

1st Rustington Scout Group

Annual Reports

for year ending 31st March 2023

Chairman's Report

It's hard to believe that it was only twelve months ago that I took over the role as Chairman of what was then the Executive Committee.

Writing this has given me time to reflect on what we, as a Group, have achieved this past year. It started with us taking over as Duty Group for the District. Then in September we held the first of two very successful street collections, the second being held in May this year. Suddenly it was November and Remembrance Sunday was upon us, and as usual we saw a great turn out from all sections and Leaders in the Group, with some of the Exec helping out as marshals.

Fundraising is never far from our thoughts, and November also saw us holding our first Comedy night at the Woodlands Centre, which was a resounding success and was successfully repeated in April. A massive thank you to Martin Richardson and the rest of the GSL team for the organising of these.

1st Rustington has always been about being part of the community, and in December with the help and collaboration of Natalie, Laura and Gill from the Parish Church of St Peter & St Paul we held an amazing Carol Service, the perfect way to start Christmas. My thanks especially to Gill, who worked with the sections to produce an amazing piece of artwork that was displayed in the Church.

Christmas over, our thoughts turned to St Georges Day and our responsibilities as Duty Group. Enter one very large Dragon and an interactive service to be proud of! At this point I do want to single out Graham Mills and his 'Dragon Ladies' for their amazing creation.

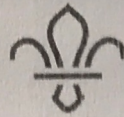
Trevor Harvey, our President has asked me to pass on his thanks and good wishes to the Leaders and Committee for all their hard work and teamwork over the last twelve months, which was evidenced so well at the very successful recent St George's day parade.

I started by reflecting on the success of the past year and I would like to end by looking forward. As we 'transform' from an Executive Committee to a Board of Trustees, the name may have changed but the dedication is still the same, and I would like to thank Mary, Caroline, Sally, Sandy, Nicky and Alan for their continued hard work and support.

To the GSL team, leaders and volunteers I want to say thank you for your continued commitment to providing the best of Scouting at 1st Rustington.

Here's to the next twelve months.....

Sarah Greig
Chairman - 1st Rustington Board of Trustees



1st Rustington Scout Group

GSL AGM Report – Year 2022-23

The last 12 months has been a very busy but highly successful year, and since Myself, Martin, James, Matt & Jon agreed to take on the role of Group Scout Leaders just about 18 months ago, we are delighted with the way the Group is functioning, the direction we are heading and the fantastic growth in both Leadership and Youth numbers that we have seen. Rustington continue to offer an enjoyable, satisfying and fulfilling programme to all our young people and as we continue to modernise our premises and develop our Leadership team, we can all be proud that once again we have written a further fantastic page in the Group's history book.

You will have seen further changes within the HQ to include a full redecoration and new flooring which has been well received by our ever growing number of Hall hirers. We continue to build an increased social media presence and have replaced and renewed many items of equipment that enable the group to run the programmes that we do so well. The new website remains very interactive allowing uniform sales, hall hire, new joiners, enquiries and even donations to be managed at the touch of a button or two.

Alongside our usual commitments to include section meets, camps, hikes, sleepovers, District events and Community involvement, we held a wonderful Christmas Carol Concert in St Peter & St Pauls Church and had just shy of 200 group members and their family attend which made for a very special evening. We have also been the District Duty Group for the past 12 months and this culminated in an epic St Georges Day service run by ourselves in Arundel Cathedral. Now, aside from an Astronaut, jungle animals, planets, soaring birds, a rocket on a zip wire, helium balloons and a cast of more than 25 children, we also had an 18 foot dragon and St George himself in a full suit of armour having a battle in front of the pulpit. Perhaps slightly different to normal cathedral events but particularly enjoyed by the 800 strong congregation, gasping, clapping and cheering all the way through. A huge thank you to Graham and Erica Mills for creating the idea and producing the show, Marion & Babs for their tireless work hand stitching the dragon and to the rest of team that helped all the way through. We have also held two superbly attended 'Comedy Nights' with professional Comedians and Compere at the village hall, both receiving rave reviews and repeat ticket purchases. These have helped our fundraising efforts no end and we look forward to the next one on 18th November.

