

# 1ST HANWELL (ST MARY'S) SCOUT GROUP

England & Wales - Charity number 293898

## Details

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**Status** Registered

**Legal form** Other

**Registered** 1986-03-13

**Register** [View on the Charity Commission register](#)

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## Activities

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**Objects:** TO PROMOTE THE DEVELOPMENT OF YOUNG PEOPLE IN ACHIEVING THEIR FULL PHYSICAL,INTELLECTUAL SOCIAL AND SPIRITUAL POTENTIALS, AS RESPONSIBLE CITIZENS AND AS MEMBERS OF THEIR LOCAL, NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITIES.

**Activities:** The aim of the Scout Association, of which this charity is a member, is to promote the development of young people in achieving their full physical, intellectual, social and spiritual potential, as individuals, as responsible citizens and as members of their local, national and international communities.

## Classification

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- **How:** Provides Human Resources, Provides Buildings/facilities/open Space
- **What:** General Charitable Purposes, Education/training, Amateur Sport
- **Who:** Children/young People

## Geography

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- Ealing

## Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-03-31	£34,403	£36,590	-	-
2024-03-31	£33,216	£25,258	-	-
2023-03-31	£25,218	£25,253	-	-
2022-03-31	£22,389	£26,846	-	-
2021-03-31	£14,113	£18,137	-	-

## Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Barbara Sylvester		2026-03-01
Clint Ernestine		2013-11-28
Ian John Duckworth		2026-03-01
Jody Collins		2023-10-01
Karl Christopher Raymond Bedborough		2026-03-01
Kevin Metherell		2019-06-08
Lone Hubbard		2019-06-08
Martin Bedborough		2019-06-08

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# Accounts

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## Group Scout Council

### AGM

Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> May 2025, 5.30pm

Walter Davies Scout Campsite, Duffield  
Lane, SL2 4AL

**Squirrels**

**BEAVERS**

**cubs**

**SCOUTS**

# AGENDA

- 1. Introduction and welcome**
- 2. Apologies for absence**
- 3. Governance topics**
  - a. Approve the minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on **20/05/2023**
  - b. Adopt the model constitution from Policy, Organisation and Rules (POR)
  - c. Group Treasurers Report
  - d. Approve appointed and community members of the Group Scout Council
  - e. Agree the number of members that may be appointed to the Trustee Board
  - f. Agree the minimum number of attendees for future meetings of the Group Scout Council (excluding this AGM)
- 4. Review of the previous year**
  - a. The Group Lead Volunteer's review of 1<sup>st</sup> Hanwell (St. Mary's)
  - b. Section Team Leaders review of Squirrels, Beavers, Cubs & Scouts
  - c. Receive and consider the Annual Report of the Group Trustee Board, including the annual Statement of the Accounts
  - d. District Lead Volunteers Comments
  - e. Representative of St. Mary's Church Comments
- 5. Making appointments**
  - a. Appoint the Group Chair Team, following recommendation from the open selection process initiated by the Group Trustee Board.
  - b. Appoint the Group Treasurer, following recommendation from the open selection process initiated by the Group Trustee Board.
  - c. Appoint members of the Group Trustee Board, following recommendations from the open selection process initiated by the Group Trustee Board
  - d. Appoint Independent Examiner
  - e. Appoint Sub Committee & Section Parent Representative Leads
- 6. Ian Duckworth update on roof and fundraising**
- 7. Closing remarks**

# **1. Introduction and welcome**

## **Group Chair Report**

Dear Parents, Guardians, Volunteers, and Friends of 1st Hanwell Scout Group,

As Chair of 1st Hanwell Scout Group, I'm honoured to reflect on the past year – a year that has tested our flexibility and resilience, but also one that has shown just how strong and committed our Scouting community truly is.

With our Scout HQ still unavailable for use, our leaders and volunteers have adapted remarkably, delivering engaging and adventurous programmes from a variety of temporary locations. It hasn't been easy, but thanks to their creativity, dedication, and passion, our young people have continued to enjoy a fulfilling Scouting experience full of learning, growth, and achievement. The spirit of scouting at 1st Hanwell has not only been maintained it has flourished!

This year has reminded us that it's not the building that makes the group, but the people. I'd like to extend my heartfelt thanks to all the leaders, parent helpers, and supporters who have made this possible.

We also mark this year with some changes in our leadership team. After many years of dedicated service, Ian Duckworth is stepping down from his role as Scout Leader. Ian's enthusiasm, knowledge, and calm leadership have shaped the experience of countless Scouts. While he's no longer at the forefront, I'm very pleased to say that Ian will continue supporting the group behind the scenes – and for that, we are extremely grateful.

We also say farewell – with deep appreciation – to Kim Price, who has served as both Parent Representative and Trustee during her family's time with the group. Kim has been a steady presence and a passionate advocate for our young people. As her children move on from Scouting, we thank her sincerely for the time, energy, and care she has given. Kim, you will be greatly missed!

As we look to the future, we are seeking new volunteers to join our team. In particular, we are in need of:

Parent Representatives – to help us stay connected with the wider parent community and offer valuable feedback.

Trustees – to support the governance and sustainability of the group.

A Cub Scout Leader – full training and support will be provided; if you've ever considered getting involved, now is a great time to take that step!

Scouting only works because of the people who give their time and energy to make it happen. Whether you can help regularly or occasionally, every bit of support makes a big difference.

Looking ahead, we remain committed to continuing our programme with the same energy and adaptability, and we hope that progress on our HQ will allow us to return home soon. Until then, we'll continue to find ways to thrive, together.

Thank you all for your continued support of 1st Hanwell. Whether you're a leader, trustee, parent, or friend of the group – your contribution matters and is truly appreciated.

Barbara Sylvester

## **2. Apologies for absence**

Apologies for absence recorded in minutes.

## **3. Governance Topics**

**a) Approve the minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 18/05/2025.**

**b) Adopt the model constitution from Policy, Organisation and Rules (POR)**

The Scout Association transitioned from Executive Committees to Trustee Boards in April 2023; Trustee Boards, and their sub-teams, need to focus only on good charity governance.

This means responsibility for support and operational tasks needs to sit with other teams, like the Group Leadership Team (GSLs). A clear separation of governance and operational tasks might be different to what volunteers who were part of Executive Committees are used to. But it's important as it means Trustees can focus on governance and do it well. It'll also be easier to retain volunteers and recruit new ones to Trustee Boards as what's expected of our Trustees will be clearer.

It also means that volunteers who want to focus on operational and support tasks do not need to be a Trustee to do so. For example, the person who's great at managing the hall or running fundraising events can do so as part of the Leadership Team or Support Team. If they don't have the interest, skill or time to be a Trustee - they don't have to.

