

GSL report 2025

I want to start by saying a massive thank you to our amazing Leaders, adult volunteers and Young Leaders for providing another year of amazing opportunities for our 146 young people.

Thanks to their hard work we have had 8 Gold, 6 Silver, 10 Bronze and 3 Acorn Chief Scout Awards completed in the last year. 1705 badges have been awarded this year according to OSM's badge report (a frightening £1705 worth of badges, or 20% of the money the group receive from subscriptions). Our Squirrels and Beavers attended at the annual Christingle service, Beavers, Cubs and Scouts have all be on camps. Our young people have participated in loads of fantastic activities. Our Scouts went to Kent international this summer, and we have a good number of scouts signed up to go to Sweden with Arrow District in 2026.

We have continued to work hard fundraising for our new HQ. We have sold burgers and hot dogs at Funtasia, run stalls at Merfest, Colden Common Fair, Fryern School fair and at the Party on the Green, marshalled at the Romsey Relay Marathon, had quiz nights, done Christmas ScoutPost and continued selling through our ScoutMade shop, run another Scouts Fundraising Enterprise challenge,), sewed badges and collected foreign coins. We still don't currently have a fundraising team.. imagine what we could do if we did!

In Squirrels our Leadership team has said good bye to Charlotte who has moved to Friday Beavers and has several new parent helpers. In Beavers, Carla has had her baby girl and will hopefully be rejoining us soon. In Scouts, Phil and Olly have left to open Gecko Explorers. Dave and Sarah are now running Monday Scouts and James has joined Chris to run our Wednesday Scouts. We are also blessed with a fantastic team of occasional parent helpers who step in as needed to ensure all Sections are able to continue to run safely.

In addition to our adult volunteers, we have a fantastic team of young leaders who help run our sections. We now have Young Leaders in most sections, helping as their volunteering for their DofEs, with several also completing or who have completed their Young Leader belts.

In terms or Leader awards congratulations to Chris for his 5 years award.

Financial Review

Income and Expenditure 1st Chandlers Ford Scout Group

Year to 31 December 2023		Year to 31 December 2024		
£	£	£	£	
Scout Activities				
Sections				
1. Squirrels				
(103.00)	Start Up Costs	0.00		
400.00	Grant to Start Up Costs	0.00		
(31.85)	Activities Costs	(25.22)		
1,590.00	Membership Subscriptions	1,350.00		
1,855.15	Net Total Squirrels	1,324.78		
2 Beavers				
(335.75)	Activities Costs	(246.80)		
3,980.00	Membership Subscriptions	4,900.00		
3,644.25	Net Total Beavers	4,653.20		
3 Cubs				
(184.82)	Activities Costs	(190.92)		
6,460.00	Membership Subscriptions	4,860.00		
6,275.18	Net Total Cubs	4,669.08		
4 Scouts				
(22.13)	Activities Costs	11.09		
4,990.00	Membership Subscriptions	5,640.00		
4,967.87	Net Total Scouts	5,651.09		
Non specific Group Income/Cost				
		254.60		
All Sections:				
(103.00)	Start Up Costs	0.00		
400.00	Grant to Start Up Costs	0.00		
(574.55)	Activities Costs	(197.25)		
17,020.00	Membership Subscriptions	16,750.00		
16,742.45	Total - All Sections			
	Subscriptions less regular meeting expenses	16,552.75	-1%	
Group Items				
(8,996.00)	Capitation	(9,112.00)		
(301.47)	OSM	(308.00)		
(1,198.06)	Badges/Woggles/Neckerchives	(1,230.89)		
(160.00)	Leader Training	0.00		
(3,085.28)	Equipment Repair & Purchases	(2,679.82)		
1,000.00	Less: Specific Equipment Grant	0.00		
(92.05)	Gifts/Gratuities	(41.45)		
0.00	Sundry	0.00		
(12,832.86)	Sub-total	(13,372.16)		
Group Clothing				
304.60	Receipts	610.15		
(488.50)	Expenditure	(677.45)		
(183.90)	Net Group Clothing	(67.30)		
(13,016.76)	Sub-total Group Items	(13,439.46)	+3%	
Camps & activities				
8,821.00	Receipts	14,917.00		
(7,307.60)	Expenditure	(13,504.04)		
1,513.40	Sub-total Camps/Activities	1,412.96	-7%	
5,239.09	Scout Activities net income/(outgoings)	4,526.25	-14%	
Hut Income/(Expenditure)				
14,811.25	Hut Hire	12,548.75	-15%	
Hut costs/general overheads				
(1,730.84)	Electricity	(1,647.33)		
(650.43)	Gas	(508.26)		
(596.06)	Water	(693.15)		
(3,345.45)	Insurance	(3,248.84)		
0.00	Legal & Professional	0.00		
(689.54)	Other Administration	(821.76)		
(3,383.41)	Inspection & Maintenance	(2,282.34)		
0.00	Building Equipment	0.00		
(97.86)	Sundry	(25.49)		
(10,493.59)	Sub-total hut cost/general overheads	(9,227.17)		
4,317.66	Net Hut Income/(Expenditure)	3,321.58	-23%	

