

1ST CHESHUNT SCOUT GROUP

England & Wales · Charity number 302524

Details

Other names CHESHUNT SCOUTS AND GUIDES

Status Registered

Legal form Other

Registered 1963-03-28

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

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Activities

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

Activities: We are a Scout Group that runs one Beaver Group two Cubs Groups and a Scout Group. We cater for children between the ages of 6 and 15.

Classification

- **How:** Provides Services
- **What:** Other Charitable Purposes
- **Who:** Children/young People

Geography

- Hertfordshire

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2024-12-31	£51,700	£51,950	-	-
2023-12-31	£50,944	£37,743	-	-
2022-12-31	£48,372	£31,480	-	-
2021-12-31	£34,227	£17,878	-	-
2020-12-31	£20,484	£16,394	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Biagio Dizenzo		2022-06-09
Brad Marshall		2026-02-24
Holly Howard		2026-02-24
Jamie Murray		2026-02-24
PAUL MILLS		2015-01-01
Samantha Whorlow		2026-02-24
Stacey Arnold		2020-06-01
Stacey Field		2026-03-19
VALERIE GREYSON		2022-07-11

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21st May 2025

Group Report for 2024

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1. Attendees

Stacey, Rob, Paul Mills, Val, Bex, Santo, Paul Fletcher, Jon, Billy, Brad, Jamie, Colin, Tracey and Jordan

2. Apologies:

Millie

3. Governance Topics: (named those in agreement)

3a. Agree Minutes of Last AGM – Jon, Jamie, Santo, Val

3b. Adopt model constitution from scouts POR – Val, Jamie, Jon

3c. Confirmed Group's Financial Year 1st January to 31st December inclusive

3d. "Trust" now changed to "Trustee Board" – Jon, Jamie, Santo, Bex, Val

4. Review of previous year:

4a. Group Leader's review of Scouting in the Group – sent out in the report

Val – Jon and Tracey looking to retire in summer

- Chris has joined as a leader

- Thank you to Willie, Ellie and Evie for their help and support

Bex – Thank you to all helpers and currently looking for support from young leaders

Santo – Thank you to Daniel at camp and young leaders

- Thank you to Caitlin

Rob – 2nd Silver Buckle awards in Cooking and Shooting

- Scout nominated to dedication to Scouting

4b. Accounts – confirmed by Val and agreed by Bex, Brad, Jon, Jamie and Santos

5. Making Appointments:

Group Chair – Stacey to remain

Treasurer – Val to remain

Group Trustee Board – Paul Mills, Val, Stacey, Billy, Jamie, Bex, Jon, Sam, Karen, Jade, Stacey Field – agreed by Paul Fletcher, Brad, Santo

Accounts – Ian Gibbon – agreed by Bex, Jon, Jamie, Santo, Brad

6. Awards

Beavers:

Young Beaver of the Year – Vicky and Hannah

Beaver of the Year – Cameron

Stags:

Young Cub of the Year – Gabby

Cub of the Year – Abide

Badgers:

Young Cub of the Year – Mia

Cub of the Year – Devlin and Christian

Scouts:

Young Scout of the Year – Alex F

Scout of the Year –

Scout Awards

Silver Buckle Shooting – Victoria's Team

Silver Buckle Cooking – Raif, Georgie, Ronnie and Albie

Chairman's Award

Colin Wilson

7. Closing Remarks

- Stacey – gives thanks to all the leaders and young leaders
- Raised a lot of money with fundraising events – asked for parental help or ideas to raise more money
- Highlighted that fundraising is used to help subsidise trips, subs, etc
- No longer need an official secretary, and if anyone is interested to speak to Stacey
- Jade – thank you to all involved and experiences you give the children and dedicating your time

Group Manager Report - 1st Cheshunt:

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As a group I think it important that even though we have a healthy bank balance, that we plan to support the sections and group over the long term as we have no guarantee that the fundraising events we currently run will continue.

To free up the leaders and enable them to concentrate of the running of their sections, we do require additional parent support on the group executive. We only meet about 6 times a year for a few hours in the evening. If you are able to offer your support, It would be

appreciated.

Finally, my thanks to everyone who has helped in the last year, parents and leaders.

Without your help and support the group would not be able to continue.

Paul Mills

Group Manager

TREASURER REPORT 2024:



As you can see, we still have healthy balances. HQ income has improved thanks to U3A liking our hall and holding more classes.

We were also fortunate to have £1000 donation from Cheshunt Horticulture Society when they disbanded.

The fundraising committee has been working very hard and along with the Leaders raised: -

£1083 Xmas Fayre

£7707 Fire Works

£2040 Santa Sleigh (after all donations and expenses)

£1000 Dinner Dance

£1707 Sponsor walk

I think everyone, including the children who helped on the Santa evenings, deserve a round of applause.

Fireworks and the Santa Sleigh are our biggest fund-raising activities but going forward, due to how often health and safety changes occur, we may not be able to do them for many more years so are looking for fresh ideas and help. In 2025 we are looking at selling firework tickets differently as leaders and trustee's are having to give up even more weekends.

Fund raising gave each section £500 towards extra activities + £1000 towards the group trip to Chessington. They also gave £200 to brownies for giving up a Tuesday evening to help.

Headquarters income is down from 2023 as we lost our Saturday morning dance class but towards the end of 2024 U3A increased their classes. On the accounts HQ income does not include the 12 x £160 the group transfers over as our contribution towards up keep.

As the HQ was built in 2016 and we could only afford cheaper options, there are going to be some large expenses over the coming years. During 2024 we replaced the back doors and heating, which after a few teething issues we hope will be more cost effective and be more user friendly.

Val Greyson (Treasurer)

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6170.47 Fund Raising	7542.90
972.06 Insurance	1098.17
3270.20 Utilities (Light, power, water, electric)	4948.75
2173.98 Cleaning	2287.52
2821.18 Repairs	2151.98
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Ian Clibbon

Group Chair AGM Report for January – December 2024

Well, it's been a good year at 1st Cheshunt scout group filled with activities for the children and some great fundraising for the group.

It has been lovely to see the enjoying activities including a great turn out for the remembrance parade and seeing everyone looking smart.

I would like to give a big thank-you to all the leaders, helpers and Trustee members that work so hard and give up their time for 1st Cheshunt Scout Groups members. It's not just the hours on a section night they give up, but the evenings planning a fun packed programme for all the children to enjoy and the help they give for all the fundraising too. We would really like to have a few new parents to join our Trustee Board to help oversee how the group is run and help with fundraising events. Would be lovely to see some parents from each section to be involved.

For the group to continue to thrive and raise money for the group and children, we need to have some parents to help. We are very lucky at 1st Cheshunt to have a great group of leaders that help with all our fundraising events and organizing them. It would be great to see some new friendly faces to join our Trustee Board to help us with new events and current fundraising activities. It's important to be able to do our fundraising to help maintain our HQ, subsidise activities and getting equipment that supports all your children and their experiences in scouting. Throughout the year we have managed to subsidise some camps for our children, and new equipment for all sections to be able to use.

So please note this year we are hoping to hold our fireworks display, a Christmas Fayre, and of course Santa's Sleigh. After the meeting, I will be coming round to chat to you all and see what opportunities there are for yourselves to support the group this year.

So, after 5 years of being chairperson for the group, and after some great memories and experiences with the group, it is now time for me to step back and let someone else enjoy the role. If there is anyone that would like the opportunity to step up and get involved with 1st Cheshunt come and talk to me or any of the leaders.

Again, a Big Thank you to everyone that has supported the group this year and I look forward to hearing about all the activities in 1st Cheshunt in the next year and cannot wait to see all you parents supporting the group and joining the trustee board this year.

Stacey

Group Chair

BEAVERS REPORT FOR THE YEAR 2024:



What a fantastic year we have had.

Every week we try to have a varied programme, having fun, learning new things and working towards badges. We had fun at Tolmers scout campsite burning off energy on the trampolines and revolving wall plus finished their emergency aid badge by putting both Jon and Chris in the recovery position. End of term we went on a boat trip at Broxbourne.

Over the year we also we helped 7 beavers obtain their Bronze challenge awards.

We also had a visit from the local police. We held 2 sleepovers where the Beavers cooked their dinner, prepared their breakfast, learnt kitchen safety and earn't their cook's badge

In June we had our annual parent and child camp. (pictures on the notice board)

During the year we also joined other Beavers within East Herts, going to the Science Museum, on a Ghost Hunt in October and Christmas party in November. As District Beaver Leader it is a pleasure to see so many of our Beavers taking part in these events

We also joined others within the group and went to Chessington World of Adventure. From comments we received they all seemed to enjoy these activities.

