

## Belton Scout Group annual report

### Chair persons Report

Dug Harrison chaired the meeting sorting governance, trustee appointments and also adopted the 1<sup>st</sup> Belton Constitution for 2025. Dug Thanked the leaders, trustee's and group scout council for another very busy and fantastic year, and also looks forward to the next where we will be hopefully sitting in a fully refurbished and added to Scout Headquarters.

### Group Lead Report

The Scout Group has had an unusual year with the sections moving out of the Scout HQ for 6 months to the village church while the HQ building work started.

Our section numbers have remained good. With all Beavers places taken (they only have 18 beavers due to lack of adult leaders), Cubs and Scouts have had an increase in numbers. We have also had 2 scouts have moved on to become young leaders at Beavers.

All the sections have all been busy with their programmes with a variety of activities while the young people work towards there chief scout awards and activity badges.

Can I please say a very big thank you to the trustees and in particular to Peter (Akela) for taking on the role re the scout group building extension for all his hard work with the project. Along with Lucy who has been a great support to him.

Can I also say a very big thank you to all the leaders and parents who help out to give our young people such a great variety of programme items.

### Beavers Scout Report

Beaver scout report for AGM Saturday 27th Sept 2025

At the time of writing we have 18 Beaver scouts (please note we are still only running at 18 Beaver due to lack of adult help rather than 24). There is 1 children of age on waiting list.

The Beavers have had a very busy year last October we moved into the church due to building work which was a challenge from an adult point of view, but I am not sure the young people took a lot of notice only that we were unable to do things outside, which some were not happy about. They also sometimes got fed up with me saying I had forgotten something which does not happen at HQ. For the summer we have returned home to the HQ.

The beavers have taken part in many activities from making a Christmas wreath out of green paper sticking them on card and putting jewels on them for the church, grew sweet corn to take home, these were quite a challenge to grow and French marigolds from seed which were then planted out at Rectory corner, they are still in flower. Evening on the beach, Burgh Castle Fort to be Romans for the evening and a walk in Blue Bell wood litter picking and leave ID. We had an evening doing emergency aid stage 1 someone had given us a lot of eye bandages which the beavers had great fun in having a go putting on their arms, they can now put someone into the recover position even an adult. There was an evening doing their healthy eating badge making a poster of good and bad food from magazine pictures. Had an evening bowling at Wellington Bowl. We had an evening collecting wood, making fires and then toasting marshmallows. As it was raining on another evening making garlic potatoes with cheese. We have made fish tanks out of coffee jars thinking about endangered sharks. May I say and so much more.

We joined the other Beavers in the district at Eaton Vale activity center going on the river, crate stacking, and obstacle course. Did a ramble down Great Yarmouth sea front in aid of children in need. Then took part in the ten pin bowling competition.

The group joined together for remembrance Sunday service at All Saints Church and a joint Christmas party of silly games and food. The group gathered to make bug houses for the scout HQ field as part of the building work funded by the youth development fund. They also had the opportunity to toast marshmallow on that day too.

The Beavers and Leaders have been very disappointed over the last year due to not being able to have their usual indoor and outdoor sleepover experience at Scout HQ, after doing a risk assessment it was deemed not to be safe. At this point it hasn't prevented anyone gaining their Bronze Chief Scout Award.

My thanks need to go to Bouncy beaver and Red Beaver for their ongoing support. We have welcomed William (Rocket Beaver) when his son joined beavers and Jeannette (Sunshine Beaver). Can I also thank the parents who stay and help with parent's Rota? We have also welcomed 2 young leaders William (Tiger Beaver) and Charlie to be decided by Beavers on his Beaver Name.

Lastly can I say thank you to Gov for his support and at present time is fed up with eating small tins of baked beans!

