

Chair report Year April 23- March 24

Welcome everyone, I notice some new faces here tonight, so thank you for joining us and supporting the work that the leaders and committee do to deliver an interesting and varied programme for our members.

I'll try and keep this brief as I don't want to keep you all night, but really want to highlight what has been a very busy and successful year for 3rd Molesey and all of the hard work that has gone on within the group. I know a lot of the Leaders and trustees are already aware of a lot of what has been going, but let's refresh our memories on what a wonderful year it has been for our leaders and young people with a look back at 2023-2024.

This year saw another full year of Scouting activities, since returning after Covid and it has been a very busy time. More events have returned and we have had more members than ever in recent years joining in.

Before I get to the group specific highlights, here is what the group as a whole has been up to-

We kicked off the year with the first of our 2 main, full group events as we marched to St Paul's church for St George's Day celebrations. Sadly for us, support from the police in marshalling this event is dwindling and making it much less of a spectacle as it has been in previous years.

We joined in with the Chief Scout's Big Help Out where we had many volunteers helping to clear the garden for the summer, outdoor activity programme. The whole outdoor area had a makeover and brought it back to a much more useable space.

We saw our 2nd post-Covid Carnival in 2023 which was well attended and as usual, the Beavers leaders outdid themselves with the 'Teddy Bear's picnic' themed Carnival float, yet again bringing home some silverware. We had our usual games stalls as well as our tea tent with hot food, cakes and refreshments all contributing a boost of funds for our group.

Our Birthday dinner was a massive success, with a huge number of group members in attendance. Long service awards were given to some of our longest serving members, we really are very lucky to have such a dedicated team. Sadly, we also announced that Chris (Skip) would be giving up the role of GSL, although we are relieved and very lucky that we still have him on the team as he has stepped aside to become assistant GSL. Martin (Akela) has taken on the role and has made a superb start. As Martin moved on from Cubs to Scouts, Amy stepped into the role of CL and is settling in very well and doing great work with our younger members.

The Scouting calendar would not be complete without our Remembrance parade. Again, sadly, this couldn't be marshalled by the police as in previous years, so we relied on some external assistance as well as volunteers from within our group to ensure the parade up to the war memorial moved smoothly and safely for a wonderful celebration of our wonderful Armed forces past and present, and their sacrifices.

Sadly for the Group, we saw other longstanding volunteers stepping down, our dedicated Guide leaders decided to have a well earned break after many years of service. We wish them all the very best for their well earned 'retirement'. Unfortunately, as no new leaders could be recruited, Guides has now been closed down. Some of the current Guides will be joining Scouts to continue their journey within the Scouting family.

The New Year saw the Scouts district 'Transformation' evening, with trustees in attendance. While the scheme may have hit a few speed bumps recently, this will no doubt be implemented in the near future, with the aim of moving Scouts forward and bringing more volunteers in to our Scouting family. We will update you when the time is right and further information is available to us.

Some hard work went on behind the scenes and we have been able to install a Defibrillator outside of the hut for the use of us and our community.

As always, the Grotto was amazing in December, with a variety of themed rooms to visit and even a sleigh ride. The time, effort, creativity and magic takes months to create and it is one of the highlights of the Group's year.

Now for a brief summary of what the individual groups within 3rd Molesey Scouts. I honestly can't list everything that the Group has participated in over the year as we would be here until the next AGM.

Let's start with Beavers-

We have had 12 Beavers receive Bronze Scout award, which an amazing achievement. There have been visits from army and paramedic personnel to inform and inspire our youngest members. The Beavers celebrated St Patricks Day with traditional food, music and dancing, no doubt the highlight of Elaine's year!

We are currently fully subscribed and even have a waiting list again for the first time in recent years.

Cubs-

Cubs also attended Escapade and 6 of the eldest Cubs joined the Scout camp.

3 Cubs gained Silver award, which is something to be extremely proud of.

Scouts, Cubs and Beavers all enjoyed Escapade together, especially all the water-based activities as it was one of the hottest weekends of the summer.

The group is seeing very healthy membership numbers giving vibrancy to the weekly meetings.

Scouts-

9 Scouts gained Chief Scout Gold award, what amazing rewards for the hard work of the Scouts and their leaders.

Scout activity camp in Dorset was a highlight for many members and well attended by Scouts and a handful of Cubs. There were team activities, a trip to a tank museum and wildlife spotting.

We entered a team for the District cooking competition and even managed 3d place!

The Table tennis marathon raised a huge amount of money for the group and was a great deal of fun for all involved.

Scouts enjoyed the annual ice skating at the beautiful HCP just before Christmas.

Brands Hatch touring car racing took place in the spring and was enjoyed by all that participated.

In January there was Winter camp with a variety of scouting activities such as knots, axe and knife safety, first aid and orienteering.

In February there was the District Day hike, which was so muddy and wet, that one Scout lost half a shoe.