As you can see, we have had another busy year ending the year with 2 fund raising events. In November, after the Remembrance Day parade, we held our quiet night where we raised £18.60 for the British Legion and the last 2 weeks of term we helped on the Santa Sleigh.

We would like to thank Beavers and parents who helped at all our fundraising events during 2024.

We have had invaluable help from our young helpers Willow, Kaleo, Evie and Ellie. Unfortunately, Evie had to leave due to schoolwork pressure and Ellie will be going at the end of the summer term.

My thanks, as usual goes to Rose, Chris, Tracy and Jon, who make our group one of the best in East Herts.

Jon & Tracy were looking to retire summer 2025 but have decided to stay although they may not be able to attend each week. Chris unfortunately is in the same position.

Sadley Rose will be leaving at the end of the summer Term but is happy to help occasionally with fund raising events.

We therefore may need to start a parent rota in September 2025.

As I write this report we have already started on a fun, busy start to 2025

Val



1st Cheshunt Annual Cub (Badgers) Report January - December 2023:

This past year has been an incredible adventure for the cubs, filled with fun and excitement, and we owe a huge thanks to our leader, helpers and young leaders who supported us throughout the journey. A big thank you to our fantastic cubs for making it all so memorable!

In January, we kicked off the year talking about the Scottish celebration, burns night with a delicious homemade meal of haggis and sweet potato mash made by our brilliant leader Jamie! February brought creativity to the forefront as we crafted vibrant lion masks and celebrated Pancake Day with stacks of questionable pancakes, too much sugar, and lots of chocolate sauce. March was all about nature, as we built bug hotels, providing cosy homes for our little friends, while April had us getting into the Easter spirit by making delightful chocolate nests filled with treats.

As May rolled around, we enjoyed the excitement of Thriftwood camp. Our Thriftwood Camp is full of stories about all the awesome stuff the campers got up to during their stay. There were tons of teamwork going on as the kids worked together to complete different tasks and cook their own dinner on the Saturday night. They got their hands dirty running around the forest and gathering firewood. The campers were always on the go with fun things to do. They went on hikes through the woods, crate stacking, rock climbing and loads more. The lake was a blast for the kids paddling around in kayaks and jumping into the water at the end. And of course, no camping trip is complete without a visit to the gift shop to load up on souvenirs. In the evenings, the whole group and other groups from around the area, would gather around the crackling campfire, singing goofy songs, telling spooky stories, and gazing up at the star-filled sky. By the end of the trip, everyone had learned some new skills and left with awesome memories of their time at Thriftwood.

June was a memorable month, marked by our very first sleepover at the HQ, complete with tasty chips and a movie night that kept us entertained until the early hours. In July, we took a thrilling trip to Chessington World of Adventures, where rides and attractions filled our day with joy and excitement.

September saw us having a unique sleepover aboard the Golden Hinde in London with the Thursday night cub pack, a historical experience that was both fun and educational. October brought our much-anticipated messy Halloween night, where costumes and chaos reigned supreme. In November, we participated in a Remembrance Day parade, with the children looking sharp in their smart attire, honoring the occasion with respect. Finally, December wrapped up the year beautifully as we walked with Santa and his sleigh around Cheshunt, spreading Christmas cheer and joy to everyone we met. WHAT A YEAR!!!

As some of you are aware a fresh team member has come aboard, while a seasoned leader has stepping down. Our new helper Nathan brings a wave of enthusiasm and new ideas to the pack and we are very grateful that he has joined us in our adventures. It's bittersweet to see our long-time leader and friend, Santo has move on. Santo has always had a packed schedule fixing all our cars, yet somehow managed to make it to every Wednesday night

meeting, camps and hikes. I speak on behalf of everyone at 1st Cheshunt, we wish you all the best for your future and we'll see you soon or when our cars break down.

Lastly I want to say one last thank you to both Jamie, Santo and our amazing young leader Mia for pushing me along in this journey. We have made an incredible team over the past 4 years and you have made me laugh every second of the way. As for Jamie and Nathan you guys are keeping me on my toes however, I would not change it for the world. Thanks again everyone!!!

Caitlin

1st Cheshunt "Stags" Cub Pack 2024 Report

What another jam-packed year! We started the year working towards "Our Skills" Challenge badge where the cubs learnt about how the human body works and the importance of healthy eating. They gained their Emergency Aid badges by completing a number of tasks including applying bandages and putting each other into the recovery position. We enjoyed a Highland Feast of haggis, mashed potatoes and baked beans, with Scottish shortbread for dessert, all washed down with some "Scottish Whiskey" (Irn-Bru) when we celebrated Burns Night. We then felt the love by baking heart shaped biscuits for Valentine's Day and the cubs took a go at writing poems (I'd like to share one of them at the end).

The following term saw the cubs enjoy an evening of fun-fair games and circus tricks, including plate spinning, bottle hoop-la and tin can alley. Prizes were won by everyone, and they all went home with a box of popcorn in true fun-fair fashion. We had a visit from the local police to learn about how they support our community, and they all loved the sirens going off (they were very loud!). The cubs also played a game of community bingo, where they had to mark off local shops and buildings found in and around The Old Pond. We learnt about World Turtle Day and the importance of preventing water pollution. The cubs made a giant sea turtle model made from recycled plastic and cardboard. We also visited St. Mary's Church to gain an understanding of Christianity. This all worked towards "Our World" Challenge badge. Our annual camp at Tolmers, was very much enjoyed by all who attended where we had a 3-hour excursion through the woods ending at the mud slide. We also partook in the climbing wall, archery and shooting. We done some backwoods cooking including making bread and of course, s'mores.

In September we went on a trip to Chislehurst Caves and got to experience complete darkness! Soon after this trip, we teamed up with the cubs from Badgers and spent the night on The Golden Hinde. During the day we walked around London taking in the local sites like Temple Bar and St. Paul's Cathedral and visited the Clink Prison Museum and Horniman Museum. We then returned to the boat where the cubs got to experience life on the Golden Hinde including what it was like to work on the ship (navigation skills, medical skills, canon firing) and also the sleeping quarters and rations. Despite it pouring down with rain during the night and some of the leaders waking up with a waterfall next to them due to the ship leaking, most had a pretty good (and dry) night's sleep. Definitely a trip to remember!

Towards the end of the year, the cubs celebrated the Hindu festival of light, Diwali by making sun catchers and also celebrated the Jewish festival Sukkot, making a sukkah and eating traditional foods eaten at this time. We honoured Remembrance Day by making remembrance candle holders and attending the Remembrance Day Parade, where once again, all in attendance were well behaved, respectful and did 1st Cheshunt proud.

To celebrate World Hello Day, the cubs had the challenge of matching up different country flags with the accompanying word for "Hello" in the native language. The cubs talked about what they were thankful for on Thanksgiving and created a "Thanksgiving Tree" and also had fun playing "pin the hat on the turkey". To end the year we made some Christmas crafts and joined in the Santa Sleigh where Father Christmas, followed by his elves and Frosty the snowman spread some festive spirit.

As always, I am thankful for Millie and Paul Fletcher for their continued support and help. I would also like to thank Mihir, who joined us last year and has helped with running meetings. I'd like to thank Colin, whose commitment has been invaluable, and also a thank you to Vicky, our young leader who is always up for anything and Havana, another young leader who joined us in November. A big thank you also goes out to all the cubs and parents, and we look forward to another year of fun. Thank you all!!

Bex

Campfire

Campfire crackling through the night,
Filling the campsite with light.
Roasting marshmallows by the fire,
Happily eating until we tire.

1st Cheshunt Scout Section Yearly Report for January – December 2023:

2024 was a great year for our Scouts, with plenty of opportunity and variety for them to take part in with our Group and with fellow Scouts across the East Herts District. The year also saw our Scouts winning many awards and competitions.

January saw us visit a new location in the Peak District for our hillwalking weekend. This allowed to take several new walks and locations.

May saw us have a fantastic weekend at Thriftwood Scout camp with the Cubs. A weekend that was action packed and again we were blessed with fantastic weather. Activities included Kayaking, climbing and a challenge of an extensive list of tasks.

The summer term also allowed for us to have some excellent activity evenings at Tolmers which included rafting, rifle shooting, archery, and some orienteering activities. This acted as a training prelude to July's Silver Buckle competition weekend. Which saw us taking part in competitions and tasks against other teams of Scouts in the District. This was a successful event, and we one many elements of the competition and for the first time in 30 years we brought the top prize and won the event.

September, we took part in the district fishing competition at Southend Farm in Waltham Abbey and half a dozen Scouts completed the East Herts survival skills weekend, this included building shelters to sleep out in and skinning & stewing rabbits.

In October we took part in Scarefest for the first time at Gilwell, everyone had a thoroughly enjoyable weekend.

In November we had an excellent turnout for our Remembrance Day parade.