Please see the model constitution that has been provide by The Scout Association, that we wish to adopt as a group.

## **Policy, Organisation and Rules (POR) March 2024 - Model Constitution**

### **5.4 Constitution for a Scout Group**

#### **5.4.1 Preamble**

This constitution describes the role, membership and operation of the Group

Scout Council, and the Group Trustee Board. In the interest of openness, especially for new members of the Group Scout Council, the Group Scout Council should re-adopt their constitution at each Annual General Meeting (AGM).

Apart from use at the Group AGM, this constitution must always be used in the context of 5.1, 5.2, 5.3 and 5.7.

#### **5.4.2 Charitable objects**

[Rule 1.1 of The Scout Association Policy, Organisation and Rules]

Our purpose is to actively engage and support young people in their personal development, empowering them to make a positive contribution to society.

#### **5.4.3 The Group Scout Council and the Group Trustee Board**

The Group Scout Council has a governance role for the charity and, in particular, makes Group Trustee Board appointments other than ex officio and co-opted appointments (see Rule 5.4.5.2.c).

The Group Trustee Board is responsible for the governance of the charity.

Although the Group Trustee Board is responsible for the charity, it is accountable to the Group Scout Council.

The Group Scout Council has no Trustee responsibilities.

#### **5.4.4 The Group Scout Council – membership**

Membership of the Group Scout Council does not provide any membership status of the Scouts.

##### ***Group Scout Council membership***

a) The ex officio members of the Group Scout Council are members by virtue of their role in The Scouts:

- all adult members of the Group – see Group roles listed in the Chapter 16 Roles Table of The Scout Association's Policy, Organisation and Rules
- all Patrol Leaders of the Troop(s) in the Group
- all parents or carers of Squirrels, Beavers, Cubs and Scouts in the Group
- all Explorers, if so, stated in a Partnership Agreement between the Unit, the Group and the District
- all parents and carers of Explorers, if so, stated in a Partnership Agreement between the Unit, the Group and the District
- the Sponsoring Authority, where there is one, or its nominee
- the District Commissioner
- the District Chair

b) The appointed members of the Group Scout Council are other supporters of the Group appointed by the Group Scout Council on the recommendation of the Group Scout Leader and the Group Trustee Board. The number of appointed members must not exceed the number of ex officio Group Scout Council members (see also (f) below). A Group Scout Council does not need to have any appointed members.

c) The community members of the Group Scout Council are representatives of the local community appointed because of their role rather than by their name. For example, local headteachers, or Parish Council members. They are appointed by the Group Scout Council on the recommendation of the Group Scout Leader and the Group Trustee Board. The number of community members must not exceed the number of ex officio Group Scout Council members (see also (f) below).

d) The County Commissioner has the right of attendance at each Group Scout Council meeting in the County.

e) Membership of the Group Scout Council ends when the:

- member resigns
- member no longer qualifies as a member of the Group Scout Council
- Group Scout Council is dissolved

- Group Scout Council membership is terminated by UK Headquarters following a recommendation by the Group Trustee Board.

f) The total number of appointed and community members of a Group Scout Council must not exceed the number of ex officio members.

g) Appointed members of a Group Scout Council must each have a fixed period for their appointment of not more than three years. Subsequent reappointments are permitted.

h) Community members of a Group Scout Council are initially appointed for a term of one year, though they may be renewed annually at the AGM.

i) Group Trustee Board administration (see 5.4.7.9) must ensure that appointed Group Scout Council Members are recorded locally in the minutes of the Group Scout Council meeting which appoints them (normally the AGM). Scout Council members (whether ex officio or appointed or community) must not be recorded as Scout Council Members on The Scout Association's membership system.

### c) Group Treasurers Report

#### 1st Hanwell (St Marys) Scout Group Accounts All section accounts are consolidated



1st Hanwell (St. Mary's)

YEAR ENDING MARCH 2025

Total Receipts	£34,403
Total Payments	-£36,590
Net Income/Loss	-£2,186
Cash Balance bf 01/04/2024	£48,093
Cash Balance cf 31/03/2025	£45,906

Income category	Amount
Fundraising	£6,153
Miscellaneous Income	£650
Interest	£387
Donations	£2,898
Subs	£10,862
Payments for activities	£13,453

<b>Total Income</b>	<b>£34,403</b>
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Expenses	Amount
Building Maintenance	-£11,727
Equipment and Uniforms	-£3,359
Utilities	-£1,046
Insurance	-£2,512
Activities	-£12,333
District Membership	-£4,560
Miscellaneous Expenses	-£145
Fundraising Costs	-£908

<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>-£36,590</b>
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Year end March 2024 - Comparison

Total Receipts	£43,202
Total Payments	-£38,403
Net Income/Loss	£4,799
Cash Balance b/f from 2022/2023	£43,293
Cash Balance c/f to 2024/2025	£48,093

Total Income	Amount
Rental Income	£12,196
Fundraising and Activities - includes subs and payments for activities	£27,595
Miscellaneous Income	£3,160
Interest	£251

<b>Total Income</b>	<b>£43,202</b>
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Expenses	Amount
Building Maintenance	-£5,246
Equipment and Uniforms	-£2,495
Utilities	-£3,001
Insurance	-£2,569
Activities	-£20,025
District Membership	-£4,142
Miscellaneous Expenses	-£925

<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>-£38,403</b>
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<u>Income</u>			
No rental income for year end			
March 2025			
Fundraising			
	Relates to partial receipts re Quiz and Curry 2024, partial receipts re Quiz and Curry 2025, Carnival 2024, Squirrels Fundraising Walk, Stickies Toy Sale etc		
Miscellaneous Income	Explorers Contributions for use of Hall		
Interest	Bank interest received		
Donations	Received through the "Repair our Roof" campaign and various other donations		
Subs	Subs payments received		
Payment for activities	Payments received for camps/sleepovers etc		
		<b>Building Maintenance</b>	Consultancy services re roof repair/replace stolen lead
		<b>Equipment and Uniforms</b>	Leaders uniforms/equipment for activities
		<b>Utilities</b>	Electricity, water and gas for hall
		<b>Insurance</b>	Annual buildings insurance premium for hall
		<b>Activities</b>	Payments relating to activities eg hire of campsites/minibuses etc
		<b>District Membership</b>	Annual membership fee paid to District
		<b>Miscellaneous Expenses</b>	Fees for Online Scout Manager system
		<b>Fundraising Costs</b>	Costs relating to fundraising activities

Notes: Accounts are presented on a cash basis

Expenses are higher than income for this year due to £11k spent on roof consultancy, this has been funded by previous reserves and fund raising