Financing		
200.85	Interest Received	87.54
(819.02)	Go Cardless Fees	(1,083.39)
(58.58)	Square Fees	(32.07)
(40.00)	Bank Charges	(60.00)
<u>(716.75)</u>	Net Financing Cost	<u>(1,087.92)</u> +52%
General Fundraising		
270.00	Receipts	230.00
0.00	Expenditure	0.00
270.00	Net General Fundraising	230.00
Donations		
155.97	Amazon Easy Fundraising	35.07
0.00	Grants (General)	0.00
0.00	General	580.37
3,522.54	Gift Aid	3,500.00
3,678.51	Total Donations (excl Big Build Specific)	4,115.44 +12%
12,788.51	General Fund Surplus for the year	<u>11,105.35</u> -13%
Big Build		
4,154.07	BB Grants (Specific)	7,410.18
0.00	BB Gift Aid	9,266.73
262.41	BB Fund Interest Received	320.20
13,292.74	BB Fund Raising Events	7,329.22
(2,247.88)	BB Costs of Fund Raising Events	(865.51)
15,461.34	Big Build Surplus for the year	23,460.82
<u>28,249.85</u>	Surplus of Income over Expenditure	<u>34,566.17</u>
Of which:		
<i>Big Build Special Fund</i>		
89,585.38	Balance B/fwd	105,046.72
0.00	Tfr from Gen Fund per Trustee meeting	10,000.00
15,461.34	Current year's surplus	23,460.82
<u>105,046.72</u>	Closing balance C/fwd	<u>138,507.54</u>
<i>General Fund</i>		
20,848.60	Balance B/Fwd	33,637.11
0.00	Tfr to B.Build Fund per Trustee meeting	(10,000.00)
12,788.51	Current year's surplus	11,105.35
<u>33,637.11</u>	Closing balance C/fwd	<u>34,742.46</u>
Represented by:		
<i>General Fund</i>		
33,637.11	Balance at CAF (current a/c)	34,742.46
0.00	Balance at Nat West (current a/c)	0.00
<u>33,637.11</u>	Total Closing Bank Balance	<u>34,742.46</u>
<i>Big Build Fund</i>		
26,402.84	Balance at CAF (current a/c)	23,764.76
72,394.14	Balance at Nat West (current a/c)	33,172.84
0.00	Balance at United Trust (1yr bond)	75,000.00
0.00	Balance at Redwood (35 & 95 day deposit)	0.00
6,249.74	Balance at COIF (interest paying)	6,569.94
<u>105,046.72</u>		<u>138,507.54</u>
<u>138,683.83</u>		<u>173,250.00</u>

I certify that the accounts as presented above are correct

Rachel Plumb
Independent Examiner

Signed _____

Date _____

Group Executive Committee

Lucy Smithwick-Eldred
Chairman

Signed _____

Date _____

Jennie Evans
Group Scout Leader

Signed _____

Date _____

Phil Rowley
Group Treasurer

Signed _____

Date _____

Treasurer's Report on the 2024 accounts for 1st Chandlers Ford Scout Group

First I wish to express my thanks to Rachel Plumb for reviewing the accounts so efficiently this year.

The accounts are prepared on a receipts and payments basis which means there is no attempt to "match" income with expenditure. No account is made for valuing property or equipment held or accruing/prepaying costs. This is usual practise for a small charity, and is the same basis as previous years'.

As you will observe from the accounts, overall subscriptions less "normal" weekly meeting costs are virtually unchanged from 2023 at £16,552 (2023 – £16,742). However, the individual sections do show year on year fluctuation due to the numbers on the role in each section.

The Group's operating costs are £13,372 and also very similar to last year (2023 - £12,833).

Net group clothing costs are £67 (2023 – 184). This should be expected to be close to zero, but due to the timing of clothing purchases with sales to group members, a small positive or negative figure can be expected.

Group camps and activities show a small net income of £1,413 (2023 - £1,513). Again this should be expected to be close to zero. However, due to a) timing differences in the income and expenditure, b) the fact that a small surplus is included when charging out the cost of these activities to cover contingencies and to pay Go Cardless fees, a small income is expected.

The resulting net income from Scout Activities was £4,526 compared with £5,239 last year.

Hut Hire income was down £2.26k on 2023 at £12.5K. As mentioned at last year's AGM this was expected and is due to the loss of the Prayer Group income from Friday letting.

Overall the costs of running the hut at £9.2K are slightly lower than 2023 (£10.4K), mainly due to less being spent on maintenance in 2024. This saving cannot be assumed to continue as the expenditure is incurred as and when required. 2025 costs have increased due to the rising cost of the supply of water.

The net cost of financing the charity is £1.1K (2023 - £0.7k). This increase is due the greater use of Go Cardless – the method used to collect subscription and scout activities.

Donation income at £4.1K is similar to 2023 (£3.7K).

Big Build net donations are £23.5K compared with £15.5K from the year before. 2023 saw income (and expenditure) from the Woggle Jogle. However, 2024 shows the Gift Aid

income (£9.3K) which is received in the year after that event. Specific grants for the Big Build are £7.4K (2023 - £4.2K).

The overall surplus from all activities is £34.6K compared with £28.2K in 2023. As stated above, £23.5K of that surplus relates to Big Build with the balance (£11.1K) relating to the General Fund.

In summary, the accumulated Big Build Fund now stands at £138.5K and the General Fund at £34.7K

It is worth noting that in 2024 an attempt has been made to segregate the funds held for the BIG Build into interest paying accounts. The income from these investments should make a material difference in next year's accounts.