Our Trustee board steered by Sarah have continued to support us in all we ask for and they are incredibly committed to helping us give our young people the best scouting experience we can. We have some 'big ticket items' on the wish list coming up and your consideration and acceptance for what we request is always gratefully received; We look forward to another prosperous year for all. Thank you.

As mentioned our numbers continue to increase across all sections thanks to the tireless efforts of all involved with a particular mention to Frontier Scouts and Forest Beavers whom have grown immensely. A few Leaderships changes have occurred. Daniel Mcann has taken over Forest Colony with great enthusiasm and has built a formidable team; the colony now very strong. Jon Harris has sadly moved out of the area but continues to assist the Explorer unit with various administrative tasks and also remains involved within our Group Management team. We thank him for all he has done, and continues to do within Rustington, and wish him well for his new adventure. The other notable change is the retirement of the aforementioned Graham & Erica. Their combined 60 + years within the Group have certainly left a legacy and we are so very grateful for all their time, whacky ideas, enthusiasm and friendship along the way. You will be sorely missed and we hope that you will remain involved at some level or other... we won't let you just slip away! Jemma Lecuyer has taken over Kingfisher cubs as Akela and we wish her and the team well in this new chapter for them all and hope your first camp in a couple of weeks is a huge success!

The individual section reports now available on the website, will tell you what the sections have been up to throughout the past 12 months but we do have a photo montage to share with you shortly which we think conveys the spirit of the Group and all that we do.

Finally, thank you to the District team for their support under Ian's guidance and a huge thank you to all our own leaders, helpers and supporters. 1st Rustington is what it is, because of you. Let's make this coming year equally successful and enjoyable, and continue to offer the very best scouting we can, for all those involved within the group.

Thank you,

Dan, Martin, James, Matt (& Jon!)

1st Rustington Pioneer Scouts AGM round up report April 2022- March 2023

Pioneers have had an action-packed year! We have welcomed 3 new leaders in Amy, Andy and Beth. We have also welcomed Izzy and Ted as our young leaders, they are a great asset to the team. We have invested 10 new scouts this year to join the Pioneer adventures.

April and May saw us preparing for May camp as well as completing our general knowledge badge. Plenty of gadget building, tent pitching, cooking and washing up practice. We also had 3 scouts complete their expedition challenge badge which was the final step towards earning their chief scout's gold award. Such an amazing achievement as a huge chunk of their scouting was over the covid period. We also had St Georges day which was a great day and we also invested Amy as a leader.

May camp was at Birchmere and was the first camp for many scouts. We had a great time with a great hike, laser tag and shooting to name a few activities. There were plenty of fun times around the campfire and we sharpened up our knife skills with some whittling. A rainy day didn't dampen our spirits with some craft activities and impromptu dance party in the marquee! We were treated to some wonderful skits by the scouts too.

June and July had a pool party at the wave, a beach barbeque, and a bike ride around Angmering Park. We also had a joint sunset hike with the 2nd Rustington guides on a very hot but beautiful evening. Bivvi night gave the scouts a great experience building their own shelters in the trees at Dappers lane and sleeping out under the stars and we rounded off the term with a sandcastle competition on the beach.

September started with some royal reflection following the passing of Her Majesty the Queen and the gold award team treated us to their presentation. We tested our senses with some one-handed sandwich skills and a blindfolded obstacle course. We also made our own scout news channel with the patrols choosing a local news story to report on. September also saw us off on our travels again when we visited Wilverly for a weekend camp. We made our own tie dye t shirts, tested out some home-made water rockets and had a great time out on canoes on the river Beaulieu.

October was a lesson in all things Jamboree with Gary heading off to Korea in 2023. The scouts learnt all about what happens on a jamboree along with creating their own version of a Korean board game. We had a taskmaster evening and a fabulous fancy dress Halloween party.