Trustees have agreed to retain a minimum of £20k cash balance

Income from subs and payments for activities is sufficient to cover ongoing activities of the Group

Future costs and income or budgets for the roof repair are not included as these are not yet known

### **Summary of fundraising and expenses relating to Roof Repair**

#### **Fundraising Income** As of **31.03.2025**

Donations (Wonderful.org)	2983.22
Quiz and Curry 2024	2583.20
Carnival 2024	755.70
Toy/sweet sale 2024	131.54
Funding from District	10000.00
Quiz and Curry 2025	1826.49
Squirrels fundraising walk Oct 2024	116.49
Easy Fundraising	134.80
Other donations	315.00
	Donations paid directly into payments acc
<b>Total Income</b>	<b><u>18531.44</u></b>

#### **Payments**

19/10/2023	BARKER ASSOCIATES INVOICE 10714 BBP	-840.00	Roof inspection
24/06/2024	ASPECT CONSTRUCTION INV 8825 BBP	-2167.2	Roof consulting
15/7/2024	GURNEY CONSULTING INV 1182 BBP	-5220.00	Roof consulting
1/2/2025	GURNEY CONSULTING INV 1511 BBP	-3600.00	Roof consulting
<b>Total payments</b>		<b><u>-11827.20</u></b>	

**d) Approve appointed and community members of the Group Scout Council**

No new appointed or community members are to be nominated as Group Scout Council members at this present time.

**e) Agree the number of members that may be appointed to the Trustee Board**

Following good practice recommendations from the Charity Governance Code, POR states Trustee Boards should have a minimum of 5, and no more than 12, Trustees in total. This includes ex officio and co-opted Trustees.

**f) Agree the minimum number of attendees for future meetings of the Group Scout Council (excluding this AGM)**

The Group Scout Council must agree its minimum number of Group Scout Council members that must be present at Group Scout Council meetings.

**4. Review of the previous year**

**a) The Group Lead Volunteer's review of 1st Hanwell (St. Mary's)**

**b) Section Team Leaders review of Squirrels, Beavers, Cubs & Scouts**

**c) Receive and consider the Annual Report of the Group Trustee Board, including the annual Statement of the Accounts**

**d) District Lead Volunteers Comments**

**e) Representative of St. Mary's Church Comments**

## Group Leader Volunteer's (GSL) Report

Yet another year has passed, it's been a busy, testing but successful one for everyone at 1st Hanwell.

This year has been a successful for every one of our Squirrels, Beavers, Cubs, & Scouts. We have continued with our exciting programme of activities, badges and participating in events within the wider District such as, the Beaver Sleepover, Totem and our very first overnight stay with the Squirrels on the Bus at Walter Davies Campsite (Stoke Poges informally)

Again, as usual we had our annual Group camp at PACCAR in October, which Ian organised along with of course, again, this weekend's events. We are only able have events like this with the assistance of the people who volunteer within the group.

As with last year, the continued closure of the hall due to RAAC is still affecting us. However, we have had time to adjust and all our sections are thriving in their temporary locations. Ian & Tyler have continued their hard work in making sure we keep pushing forward, hopefully meaning that we are back home in our hall soon enough.

As I say every year, the Group couldn't run without our volunteers; Katie B, Matina, and Imelda at Squirrels; Naomi, Katie L, Kerry, and Zoe at Beavers; Tim, Ken, Briony and Phil at Cubs; and Ian, Tyler, Nick & Kira at Scouts, Martin our Quartermaster Stores, Lone our DBS administrator, Nicky our Group Secretary, Jen our Social Committee Lead and our current Trustees Barbara, Clint, Jody, Kevin, and Kim, and finally Josh and Karl for their support and help this year as part of the GLV Team.

I'd like to thank you all, this year you have offered exciting programmes, making sure that our young people still get the scouting has to offer. Without you all, we simply wouldn't be able to provide our young people with skills for life.

Sadly, we have had to say goodbye to Tim at Cubs & Ian at Scouts this year as regular volunteers on section nights, they have both been committed leaders, and part of the foundation for our group. We hope they both enjoy their well-earned rest.

For all the volunteers we have as a group, we will always welcome new volunteers, it really doesn't have to be every week, just as much as you can give. If you feel inspired to volunteer and join our team, please speak to one our volunteers on how feel you could support us.

I am optimistic that we come will get closer to and if not resolve our issue with the roof, and as always continue to be the best group in the district!

A huge thanks to every volunteer, parent, and young person. You really make 1st Hanwell a truly great Scout Group to be a part of.

Ben Douglas

## Squirrels Team Leader Report

Squirrels has now been running for just over 18 months and we have had an incredible year. We have managed to sustain a full section of 12 members. Within the year we have marked the first time that Squirrels have started to move onto Beavers.

We have continued to keep our programme fresh and exciting; it's been jam packed with activities like visiting the Gruffalo Trail, RAF Hendon, group camp, fire lighting and cooking Christmas puds on fire, and bird watching for the Big Garden Bird Watch. In activities away from our usual meeting place, we took part in the Beaver Sleepover at Southall Activity Centre, the theme of which was space.

However, our biggest achievement of the year was our first Squirrels Camp at Stoke on the Holiday Bus, we had 13 Squirrels stay over, organised a range of activities including den building and a campfire and it was a massive success. This event would not have been possible without our leaders, young leaders and parents that regularly help out, a huge thank you is needed as we would not have been able to run the camp.

In addition to our usual badge work covered within our programme, 8 Squirrels have also achieved their Acorn Award which is the highest award achievable in Squirrels.

We have a regular leadership team, which we are incredibly grateful for; Matina, Imelda who joined last year, and Jack and Aiden our 2 young leaders. In addition to this we regularly have help from Tyler, Naomi, Karl & Josh in addition to their other roles within the group.

Katie Bedborough



## Beavers Team Leader Report

As we wrap up another fantastic year at our Scout Beavers Colony, I am delighted to reflect on all that we have accomplished during 2024–2025. It has been a year of growth, achievement, and community spirit, and I continue to be inspired by the energy and enthusiasm of our Beavers.

### Overview:

- **Membership:** This year, our colony grew to 21 energetic and curious Beavers, all eager to learn, play, and live the values of Scouting. We've been lucky to have the continued support of our fantastic adult volunteers: Katie Bedborough, Katie Laws, and Kerry. We were thrilled to welcome a new helper, Zoe, to the team. Everyone's commitment has been invaluable throughout the year.
- **Parent Rota:** Our parent rota remained a vital part of our success. A big thank you to the families who stepped in to help during sessions. Your contributions allowed us to run exciting, safe, and well-supported activities and made a real difference to the quality of the Beavers' experiences.
- **Young Leaders:** Jack and Aiden, our two dedicated young leaders, have been brilliant role models. Their creativity and support have helped shape engaging sessions throughout the year.