December was a busy month; we got out and supported the Santa Sleigh tour and finished the year with a night of Quasar.

All of this has been made possible with a massively supportive group of Young Leaders and Vas who became an adult occasional helper, all who have helped on section nights, Camps and activities throughout the year.

Paul, Billy, Brad, Rob, Vas and Martin.

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Ian Clibbon

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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Ian Clibbon', written over a horizontal line.

Ian Clibbon

8th May 2025

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1st Cheshunt Scout Group AGM 24th May 2023 Minutes:

Attendance – Billy, Rob, Dave Pullen, Paul, Stacey, Val, Jon, Santo, Jamie, Bex, Millie, Jordan, Caitlan, Ian

Apologies for absence – Brad

Minutes of the last Annual General Meeting – As per AGM Report provided, these have been distributed to all by WhatsApp and/or email.

Chairman Report – See AGM Report provided – on a side note, Stacey would like to say a big thank you as a group for everyone's continued support with fundraising and activities. And well done to all the Leaders.

Dave – From February 2024 the Scouts Association will be changing some of the names/titles used and would like to encourage that 1st Cheshunt adopts the new Policy Rules and Constitution. Stacey agreed and Paul seconded.

Treasurer's Report – See AGM Report provided. The bank account remains healthy, but just a reminder to all parents to please use the correct reference when making payment, 1 – Beavers, 2 – Cubs Badgers, 3 – Scouts, 4 – Cubs Stags. Also, just to say well done to everyone for the changing to online banking.

Approval of nomination of Chair – Stacey elected, nominated by Paul.

Nomination and election of Secretary – Stacey opened up the offer to volunteer as secretary to everyone, and should anyone be interested to please speak to her directly.

Nomination and election of Treasurer – Val elected first by Stacey and seconded by Paul.

Approval of nominated Members of the Executive Committee – All who are currently on the Executive Committee confirmed that they would like to remain on the Committee. Stacey advised that we still have space for new parent members, and would anyone be interested to see Stacey.

Appointment of an Independent Examiner – Val has enquired, and this was agreed.

Section Leader's Report – See each individual Section Leader's Report as provided. Beavers and Stags gave an additional thank you to everyone. Scouts (Rob) – We have 35 young people with this being our first full year post-Covid, we have achieved so much as a group already including Silver Buckle, and many competitions. Just to say thank you, and onwards and upwards.

Presentation of Awards

Beavers

Young Cub – Congratulations Albie

Beaver of the Year –

Cubs (Badgers)

Young Cub – Congratulations Elizabeth W

Cub of the Year – Congratulations Mia

Cubs (Stags)

Young Cub – Congratulations Joey

Cub of the Year – Congratulations Alex

Scouts

Scout of the Year – Congratulations Leo

Young Scout of the Year –

Long Service Awards

5 Year Service Award – Jamie Murray

5 Year Service Award – Santo Lavoro

5 Year Service Award – Stacey Arnold

15 Year Service Award – Bex Lashley

Leader Awards

Wood Badge – Robert Greyson

Chairman Award – Bex. ‘Well done for taking on Stags when Reg retired and for continuing to support the group and be dedicated even when recently having a baby, thank you.

Remarks by the District Commissioner’s Representative – “Congratulations to all for the hard work, you are a strong and dedicated Team.”

Any Other Business – Nothing else discussed.

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Along with each section being given £500 to spend on the youth members over the course of the year. We also subsidised both the December camp and Kip on a ship which took place last year. The fundraising money is also being used to replace and add to the Groups equipment which we use to run the sections and camps and we are planning a group trip to Chessington, which will also be heavily subsidised.

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Finally, my thanks to everyone who has helped in the last year, parents and leaders.
Without your help and support the group would not be able to continue.

Paul Mills

Group Manager

TREASURER REPORT 2023:



As you can see, we still have healthy balances. HQ income has improved with the dance group recommending us for plenty of parties unfortunately at the end of the year she left us and opened her own studio. We were also fortunate to have £2500 donation.

The fundraising committee has been working very hard and along with the Leaders and raised the following funds:

- £918 Xmas Fayre
- £9235 Fire Works
- £2704 Santa Sleigh

I think everyone, including the children who helped on the Santa evenings, deserves a round of applause. Fireworks and the Santa Sleigh are our biggest fund-raising activities but going forward, due to how often health and safety changes occur, we may not be able to do them for many more years so are looking for fresh ideas and help.

Fund raising contributed to the following funds:

- £246 towards the annual capitalisation fees of £4346.
- £500 for every sectionm which goes towards activities and craft based equipment.
- £1000 towards Kip on a Ship and Christmas camp.

During the course of the year, we also replaced the Santa Sleigh and bought some new camping equipment.

When the HQ was built in 2016 in some instances we could only afford cheaper or second hand materials. With all our fundraising activities, in this financial year we will be able to replace some of these including the emergency back doors, panelling around the main hall and installing a more efficient heating system.

Val

Treasurer.

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Ian Clibbon

Group Chair AGM Report for January – December 2023:

Well, it's been a good year at 1st Cheshunt scout group filled with activities for the children and some great fundraising for the group.

It's been lovely to see the enjoying activities including a great turn out for the remembrance parade and seeing everyone looking smart.

I would like to give a big thank-you to all the leaders, helpers and Trustee members that work so hard and give up their time for 1st Cheshunt Scout Groups members. It's not just the hours on a section night they give up, but the evenings planning a fun packed programme for all the children to enjoy and the help they give for all the fundraising too. We would really like to have a few new parents to join our Trustee Board to help oversee how the group is run and help with fundraising events. Would be lovely to see some parents from each section to be involved.

For the group to continue to thrive and raise money for the group and children, we need to have some parents to help. We are very lucky at 1st Cheshunt to have a great group of leaders that help with all our fundraising events and organizing them. It would be great to see some new friendly faces to join our Trustee Board to help us with new events and current fundraising activities. It's important to be able to do our fundraising to help maintain our HQ, subsidise activities and getting equipment that supports all your children and their experiences in scouting. Throughout the year we have managed to subsidise some camps for our children, got new front doors and some new equipment for all sections to be able to use.

So please note this year we are hoping to hold our fireworks display, sponsored walk, a Christmas Fayre, and of course Santa's Sleigh. After the meeting, I will be coming round to chat to you all and see what opportunities there are for yourselves to support the group this year.

We are currently in the need of someone stepping forward to carry out so admin tasks, which is generally taking notes at Trustee meetings and producing minutes of these meetings, if you are interested or in any other ways of supporting the Group please come and speak to any of us at the end of the formal meeting,

Again, a Big Thank you to everyone that has supported the group this year and I look forward a more active Scouting year and can't wait to see all you parents supporting the group and joining the exec this year.

Stacey

Group Chair

BEAVERS REPORT FOR THE YEAR 2023:



What a fantastic year we have had.

Every week we try to have a varied programme, having fun, learning new things and working towards badges. We were little scientist & completed experiment badge, learnt about the world & earnt international plus my world, we were creative to earn that badge along with my skills. We walked around Cheshunt and learnt road safety, basic map reading and how to cross the road. We went over Burleigh school field to complete the cyclist badge. We had fun at Tolmers scout campsite burning off energy on the trampolines and revolving wall. For a change we went to the marshes for a fun evening, but we finished the summer term by walking to McDonalds.

Over the year we also we helped 10 beavers obtain their Bronze challenge awards.

We also went to the fire station, had visits from 2 of our dads, both called Chris, 1 was a police man and the other did keep fit. We celebrated Chinese New Year, pancake day, easter with a mad hatter's tea party and our quiet nigh for charity.

We also had a sleepover where the beavers cooked toad in the hole, decorated biscuits and cooked toast, learnt kitchen safety and earnt their cook's badge.

In June we had our annual parent and child camp.

In September we joined other Beavers from East Herts and went to Colchester Zoo.

We joined the rest of the group at their Christmas camp where they made many things, had fun in Tolmers grounds, had Christmas dinner and saw Father Christmas.

We finished the year helping on the Santa Sleigh.

We would like to thank the Beavers and parents who helped on the Santa Sleigh.

As you can see, we have had another fantastic, busy year. Following COVID we were running

over numbers but currently our colony figurers are low, but we expect that is just a blip.

We have had some new young helpers being Willow, Evie, and Ellie whose help is invaluable.

I would like to welcome Chris who joined us when his son came to beavers.

My thanks, as usual goes to Rose, Tracy, and Jon along with Chris, who make our group one of the best in East Herts.

Jon and Tracy are, unfortunately, looking to retire summer 2025 so we desperately need some

more parents to volunteer to come and have fun with us.

Looking forward to having another busy year in 2024.