November's programme had a night hike and sleepover with some lovely starry sky's when we then headed back to the hall for movies and hot dogs in our sleeping bags. It was also great to see so many scouts in very smart full uniform for remembrance Sunday. We also had a quiz night and began our preparation for the scouts Nativity!

December was a great quirky camp at Flip out, which was years in the making, as Covid had scuppered our plans for a few years! The scouts all had a great time. Our last evening of this

term was the long-awaited Scout nativity 'Scouts on a hike'. We went over to the church hall and invited parents and families to watch their performance.

January was a very creative month working towards our artists badge and a cooking evening with the scouts making a fridge cake and some painting of their plant pots. We even had a visit from the wonderful splat and chat with our very own starry night camp scene. We created patrol boards, and everyone made a paracord nametag.

February was all about first aid with a few weeks learning some skills which were then put into practice when the scout hall was turned into a disaster zone! The scouts used their newfound skills to treat the casualties they discovered inside.

Thank you Pioneers for a wonderful year!

1st Rustington Frontier Scouts

End of year report 2022 to 2023

A year of progress.

In December 2022 we had 12 Scouts. As we near the end of the summer term 2023, we now have a very healthy 26 Scouts. The progress the group has made in the last 6 months is phenomenal.

We have received 7 new Scouts from Kingfisher and Pathfinder Cub Packs and 7 from outside of Scouting. We are projected to receive more Scouts in September from both Kingfisher and Pathfinders and thank the leaderships team in both groups for their support in helping us grow.

With the influx of Scouts, we needed more leadership help. Tom Weedon decided that he would return to Scouts after a two year absence. He has settled in really well and has been a massive help with the wealth of experience he brings to the role.

Summer Camp 2023 was held in Bristol and was a joint camp with Pioneer Scouts. This year Frontiers took 12 Scouts, which is double the amount we have taken the previous two years. This is a positive step in the right direction. The Scouts enjoyed taking part in Canyoning, Surfing, Hiking and Shooting along with many other activities.

This year has seen the Frontier Scouts complete the following activities, archery, swimming, scalextric racing, building and racing chariots and cooking pancakes. We have completed the code breaking badge, a night hike across Angmering park and built fires and cooked campfire donuts.

As we move into the Autumn/Winter term we acknowledge that we do need to recruit another leader to help the group grow further over the coming years. We will be discussing this as a leadership team and will hopefully find someone soon.

As a leadership team we would like to thank the Committee and GLV for their continued help and support in making Rustington the Group that it is.

I would like to personally thank Tom C, Tom W and Tom W for your support and help in running Frontiers. We have had a difficult few years, but our efforts are now paying off. That is clearly evident in how far the group has come in such a short space of time. I look forward to growing the group further with you in the coming year. Thank you.

Yours in Scouting,

Matt Phelps
1st Rustington Frontier Scouts

Kingfisher Cubs AGM Section Report 2023

In July, we were able to return to camping, but, due to having less-experienced campers as a result of COVID, we offered a hybrid camp, whereby children could choose to either camp for the full three nights, camp for one night, or just visit for one day. Our theme was David Walliams books, where we did activities based around four different books, and we even managed to get Mr Walliams himself to say a personalised message to the Cubs!

Weekly meetings returned in September, where we went 'CubOCaching' around Mewsbrook Park, Swimming, and had a Japanese themed evening, which comprised of Sumo wrestling in blow-up suits, trying Japanese cuisine, and trying our hand at some origami. In the latter half of the term, we had Silver Award presentations from those moving up to Scouts, investitures of new Cubs and hosted a Halloween themed incident hike – an extended evening where we walked around the local area to visit different volunteer Leaders, each running spooky bases! We also made some Christmas cakes, gifts and cards for our families, and had a fun Christmas party.

Spring term saw us host our own Burns Night, plus a badge night, where children had the opportunity to be assessed on lots of different badges, and our cardboard city evening. This evening raised awareness of homelessness, and the children brought in donations for 'Turning Tides'. We also made and ate pancakes, had a visit to the RNLI lifeboat station, and had an amazing Easter hunt, which involved lots of problem-solving along the way. We had a news evening, where the Cubs split into their sixes to create a series of news articles, that were then put into one broadcastable montage! We had teams being news-anchors, sports-reporters, weather-reporters, as well as adverts about frying pans and sponges!