Explorers-

There have been awards galore, such amazing work from the Explorers and their dedicated leaders, there have been-

5 Bronze DofE awards

2 Silver

1 Gold

1 Diamond

1 King Scout award

1 Explorer Belt and another in the pipeline, they really have been busy!

They have also taken part in a variety of events, from theme park camp at Thorpe Park, to summer camp and also the winter activity weekend.

They are also now expanding the team and have welcomed a section assistant to the team.

Band-

Our very talented band has been very busy all year, attending summer fairs, carnivals and Remembrance parades to name just a few. However they are looking for new members, and as we have fewer young people wishing to pick up instruments, we are looking to recruit from outside our Group. Of course if your child is interested, then please do contact Band leader Andy.

Thank you for your continued support as parents. Moving forward it has been agreed that we will need more parental support some of our events, so that we can continue to run them, since they bring much needed funds into the Group. These funds ensure that we can keep delivering high quality activities and financially support group camps and our older group members to achieve Duke of Edinburgh and Explorer Belts to name but a few.



JANE ASHTON

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THIRD MOLESEY (MATRAVERS) SCOUT GROUP

Receipts and Payments Account

For the year from	01/04/23	To	31/03/24
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Receipts and payments

	2023/24 Unrestricted funds £	2022/23 Unrestricted funds £
Receipts		
Donations, legacies and similar income		
Membership subscriptions	7727	7599
Less: Membership subscriptions paid on	4029	3889
Net membership subscriptions retained	3699	3710
Donations	20	61
Uniform	18	17
Easy fundrasing and Recycle4	61	56
Youth programme and activities	8880	6967
Charity Deposit Account	4644	0
Esher District Scous Jamboree	0	820
	17321	11630
Grants		
	0	0
Sub total	0	0
Fundraising (gross)		
Other groups and band donations	952	0
Carnival	1968	2734
Santa's Grotto	3607	3529
Ping Pong	876	0
Sub total	7403	6263
Investment income		
Bank interest	0	0
Building Society interest	0	0
The Scout Association Short Term Investment Service	0	0
Property Rent income	6325	7335
Ovo Energy		333
Amazon Commission		
Sub total	6325	7668
Total Gross Income	31050	25561
Asset and investment sales, etc.	0	0
Total receipts	31050	25561

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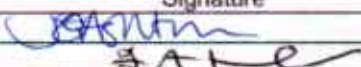
	2023/24 Unrestricted funds £	2022/23 Unrestricted funds £
Payments		
Charitable Payments		
Youth programme and activities (DofE, Scoutabout, Camps)	11541	8154
Adult support and training (First Aid)	251	435
Rent - Surrey CC	930	698
Water and Sewerage - Castle Water	496	154
Electricity and Gas - Ovo Energy	2132	2710
Insurance hut and minibus - Unity and Caithness	4345	4079
Repairs and Renewals	443	359
Materials and equipment	333	225
Printing and photocopying	9	
Rental refund		100
Uniform (Badges and Scarfs)	1679	587
AGM and trustee expenses, Christmas Dinner		434
SumUp charges - 1.69%	220	122
Defib	750	
Other costs (Petrol and vehicle costs)	2617	5773
Sub total	25746	23829
Fundraising expenses		
Book Sales	0	0
Carnival	884	392
Santa's Grotto & Raffle	604	340
Other fundraising costs	0	0
Sub total	1488	732
Total Gross Expenditure	27233	24561
Asset and investment purchases, etc.		
Total payments	27233	24561
Net of receipts/(payments)	3816	1000
Cash funds last year end	30757	26045
Cash funds this year end	34573	27045

Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the year

	01/04/23	T o	31/03/24
	Unrestricted funds £		Unrestricted funds £
Cash funds			
Bank current account	25711		26156
Sumup	3873		0
Building society account	0		0
The Scout Association Short Term Investment Service (A/c closed in 2023)	0		4601
Cash/Floats	0		0
Total cash funds	29584		30757
Other monetary assets			
Tax claim	0		0
Debts due from the County/Area/District/Group	0		0
Insurance claim	0		0
Sub total	0		0
Investment assets			
Investment property - detail	0		0
Quoted investments	0		0
Other investments - detail	0		0
Sub total	0		0
Non monetary assets for charity's own use			
Badge stock	0		0
Shop stock	0		0
Other stock	0		0
Land and buildings	142110		142110
Motor vehicles	10000		11700
Scouting equipment, furniture etc	31433		31433
Other	0		0
Sub total	183543		185243
Liabilities			
Accounts not yet paid -			
Deposits not cleared			
Subscriptions not yet paid			
Loan - detail			
Other liabilities			
Sub total	0		0

Contingent liabilities and future obligations

The above receipts and payments account and statement of assets and liabilities were approved by the

Signature	Print Name	Print Name
	20.1.25	Chair Jane Ashton
		Treasurer Liz Tucker

Independent audit completed by John Lawlor