Val



1st Cheshunt Annual Cub (Badgers) Report January - December 2023:

After another fantastic year we have had, we decided the Cubs needed some very well-deserved fun.

So, after we start the year back with some Investitures, the following week we decided to pair up with the Stags and go head-to-head at Harlow Quasar. Needless to say, everyone had an amazing time.

Time to combine some handy work into our badge work, with the Cubs making pancakes and the following week learning how to plant a sunflower and take care of it at home.

Once again with the help and support of the parents sending in updated pictures of the process. Thank you.

Before we get ready for summer camp, we organised a trip to Tolmers where the Cubs did wall climbing and in group tried to find their way out of an underground maze. Messy and some a little scared when the exit wasn't where they thought it was but a great day.

The part that everyone looks forward too, **THRIFTWOOD CAMP** is here. As always Cubs had an amazing time exploring the outdoors, trying out new activity's and sleeping in tents.

Massive thank you to Daniel Blanchard for helping at camp and to all team for their help.

Summer holidays out the way and after hearing all about what the Cubs got up to. We once again organised another trip, this time an educational trip to London to see the sights and Sleep on the famous HMS Belfast, Cubs had a fantastic time taking in all the surroundings and as always very well behaved.

We are very lucky to have a member of our Team who is a police officer and was delighted when asked to talk to the Cubs about the police force, added bonus brought along a police van so the Cubs could see the inside of one. Hopefully first and last.

Unfortunately, the weather is not always on our side, but this said the Cubs still turned up for Remembrance Parade and showed everyone that a little rain is not going to stop us.

Brilliant turn out from everyone.

As always, a MASSIVE thank you to all the parents for their taking part, massive thank you to all my young leaders in passing on their skills and knowledge they have learned down to the Cubs.

Thank you to Jamie for being by my side, and we would not be complete without our Caitlin, the effort and work making each night different all comes down to her, she truly is amazing and deserves all the credit.

To all my Cubs, THANK YOU for just being you.

Akela. (Santo Lavoro)

1st Cheshunt "Stags" Cub Pack 2023 Report:

We started 2023 completing our Disability Awareness badge, learning about disabilities and that not all are visible. Everyone showed a real insight into being inclusive which was great and even spoke about less known disabilities which was just amazing to hear how aware everyone is. We then learnt to read and write like "spies" with the phonetic alphabet and making code breakers. Towards the end of term, we completed our Home Safety badge and learning how we can keep our homes safe and where there are possible dangers.

Our annual camp was a first for us all as we joined up with Scouts and Badgers at Thriftwood for a joint group camp. As always, fun was had by all, and everyone got the opportunity to try out kayaking and rock climbing. But the most enjoyed activity was the zip-line across the pond, and everyone ran back around for another go (or three)! We also enjoyed participating in a "proper" campfire with all the other campers and singing along to the camp songs.

We took a walk around Cheshunt on our "Treasure Trail for the Golden Chip" completing clues which led us to our "treasure" at Fishy Delishy. This was part of the "Our World" challenge badge and tied in with the "Local Knowledge" badge. We also celebrated the king's coronation. A trip to the library proved a great success and everyone enjoyed the group "icebreaker" activity put on by the librarians and spending time reading books – we will definitely be doing this again. The cubs also spent an evening at Cheshunt Fire Station and got to try out the hose and look around the fire engine. Summer ended with a scooter ride around Cedar's Park and running (or rolling) up and down the mound.

For Autumn term we put our thinking caps on to solve a variety of challenges, from knots to puzzles. We even attempted to build a ballista, which didn't go quite to plan when the handle of our launcher flew off! Thankfully no one was hurt. This was all towards the "Team Building" challenge badge. We had an almost full house with our sleepover at HQ and despite a hot chocolate disaster and a few snorers, everyone seemed to get a good night's sleep and enjoyed their breakfast in the morning.

We spent an evening at Tolmers where the cubs had a go at archery and also attempted to conquer "The Rock" – a rotating climbing wall with various degrees of difficulties. Of course, a few of them wanted to try the hardest setting, needless to say they lasted less than 5

seconds! We had a Halloween themed games night, and the favourite game of the night was the mummy making, where the cubs had to choose one person in their group to wrap in toilet paper and make the most realistic looking mummy! The annual Remembrance Parade went ahead and despite the rain, everyone who attended were well behaved and done 1st Cheshunt proud.

We ended the term with a group camp at Tolmers. Cubs enjoyed participating in some Christmas crafts, archery, and shooting. We also enjoyed a Christmas dinner and awarded some Chief Scout Silver Awards. Our last nights of term were making and decorating Christmas cakes and spreading some festive cheer by joining in the Santa Sleigh. I would like to thank Millie and Paul Fletcher in their continued support and to Colin and Jordan for helping out with games/activities. A huge thank you, as always, to the cubs and their parents

and look forward to more fun filled activities and trips in the coming year. Thank you all!

Bex

1st Cheshunt Scout Section Yearly Report for January – December 2023:

2023 was a great year for our Scouts, with plenty of opportunity and variety for them to take part in with our Group and with fellow Scouts across the East Herts District. The year also saw our Scouts winning many awards and competitions.

January saw us return to Castleton in the Peak District for our hillwalking weekend. Saturday, we explored an area that contained a plane crash site, it was a challenge to find it, but with a bit of orienteering skill we found it. Sunday gave us some lovely spring like weather to climb and descent Mam Tor

May saw us have a fantastic weekend at Thriftwood Scout camp with the Cubs. A weekend that was action packed and again we were blessed with fantastic weather. Activities included Kayaking, climbing and a challenge of a long list of tasks.

The summer term also allowed for us to have some excellent activity evenings at Tolmers which included rifle shooting, archery, and some orienteering activities. This acted as a training prelude to July's Silver Buckle competition weekend. Which saw us taking part in competitions and tasks against other teams of Scouts in the District. This was a successful event, with one team winning the Shooting element of the competition and coming 2nd in the overall competition.

September, we took part in the district fishing competition at Southend Farm in Waltham Abbey.

In November we had an excellent turnout for our Remembrance Day parade, plus our team entry into the East Herts cooking competition accomplished another win.

December was a very busy month, as a group we held our Christmas camp at Tolmers, where the Scouts were able to go ice skating on a rink in Greenwich Park and visited the Imperial War Museum where a small group of Scouts were invested. We also got out and supported the Santa Sleigh tour and finished the year with a night time hike, walking from Cuffley back to our HQ with a sleepover and breakfast.

All of this has been made possible with a massively supportive group of Young Leaders and Vas who became an adult occasional helper, all who have helped on section nights, Camps and activities throughout the year.

Paul, Billy, Brad, Rob and Vas

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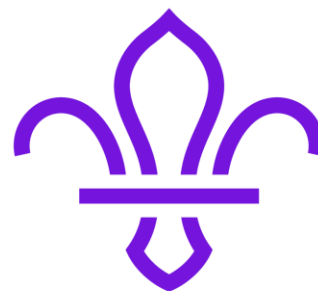
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25th May 2023

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1st Cheshunt Scout Group AGM 22nd June 2022 Minutes:

Attendance – Paul, Val, Santo, Jamie, Rob, Stacey A, Billy, Jon, Tracy, Sarah, Peter Chorley, Caitlin, Bex, Millie, Reg, Colin

Apologies for absence – None

Minutes of last Annual General meeting – As per AGM Report Provided

Chairman Report – See AGM Report provided - On a side note I would like to thank all the leaders, helpers and parents for helping the scout group last year through some tricky times whilst we dealt with COVID.

Treasurer's report – See AGM Report, the bank is healthy balance currently, but money is needed to be spent on replacing new doors, the floor will also need replacing in the next 4 years as the guarantee is only for 10 years. We need more fundraising.

Approval of nomination of chair – Stacey elected nominated by Paul Mills

Nomination and election of secretary – Sarah elected first by Jamie and seconded by Brad

Nomination and election of treasurer – Val elected first by Jon & seconded by Jamie.

Approval of nominated members of the executive committee – Stacey Field – First by Rob and seconded by Val, we need new members please see Stacey after the meeting if anyone would like to join.

No Leaders have asked to be removed as members of the Exec Committee

Appointment of an Independent examiner – Ian Clibbon, elected

Section leader's report – see AGM Reports

Presentation of awards

Beavers – Val - “Thank you to Tracy, Rose and Jon my right-hand man without the three of them we wouldn't be doing Beavers. We have also been fortunate to have Fred and Havana helping us.”

As Assistant District Commissioner I have two bronze awards to give out, this is the highest award a Beaver can earn however one of my Beavers is not here this evening to accept. I would like to say well done to James who is here to accept his award. We think all our Beavers should win an award for getting through this last year. We have two trophies to award the first is for Young Beaver of the Year goes to our mother hen of the colony. Nothing is too much trouble for her she is always smiling and helps others without being asked so congratulations to Libby! Beaver of the year is not going to one person but instead to three, they have become great friends whilst with us and like Libby nothing is too much trouble, congratulations to Frankie, James, and Jake.