Erica and Graham Mills stepped down from running the section at the end of Spring term, having helped ease me into the position over the span of the term, showing me clearly the things involved with running a Pack! I would like to take this opportunity to again express my sincere gratitude for their guidance they have given, and continue to give, me. They've been unable to escape though, and they still help when we need extra support, and will be coming to help us with our upcoming Summer camp, too!

So far this Summer term, we have been on a hike at Highdown, with an I-Spy to complete as we walked. We had a Coronation-themed evening at the hall, as well as making sandcastles 'fit for a King' the following week! We aimed to be outside as much as possible, and the weather was completely in our favour, allowing that to happen! We played wide games at Furzefield campsite, did a street quiz around Rustington, earned our Athletics badge, and worked towards our Environmental Conservation badge in an evening run by one of our Explorers, as well as investing some new Cubs into Kingfishers. We did a Monopoly themed incident hike, where every base we visited was a different Monopoly Street, and completed relevant tasks, to earn money and Chance Cards (they even wound up in jail!).

To finish the term, we will be playing some outdoor games, and revisiting Furzefield for a sausage sizzle and campfire sing-song, along with even more investitures! It will then be time for our Summer camp, joint with Pathfinder Cubs, which we are really excited about!

Our incredible leadership team is what enables the children to have such a varied programme, so I must thank Jo, Andy, Will, Rohan and Lewis for their continued support in running the Pack. We are lucky to be ably assisted by our Explorer Scout helpers Charlie, Eamonn, Michael, and have recently being joined by Jacob, too. Overall, the Cubs have taken really well to the transition between Akelas, and have continued to enable us all to have fun every week (to include the leaders!).

Jemma Lecuyer
Akela of Kingfisher Cub Pack

Pathfinder Cubs Annual Report (April 2022 to April 2023)

We have had another fun packed year at Pathfinder Cubs. Here are some of the things we've been up to.

In the Summer months, we tried to hold most of our meetings outdoors. We went to Woodland's recreation ground to practise our athletics skills and to play some team games from other countries. We held a pack forum in Mewsbrook park, followed by ice cream (always a popular choice!) we organised a litter pick/hike along Littlehampton beach, with the council providing the litter pickers. We didn't find much rubbish, but we explained to the Cubs that this was a good thing! We spent several evenings up at the district campsite on Dapper's Lane in Angmering, with our last one held in October just before Winter set in. During our time at the campsite, we carried out several investitures, played lots of wide games and practised outdoor skills, including pitching tents, fire lighting and backwoods cooking. The Cubs learnt how to cook pitta pizzas, baked bananas, and chocolate orange cake. They even made their own lemonade and of course ate loads of s'mores!

In July, we went on our Summer camp with Kingfisher Cubs. We camped at Lodge hill activity centre and our theme this year was David Walliams and his books. There were lots of themed activities and games to keep the Cubs busy throughout the day, and in the evenings, we sang songs around the campfire. They also enjoyed having a go at two of the activities run by the centre: tunnelling and snow tubing. Our Summer camp is always one of the highlights of the year and this year was no exception.

During the Winter, we were back in the hall learning new skills, playing games, and having lots of fun. One of the Cubs favourite evenings was when we asked our Explorer helpers to run the meeting for us. They came up with a pioneering challenge, where the Cubs had to use knots and lashings to build their own 'chariot', which they then used to race each other around the hall. The Explorers are invaluable to us, and we really appreciate all their help.

The Cubs had a great night out at Laser Tag in November, as an early treat before Christmas.

During the year, we have worked on lots of different Activity and Staged badges: including Navigator, Emergency Aid, Scientist, Chef, Pioneer, Backwoods Cooking, Athletics, Home Help and Artist, to name but a few. We have had 7 of our Cubs achieve their Chief Scout Silver awards, congratulations to them, and we've awarded 258 badges in total. Well done to the Cubs for all their hard work.

