

1ST ST LEONARDS FOREST SCOUT GROUP

# AGM

## GROUP REPORT

1ST APRIL 2023 TO 31ST MARCH 2024

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## WELCOME

Let me extend a warm welcome to you all and thank you for taking the time to read through this report about all the activities our group has experienced over the past year.

This report is designed to give you an overview of the Scouting year 23 - 24 including the groups financial situation. It highlights the vast array of opportunities given to our young people and the fun packed schedule our leaders provide.

We have been incredibly blessed this year with a couple of large donations which has allowed us to bring forward our plans of purchasing large ticket items, this includes the new shiny minibus that has already been put to great use over the summer.

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We hope you enjoy reading through the various section reports and get a better understanding of what we all achieve together, if you would like to get involved or help out in any way, then please don't hesitate to get in touch.

Finally, thank you for entrusting us with your young people and we will continue to strive to offer them the very best scouting experience we can.



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# OUR 1ST ST LEONARDS TEAM

It goes without saying that without the dedication of a fantastic team, the 1st St Leonards experience would be very different.

Each section is made up of a group of remarkable individuals who volunteer their time on a weekly basis, not only in the few hours your children spend with them but also in planning every event, session and activity.

Each year the Trustee Board is re-elected at the AGM, if you would like to stand this year, please let us know so we can enter your nomination.

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AKERWOOD BEAVERS  
WILLOW BEAVERS  
RUDYARD CUBS  
KIPLING CUBS  
BADEN SCOUTS  
POWELL SCOUTS  
PEGASUS EXPLORERS

# *CHAIRMAN'S REPORT*

It's been an exciting year across all of our sections with an extensive programme and a huge amount of activities including our 50th Birthday. As always, i'm aware not to steel the thunder from our section leaders, so I will refrain from going into too much detail about what they've all been up to at this point and let you read on to learn more about the individual highlights within each group.

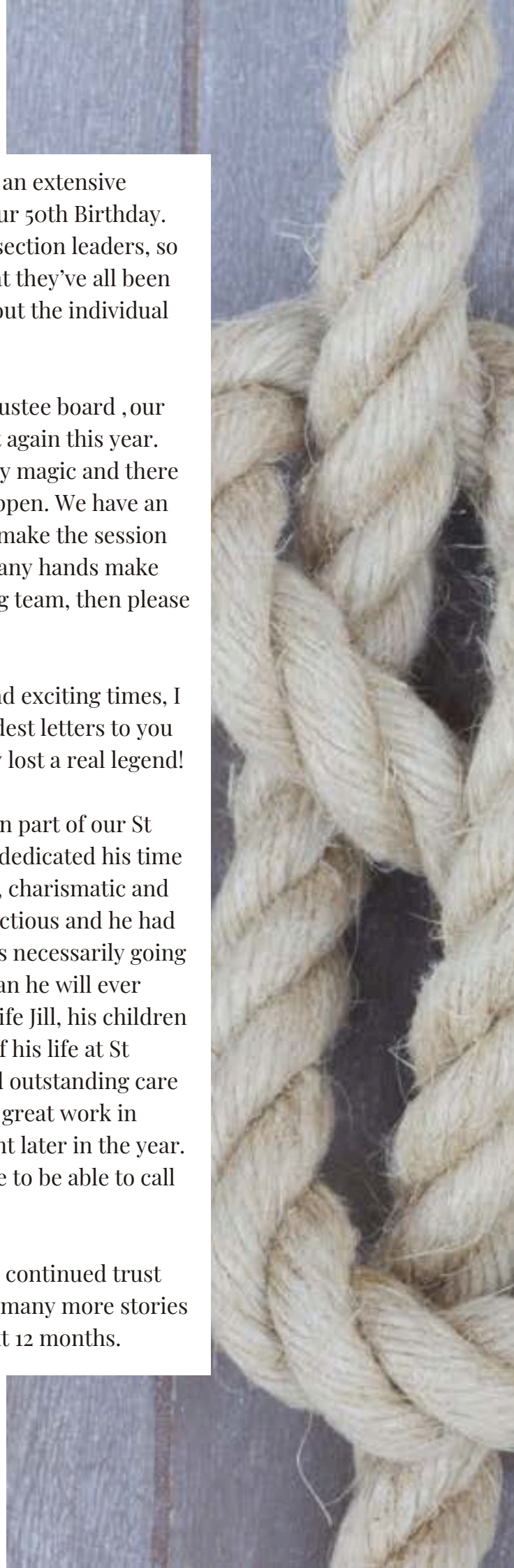
I would personally like to thank every member of the trustee board ,our leadership teams, parents and helpers for their support again this year. The Scouting calendar and events really don't happen by magic and there is so much hard work and planning that makes it all happen. We have an amazing team at 1stSt Leonards who work tirelessly to make the session fun, interesting and safe. There is an old saying that "Many hands make light work", so if you would like to be part of an amazing team, then please let us know, i'm sure your skills can be put to great use.