Cubs – (Badgers) – Santos – “Thank you Paul Mills for Guiding me through as I became Akela when I took over the Wednesday Group. Thank you to parents and all the cubs, we started with six and now have over twenty-five which is amazing. Thank you to Jamie my right hand and to Caitlin for helping, they've both been fantastic. Also big thanks to Olivia and Mia who have been a massive help this year.”

Caitlin has chosen the awardees for the Badgers, and we have three awards to give out, Young Cub of the Year goes to someone who started in February very quiet and shy and took a step back, since then they have come completely out of their shell and always joining in, a polite and well-mannered Cub, congratulations to Oscar! Cub of the Year goes to two cubs both starting off very shy and reserved and now they get involved with games and are well mannered great cubs. Congratulations to sisters Sophie and Charlotte! The final award goes to Cub of the month a very polite, well-behaved cub who always joins in and has also been to camp with us. Congratulations Michael!

Cubs – (Stags) – Bex – “Big thanks to Reg for his guidance over the years and I will take this knowledge with me as I take over from him. Thank you to Millie my assistant leader taking over when I am not there and thanks to Colin and Jordan for all their help. And of course, to all the cubs and their loyalty to us”.

A special mention of Cameron who has grown so much over the last year in his own personal challenges and should be immensely proud of what he has achieved. Young Cub of the Year has become a more confident cub and always join in despite their reservations. They are polite and help others. Congratulations to Ruby! Cub of the Year is always first to volunteer and look out for everyone. Congratulations Albie!

Scouts – Billy – “Its great to be back face to face after COVID, we have a great scouting troop of over thirty kids which we couldn’t lead without Paul, Rob and Brad. We have two to three young leader, and we are all happy to be back and looking forward to the next year.”

Our award is slightly different as the scouts vote it themselves with an online form that they access to give a reason someone should be voted. Scout of the Year “when I joined the Scouts, I was terrified, this person became my friend and helped my confidence. She’s kind, helpful and a good friend” She’s also a committed long-term member of the Scout’s association. Congratulations Mia! Young Scout of the Year, “this Scout is funny, hard working and kind, he speaks his mind” he also helps at camps HQ etc. Congratulations Scott!

Long Service Awards

10 Year Service Award – Ian Lutwych

25 Year Service Award – Red Chapman

Chairman award – This person has stepped up and taken over the Badgers and has taken it all in their stride. Congratulations Santos!

Any other business –

Next Exec meeting Monday 11th July at 7.45pm

Raffle

Group Manager Report - 1st Cheshunt:

Following the submission of the group annual census, our numbers as of the 1st January 2023 stood at 84 youth members an increase of 6 from the previous year, we are also lucky to have a core of young leaders who have been through the sections and are now staying on to assist the sections. The increase in youth membership is down to the fantastic leader team we have, and I would like to take this opportunity to thank them for the continued commitment.

I am sure with the support of the leader team within 1st Cheshunt we can continue to grow as a group.

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Paul Mills

Group Manager

TREASURER REPORT 2022:



As you can see, we still have healthy balances, but this is chiefly thanks to Broxbourne Council who have supported us during the pandemic by donating £12k in 2020, £16,097 during 2021 and a further £2667 in 2022 which shows under fundraising. In September we transferred £19,000 from the fundraising a/c to the HQ account to help with running costs and buy a new front.

HQ income has improved although we lost a regular user part way through the year, we now have 2 new ones plus an existing one has increased her hours.

The fundraising committee has been working very hard and along with the Leaders raised: -

£1147 Dinner Dance

£852 Xmas Fayre

£12982 Fire Works

£2556.54 (even though we had to cancel 1 week due to the unforeseen snow)

I think everyone deserves a round of applause.

Fund raising paid the annual capitalisation fees of £3900 plus gave each section £200 towards activities.

As a result of HSBC starting to charge us £5 per month per account, plus cheque/cash fees we took the decision to transfer the accounts to Nat West Business account with dual control internet banking which meets the scout association 2 signature rules.

We just had 3 accounts. HQ, Group and Fundraising but at the end of the year we transferred £30,000 into Nat West savings to try and recoup some of the £177 bank charges we paid HSBC during the year.

As you can see, we fortunately have healthy bank balances, but we do know as the HQ was built in 2016 there will be large expenses to be paid out over the coming years replacing some of the items cheaper items we could only afford at the time.

Val

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Bank charges – Fundraising £53.35
 Group £73.87
 HQ £50.64
 Total £177.86

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Ian Clibbon

BEAVERS REPORT FOR THE YEAR 2022:



What a fantastic year we have had.

Every week we work towards badges and completed Disability, Health & Fitness, Sports, Community, Explorer & in preparation for camp plus the school holidays Safety.

We completed My World and Outdoor challenges. We also learnt our promise in another language.

We managed to get 6 beavers through their Bronze challenge awards.

We celebrated Burns night, made dragons for Chinese New Year, made & ate pancakes for Pancake Day. We celebrated the Queens Jubilee and, much to mum's delight, we held our Mother's Day Tea Party where the children entertained their mums, made, and served them tea.

We had visits from the Police when the kids tried on different uniforms. From Billy (scout leader) who frightened the life out of the leaders with his dummy model dressed in uniform and hiding in the meeting room. The children again enjoyed trying different things and then we had a visit by friends from Bonney grove School who brought along their different reptiles. We were surprised by how many wanted to hold the tarantula (Rose made a run for it) and snakes.

We had fun evenings at the Fire station and Tolmers Scout camp where we celebrated American Independence Day.

In June we had our annual parent and child camp. Unfortunately, we had heavy rain on Saturday night. We only had a couple of children who were frightened. We had one parent that had only bought a single skin tent with him. Several parents picked it up with child asleep inside and transported it into the dining shelter. The surprising thing is the child was still asleep and didn't know a thing about it in the morning. We did have an extra family arrive. When we woke around 6 in the morning there was a mother goose and her chicks inspecting the tents.

We were due to go to RAF Hendon, but the numbers were low, so we postponed it and went with the cubs in October. It was here we presented 4 of our bronze awards beside the Lancaster bomber. This was very appropriate as the Beavers had been watching the Lancaster Bomber being built by the scouts for Remembrance Day display at HQ.

We supported 2 District Beaver events. I was a craft afternoon in October and then finished the year at Wild & Wacky in Harlow.

We would like to thank the Beavers and parents who contributed chocolates which we used to make 2 hampers for raffles at the Dinner Dance & Christmas Bazaar plus the food donations which we took to a local food bank. Also, for your valued help on the Santa Sleigh trips which were unfortunately cut short due to the bad snow.

As you can see, we have had a fantastic, busy year but we have been over our numbers so that we can nearly as many off the waiting list following COVID delays. Our waiting list is still long and I am unable to take anyone who is aged 7 years old or over.

My thanks go to our young leaders Fred & Havana, to Rose, Tracey and Jon who make our group one of the best in East Herts.

Looking forward to having another busy year in 2023.

Val



1st Cheshunt Annual Cub (Badgers) Report January - December 2022:

Another year has gone by, and we are still growing as a group.

Before we have even started the new year, I get the Cubs ready for when we come back with some challenges to do in and around the house to complete their skills badge.

As always Cubs with their enthusiasm and parents ready with their cameras to take pictures, we had Cubs tidying their rooms, making teas and coffees, peeling vegetables, clean windows, lay a table, etc.

WAIT! was this really towards a badge or just an excuse for the Cubs to help out at home?

Honesty it was a Badge to teach them everyday life at home and as always, they did an amazing job.

As a BIG thank you to all the Cubs for helping with the Santa Sleigh I promised I would take them out, so instead of meeting at HQ we all went to JUMP CITY, as expected the Cubs loved it. (Think Jamie had a cheeky go as well) HAHA.

Pizza bread making was next on our list so with the help of my lovely wife Rose, the Cubs got stuck in squeezing tomato puree onto bread then adding cheese before it was off to the oven to bake. More cheese on the floor than on the bread but who cares, the Cubs had fun and another badge earned.

Safety at home was the next task, so Caitlin took to this one and printed some potential dangers around the house for Cubs to identify.

Easter and half term done it was time to concentrate on Camp.

Thriftwood here we come! Cubs as expected were amazing everyone had fun did and saw things they never thought they would. (like seeing Jamie capsize in a Kayak). Brilliant weekend away.

Back at HQ and with lovely weather we took the Cubs outside to cook on BBQ's. No burnt fingers so all went well.

With the weather still on our side and with the help of a parent we decided to take the Cubs to Lee Valley for a nice long hike to soak up all the lovely natural surrounding with the bonus of a hotdogs at the end.

Fire station visit but unfortunately it got cut short due to an emergency call out, shame but always a next time.

Another well-deserved activity booked for the Cubs, this time shooting and archery at Tolmers, as expected great turnout.

Not my cup of tea, but a very kind couple came to HQ with deferent types of animals for the Cubs to see. Amazing

Group outing and we all went to RAF Hendon for the day, fantastic day lots to see and learn about different planes and as always very well behave Cubs. (don't think Caitlin enjoyed this one).

Remembrance Day was a great turn out lots of people came to see the parade and we even made the local paper.

None of this would be possible without the amazing team effort everybody does no matter how big or small their role is, but especially the effort the parents take in participating and encouraging their children. THANK YOU to every single one of you and a MASSIVE THANK YOU to my Cubs for making my Wednesday evening so pleasurable.

I also have to say thank you from the bottom of my heart to my team leaders Jamie & Caitlin and my young leaders Mia, Olivia & Cameron.

1st Cheshunt "Stags" Cub Pack 2022 Report:

We started 2022 by donning our safety goggles and becoming Scientists! We made "chemical" reactions using vinegar and bicarbonate of soda which didn't cause too much mess, so we must have got our measurements pretty spot on! We did however, make a mess when it came to "Spaghetti Heights". Using dried spaghetti and marshmallows, it was a race against the clock to see who could build the tallest tower without it falling down. The clearing up afterwards was a nightmare and the endless spaghetti still being found despite multiple sweeps of the broom has firmly put this activity to the "last resort box" for the foreseeable future! The term ended with a Pack favourite of S'mores.

During the summer, the cubs completed the Environmental Conservation and Global Issues badges to increase their awareness on how our everyday actions affect our planet and what we can do to help. When learning about survival, the cubs made shelters out of cardboard boxes. We then found our green fingers and completed the Gardener and Naturalist badges, by identifying common birds, learning about eco-systems and then looking for minibeasts in the hut garden – we found woodlice, ants, beetles, spiders and slugs! The cubs also took it in turn to take care of a bird bath and ensuring it was filled with clean water.

Our annual camp went ahead at Tolmers, and as always, was thoroughly enjoyed by everyone who came. We partook in cub skills including fire-lighting, backwoods cooking and woodland expeditions running up and down the craters and ditches, and of course the mudslide! We also enjoyed the Climbing Wall, Shooting and Archery.

The term ended with a visit to Scott's Grotto in Ware, a truly magical place where tunnels and rooms are decorated in a variety of shells, fossils and stones. In complete darkness and armed with just a torch, the cubs and leaders had a lot of fun finding their way through the tunnels and playing "hide & seek" in the alcoves.

Autumn term saw the cubs "taking to the skies" when they completed the Air Activity badge on their visit to the RAF Museum in Hendon. Here they could explore planes and learn about the different aircrafts used throughout history. We also held a small ceremony where a number of the 1st Cheshunt group were awarded their Chief Scout Award in front of a Lancaster Bomber!

The annual Remembrance Parade went ahead and finished with a 1st Cheshunt group photo outside HQ in front of our impressive remembrance display where each group helped towards making a model Lancaster Bomber complete with a poppy trail. It truly was a sight to behold and everyone should be extremely proud of their achievement in creating this.

End of year had the cubs making Christmas crafts and spreading some Christmas cheer by joining in the Santa Sleigh.

I would like to thank Millie and Paul Fletcher in their continued support and to Jordan and Colin for helping out with games/activities. A big thank you, as always, to the cubs and their parents and look forward to more fun filled activities in the coming year. Thank you all!

Bex

1st Cheshunt Scout Section Yearly Report for January – December 2022:

So 2022 was another action packed year for our Scouts, with plenty of opportunity and variety for them to take part in with our Group and with fellow Scouts across the East Herts District.

January saw us return to Castleton in the Peak District for our hillwalking weekend. Saturday was an extremely blustery day for our day out walking but 24 hrs later, the Sunday was a complete contrast, with some beautiful and unseasonably warm weather.

February carried on with a walking theme, the Scouts navigated from Bury Green out to Crews Hill and back to our HQ for a sleepover and breakfast.

May saw us have a fantastic weekend at Thriftwood Scout camp with the Cubs. A weekend that was action packed and again we were blessed with fantastic weather. We also saw some outstanding behaviour and respect towards the Scouts younger section cousins, Cubs -Badgers, which was lovely to see.

The summer term also allowed for us to have some excellent activity evenings at Tolmers which included rifle shooting, archery, rafting and some orienteering activities. This acted as a training prelude to July's Silver Buckle competition weekend. Which saw us taking part in competitions and tasks against other teams of Scouts in the District. There were a few finalists from our teams for the rifle shooting and archery.

September we took part in the district fishing competition at Southend Farm in Waltham Abbey and again as a District our survival weekend. This entailed the Scouts building shelters to sleep out in, maintain fires for cooking all weekend, undertaking tasks building camp gadgets and impressively skinning and preparing rabbits for stew.

In November we had an excellent turnout for our Remembrance Day parade.

December, not only did we manage to get out and support the Santa Sleigh tour, We went out on a night time hike, walking from Cuffley back to our HQ with a sleepover and breakfast.

Who says kids are only interested in Gaming and technology.

Finally, we finished the year with a large number of Scouts, over 30. We shall see what 2023 brings.

Paul, Billy, Brad and Rob

Group Chair AGM Report for January – December 2022:

Well, it's been a good year at 1st Cheshunt scout group filled with activities for the children and some great fundraising for the group.

It's been lovely to see the enjoying activities including a great turn out for the remembrance parade and seeing everyone looking smart.

I would like to give a big thank-you to all the leaders, helpers and exec members that work so hard and give up their time for 1st Cheshunt Scout Groups members. It's not just the hours on a section night they give up, but the evenings planning a fun packed programme for all the children to enjoy and the help they give for all the fundraising too.

For the group to continue to thrive and raise money for the group and children, we need to have some parents to help. We are very lucky at 1st Cheshunt to have a great group of leaders that help with all our fundraising events and organizing them. It would be great to see some new friendly faces to join our exec committee to help us with new events and current fundraising activities. Its important to be able to do our fundraising to help maintain our HQ, subsidise activities and getting equipment that supports all your children and their experiences in scouting.

So please note this year we are hoping to hold our fireworks display, a Christmas Fayre, and of course Santa's Sleigh. After the meeting, I will be coming round to chat to you all and see what opportunities there are for yourselves to support the group this year.

I would like to say a big thank you to Sarah Barford who has been our Group Exec Secretary, for all her hard work the last few years and has stepped down from the role. This does mean we are looking for someone to fill this role and help support the Group in its management. If you are interested in this, or any other ways of supporting the Group please come and speak to any of us at the end of the formal meeting.

Again, a Big Thank you to everyone that has supported the group this year and I look forward a more active Scouting year and can't wait to see all you parents supporting the group and joining the exec this year.

Stacey

Group Chair

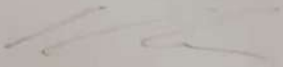
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22914.94	Fund Raising	27361.50
0.00	Interest Income	7.23
3315.00	Hut Hire	5771.25
0	Adjustments	
34227.84	Total Income	48372.56
	EXPENSES	
2952.20	Membership fees	3900.00
1792.45	General Section Expenses	2273.42
2876.90	Activities (including camps)	5335.61
2163.08	Fund Raising	7538.43
848.57	Insurance	1102.62
2384.81	Utilities (Light, power, water, electric)	2111.45
3151.06	Cleaning	2889.48
458.33	Repairs	4155.50
500.00	Equipment (group)	1996.47
736.01	Equipment (HQ)	
14.74	Bank charges	177.86
17878.15	TOTAL EXPENSES	31480.84
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Ian Clibbon

Just a reminder please ensure all receipts are attached to all claims, there was a small number missing.

A deposit of £100 has not been cashed even though a cheque has been sent back twice this has been added back into the Hut Hire income.

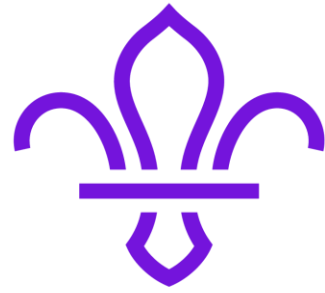
The new banking arrangements have made the audit much easier to follow and complete.

1ST CHESHUNT SCOUT GROUP

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22nd June 2022

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1st Cheshunt Scout Group

AGM 1st July 2021 Minutes

Apologies

Brad, Reg, Colin, Stacey F

Present

Paul, Val, Santo, Jamie, Rob, Stacey A, Billy, Jon, Tracy, Sarah, Matthew, Jack Medhurst,

Minutes of Last Annual General Meeting

As per AGM Report provided

Chairman Report

As per AGM Report provided

Treasurer Report

As per AGM Report provided

Nomination of Chairman

Stacey Arnold Elected – Approved by Paul Mills, seconded by Val Greyson

Nomination of Secretary

Sarah Barford Elected – Approved by Paul Mills, seconded by Jon Middleton

Nomination of Treasurer

Val Greyson Elected – Approved by Jon Middleton, seconded by Jamie Murray

Approval of nominated members of the Group Executive Committee

Approved by Val, seconded by Santo – to be confirmed when we're back to face-to-face meetings

Election of members of the Group Executive Committee

If any leaders decide not to continue on the exec committee, they have a choice to leave. No response to leave. Approved by Jon and seconded by Santo

Appointment of an Independent Examiner

Ian Clibbon Appointed – Approved by Santo, seconded by Jon

Section Leaders Reports

As per AGM Report provided

Presentation of Awards

Presentation of Awards – Due to Covid-19 this will be held later in the year

Remarks by the District Commissioner’s Representative Jack Medhurst

“You have the DC's report and from the district AGM so that's where we start with district point of view. And I'll just like to forward on my thanks to each and every one of you, the parents, our youth members and for all that you’ve be doing in exceptionally tough times and the DC appreciates that, and if there is anything that we can do, please let us know. Thank you all very much for all that you're doing great work”.

Any other business

None

Date of next meeting

TBC

Group Manager Report - 1st Cheshunt

Following the submission of the group annual census, our numbers as of the 1st January 2022 stood at 78 youth members an increase of 20 from the previous year. With pandemic restrictions being eased and sections getting back to normal scouting I expect numbers will continue to increase over the next 12 months. The increase in youth membership is down to the fantastic leader we have, and I would like to take this opportunity to thank them for the continued commitment during these challenging times.

At the end of this 2021 Reg Chapman took a step back from being section leader of Stags Cubs a position he held for over 20 years and on behalf of 1st Cheshunt Scout Group I would like to thank him for his hard work and dedication in running the section, he has kindly agreed to remain as assistant cub scout leader and support Bex who has taken over as section leader.

Our other cub pack Badgers, also has a new section leader Santo. Since taking over the section the number in the pack has increased due to the hard work of himself and his leader team.

I am sure with the support of the leader team within 1st Cheshunt we can continue to grow as a group.

I would also like to thank Stacey our group chair and the committee, which is formed of leaders and parents for the help with keeping the group and the headquarters going through very challenging times. Unfortunately, covid has had a big impact on regular bookings and currently the building is costing more to run, than we are receiving income. Something that we hope to be able to reverse in the near future.

We have continued with fundraising where possible, with both the annual sleigh, November Fayre and Group dinner and dance taking place in the last year. These events have enabled us to replace some of the tents used by beavers, cubs and scouts.

To free up the leaders and enable them to concentrate on the running of their sections, we do require additional parent support on the group executive. We only meet about 6 times a year for a few hours in the evening. If you can offer your support, it would be appreciated.

Finally, my thanks to everyone who has helped in the last year, parents and leaders. Without your help and support the group would not be able to continue.

Paul Mills

Group Manager

TREASURER REPORT 2021



As you can see, we still have healthy balances, but this is chiefly thanks to Broxbourne Council who have supported us during the pandemic by donating £12k in 2020 and a further £16,097 during 2021 which shows under fundraising.

HQ income has improved a little, but the outgoings still exceed our income although, as a group, the months we were meeting we transferred £160 to help towards this, we were still nearly £3500 short. Thankfully we did have a healthy balance at the start of the year, but we still had to pay the usual utility bills and the cleaner, who kept the building sanitised whilst we were shut. We desperately need to push for more parties and regular users. To help keep the HQ up to scratch we purchased a new cooker, and the leaders gave up time to give the building a once over.

Unfortunately, we did not feel comfortable holding the fireworks display as there had been another local out-break of COVID. We would have felt responsible, and our reputation would have been in tatters. We did manage to hold the Christmas Fayre, dinner dance and the Santa Sleigh. During the course of the year, the fund-raising committee purchased and did up a new trailer for the sleigh. All sections, leaders and committee members took part in the 2 weeks we walked round Cheshunt. We had been missed by the community and as such they were very generous, we received many a thank you, Facebook comments and raised over £3000.

The fundraising committee paid the £2952 capitalisation fees plus gave each section £200 towards activities.

As a result of HSBC starting to charge us £5 per month per account, plus cheque/cash fees we had to take the decision to close Beavers, Badgers and Scouts accounts with Stags closing early 2022. All payments in now go direct through the group account and during 2022 we are looking at transferring all the banking to a bank that allows us to do dual control internet banking which meets the scout's association 2 signature rules.

Val

Treasurer.

1st CHESHUNT INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNTS 2021

2020	For The Year ending 31 st December	2021
	INCOME	
2955.09	Membership fee's including subs	5028.90
702.50	Activities (including camps)	2969.00
13496.60	Fund Raising	22914.94
0.00	Interest Income	0
3198.74	Hut Hire	3315.00
131.56	Adjustments	0
20484.49	Total Income	34227.84
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1708.26	General Section Expenses	1792.45
888.72	Activities (including camps)	2876.90
802.05	Fund Raising	2163.08
760.52	Insurance	848.57
2887.27	Utilities (Light, power, water, electric)	2384.81
3289.06	Cleaning	3151.06
125.00	Repairs	458.33
307.05	Equipment (group)	500.00
1197.75	Equipment (HQ)	736.01
	Bank charges	14.74
16393.98	TOTAL EXPENSES	17878.15
4090.51	Surplus (deficit for the year)	16349.69
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2509.43	Group Account	4622.50
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7.00	Badgers (Cubs)	Closed
19.56	Stags (Cubs)	776.04
7.00	Scouts	Closed
34501.89	TOTAL FUNDS	50851.58

Due to COVID limited fundraising was undertaken during 2021.

The £22914.94 showing as fundraising is made up of £16097 from Broxbourne Council COVID fund.

During the year Fund Raising paid the membership fee of £2952.20, gave each section £200 and paid £500 for the new Santa Sleigh.

Due to HSBC starting to charge for banking services it was decided that Badgers, Beavers and Scouts accounts be closed with Stags closing 2022. All section fees & activities will now go through the Group account.

I certify the above income and expenditure account represents a true and fair view of the financial position of the organisation on a group basis.

Ian Clibbon

BEAVERS REPORT FOR THE YEAR 2021



Sad to say, COVID stayed

We decided, due to the pressures parents were experiencing working from home and home schooling, that we would not do zoom meetings but get back asap. I am pleased to say, as soon as restrictions lifted, we were the first group back. We had 30 beavers (more than we should have) split between 2 sessions, 5 till 6 and 6.30 till 7.30. Observing strict guidelines and cleaning HQ between meetings, open windows and doors. We continued using beaver's own folders, pencil cases and scrap books that we bought for them in 2020.

As soon as we could we got the beavers all back together which in itself was hard work as it had been over a year before we all met.

Since April we tried to give a varied programme which as the year wore on got better.

We undertook keep fit, drew maps and then walked around Cheshunt finding different places. Had fun doing the new money badge when they learnt it was better to save. They were all given sweets if they managed not to eat them and took them home, bringing them back the following week, they got more packets.

As part of a badge, they cleaned the HQ grounds, as a reward they cooked marshmallows on BBQ's. They had fun and at the end of the evening their faces were a sticky picture.

The Lea Valley Park rangers came to see us along with their dogs and explained safety. They were so impressed with the children's behaviour that they meet us when we did the end of term walk to McDonalds. Jamie Barnes (a former beaver) joined us for the walk and bought some of his creepy crawlies and animal skeletons with him, giving a brilliant nature talk.

Unfortunately, for another year, we couldn't hold our beaver and parent camp, but we did manage to hold a sleepover in October which 15 beavers attended. Although, for many it was their 1st night away from parents, we only had 1 child who was a little upset, and it wasn't the one we expected. Again, due to COVID restrictions, when the group had their delayed Christmas camp, beavers could only stay until dinner time. They enjoyed the time they were there, fingers crossed, next time in 2023 most will be cubs and can stay the whole weekend.

They have helped raise funds by collecting chocolates for a hamper used at the Christmas fayre with so much donated that we could do another one for the raffle at the group's dinner dance. They also helped at the Santa Sleigh where we received many 'Thank you's' from the

local community. The 2 Mondays they helped we raised £880 which was fantastic and has been used towards purchasing new tents at the beginning of 2022.