Unfortunately, in December, after 7 years of volunteering, Akela Ats decided to leave Cubs. We are grateful for all the time he gave and wish him well. This leaves Nigel and me to continue running the pack. Thank you to Nigel for all his commitment and enthusiasm. We look forward to recruiting some new volunteers very soon and, in the meantime, we have a parent rota in place so that we can continue to provide a fun and varied Programme for the Cubs.

Finally, we would like to thank both the committee and the GSL team for all the hard work they do behind the scenes to support all the sections and to help our Scout Group continue to grow.

Kind Regards

Akela Steve

1st Rustington Woodland Beavers Report 22-23

Where do we start, so much fun has been had by all this year. We said goodbye to Owl as her days off had changed, we miss you.

Beavers went under the sea at the District Beaver Day camp, followed by a Fun run at the Woodlands Rec just before the Summer Holidays.

September came along quickly and so did many new Beavers with a getting to know you challenge. This was followed by some campsite fun with marshmallows and wide games.

We managed to get to the Littlehampton Fire Station only to be cut short due to an emergency call out. The ladies at the Library took us in whilst our parents arrived as the heavens opened. It was amazing seeing them rush off and put the lights and sirens on.

Beavers learnt about communication which helped to work towards teamwork and building spaghetti towers. As the night got darker we took to the road and learnt about road safety and went on a hike glow stick fun was had along with touch games in the dark, before a walk back to meet the parents. Beavers dressed up for our 1st ever Halloween party.

Deer and Bear managed to get the group back to the Fire station for round 2 which saw lots of water fun with the fire hoses and no call outs.

As Christmas came along Beavers got creative with fingerprints to make Christmas Cards for the residents at Rustington Hall. This was then followed by singing the 1st part of the first song at the Group carol service.

In the new year beavers learnt about different countries, there was a Hungarian evening learning new games with elastic and trying different foods. Also, an Italian night making pitta pizzas which always goes down well.

Bat and Badger, our explorer young leaders made a fun obstacle course in the hall and one beaver over come his fear of highest. A lovely thank you email was received from a Dad. Our Beaver parents joined us for a parent night to protect and egg and collect the treasure in a bucket only using a candle string and sticks. Lots of amazing creations and fun had by all.

This term so far we have pitched a tent and packed it away, were introduced to a dragon at St Georges Day and have had lots of fun at the campsite learning about animals and recently made water filters and learnt about faire trade.

Go Beavers 23 came around and saw 19 beavers running around having fun in tunnels, on low ropes in a cave bus and also not to forget the most fun at walk the plank and mop hockey.

We also learnt about bike maintenance ready for our roller derby and how to be safe. So amazing seeing so many on bikes.

A total of 431 badges have been handed out this year with 14 of them being Bronze awards what a year. But without the support from my amazing leader and young leader team, Deer, Bear, Hedgehog, Bat and Badger and our new member of the team Bunny all this would not be possible especially as my new job sometimes takes over. Thank you so much to you all. Here's to planning the next year which will include a sleepover.

1st Rustington Forest Beavers

Annual Report

This year has been one of amazing growth and change for Forest Beavers which has been very exciting for us all. Of course, I would never have been able to do it without the support of my wonderful leadership team Rosie, John and our 2 young leaders Olivia and Darcy. Our leadership team has also grown throughout the year and we welcomed Sarah, Sara and Veronica. As well as Sally who has been helping us in the background.

We currently have 27 beavers in our Colony which again has grown over the past year with a strong attendance each week.

This past year has been an exciting one for the Beavers with us starting the year with outdoor activities including rock pooling as well as an assault course before Christmas.

We continued in January with a visitor talking to us about Burns Night how it's celebrated and the different items of clothing they wear. To carry on with our international theme we had a Chinese New Year inspired evening with the Beavers trying different food along with playing different traditional games. We finished the term by completing their cooks and emergency aid badges.