### Achievements:

This year, we saw a record number of Beavers achieve the Chief Scout Bronze Award - a fantastic milestone in any young Scout's journey. A big congratulations to:

Oliver, Jack, Louis, Lucile, Julie, Julia, Jude, Rowan, Jamie-Leigh, Kiki, William, and Riku

Their commitment, enthusiasm, and teamwork over the past year have been exceptional, and we are incredibly proud of every one of them.

### Highlights:

- **District Beaver Camp:** A standout moment of the year was the District Beaver Camp. Our Beavers represented the colony with outstanding behaviour, kindness, and teamwork. They were a real credit to the group and received praise from other leaders and volunteers alike.
- **Badges and Learning:** Two particularly memorable badge themes this year were the Health and Fitness badge and the Experiment badge. The Beavers tackled both with great curiosity and energy - whether learning about their bodies and healthy habits or conducting exciting hands-on experiments that sparked their interest in science.

As we head into another year, I feel incredibly proud of what we've built together: a supportive, fun, and adventurous environment where young people can thrive. However, we are still struggling with membership numbers, and we'd love to welcome more young people into our colony.

If you know any children who are 6 years old, or approaching Beaver age, please do encourage their families to sign them up! Scouting offers a fantastic opportunity to build confidence, make friends, and try new things in a safe and supportive setting.

Thank you to everyone—helpers, leaders, parents, and of course, our brilliant Beavers—for making this such a successful and joyful year. Here's to another year of fun, learning, and new adventures!

Naomi Aqui

## **Cubs Team Report**

The Cubs have had a great term enjoying a wide range of activities. This term we've made rope, built fires, made paracord keyrings and (kind of) learnt to sew. We tried out Yoga, and had a trip to Ealing Gurdwara, where we all learnt a lot & ate some yummy food!

The Cubs represented 1st Hanwell very well behaving respectfully at all times & asking some great questions.

We are looking forward to the rest of the term when we'll hopefully be building more fires, trying out martial arts and fencing!

Of course, the Cubs (& leaders) are missing Tim's expertise now that he has stepped down after 10 years at 1st Hanwell. Cubs are still without a formal leader, & we would encourage anyone who might be interested in helping at Cubs, even if not every week to come and speak to Briony or Ken to find out more.

We appreciate all the Parent helpers each week, and if you think you might be able to help more regularly or have an idea for a session, please do let us know.

Briony Clark

## Scouts Team Leader Report

June 2024-May 2025

Another challenging year for the all the sections, but even with the bouncing between different locations, the scout section is still as strong as ever. 31 young people regularly attending, reminding us that no matter where they are, they will give it their all. True scouts.

In July, we visited Dorset for our annual summer camp. 21 scouts got the opportunity to visit the birthplace of scouting, Brownsea Island. This is where Baden Powell took an experimental camp of young people to the Island in 1907 and founded scouting. Our troop also challenged themselves on various climbing and water activities, including raft building, stand up paddleboarding and abseiling. Finishing the week by putting on a skit show for each other.

Autumn term was a mix of new challenges and chances to learn more about our community and the world. Starting the term by visiting our group sponsor, St. Marys church and understanding the history of Christianity and our local church group. We were then met by our favourite science teacher, Andy Price, who showed us a few different science experiments and gave the us a chance to try our own. Following that we attempted to build on our map reading and hiking skills, tried martial arts for the for the first time and had a look at computer programming before finishing the year by watching the St. Mary's panto.

In a blink of an eye, it was 2025, and we were back to thinking about totem. A lot of camping prep, covering aspects like setting up camp, cooking on open fires and pioneering gadgets which all get scored on the competition weekend. I'm proud to say we got 3rd place in both the competition and training patrols. In between the totem sessions we covered other skills like badge sewing which was organised by our amazing squirrel leader Katie Bedborough who made sure every young person went home with a new sewing kit, badge blanket and the skills to sew their own badges on.

None of this would be possible without the help of Nick and Karl who have tried to move heaven and earth to attend every session and ensure they run smoothly. Big thanks to Josh and Ben who have been behind the scenes helping us plan the sessions and keeping it exciting. Special thanks to Kira who has been a young leader helping us while studying for her A level exams and has recently chosen to become a full adult leader once her exams finish, so thank you for taking on the leadership challenge and best of luck with your exam's this month and next.

Finally, massive thank you to Ian who has done such an amazing job running the section the last few years and has been such a great support for me while I try and fill the giant shoes he has left behind. Thank you for all you have given to the section and the group. Ian, I hope you enjoy your well-earned break.

Thanks Tyler

## **Making appointments**

**a. Appoint the Group Chair Team, following recommendation from the open selection process initiated by the Group Trustee Board.**

Recommendation to Group Scout Council made by Group Lead Volunteer

**b. Appoint the Group Treasurer, following recommendation from the open selection process initiated by the Group Trustee Board.**

Recommendation to Group Scout Council made by Group Chair

**c. Appoint members of the Group Trustee Board, following recommendations from the open selection process initiated by the Group Trustee Board**

Recommendation to Group Scout Council made by Group Chair

**d. Appoint Independent Examiner**

Treasurer proposes nomination of Independent Examiner

**e. Appoint Sub Committee & Section Parent Representative Leads**

Recommendations to Group Scout Council made by Group Chair

**6. Ian Duckworth update on roof and fundraising committee.**

**7. Closing remarks**

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# 1ST Hanwell (St Mary's) Scout Group - Charity Number 293898

## 2024/25 Accounts - FINAL (APPROVED)

### Receipts and Payments Account

	2024/25	Comments
	Unrestricted Funds £	
<b>Receipts</b>		
<b>Subscriptions &amp; Donations</b>		
Membership subscriptions	10862.00	
Donations	2898.00	
<b>Sub-total Subs/Donations</b>	<b>13760.00</b>	
<b>Fundraising (Gross)</b>		
Fundraising - various	6153.00	
Payment for activities	13453.00	
<b>Sub-total Fundraising</b>	<b>19606.00</b>	
<b>Other Income</b>		
Miscellaneous Income	650.00	
<b>Sub-total Other Income</b>	<b>650.00</b>	

<b>Investment Income</b>		
Bank interest	387.00	
<b>Sub-total Investment Income</b>	387.00	
<b>A1 Total Gross Income</b>	34403.00	
A2 Asset/Investment sales & Loans received	-	
<b>Grand Total Receipts</b>	34403.00	
<b>Payments</b>		
<b>Camps &amp; Activities</b>	12333.00	
<b>Donations</b>		
<b>Supplies</b>		
Equipment and Uniforms	3359.00	
<b>Rent &amp; Overheads</b>		
Utilities	1046.00	
Insurance	2512.00	
<b>Other</b>		
Volunteer Expenses	908.00	
Capitation fees (National, County, District)	4560.00	
Building Maintenance/Consultancy	11727.00	