We have tried to make our investitures as memorable occasions as possible. So, parents could see, we did many out-side under the flagpole which was impressive when the Remembrance Day display was out. We also invested at St Mary's Church when we had a very interesting evening there.

We also had a great response to the Remembrance Day parade. Considering they haven't been able to do parades for a couple of years they looked very impressive and were well behaved.

COVID restrictions have now lifted but we are still feeling the impact in East Herts. We had 12 groups but have had 2-fold and a further 2 beaver colonies unable to start back due to lack of leader support and children. This is having an impact on our massive waiting list, and I am trying to get as many children through as possible often having more with us than we should. We are keeping ratios within strict safety guidelines and feel bad when we have to say no you can't join or go on the list. This is also having an impact on cubs as our beavers have first refusal on spaces.

Let's hope 2022 sees these colonies back up and running.

My thanks go to my righthand man Jon, Tracey and Rose who both enjoyed helping that they agreed to stay and Ian who unfortunately due to work and family commitments is unable to be here as much as he would like.

Val

BSL – ADC Beavers



1st Cheshunt Annual Cub (Badgers) Report January - December 2021

January 2021 and Covid restrictions still in place so Cubs weekly meeting was still via zoom. With our thinking hats on we came up with ideas to entertain the children over a computer screen. With being stuck at home we came up with (Evacuation items).

List or show us 5 essential items the cubs would pack in an evacuation situation, let me tell you there was some very interesting things the cubs really thought were Essential.

Thankfully we were able to return Face to Face meetings again and that's when the fun started.

With the massive help from Mr Paul Mills guiding me, Me and the team with the weather on our side took to the great outdoors and went over to Lee Valley for a hike. With more Cubs on board and again with the help from this time Mr Rob Greyson we taught the Cubs how to start a fire in the HQ garden using natural materials.

Once again with the weather on our side we took to using the field at HQ to complete the Cubs Athletics badge taking part in various sport games in their groups. And there's the Cubs thinking they were just having fun.... into split groups we took the Cubs around Cheshunt high street litter picking with black bags and litter pickers in hand to complete their Environment badge.

Off to 1st Wormley HQ for the Cubs to try their hand at rifle shooting, as predicting their loved it.

And at long last the Cubs finally got to take part in the Remembrance Parade, we got a little wet, but they loved it, fantastic turn out.

With our new Santa Sleigh ready and Father Christmas strapped in, the Cubs took to the streets to follow Santa on his route, I think the parents enjoyed it more than the Cubs did.

The one I had personally been dreading but at the same time very excited for the Cubs, it was my first time taking the Cubs away since taking over to Tolmers for the weekend to celebrate Christmas camp. An absolute brilliant turnout from all parts especially the Cubs who were incredibly well behaved.

I would like to thank our young leaders Oliver and Mia in helping with the group each week, I would like to thank my wife Rose for helping me sort out everything I leave to the last minute, I would all so like to thank Paul Mills in helping me and guiding me in running my section of 25 Cubs that I have been very privileged to have.

Thank you to all the parent in their support and very kind words each week and a big thank you to all the children.

I want to say big thank you to Jamie for all his help and support especially with all the computer work. And I think he will agree in giving a MASSIVE MASSIVE thank you to Caitlin for coming back to the group and helping us both we really could not do it without her.

MANY THANKS TO YOU ALL, SANTO. (Akela)

1st Cheshunt "Stags" Cub Pack 2021 Report

2021 saw us returning with Covid Restrictions in place, so weekly zoom meetings continued where we channelled our inner Mary Berry to make some sweet treats!

Fortunately, restrictions only lasted a short time, and we were able to return face to face. Was lovely to finally meet our new members in person rather than through a computer screen. Full advantage was taken, and a packed program commenced where we learnt how to manage a series of illnesses/injuries as we completed our Emergency Aid badge. The cubs also spent an evening at Tolmers playing wide games and enjoying a sausage sizzle and marshmallow cones toasted on a fire.

The cubs "took flight" where they flew paper airplanes – a task towards their "Our Skills" Challenge badge. The lighter evenings meant we could race around Cedars Park on our scooters looking for the information plaques to answer our quiz questions.

Our postponed camp went ahead at Tolmers where we partook in cub skills like fire-lighting, scavenger hunts and of course, an expedition through the woods ending in the mud slide! The cubs also enjoyed Kayaking, shooting and archery. All skills needed towards the "Outdoors" Challenge badge.

Of course, our end of term evening had to finish with S'mores which were enjoyed by cubs and leaders alike!

Autumn terms saw the cubs recycling plastic water bottles to make an underwater scene. They also made keyrings out of shrunken crisp packets.

End of year had the cubs making Christmas crafts and getting into the festive spirit by joining in with the Santa Sleigh.

I would like to thank Reg for, despite health concerns, returned to Stags to help support me transition to Akela. I would also like to thank Millie for her continued support and Paul Fletcher for setting up zoom meetings and helping when needed, and of course not forgetting Colin. A big thank you to all the cubs, and their parents, who have remained loyal and returned despite the Covid Restrictions. Thank you all!

Bex

1st Cheshunt Scout Section Yearly Report for January – December 2021

Well, the Start of the year saw us returning still in Covid restrictions and persevering with Zoom sessions, thankfully a distant memory now, this included online museum tours, scavenger hunts and cooking at home.

April onwards

As soon as the cessation of restrictions allowed, we went head on into as many activities as possible. First up was a hike to Tolmers from HQ on hot Saturday afternoon, which included learning fire lighting skills and shelter building.

The summer term also saw us taking on cycling evenings around Lea Valley and 12 Scouts were able to take part in climbing training which included learning to fit and secure harnesses correctly and safely attach themselves to climbing ropes, this concluded with a practical session at The Young Mariners Base, climbing, traversing and abseiling.

Autumn Term

Returning after the school holidays began with the yearly District fishing competition. We had several younger Scouts take part in the introductory element in which we taught them some basic fishing skills, all catching plenty of fish. We also had a Scout gain a medal for their catch in the older age category.

October saw us undertake an expedition challenge, where patrols planned their own meals and elements of the challenge. We undertook a hike to Gilwell on possibly the wettest day of the year, despite the horrendous conditions the large turnout of Scouts had an excellent weekend, thankfully the weather turned for the better on the Sunday for the walk back.

Remembrance Day parade returned this November, which saw us march with a great turnout.

Finally, December was a busy month. December camp returned to Tolmers for us, which included a day around London, we had a beautiful day ice skating at Greenwich in the grounds of the National Maritime Museum and the Royal Observatory. Several Scouts were able to be invested on the Temple Bar arch, at Paternoster Square. This the emblem on the 1st Cheshunt scarf and used to be in the grounds of Theobalds House in Cheshunt.

The Scouts gave us a fantastic turnout and support for the Santa's sleigh run, many of the section supported the Cubs and Beavers on their nights too, which was lovely to see.

Despite the interruptions to the start of the year due to Covid, we hope we put on plenty of activities and opportunities to help support our Scouts move forwards with their time with us.

Paul, Billy, Brad and Rob

Group Chair AGM Report for January – December 2021

Well, it's been a good year starting to get back to some normal activities for the children and some fundraising for the group.

Like for all Scout groups in the UK, it's been a challenging couple of years for 1st Cheshunt Scout Group. But because of all the hard work I have seen from all of 1st Cheshunt's leaders and exec members, we have managed to put together some fantastic Zoom based activities for the Beavers, Cubs & Scouts and resuming face-to-face meetings again after easter. It's been lovely to see the children getting back together and enjoying activities including Great turn out for the remembrance parade and seeing everyone looking smart.

I would like to give a big thank-you to all the leaders and helpers that work so hard and give up their time for 1st Cheshunt scout group. It's not just the hours on a section night they give up, but the evenings planning a fun packed programme for all the children to enjoy. Also, the help they give for all the fundraising.

For the group to continue to thrive and raise money for the group and children, we need to some parents to help. Due to covid we haven't been able to recruit any new parents to our exec committee to help. It would to be great to see some new friendly faces to join.

Thanks to some large grants from Broxbourne Council and the fundraising achievements of previous years, we have managed to come through this period relatively well, despite the loss of many forms of income and fundraising events this year and still facing significant financial commitments. It really does show the importance in everyone supporting our fundraising activities, this helps maintain our HQ, subsidise activities and equipment that supports all your children and their experiences in Scouting. So please note this year we are hoping to hold our fireworks display, a Christmas Fayre, dinner dance and of course Santa's Sleigh. After the meeting, I will be coming round to chat to you all and see what opportunities there are for yourselves to support the group this year.

Again, a Big Thank you to everyone that has supported the group this year and I look forward a more active Scouting year and can't wait to see all you parents supporting the group and joining the exec this year.

Stacey

Group Chair