The summer term has been a very busy one for us with lots of different events happening. We started the term with a visit from Louis Sanders GB Paralympian who taught the Beavers how to play Boccia conducting practice drills alongside matches. The Beavers thoroughly enjoyed this session and definitely improved their skills during the session.

We've continued this term with various trips out recently, including sandcastle making and a trip to our bug hotel where the children have learnt about how to protect the natural world around them.

We have recently come back from Broadstone Warren where the Beavers enjoyed a trip in the minibuses to a fun packed outdoor activity day which was thoroughly enjoyed by all who attended.

To round off the summer term in hopefully lovely weather we have our Beaver sleepover planned which is being held in Selsey. Along with a trail to follow through Mewsbrook Park looking out for different features by following a map.

In the past year, 5 Beavers have achieved their bronze award with several other Beavers being very close to achieving their bronze award. We currently have a lot of younger Beavers who are also on their way to achieving their bronze awards,

We are looking forward to see what adventures the upcoming year has to bring to Forrest Beaver Colony.

Daniel McCann- Beaver Scout Leader

First Rustington Scout Group - Statement of Accounts - Year Ending 31st March 2023

			<u>2022-2023</u>
Opening Balances	01-Apr-22		
Current Account - HSBC			3,251.12
Business Money Manager Account - HSBC			48,241.51
Individual Sections			23,003.19
Petty Cash			55.63
		Total:	74,551.45

			<u>2022-2023</u>
EXPENDITURE			
Membership Fee			8,095.00
Scout Hall			10,824.26
	Cleaner	1,510.50	
	Insurance	2,290.11	
	Building Works / Maintenance	4,408.90	
	Services	2,614.75	
Minibus			6,139.90
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Programme Support			4,765.51
	Equipment	744.32	
	Group Uniform	1,535.40	
	Misc / Section Donations	2,485.79	
Leader Support			338.86
	Insurance	-	
	Training	111.85	
	Uniform	227.01	
Group Administration			180.00
	Stationery & Printing	-	
	Sundries	180.00	
Fundraising Expenses			1,770.57
	General	20.00	
	Comedy Night - 12 Nov 22	1,750.57	
General			919.18
	Miscellaneous Expenditure	919.18	
Total Expenditure	Committee A/cs Only		33,033.28

Excess of committee receipts over payments			(516.86)
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Individual Sections	Combined Expenditure		46,852.86
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Total Expenditure	Whole Group		79,886.14
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Excess of whole Group income over expenditure			(2260.93)
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Closing balances at	31-Mar-23		
Petty Cash			55.63
Business Money Manager Account - HSBC			0.37
Current Account - HSBC & Natwest			10,924.91
Reserve Account - NatWest			30,026.69
35-Day Notice Account - NatWest			10,023.80
1st Rustington Committee Accounts	Total		51,031.40
1st Rustington Individual Sections Accounts	Total		21,259.12
TOTAL WORTH OF 1ST RUSTINGTON SCOUT GROUP :			72,290.52

Treasurer: Caroline Harris
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45,177.00

			<u>2022-2023</u>
INCOME			
Membership Fees			16,349.81
	Gift Aid	1,427.56	
	Membership Fees 21/22	4,497.25	
	Membership Fees 22/23	10,425.00	
General			4,149.89
	Donations & Grants	3,976.00	
	Interest	173.89	
Fundraising			9,972.38
	S/H clothes/Coffee mornings	-	
	Comedy Night - 12 Nov 22	4,649.09	
	Shop	-	
	Hire of Hall	2,420.00	
	Street Collections	2,406.79	
	X'mas Card Deliveries	-	
	100 Club/Raffles	496.50	
Programme Support			1,621.85
	Group Uniform Sales	1,621.85	
Others			422.49
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INDEPENDENT EXAMINERS'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:

- Accounting records were not kept in respect of the Trust as required by Section 130 of the Charity Commission Act 2011; or
- 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 respect in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached, subject to the contents of my Audit Report.

Signed:

Name: Robert Phelps

Date: 18 November 2023

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I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this respect in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached, subject to the contents of my Audit Report.

Signed:

Name: Robert Phelps

Date: 18 November 2023