Although this past year has seen some incredibly fun and exciting times, I found myself back in July having to send one of the hardest letters to you that I have ever written. This year our small community lost a real legend!

Dave Tyler was simply a great human being, he had been part of our St Leonards family for over 20 years and over those years dedicated his time and energy across all sections of our group. He was fun, charismatic and most of all, he oozed kindness. His enthusiasm was infectious and he had an ability to make you smile when things weren't always necessarily going to plan. Dave will be missed by us all, probably more than he will ever know, our ongoing thoughts and prayers are with his wife Jill, his children and his grand children. Dave spent the last few weeks of his life at St Catherine's Hospice in Pease Pottage where he received outstanding care and support, we would like to help them continue their great work in Dave's memory, so will be organising a fundraising event later in the year. From a personal perspective it was an absolute privilege to be able to call him a friend.

Again, I would like to just thank all the parents for their continued trust and support in the group and I look forward to hearing many more stories about the exciting activities that take place over the next 12 months.

Rob Marshall  
Chair of Trustees





# ***GSL REPORT***

First of all, welcome to this annual report for the Scout group as many of you will be aware this is our 50th year of being a registered scout group and we had a fabulous event to celebrate that and although I wasn't able to be there on the day I heard so many wonderful things about that day.

Before I get into reflecting on the year as a whole, I want to take the time to both remember and celebrate David Tyler or "Eric" or "Otter" depending on how you knew him and in which section he was supporting. Dave was a part of our Willow Beavers, Baden Scouts and more recently Kipling Cubs. He was often found in the corner of the hut with his rope creating dragonflies, bracelets or woggles with our young people. Prior to Dave sadly passing away back in the summer Don Moyse and Richard Grover (from the District team) were able to present him with his Medal of Merit award which recognises the contribution and achievements that he made to scouting over his 25 years. I know that Daves memory will live on in many of our young people and the leaders alike.

## **So what about the group?**

We continue to go from strength to strength although we do still struggle for adult volunteers. Hopefully you have all seen the letter that I shared recently and I would absolutely encourage anybody who wants to get involved to reach out to myself or any of the other leaders to discuss those opportunities that arise in volunteering within the scout movement. I have been lucky enough to be involved in scouting for too many years now and it is something that I love to see in watching our young people grow through the sections learning new 'skills for life' as they progress through.

This year as I said, has been a year of celebration and my thanks goes out to Don and the organising team who put together the 50th celebration weekend. It was great to hear that so many of our young people were able to partake and many of our alumni both former members and leaders were able to join the celebrations. We are very fortunate as a group to be able to keep running our 2 beavers colonies, 2 cub packs and two scout troops which then feed into the District explorer scout unit of Pegasus. None of this is possible without the volunteers and the leaders who put time aside to produce and lead the programs that your young people are able to experience weekly, the many camps, trips and events. As always, I am massively grateful to all of them. Dave is not the only one to receive an award, we have seen many presented at events over the year.

In this report you will see reports for each of the sections, photos of the activities and a review of the accounts.

I would encourage you to take time to read and celebrate in all of our successes and I look forward to seeing many of you at the AGM being held on the 27th of September

Chris Jones  
Group Scout Leader





# *TREASURERS REPORT*

Treasurer Report for the year ended 05th April 2024

## Receipts

Due to rising fuel costs and capitation fees increasing it was agreed to raise the membership fee to £180.00. This generated income of £13,260 after the capitation has been paid.

We received two anonymous donations one for £15,000 towards a new minibus and a further donation of £25,000. A local company Cordex kindly gave us £500 to cover additional incidental costs of the new minibus.

The Hall Hire income from Amber Preschool was £ 8,619 Fund raising activities for the minibus included the hall hire for the annual Riverside Walk along with a cake sale as well as the popular cardboard caving.

Other income received £458 of interest on the various bank accounts and £22 commission on clothing from Taylor Made Uniforms. The sections generated an income of £20,455 to cover their own activities.

## Payments

### District Activities

£48 was spent on a uniform.

£984 was spent on the 50th centenary badges, district badges and new scarves.

£400 was spent on new tents for Baden.

Cont:

The Miscellaneous scouting payments include £732 for the Southwater lake permit for both 23-24 and 24-25, £25 as a gift for the outgoing district commissioner, £556 on canoe repairs, £110 for rifle repairs, £97.53 on the AGM and bingo night, £ 53.70 on paddleday expenses.