Miscellaneous Expenses	145.00	
<b>A3 Total Payments</b>	<b>36590.00</b>	
A4 Asset/inv. purchases & Loans made/repaid	-	
<b>Grand Total Payments</b>	<b>36590.00</b>	
<b>Receipts less Payments</b>	<b>-2187.00</b>	

### Statement of Assets and Liabilities at the end of the year

	3/31/2025	
	Unrestricted funds £	Comments
<b>B1 Cash Funds</b>		
Group Bank Account	4095.04	
Group Savings Account	21097.40	
Group Payment Account	3858.64	
Scouts Section Account	5709.74	
Cubs Section Account	4430.15	
Beavers Section Account	3549.92	
Squirrels Section Account	2090.31	
Equals prepaid card balances	1075.22	

<b>Sub-total Cash Funds</b>	<b>45906.42</b>	
<b>B2 Other Monetary Assets</b>		
Gift Aid claim due	<b>5000.00</b>	Approx £5k to be reclaimed relating to period Oct 2022 onwards - claim in process of being reconciled and then submitted to HMRC
Overdue/late subscriptions	-	
Other	-	
<b>Sub-total Other Monetary Assets</b>	<b>5000.00</b>	
<b>B3 Investment Assets</b>		
Stocks & Property	-	
Other investments	-	
<b>Sub-total Investment Assets</b>	<b>-</b>	
<b>B4 Non-Monetary Assets for Charity's Own Use</b>		
Leasehold property	<b>763433.00</b>	Buildings sum insured
All Scouting property & equipment	<b>80243.00</b>	Represents contents sum insured.
Trailer	<b>2214.90</b>	Represents sum insured for Trailer
<b>Sub-total Non-Monetary Assets</b>	<b>845890.90</b>	
<b>B5 Liabilities</b>		
Accounts not yet paid	-	

Designated funds	<b>20000.00</b>	Cash balance set aside to continue activities if shortfall in income.
<b>Sub-total Liabilities</b>	<b>20000.00</b>	

<b>Name</b>	
<b>Jody Collins (Treasurer - Trustee)</b>	

Approved 11 May 2025



















































## Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of 1<sup>st</sup> Hanwell (St Mary's) Scout Group

I report to the Trustees on my examination of the accounts of the 1st Hanwell (St Mary's) Scout Group for the year ended 31 March 2025.

### Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees of the the 1st Hanwell (St Mary's) Scout Group you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').

I report in respect of my examination of the the 1st Hanwell (St Mary's) Scout Group accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

### Independent examiner'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:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the the 1st Hanwell (St Mary's) Scout Group] as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. 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 report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Name: Martin Charles Barrett

Address: 10 Chalfont Way, Ealing, London W13 9XN

Date: 23 December 2025

Signed:



**1ST HANWELL (ST MARY'S) SCOUT GROUP**

England & Wales - Charity number 293898

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# Accounts

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**Scouts**

**1st Hanwell (St. Mary's)**

**1<sup>st</sup> Hanwell (St Mary's) Scout Group**

**AGM**

**Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> May 2023**

**5.30pm**

**at Walter Davies Scout Campsite**

## **Agenda**

1. Opening remarks by Chair
2. Approval of the 2022 AGM Annual Report
3. Approval of Annual Accounts
4. Treasurer's Report
5. Independent Financial Assessor: Jody Collins
6. Election of Executive
  - (a) Chair:
  - (b) Secretary:
  - (c) Treasurer: Clint Ernestine
7. Election of Other Members to the Committee
  - (d) Facilities Manager: Joe Witter
  - (e) Quartermasters:
    - Martin Bedborough (Equipment)
    - Tim Barnes (Catering)
  - (f) Group Administrator for DBS & Safeguarding: Lone Hubbard
  - (g) Social Committee: Jen Duckworth
8. Parent Representative
  - (a) Beavers: Briony
  - (b) Cubs: Kim Price
  - (c) Scouts: Kevin Metherell
9. Section Reports
10. GSL Report
11. District Commissioner Report (Jonathan Bartlett, Chair of the District's Executive Committee)
12. AOB

## **1. Opening remarks by Chairman**

Welcome to 1<sup>st</sup> Hanwell Scout Group. I would like to extend our warm welcome to Helen & Chris Cosstick representing St Mary's Church, Past Assistant District Commissioner Steve Douglas and Chair of the Ealing & Hanwell District Executive Committee Jonathan Bartlett.

After 25+ years with the Group, and having moved to Dorset it is now time for me to step down and make way for a new person to become Chairman and take the Group forward.

I must thank the Section leaders for their enthusiasm in what they do. Without volunteers the Scout Group would not be here. The children have a great experience in learning life skills and having lots of fun. We can boast good numbers within the Beaver, Cub and Scout sections with healthy waiting lists of interested children. We are so fortunate in having uniform leaders in Cubs and Scouts.

A big thank you goes out to Ian Duckworth for leading the team in setting up this Family camp, and it is great to see so many families participating. Congratulations go out to 1<sup>st</sup> Hanwell Scout section, on winning Totem this year, here at Stoke Poges. Well done to our uniformed leaders Ian, Karl, Josh and Ben. Tim Barnes and his team are running the Cub Section with a strong programme and the children are achieving their badges.

Katie Bedborough has returned from her maternity leave and with her team are running the Beaver Section with great success. Joe Witter continues in her role as Facilities Manager for the hall and our spokesperson with Sticky Fingers. Clint Ernestine thank you for all your hard work over several years in keeping our accounts in good order. Thanks to Lone Hubbard, for processing the many DBS checks that are required nowadays. And finally, thank you to the Parent Rep's for each Section.

And a thank you to everyone else for their support for 1<sup>st</sup> Hanwell Scout Group,

The Scout Hall has had some works carried out to ensure it meets the current regulations; new fire alarm, electrical works and external roofing works. My thanks go to Joe Witter our Facilities Manager for overseeing the visits of the contractors and liaising with Sticky Fingers.

On behalf of the Executive committee, thank you all for your support.

This Annual Report is presented to you by the Chairman on behalf of the Group Executive.

### **1. The raising of funds and administration of group finances**

The executive can report that the group's finances are in a sound position, even with the loss of rental income from Sticky Fingers during lockdown and maintaining the building.

Every year the Group is required to pay the Scouts Association an amount per child for the cost of membership and having the supportive infrastructure of the scouts; insurance, warranting, training etc.

