lot a it's great to see that there are now 5 bird boxes hanging up around the village for the birds to nest in.

It was also great to have Joe Townsend come along for our disability awareness badge and talk about how he overcame losing his legs whilst serving his country in the Royal Marines 40 Commando and then going on to becoming a Paralympian and opening the London 2012 Olympic Games and competing in Rio in 2016. The Cubs were so interested to hear all about his stories, getting to hold all his medals, the olympic torch and learning about how we can achieve anything that we put our minds to.

Finally as an end of term treat we ventured over to Chichester and had an evening of Bowling.

All in all it has been another great year and it is great to report on all that we have been up to. It is great that we are able to put on such a varied programme of activities for the Children who live in the village and the surrounding areas. The Cubs have worked extremely hard and we have given out 258 badges including The Chief Scouts Silver Award which is excellent.

I would like to say a massive thank you to all the Leaders and parents who give up their time to help run and make the group what it is, we could not run this without you.

*Jamie (Akela)*  
**Cub Scout Leader**

## **Cub Annual Awards 2023-24**

At this time of year we get to award certain Cubs who have shown skills and attributes to being a good Cub Scout and commend them for this, however I would like to start by saying that we are extremely proud of **all** our Cubs. Each week we run a varied programme and they get stuck in to whatever we do and put in 100% effort and when we go out and about their behaviour is excellent and we are commended on this from members of the public so Thank you to you all.

This year we are handing out 3 Awards to the following Cubs :

Reece - Reece turns up to Cubs each week with a smile on his face and approaches everything with such enthusiasm. He is always ready to help and strives to do his best each week.

Elliot - Elliot has grown in his confidence since starting Cubs and is showing great qualities of becoming a good leader. He is always keen to help out and gets stuck into all activities.

Lilyana - Lilyana Is a great role model to the younger Cubs and reflects this in her attitude to earning badges. She has earned the highest amount of badges this year and has also achieved her Silver Award in record time.



## Scout Leader's Report April 2023 – March 2024

During the year we have covered a wide range of scouting skills and developed team building, social skills and more importantly, self-confidence and independence. At 1st Yapton and Ford, we aim to develop the skills for life and self confidence that scouts will need to face the many situations that they come across as they move on in the world. We have had a varied, inclusive and interesting program that covered many scouting skills.

We have developed our pioneering and knotting skills; making useful camp gadgets and stretchers to carry 'injured' scouts and trebuchets to see which patrol could fire their easter egg the furthest! Our map reading, compass and orienteering skills have been challenged on scout led hikes around the British countryside, treasure trails around Littlehampton and map reading challenges. We have talked about respect and learnt about different cultures and have taken part in international themed games, crafts and cooked food from different countries. Emergency first aid skills have been developed during the year with evenings dedicated to practising and enacting emergency aid and fire safety situations, using potential real life style scenarios (and lots of over acting from the scout leaders!) We have had several offsite activities including a visit to the RNLI, a night hike around Arundel Estate, a beach trip and several local hikes. Cooking is always a favourite with the scouts and we have cooked pancakes, spring rolls, pizzas and sausages on open fires. We learnt how to fire air rifles and throw axes and had an interesting talk from the Hearing Dogs Trust.

We had great fun during our weekend sleepout camp where the scouts made their own cardboard box 'homes' and slept outside to experience what it might be like to be homeless. We also forged links with our local village council making bird boxes and helping with their ECO projects; building a bug hotel, collecting litter and planting out a community garden.

We have also managed to join up with the Explorers, cubs and Middleton scouts for various scouting activities.

Our week long Summer camp at Buddens Scout Adventures was the highlight of the year and a great success. The scouts developed their independence, camping skills, tried several different water sports, experienced challenging and adventurous activities and planned, cooked and cleared up all their meals.

Numerous scout badges have been achieved and seven of our scouts achieved their Gold Chief Scout Award.

This year's scouting has been about developing independence and self-esteem, problem solving, team building, social and leadership skills but more importantly about developing friendships and having fun!

We have had the pleasure of having three young leaders who give up their Friday evenings to help us at scouts and a big thank you goes to, James, Shawn and Sean for their help and support during scout evenings, hikes and camps. They are amazing role models for the younger scouts.

We have an amazing scouting team at Yapton and Ford and I would particularly like to give a big thank you to Jason, Grant and Mike - we could not run scouts without the leaders who volunteer and give up their time and energy to maintain their training and provide the scouts with such an amazing and varied program. Thank you for your dedication, enthusiasm, help and support. A big thank you also goes to our Group Scout Leader Debbie and Assistant Group Scout leader Matt, for their support and assistance whenever it is needed and our executive committee members in our Yapton and Ford scouting family for their hard work, support and

assistance. They all do so much behind the scenes to enable the children in our community to enjoy scouting and deserve a very special thank you. I would especially like to give a huge thank you to Clare our treasurer and Katrina our secretary.

*Ali*

**Scout Leader**

### **Scout Annual Awards**

Eddie Court for his wonderful positive attitude. He is always keen to do his best, to develop new skills and make new friendships. He clearly demonstrates scouting values and is trustworthy, friendly and willing to do his best when trying new things. Well done Eddie, you are a super role model for other scouts.

Zach Evans for his commitment to trying all the scouting activities with enthusiasm. He is prepared to try anything and has a positive attitude to developing his scouting skills to the best of his ability. Well done Zach.

## Explorer Scout Leader's Report April 2023 – March 2024

The 2023-24 season for Peregrine ESU has been amazing as always with a mix of weekly activities, expeditions, camps and fun! We have grown over the last year and currently have 33 Explorers; the hut is getting full on a Thursday night. We also welcomed Emma to the leadership team in April; despite no Scouting or Guiding background she has taken it all in her stride and is doing an amazing job.

For our weekly meetings we have had air rifles, a murder mystery, axe throwing (thank you Ferring leaders), and some interesting cooking evenings, including embracing national popcorn day in January cooking it over fires at Dappers. We marked the end of our Summer term with our usual beach BBQ but had to move from Clymping to Littlehampton because of the erosion. We celebrated Christmas with what is fast becoming our traditional secret Santa and ten pin bowling in Chichester.

At our summer BBQ we wished Grant safe travels as he got ready for his journey to South Korea with Wasps Unit. Despite all that went on at the World Jamboree he came back with loads of stories to tell and had an amazing time. Not the experience that was planned but certainly one he enjoyed and will look back on fondly.

As a unit we had a total of 10 nights away. We had two weekend camps; a hammock camp in May, and a survival camp in November, both at Dappers with Centurion and Vikings ESUs. In August we headed to Broadstone Warren in East Sussex for what was probably the wettest summer camp ever. It rained at least once every day, including on our day trip to Chessington but no one seemed to mind. Despite the weather Broadstone was a great week with loads of activities (zip wire, crate stacking, climbing, pioneering, to name a few) and friendly staff, all on the edge of the peaceful Ashdown forest.... until the campfire songs started.

We were also fortunate enough to hand out several Chief Scout Platinum awards and sign off a few Bronze D of Es. We ran an expedition in October which has set 4 more well on their way to achieving their top awards.

The coming year will see us heading to Ferny Crofts in August (and Brownsea Island) and hopefully another round of expedition weekends for our latest cohort.

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