£ 992 was paid in March for the 24-25 Marine Insurance premium. The services figure of £4,047 includes Electricity £2137, Gas £754, IT Support £313, Telephones £498, Waste collection £411 and Water services refund of £66.95. Due to payments being taken by direct debit, we have the following credit balances: - £419 with Business Stream (water), £242 with E.On (Electricity) and £670 with Scottish Power(Gas).

The amount of £651 was paid to Carolyn and Mark Rogers for cleaning the hall. Hall maintenance includes the annual heating Inspection along with repairs to the heating controller, toilet repairs, investigating a fault on the fan motor as well as materials to repaint the small hall. The business rate charge of £ 166 was paid to Horsham District Council. There was an increase in the property and equipment insurance from £3308 last year to £ 3782 this year.

The renewal of the minibus insurance was £ 1171.00 The minibus expenses came to £ 1478 broken down as follows: the annual service and MOT of the minibus came to £403, with additional servicing charges of £184 and the DVLA cost of £165 plus £680 for a towbar for the new vehicle. We paid £43,988 for the new minibus after receiving £4000 in part exchange for the old minibus. The total payments for the District activities came to £ 60,703 compared to £ 25,716 last year. The sections made payments totaling £ 27,115 to carry out their own events. The Combined liability and medical insurances increased slightly to £ 287 this year. This has resulted in an overall net expenditure of £ 4,192 for the year.

Helen Walden  
Group Treasurer



## 1st St Leonards Forest Scout Group

Year to 5th April 2024

### RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNTS

		Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	TOTAL FUNDS 2024	TOTAL FUNDS 2023
<u>RECEIPTS</u>		£	£	£	£	£
<u>Donations, legacies &amp; other similar income</u>						
Membership fees	B	21,670				
Less paid to District	H	-8,410			13,260	8,127
Donations	A	25,530	15,000		40,530	10,000
Gift Aid		0			0	2,626
Retail Hospitality and Leisure Grant		0			0	0
					53,790	20,753
<u>Activities for generating funds</u>						
Hall hire (Amber PreSchool)	D	8,619			8,619	8,579
Fund Raising	C	569			569	0
Other	E	480			480	859
					9,667	9,438
<u>Section activities</u>						
Akerwood	F1	300			300	250
Willow	F2	805			805	900
Rudyard		0			0	0
Kipling		0			0	425
Baden		3,165			3,165	2,443
Powell	F4	5,713			5,713	7,352
Explorers - Pegasus	F5	10,294			10,294	9,376
Archery	F6	178			178	358
					20,455	21,104
<b>TOTAL RECEIPTS</b>		0	68,913	15,000	0	83,913
<b>51,295</b>						
<u>PAYMENTS</u>						
<u>District activities</u>						
Leader training and uniforms	H	48			48	2,545
Badges	Y	984			984	405
Equipment	Y	400			400	0
Miscellaneous - scouting	Y	1,829			1,829	1,062
Miscellaneous - Other	R	921			921	992
Hall - services	J,K,L,N,O,P	4,047			4,047	4,617
Hall - cleaning	G	651			651	1,969
Hall - maintenance	M	986			986	6,284
Hall - Council tax	I	166			166	466
Hall - Insurance	S	3,783			3,783	3,308
Minibus - insurance	T	1,172			1,172	1,143
Minibus - repairs and MOT	U	1,478			1,478	1,425
Trailer Repairs	Z	250			250	0
Jamboree		0			0	1,500
Motor Vehicle (less £4k Part -EX)	Y	43,988			43,988	0
					60,703	25,716
<u>Section activities</u>						
Akerwood	F8	868			868	768
Willow	F9	824			824	1,363
Rudyard		0			0	0
Kipling	F10	382			382	799
Baden		3,384			3,384	3,188
Powell	F11	6,715			6,715	7,643
Explorers - Pegasus	F12	14,941			14,941	6,643
Archery					0	533
					27,115	20,937
<u>Support Costs</u>						
Insurance	Q,W	287			287	273
<b>TOTAL PAYMENTS</b>		88,105	0	0	88,105	46,926
Net of receipts/(payments)		-4,192			-4,192	4,369
Bank balances as at 6th April 2023		84,705			84,705	80,336
Bank balances as at 5th April 2024		80,513			80,513	84,705