### **2. The insurance of persons, property and equipment Maintenance contract**

We currently take out all necessary insurances particularly in respect of property and equipment and we have also, as in previous years, ensured that all persons assisting with the Group as helpers are insured, in addition to the automatic insurance cover enjoyed by warranted leaders.

My I wish 1<sup>st</sup> Hanwell, all the best for the future.

**Peter Hyde,  
Outgoing Chair**

## **2. Seeking approval of the 2022 AGM Annual Report**

### **1<sup>st</sup> Hanwell Scout Group AGM Minutes from 16<sup>th</sup> July 2022 held at 5.30pm during Family Camp on the Walter Davies Scout Campsite**

#### **Present:**

**Chair** Peter Hyde

**Secretary** Sue Hyde

**Treasurer** Clint Ernestine

**Parent Rep** Kim Price

**Parent Rep** Kevin Metherell

**Group Scout Leader** Ben Douglas

**Assistant Group Scout Leader:** Karl Bedborough

**Beaver Assistant** Katie Bedborough

**Cub Leader** Tim Barnes

**Scout Leader** Ian Duckworth

#### **VIPs:**

**Past Assistant District Commissioner** Steve Douglas

**Chair of the Ealing & Hanwell District Executive Committee** Jonathan Bartlett

**Parents in attendance:** 15

#### **Apologies:**

**St Mary's Church** Chris & Helen Cosstick

**AGSL** Josh Aqui

#### **1. Opening remarks by Chair**

The Chair thanked everyone for attending the meeting, with special thanks to our VIPs past ADC Steve Douglas and Jonathan Bartlett Chair of Ealing & Hanwell District Executive Committee.

There was an appeal for volunteers to step forward to fill the vacant Beaver Leader role; this could be a shared role.

There was also a general shout out for more parents to consider becoming a uniformed leader to ensure 1<sup>st</sup> Hanwell Group can go forward and support the full sections, which all have very healthy waiting lists. Any parents who are interested or would like more details can speak to any of the uniform leaders, who will always support any newcomers to the team.

#### **2. Approval of AGM Minutes from December 2021**

These were approved as a true record. Proposed: Ben Douglas. Seconded: Katie Bedborough.

#### **3. Approval of Annual Accounts to 31 March 2021**

The Treasurer presented the accounts. Total receipts for the year £21,244 and total payments out £25,605 which gave a net loss of £4,361. The net loss was in line with the previous year. The Group were still healthy with a bank balance of £29,184.

Each of the Sections had sufficient funds and these funds are not shown in the accounts as they are ring fenced for the Sections own use. These Section funds were from the parent subs and are used by the Sections for their own activities.

The Treasurer when asked, explained that money in, the total receipts were from a combination of rent from Sticky Fingers and hall bookings such as clubs and children's parties. The Annual Accounts were approved. Proposed: Kevin Metherell. Seconded: Ben Douglas.

#### **4. Treasurer's Report**

The Treasurer reported that the building continued to provide a safe and secure environment for all users following necessary works including a new fire alarm installation along with electrical works plus outside works to a side roof to bring the building up to meet current regulations.

The Group are in the process of beginning to claim Gift Aid and will be able to claim up to 4 years going back. It is very important that all parents complete the electronic Gift Aid form which will be available to them very soon and an email will be sent to remind parents to complete this task.

The Group had purchased a defibrillator at a cost of approximately £1500, with on-going costs of approximately £200 every 5 years to replace the battery, no other maintenance is required. The defib due to be secured to the outside of the building soon with access for use given during the day by Sticky Fingers when they are on the premises; times outside of this access will be via a code to open the side gate. Details of these are yet too finalised.

**5. Independent Financial Assessor**

David Smith had assessed the 2021-2022 annual accounts and found all to be in order. The Group wished to thank David for his support of 1<sup>st</sup> Hanwell over the past few years in his capacity as the Independent Financial Assessor as he was now stepping down.

Jody Collins has agreed to take on this role from next year, and the Committee thanked him for coming forward.

**6. Election of Executive**

Existing members agreed to stay in role for another year.

**Chair:** Peter Hyde. Proposed Ben Douglas. Seconded: Katie Bedborough.

**Secretary:** Sue Hyde. Proposed Maria Barnes. Seconded: Kim Price.

**Treasurer:** Clint Ernestine. Proposed Karl Bedborough. Seconded: Kevin Metherell.

**7. Election of Others Members to the Committee**

Existing members agreed to stay in role for another year.

**Facilities Manager:** Joe Witter.

**Quartermasters:**

**Equipment:** Martin Bedborough supported by Ben Douglas and Karl Bedborough.

**Catering:** Tim Barnes.

**Group Administrator for DBS & Safeguarding:** Lone Hubbard.

Although Lone was not at the meeting, there was a very special thank you given for her incredible work to ensure all the adults attending the Family Camp had a DBS in place; this effort included Lone grabbing someone to complete a DBS form at a PTA function.

Thank you for all your amazing work.

**Social Committee:** Jen Duckworth came forward after the AGM to say she would head up the Social Committee and looked forward to ideas for social/fundraising evenings for the Committee in due course. If you would like to help Jen, then do please contact any of the uniform leaders and we can put you in touch with her.

**8. Parent Reps**

What does a parent rep do? A Parent Rep is someone parents can talk to if there is an issue or problem and the parent rep can take this to the Executive Committee if required. It is not an arduous role it simply gives parents a route to voice a concern or even an idea.

(a) **Beavers: We still have a vacancy**

(b) **Cubs:** Kim Price agreed to continue for 6 months. **There will then be a vacancy in January 2023.**

(c) **Scouts:** Kevin Metherell. Agreed to continue for 6 months when Kim Price will "move up" from the Cub role in January 2023.

**9. Section Reports**

Available within the AGM Booklet 2022.

**Beavers Section**

Katie Bedborough will be stepping down in the autumn term to have her baby and without a Beaver Leader the Section cannot continue. The Beaver section need parents/carers, young adults to seriously consider stepping forward to help with the Beaver Section. The Leader

role can be shared, and a team approach is a much more efficient route. Please can everyone have a think about helping and do not hesitate to speak to Katie or Ben Douglas to get the details regarding online training, take a look at the programme and see how this helps the children achieve their badges....and there is also a well-stocked craft cupboard...always good!

#### **Cubs Section**

Tim Barnes made an appeal for more volunteers to help run the Cub Section. He spoke about the reward of being involved with young children and seeing them develop in confidence. How Leaders can make a real difference to children and he went on to say how he after nearly 50 years still remembers the name of his Cub leader because of her impact on him. He said what better reason can a person have to get involved.

