

Chairmans report 2024 1st Snodland Scouts

I have now completed my first year as the Chairman of 1st Snodland Scouts, a role I am very proud of holding. Its been a year of change, not only from the Scout association with the changes they have put in place but also with losing Pete and the wealth of knowledge and guidance he gave us all. He is very sadly missed but has left the group in very safe hands with Nathan being appointed Group Lead Volunteer we can continue to shape the group into a community and family that continues to grow.

As you have already heard the major change this year has been the introduction of our Squirrel colony, headed up, in very safe hands by Sue. Starting children on their journey through scouting, giving them skills, experiences and friendships they can carry through life.

The group continues to grow and in the last year has seen an increase of 25% of young people, aided by the introduction of Squirrels, but also new members joining other sections of the group. This is fantastic to see and I hope they continue their scouting journey through to adulthood as I believe it truly is a way of learning life skills that are not readily available anywhere else.

Reading back through my report from last year it ended with a hope that we would be in our new Scout hut, unfortunately that is not the case, just yet, but it has not stopped the sections delivering a fantastic program, and we are so grateful to still have a home here at the school whilst we carry on the quest for a building of our own.

I also would like to thank all the adult volunteers who give up their time week in and week out. Not only the section volunteers but also those behind the scenes, the other members of the board, the treasurer, our new secretary, the helpers at events and work days and everyone that helps us fundraise, clear grounds and a hundred other things that go on in scouting. Without each and everyone of you we would not be where we are, so again thank you.

Once again I will end my report in wishing that next year we will be in a building of our own, delivering programs to the young people of Snodland and making many happy memories with our scouting family. But even if the first part of that is not achievable, I know the rest certainly is.

Maria Ellison

Chairman

1st Snodland Scouts

Equipment

New Tents	869.00	
Decorations for Christmas in Snodland	76.24	
OS maps	17.98	
Replacement lock	60.00	
On-line Youth Manager (Compass)	104.00	
Website Licence	50.00	
Sundry items	151.92	1,329.14

Group Expenses

In Memorium donations	250.00	
Wreaths, poppies and donation to Royal British Legion	100.00	
Drawings	360.00	
Award Trophies	171.14	
New Group Badge	261.00	
Uniform Grant	18.75	
Materials for Carnival float	68.44	
Sundry	242.25	1,471.58

Section Expenses	1,316.23
Capitation	4,923.00
Badges	1,237.24
Purchase of Group Scarves	467.00
Set up expenses for new Squirrel section	717.34
Camps and Outings	4,442.85

24,116.19

£38,781.81

Balance at Bank	15,857.34*
Cash in hand	295.23
Building Fund	<u>22,629.24</u>
Total	£,38,781.81

Signed: Avril Castle, Group Treasurer Date: 25th April 2024

Signed: S Chilmaid, Auditor Date: 3rd July 2024

Sent by e-mail

Avril

Further to our recent conversation I am pleased to confirm:

As usual I conducted the audit for Snodland Scouts and whilst credit balances have shown a slight increase in the current year I am satisfied with the evidence provided that this is in line with fund raising and grant utilisation for the delayed building project.

The main accounting remained in good order and in line with previous years with no queries and all entries backed by documentary evidence.

Should there be any further questions I am happy for the Charities Commission to contact me directly at my usual address.

Yours sincerely

Stuart Chilmaid
Auditor