# 1st St Leonards Forest Scout Group

As at 5th April 2024

## STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES AS AT THE END OF THE PERIOD

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	TOTAL FUNDS 2024 £	TOTAL FUNDS 2023 £
<b>Cash funds</b>					
Building Maintenance	20,281			20,281	20,065
Financial Support	1,011			1,011	1,000
Current Account	26,746			26,746	7,239
Members & Subs Acc	10,659			10,659	12,544
MiniBus Savings Account	28			28	25,029
Receipts held in advance of next year	-74			-74	0
Monies held in credit on utilities	1,332			1,332	51
				59,982	65,928
<b>Cash held by Sections</b>					
Akerwood	2,083			2,083	1,629
Willow	2,917			2,917	1,924
Rudyard	2,501			2,501	1,740
Kipling	1,342			1,342	669
Baden	2,376			2,376	1,463
Powell	3,365			3,365	2,881
Explorers - Pegasus	3,213			3,213	5,917
Archery Account	2,733			2,733	2,555
Cash in hand	0			0	0
				20,532	18,778
<b>Total Cash funds</b>	<b>80,514</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>80,514</b>	<b>84,706</b>
<b>Other monetary assets</b>					
<b>Non monetary assets for charity's own use</b>					
Scout building			103,619	103,619	103,619
Scout group Minibus and equipment	48,388			134,207	85,819
Depreciation on Minibus and equipment	-12,272			-97,566	-85,294
<b>Total</b>	<b>36,116</b>		<b>103,619</b>	<b>140,260</b>	<b>104,144</b>
<b>Liabilities</b>					
No liabilities					

## Notes to the accounts

- Unrestricted cash funds are to be retained and spent as the Group Executive deem fit, the following amounts have been designated for specific purposes:-

	2024
Donation received to go towards a new minibus	15,000

- Depreciation - Assets are depreciated over 4 years with no residual value

	Buildings	Equipment	Total
Cost At 06/04/23	103,619	85,819	189,438
Additions	0	48,388	48,388
Disposals	0	0	0
At 05/04/24	103,619	134,207	237,826
<b>DEPRECIATION</b>			
At 06/04/23	0	85,294	85,294
Charge for year	0	12,272	12,272
Disposals	0	0	0
At 05/04/24	0	97,566	97,566
Net book value at 06/04/23	103,619	525	104,144
Net book value at 05/04/24	103,619	36,641	140,260

# BEAVERS

We are lucky to have two amazing beaver colonies that meet on Tuesday and Thursday evenings from 5:30pm to 6:45pm and are supported by an amazing team of leaders and parents. However, as you will hear, there is certainly space for additional help if you would like to get involved.

*AKERWOOD  
WILLOW*





# AKERWOOD

Akerwood Section report Summer 2024:

Akerwood currently has 21 beavers with vacancies for 3 more children we have 3 adult leaders and 2 young leaders. We are desperately short on adult leaders which makes holiday planning very hard.

We regularly see most of our beavers on a Thursday.

For 2024 we had our first beaver sleep over under canvas for many many years.

This was carried out as part of our 50th Anniversary celebrations.



The chance to sleep out under canvas was a great experience and they even had a little sleep !!! which is more than the leaders did.

This year we have run several archery training sessions, the beavers love the challenge of hitting the target and we now have some real sharp shooters ready to challenge the cubs and scouts !

We also had a special trip to Lego Land where the beaver has a great time learning to drive as well as a competitive fire engine challenge.

We had a really good turn out to the 1st SLF water day at Southwater lake where they experienced Canadian Canoes as well as paddling in white water kayaks, of course they also honed their water fighting skills.

During the year we have also carried out cooking, first aid, den building, camp fire making and marshmallow cooking as well as assault courses and indoor hockey games. Their favourite game for some reason is 'Spot light'.

The beavers also really enjoyed our regular cardboard caving event, with all of them getting to explore the caves at HQ.

2023 -24 has been a fantastic year for Akerwood and we are really looking to welcome more beavers to our pack.







## ***WILLOW***

We currently have 18 beavers whom all regularly attend our meetings on Tuesday evenings. We are quite manageable with 2 leaders and 3 Section Assistants and 1 Young Leader.

Over the course of the year we've given out 5 Bronze awards. We've welcomed new beavers and said goodbye to beavers who have moved on to cubs. We've covered a variety of badges in Space, Explore, Communication, Book Reader and Gardening, as well as the core challenge badges. We've done a variety of fun activities, including cardboard caving, walking in the woods, archery as well as learning about first aid and den Building. I even got most of them to try Robin's Sandwiches they all loved!

We've had fun taking beavers to Legoland and to Go Beavers. We also enjoyed celebrating the Anniversary day, St George's Day and the annual Paddle Day with us which has been great to catch up with the beavers who have now gone to cubs and to see them thriving is great.

Our beavers arrive with great enthusiasm every week and it's wonderful to see them grow as Beavers and learn new skills and have fun

Unfortunately this year, we lost our leader, Dave. He will be sincerely missed within Willow, but grateful he taught me everything I need to be a leader. He will never be forgotten.

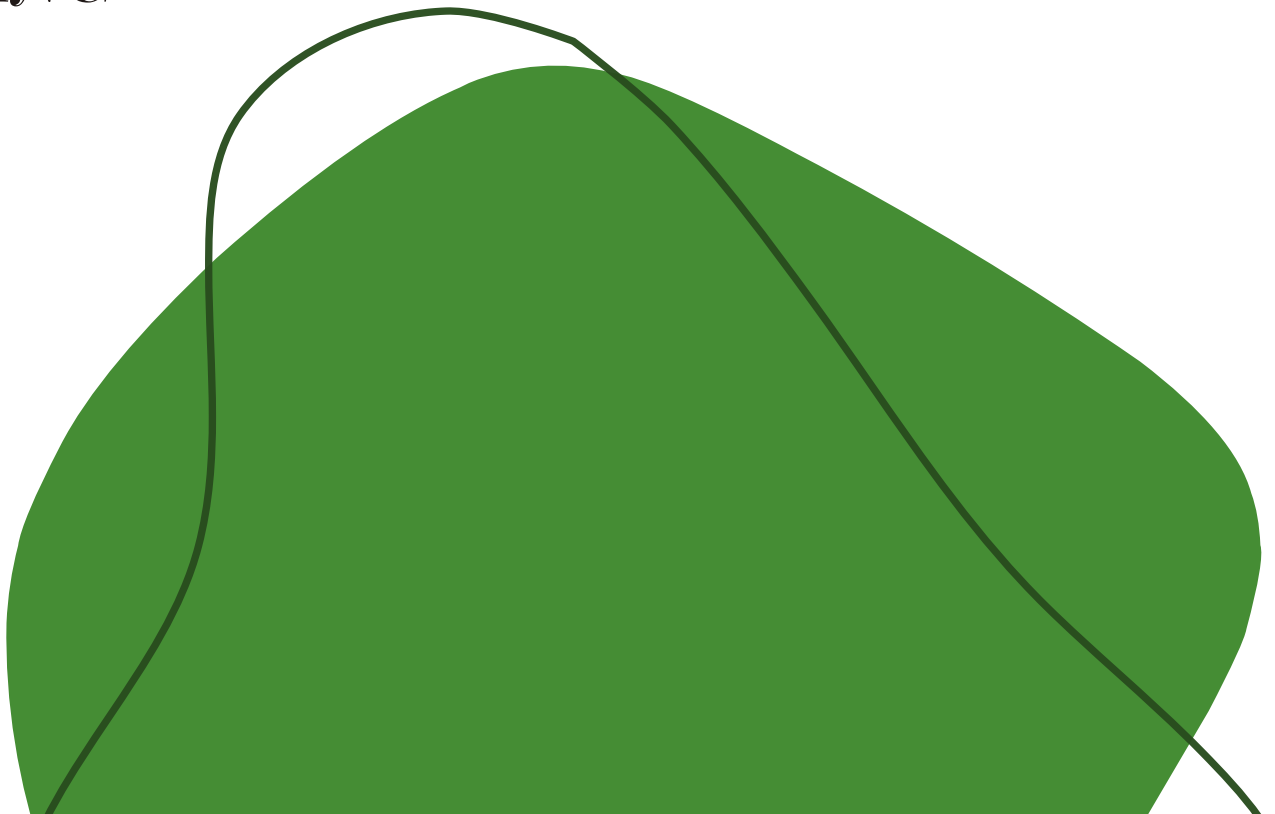




We are extremely proud of our cub packs, however again this year we are facing challenges with adult support. The sections rely on parent helpers to ensure we are able to comply with our safety and safeguarding policies but both sections would benefit from more fabulous adults to support the groups on a regular basis. We would ideally like to see a couple of extra adults for each section. Our cub packs meet on a Monday and Wednesday 7:00pm to 8:30pm.

***RUDYARD***

***KIPLING***





# KIPLING

The past year has been a time of change for Kipling Cub Pack. We started in September with three new leaders, Paul, Dave & our young leader Megan, each bringing different experiences to the team. Jo & Fiona had previous scouting experience whilst Richard had work experience which could provide some fun evenings. Also during the year, we gained Leah (Powell scout) as a young leader as part of D of E volunteering. Sadly, as the year went on, we lost Richard due to work commitments, then Dave to ill health and at the end of the year, Jo stood down before her son starts. Leah also finished at the end of the summer term to join Pegasus. We thank all these leaders for their efforts over the year but it has left us once again in a difficult position with regards to leaders. We are very thankful to all the parents who have helped out over the year as without your help, we wouldn't have been able to do a number of the evenings.



We have had a fairly consistent number in the pack during the year and most evenings have around 18 cubs. Some of the highlights of the year have been a police investigation evening, a visit from Horsham Community Responders and 'Come Dine with Cubs' where over two weeks, the cubs prepared and then served a two-course meal – including table laying, decorations and washing up!

Evenings outside the HQ have been popular and we have made use of the campsite for cooking, a hike, very wet orienteering at Southwater and gone out from the HQ to do road safety, a letter-box hunt and to the field for sports day. At the HQ we have done various crafts, games and had a great cycling evening.







As a section, we took part in the groups 50th anniversary camp and for some of our cubs, this was their first night away under canvas. A great time was had both during the day with the activities and overnight – even if sleep was not very high on the cubs agenda!

We also had two teams take part in the district target sports finishing a very credible 3<sup>rd</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> out of 12, a small group participated in Horsham's Remembrance Day parade and we attended the annual District St Georges Day Parade.

Over the course of the last year, we have handed out over 200 badges including three Silver Awards to Sophie, George & Sophie and at the end of the summer term awarded four trophies for achievement to Kayden, Freddie, Arlo & Holly.



As we move into the next year, we start another new chapter. Again, we would love to add new leaders to broaden the experience within our leadership team & are thankful to our new young leader, Ella, in joining us. If a lively group of 8-10's is something you would like to get involved in, come & join us on a Wednesday evening.







Spring term brought another opportunity for cardboard caving, cubs are the perfect size – thank you Powell Scouts another amazing cave system. Food was a bit of a theme in the spring with a pancake day celebration and tasting food from around the world.

With the summer weather and lighter evenings, hikes were on the agenda including one to gather materials to make bug hotels. In June we joined the other sections to celebrate our groups 50th Anniversary with a 1-night camp at Beacon Hill Campsite. It was an amazing celebration and hopefully the first (for a while) of many camping opportunities in the future. Paddling is a regular feature on the summer programme but unfortunately coincided with the most unseasonal weather and had to be postponed. We're looking forward to some fun on the water in the next couple of weeks.



## ***RUDYARD***

Rudyard Pack have had a busy year. We currently have 18 Cubs and are looking forward to welcoming new cubs to join in the fun too.

The Autumn term in 2023 kicked off with fun & games at HQ and the fun carried on for the rest of the term. Activities included campfires, archery, night hike, cooking, scary pumpkin carving and a talk about the 25th World Scout Jamboree from our very own Jamboree Scout Gabriella. What an amazing time she had, inspiring the cubs for when it's their turn.



We've started this term with more camping fun at the District Cub Camp. We joined our fellow Horsham District Cubs for an Olympic extravaganza. Rudyard were entrusted with the Olympic flame for the first night and successfully kept it safe and lit all night long. Mini rafts, t-shirt painting, a 7km hike and monster tug of war were just a few of the activities. Everyone had a great time and some even got a bit of sleep! Massive thanks to Jo for all the organisation.

Rudyard's Leaders have thoroughly enjoyed putting on the programme for the Cubs and are looking forward for more adventures over the next year. However, whilst we are now in a more comfortable position with leaders, we'd never say no to an extra pair of hands!

# SCOUTS<sup>®</sup>

This year has seen our Scouting experiences grow from strength to strength as you will read below. Our amazing leaders provide exciting opportunities for our 10.5 to 14 year old young people on Tuesday and Thursday evenings from 7:15pm to 9pm for Baden and 7:15pm to 9:15 for Powell.

***BADEN  
POWELL***







# ***BADEN***

Baden have had another busy year. Although we're a small troop, we are lucky to have a great group of scouts who are keen to get involved and try new things. In addition to our Tuesday night meetings, some of the highlights of the year have been:

## **Summer Camp**

We held our 2023 summer camp at Broadstone Warren, the scouts had a great week taking part in various activities including climbing, abseiling, backwards cooking, tunnelling, fencing, orienteering and many many more.

## **Jamboree on the Internet**

Baden took part in JOTI again this year – JOTI is the world's largest digital Scout event, promoting friendship and global citizenship! The scouts joined together for 24hrs to camp at the hut enabling them to take part in the event together throughout the day and night! In that time, we made contact with 80+ scout groups, in over 25 different countries. It was a great opportunity to learn more about scouting across the world.

## **Two Rings**

Baden entered the Two Rings Event this year. The event is a combination of incident hiking, adventurous activities and skills tests, covering a 15km route to be completed within 4.5hrs. Not only did the team do brilliantly, and achieve event Grade 'A' but they were also one of the few scout teams to complete the event without a leader in their team.

## **Overland training**

Having entered teams in the last 3 Overland competitions, sadly Baden didn't have enough older scouts to form a team for the competition in 2024, however the scouts still participated in a number of practice events, to develop their skills in preparation for Overland 2025.







### **Gold Award Expedition**

6 Baden scouts completed their gold award expedition in October 2024. As a team, they organised the whole expedition, including planning the route and making travel arrangements, booking accommodation, planning meals and organising suitable equipment.

They had a fantastic 2 days walking along the south downs way with a night camping at a YHA on route. On completion of their expedition, they then created a presentation that they presented to their families and fellow scouts. 5 of these scouts have subsequently completed their Chief Scout & Gold Award. This is the highest award a Scout can earn. To complete it, they need to complete all nine of the Challenge Awards, plus six Activity badges. So, a huge well done to Ella, Sarah, Thomas, Charlie and Henry.

Having lost a large group of our eldest scouts in January 2024, it has left us with a very young troop, so we have been concentrating our efforts on back-to-basic scouting, which will hopefully prepare the scouts for plenty of fun camps and events in the year to come!





# ***POWELL***

Powell Troop have yet again had a fantastic year of Scouting. Our troop numbers are hovering around 30 Scouts most of the time, and with a well-balanced programme we have lots of our Scouts achieving many of the challenge and proficiency badges. Often our Scouts are encouraged with activity outside their comfort zone, and because of the great Scouts we have they rise to the challenge facing them and gain great life skills. Here are some of the adventures Powell troop did over the last year;

Summer Camp at Pencraig, Ross on Wye.  
Various Kayaking sessions and trips including White water Training on the Nene white water course, Kayaking skills at Handcross School Pool, 2 Weekend trips white water kayaking on the River Dart and the River Usk and teaching sessions at Southwater lake. Plus... Target sport evenings, Woggle making, Hikes and navigation exercises, Cooking skills at the campsite on open fires and at the HQ, Spring camp sleeping in Hammocks and exploring the outdoors, Group 50th Birthday camp, Chief Scouts Gold Expedition.







The highlight of the calendar is Powell's Summer Camp. This year 19 Scouts attended a week's camp on the banks of the river Wye near the Forest of Dean. Powell explored the forest on foot visiting a sculpture trail in the forest. Went mountain biking on adventurous bike trails around the forest and then discovered how coal is mined by hand from beneath the Forest of Dean at Hopewell Colliery. Many hours were spent using the river Wye at our campsite to kayak or to cool off from the hot sun.

Powell Troop also attended our Groups 50th Birthday Camp and activity day celebrations at Beacon Hill Campsite in June. Caving, Rifle shooting, obstacle course, tomahawk throwing and a scavenger hunt were enjoyed by mixed section groups. After the activities all enjoyed a BBQ and Group campfire.

A huge Thank you to the Powell Leader team for yet another great year of Scouting. Thank you for giving up your free time, sharing your skills, knowledge and enthusiasm to encourage our young people to gain so many life skills.





# EXPLORERS<sup>✿</sup>

It continues to remain a pleasure to lead at Pegasus; the Explorers themselves make every Wednesday great fun. The unit size was the largest in the District at the last census at 38 Explorers and most evenings we have 25-30 present. Although we have lost some Explorers during this year due to reaching 18 or clashes with other commitments, these spaces have been quickly filled & we are regularly contacted by others wanting to join the unit – from both inside & external to St Leonards Forest.

Our programme has always been designed by the unit, but since the start of this term we now have a smaller unit exec made up of Explorers from all year groups to represent members. The last years programme included street orienteering, caving, fire making, cooking, hiking, A frame racing, axe throwing, sedan chair racing, first aid, mountain biking and bridge building. In December we held our annual Pegasus Christmas dinner which the Explorers help prepare, cook & serve. This was a fundraiser for the unit along with being a thank you to parents & helpers and raised significant funds for the unit.





Last summer five of our Explorers represented the UK by attending the jamboree in South Korea. The unit went to South Wales on expedition and our activities were mountain walking, paddle boarding, sea kayaking surfing and coasteering. In May we had a weekend in Derbyshire which included climbing and hill walking. This summer our expedition was to North Wales with 25 Explorers attending. Our activities included, white water rafting, scrambling, wind surfing, sailing, climbing and canyoning and beach volleyball.

There were several inter-unit walking competitions including the Downsman, Triangle Hike, Two Rings and Overland. Five teams also entered the London Monopoly run – an event which had 1395 teams. One of our teams finished 31 st overall. We already have two teams entered into the Downsman and Triangle hike for this coming term. 21 from the unit will be attending the West Sussex youth camp in mid September.