#### **Scouts Section**

Ian Duckworth spoke of his enjoyment as the Beaver Leader for 5 years before moving up to Scouts in January this year. He is having a fantastic time but like the other Sections he does need volunteers to step form.

**On behalf of Beavers, Cubs and Scouts please have a think to see if you can commit to some form of regular help. Please speak to the current leaders or Ben Douglas for further details.**

#### **10. GSL Report**

Available within the AGM Booklet 2021.

#### **11. District Commissioner**

Jonathan Bartlett kindly came to the AGM to represent the Ealing & Hanwell District Group Executive Committee.

Under the District Executive Committee Leighton Hall in West Ealing was currently being refurbished and continued to rent the Hall to a pre-school Nursery and this relationship was going smoothly.

The Walter Davies Scout Campsite, the venue for the Family Camp, was within a 3 year plan for new activities to be included on the site. The Committee were pleased with the plans and the number of bookings the site attracted. While the site could never match that of PACCAR, but what they were offering was proving very popular. They were currently in talks with the Nursery regarding their contract going forward.

And finally, after the lock-down of COVID the District were really pleased to see the Groups were back up and running, and some form of normal was returning.

#### **12. AOB**

Ben Douglas sent belated apologies for AGSL Joshi Aqui as he was married the day before. Congratulations to Joshi & Naomi from us all.

Ian Duckworth commented on just how popular 1<sup>st</sup> Hanwell Scout Group was within the community with so many children on waiting lists to enter each Section and there were waiting lists for the waiting lists. 1st Hanwell must be doing something right and would embrace any new volunteers who would consider training to become a uniformed leader.

### **3. Approval of Annual Accounts**

#### **1<sup>st</sup> Hanwell (St Marys) Scout Group**

#### **Receipts and Expenditure account for the year to 31 March 2023**

	<b>This Year</b>	<b>Last Year</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Total receipts	25,218	21,244
Total Payments	<u>25,253</u>	<u>25,605</u>
Net receipts	(35)	(4,361)
Account balance brought forward	<u>29,109</u>	<u>33,642</u>
Account balance carried forwarded	<u>29,305</u>	<u>29,184</u>
<b>Receipts for the year</b>		
Rent / Hall hire	19,930	19,503
Bank interest	43	3
Fundraising / Activities	<u>5,245</u>	<u>1,738</u>
<b>Total receipts</b>	<b><u>25,218</u></b>	<b><u>21,244</u></b>
<b>Payments for the year</b>		
Building Maintenance	10,499	12,984
Utilities	3,236	3,456
Insurance	0	2,314
Activities (Family camp etc)	6,743	1,951
Equipment / Uniforms	874	1,789
District capitation	<u>3,900</u>	<u>3,111</u>
<b>Total payments</b>	<b><u>25,253</u></b>	<b><u>25,605</u></b>

#### **Statement of Assets and Liabilities as at 31 March 2023**

##### **Monetary Assets**

Bank Community Current Account	8,391	3,265
Online Payments Account	1,034	0
Prepaid Card Accounts (Equals)	328	0
Bank Business Saver Account	19,552	25,844
Prepaid Card Account (Pockit)	0	76
<b>Total Monetary Assets</b>	<b><u>29,305</u></b>	<b><u>29,184</u></b>

Amounts are shown rounded to the nearest £.  
Produced by Clint Ernestine, Group Treasurer May 2023.

## **1<sup>st</sup> Hanwell (St Marys) Scout Group**

### **Treasurer's Annual Report for the year ended 31 March 2023**

The notes below explain some of the key items in the accounts and differences between the current year and the previous year:

1. Rent / Hall Hire – The group benefited from a 3% increase in the rent from Sticky Fingers
2. Group supported a Family Camp and All Sections Camp in 2022 which results in more income and expenditure related to activities.
3. Sections received approx. £1000 in gift aid which is being held for them.
4. Building Maintenance – New Fire Alarm Installation was completed, and new heaters have been purchased for the scout hall.

The group continued to make considerable investments in the hall this year which consumed some of the reserves and the accounts remain healthy and viable.

Clint Ernestine  
Group Treasurer

### **5. Independent Financial Assessor**

Jody Collins is the new independent financial assessor.

### **6. Election of Executive**

- (a) Chair:
- (b) Secretary:
- (c) Treasurer: Clint Ernestine

### **7. Election of Other Members to the Committee**

#### **Social Committee**

Jen Duckworth came forward at the end of the 2022 AGM.

### **8. Parent Reps**

- 8.1 Beavers: Briony
- 8.2 Cubs: Kim
- 8.3 Scouts: Kevin

## **9. Section Reports**

### **9.1 Beavers Section**

Here we are another annual report into what our Beaver Section has been up to, we currently have 21 Beavers within the colony, 1 Leader, 3 Section Assistants & 2 Young Leaders. This year has been a bit of a mixed bag for the Section, we have had our ups and downs. The biggest having been the temporary closure of the colony, while we re-assessed our leadership situation.

Our highlights of the year have included our group camp to PACCAR in October, tent pitching by the community center and recently some of our Beavers took part in the District Beaver Adventure Day. We have also covered off a lot of badges as a Section including, The Space Badge, Cook Badge, Photographers Badge and Safety Badge.

Presently we have Section Assistants Katie, Kerry and Mark, all three are important members to the Section turning up almost weekly to ensure we have the correct number of adults to beavers ratio, but also with their help planning the program, without them we simply would not be able to run Beavers, our Young Leaders Aiden and Jack who are integral to helping the Section run smoothly often quick on their feet with ideas for games and activities to infill with whilst we prepare other parts of the evening, and an active Parent Rota. I'd also like to say a huge thank you to Katie Bedborough for all of the hard work that she put into running the section until October half term, and Ben (GSL) and Ian (SL) for their continuing support when needed.

I have temporarily taken on the Beaver Leader role in addition to my existing role as Assistant Group Scout Leader, this will remain the case until we can recruit new leadership into the colony. Some parents may be aware I previously did the same for the Scout Section between 2019-2021.

Scouting prepares Young People with Skills for Life, I have been involved in Scouting for the last 28 years from childhood into adulthood, Scouting gave me a sense of belonging as child, taught me great skills and gave me a confidence boost on my own capabilities as a child, however as an adult it gives me a real sense of fulfilment and pride watching young people grow, develop new skills and enjoy themselves doing it. I now understand why my Scout Leaders when I was a child were so passionate and enthusiastic.

If you are at all interested in volunteering in anyway, please let one of the leaders know.

I look forward to what the year ahead has for the colony. So, until next year take care.



**Josh Aqui, Assistant Group Scout Leader (AGSL)**

## **9.2 Cub Section**

The majority of Cubs continue to come from Hobbayne Primary School and this helps give the pack a very local community feel, although in no way excludes Cubs from other schools. We also have Cubs from Three Bridges Primary school.