### Cubs Report

The cubs have had a year of growth, September last year we sat at 13 cubs of which half were 10 and over. 7 young people went to scouts with their silver awards and we haven't looked back and were replaced by what seemed like a whole pack and as I write we have 20 young people and 1 new leader, a great result, a great team of young people and leaders alike !! Something which I'm very thankful for. The cubs started this time last year doing their personal challenge, 1 challenge at cubs and 1 at home. The cubs really embrace this challenge and we encourage them to look at things they perceive that they are not good at. This then bases their home personal challenge, something which their parents give them a mark out of 10. We then looked at Our world challenge, the art badge and

the creative challenges, we've been on the beach this year with the whole group, placed 4th in the Wiltshire trophy, our highest place for a number of years, and culminated our year in August of this year with a absolutely great 3 day 2 night camp. At the scout headquarters. We decorated and made flag s and flagpole, lit fires, sung our hearts out, had the annual KUBB Championship, looked at country code issues on our walk to Caldecott Frisbygolf, tracking, tipped making, played game, a camp skit and rap and teddy bear parade. All culminating in a scouts own where presentations were made. A great year and a big thankyou to the cubs and cub leaders and everyone at the group for making a very difficult year at the scout hq an enjoyable one with the young people, the only reason we do what we do to give them a great experience

Akela

## Scout Report

Scout report for 1st Belton scout group agm 27/9/25

The scout has had an increase in numbers to 16 this year.

The scouts found it challenging meeting at the church, with having to think a little bit more about programme items and games. They particularly missed cooking a favourite item on the programme but we did manage to make armpit fudge!

We have to think a little more about the programme and games we did while meeting at the church.

The Scouts had the opportunity to do clip and climb, ten pin bowling, walking around the village founding out about the history of our short walk. We had great fun and district camp doing air rifle shooting, archery, sailing and cannoning etc. We had a wonderful week at Norjam 25 taking part in activities from go-charting, paddle boarding, crafts, large inflatables, evening activities it was nonstop fun.

Can I please say a very big thank you to Kelly, Maggie and John for there ongoing support at scouts.

## Accounts

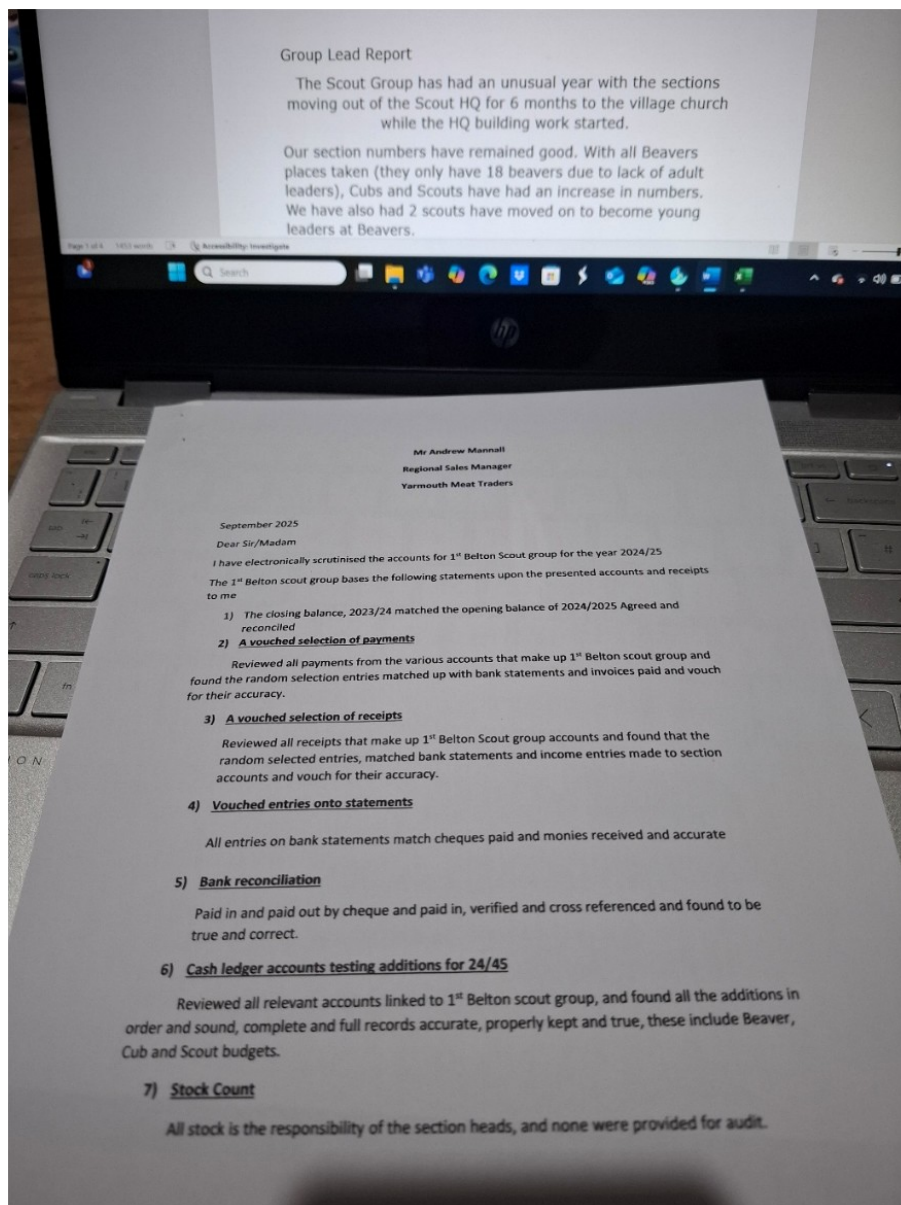
1ST BELTON SCOUT GROUP Accounts 2024/25					
<b>Nominal Account List</b>	<b>Income</b>	<b>Outgoing</b>	<b>Balance</b>	<b>BANK ACCOUNT</b>	
Beavers (Opening balance £849.79)	281.38	483.68	647.49	Opening Balance	40291.08
Cubs (Opening balance £175.81)	435.32	472.56	138.57	Cash/Chqs Income Paid In	295641.69
Scouts (Opening balance £640.48)	441.96	739.77	342.67	Cash/Chqs Expend. Paid out	245485.93
Fundraising	3,342.06	-	3,342.06	Account Charges	0.00
Hut Running Costs and Income	82.52	1,506.98	-1,140.46	Closing Balance	90446.84
<b>Current balance:</b>	<b>4,583.24</b>	<b>3,202.99</b>	<b>1,380.25</b>	<b>Variance to Previous Year</b>	<b>50155.76</b>
<b>MEMBERSHIP &amp; INSURANCE</b>	<b>Incoming</b>	<b>Outgoing</b>		<b>SUBS BREAKDOWN</b>	
Membership	£ 3,590.00	£ 2,260.00		Subs received per child per session	
Insurance (£1265.58 + £52)		£ 1,317.58		Membership fee	
Total	£ 3,590.00	£ 3,577.58		Remaining subs left towards group	
<b>HUT EXTENSION (Dec 23 - to Apr 25)</b>	<b>Funds Received</b>	<b>Outgoing</b>	<b>Balance</b>		
	£ 293,850.45	£ 283,488.59	#####		

## Treasurers

The above accounts although looking healthy do not reflect the financial position at the present time, these accounts were completed in line with the financial year. You will see that the

membership fee was just covered by the young people subscription, so therefore it has been passed at a pre-agm trustee meeting that as from January 1<sup>st</sup> we shall be putting subs up per person per meeting, payable even when absent to £3.00 per head. Other fundraising effort's were down to Bric-a-brac, jumble sales, car boot sales, cliff top galas and the like , as well as selling books, CD'S, and odd bits of gifted items to the scout hq. We got a small grant from the village voice and a parent did a sponsored race which raised £250. We were also given some money by a Former scouter of the group via Ernest lines lodge.

## Scrutineers Report



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**Summary**

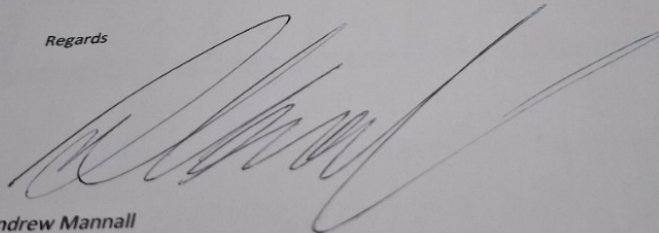
The scout group continue to fundraise whenever they can which is commendable to the group for being so proactive in still uncertain times.

The scout group because of frugal fundraising and grant applying in the past 3 years have almost got their wish of a new scout headquarters extension, something that I understand to have been a long slog, I commend the group to be able to put money towards this and still be on sound financial footing.

I commend the group for making the decision to put subs up to £3.00 per person per session from the beginning of 2026 to both stay self-sufficient and maintain a stable footing along with their outstanding fundraising efforts also

As always, it's a pleasure to do this work as requested every year, and to see the group maintain a stable financial footing despite significant outlay to support themselves and grow the group and hut surroundings in the coming year

Regards



Andrew Mannall

Regional Sales Manager

Yarmouth Meat Traders