Earlier this year it was fantastic to welcome Mark Aylmore to the leadership team working alongside Tim Kent and Graham Clayton and myself. None of our events could not take place without the support of Helen Walden our treasurer and I am also very grateful to the 1 st SLF leaders and parents who have assisted us with various activities throughout the past year – many of which we would not have been able to do without their support.

If you like the sound of our activities and would like to join the team please let me know.

Rob Cranfield – Pegasus ESU Leader





1st St Leonards Forest Scout Group

Year to 5th April 2024

RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNTS

		Unrestricted	Restricted	Endowment	TOTAL	TOTAL
		Funds	Funds	Funds	FUNDS	FUNDS
		£	£	£	2024	2023
					£	£
<b>RECEIPTS</b>						
<b><u>Donations, legacies &amp; other similar income</u></b>						
Membership fees	B	21,670				
Less paid to District	H	-8,410			13,260	8,127
Donations	A	25,530	15,000		40,530	10,000
Gift Aid		0			0	2,626
Retail Hospitality and Leisure Grant		0			0	0
					53,790	20,753
<b><u>Activities for generating funds</u></b>						
Hall hire (Amber PreSchool)	D	8,619			8,619	8,579
Fund Raising	C	569			569	0
Other	E	480			480	859
					9,667	9,438
<b><u>Section activities</u></b>						
Akerwood	F1	300			300	250
Willow	F2	805			805	900
Rudyard		0			0	0
Kipling		0			0	425
Baden		3,165			3,165	2,443
Powell	F4	5,713			5,713	7,352
Explorers - Pegasus	F5	10,294			10,294	9,376
Archery	F6	178			178	358
					20,455	21,104
<b>TOTAL RECEIPTS</b>		<b>0</b>	<b>68,913</b>	<b>15,000</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>83,913</b>
					<b>83,913</b>	<b>51,295</b>
<b>PAYMENTS</b>						
<b><u>District activities</u></b>						
Leader training and uniforms	H	48			48	2,545
Badges	Y	984			984	405
Equipment	Y	400			400	0
Miscellaneous - scouting	Y	1,829			1,829	1,062
Miscellaneous - Other	R	921			921	992
Hall - services	J,K,L,N,O,P	4,047			4,047	4,617
Hall - cleaning	G	651			651	1,969
Hall - maintenance	M	986			986	6,284
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Minibus - insurance	T	1,172			1,172	1,143
Minibus - repairs and MOT	U	1,478			1,478	1,425
Trailer Repairs	Z	250			250	0
Jamboree		0			0	1,500
Motor Vehicle (less £4k Part -EX)	Y	43,988			43,988	0
					60,703	25,716
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Archery					0	533
					27,115	20,937
<b><u>Support Costs</u></b>						
Insurance	Q,W	287			287	273
<b>TOTAL PAYMENTS</b>		<b>88,105</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>88,105</b>	<b>46,926</b>
Net of receipts/(payments)		-4,192			-4,192	4,369
Bank balances as at 6th April 2023		84,705			84,705	80,336
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# 1st St Leonards Forest Scout Group

As at 5th April 2024

## STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES AS AT THE END OF THE PERIOD

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Financial Support	1,011			1,011	1,000
Current Account	26,746			26,746	7,239
Members & Subs Acc	10,659			10,659	12,544
MniBus Savings Account	28			28	25,029
Receipts held in advance of next year	-74			-74	0
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<b>Cash held by Sections</b>					
Akerwood	2,083			2,083	1,629
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Powell	3,365			3,365	2,881
Explorers - Pegasus	3,213			3,213	5,917
Archery Account	2,733			2,733	2,555
Cash in hand	0			0	0
				<u>20,532</u>	<u>18,778</u>
<b>Total Cash funds</b>	<b>80,514</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>80,514</b>	<b>84,706</b>
<b>Other monetary assets</b>					
<b>Non monetary assets for charity's own use</b>					
Scout building			103,619	103,619	103,619
Scout group Minibus and equipment	48,388			134,207	85,819
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Additions	0	48,388	48,388
Disposals	0	0	0
At 05/04/24	<u>103,619</u>	<u>134,207</u>	<u>237,826</u>
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At 06/04/23	0	85,294	85,294
Charge for year	0	12,272	12,272
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Net book value at 06/04/23	103,619	525	104,144
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**Report to the Trustees of the 1<sup>st</sup> St Leonards Forest Scout Group**

**On accounts for the year ended 05<sup>th</sup> April 2024**

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