We currently have 21 boys and 3 girls and the age group is quite young at the moment which means we do have some boisterous behaviours with short attention spans when it comes to activities. I haven't had to return to using the whistle at meetings yet but have noticed I'm becoming hoarse on a Monday night again!

The leadership team is still quite new to the programme with Phil still working his way through the training programme and Ken finding his feet after his first year on the team.

We all contribute to building the term programme with both Ken's and Phil's life experience and professional disciplines bringing lots of knowledge and skills to the group.

We closely follow the Scout Association badge programme and use OSM to create and track our progress. Parents can access this portal to see a range of information on the groups' activities if they wish to.

We highly value our parents input to our evenings and badge work and would further encourage any parents who have a vocational skill to consider working with the leadership team to develop this into an occasional evening activity.

Unfortunately, the pressure of exam year has meant the Kiera, our Young Leader, has had to put Cubs down for now. This means we do lack a regular games master and that we really need consistent support from the parent rota. There is always space for another full time leader!

I'm sure all the section leaders would say their particular age group is the best but seeing young people develop between 7-10 is amazing and a real privilege.

Although we have had quite a few bank holidays without cub nights this year we have a packed programme for the rest of the term, which is published to all parents and can be viewed on OSM at any time.

Up and coming highlights will be: The carnival parade, Ken's nature walk, Phil's compass night and the end of term puppet show with family party and parents social hot dog evening.

Here's to 2023/24; another year of creating entertaining and educational things to do on a Monday night which will contribute to our young people growing and flourishing.

**Tim Barnes**  
**Cub Leader**

### **9.3 Scouts Section**

The Scout section is the biggest it's been for a while. Currently there are 33 Scouts in the section. They are a great (and noisy) bunch of kids, that show interest in everything we throw at them. However, always ensuring that they have fun along the way! We've had an amazing year, full of camps and fun activities.

In July last year we took a group of 22 scouts to Blackwell Adventure Park near Birmingham for a week's long summer camp. We had a great week doing over 20 exciting activities such as climbing, laser tag to rafting and kayaking. The scouts practised independent living, camping skills, cooking and teamwork. We also went swimming (both pool and river!) and visited a theme park. The scouts entertained us all on the last night with comedy sketches and plays. Big thanks to all the helpers, particularly parent Andy Price for joining us for the full week.

In October, a weekend camp took place at PACCAR. This involved scouts, cubs and beavers, and it was great to get all the sections together. Well done to the scouts for putting up all the tents on Friday evening in torrential rain! Fun activities at PACCAR include high ropes course through the trees and zip wire.

Totem camp – a major scouting calendar milestone – dominated our Friday sessions in the Spring term. Totem is a 2-day competition where scout groups are scored on all aspects of camp from setting up, cooking on open fires, cleanliness, safety and gadgets etc. We spent lots of time practising our camping skills, honing our fire building and prepping our menus. This all paid off because our teams did very well, scooping the big win in 1<sup>st</sup> place, and also taking 4<sup>th</sup> place. Our training teams also had a great time practising their skills and learning more about competitive camping! Everyone was rewarded with a well-deserved McDonalds feast.

Other important achievements this year include badge work on Friday evenings. Scouts worked hard to gain their camper, outdoors, skills and a number gained their sports enthusiast and orienteering badges. They also supported local charity action group LAGER Can (no alcohol involved! It stands for Litter Action Group Ealing Residents) when they undertook a big litter pick in Cuckoo Park.

Thanks go to the team that support us all, big or small – Ben, Josh, Tyler, Vicky, Karl, Katie. Plus Morris & Kira as Young leaders. Lone for her work on the DBS checks for Family Camp.

Plus, every parent who has 'lent a hand'! We are always looking for more help though! Please come along if you want to get involved.

Thank you,  
**Ian Duckworth**  
**Scout Leader**

PS to add: We also all enjoyed our first 1st Hanwell group social in some time, when over 60 parents, carers and kids came together in December. There were loads of fabulous food donated and festive mulled wine and mince pies. It was great to meet and chat with everyone in a social setting whilst kids were entertained by a local magician. Big thanks to Jen Duckworth and Lorna Wilson for organising the event.

## **10. GSL Report**

Another year has gone by and it's been a busy one for everyone at 1<sup>st</sup> Hanwell. All 3 sections having been busy doing lots of activities as a section and also within the district.

During this year the group has been on a number of activities in October we did a group camp a massive thank you to Ian for organising these events they were a complete success and thank you for all your hard work to pull these events off with the able assistance of your team thank you to everyone. Hopefully this will become a regular event for the group because it proved to be a great success with the youth members. In May the scouts went to Totem camping competition and with a lot of hard work the scouts won. The Cubs have completed a number of community projects and the beavers have been on a number of district events.

During the year the GSL team had the hard task of temporarily closing the beaver section to try and gain some new leadership, this was very much a short term thing because with the support of Ian, Josh and Myself Katie and Kerry stepped forward as section assistants and we now have a thriving beaver colony so thank you to everyone's help.

The Group couldn't run without a successful leadership and helpers each section has a good has a good core with Katie and Kerry at Beavers, Tim at Cubs and Ian at scouts. But for every good leadership team they need a good core of helpers and support teams we always welcome new help with open arms. If you feel you could help, please either speak to Myself, Josh or Karl or your section leadership on how you could help out.

I'd like to take this opportunity to thank Josh and Karl for their support and help this year we are the GSL Team that help run the scouting side of the group without them I couldn't run the scouting side of the group so a big thank you. In the year ahead we're looking to push forward training to assist each section in the smooth running of their section.

We look forward as a group and push forward to newer and bigger things we all strive to make 1<sup>st</sup> Hanwell great and the best group in the district.

Thank you to every leader, helper, parent, and youth member thank you for making 1<sup>st</sup> Hanwell what it is.

**Ben Douglas**  
**Group Scout Leader (GSL)**

## Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of 1<sup>st</sup> Hanwell (St Marys) Scout Group

I report on the accounts of the Trust for the year ended 31 March 2023.

### Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year (under section 43(2) of the Charities Act 1993 (the 1993 Act)) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts (under section 43(3)(a) of the 1993 Act);
- to follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners (under section 43(7)(b) of the 1993 Act); and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

### Basis of independent examiner's report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently I do not express an audit opinion on the view given by the accounts.

### Independent examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

- (1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements to keep accounting records in accordance with section 41 of the 1993 Act; and to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the 1993 Act have not been met; or
- (2) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Name: **JODY COLLINS**

Address:

**119 Greenford Ave, London, W7 1HA**

Date: **5th August 2023**

Signed:

