

19TH WIMBLEDON SCOUT GROUP

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Details

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Activities

Objects: SCOUT GROUP.

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Classification

- **How:** Provides Human Resources
- **What:** Education/training
- **Who:** Children/young People

Geography

- **Area of benefit:** WIMBLEDON
- Merton
- Surrey

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-03-31	£91,796	£52,454	-	-
2024-03-31	£90,394	£56,838	-	-
2023-03-31	£83,373	£55,286	-	-
2022-03-31	£78,250	£53,322	-	-
2021-03-31	£44,252	£43,139	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Rosalind Barnes	Chair	2013-12-30
Adrian Carroll Chapman		
David Godden		2016-07-03
Ian Haynes		
James Bowyer		2023-06-17
Nicola Hawkey		2023-06-17
Paul Philip Wilkins		
Richard Andrew Bowyer		
Somnath Basu		2024-06-29
Tony Semin Kim		2025-11-24

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2025 Annual Report



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AGENDA for 2025 Annual General Meeting

1. Apologies for Absence
2. Minutes of the 2024 AGM
3. Matters Arising from the Minutes
4. Presentation of the Annual Report
5. Presentation of the Annual Statement of Accounts
6. Charity Governance
7. Appointment of Group Chair
8. Appointment of Group Treasurer
9. Election of other members of the Trustee Board
10. Appointment of Independent Examiner
11. Presentations
12. Any Other Business



GROUP CHAIR'S INTRODUCTION

I am delighted to be able to introduce this year's Annual Report. Each of the reports from the Sections provides information about what the young people have been able to experience over the past twelve months and I commend the Leadership teams for their continuing enthusiastic efforts to provide interesting and challenging programmes for our Beavers, Cubs, Scouts and Explorers. I will leave you to read the reports to find out more about our activities over the year all of which make a positive contribution towards our aims.

Scouting exists to actively engage and support young people in their personal development, empowering them to make a positive contribution to society. The progress of young people across our sections can be clearly seen by the large number of badges awarded each term, which are always well received by the youngsters who really enjoy seeing their hard work reap benefits.

It is extremely satisfying to see young people of Explorer age offering their help with our Cubs and Beaver sections as Young Leaders, using the knowledge and experience that they gained from when they were going through the sections in their younger years to help deliver the programme to others and acting as brilliant role models to the young people. Thanks very much to the Raynes Park Explorer Scout Unit for their support within the Group, it is really appreciated.

It has been a challenging time for our adult volunteers as the Scout Association have transformed the way that we work, this has required each of us to manage significant change and get to grips with a new team approach to our work and a new computer system that underpins all of the records and training requirements. As can be expected with new systems, some hiccups have been experienced during the transition period, and we hope that the process becomes more streamlined, and easy to manage in the months to come. I'd like to extend my thanks to all of our adult volunteers for their patience whilst the new system has been introduced to us all.

One of the aims of the new system is to make life easier for new volunteers. This is an aim that we would wholeheartedly support. We are desperate for more adult volunteers to help us deliver the best Scouting programmes that we can. Many of our current leaders are reaching a point where they will be retiring soon and we really need to have people



who can join us now, learn from our experienced leaders, and be ready to step up to lead sections over the new few years.

The new team approach recognises that people lead increasingly busy lives and do not have a lot of spare time. Tasks can now be shared across a number of volunteers to reduce having too much work falling to the section leaders. Core training has to be completed by all volunteers, but this is now able to be completed online at a time to suit the individual volunteer. If anyone is interested in volunteering with us, please let us know so that we can tell you more and find a suitable role for you!

There are many people involved with the Group who are not seen by parents or our young people, but who give their time to undertake tasks that enable us to function successfully, these include roles like managing our money; looking after our joining list and inviting children to join us when they reach the correct age. Our website, social media activity and notice boards all need to be kept up to date, along with the work needed to comply with the Charity Commission's requirements. I would like to extend thanks to all those people working behind the scenes, we could not run the Group without you!

Our buildings and the land surrounding them continue to provide an excellent base for our Scouting activities as well as providing opportunities for other organisations to run their programmes. I would like to thank Paul Wilkins for his continued vigilance and work in keeping our site in good order and dealing with the various repair and maintenance issues that arise during the year.

I would also like to thank our external users who always cooperate with us and help us to manage the site for the benefit of all. We are fortunate to be able to offer space for a wide variety of activities which bring people of all ages into the site each week and help us to be a major asset for the local community.

One of our buildings, the Explorer Hut, is now reaching the end of its life and we are currently looking into whether we can redevelop the hut and bring it up to a similar standard as our main hall. Watch this space as we will bring forward more information on a possible scheme later this year!

Finally, after the first full year of our Trustee Board, following the changes brought in by the transformation project, I would like to thank my fellow Board members for their efforts during the year. We have sought some additional Trustee Board members in the run up to this AGM and I hope that we will be able to appoint a few more Board members to further strengthen our numbers and to ensure that we are well placed to deal with the challenges ahead.

Ros Barnes (Group Chair)

GROUP LEAD VOLUNTEER'S REPORT



This Scout Group is a large Group compared with many in the local borough, we have a Trustee Board who oversee the Governance of how we operate as a charity and Group volunteers who achieve the objectives of Scouting on an operational basis. That said the real essence of Scouting is the participation of the young people and their families as a community that has been brought together for the purpose of Scouting, and using Scouting to make an impact on their lives going forward.

This past year has seen a review of how Scouting is to be delivered and how to engage with new adult volunteers, to be more open and focused for the public to be able to see what we do as a charity and movement. This inevitably means change and more training to ensure everything we do is safe, correct and is focussed on the safety and safeguarding of the young people who are Scout members.

There has been demographic change in the area which has resulted in schools and other youth groups finding a 'shortage of children' for certain ages. This coupled with some volunteers coming to the latter part of their service- it is now even more important to focus on the future of this Scout Group, as part of the local community. It is important for us to keep in touch with the community for volunteer recruitment and for people to assist in a wide variety of tasks.

For the volunteers who have tirelessly given their time freely over the past year, I thank you for making the 19th Wimbledon Scout Group the success it is.

Please take the time to take an interest in the Scouting activities your child participates in, as it really does help to shape their lives, it did mine.

Paul Wilkins (Group Lead Volunteer)



OAKWOOD BEAVER COLONY REPORT



Oakwood Beavers have had another busy year with lots of fun activities allowing us to learn lots of new skills, make lots of new friends, achieve lots of badges and have plenty of fun along the way.

We were lucky with the early autumn weather and continued our outdoor fun up until almost the half term while completing our Communicator and Safety Activity Badges. In October we joined the Mayhew Beavers and both Cub Packs for the Beaver and Cub sleepover. We had a fantastic story-teller who kept us entertained with African wildlife stories and plenty of interactive moments for the Beavers and Leaders too. After a movie and a fairly short night's sleep, we enjoyed a traditional outside camp breakfast before heading home to catch up on any missed Zzzzzz.

Once the darker evenings kept us indoors, we had fun with piles of Lego and taking some lessons from our sleepover storytelling and some great teamwork, we entertained each other with short stories using our Lego creations and characters.

We finished the autumn term with our usual Christmas crafts including a Rudolph tree decoration made from clothes pegs. The grand finale was a Christmas party before a much-practiced hand bell performance for the parents and carers.

The spring term always gives lots of excuses for enjoying some different food. We celebrated Burns Night with Haggis, Neeps 'n' Tatties and had great fun doing an online dance lesson where we learned and almost mastered the Two Step. We welcomed in the Year of the Snake with Chinese New Year activities including a Chase the Dragon Tail game, making handprint dragons and eating noodles. Coming back from the half term break, we enjoyed marking Pancake Day with some of Squirrel's legendary Scotch pancakes. As part of our gastronomic adventure we learned about healthy eating, and joined in some online fitness classes, measuring the impact on our heartbeat, to gain our Health and Fitness Activity badge.

We had an adventurous and very competitive evening with indoor archery and ended the term making tissue paper flowers for Mother's Day which completed our Creative Activity badge.



The first half of the summer term was a short one with a Bank Holiday Monday but the lovely weather enabled us to take advantage of the outdoors with some fun wide games and yes, more food as we toasted marshmallows and cooked damper bread twists on an open fire.

We have lots of plans for the second half of the summer term and fingers crossed for the

weather although we already had an evening building shelters using tarpaulins, ropes and trees. We'll also learn more outdoor skills, including pioneering and building a fire in preparation for our annual "Stranded on a Desert Island" team challenge. We also have our family treasure hunt/walk around Morley Park planned before the much requested water fight to end the summer term.

We've had and continue to have some amazing Young Leaders and Duke of Edinburgh Volunteers. Luke finished with us at Christmas as he prepares for A-levels and we really appreciated his contribution to the section over the twelve months. Ed has thankfully continued with us through his D of E Silver and Gold award. We've been joined by Adam and George who have already been busy getting the Beavers to be experts at Capture the Flag.

Thanks to everyone for their help this year, including Pauline (Squirrel), Rob (Hedgehog), Ed (Eagle), Adam (Bluebird) and George (Crow). We always welcome any help from parents and other volunteers so please let us know if you'd like to join in our fun and help in whatever capacity.

Suzanne Clark (Robin)

MAYHEW BEAVER COLONY



This past year has been a fun and rewarding one for the Mayhew Beavers, characterised by a variety of enriching activities and events. One of the year's highlights is the annual Beaver and Cub sleepover. This is a super introduction to a night away experience (for some their first and a daunting first time away from home). Surprisingly more sleep was achieved this year than in previous years, to the delight of the leaders!

Two more standout highlights were the District Beaver Fun Day, which brought together Beavers from across the District for a day of fun, activities, forming friendships and teamworking, and the District Laser Tag event, which despite being a winter event (coming with the obligatory mud and puddles) was also a fantastic experience, offering excitement, competition and teamwork.

Over the course of the year, the Beavers took part in numerous meetings that covered various topics geared toward skill development. Activities such as shelter building, nature scavenger hunts, fire lighting and toasting with marshmallows, knots, and the Communicator badge tasks helped teach essential skills, with sessions filled with games allowing for some relaxed fun (but still covering badgework) especially when competing for jelly beans!!



Other noteworthy meetings included cooking pancakes and Health and Fitness sessions, which combined delicious treats with important lessons about health. We've also covered sessions on the Countryside Code, Money and Disability Awareness, and helping the Beavers understand a little more about the world around them.

As we did the year before, we prepared Christmas cards and crackers for the residents of a local care home. This time though the Beavers delivered their cards and gifts themselves, as we spent an evening with the residents singing some well-practiced Christmas favourites and dusting off the handbells to supplement our singing. Our visit was well received by the residents and staff at the home.

It is particularly significant to note that this year we had the honour of presenting seven Chief Scout Bronze Awards. This accomplishment reflects the hard work of those Beavers who have embraced the spirit of Scouting, and it serves as an inspiration for all members to continue to work towards achievements and push themselves.

Of course, the above would not be possible without a dedicated team of adult volunteers. I would therefore like to take this opportunity to our Thursday Beavers leadership team, consisting of Denise, Ros (who will now be moving to the Mayhew Cubs), Rebecca, James and our two young leaders, Finlay and Sam. They are all integral to the ongoing success of the colony and the opportunities it provides to our members. We are also excited to have recently welcomed Emma to our team.

Looking ahead, there are many exciting activities planned for the upcoming year, promising even more fun, opportunities to earn badges, and awards as we also look forward to a big District celebration to mark the 40th anniversary of Beavers. This milestone offers a great occasion to reflect what Beavers has already achieved and what it still has to offer for at least another 40 years and hopefully beyond!

Our membership is obviously key, so I would also like to extend my thanks to the Beavers themselves. Each week they bring energy and enthusiasm to our sessions.



Thank you also to our parents for their continued support. Your involvement is key to our success, and we encourage more parents to join in and contribute where they can. Here's to another year filled with fun experiences in Scouting!

Liz Strutt (Beaver Leader)

MAYHEW CUB PACK REPORT



This past year has been an active and engaging time for the Mayhew Cubs, highlighted by a variety of exciting events and meaningful experiences. Among the notable activities, the Cubs had a fantastic sleepover, which provided an excellent opportunity for everyone to experience a night away from home (whether it be their first night away or one of many). The District Paintball event swiftly followed the sleepover and ensured Cubs from across the District were able to participate in and enjoy a day of adventure, strategy and teamwork. A particularly touching moment occurred during the autumn term when we visited a local care home just before Christmas. The Cubs (alongside the Mayhew Beavers) sang and chatted with the residents, gifting them handmade cards and Christmas crackers. Our visit was well received by the residents and staff who joined in with our singing. It was a great way of showcasing the importance of community and kindness within Scouting.



Throughout the year, the Cubs engaged in a range of meetings, focusing on essential skills such as shelter building, map reading, and fire lighting. Special sessions on international themes helped broaden their perspectives, while practical sessions covered important subjects like disability awareness and healthy eating. The variety of meetings ensured that each child had the chance to learn, play, and develop their skills in a supportive environment whilst always working towards badges. Whilst we were unsuccessful at placing at the District Chess competition, the Cubs were again given a valuable opportunity to compete against other Cubs in a very popular afternoon.

I would like to express a big thank you to our dedicated team of leaders: Denise and Rebecca, and our young leaders: Tony, Kai, Sophia and Andrew. Thanks also to Ros who has moved up from the Mayhew Beavers to assist with the



Mayhew Cubs. Everyone's commitment and enthusiasm certainly makes a difference, introducing the Cubs to new challenges and experiences, and fostering personal growth.

Looking ahead, we have an exciting year planned with even more Scouting activities for the Cubs to look forward to. This will include a mix of skill-building sessions, community engagement, and adventurous outings that will continue to encourage our Cubs to explore and grow.

Finally, we want to thank the children for making the year an enjoyable one and express our gratitude to the parents for their ongoing support. Your involvement greatly enhances our community and helps us create a memorable Scouting experience for all. We encourage any parents looking to become more involved to consider participating as leaders or volunteers to help shape the future of our group.



We are looking forward to another wonderful year of Scouting, where the Cubs will continue to learn, grow, and have fun together.

Liz Strutt (Raksha)

OAKWOOD CUB PACK REPORT

cubs Once again it has been a busy year as we offer a full and varied programme for the Cubs ensuring they develop skills, are able to work together and have fun. Over the course of the year, we do activities that cover the seven Challenges which are Adventure, Outdoor, Personal, Skills, Teamwork, Team Leader and World. It is quite an achievement therefore, for Cubs to gain their Chief Scout Silver Award as they must complete all these challenges as well six activity badges and camp at least three nights away from home. We are therefore very pleased that six children have managed to achieve their Silver Award during the year. Other badges that have been gained this year include Backwoods Cooking, Road Safety, Emergency Aid Stage 2, Entertainer and Artist.

Children also have a say in what they would like to do each term through our six forums when they can put forward their own ideas and vote for their favourites. The summer term is by far the favourite as this is when we can go outside and light fires to toast marshmallows and





make s'mores and twists. Other ideas this term have included biscuit decorating, which turned into a beetle drive, wide games and still to come a crazy sports evening at the end of term. As part of our service to the community we have been litter picking in our local area and collected three bags of rubbish. Well done to all the Cubs.

During our Cub meetings we get to play lots of games. Some team games or activities involve problem solving and encourage the children to work together. Other activities involve arts and crafts and this year the children were particularly proud of their Mother's Day gifts and cards. We hope our mums enjoyed them just as much.

We also like to do things outside of our normal meeting and this can often be through a District event. Back in October the Cubs had the opportunity to go paintballing and this year teams have taken part in the swimming gala; the chess competition and we entered a team on the District Cub Hike. This was like a scavenger hunt in Morden Hall Park which earned the children their first Hike badge. We also took part in the St George's Day Parade. This is an opportunity for all members of Wimbledon and Wandle District to march through Wimbledon Village to Edge Hill parish church for a special service and to renew our promise. Finally, in a couple of weeks, we will also be going by coach to a Gilwell Fun Day with other packs from Wimbledon and Wandle District.

A particular highlight of every year is our Cub camp which took place at Frylands Wood at the beginning of May. We share the weekend with the Mayhew Cubs allowing the older children to sleep in tents outside while the younger ones are in the hut. At camp the children were able to do lots of activities including climbing, the assault course, grass sledging, pond dipping, and a blindfold trail. The younger





children learned how to put up a tent and everyone had a go on the bouncy castle and took on the challenge of being a gladiator. Everyone also got the opportunity to light fires and cook bananas with chocolate buttons in the embers, a definite camp favourite.

Some different activities and events that have also been included in our programme this year has been the visit to St Matthew's Church where we met Father Alistar who showed us around the church and answered numerous Cub questions. This helped the Cubs gain 'My Faith' badge. We also entertained parents before Christmas with festive songs and poems as well as the Twelve Days of Christmas rewritten by our Young Leaders to give a Scouting twist to a traditional song. By contrast, in the Spring term we had an entertainment evening for the Cubs, where they learned some circus skills. It's been some years since we held this event, but it was still just as much fun. Hopefully none of the Cubs went home afterwards and tried to spin the family plates!

In October, we held our annual Cub and Beaver sleepover. This is a particularly good event for children who have never spent a night away from family and this year, after some games, we hired a storyteller to entertain the children before going to bed.

We also had good attendance for our annual family campfire evening in November, where leaders take it in turns to lead traditional songs that many parents, who were in the movement, probably remember from their own Scouting days. The Cubs themselves have some firm favourites - which are usually the action songs



and 'the repeat after me' songs. They are also getting good at learning the words to songs and you can often hear them singing on the way back from campfires.

In the summer term, we like to finish with something a bit different and last year we went to Dinosaur Golf. Luckily the rain held off while we were there, but it kept others away, so we more or less had the place to ourselves and were able to get a sneaky second go!

Finally, I would like to end our report by thanking the leaders who give up their time to ensure our Cubs get the best experience possible. We particularly value our wonderful Young Leaders for their energy and enthusiasm so thank you to Will, Becca, Evie and Immy and good luck to Will next year as he's off to Uni. Also thank you to Chris, Kiki and Laura for their support and to all our parents. We couldn't do it without you.

Mike Mayhew (Akela)

SCOUT TROOP REPORT

SCOUTS This past year has included numerous activities for our Scout Troop, providing various productive and enjoyable opportunities for the Scouts. A highlight was undoubtedly our Summer Camp at Hopehill, a wonderful experience where our Scouts developed their skills and teamwork in the great outdoors. Our Winter Camp in Dorking and the recent May Camp in Cobham contributed further to our adventure-filled year.

The Scouts visited the Fire Station in Wimbledon and the RNLI Lifeboat Station in Teddington, which provided valuable insights into community services and safety. We also managed to enjoy a festive ice skating outing during the Christmas season.

Joining the District Scout-Explorer paintballing has been a popular event with our Scouts and a great opportunity to catch up with some of our previous Scouts who have moved up to Explorers.





The watersports evening in Wimbledon Park allowed our Scouts to try new activities while learning about teamwork and safety on the water. Additionally, the PADI Discover Scuba experience in the swimming pool was a memorable moment for the older Scouts keen to delve below the surface.

During our weekly meetings, we undertook a range of engaging activities covering many skills, such as fire safety, camp skills, navigation, creative activities, teamwork and personal development. We joined other Scouts and organisations at ceremonies during the Remembrance Day Parade and the St George's Day Parade, reinforcing our respect for community and country.

Over the last year we were pleased to award over 200 badges, with many Scouts completing their Personal, Creative and Outdoor Challenge awards in addition to gaining Fire Safety, Nights Away, Hikes Away and Water Activities badges. Well done everyone, you should be proud of these achievements.

The Scout Troop currently has around forty members, aged 10 to 14. Over the last year we have welcomed new members from our Group's two Cub Packs but also said farewell for now to some older members who have moved up to the Raynes Park Explorer Scouts.

Looking ahead, we are excited for our Summer Camp at Broadstone Warren, which promises new adventures and opportunities for growth.



Thank you to our team of volunteers; Mick, Dick, James, Ian and Marina. Their dedication and hard work have been instrumental in creating an enjoyable environment for our Scouts; their support is sincerely appreciated.



To wrap up, I would like to thank the Scouts for their enthusiasm and participation throughout the year, making it a pleasure for all leaders involved. A big thank you also goes to all parents for their ongoing support and to the volunteers who diligently work behind the scenes to help our Group thrive. We look forward to another wonderful year of Scouting together.

Dave Godden (Scout Leader)

RAYNES PARK EXPLORER SCOUT UNIT REPORT



We have had another exciting year in the Explorer Scout section.

Thursday evenings have been their usual mix of fun and learning. We celebrated Chinese New Year again with the members organising the evening. We have had two evenings of self-defence and had two bushcraft evenings doing paracord crafts and whittling with Dan. We also spent one evening completing three Beaver Badges in one go! Our off-site evenings have included Zorb football, bowling and ice skating.

We have taken part in County and District events; ranging from Paintballing to Red Flare, and the St George's Day and Remembrance Day Parades.

We had a brilliant Summer Camp to Kandersteg in Switzerland. We joined with our Explorer Scout friends from both our District and also from Royal Kingston District for this exceptional expedition. We were a part of 126 Explorer Scouts and 26 adult leaders. Such a tremendous experience for all involved after literally years of planning lead by Dan Fellowes. Surely a 'once in a lifetime' experience.





We also had a group on the County organised Explorer Belt trip to Sweden. They had a great time taking part in such a unique opportunity. They had to travel by foot for ten days, carrying all their kit. They had to meet as many local people as possible, survive on a budget and complete several projects on the way. They all passed and were awarded their coveted belts!

We had great success with the Top Awards; increasing our tally of Chief Scout's Platinum Award and Diamond Awards. These are linked with the Duke of Edinburgh Bronze and Silver Awards. We have joined forces with other Districts and take part in the County award hike provision. Extremely well done to all those have gained these awards and many thanks to all the leaders who supported them.

Special mention goes to Jamie Umblijs who has been awarded both the King's Scout Award and the Duke of Edinburgh's Gold Award. Such a great achievement. Jamie also went on to be presented with the Scouts of the World award.

Another brilliant Unit tradition is helping other sections within the 19th Group and beyond. We currently have twelve members helping as Young Leaders at both Beaver Colonies and Cub Packs. They very much enjoy this and it is an integral part of their own individual award work. William Gardner is now 18 years old and he is the first for several years, in becoming a leader, to carry on helping whilst he is at university.

We are also working with all our Explorer Scouts that turn 18 during the year. We are investing them into the RPNSU (Raynes Park Network Scout Unit) whilst keeping them involved with Explorer Unit life and encouraging them to organise their own Network-only activities.

Thanks, as always, goes to our current team of Unit leaders. We have welcomed Dan as a new Team Member; transferring from Royal Kingston District after summer camp and has been a superb addition to our team. Thanks to Jamie, Alex, Kate, Mel and Nicky for their continued support. We are all looking forward to another exciting year of Explorer Scouting.

Neil McLauchlan (Explorer Scout Leader)

GROUP INFORMATION

The Headquarters Site of the 19th Wimbledon Scout Group and the Raynes Park Explorer Scout Unit is at 106 Cottenham Park Road, SW20 0SZ (at the junction with Oakwood Road).

The Group has links with St Matthew's (C of E) Church and the Sacred Heart (RC) Parish.

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MEMBERS OF THE TRUSTEE BOARD

2024-2025

Group Chair	Ros Barnes
Group Treasurer	Adrian Chapman
Group Lead Volunteer (GLV)	Paul Wilkins
Trustee (Leader)	Dave Godden, STL
Trustee (Leader, Admin)	Ian Haynes, STM
Trustee (Leader)	Richard Bowyer, STM
Trustee (Parent)	Nicola Hawkey
Trustee (Parent)	Taliotis Savvas
Trustee (Parent)	Somnath Basu
Trustee (Young Person Rep.)	James Bowyer, STM



'100 CLUB' WINNERS IN 2024

Jan	£15	Helen Jeon	Jul	£15	Barbara Chapman
	£15	Ian Haynes		£15	Lyn Jones
Feb	£15	Helen Jeon	Aug	£15	Jim Brook
	£15	Mark Steed		£15	Pauline Godden
Mar	£15	Eric de Regnaucourt	Sep	£15	Somnath Basu
	£15	Rosemary Matters		£15	Deborah Bishop
Apr	£15	Eric de Regnaucourt	Oct	£15	Adrian Chapman
	£15	Kevin Kilbane		£15	Chris Godden
May	£15	Faiza Waheed	Nov	£15	Nigel Bishop
	£15	Howard Rochford		£15	Barbara Chapman
Jun	£15	Eric de Regnaucourt		£15	Clare Insall
	£15	Chris Godden	Dec	£35	Chris Chapman
				£100	Aiden Farrugia

GROUP TREASURER'S REPORT

The accounts for the Group show that income exceeded expenditure by more than £37,000 in the financial year to 31 March 2025. Full accounts for the whole Group will be presented at the AGM.

Due to the continuing great demand from various groups to use our facilities our letting income remained strong at over £49,000. As we now have no loans to repay we have been able to invest our surplus to fund future redevelopments.

We raised approximately £2,000 over several years from The Giving Machine as commission donated from online purchases of goods, insurance, theatre tickets etc but this website has now closed. Our membership was transferred to a similar organisation called Give As You Live. Please consider joining this scheme to raise free donations. Details of it can be found in this booklet and under Fundraising on our Group website.

Many thanks to those who made other donations to the Group. The Gift Aid scheme which allows us to claim back tax on subscriptions continues to provide additional income but the percentage of people making a Gift Aid declaration has declined significantly in recent years. I would urge all parents who have not made one to do so if possible.

The 100 Club is an easy & fun way to raise money for the Group. It costs £1 a month (payable annually) to belong and 50% of all money received is given out in prizes. Many thanks to Gill Nicholson for running the Club. If you would like to join please email:

100club@19thwimbledonscouts.co.uk

Adrian Chapman (Group Treasurer)

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Minutes of the Twenty Second Annual General Meeting of the 19th Wimbledon Scout Group, held at Group Headquarters on 29th June 2024

Present: There were approximately thirty people present, including leaders, parents, friends and members of the Group Executive and District Team.

Welcome: The Group Chair, Ros Barnes, welcomed everyone and thanked them for attending.

1. **Apologies:** Apologies for absence were received from Matt French, Laura Paine, Neil McLaughlan, Chris Chapman. Also, this was an Explorers DofE Expedition weekend.
2. **Minutes:** The Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of 17th June 2023 were taken as read. Approval was proposed by the Chair, seconded by Mike Mayhew and agreed by the meeting.
3. **Matters Arising from the Minutes:** There were no matters arising.
4. **Annual Report:** The Group Chair presented the Annual Report. Ros Barnes thanked Ian Haynes for putting this together and all who had contributed to it. The demand for Scouting is as high as ever, with 131 young people in the Group. Paul Wilkins highlighted 'service' in his report and it is pleasing to see the number of Young Leaders we have now which really benefits the sections. As usual we are always looking for adult volunteers, especially in the Beaver and Cubs sections, so please ask friends, parents and relatives. James Tomkins has joined us as a Beaver Leader and is very welcome. Mike Mayhew has come back from retirement to lead the Oakwood Cubs again, but he will not be around forever, so it would be great if someone could work with him now to ease a transition. The Annual Report shows all the activities, weekly meetings and other events and Ros thanked the leaders for their efforts and time. Also, congratulated Rebecca Gregg, STL for achieving a nights away certificate.
5. **Annual Statement of Accounts:** The Treasurer, Adrian Chapman, presented the Annual Statement of Accounts for the year ending 31st March. He noted that all loans are fully paid off and surplus income could now be used for future improvement projects including work on the Explorer Hut. The lettings income continues to bring in a significant revenue for the Group. Mike Mayhew noted that the Gift Aid reclaim was a good amount and asked what percentage of parents have signed Gift Aid declarations. Adrian responded that it is the majority but the numbers have been falling recently and another marketing push is required.
6. **Charity Governance:** A number of charity governance points were agreed:
 - a. Group Constitution – no changes this year.

- b. RPESU Partnership Agreement – it was noted that an updated agreement had been signed earlier this year.
 - c. The charity's financial year is 1st April to 31st March.
 - d. The number of members to be appointed to the Trustee Board was proposed as 10 by the Chair and seconded by Mike Mayhew.
 - e. The quorums for the Scout Council, 20, and the Trustee Board, 8, were proposed by the Chair and seconded by Rebecca Gregg.
7. **Appointment of Group Chair:** Ian Haynes explained the new process being used by the Scout Association to appoint the Group Chair, the Group Treasurer and the other Trustees. An open process had been run leading up to the Group AGM to gather nominations and then Trustees would be appointed for one, two or three year terms, with no person serving for more than 9 years (starting from this meeting). Paul Wilkins, GSL, proposed Ros Barnes as Group Chair for a three year term, and a show of hands from the Group Council approved.
8. **Appointment of Group Treasurer:** The Chair proposed Adrian Chapman as Group Treasurer for a two year term, and a show of hands from the Group Council approved.
9. **Appointment of Other Members of the Trustee Board:** The following had been nominated through the open nomination process and were approved by a show of hands from the Group Council: leaders Dave Godden STL, Ian Haynes STM, Dick Bowyer STM all for two year terms; and parents Nicola Hawkey, Taliotis Savvas, and Somnath Basu for one year terms; with James Bowyer STM as a young person representative, also for a one year term.
10. **Appointment of Independent Examiner:** The Treasurer proposed that Michael Barnes continue as Independent Examiner, and this was seconded by Mike Mayhew.
11. **Presentations:** Paul Wilkins, GSL wanted to raise particular thanks to Dick Bowyer for helping out with the Beaver Fun Day to ensure leader numbers were sufficient.
12. **Any Other Business:** Ros Barnes, Chair held a 100 Club Draw live in the meeting with the help of some young people and the winners for May were numbers 78 and 44, and for June were 75 and 56. She also noted for any parents attending that subscriptions would be increasing in September from £45 to £50 per term to help meet rising costs.

Close of meeting: There being no other business, the meeting closed and the Chair invited everyone to stay for refreshments and to view the reports.

GROUP HQ - A SITE FOR THE COMMUNITY

Our site is used by many organisations offering a wide range of opportunities for sporting activities, play and education. We are really grateful to all our users who treat our site as their home and value it's facilities.

Details of all of the users are shown on our notice boards.

The *Little Forest Folk* nursery continue to use the site at the start and end of each day before taking their children onto the Common for their daytime activities.

Local Guide and Brownie groups also use the site, along with the Raynes Park Explorer Scout Unit and the local Polish Guide, Cub and Brownie groups. The outside space is particularly welcomed by these groups.

Playball have increased their use of the premises during the year and now hold regular holiday camps in school holidays as well as their regular sessions for pre-schoolers.

Curious Minds offer sessions for home schooled children providing opportunities for socialising and educating the children, and supporting the adults.

The *Kingston Wheelers* use our site as a base to gather before and after race events, and generously gave us a donation during the year as well as paying their letting fee. It is quite a sight to see such a large group of cyclists coming and going from the HQ!

Older people can come along and enjoy exercising with the *U3a Pilates* class and *Paracise* classes during the week.

We also welcomed the *Khayaal* theatre group who have started to use the hall regularly for their drama workshops.

The hall is also used for ad hoc events, including yoga, fund raisers and use of the site as a Polling station for elections.

We are very proud to be able to support the community with access to our site across the week and at the same time raise funds through our lettings fees to enable us to maintain and further develop the site and fund our own use.

Ros Barnes (Lettings)

lettings@19thwimbledonscouts.co.uk





FRIENDS OF THE 19TH (FON)

The 19th Wimbledon can trace its origins back over 110 years, and during that time many people have had an involvement one way or another with the Group or its predecessors.

We realise that whilst people move away or move on, they may still like to keep in contact with us, receive occasional news of the Group's activities, renew old acquaintances and receive invitations to important Group events. For this we have the "Friends of the 19th". We also hold occasional events for Friends, Leaders and Executive and Trustee members at Group HQ.

If you would like to become a Friend, then please contact:

Ian Haynes, FON, 19th Wimbledon Scout Group

friends@19thwimbledonscouts.co.uk

**We need tea makers,
activity planners, tidy-uppers
and helpers for as little or as much
time as you can spare.**

We meet on Monday, Tuesday or Thursday evenings to help our 6 to 11-year olds get going, get thinking and stuck into all kinds of things to give them skills for life. Every now and then that may well mean using a compass, but more often than not it's about confidence, speaking up, thinking on their feet and going for it.

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19TH WIMBLEDON SCOUT GROUP

Group registration number 41377 Registered charity number 303793
Receipts & Payments Account for the year ended 31 March 2025

2024	RECEIPTS	2025	2024	PAYMENTS	2025
17,645.00	Subscriptions	16,880.00	5,208.00	Scout Association membership	6,014.00
750.00	RPESU rent	750.00	0.00	Headquarters Rent	0.00
			294.51	Development	0.00
93.20	Donations	72.05	2,942.79	Maintenance	4,957.25
			552.44	Water	0.00
49,532.50	Lettings	49,872.50	4,560.02	Electricity	6,442.96
			511.73	Telephone	528.62
	Fund-raising events		90.00	Bottled gas	45.00
0.00		0.00	9,417.49	Cleaning	9,768.78
			810.61	Refuse	824.53
0.00			19,179.59		22,567.14
25.12	AmazonSmile	0.00			
35.62	The Giving Machine	15.30			
474.00	100 club	383.50	3,889.80	Insurances	3,787.39
3,092.19	Gift Aid tax refund	2,944.90	5,335.69	Equipment New	1,431.27
0.00	Grants	0.00	162.50	Maintenance	94.61
22.00	Miscellaneous	0.00	5,498.19		1,525.88
0.00	Polling station	1,650.00			
			1,627.86	Miscellaneous supplies	649.66
3.06	Interest Scout Association	0.00	2,333.03	Uniform, badges etc.	671.11
642.47	Interest Bank	2,345.79	256.67	Website	256.67
			561.80	Online Scout Manager fees	546.72
645.53		2,345.79	67.34	Stationery, postage etc.	121.48
			92.92	AGM	148.48
			986.00	Training	25.00
	SECTION INCOME			SECTION EXPENSE	
17,478.98	Camps and outings	16,881.77	15,355.41	Camps and outings	14,160.48
0.00	Sale of scarves etc.	0.00	136.90	Badges, scarves etc.	142.82
600.00	Fund-raising and donations	0.00	852.25	Section activities	792.42
0.00	Other income	0.00	792.59	Stationery, postage and sundries	1,044.97
18,078.98		16,881.77	17,137.15		16,140.69
90,394.14	TOTAL INCOME	91,795.81	56,838.35	TOTAL EXPENSE	52,454.22
0.00	DEFICIT	0.00	33,555.79	SURPLUS	39,341.59
90,394.14		91,795.81	90,394.14		91,795.81

Note: The Group occupies land on the north side of Cottenham Park Road, West Wimbledon, London SW20 0SZ at a peppercorn rent.

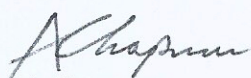
The Group is a trust established under its rules which are common to all Groups.
Trustees are appointed in accordance with the Policy, Organisation & Rules of the Scout Association.

Bankers: Lloyds Bank PLC.

The accounts have been drawn up on a receipts and payments basis as previously.

Contact: Adrian Chapman, 40 Amity Grove, London SW20 0LJ

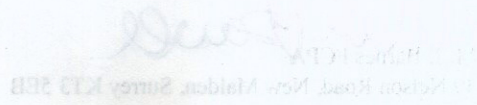
Signed on behalf of the Group Executive Committee



A. Chapman
Group Treasurer



R. Barnes
Group Chair



19TH WIMBLEDON SCOUT GROUP

Statement of Assets & Liabilities for the year ended 31 March 2025

OPENING BALANCES		CLOSING BALANCES	
Group funds:		Group funds:	
Current account	4,760.27	Current account	2,227.62
100 club current account	563.00	100 club current account	496.50
Bank deposit	68,642.47	Bank deposit	108,488.26
Cash	100.02	Cash	89.82
100 club prizes payable	(563.00)	100 club prizes payable	(496.50)
	73,502.76		110,805.70
Oakwood Beaver funds:		Oakwood Beaver funds:	
Cash	0.00	Cash	0.00
	0.00		0.00
Mayhew Beaver/Cub funds:		Mayhew Beaver/Cub funds:	
Current account	0.00	Current account	0.00
Cash	0.00	Cash	0.00
	0.00		0.00
Oakwood Cub funds:		Oakwood Cub funds:	
Current account	2,611.48	Current account	3,888.19
Cash	0.00	Cash	0.00
	2,611.48		3,888.19
Scout Troop funds:		Scout Troop funds:	
Current account	7,915.42	Current account	8,677.36
Cash	0.00	Cash	0.00
	7,915.42		8,677.36
TOTAL OPENING BALANCE	84,029.66	TOTAL CLOSING BALANCE	123,371.25
Group surplus	37,302.94		
Sections surplus	2,038.65		
NET SURPLUS	39,341.59		
TOTAL CLOSING BALANCE	123,371.25		

The Group owns buildings with an insured value of £789,900.00 and equipment with an insured value of £66,206.00

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of The 19th Wimbledon Scout Group

I report on the accounts of the Group for the year ended 31 March 2025.

This report is made solely to the trustees in accordance with Section 145 of the Charities Act 2011. My work has been undertaken so that I might state to the charity's trustees those matters I am required to state to them in an Independent Examiner's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, I do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the charity and the charity's trustees for my examination work.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

As the charity's trustees you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. You consider that an audit is not required for this year under Section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 (the Charities Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to examine the accounts (under Section 145 of the Charities Act); to follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners under Section 145(5)(b) of the Charities Act; and to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of examiner's statement

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair' view and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent examiner's statement

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

1. which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements
 - to keep accounting records in accordance with Section 130 of the Charities Act; and
 - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Act have not been met; or
2. to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

M. J. Barnes FCPA

49 Nelson Road, New Malden, Surrey KT3 5EB

19TH WIMBLEDON SCOUT GROUP

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Accounts



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AGENDA for 2024 Annual General Meeting

1. Apologies for Absence
2. Minutes of the 2023 AGM
3. Matters Arising from the Minutes
4. Presentation of the Annual Report
5. Presentation of the Annual Statement of Accounts
6. Charity Governance
7. Group Scout Leader's nomination of
 - the Group Chair
 - certain members of the Trustee Board
8. Election of Group Treasurer
9. Election of other members of the Trustee Board
10. Appointment of Independent Examiner
11. Presentations
12. Any Other Business



GROUP CHAIR'S INTRODUCTION

Welcome to this year's annual report.

All of the sections have had another very busy year, and I would like to thank the leaders and their volunteer teams for their hard work in planning and delivering programmes that enable our young people to experience new challenges and have fun. I can recommend reading the report to find out more about the year's activities.

2024 is a year of change within the Scout Association as the governance arrangements are being strengthened to meet the Charity Commission's guidance. As such our Executive Committee is transitioning to a Trustee Board and we are seeking to appoint Trustees to help run the Group. We sought nominations to our Trustee Board prior to the AGM and I hope that anyone who wished to nominate themselves had the opportunity to do so. There will be further opportunities to join the Board each year, so please think about whether you have skills and expertise that would be useful to us and if so, please consider coming forward in the future.

A separate Volunteer Leadership Team is also being established, which will manage the operational activities of the Group. These are significant changes, and they sit alongside a change in the titles of each of our Leaders and a change to a team approach to tasks that are undertaken by our Leaders. I can reassure you that the people that you deal with in our section teams are still the same and will continue to deliver the day to day programmes for our young people.

I would like to thank our management team, including the outgoing Executive Committee members. I would particularly like to thank Paul Wilkins, our Group Scout Leader for his continuing commitment to the Group. Paul oversees everything that happens within the site. He looks after our external users and ensures that the site is clean and secure for everyone to use.

With the new roles introduced by the Scout Association the formal role of Group Secretary will cease. I would like to thank Ian Haynes, who has been our



Secretary for many years and has not only efficiently managed all of the work associated with the role, but also taken control of our website and printing needs along with many other tasks. Fortunately Ian remains part of the Group as he has moved over to become part of the Scout Troop Volunteer Leader Team.

I would also like to thank Ken Paine who kindly took over the running of the 100 club. We are grateful for your support. More recently Gill Nicholson has taken on this task. We would like to thank all the members of the 100 Club who pay into the club each year.

Ian, Ken and Gill provide great examples of volunteers who are not necessarily noticed by parents, but who work hard behind the scenes to keep the Group in good order.

The Emmanuels family, who have two children in our Scout Troop, provide another example of how volunteering behind the scenes help us to keep the Scout site in good order. They regularly help us to keep the buildings in good order as and when they can spare some time. We are extremely grateful for their help, which



has really improved the cleanliness of the buildings.

We are still also actively looking for more adult volunteers to work with our sections. We need volunteers to support the Monday and Thursday Beavers, and the Tuesday Cub Pack. These sections have experienced leaders who are able to support new adult volunteers and there is also a brilliant training programme in place, much of which can be done online in a volunteer's own time to ensure that all leaders have the right skills in place to do the job.



Volunteering can be an excellent way to boost your mental wellbeing. It's a great feeling knowing you're helping young people get skills for life, and you might even learn some things about yourself along the way. If you can only help occasionally, that's OK. Whether you'd like to be an activity planner, tea-maker or craft creator, we appreciate any time you can spare. Talk to any of the leaders, or contact me directly if you want to find out more!

Ros Barnes (Group Chair)

GROUP SCOUT LEADER'S REPORT

SERVICE - by volunteering

Over the past year this Scout Group has had young members joining in with the adult leaders to do their service by volunteering with the Scouts in order to do the community service element of the Duke of Edinburgh award or King's Scout award. This voluntary service gives a young person the means to feel good about themselves in a constructive, character building way, by giving their time and energy freely to help and improve the wider community.



Young people who have decided to help learn a lot about responsibilities and self motivation doing activities in their section meetings and camps, such as fire lighting, cooking, camping, hiking, navigation and team work. All skills that will set them up for life.

I think service is a misunderstood concept, however you say it, such as community involvement, service to the nation, volunteering is one of the glues that bonds society together to make it fundamentally better. This Group is fortunate to have resources such as the HQ site but without service given freely it would fail to thrive as well as it does.

We would like parents and any person young or older who is interested and who wants to have fun in Scouting to volunteer. All you need is enthusiasm and an open mind to have fun.

Over the past year we have recruited assistant section leaders in two of the sections, which is fantastic, we hope to increase our volunteer base even more in the near future.

Please speak to your child's section leaders and ask them what **you** can do to help by **offering to do service**.

So my thanks go to all of the Lead volunteers, Trustees, Group supporters and young members that have **served** throughout the last year with this Group to enable Scouting to continue.

Paul Wilkins (Group Scout Leader)

OAKWOOD BEAVER COLONY REPORT



Oakwood Beavers have had a busy year with lots of fun activities and it feels like we've managed to spend a good proportion of the year outside-always easier on the ears with the noise levels achievable by Oakwood Beavers! Lots of badge work means many of our Beavers



moving onto Cubs have completed their Chief Scout's Bronze award, the highest award in Scouting available to Beavers. Monday evenings have seen learning moments, great teamwork and a lot of crazy fun.

We started off the year with Air Activities including making some very cool helicopters, researching some different aircraft and learning the phonetic alphabet.

In October, we joined the Mayhew Beavers and both Cub Packs for the annual sleepover. A typical autumn evening didn't stop our fun and we played games and sang camp fire songs enthusiastically in front of a virtual camp fire before settling down for a movie. Next morning (some apparently, did sleep) we enjoyed a traditional outside camp breakfast before lots of teamwork and life skills gained through washing up and then heading home to catch up on any missed Zzzz.



Later on in the term, we marked Halloween by making some creepy spider webs before becoming 'mad scientists' and earning the Experiment badge. We finished the autumn term with our usual Christmas crafts and awarding of the Musician Stage 1 badge with a much-practiced hand bell performance for the parents at our party. This is where we said goodbye to Bridget, Mila and family as they headed off for an exciting new life in California including new Scouting adventures.



The spring term always gives lots of excuses for enjoying different food. We celebrated Burns Night with haggis, neeps and tatties which we piped in and addressed with the help of the

internet and had fun doing an online dance lesson, learning the Two Step. We welcomed in the Year of the Dragon with Chinese New Year games, made lanterns and cooked noodles. After the half term, we continued the food theme and enjoyed a belated Pancake Day celebration including Squirrel's legendary pancakes.



During our indoor evenings, we had fun with piles of Lego for the Builders badge. We created bridges and other structures which were strength tested using some very smart (toy) sports cars. Definitely some future engineers within the Colony .

Later in the term, we made paper flowers for Mother's Day and completed the Space badge by learning about planets, constellations and space missions and were lucky with a really clear night to get outside and investigate the night sky.

As the term ended, we enjoyed indoor soft archery and prepared for Easter, making baskets and running some very competitive egg and spoon races..

So far in the summer term, we've managed to have a few evenings enjoying the outdoor space. Fire lighting and cooking marshmallows is always a very popular, if messy, evening, and we've also cooked bread twists.

We had spontaneous fun when we found tents out drying onsite with many of the Beavers now keen for their first camp. The Beavers already have a number of favourite wide games that are regularly requested including Fox and Hounds, Manhunt and Sardines and looking forward to learning more.

We also tried out a bit of pioneering, using marshmallows and spaghetti, before challenging the structures with leader-induced earthquakes of increasing magnitude. Those budding engineers showed themselves again!

Thanks to everyone for their help this year, particularly Pauline (Squirrel), Eddie the Eagle and Luke (Badger) We've loved having Mike (Akela) and Kiki from Oakwood Cubs to help out on a number of occasions. The later weeks of the summer term saw us heading to Walton Firs to join other Beavers from the District for a fun day out. In our Monday meetings we'll be completing our Gardening Badge along with more fire lighting and outdoor cooking, building shelters and our annual family treasure hunt around Morley Park. We welcome any help from parents and other volunteers so please let us know if you'd like to join in our fun and help in whatever capacity.

Suzanne Clark (Robin)

MAYHEW BEAVER COLONY & CUB PACK REPORT



It's amazing, it feels like it was only yesterday that our 2022-2023 report was written and yet here we are, another year on, with many activities to report.

Enjoying the great outdoors last summer, the Beavers worked towards their Air Activities Staged badge, learning about different aircraft, how far they can travel and passenger numbers etc. They were also entertained by stories of the different aircraft the leaders had experienced, including hot air balloons and microlight planes. The highlight when working towards the Air Activities badge was however, as always, the moment they were given freedom to make their own paper aeroplanes and fly them around the hall. This is always a great opportunity for the Beavers to exert their creativity in making their own flying machines!

Whilst the Beavers were flying high in the clouds with their paper aeroplanes, the Cubs were making armpit fudge, which isn't as disgusting to taste as it sounds! The Cubs, whilst sceptical to begin with, did find it quite tasty!

On a stiflingly hot day at the end of June, the Cubs joined with other Cubs across the District at an Adventure Day. This saw them participating in pioneering activities, caving, shooting, archery, water codes, rock climbing and orienteering.

Before rounding off the summer term with water games and a party, the Beavers enjoyed a nature hunt around Morley Park looking for plants, signs, trees and water related bugs (namely tadpoles). The Cubs enjoyed a hike straight from the Scout Hut, across and onto the lower sections of Wimbledon Common and back along the Beverley Brook, earning another stage of their Hikes badges.

As soon as the Cubs returned in the autumn term they ventured down to PGL at Marchants Hill. We were blessed with warm late summer weather over the weekend which meant the activities (archery, fencing, zip wire, giant swing, climbing, raft building and problem solving) could be enjoyed without layering up with waterproofs. The chants the PGL group leaders teach the Cubs are still popular and ring our whenever the mood takes them!





With an influx of new Beavers to the Colony in September, the Beavers learnt about the history of Scouting, before both sections embarked on the Astronomers (Cubs) and Space (Beavers) badges. Borrowing some fantastic resources from the 13th Wimbledon, both sections learnt about the planets (including lesser-known planets and stars) and distances between them. They were fascinated to learn, based on footsteps, that the furthest planets from the sun would (with the sun sitting in our Scout Hut) probably sit somewhere up in Wimbledon Village!

The autumn term would not be complete without the Beaver and Cub sleepover. Much like the year before, the weather was not in our favour and we were confined to indoor games and an indoor campfire. With uptake for the sleepover lower than usual, those that did attend had more space but inevitably much of the floor space was still occupied with STUFF! Still coined by the leaders as the 'wakeover' because very little sleep is had, we had the usual stay-up-laters and early risers! Still, the opportunity for a night away from home (however much sleep is had) is valuable to the Group's lower sections.

The remainder of the autumn term was spent on teamwork challenges, problem solving, first aid and road safety. And as always, the Group campfire in November, which is always fun, if a little chilly and damp.

The Beavers assisted in making Christmas decorations to both take home and decorate the tree in the Scout Hut, whilst the Cubs coloured intricate Christmas card templates for delivery to the residents of a care home dedicated to caring for dementia sufferers. The response from the home was lovely, with the residents (some of whom don't have many or any visitors) touched by receiving a personalised card from the Cubs.

After our failed movie night in 2022, we attempted this again to round off the autumn term. This time we had success! And both the Mayhew sections enjoyed a joint popcorn and movie night.

Fresh into 2024, both sections enjoyed celebrating Burns Night, although no haggis was consumed. A sensory evening saw activities including Kim's Game (memory), blindfold trail (touch/teamwork), one-handed jam sandwich (disability),

everyday sounds (hearing) and toe drawing (touch). This was followed by Chinese New Year.

Pancake Day remains a stalwart of the spring term. Again, with stations set up in the Explorer Hut both sections could enjoy preparing, cooking and most importantly consuming their own pancakes.

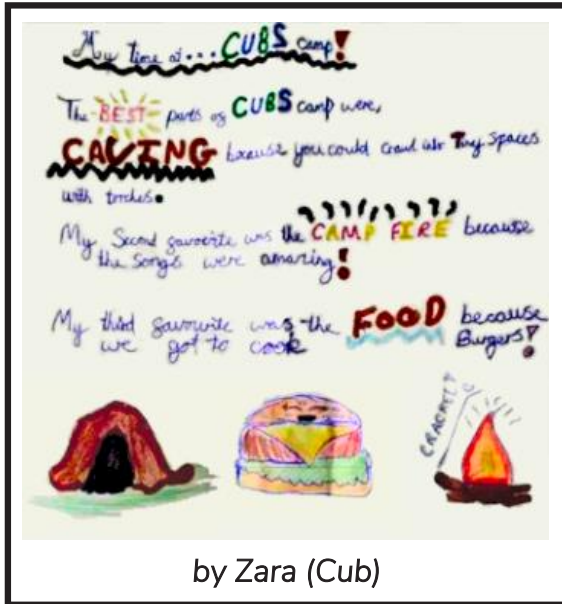
Skills evenings for the Beavers and Cubs included rolling (Beavers) and ironing (Cubs) scarves, changing lightbulbs (Cubs), knots, laying the table, peeling vegetables and cleaning windows. If any parents need jobs done around the house, the Beavers and Cubs are very useful!

We were fortunate to be able to invite two guests to our meetings in the spring term. The first was from the Merton Night Shelter, talking to the Beavers and Cubs about what it's like to be homeless and in need of the safety and security of the shelter, plus the many reasons people can find themselves homeless and what that means for aspects of our everyday life that we can take for granted (i.e. difficulty getting a job, accommodation, bank accounts etc). Both sections were extremely generous in their donations of everyday items that those using the shelter need. Following on from that, we welcomed (at our next meeting) a refugee who now has residency in the UK as she fled her home country of Burma some years ago. The circumstances around why people become refugees and have to flee their homeland are varied and complex, and the Beavers and Cubs learned what it must be like to have just minutes to gather a small rucksack full of clothes and belongings and begin an uncertain journey, not knowing when or if they will ever return home. We aim to join the Rangers on Wimbledon Common later on in

"I enjoyed caving because I love to explore new places and climb things I found it a fun activity to do. I also had fun doing the backwards cooking for I enjoy baking, cooking and BBQ especially with family and friends. Another thing I loved was the Castle Maze because we played a few games and found different places to hide."

by Nicholas (Cub)





the term and assist with a sponsored litter pick as a contribution to the refugee cause.

It is difficult to believe that we are already at the mid-way point of this summer term and with the lighter nights and warmer weather both sections have been making use of our fantastic outdoor space (rain permitting) completing activities relating to their Outdoor and Adventure Challenge badges such as soft archery, lighting fires and of course toasting marshmallows, pioneering etc.

We were also given a guided bird song walk by the Rangers on Wimbledon Common where the birds were in full voice, allowing us to hear (but not see) long tailed tits, warblers, chiffchaffs, greenfinches and others. It was great to get both sections out and onto the Common for the evening.

The Cubs have only recently returned from an action-packed weekend camp at Walton Firs where they ran around in the woods and ravine, went caving, immersed themselves in the maze (and came out the other side!), knots, designing their own adventure island with buried treasure, campfire skits, nature scavenger hunt and cooking their own lunch on an open fire!

As always, none of the above would be possible without the leadership team we have at Beavers and Cubs. Big thanks to Rebecca, Denise and Ros for their help week on week. We also have a strong young leadership team at Beavers, with Ruth having recently joined as an Explorer and Young Leader. Tony, Kai, Andrew and Sophia remain with us at Cubs. Their enthusiasm and willingness is always much appreciated. We have also recently welcomed James to the Beaver leadership team. James has come to us as a fully warranted leader and with that a great enthusiasm and library of games which the Beavers enjoy (particularly if they involve jelly beans!). Thanks also to our parents. Running two sections means that

when we want to or need to take the Beavers and Cubs offsite we need additional support to ensure we have sufficient adult to child ratios covered. When asked, our parents are always very willing to step in and provide that support. If any parents think they might like to give volunteering with us a go, please do come and have a chat with us - no matter your skillset or availability, we'd love to hear from you.

We hope the Beavers and Cubs have enjoyed their last year of Scouting with us and will continue to as we go forward!

Liz Strutt (Beaver Leader and Raksha)

OAKWOOD CUB PACK REPORT

cubs As we approach the end of the academic year and our Group AGM, it is once again time to reflect on the past year. It has been fun packed with lots of activities and games often chosen by the Cubs through their forums. As always, the highlights are our opportunities to go away for the weekend and in September, we kicked off the term with a trip to PGL with both packs. This is a fantastic opportunity for the children to try new things and challenge themselves to new heights. It's a non-stop weekend of activities and the children were able to tackle the climbing wall, the zip wire, and the giant swing. They also tried their hand at fencing and building a raft which they all could paddle, and, in the evenings, we played wide games which was a great way to end the day.

Our second weekend away was more recent with our weekend camp in May to Walton Firs. This time the Oakwood Pack went on their own, the sun shone, and we concentrated on the Outdoor Challenge badge and camp activities. The Cubs learned how to put up a tent and tie knots to make gadgets and they lit fires and cooked their own lunch. They also learned how to build shelters for different types of weather and climate, made kites and went photo orienteering on the site, but the children all agreed the highlight was caving which they all had a go at.





For children new to Scouting a good way to experience sleeping away from home for the first time is to come to the Cub and Beaver sleepover in October. This year over fifty children from both Beaver Colonies and Cub Packs joined together to sleep in the hall. Before bedtime they enjoyed lots of games, an indoor campfire (the rain was lashing down outside) and a film before settling down for the night. As luck would have it, the next day was better, and everyone could go outside to enjoy bangers and beans for breakfast before going home. Fortunately, the weather was much better for the Group camp fire in November where we all enjoyed a rousing sing song which finished with hot chocolate and biscuits.

The Oakwood Pack have also joined in with several District events throughout the year. This included paintballing back in September and the annual badge day in January which this year was the International badge. Every Cub who came to the event was able to try lots of activities and the activity we provided was making a dragon stick puppet as this year is the Chinese Year of the Dragon. This was followed by the District Chess competition, and I'm pleased to say we were able to enter two teams for the event and our first team came 4th overall. This year we not only attended St George's Day parade but were also responsible for providing the hymns and readings for the service. Well done to Xander who read the Cub Scout Law. We also attended the Remembrance service on Wimbledon Common in November.



At our weekly meetings we cover a range of activities and some of the favourites involve lighting fires. Unfortunately, the weather has not always played ball with us this year and there have had to be a lot of last-minute changes including learning to put up a tent indoors! However, we've still managed to make twists, toast marshmallows, and complete the Backwoods Cooking badge. We also made and cooked pancakes to celebrate Shrove Tuesday and had a fun evening in pairs making and firing a ballista. We sometimes take the opportunity to leave the site to complete our challenges. Over the year this has included walking to Raynes



Park to look at the various services on offer, a litter pick, and a hike and at the end of this term we have planned an outing to Dinosaur Golf.

The children also enjoy making things especially when they can take the items home. We celebrated Diwali by making clay candle dishes as well as reading the story of Rama and Sita. With the left-over clay, we made Christmas tree decorations as well as hanging decorations with bangles and turned unwanted CDs into table decorations. More recently the children have been learning how to sew on their badges. The badges

we have covered this year have been many and varied including Road Safety, Emergency Aid Stage 2, Nautical Skills, Physical Recreation and Sports Enthusiast to name a few, as well as the challenge badges. We are, however, most proud of the children who gain their Chief Scout's Silver Award as this is the highest award in Cubs and shows commitment. Well done to the seven children who gained the award this year and who are all now in Scouts where we wish you continued success.

Finally, I would like to thank all my leaders, Chris, Helen, Laura, and Kiki and my two young leaders Immy and Becca for all their help and support as I couldn't do it without them. Together we all make a great team to give the children the best experience we can.

Mike Mayhew (Akela)

SCOUT TROOP REPORT

SCOUTS

At the start of the last summer holidays, 20 Scouts boarded the minibuses and headed off to Braggers Wood, near Christchurch, for our Summer Camp. During our week-long trip staying in tents, we took part in lots of activities such as air rifle shooting, tomahawk throwing, lighting and cooking on fires, night hikes, archery, water sports, campfire and much more. We even had our very own Hawaiian Beach Party to celebrate a leader's birthday – of course it rained, but that didn't stop the partying.

After the summer holidays, we were given the opportunity to visit Kingston Crown Court and find out what goes on there. We were able to sit in the court room, meet the judge and ask him **lots** of questions. Finding out about what goes on in our community forms part of our Challenge awards. Thanks to Dom for organising this unique opportunity.

Throughout the autumn term, eight of the older Scouts finalised their preparations for the Expedition Challenge Award Hike. The group planned a 2-day expedition in the Surrey Hills, with an overnight camp at Boidier Hurst Scout Campsite. The group since have shared their experiences and stories with the Scouts and it's been great to hear some of the 'skills for life' they feel they have developed. This included a quick stop at Denbies Vineyard (after a wrong turn), where they met a staff member and were given the opportunity to taste the grapes (not the final product!)



In November, we joined Scouts from across the Wimbledon and Wandle area to take part in the District Incident Hike. Our two 19th Wimbledon teams did a great job navigating the course across Wimbledon Common, completing a challenge at each checkpoint. Congratulations to Team A achieving first place!



We had a great night to end the year as we took to the ice at the temporary ice skating rink set up in the new Wimbledon Quarter.

Starting off 2024 we joined over 100 other Scouts and Explorers for paintballing. Everyone had a great time with our Explorers getting first place and the Scouts coming Second.

Winter Camp this year was at Walton Firs. Scouts challenged themselves with the physical and mental demands of the high ropes, developed their concentration and

*"Bentley Copse
Something I enjoyed was the crate stacking and the frisbee because both of them included skill and education. The crate stacking included balance and trust because you had to make sure the tower was steady. I can't wait for summer camp!"
by Aashna (Scout)*



accuracy with rifle shooting and learnt some pioneering skills to build (and race) a ride-on buggy. The Scouts tried to teach the leaders a new card game – Exploding Kittens. We were a little concerned about the name but can assure you that no animals were harmed.



Following on from the youth-led discussions we have had with the Scouts where we find out ‘what you want to do’, we managed to arrange fencing at the HQ. Everyone that took part completed the Master-at-Arms activity badge. A great activity for a wet Sunday afternoon.

Have you ever taken part in an international competition? In March we took part in Jambowlree - The Worldwide Scout Ten Pin Bowling Competition. We won't get the results until later in the year as over 700 teams are expected to take part.



In April, we spent a weekend camping at Bentley Copse. This was definitely one of the wettest camps we have had in a long time but that didn't stop us. We still raced the pedal go-karts, climbed the stack of crates and zip lined through the woods. Saturday night dinner was take-away style “Pizza”. However, the Scouts first prepared their own dough and all the toppings. We then powered up our pizza ovens for freshly cooked pizza – in the rain!

We are now getting excited as we prepare for our week long Summer Camp in July, at Hopehill Campsite, Kent.



The Scout Troop currently has 47 members, aged 10 to 14. Over the last year we have welcomed lots of new members from our two Cub Packs but also said goodbye for now to many older members who have moved up to the Raynes Park Explorer Scouts. It's been great over the last few years to see so many of our ex-Scout's return to the Group to assist as Young Leaders and Leaders.

Lastly, I would like to say a huge thank you to all the Leaders, support team and parents who

have generously volunteered their time over the last year. Whether it be help on a Wednesday evening, taking time away from family and work for camps, helping keep our HQ maintained or those behind the scenes doing admin, finance or cleaning up, A special thanks to Jamie who has been a leader with us for several years and has now moved to our Explorer leadership team. We are very grateful and it is this fantastic support that makes us a great Scout Group who can prepare our youth with those 'skills for life'. If you think you could help – just get in touch!

Dave Godden (Scout Leader)



RAYNES PARK EXPLORER SCOUT UNIT REPORT



Well, that was another fun packed year of Explorer Scouting!

Thursday evenings have been their usual mix of fun and learning. We have carried on cooking and eating; making pizza, celebrating Chinese New Year and cooking pancakes.

We have tried to Break the Record and Escape from various Rooms!

Our off-site evenings included mini golf, climbing at White Spider and ice skating.

We had a fun Summer Camp with many other units from our District and also Royal Kingston. These joint camps are proving to be a fantastic way of bringing all the various Units' talents together. We are all off to Kandersteg in Switzerland this summer!

Particular emphasis has also been on award work and badges. We have had several





members achieve their Chief Scout's Platinum Award. Coupled with this we have awarded several Duke of Edinburgh's Bronze and Silver awards. We have also awarded many other Explorer Scout Badges as well.

Another brilliant Unit tradition is helping other sections within the 19th Group and beyond. We currently have members helping as Young Leaders at both Beavers and Cubs. They very much enjoy this and it is an integral part of their own individual award work.

At Christmas Eric stood down as ESL as he and his family moved to California. We thank him for many years of his leadership and direction for us all. We wish him well in his new adventure.

Thanks also go to our current team of leaders. We have welcomed Alex, Kate and Mel as new AESL's. They joined us last summer and have been superb addition to our team. Thanks to Jamie and Nicky for their continued support. Nicky has sadly moved out of the area but continues to help with the award hikes and on camps. Jamie has been a rock to the Unit. He is in the last stages of completing his King's Scout Award and Gold Duke of Edinburgh's Award. This is a superb achievement. I find myself in the familiar position of ESL and am happy to play my part on the leadership team.

We are all looking forward to another exciting year of Explorer Scouting.

Neil McLauchlan (Explorer Scout Leader)

We need tea makers, activity planners, tidy-uppers and helpers for as little or as much time as you can spare.

We meet on Monday, Tuesday or Thursday evenings to help our 6 to 11-year olds get going, get thinking and stuck into all kinds of things to give them skills for life. Every now and then that may well mean using a compass, but more often than not it's about confidence, speaking up, thinking on their feet and going for it.

Can you help?

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19th Wimbledon

MEMBERS OF THE TRUSTEE BOARD

2023-2024

Group Chair	Ros Barnes
Group Secretary	Ian Haynes
Group Treasurer	Adrian Chapman
Group Scout Leader (G.S.L.)	Paul Wilkins
Assistant Group Scout Leader (A.G.S.L.)	Mike Mayhew
Beaver Scout Leader (Robin) - Oakwood	Suzanne Clark
Beaver Scout Leader (Raksha) - Mayhew	Liz Strutt
Cub Scout Leader (Akela) - Oakwood	Mike Mayhew
Cub Scout Leader (Akela) - Mayhew	Rebecca Gregg
Scout Leader (S.L.)	Dave Godden
Explorer Scout Leader	Neil McLauchlan
GSL nominated member	Richard Bowyer
GSL nominated young member	James Bowyer
Oakwood Beaver parent	vacant
Mayhew Beaver parent	Nicola Hawkey
Oakwood Cub parent	vacant
Mayhew Cub parent	Matthew Debnam
Scout Troop parent	Anne Khan
Quartermaster	vacant

'100 CLUB' WINNERS IN 2023

Jan	£15	Jackie Kitchener	Jul	£15	Diana Smith
	£15	Diana Smith		£15	Jeff Tombs
Feb	£15	Helen Butterfield	Aug	£15	Barbara Singleton
	£15	Kate Baggridge		£15	Peggy Tolmie
Mar	£15	Jackie Kitchener	Sep	£15	Claire Henderson
	£15	Kathy McLauchlan		£15	Deborah Bishop
Apr	£15	Ian Haynes	Oct	£15	Jane Barnes
	£15	Jane Chase		£15	Chris Chapman
May	£15	Sue Payne	Nov	£75	Robert Stone
	£15	Evelyn Bleasdale		£15	Peggy Tolmie
Jun	£15	Jim Brook	Dec	£50	Ros Barnes
	£15	Mark Steed		£15	Pauline Godden

GROUP TREASURER'S REPORT

The accounts for the Group show that income exceeded expenditure by more than £31,000 in the financial year to 31 March 2024. Full accounts for the whole Group will be presented at the AGM.

Due to the continuing great demand from various groups to use our facilities our letting income remained strong at over £49,000. As we now have no loans to repay we have been able to invest our surplus to fund future redevelopments.

We have raised more than £1,900 over several years from The Giving Machine as commission donated from online purchases of goods, insurance, theatre tickets etc but the number of people using this fund-raising scheme seems to have declined recently. It costs the buyer nothing so we'd like a lot more people to use this scheme. Details of it can be found in this booklet and under Fundraising on our Group website.

Many thanks to those who made other donations to the Group. The Gift Aid scheme which allows us to claim back tax on subscriptions continues to provide additional income but the percentage of people making a Gift Aid declaration has declined significantly in recent years. I would urge *giftaid it* all parents who have not made one to do so if possible.

The 100 Club is an easy & fun way to raise money for the Group. It costs £1 a month (payable annually) to belong and 50% of all money received is given out in prizes. Many thanks to Gill Nicholson for taking over the running of the Club. If you would like to join please email:

100club@19thwimbledonscouts.co.uk

Adrian Chapman (Group Treasurer)



Raise funds for us while you shop!



**You can also raise money for our Scout Group without
doing any fundraising or donating any money. How?**

If you shop online (at stores like Amazon, John Lewis, Argos, M&S, Interflora and hundreds of others) simply register with **The Giving Machine**, access the stores through their website and the Scout Group will receive a free cash donation at NO extra cost to you. Visit www.thegivingmachine.co.uk, join as a Giver and please choose '19th Wimbledon Scout Group' as your chosen beneficiary.

GROUP INFORMATION

The Headquarters Site of the 19th Wimbledon Scout Group and the Raynes Park Explorer Scout Unit is at 106 Cottenham Park Road, SW20 0SZ (at the junction with Oakwood Road).

The Group has links with St Matthew's (C. of E.) Church and the Sacred Heart (R.C.) Parish.

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Mayhew Beaver Scout Colony Thursdays, 5.30 – 6.30	Liz Strutt (Raksha) mayhewbeavers@19thwimbletonscouts.co.uk
Oakwood Beaver Scout Colony Mondays, 6.15 – 7.15	Suzanne Clark (Fawn) oakwoodbeavers@19thwimbletonscouts.co.uk
Mayhew Cub Scout Pack Thursdays, 6.30 – 8.00	Rebecca Gregg (Akela) akelamayhew@19thwimbletonscouts.co.uk
Oakwood Cub Scout Pack Tuesdays, 6.30 – 8.00	Mike Mayhew (Akela) akelaoakwood@19thwimbletonscouts.co.uk
Scout Troop Wednesdays, 7.30 – 9.00	Dave Godden scoutleaders@19thwimbletonscouts.co.uk
Raynes Park Explorer Scout Unit Thursdays, 7.30 – 9.15	Neil McLauchlan leaders@raynesparkesu.org



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VOLUNTEERING - IT COULD BE YOU!

Would you like to be part of a successful team, make a real difference to young people's lives and have a positive impact on society?

The 19th Wimbledon Scout Group is one of the largest and most successful Scout Groups in Merton with great facilities and a strong and dedicated leadership team. We want to build on that success and provide greater Scouting for more young people for years to come.



We are recruiting now at all sections in the Group to strengthen our adult leadership team.

No previous experience or skills are required. There is a range of roles to choose from; depending on where you and we feel you would fit in best. Any necessary training will be provided.

All you need is an enthusiasm to help Scouting 'actively engage and support young people in their personal development, empowering them to make a positive contribution to society.' We do this through adults working in partnership with young people (boys and girls, aged 6 to 18).

Being a leader in Scouting is hugely rewarding and is great fun - most of the time! It will give you the chance to try new activities and experiences and develop your own confidence and skills such as leadership, team working and planning, which will be of value to you and employers.

For further information on the 19th Wimbledon Scout Group visit our website at www.19thwimbledonscouts.co.uk and for more general information about Scouting visit www.scouts.org.uk.

If you think you might be interested and would like a completely non-committal chat about our volunteering opportunities, then email the Chair at chair@19thwimbledonscouts.co.uk. After that, you can come along and try it out. And in the meantime, there is a safeguarding process to go through, including criminal record checks and a couple of references. All being well, you'll soon be joining the adventure and sharing in the rewards that Scouting has to offer.

Paul Wilkins (G.S.L.)

Ros Barnes (Chair)

Minutes of the Twenty First Annual General Meeting of the 19th Wimbledon Scout Group, held at Group Headquarters on 17th June 2023

Present: There were approximately 30 people present, including leaders, parents, friends and members of the Group Executive and District Team.

- 1. Welcome:** The Group Chair, Ros Barnes, welcomed everyone and thanked them for attending.
- 2. Apologies:** Apologies for absence were received from Rebecca Gregg, Mike & Kiki Mayhew, Chris Chapman, Alex Baker, Neil McLauchlan and Eric de Regnaucourt.
- 3. Minutes:** The Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of 10th September 2022 were taken as read. Approval was proposed by Dick Bowyer, seconded by Denise Wilkins and agreed by the meeting.
- 4. Matters Arising from the Minutes:** There were no matters arising.
- 5. Annual Report:** The Group Chair presented the Annual Report. Ros thanked Ian for putting this together and all who had contributed to it. The Group is fully back and running after Covid now and the section programmes are packed with activities again. Leaders have been working hard to cover all the Scouting skills and lots of our young people are gaining new experiences and achieving badges. In this year's census we have 127 young people and the Group is as popular as ever but we always need more adult volunteers to help provide Scouting for the demand we have. We are fortunate that Carly and Alex have moved into the area and joined the leadership team, and also for Jamie and James, who have completed their leader training having previously worked their way through the sections in the Scout Group & Explorer Unit. She also thanked Ben for his service to the Oakwood Beavers over many years, again having joined as an Explorer Young Leader and noted that he now has to step away due to commitments in his new job.

The 100 Club has been a consistent and reliable way of raising funds for the Group and Ros thanked James Roe for running the 100 Club again this year and highlighted that he would like to stand down if someone else could be found to volunteer. This year, in terms of HQ site development, attention will turn to the Explorer Hut, our oldest building now and in need of refurbishment or renewal – a team will be set up to discuss options.

Finally, Ros thanked all the Leaders and Executive for all their efforts, not just at section meetings but also helping around the site and at other events. Approval of the report was proposed by Liz Wilkins and seconded by Laura Paine.

- 6. Annual Statement of Accounts:** The Treasurer, Adrian Chapman, presented the Annual Statement of Accounts for year ending 31st March. He noted that lettings income was now back to pre-Covid levels again. Our energy prices are currently fixed until 2024 which is providing protection against recent market volatility. He also noted that we have a healthy set of accounts with a good capital reserve and hence in a good position to consider improvements for the Explorer Hut. Approval of the Accounts was proposed by Denise Wilkins, seconded by Marina Bowyer and agreed by the meeting.

7. **Charity Governance:** This year the Scout Association is introducing some changes as part of the multi-year Volunteer Transformation programme. These include asking Groups to update their constitutions with improved standard wording and the introduction of Trustee Boards to replace Executive Committees. The following was agreed at the meeting: a) approval of the adoption of a new constitution using wording based on the template in Scout Association POR; b) the charity's financial year ends 31st March; b) the number of members that may be elected to the Trustee Board is 5; and c) the quorum for the Scout Council is 20 and for the Trustee Board is 8. This was approved by Dick Bowyer, seconded by James Bowyer and agreed by the meeting.
8. **GSL's Nominations of Group Chair and Trustee Board:** The Group Scout Leader welcomed the parents who were present but would like to see more parents at these occasions and generally more adults volunteering in the Group. Succession planning is important and we must continue to do it for all our leadership positions. He thanked Ros for her expertise as Chair and noted that we are lucky to have her, and he nominated her to continue for another year. Also, he nominated another very experienced leader, Dick Bowyer, to be a GSL's nominated Trustee, and nominated James Bowyer to be a young Trustee and represent the youth perspective. He finished by giving his thanks to all the leaders and executive for the past year.
9. **Group Secretary and Group Treasurer:** The Chair advised that Ian Haynes was willing to continue as Secretary and Adrian Chapman to continue as Treasurer. This was proposed by Liz Wilkins, seconded by Dominic Geary and agreed by the meeting.
10. **Election of Remaining Members of the Trustee Board:** The section leaders all agreed to be standing members of the Board. Four parents have volunteered to be nominated as Trustees, Nicola Hawkey for Mayhew Beavers, Katya de Regnacourt for Oakwood Beavers, Matthew Debnam for Mayhew Cubs and Anne Khan for the Scout Troop. Finally, Explorer Leader, Eric de Regnacourt, was nominated to serve on the Trustee Board. Their elections were proposed by Laura Paine and seconded by Denise Wilkins and approved by the meeting.
11. **Appointment of Independent Examiner:** The Treasurer reported that Michael Barnes was willing to continue as Independent Examiner. This was proposed by Jamie Umblijis, seconded by Suzanne Clark and agreed by the meeting.
12. **Presentations:** The District Commissioner remarked that this was her second AGM of the week and that it was a shame that not more parents were able to attend. She thanked all the leaders and volunteers for their hard work in providing an excellent year of Scouting to all members in the Group. She also took the opportunity to present a 5 year service award to Laura Paine.
13. **Any Other Business:** Ros thanked Dave and Liz for running an OSM training session for the leaders before the AGM and noted that it is an invaluable tool for running the sections and Group admin.

Close of meeting: There being no other business, the meeting closed and the Chair invited everyone to stay for refreshments and to view the reports and photos.

GROUP HQ - A SITE FOR THE COMMUNITY

We are very grateful to the users of the hall, who work co-operatively with us to make sure that the site is used to benefit the local community alongside our own use. The income generated provides us with a steady revenue stream. We have now started to look at replacing the old Explorer hut and join up the buildings, this project will take a few years to develop and deliver but we will keep you informed of progress.

Working Parties

We hold working parties monthly during the summer months and we are very grateful for the support of the few families who come along to help us. Please consider joining us if you can spare some time!

The Friends of the Polish Guides and Scouts provide us with an annual working party, they bring along a large number of their supporters to carry out work on the site, this is always a great afternoon and culminates in a campfire, where traditional Polish camp fire songs are demonstrated by their young people, and a BBQ. Look out for next year's date and please come and join us if you can.

Ros Barnes (Lettings)



FRIENDS OF THE 19TH (FON)

The 19th Wimbledon can trace its origins back over 110 years, and during that time many people have had an involvement one way or another with the Group or its predecessors. We realise that whilst people move away or move on, they may still like to keep in contact with us, receive occasional news of the Group's activities, renew old acquaintances and receive invitations to important Group events. For this we have the "Friends of the 19th". We also hold regular events for Friends, Leaders and Exec members at Group HQ.

If you would like to become a Friend, then please contact:

Ian Haynes, FON, 19th Wimbledon Scout Group

friends@19thwimbledonscouts.co.uk

The Friends of the 19th are proud to support the efforts of the 19th Wimbledon Scout Group in providing another century of Scouting to local boys and girls.





19TH WIMBLEDON SCOUT GROUP
Statement of Assets & Liabilities for the year ended 31 March 2024

OPENING BALANCES		CLOSING BALANCES	
Group funds:		Group funds:	
Current account	5,547.36	Current account	4,760.27
100 club current account	574.00	100 club current account	563.00
Bank deposit	35,000.00	Bank deposit	68,642.47
Scout Association short term investment	1,028.20	Scout Association short term investment	0.00
Cash	109.02	Cash	100.02
100 club prizes payable	(574.00)	100 club prizes payable	(563.00)
	<hr/> 41,684.58		<hr/> 73,502.76
Oakwood Beaver funds:		Oakwood Beaver funds:	
Cash	0.00	Cash	0.00
	<hr/> 0.00		<hr/> 0.00
Mayhew Beaver/Cub funds:		Mayhew Beaver/Cub funds:	
Current account	0.00	Current account	0.00
Cash	0.00	Cash	0.00
	<hr/> 0.00		<hr/> 0.00
Oakwood Cub funds:		Oakwood Cub funds:	
Current account	2,686.75	Current account	2,611.48
Cash	0.00	Cash	0.00
	<hr/> 2,686.75		<hr/> 2,611.48
Scout Troop funds:		Scout Troop funds:	
Current account	6,102.54	Current account	7,915.42
Cash	0.00	Cash	0.00
	<hr/> 6,102.54		<hr/> 7,915.42
TOTAL OPENING BALANCE	50,473.87	TOTAL CLOSING BALANCE	84,029.66
Group surplus	31,818.18		
Sections surplus	1,737.61		
NET SURPLUS	33,555.79		
TOTAL CLOSING BALANCE	84,029.66		

The Group owns buildings with an insured value of £752,287.97 and equipment with an insured value of £61,874.87.

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of The 19th Wimbledon Scout Group

I report on the accounts of the Group for the year ended 31 March 2024.

This report is made solely to the trustees in accordance with Section 145 of the Charities Act 2011. My work has been undertaken so that I might state to the charity's trustees those matters I am required to state to them in an Independent Examiner's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, I do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the charity and the charity's trustees for my examination work.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

As the charity's trustees you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. You consider that an audit is not required for this year under Section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 (the Charities Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to examine the accounts (under Section 145 of the Charities Act); to follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners under Section 145(5)(b) of the Charities Act; and to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

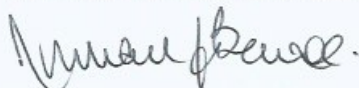
Basis of examiner's statement

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair' view and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent examiner's statement

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

1. which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements
 - to keep accounting records in accordance with Section 130 of the Charities Act; and
 - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Act have not been met; or
2. to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached,



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AGENDA for 2023 Annual General Meeting

1. Apologies for Absence
2. Minutes of the 2022 AGM
3. Matters Arising from the Minutes
4. Presentation of the Annual Report
5. Presentation of the Annual Statement of Accounts
6. Charity Governance
7. Group Scout Leader's nomination of
 - the Group Chair
 - certain members of the Trustee Board
8. Election of Group Secretary & Group Treasurer
9. Election of other members of the Trustee Board
10. Appointment of Independent Examiner
11. Presentations
12. Any Other Business



GROUP CHAIR'S INTRODUCTION

I am pleased to introduce this year's Annual Report. We have had a full year of activities in each of our sections and I would like to thank all of the leaders and their assistants for their hard work in planning and delivering programmes that enable our young people to experience new challenges and have fun. Please take a look at each of the section reports to find out what has been going on during the year!

I would also like to thank all of my fellow Executive Committee members, who work hard all year behind the scenes to keep the Group in good order. I would particularly like to thank Paul Wilkins, our Group Scout Leader, for his continuing commitment to the Group. Paul not only makes sure our adult helpers are well trained and well led, but he also oversees everything that happens within the site. He looks after our outside users and ensures that the site is clean and secure for everyone to use. We would be lost without him!

At this AGM we are following the Scout Association's advice and moving to a Trustee Board, we have room on the Board for some more parent representatives, this is not an onerous task; it involves meeting once a term, helping us to forward plan and providing feedback to the Board. If you are interested in volunteering for this role, please talk to your section leader who will let you know more.

We are also looking for someone to take over the running of the 100 Club from James Roe, who needs to hand over the reins after looking after it for several years. He has the club in very good order, please let us know if you feel that this is something you could do for us!

We are still also actively looking for more adult volunteers to work with our sections, particularly for Beavers and Cubs. Recently we took part in the Big Help Out event, championed by the new King, who wished to use his Coronation



weekend to encourage volunteering across the country. We talked to a lot of people over the day and ran some practical activities for children to showcase the sort of things that our sections provide within their programmes. There was a lot of interest from young people wanting to join Scouts, but unfortunately their opportunity to join us is extremely limited because we cannot increase our intake unless we can find additional adult help.

I make no apology for using this report to ask for your help. Please consider helping us, or talk to friends and family to encourage others to contact us.

Volunteering can be a brilliant way to boost your mental wellbeing. It's a great feeling knowing you're helping young people get skills for life, and you might even learn a lot about yourself along the way.

Scouts can make you feel good in other ways too. We'll guide you to an opportunity where you can:

- Make friends and meet people
- Try new things and challenge yourself
- Get outdoors and get stuck in
- Positively impact your community
- Create vital opportunities for young people
- Make memories that'll last a lifetime

If you can only occasionally help, that's okay. Whether you'd like to be an activity planner, tea-maker or craft creator, we appreciate any time you can spare. Talk to any of the leaders, or contact me direct if you want to find out more!

Ros Barnes (Group Chair)

GROUP SCOUT LEADER'S REPORT

The last year has been one that has seen the passing of a monarch and the crowning of a King. This seamless succession of a head of state must be the envy of many citizens in the world who have to cope with upheaval and uncertainty.

At the 19th Wimbledon, we have provided Scouting for over 150 young people this year, helping them gain skills for life, experiences they will never forget and friendships that will last a lifetime.

Youngsters appreciate physically being with their friends, camping or being outdoors, learning new skills, hiking, navigating, fire lighting and putting those



skills to the test. These interactions beyond school and family are so very important, and help young people to be grounded with a healthy lifestyle, both in body and mind.

The leaders and supporters have completed a full year of activities that has stimulated and excited the young members in delivering Scouting to young people.

As a Scout Group we rely on our team of leadership volunteers, a few who have been at

the sharp end for over 50 years, some others for decades and many for just a few months or years while they are involved with the Group. It is my job to plan for the future and attract new leaders and interest people in the joys of taking 30 youngsters to camp, run an activity, help with some admin, wash the windows or do some mass catering!

The job of keeping this successful Scout Group alive and healthy is a continuous challenge. It is assumed that this Group will be here in 5 or 10 years time, but without a succession of the leadership team it may not be such a certainty.

My gratitude and thanks go to all of the Group's uniformed warranted leaders, section helpers, volunteers and young leaders for their time given freely during the past year.

The Executive led by the Chair, Rosalind, have planned and overseen the strategy and finances of the Group, my thanks goes to each of them for their support.

To use volunteers time more efficiently and to reduce the burden of charity governance administration, costs and communicating efficiently we continue to use Online Scout Manager (OSM) for the collection of camp money and membership subscription using Direct Debit. This is a really easy way for you to keep in touch and pay any dues owed promptly, and for us as a charity to obtain tax relief from donations.

Times are financially tough for some in our community; no young person should go without Scouting for the lack of money. This is a principle that we strongly uphold. Please contact me *in complete confidence* if you have or foresee problems paying the termly fees or for camps. We can contribute or assist in other ways to enable Scouting for your child.

To keep the levels of volunteer support healthy and this Group's future bright, I urge any parent or family member to come along and feel free to help for whatever amount of time you have to give.

Paul Wilkins (Group Scout Leader)



OAKWOOD BEAVER COLONY REPORT

Oakwood Beavers have had a busy year with many fun activities leading to lots of badges. Sorry for all the sewing but it also means all of our Beavers moving onto Cubs have completed their Chief Scout Bronze Award, the highest award in Scouting available to Beavers. Monday evenings have seen learning moments, great teamwork and a lot of crazy fun.

Late September saw the welcome return of the Beaver and Cub sleepover. It was a soggy Friday evening but undeterred we played indoor games, sang camp fire songs enthusiastically in front of a virtual camp fire and watched the original Jungle Book movie. Fortunately, the weather improved by morning and we

enjoyed a traditional outdoor camp breakfast before heading home for some actual sleep!



Our focus for the Autumn Term was the Safety badge and we used some fun games and activities to learn about road safety, water safety and calling the emergency services. We also reviewed some interesting alternative ways of dealing with intruders watching Kevin's various traps from the Home Alone movies. Probably better to dial 999 though! We finished the Autumn Term with our usual Christmas crafts along with a much-practiced hand bell performance and Christmas play for the parents at our party.

The Spring Term always gives lots of excuses for enjoying some different food. We celebrated Burns Night with haggis, neeps and tatties and had great fun doing an online dance lesson, learning the Two Step ready for the next Ceilidh. We welcomed in the Year of the Rabbit with Chinese New Year activities and noodles and enjoyed marking Pancake Day with pancakes and pancake races.

As well as eating, we completed the Money Skills badge, making a shield from all the UK coins, learning about the history of money and then bartering and trading to get the ingredients for a full cooked breakfast. We had to get the food theme in somewhere!

We ended the term by making peg dolls for Mother's Day and completing the Disability badge where we assisted each other to complete a challenging obstacle course blindfolded, tried to communicate non-verbally and discussed hidden disabilities.

The first half of the Summer Term involved a lot of Bank Holiday Mondays and missed meetings but also a great excuse for a party as we were kindly invited by the Oakwood Cubs to join them for a Coronation Party on the Tuesday. It was



great to see some Beavers have fun with siblings and for us all to catch up with some of our Oakwood Beavers who have moved onto Cubs.

We've also managed so far to have a couple of great fun evenings enjoying the outdoor space. Fire lighting and cooking marshmallows is always a very popular, if messy, evening, to be repeated in the second half of the term. We also had a great evening building shelters

using tarpaulins, ropes and trees and where parents and siblings enthusiastically joined us at pickup time.

Sadly we've said goodbye to Ben (Panther) after 13 years, starting as a Young Leader and moving on to become Assistant Section Leader. Congratulations to him on his new job and wishing him all the best with it. We've all really appreciated his great fun ideas for games and his legacy lives on - though he knows where we are should he find some spare time!

We've also said goodbye to Andrew, our Gold Duke of Edinburgh helper, who also completed his Young Leader Belt with us, as he prepares for A Levels and University. Andrew introduced us to some great new games and was an expert at the fire lighting activities.

Thanks to everyone for their help this year, particularly Pauline (Squirrel), Ben (Panther) and Andrew (Otter). The latter weeks of the Summer Term will hopefully involve more fire lighting and outdoor cooking, pioneering and our annual family hike and treasure hunt around Morley Park. We welcome any help from parents and other volunteers so please let us know if you'd like to join in our fun and help in whatever capacity.

Suzanne Clark (Robin)



MAYHEW BEAVER COLONY & CUB PACK REPORT

Given that we run similar programmes for the Mayhew Beavers and Cubs we have again combined our annual reports - thinking of our readers of course!

Always keen to make use of our outside space as long into the autumn as we can, the Mayhew sections began the current academic year with shelter building and fire lighting, along with the obligatory toasted marshmallow - always a good ice breaker for our newest members.

With the total relaxation of Covid restrictions, we were able to reintroduce the annual Beaver and Cub sleepover. A highlight for both sections, it allows our members both new and more experienced, to spend a night away from home (in some cases for the first time) in familiar surroundings. Whilst the heavy rain





thwarted our planned trip to Melbury Gardens to burn off some energy, and sadly also our campfire, we were able to improvise and play our games inside and a hold campfire without the warming part! It wasn't quite the same, but it was still entertaining. In all, around 60 Beavers and Cubs fell asleep one by one and eventually even the last one succumbed to the land of nod. Before we knew it, they were all wide awake again on the Saturday morning, had scoffed down their breakfast and gone home!

During the Autumn Term we started the Navigator badge, learning how to read maps, find compass points and grid references. The Beavers also revisited their Promise to understand what it means when they are invested, and each took home a 'Promise hand' within which they set themselves tasks to complete in each of the fingers and the thumb! As a leader, it is always pleasing when those Promise hands are returned after a week with ticks or statements of completion!

In early October, Campaign Paintball in Cobham hosted the District Cubs for a full on day of competitive paintball. A lesson in rationing paintball pellets per game is still needed, but the Cubs had an absolute ball, running through the woods!

In November, a guide from the Wimbledon Common Windmill visited both sections to tell us all about the history of the Windmill, the Common and what historic features can be found there. It is always great when local groups can come down and give the Beavers and Cubs a talk on local history, particularly the Windmill, when Robert Baden Powell himself wrote his famous book 'Scouting For Boys' in the cottage just behind.

For the first time in a long time, the Cubs were also invited to join Scouts, Explorers, Cadets, Brownies and Guides at the war memorial for Remembrance Sunday. All behaved impeccably, parading through Wimbledon Village and into the remembrance service.

Late into the Autumn Term, we invited the Beavers and Cubs to bring in a game (board or card) to play and share with the other Beavers and Cubs. Always a fun evening, it's fascinating to watch the young people try different games against others that they might not ordinarily play with.

The New Year brought new opportunities for the Beavers and Cubs to set New Year's resolutions. Some very interesting and unusual resolutions were set, some completed and some ... well ... not! We celebrated the Year of the Rabbit for Chinese New Year and made bird feeders from seeds and orange halves for the RSPB Great Garden Birdwatch. The Cubs enjoyed a fascinating visit to the synagogue on Parkside as part of their My Faith activity badge and My World challenge badge. The members are always very welcoming up there, opening their doors and sharing their religion and practices.

Like the Cubs, the Beavers also had an event down at Campaign Paintball in Cobham but it wasn't paintball. The Beavers enjoyed an afternoon of the far less painful laser tag. Much like the Cubs, Scouts and Explorers, the Beavers very much enjoyed running around the woods on a sunny winter's afternoon, catching members of their opposing team out and sending them out of the play zones. As the afternoon went on, the Beavers' competitiveness just kept coming.

February wouldn't be February without pancakes and both sections enjoyed making batter and cooking (individually) their own. We are so lucky as a Group to have the facilities and equipment available to us to allow the whole Colony and Pack to complete these sorts of activities. As we approached Easter, the Cubs brought their musical instruments along to a meeting where they bravely performed in front of the whole Pack. Those that don't already play an instrument were able to give the handbells a go, expertly tutored by our Young (Explorer Scout) Leaders. They then joined the biggest chess competition the District has ever held. Sadly neither of the Mayhew teams brought home the trophy, but all played terrifically, with some personal victories adding to the points scores. The Beavers spent an evening of pioneering which resulted in an obscure yet very impressive structure constructed of garden canes and elastic bands.

To end the Spring Term, we combined the Beavers and Cubs and spent the evening bowling. Again the competitive juices were running with Beavers and Cubs pitted against each other. It is difficult to plan offsite activities that will take both Beavers and Cubs together, but bowling always goes down well.





At the time of writing this report, the Summer Term is not that old, yet both sections have enjoyed fire lighting, soft archery, attended St George's Day parade with the District (Cubs only) and - probably the highlight so far - a visit from a circus skills company who by the end had taught the Beavers how to spin a plate on a stick and the Cubs various skills with flower sticks. The Cubs have also just returned from an action packed Cub Camp at Frylands Wood campsite. Blessed with wall to wall sunshine, the Cubs enjoyed grass sledging, archery, sumo wrestling, pond dipping, team building and an assault course – oh, and we can't forget the tuck shop! It's great to get back outside doing what Scouting does best - providing adventure and opportunity to young people.

As always, none of the above would be possible without the leadership team we have at Beavers and Cubs. Big thanks to Rebecca, Denise and Ros (Group Chairman) for their help week on week. We also have a strong young leadership team at Beavers with Ashlyn joining us in the Autumn Term and Explorers Tony, Kai, Andrew and Sophia at Cubs. Their enthusiasm and willingness is always much appreciated. We have also recently welcomed Carly on to the leadership team at Beavers. We could not do many things without the ongoing support of parents signing up for camps, badge days and competitions, plus providing transport, dropping off/picking up their Beavers or Cubs as and when necessary. If any parents think they might like to give volunteering with us a go, please do come and have a chat with us - no matter your skillset or availability, we'd love to hear from you.

We hope the Beavers and Cubs have enjoyed their year of Scouting with us and will continue to as we go forward!

Liz Strutt (Beaver Leader and Raksha)



September began with an unprecedented ten Cubs going up to Scouts. All had had their time in Cubs shortened due to Covid but amazingly seven of them still achieved their Chief Scout Silver award. Well done! We wish them every success in Scouts and beyond. This left the Pack somewhat depleted but gave us an opportunity to take some children from our Group planning list as well as Beavers. We also required four new Sixers and Seconders which gave a new set of children the opportunity to step up and take more responsibility and gain their Team Leader award.

The first major event to take place in our new year was the Cub and Beaver Sleepover. This was another event taking place for the first time since Covid so it was greeted with much excitement especially as it was the first time for many children to be sleeping away from home. How often do you get to share a room with 70 other children? Although the weather wasn't great, we managed to play games in the hall, have hot chocolate and watch the original Disney version of the Jungle Book upon which Cubs is based. In the morning the weather had cheered up enough to have our breakfast of sausages and beans outside, after which the children went home, and then the leaders went home to catch up on some much-needed sleep!

During the year we run a very active and varied programme made up of outdoor activities, art & craft and games. This year was no exception and the children have had the opportunity to light fires, cook sausages and beans backwoods style (no pans or utensils), toast marshmallows and make pancakes for Shrove Tuesday. They have also learnt how to wash windows, (the Scout hall windows were very dirty!), change a light bulb and how to make and tie gadgets. Art and craft activities have included making glove puppets, tinsel Christmas decorations and



decorating a bag using fabric paint as a Mother's Day gift whilst the Mother's Day cards were made using hearts.

At Christmas we managed a very festive Christmas party, again the first since Covid and later a special Coronation party when we invited the Oakwood Beavers to our meeting to have a shared celebration which was really good fun.

Everyone enjoyed the running around game, similar to our Easter Egg hunt, to find the hidden nursery rhymes. In February, we visited the synagogue which was both enjoyable and very informative and most children went on to gain their World Faith badge. Other badges gained this year have included Emergency Aid stage 3, Backwoods Cooking, Personal Safety, Artist and Nights Away. In January the District also ran a Cub badge day and all those who attended gained their Communicator badge. Everyone likes a badge and special badges given out this year have been sadly to mark the death of Queen Elizabeth who was our patron, and this has now been replaced by the King's Coronation Badge. The District also put on a Cub Chess competition and this year we had three teams taking part. Well done to all those who participated and congratulations on earning your Hobby badge. Also well done to all the Cubs who came to the St George's Day parade and to those who carried our flag. Again, it was quite special as it was the first parade since Covid.

The highlight of the year however, was our joint camp to Frylands Wood in May. The weather was glorious, sunny but not too hot, and we were able to be outside for most of the time with eleven of the oldest Cubs sleeping in tents. The weekend was made up of lots of activities including favourites like archery and the assault course as well as new ones like pond dipping, grass sledging and Sumo. There were also problem-solving activities which required the children to work together as a team to come up with solutions. We also try to include activities like these in our general Cub programme and this year the children have made structures strong enough to hold a tennis ball, six Sudoku and a quiz. At camp we also held a campfire as we like a good sing song. Of course, the first sing song



was the Group campfire in November when we hope the children will learn songs and actions from the older children and leaders and put them into practice throughout the year at our own events and meetings.

Finally, I would like to end by thanking my fabulous leadership team of Chris, Helen, Kiki and Laura without whom none of these activities and events could take place. It's their dedication and time freely given as volunteers that make things happen and it certainly couldn't be done without them. Also thank you to all our parents who have supported us throughout the year, together we all make an amazing team.

Mike Mayhew (Akela)

This is always a great opportunity to reflect on what our Troop has achieved over the year, thanks to the Scouts and team of volunteers.

We started off the Autumn Term asking the Scouts 'What do you want to do at our next camp?' The youth input was great, with everyone voting for their preferred activities. This soon formed the programme for our Autumn Camp at Bentley Copse Campsite. (We did have to make a few compromises due to the lack of pilots willing to let us parachute onto Box Hill – maybe next time).

In just a weekend camping in October, we managed to fit in hiking, zip-lining, abseiling, fire lighting, cooking, karting, wide games and...a trip to the tuck shop!

Later in October, we joined Scouts from across the Wimbledon and Wandle area to take part in the District Incident Hike. The 19th Wimbledon team did a great job navigating the course across Wimbledon Common, completing a challenge at each checkpoint. Well done to our team finishing in 3rd place!

Throughout our Wednesday evening Troop meetings our Scouts completed their Skills Challenge award. Hopefully some of the new skills learnt have made it home – polishing shoes, ironing, changing a duvet and making cups of tea.

In January, we joined 100+ Scouts and Explorers from across the District for Paintballing in Cobham. Our Scout's had a great time, especially as we got to catch up with some of our old members now part of Raynes Park Explorers.

Winter Camp 2023 was held at Polyapes campsite. A great place that we haven't visited for many years – thank you Dick for organising. Over the weekend we were able to take part in some quite different activities including driving giant radio-controlled 4x4s around an obstacle course and tomahawk throwing. It will be hard to beat the mega game of capture the flag in Oxshott Woods.

Over the Spring Term Troop evenings, Scouts progressed through the stages of the Navigator badge. Developing their map reading ability, using a compass, learning about GPS and putting this all into practice. We hope that these will be 'skills for life' which our young people will benefit from in the years to come. We also took part in Merton's 'Beat the Street' competition and managed to tap our way to first place in the Community Team category.





We always welcome lighter evenings as we move into the Summer Term. It's great to get outdoors; making the most of the amazing HQ grounds we have available to us. Our friends at Wimbledon Park invited us back in May for an evening of Water Sports and the Scouts had fun kayaking, and it wasn't raining for a change.

Later in May we camped at Walton Firs. Scouts arrived Friday night and quickly set up their tents for the weekend. They challenged themselves with the physical and mental demands of Jacob's Ladder and the high ropes. We all had a try at creating fires without matches, using friction to create an ember. After popping popcorn over the fire for a snack, we then cooked chicken fajitas and campfire nachos. Frisbee golf, pushball, wide games, a Scout-led campfire and cricket were all fitted into the weekend before the Scouts packed away their tents.

We are now getting excited as we prepare for our week long Summer Camp in July at Braggers Wood Campsite in the New Forest.

Currently we have 39 Scouts in the Troop and are looking forward to meeting the 6 new members who will be moving up from Cubs in the next few weeks.

Welcome to our two new volunteers to the adult team, Dominick has joined us as an Assistant Scout Leader and Ian, who is no stranger to the Group (parent, Group Secretary, ex-member, etc.) has also been regularly assisting with the Troop. Also, congratulations to James & Jamie who both completed their ASL training.

Thank you to our volunteers (leaders, young leaders, helpers and parents) for their support over the year.

Dave Godden (Scout Leader)





RAYNES PARK EXPLORER SCOUT UNIT REPORT

The Explorer Scout Unit had another great year of Scouting. We are up to 36 active members with more joining all the time, particularly via word of mouth from existing members – which is a great sign!

We continued having many of our weekly meetings off-site and took part in mini-golf, driving range, scavenger hunts, ice skating and a number of hikes in the local area. While on site, we did plenty of cooking and baking, of which a particular favourite was “Steak Off”, a competitive steak-grilling competition. We also had a great evening of learning circus skills. On a quieter note, we did plenty of arts and crafts, notably Warhammer. Finally, we had a home-and-away round of “Train Your...” where our Explorers imparted a skill to their leaders and, a few weeks later, leaders returned the favour. Outside of that, we saw our Explorer Scouts do very well at the County’s annual Red Flare exercise and at the District Paintball Day.

Over the next year, we have many things to look forward to: another Explorer Summer Camp shared other units from Wimbledon & Wandle and Royal Kingston Districts; Duke of Edinburgh award hikes; and a Kandersteg trip in Switzerland being planned for the summer of 2024. Three of our number will be attending the World Scout Jamboree in South Korea this summer – Xander, Freddie and James. We wish them a spectacular time and look forward to hearing their stories when they are back.

On the leadership front, the team are proud to have run a youth-shaped programme this year. Explorer Scouts are never short of ideas about what they would like to do and we worked with them to slot these activities into appropriate weeks. We hope to continue this next term and move toward more Explorer-delivered activities as well.

We were sad to say goodbye to our leaders Nic and Nicky but continue to receive overtures from new folks eager to get stuck in. It truly is great fun – and we are always happy to welcome new volunteers! Please contact Eric if you are interested.

Eric de Regnaucourt
(Explorer Scout Leader)



MEMBERS OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

2022-2023

Group Chair	Ros Barnes
Group Secretary	Ian Haynes
Group Treasurer	Adrian Chapman
Group Scout Leader (G.S.L.)	Paul Wilkins
Assistant Group Scout Leader (A.G.S.L.)	Mike Mayhew
Beaver Scout Leader (Robin) - Oakwood	Suzanne Clark
Beaver Scout Leader (Raksha) - Mayhew	Liz Strutt
Cub Scout Leader (Akela) - Oakwood	Mike Mayhew
Cub Scout Leader (Akela) - Mayhew	Rebecca Gregg
Scout Leader (S.L.)	Dave Godden
Explorer Scout Leader	Eric de Regnaucourt
GSL nominated member	Richard Bowyer
Oakwood Beaver parent	<i>vacant</i>
Mayhew Beaver parent	<i>vacant</i>
Oakwood Cub parent	<i>vacant</i>
Mayhew Cub parent	Matthew Debnam
Scout Troop parent	Anne Khan
Quartermaster	<i>vacant</i>

'100 CLUB' WINNERS IN 2022

Jan	£15	Diana Smith	Jul	£15	Erica Bishop
	£15	Charlie Mowbray		£15	Jenny Tew
Feb	£15	Kevin Kilbane	Aug	£15	Claire Henderson
	£15	Liz Strutt		£15	Jane Chase
Mar	£15	Sean Lee	Sep	£15	Michele McNamara
	£15	Sarah Ellen		£15	D Pegrum
Apr	£15	Clare Insall	Oct	£15	Paul Henderson
	£15	Jackie Kitchener		£15	Evelyn Bleasdale
May	£15	Jim Brook	Nov	£100	Mark Steed
	£15	Chris Godden		£15	Helen Jeon
Jun	£15	Deborah Bishop	Dec	£50	Deborah Bishop
	£15	Kath McLauchlan		£15	Rosemary Matters

GROUP TREASURER'S REPORT

The accounts for the Group show that income exceeded expenditure by more than £25,000 in the financial year to 31 March 2023. Full accounts for the whole Group will be presented at the AGM.

Due to the continuing great demand from various groups to use our facilities our letting income remained strong at over £45,000. Our positive financial situation meant we were in a position to fully repay the loans totalling £150,000, which financed the rebuilding of our HQ, with a final repayment of £20,000 to District.

We have raised more than £1,900 over several years from The Giving Machine as commission donated from online purchases of goods, insurance, theatre tickets etc but the number of people using this fund-raising scheme seems to have declined recently. It costs the buyer nothing so we'd like a lot more people to use this scheme. Details of it can be found in this booklet and under Fundraising on our Group website. We were also raising donations from AmazonSmile as a percentage of purchases made through their website but this scheme has now been closed. We will be getting a final payout shortly. Thanks also to those who made other donations totalling over £475.

The Gift Aid scheme continues to provide additional income. I would urge all parents to sign up if possible.

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The 100 Club is an easy & fun way to raise money for the Group. It costs £1 a month (payable annually) to belong and 50% of all money received is given out in prizes. Many thanks to James Roe for running the Club in the recent years, he now has to stand down, so if you can help with this role please contact us. If you would like to join the 100 Club please email 100club@19thwimbledonscouts.co.uk.

Adrian Chapman (Group Treasurer)



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GROUP INFORMATION

The Headquarters Site of the 19th Wimbledon Scout Group and the Raynes Park Explorer Scout Unit is at 106 Cottenham Park Road, SW20 0SZ (at the junction with Oakwood Road).

The Group has links with St Matthew's (C. of E.) Church and the Sacred Heart (R.C.) Parish.

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Raynes Park Explorer Scout Unit Thursdays, 7.30 – 9.15	Eric de Regnaucourt leaders@raynesparkesu.org



PROTECTING YOUR DATA & GDPR COMPLIANCE

Please see the Data Privacy Notice on our website at:
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about-us/data-privacy-notice](http://www.19thwimbledonscouts.co.uk/about-us/data-privacy-notice)

VOLUNTEERING - IT COULD BE YOU!

Would you like to be part of a successful team, make a real difference to young people's lives and have a positive impact on society?

The 19th Wimbledon Scout Group is one of the largest and most successful Scout Groups in Merton with great facilities and a strong and dedicated leadership team. We want to build on that success and provide greater Scouting for more young people for years to come.



We are recruiting now at all sections in the Group to strengthen our adult leadership team.

No previous experience or skills are required. There is a range of roles to choose from; depending on where you and we feel you would fit in best. Any necessary training will be provided.

All you need is an enthusiasm to help Scouting *'actively engage and support young people in their personal development, empowering them to make a positive contribution to society.'* We do this through adults working in partnership with young people (boys and girls, aged 6 to 18).

Being a leader in Scouting is hugely rewarding and is great fun - most of the time! It will give you the chance to try new activities and experiences and develop your own confidence and skills such as leadership, team working and planning, which will be of value to you and employers.

For further information on the 19th Wimbledon Scout Group visit our website at www.19thwimbletonscouts.co.uk and for more general information about Scouting visit www.scouts.org.uk.

If you think you might be interested and would like a completely non-committal chat about our volunteering opportunities, then email the Chair at chair@19thwimbletonscouts.co.uk. After that, you can come along and try it out. And in the meantime, there is a safeguarding process to go through, including criminal record checks and a couple of references. All being well, you'll soon be joining the adventure and sharing in the rewards that Scouting has to offer.

Paul Wilkins (G.S.L.)

Ros Barnes (Chair)

Minutes of the Nineteenth Annual General Meeting of the 19th Wimbledon Scout Group, held at Group Headquarters on 10th September, 2022

Present: There were approximately 20 people present, including leaders, parents, friends and members of the Group Executive and District Team.

Welcome: The Group Chair, Ros Barnes, welcomed everyone and thanked them for attending on this extraordinary weekend. A one minute silence was held in memory of the recent passing of Queen Elizabeth II.

- 1. Apologies:** Apologies for absence were received from Rebecca Gregg, Mike & Kiki Mayhew, Suzanne Clark, Dave Godden, Chris Chapman, James Wilkins, Anne Khan, James Bowyer and Dave Bixby.
- 2. Minutes:** The Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of 1st November 2021 were taken as read. Approval was proposed by Dick Bowyer, seconded by James Roe and agreed by the meeting.
- 3. Matters Arising from the Minutes:** There were no matters arising.
- 4. Annual Report:** The Group Chair presented the Annual Report. This was a year of recovery after the Covid pandemic and repeated lockdowns had restricted activities in the previous two years. Ros thanked the leaders and all the volunteers for all working together to restore the usual program of events. The leaders and their sections had been incredibly creative during lockdown but it was great to see them return to section evenings in person and outside activities and camps at the weekends. She reminded the audience that leader and volunteer recruitment is still a big theme for the Group and indeed the Scout Association as a whole. Scouting is still very popular and well regarded by young people, our sections typically run at capacity but that in turn puts demands on the leadership team and we are always looking for more volunteers in any capacity. She particularly thanked James Roe for running the 100 Club again this year, especially when additional responsibilities at work made this more challenging and noted that he would like to stand down if someone else could be found to volunteer. This year the 19th Wimbledon is 20 years old, having been formed when the 15th Wimbledon and 4th Wimbledon merged in 2002. The celebrations planned for this afternoon have been postponed in recognition of the mourning period for the Queen, but she encouraged people to read the article in the Annual Report and look at the photographs. Finally, Ros thanked all the Leaders and Executive for all their efforts, not just at section meetings but also helping around the site and at other events. Approval of the report was proposed by Liz Wilkins and seconded by Denise Wilkins.
- 5. Annual Statement of Accounts:** The Treasurer, Adrian Chapman, presented the Annual Statement of Accounts for year ending 31st March. He noted that post the Covid restrictions the lettings income was now increased again. Also, that in this financial year subscriptions had not been collected every term due to lockdowns restricting activities. Our energy prices are currently fixed until 2024

which is providing protection against the recent market rises due to the Ukraine war. Paul Wilkins thanked Adrian and announced that the final £20,000 from the District Loan can now be paid off, leaving us debt free for the first time since the Phoenix building project. He presented an oversized cheque to the District Commissioner to mark the occasion. He also noted that our thoughts will now turn to improvements for the Explorer Hut. Approval of the Accounts was proposed by Eric de Regnacourt, seconded by James Roe and agreed by the meeting.

6. **GSL's Nominations of Group Chair and Executive Committee:** The Group Scout Leader thanked Ros for her expertise as Chair, for thinking outside the box and guiding us through an unusual and tricky year, and he nominated her to continue for another year. Also, he nominated Dick Bowyer to be a GSL's nominated member of the Executive. He finished by giving his thanks to all the leaders and executive for the past year.
7. **Group Secretary and Group Treasurer:** The Chair advised that Ian Haynes was willing to continue as Secretary and Adrian Chapman to continue as Treasurer. This was proposed by Alison Edwards, seconded by Marina Bowyer and agreed by the meeting.
8. **Election of Remaining Members of the Group Executive Committee:** The section leaders all agreed to be standing members of the Executive. Two parents have volunteered to be on the Executive, Matthew Debnam for Mayhew Cubs and Anne Khan for the Scout Troop. Finally, Explorer Leader, Eric de Regnacourt, was nominated to serve on the Executive Committee. Their elections were proposed by Denise Wilkins and seconded by Dick Bowyer and approved by the meeting.
9. **Appointment of Independent Examiner:** The Treasurer reported that Michael Barnes was willing to continue as Independent Examiner. This was proposed by Dick Bowyer, seconded by Denise Wilkins and agreed by the meeting.
10. **Presentations:** There were no formal presentations at this meeting. Other presentations will be done by the District Commissioner at a later event, possibly the Group Camp Fire. The Chair thanked James Roe for running the 100 Club and noted that the grand annual draw will be done at the Group Camp Fire this year.
11. **Any Other Business:** Michelle Baker, DC, thanked the leaders and volunteers at the 19th for another successful year and for managing through all the external events. She noted that the last few days had been hectic as plans were being put in place for the Queen. She also agreed that adult recruitment was a focus for the District given the increasing demand for Scouting in the area. Alison Edwards, District Leader Training, congratulated the Group on their 20th Anniversary, and mentioned that she would be helping with additional nights away training for some of the leaders..

Close of meeting: There being no other business, the meeting closed and the Chair invited everyone to stay for refreshments and to view the reports and photos.

GROUP HQ - A SITE FOR THE COMMUNITY

Our site continues to be used by a number of organisations throughout the week and the income created from this use provides us with a steady revenue stream. Following the repayment of the loans which we took out to help fund our new hall, we are now actively looking to the future and starting to plan for the replacement of the older building on site, the Explorer Hut. We will report back to you as this project moves forward.

During the last year the Kingston Wheelers, who run long distance cycle races using the Scout Hall as the start and finish base, kindly gave us a donation of £400 which we have used towards the purchase of a defibrillator, which is now set up outside the gates and available to anyone to use. We are very grateful for their support and for the cooperation and support from all of the other users of the site.

Our users are happy to co-operate with us to enable the exclusive use of the site for Scout use when we need it. We are very grateful for their continuing support. Information on the various activities available in the hall is posted on our notice board in the hall lobby, please take a look and see if anything is of interest to you and your family.

Ros Barnes (Lettings)

We need tea makers, activity planners, tidy-uppers and helpers for as little or as much time as you can spare.

We meet on Monday, Tuesday or Thursday evenings to help our 6 to 11-year olds get going, get thinking and stuck into all kinds of things to give them skills for life. Every now and then that may well mean using a compass, but more often than not it's about confidence, speaking up, thinking on their feet and going for it. Can you help?

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FRIENDS OF THE 19TH (FON)

The 19th Wimbledon can trace its origins back over 110 years, and during that time many people have had an involvement one way or another with the Group or its predecessors. We realise that whilst people move away or move on, they may still like to keep in contact with us, receive occasional news of the Group's activities, renew old acquaintances and receive invitations to important Group events. For this we have the "Friends of the 19th". We also hold regular events for Friends, Leaders and Exec members at Group HQ.

If you would like to become a Friend, then please contact the secretary:

Ian Haynes, Secretary, 19th Wimbledon Scout Group

secretary@19thwimbledonscouts.co.uk

The Friends of the 19th are proud to support the efforts of the 19th Wimbledon Scout Group in providing another century of Scouting to local boys and girls.





19TH WIMBLEDON SCOUT GROUP

Group registration number 41377 Registered charity number 303793
Receipts & Payments Account for the year ended 31 March 2023

2022	RECEIPTS	2023	2022	PAYMENTS	2023
12,445.00	Subscriptions	15,390.00	4,047.00	Scout Association membership	4,875.00
750.00	RPESU rent	750.00	0.00	Headquarters Rent	0.00
1,352.22	Donations	475.00	12,500.36	Development	200.17
42,969.50	Lettings	45,104.00	3,488.13	Maintenance	4,906.31
			542.62	Water	1,782.74
			2,691.55	Electricity	2,968.53
			439.66	Telephone	476.65
	Fund-raising events		0.00	Bottled gas	428.56
0.00	Raynes Park Festival	92.18	7,335.60	Cleaning	9,122.17
0.00			817.33	Refuse	687.02
		92.18			
			27,815.25		20,572.15
57.30	AmazonSmile	33.43			
16.69	The Giving Machine	0.00			
462.00	100 club	432.00	4,218.44	Insurances	4,510.76
2,725.66	Gift Aid tax refund	3,119.68	2,656.12	Equipment New	5,206.45
2,667.00	Grants	0.00	0.00	Maintenance	0.00
33.00	Miscellaneous	28.00			5,206.45
675.00	Polling station	825.00	2,656.12		
0.00	Interest Scout Association	11.05	794.74	Miscellaneous supplies	940.56
			881.68	Uniform, badges etc.	903.61
			256.67	Website	236.28
			602.90	Online Scout Manager fees	721.38
			211.20	Stationery, postage etc.	86.40
			0.00	AGM	0.00
			0.00	Defibrillator	1,256.00
12,796.64	SECTION INCOME			SECTION EXPENSE	
38.50	Camps and outings	16,512.36	9,942.40	Camps and outings	14,659.64
1,250.00	Sale of scarves etc.	0.00	4.27	Badges, scarves etc.	318.05
0.00	Fund-raising and donations	600.00	935.49	Section activities	261.00
	Other income	0.00	955.50	Stationery, postage and sundries	738.33
14,085.14		17,112.36	11,837.66		15,977.02
78,250.28	TOTAL INCOME	83,372.70	53,321.66	TOTAL EXPENSE	55,285.61
0.00	DEFICIT	0.00	24,928.62	SURPLUS	28,087.09
78,250.28		83,372.70	78,250.28		83,372.70

Note: The Group occupies land on the north side of Cottenham Park Road, West Wimbledon, London SW20 0SZ at a peppercorn rent.

The Group is a trust established under its rules which are common to all Groups.
Trustees are appointed in accordance with the Policy, Organisation & Rules of the Scout Association.

Bankers: Lloyds Bank PLC.

The accounts have been drawn up on a receipts and payments basis as previously.

Contact: Adrian Chapman, 40 Amity Grove, London SW20 0LJ

Signed on behalf of the Group Executive Committee



A. Chapman
Group Treasurer



R. Barnes
Group Chair

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Statement of Assets & Liabilities for the year ended 31 March 2023

OPENING BALANCES		CLOSING BALANCES	
Group funds:		Group funds:	
Current account	34,875.27	Current account	5,547.36
100 club current account	622.00	100 club current account	574.00
Bank deposit	0.00	Bank deposit	35,000.00
Scout Association short term investment	1,017.15	Scout Association short term investment	1,028.20
Cash	144.49	Cash	109.02
100 club prizes payable	(622.00)	100 club prizes payable	(574.00)
Loan from Scout District	(20,000.00)	Loan from Scout District	0.00
	16,036.91		41,684.58
Oakwood Beaver funds:		Oakwood Beaver funds:	
Cash	0.00	Cash	0.00
	0.00		0.00
Mayhew Beaver/Cub funds:		Mayhew Beaver/Cub funds:	
Current account	0.00	Current account	0.00
Cash	0.00	Cash	0.00
	0.00		0.00
Oakwood Cub funds:		Oakwood Cub funds:	
Current account	1,671.18	Current account	2,686.75
Cash	0.00	Cash	0.00
	1,671.18		2,686.75
Scout Troop funds:		Scout Troop funds:	
Current account	4,678.69	Current account	6,102.54
Cash	0.00	Cash	0.00
	4,678.69		6,102.54
TOTAL OPENING BALANCE		TOTAL CLOSING BALANCE	
	22,386.78		50,473.87
Group surplus	25,647.67		
Sections surplus	2,439.42		
NET SURPLUS	28,087.09		
TOTAL CLOSING BALANCE		TOTAL CLOSING BALANCE	
	50,473.87		50,473.87

The Group owns buildings with an insured value of £671,685.69 and equipment with an insured value of £56,249.88

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of The 19th Wimbledon Scout Group

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

This report is made solely to the trustees in accordance with Section 145 of the Charities Act 2011. My work has been undertaken so that I might state to the charity's trustees those matters I am required to state to them in an Independent Examiner's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, I do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the charity and the charity's trustees for my examination work.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

As the charity's trustees you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. You consider that an audit is not required for this year under Section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 (the Charities Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to examine the accounts (under Section 145 of the Charities Act); to follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners under Section 145(5)(b) of the Charities Act; and to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

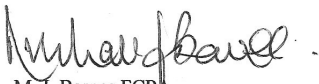
Basis of examiner's statement

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair' view and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent examiner's statement

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

1. which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements
 - to keep accounting records in accordance with Section 130 of the Charities Act; and
 - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Act have not been met; or
2. to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.



M. J. Barnes FCPA

49 Nelson Road, New Malden, Surrey KT3 5EB

Independent Examiner's Report

R. Barnes
Group Chair

19TH WIMBLEDON SCOUT GROUP

England & Wales - Charity number 303793

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AGENDA for 2022 Annual General Meeting

1. Apologies for Absence
2. Minutes of the 2021 AGM
3. Matters Arising from the Minutes
4. Presentation of the Annual Report
5. Presentation of the Annual Statement of Accounts
6. Group Scout Leader’s nomination of
 - the Group Chair
 - certain members of the Executive Committee
7. Election of Group Secretary & Group Treasurer
8. Election of remaining members of the Executive Committee
9. Appointment of Independent Examiner
10. Presentations
11. Any Other Business



GROUP CHAIR'S INTRODUCTION

I am pleased to be able to introduce our 2022 Annual Report, which summarises the activities of each of the sections within the Group over the last year. I hope that you will read the report and enjoy it.

It has been another busy year, with our programmes returning to a near normal state after the Covid restricted years. And it has been joyful to see our young people once again enjoying the activities and challenges of the Scout programme with the help of our great leadership team. Importantly we have been able to start taking children across all sections away for days, camps and residential activities again, building their skills, resilience and independence and allowing them to have an awful lot of fun with their friends.

I hope that we are able to further build on last year's return to normal events during the coming year. We have noticed that some of the residential events have not been as fully subscribed as prior to the pandemic. It would be wonderful if parents and carers could encourage children to take up the opportunities on offer so that they do not miss important parts of the programme.

I'd like to thank all of our warranted leaders, section helpers, volunteers and young leaders for their efforts during the last year, we are so lucky to have you all! I'd also like to thank our Executive Committee members who work throughout the year to make sure the Group operates effectively and efficiently. We have some vacancies for parent representatives on the committee, if you would like to find out more, please contact us.

I would also like to thank James Roe, a parent representative, who has been running our 100 club for some years, but now has to stand down. He has managed the club very efficiently and has everything in good order. If you would like to take on this role, please let us know.

We are still urgently in need of more adult volunteers to strengthen our sections' leadership teams. We remain reliant upon the existing leaders' goodwill to keep some of our sections going and it would be wonderful to find them some more help. Do you know anyone who could help us? No experience is necessary as full training and support is available and we are happy to talk to anyone who may be interested to a "no commitment" basis to explore how we may be able to use their skills to help the Group. The Scout's adult leadership training is free and most of it is accessible online and can be



completed in your own time. Our District has a dedicated training support officer who will work with individuals to develop a suitable training plan. The training is extremely useful in general life as well as Scouting. If you are interested or can signpost these opportunities to friends and family, we would love to hear from you. More information is available on our website, but please feel free to talk to any of our leaders or myself if you want more information.

We are lucky to have a fantastic site for our activities and, because we have income from our lettings, we can provide great resources for our sections to use. However, we really need someone to help us keep our equipment tidy and in good order. If you can help, please let us know!

As well as our own extensive use of the site, we have other youth groups regularly meeting in the buildings, the local Brownies and Guides are based there along with Polish Brownies and Cubs. We also let the hall to organisations running exercise classes or children's activities as well as a forest school nursery and the Raynes Park Community Church. All of these activities create a lot of wear and tear on the site and I would like to thank Paul and Denise Wilkins for their consistent efforts to keep the site clean and tidy. I'd also like to thank Dave Godden who has transformed the far corner of the woodland area into a really useful meeting place, taking out a pond and levelling the area single handed. We held a few working parties during the year, including a joint one with the Polish Brownies and Cubs and I would like to thank all those who attended these. We will be holding more working parties in the coming year and your support would be appreciated.



I realise that this brief report is full of requests for help! As a voluntary organisation working with young people, we can only operate with sufficient adult help (both directly working with the children and back room roles). If you talk to any of our existing leaders, they will tell you that volunteering with Scouts is great fun and enhances their life. Please think about joining us or encouraging others to do so, we are a friendly bunch of people from all walks of life and we would make you very welcome.

Thank you for your continuing support, which is always appreciated.

Ros Barnes (Group Chair)

GROUP SCOUT LEADER'S REPORT

The past year has been challenging for many volunteer based organisations and our Group has been no exception. However due to careful organisation and planning we have collectively weathered the storms and are now delivering a safe and exciting program of Scouting.

The leaders and supporters have done a great job in getting the Group as whole to this point from which we can flourish and extend our Group activities in delivering Scouting to young people.

Youngsters are appreciating once again the joys of physically being with their friends, camping or being outdoors, learning new skills and putting those skills to the test with the friendships Scouting brings to their lives. The experiences outside of schooling and family are very important and help young people to connect in society and show resilience with a healthy outlook in life.

My heartfelt thanks go to all of the Group's warranted leaders, section helpers, volunteers and young leaders who have given their time freely over the past year. The Executive led by Ros our Chair plan the strategy and finances of the Group, and my thanks to them for their support.

We take nothing for granted and we continually reappraise the way we work and organise our affairs, Our core costs are subsidised by our income from the HQ. Your subscriptions actually include some £35 that goes for National HQ and County fees, so you can see what good value we provide.

Part of that push to reduce the burden of administration, costs and communicating efficiently is the continued use of Online Scout Manager (OSM) and collection of camp money and membership subscription. This is a really easy way for you to keep in touch and pay any dues owed promptly.

Times will be financially tough ahead for some in our community and I would like to say that no young person should go without Scouting for the lack of money. This is a principle that we hold dear to our collective hearts. Please contact me in **complete confidence** if you may have or foresee problems. We can contribute or assist in other ways to enable scouting for your child.

To keep the levels of volunteer support high, I would urge any parent or family member to come along and feel free to join in and help for whatever amount of time you have available.

Paul Wilkins (Group Scout Leader)

OAKWOOD BEAVER COLONY REPORT



Oakwood Beavers have loved getting back to normality over the course of the year, although a very welcome shift from normality was dry, sunny Monday evenings throughout the summer term!

Looking back to the autumn term we tried low tech communication with string/can telephones and learnt the phonetic alphabet for the Communicator Badge. We followed this with some amazing paper airplanes and helicopters to gain Air Activities Badge. Scary Halloween Spiders provided a creative end to the half term and the customary Beaver Hand Bells Performance a musical Christmas finale.

During the darker evenings we designed and built useful machines out of Lego, had an Experiment evening, making batteries out of lemons and messily investigated non-Newtonian fluids (leaving evidence of our very enthusiastic volcano on the HQ roof!) The shift to normality allowed a return to our traditional culinary interest with Haggis for Burns Night, noodles for Chinese New Year and pancakes to celebrate Shrove Tuesday.

We were happy that the summer term allowed this interest to continue outside as we toasted marshmallows and cooked damper bread 'snakes' on open fires. Further camp craft skills were gained through an evening building shelters and hammocks, learning to tie reef knots and marshmallow/spaghetti pioneering. The lovely summer evenings also allowed us to do a treasure hunt around Morley Park where we were enthusiastically joined by parents and siblings.

We had a fantastic day at the District Beaver Fun Day at Walton Firs, a chance to hone some of our camp skills (more marshmallows!) as well as trying out activities including bouldering, archery, the maze and adventure course. The Beavers were also introduced to the fun that is the Walton Firs ravine, almost certain to be continued as they progress through the 19th.

It's been great to see how far we've come over the year in getting back to normal with several Beavers gaining their Chief Scout Bronze award and moving onto Cubs. We've also welcomed lots of new Beavers, enjoying getting to know new



families as well as a number of siblings who have been keen to join our evenings. Thanks to Pauline (Squirrel), Ben (Panther), our Duke of Edinburgh helper Andrew, as well as all the parents for their help and support. Looking forward to the next year including a welcome return to the Beaver and Cub Sleepover.

Suzanne Clark (Robin)

MAYHEW BEAVER COLONY AND CUB PACK REPORT



Given that we run similar programmes for the Mayhew Beavers and Cubs we have again combined our annual reports - thinking of our readers of course!

Over the past year we have welcomed new members into both sections and said cheerio to others. Being as we are essentially the same leadership team covering two sections, we never really say goodbye to our youngsters except to those that don't simply move up to Scouts but go further afield to Costa Rica, for example, or the Czech Republic as one of our Beavers and one of our Cubs have done respectively! To others it is an au revoir and see you at the next Group event!

If there is such a thing in Scouting, the autumn term of 2021 brought us back some 'normality'. No more social distancing (for the youngsters or adults) and no restrictions on sharing equipment etc. Both the Mayhew Beavers and Cubs remained on an outside programme until the October half term when we had to concede and return inside, but not before lighting fires (and toasting marshmallows of course), learning about recycling and in particular the Walkers crisp packet scheme that the District Beavers participated in whereby a charity on the south coast recycled our empty crisp packets into thermal blankets for the homeless. Apparently the cheese and onion packets were the best for this! We collected nature's autumn bounty and made beautiful autumn wreaths, learnt about road safety and had a go at bell ringing. Thanks go to the Oakwood Beaver leaders for stepping in to cover our sections on this occasion when Ros, Denise and I were all away during the same week - one of the pitfalls of having the same leadership team covering two sections!

Always given the opportunity, both sections celebrated Halloween with toilet roll mummies and extremely effective (but made from not so environmentally friendly cotton wool buds) skeletons. In the long run in to Christmas we looked at constellations, sang songs around the campfire with the rest of the Group and became spy agents with the Beavers and Cubs setting their very own spy codes and messages under their personalised spy guises, as demonstrated by their secret agent identification badges. The term was rounded off as usual with a good party, which ended with a large snowball (newspaper) fight.



Everything we do is geared towards badge requirements and so it was with pleasure that we were able to award Nicholas his Bronze Chief Scout award



before he moved up to Cubs. Well done Nicholas!

With the birth of 2022 came a fresh new term. We jumped straight into the Skills challenge badge which included sewing, ironing, lighting matches and window cleaning - the Scout hut windows have never sparkled so much! The Beavers and Cubs have also completed their Money badge, a relatively new badge released by the Scout Association. It was fascinating to learn that the new designs on the rear of each coin denomination all combine to make the royal shield of arms. But perhaps more interesting

were the menus, based on a £5 per person per day budget! Needless to say there would be some hungry Cubs at the end of the day! We also looked at fire safety in the home (and Scout hut) and dusted off the soft archery sets.

A highlight of the spring term for the Cubs was a weekend at the Marchants Hill PGL facility. Whilst it was quite chilly across the weekend and somewhat damp, a good time was had by all there with the giant swing, archery, sensory trail, zip wire climbing and raft building being the activities completed. It was great to get some nights away under the Cubs' belts, particularly those for whom it was their first night away from home.

The summer brought outside opportunities once again and on election night (when we are evicted from the Scout Hut as it becomes a polling station) we ventured out into Morley Park to complete the cycle section of our Cyclist badge. Both sections had fun and we rounded the evening off talking about safety equipment - helmets,

lights, hi vis, etc. Whilst the Cubs continued their cyclist badge the week after, learning about punctures and pumping up tyres, the Beavers headed back into Morley Park in search of tadpoles and general nature in the pond. After that they enjoyed a nature scavenger hunt back on site. We got messy in May, tie dying tshirts and pillow cases, and practised putting up tents.



The Cubs enjoyed a more traditional Cub Camp at Walton Firs, which gives the older Cubs the opportunity to sleep in tents. The Cubs again enjoyed lots of activities, including shelter building, low ropes, caving and orienteering,



tent pitching and pioneering. They joined with the campfire of a group from Cobham and cooked their own lunch (burgers) on open fires. A huge thanks go to Akela (Mike Mayhew) of the Oakwood pack for organising it.

Not to be outdone, the Beavers enjoyed a District Funday at Walton Firs - an event postponed twice due to Covid. The Beavers enjoyed fire lighting, soft archery, mini pioneering, an assault course and, of course, had great fun running backwards and forwards up the sides of the natural ravine.

As we approached a well earned summer break, the Beavers completed their Builders badge. Their task was to design a robot out of junk materials. The design had to identify what materials would be used for what part, then they collected said materials and built their robots the following week. We were extremely impressed with all the finished robots. The Cubs meanwhile made camp tripods to hang a pan of water to cook pasta and hotdogs in. Both sections rounded off their years with a slightly damp water games evening.

Back in 2021, Christopher joined us at Beavers as part of his DofE volunteering. Christopher has moved up through each section in the group and we are lucky that having completed the Bronze stage of his DofE requirements he is continuing on with us to complete his Silver and hopefully Gold awards as well! At Cubs we have welcomed some new young leaders Dimitry (an elder sibling of an existing Cub) plus Tony and Kai, former Mayhew and Oakwood Cubs respectively. All are completing their DofE and their presence has been most welcomed. We hope they will continue with us long after their DofE challenge is completed.

Of course I say this each year, but none of the above would be possible without a strong and dedicated leadership team. Huge thanks to Rebecca, Denise and Ros (Group Chair) for their time and efforts. Thanks must go to Christopher, Dimitry, Tony and Kai too. We should also acknowledge other leaders in the Group who very quickly offer up to step in and help run not one but two sections back to back when we are stuck on a Thursday. The 19th truly has a 'team' of leaders. As always further thanks go to our parents for their ongoing support and for their help at our

weekly meetings, either as a one off (marshalling our cyclists around the park) or stepping up to help out on a more regular basis. If any of our other parents would like to give volunteering a go, perhaps a week per month, then please speak to any of us - we can accommodate any time you are able to offer!

We look forward to another fun year at the Mayhew Beavers and Cubs!

Liz Strutt (Beaver Leader and Raksha)

OAKWOOD CUB PACK REPORT

cubs Hurrah! A whole year of face-to-face meetings. How good it is to feel things are getting back to normal. It has been a very busy year at Cubs as we have tried to make up for lost time and have had a focus on completing the Cub programme in record time. This saw 3 Cubs gain their Chief Scout Silver Award in May just before going up to Scouts. This is the highest award in Cubs so well done to Henry, Miguel and Zidane.

Without doubt the highlights of the year have been the trip to PGL in March and Cub Camp to Walton Firs in May. PGL was the first time away from home for many of the Cubs and concentrated on adventurous activities like climbing, zip wire, giant swing, archery, sensory trail and raft building. It was great to see the children have fun, challenging themselves and working as a team. As a result, most of the pack gained their 'Adventure' Challenge Award. Bad luck to the three boys who had Covid and couldn't come with us. Cub Camp gave the children another opportunity to be away from home for the weekend and this concentrated on more traditional skills like lighting and cooking on fires, putting up tents, building shelters and learning how to make gadgets and follow a trail using a compass. All the Cubs had a go at caving (a man-made structure) which was great fun, and the older Cubs had the opportunity to sleep outside in tents. On both occasions we were lucky with the weather and many children gained their 'Outdoor' Challenge Award.

In the autumn term, after our Covid break, we once again held our Group Campfire. It was great to be joined by so many parents and children, and the cocoa and



biscuits also went down well afterwards. In November, we were also pleased to welcome back 'Shooting Stars Circus Skills' where Cubs and leaders had an opportunity to learn how to juggle using a diablo and some children were surprisingly good at cycling on miniature bikes, but the leaders gave this a miss! We finished the term by making bath bombs but it all ended abruptly because Covid cases had risen sharply and no one wanted to catch it just before Christmas, so we broke up a week earlier than expected.



Through our sixers' forum we learned what Cubs like to do best and no surprises that lighting fires came out on top including cooking on them especially chocolate in bananas and toasting marshmallows. As a result, one of the first badges children achieve is Backwoods Cooking. Over the year other badges have included Hiker with a trip to Wimbledon Common, Disability Awareness, Home Help and Nautical Skills. All the children who attended the District Science Day also achieved their Scientist Badge and had a great time trying out lots of different experiments. Well done also to our team of children who attended the District Chess Competition. Their excellent playing skills saw them come second overall in the District as well as earning themselves the Hobbies Badge.

Part of the Scouting movement's philosophy is to think about and help others. With this in mind, after discussion, the Cubs raised £50 for Crisis to help homeless people at Christmas and in July brought items to donate to a local Foodbank. Thank you to everyone for your generosity. For the 'World ' Challenge we took part in games from around the world, celebrated Diwali by making lamps from clay and Chinese New Year by making tiger masks. We also checked the services available in Raynes Park with a walk to the high street and played activity games to learn about our environment and how to protect it.

We had a special celebration this year because of the Queen's Platinum Jubilee and held our own street party at the Group HQ. The children have also been given a special badge to wear on their uniform to mark this unique occasion. We are very fortunate that our site has grounds where we can play wide games, build shelters, observe and draw things from nature as well as traditional fun activities like our Easter Egg Hunt. We finished the year with rounders out on the field next to our site.

Of course, all this would not be possible without a great set of leaders who give up a substantial amount of time throughout the year to ensure we have a busy and fun packed programme to suit all tastes and ability. There's always room on our

team for additional support so if anyone fancies it, or you know of anyone, then please come and speak to me. A big thank you to Chris, Helen, Laura and Kiki who have supported me throughout the year in offering the children so many experiences. Finally, I would also like to thank all our Cub parents for your support as together we make such a great team.

Mike Mayhew (Akela)

SCOUTS

SCOUT TROOP REPORT

This last year has given us the opportunity to get back to many of the Scouting activities that we missed so much during the pandemic.

In September 2021, the year started off with a water sports session with our friends at Wimbledon Park lake. It was good fun kayaking (in the rain) and an opportunity to try something new for some of our Scouts and develop skills for others.

In October, a group of Scouts took on an Expedition into Surrey. Travelling out by train and minibus into the Surrey Hills, they then successfully navigated to Bentley Copse in Shere, where they set up camp. Fajitas for dinner were cooked on the fire, followed by some evening games and entertainment.

In November, we were able to join the Beavers and Cubs for our Group Campfire and to end the term for Christmas, the Patrol Leaders took over and ran a Christmas Quiz for us all to enjoy.

In the New Year, we started the Creative Challenge badge, one of the nine challenge badges needed for the Gold Chief Scout award. The 'Creative' theme led us to rope making from toilet paper, performances using shadows, clay faces, food art and trash fashion. Scouts managed to complete their model maker activity badge by using their imagination and artistic skills to create Warhammer figures.



In March, the Scouts were very fortunate to have sunshine for their weekend camp at HQ. After tents were set up, patrols were tasked with solving the clues of the Wimbledon Common challenge hike. The clues then lead them to the padlock code releasing some tasty treats for our dessert.



Moving into the summer term, the lighter evenings returned which allowed us to develop some camp and outdoor skills. After learning about the principles and safety of fire at camp, we then put this into practice. Scouts were challenged to light a fire and cook campfire bread twists one week and a fire that floats on water another week. Scouts explored camp equipment, set up various types of tents and built their own shelters. Using the knots we learnt, we were then able to build a bridge with logs that we could walk over. We finished off the term with something a little different - a vertical log climb.



Over the summer, we were excited to be able to have a week long Camp at Lyons Copse campsite, near Southampton. For many, this was the first time away from home in a while so it was great to see the Scouts working so well together in patrols and really getting involved in all the activities. It was a busy week but we did manage to jump on a Hovercraft to the Isle of Wight for the day.

Well done to Evie and Edward who have been nominated for the Jack Petchey achievement award. Congratulations to Xander, who has been selected to represent UK Scouting at the World Scout Jamboree in Korea next year.

Currently we have 36 Scouts and are looking forward to meeting the 13 new members who will be moving up from Cubs to the Troop this term.

Thank you to our volunteers (leaders, young leaders, helpers and parents) for their support over the year.

Dave Godden (Scout Leader)

RAYNES PARK EXPLORER SCOUT UNIT REPORT



This year was a return to normality for the Raynes Park Explorer Scout Unit. After the Covid restrictions that prevented us from meeting, we rapidly set about making up for lost time. In summer 2021, our intrepid leaders, in coordination with colleagues from Wimbledon & Wandle and Royal Kingston Districts, planned and delivered a stellar summer camp, becoming the first campers to return to Gilwell Park. Even more impressive, the entire camp was planned online by leaders who, in many cases, had not met one another in person.

From there, we returned to the usual rhythm of weekly meetings and District activities. Highlights of the year include Red Flare, go karting (twice!), paintball, water sports (three times!), Go Ape, climbing the O2, ice skating at Hampton Court and a 13,000 calorie 'earn and burn' challenge, plus the usual fun of fire lighting, cooking, bowling and generally larking about.

We were also thrilled to support more than a dozen members in completing their Duke of Edinburgh bronze expedition on the South Downs. We look forward to a silver expedition sometime in the autumn, perhaps on the Isle of Wight.

Building on the success of the joint District summer camp in 2021, we returned for a second instalment, this time in the New Forest. Highlights of this camp included a visit to the Royal Navy dockyards in Portsmouth and loads of wet-and-wild fun.

Perhaps most notable is that the Raynes Park Explorer Scout Unit remains a growing and active home for our young people. We have a solid core of active young people who return week after week, engage and support one another in their growth and seem to have a blast doing it. Two of our number will be attending the next World Scout Jamboree in South Korea and we look forward to supporting them in so doing.

Many thanks to my fellow leaders, Neil, Nicky, Nic, Jamie, James (all four of them!), Lucy, Bella and Harry, for their outstanding supporting. I was honoured to take on the role of unit leader this year, but it would have been absolutely impossible to delivery any of the above without such a strong team!

Eric de Regnacourt (Explorer Scout Leader)



GROUP HQ - A SITE FOR THE COMMUNITY

We are really pleased that both the hall and the outside areas are used so well by the community. Our Scout Group is firmly embedded into the life of so many people who use the hall every week. We are now fully booked with long term; regular bookings and we are not currently able to offer the hall for children's parties at weekends.

The income from the rent paid by users provides us with reliable and regular funds to invest in Scouting, improve the site and pay for cleaning. This year we were able to upgrade the wifi system to enable access to the internet across the site as well as buying more equipment for the sections to use. This coming year we will pay the last instalment of our repayment of the loan that we used to enable our new hall to be built.

Our users are happy to co-operate with us to enable the exclusive use of the site for Scout use when we need it. We are very grateful for their continuing support.

Information on the various activities available in the hall is posted on our notice board in the hall lobby, please take a look and see if anything is of interest to you and your family.

Ros Barnes (Lettings)

We need tea makers, activity planners, tidy-uppers and helpers for as little or as much time as you can spare.

We meet on Tuesday or Thursday evenings to help our 8 to 11-year olds get going, get thinking and stuck into all kinds of things to give them skills for life. Every now and then that may well mean using a compass, but more often than not it's about confidence, speaking up, thinking on their feet and going for it. Can you help?

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19th Wimbledon

MEMBERS OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

2021-2022

Group Chair	Ros Barnes
Group Secretary	Ian Haynes
Group Treasurer	Adrian Chapman
Group Scout Leader (G.S.L.)	Paul Wilkins
Assistant Group Scout Leader (A.G.S.L.)	Richard Bowyer
Assistant Group Scout Leader (A.G.S.L.)	Mike Mayhew
Beaver Scout Leader (Fawn) - Oakwood	Suzanne Clark
Beaver Scout Leader (Raksha) - Mayhew	Liz Strutt
Cub Scout Leader (Akela) - Oakwood	Mike Mayhew (interim)
Cub Scout Leader (Akela) - Mayhew	Rebecca Gregg
Scout Leader (S.L.)	Dave Godden
Explorer Scout Leader	Eric de Regnaucourt
GSL nominated member	vacant
Oakwood Beaver parent	vacant
Mayhew Beaver parent	vacant
Oakwood Cub parent	vacant
Mayhew Cub parent	Matthew Debnam
Scout Troop parent	Anne Khan
Quartermaster	vacant

'100 CLUB' WINNERS IN 2021

Jan	£15	Barbara Chapman	Jul	£15	Rhys Beynon
	£15	Susanna King-Christopher		£15	Suzanne Clark
Feb	£15	Howard Rochford	Aug	£15	Gem Wilkins
	£15	Claire Henderson		£15	Jim Brook
Mar	£15	Marina Bowyer	Sep	£15	Adrian Chapman
	£15	John Kitchener		£15	Chris Chapman
Apr	£15	Charlie Mowbray	Oct	£15	Nigel Bishop
	£15	Barbara Lunn		£15	Kath McLaughlan
May	£15	Ian Haynes	Nov	£100	Rosemary Matters
	£15	Tony Rochford		£15	Erica Bishop
Jun	£15	Pam McLaughlan	Dec	£50	William Tolmie
	£15	Catherine Williams		£15	Chris Godden

GROUP TREASURER'S REPORT

The accounts for the Group show that income exceeded expenditure by more than £22,000 in the financial year to 31 March 2022. Full accounts for the whole Group will be presented at the AGM.

Following the easing of Covid restrictions our income has greatly recovered since the previous financial year. Other users of our premises have been able to return resulting in income of £42,969, compared to £15,130 in the previous year. Membership subscriptions rose to £12,445, compared to £5,377 in the previous year. As our premises are subject to business rates we qualified for another government small business covid grant of £2,667. We repaid £10,000 from our loan taken from District to finance our new buildings, leaving a balance of £20,000 to repay. We anticipate repaying this in full in the next financial year.

We continued to raise money from The Giving Machine as commission donated from online purchases of goods, insurance, theatre tickets etc. We are also raising donations from AmazonSmile as a percentage of purchases made through their website. It costs the buyer nothing so we'd like a lot more people to use these schemes. Details of them can be found in this booklet and under Fundraising on our Group website.

Thanks also to those who made other donations totalling over £1,552. The Gift Aid scheme continues to provide additional income. I would urge all parents to sign up if possible.



The 100 Club is an easy & fun way to raise money for the Group. It costs £1 a month (payable annually) to belong and 50% of all money received is given out in prizes. Many thanks to James Roe for running the Club in the recent years, he now has to stand down, so if you can help with this role please contact us. If you would like to join the 100 Club please email 100club@19thwimbledonscouts.co.uk.

Adrian Chapman (Group Treasurer)

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GROUP INFORMATION

The Headquarters Site of the 19th Wimbledon Scout Group and the Raynes Park Explorer Scout Unit is at 106 Cottenham Park Road, SW20 0SZ (at the junction with Oakwood Road).

The Group has links with St Matthew's (C. of E.) Church and the Sacred Heart (R.C.) Parish.

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Oakwood Beaver Scout Colony Mondays, 6.15 – 7.15	Suzanne Clark (Fawn) oakwoodbeavers@19thwimbledonscouts.co.uk
Mayhew Cub Scout Pack Thursdays, 6.30 – 8.00	Rebecca Gregg (Akela) akelamayhew@19thwimbledonscouts.co.uk
Oakwood Cub Scout Pack Tuesdays, 6.30 – 8.00	Mike Mayhew (Akela) (Interim) akelaoakwood@19thwimbledonscouts.co.uk
Scout Troop Wednesdays, 7.30 – 9.00	Dave Godden scoutleader@19thwimbledonscouts.co.uk
Raynes Park Explorer Scout Unit Thursdays, 7.30 – 9.15	Eric de Regnaucourt leaders@raynesparkesu.org



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VOLUNTEERING - IT COULD BE YOU!

Would you like to be part of a successful team, make a real difference to young people's lives and have a positive impact on society?

The 19th Wimbledon Scout Group is one of the largest and most successful Scout Groups in Merton with great facilities and a strong and dedicated leadership team. We want to build on that success and provide greater Scouting for more young people for years to come.



We are recruiting now at all sections in the Group to strengthen our adult leadership team.

No previous experience or skills are required. There is a range of roles to choose from; depending on where you and we feel you would fit in best. Any necessary training will be provided.

All you need is an enthusiasm to help Scouting 'actively engage and support young people in their personal development, empowering them to make a positive contribution to society.' We do this through adults working in partnership with young people (boys and girls, aged 6 to 18).

Being a leader in Scouting is hugely rewarding and is great fun - most of the time! It will give you the chance to try new activities and experiences and develop your own confidence and skills such as leadership, team working and planning, which will be of value to you and employers.

For further information on the 19th Wimbledon Scout Group visit our website at www.19thwimbledonscouts.co.uk and for more general information about Scouting visit www.scouts.org.uk.

If you think you might be interested and would like a completely non-committal chat about our volunteering opportunities, then email the Chair at chair@19thwimbledonscouts.co.uk. After that, you can come along and try it out. And in the meantime, there is a safeguarding process to go through, including criminal record checks and a couple of references. All being well, you'll soon be joining the adventure and sharing in the rewards that Scouting has to offer.

Paul Wilkins (G.S.L.)

Ros Barnes (Chair)

Minutes of the Nineteenth Annual General Meeting of the 19th Wimbledon Scout Group, held by video conference on 1st November 2021

Present: There were approximately 20 people present, including leaders, parents, friends and members of the Group Executive.

Welcome: The Group Chair, Ros Barnes, welcomed everyone and thanked them for attending by video on Zoom due to the COVID-19 precautions.

1. **Apologies:** Apologies for absence were received from Chris Chapman.
2. **Minutes:** The Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of 16th October, 2020 were taken as read. Approval was proposed by Mike Mayhew, seconded by Eric de Regnacourt and agreed by the meeting.
3. **Matters Arising from the Minutes:** There were no matters arising.
4. **Annual Report:** The Group Chair presented the Annual Report. It was another unusual year with a lot of time spent outdoors which is not what we are used to but fortunate that we have such good grounds to be able to do this. The children really enjoyed themselves but did miss out on the residential activities, although Scouts & Explorers did manage short trips in the summer. Membership numbers have been maintained, with limits still in place in the Beaver & Cub sections to protect the Scout Troop size. Ros took the opportunity to thank Mark Steed for being a fantastic member of the team over the years, with Cubs & Scouts and other contributions such as the films etc. She wished him well in his new endeavours. Ros also thanked Mike Mayhew for coming out of retirement to be Akela of Oakwood Cub Pack. Our challenge next year is to recruit a Cub Leader to relieve Mike and a Beaver Leader to relieve Rebecca & Liz from running a double shift on a Thursday evening. Finally Ros thanked all the Leaders and Executive for all their efforts, not just at section meetings but also helping around the site and other events. She ended her report with condolences for the sad loss of John Kitchener, who was associated with the Group for many years in various leadership positions, and noted there will be a memorial celebration this weekend. Approval of the report was proposed by Neil McLauchlan and seconded by Eric de Regnacourt.
5. **Annual Statement of Accounts:** The Treasurer, Adrian Chapman, presented the Annual Statement of Accounts for year ending 31st March. He noted there was still a reasonable lettings income despite Covid of £21,000, plus a £10,000 Covid grant from Merton. A further £10,000 has been paid from the original District Loan leaving £30,000 remaining.

Approval of the Accounts was proposed by Mark Steed, seconded by Mike Mayhew, who also thanked Adrian, and agreed by the meeting.

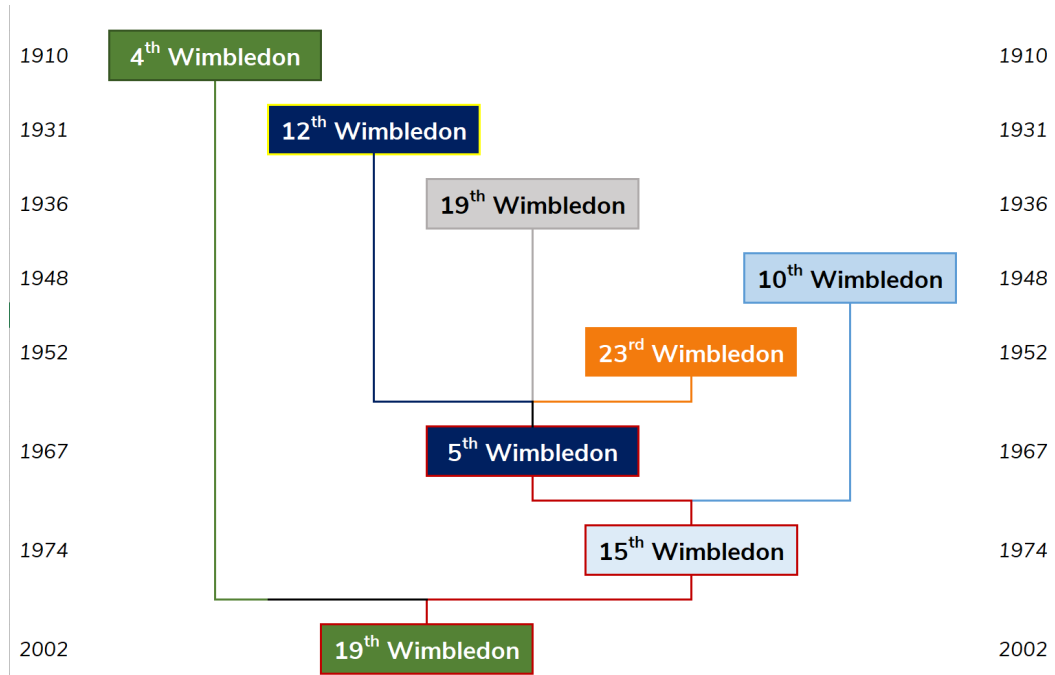
6. **GSL's Nominations of Group Chair and Executive Committee:** The Group Scout Leader thanked Ros for her expertise as Chair and nominated her to continue for another year. Also, he nominated Dick Bowyer to be a GSL's nominated member of the Executive, because now he is an ASL he is no longer a standing member. He finished by also giving his thanks to all the leaders and executive for the past year.
7. **Group Secretary and Group Treasurer:** The Chair advised that Ian Haynes was willing to continue as Secretary and Adrian Chapman to continue as Treasurer. This was proposed by Dick Bowyer, seconded by Dave Godden and agreed by the meeting.
8. **Election of Remaining Members of the Group Executive Committee:** The section leaders all agreed to be standing members of the Executive. Two parents have volunteered to be on the Executive, Matthew Debnam for Mayhew Cubs and Michael Green for Oakwood Beavers. Finally Explorer Leader, Eric de Regnaucourt, was nominated to serve on the Executive Committee. Their election was proposed by Rebecca Gregg and seconded by Mike Mayhew and approved by the meeting.
9. **Appointment of Independent Examiner:** The Treasurer reported that Michael Barnes was willing to continue as Independent Examiner. This was proposed by Mike Mayhew, seconded by Rebecca Gregg and agreed by the meeting.
10. **Presentations:** There were no formal presentations at this meeting. Dick noted that we have not proposed a Ron Day Shield winner this year due to the unusual circumstances. He will get a small permanent shield for last year's winner Immy Henderson. Other presentations will be done by the District Commissioner at a later event, possibly the Group Camp Fire. The Chair thanked James Roe for running the 100 Club and noted that the grand annual draw will be done at the Group Camp Fire this year.
11. **Any Other Business:** Matthew asked whether there would be a Remembrance Day Parade this year, and Paul & Dave explained there would be one which Explorers & Scouts have been invited to attend. Also Matthew mentioned that there had been a few sightings of rats, which Paul agreed and noted that bait has been put down which has reduced the problem but it will not be eliminated entirely given the rural surroundings at the site.

Close of meeting: There being no other business, the meeting closed and the Chair invited everyone to stay for virtual chit chat!

THE ORIGINS OF THE 19TH WIMBLEDON

This year the 19th Wimbledon Scout Group is 20 years old ! The Scout Association Certificate of Registration is dated 27th February 2002 and was signed by the first GSL, Kevin Quigley, with Chris Godden as Chairman and Adrian Chapman as Treasurer.

Our Group is the result of numerous amalgamations of Scout Groups. Although, as you will see below, it is almost like our Group badge (the Phoenix rising from the ashes) reflects our return to one of our earlier “names” from 36 years ago.



The 12th Wimbledon (St Matthews), the 19th Wimbledon (Raynes Park County Grammar School) and the 23rd Wimbledon (Sacred Heart School) merged in 1967 to form the 5th Wimbledon, which in turn merged with the 10th Wimbledon to form the 15th Wimbledon, and then in 2002 merging with the 4th Wimbledon to form the 19th Wimbledon.

It is amazing to think of all the young people who have passed through these Groups over the last 110 years, learning new skills, gaining new experiences and growing into fine young men and women. Here's to many more years of great Scouting at the 19th Wimbledon.

FRIENDS OF THE 19TH (FON)

The 19th Wimbledon can trace its origins back over 110 years, and during that time many people have had an involvement one way or another with the Group or its predecessors. We realise that whilst people move away or move on, they may still like to keep in contact with us, receive occasional news of the Group's activities, renew old acquaintances and receive invitations to important Group events. For this we have the "Friends of the 19th". We also hold regular events for Friends, Leaders and Exec members at Group HQ.

If you would like to become a Friend, then please contact the secretary:

Ian Haynes, Secretary, 19th Wimbledon Scout Group

secretary@19thwimbledonscouts.co.uk

The Friends of the 19th are proud to support the efforts of the 19th Wimbledon Scout Group in providing another century of Scouting to local boys and girls.

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19TH WIMBLEDON SCOUT GROUP

Group registration number 41377 Registered charity number 303793

Receipts & Payments Account for the year ended 31 March 2022

2021	RECEIPTS	2022	2021	PAYMENTS	2022
5,377.50	Subscriptions	12,445.00	3,872.00	Scout Association membership	4,047.00
250.00	RPESU rent	750.00	0.00	Headquarters Rent	0.00
2,316.19	Donations	1,352.22	6,039.34	Development	12,500.36
21,530.00	Lettings	42,969.50	1,432.91	Maintenance	3,488.13
	Fund-raising events		2,176.72	Water	542.62
0.00		0.00	439.39	Electricity	2,691.55
			85.97	Telephone	439.66
0.00			7,583.51	Bottled gas	0.00
			738.20	Cleaning	7,335.60
				Refuse	817.33
			18,496.04		27,815.25
13.47	AmazonSmile	57.30			
58.42	The Giving Machine	16.69			
468.00	100 club	462.00	4,080.63	Insurances	4,218.44
2,957.93	Gift Aid tax refund	2,725.66	6,138.60	Equipment New	2,656.12
10,000.00	Grants	2,667.00	0.00	Maintenance	0.00
0.00	Miscellaneous	33.00	6,138.60		2,656.12
0.00	Polling station	675.00			
0.00	Interest Scout Association	11.77	863.72	Miscellaneous supplies	794.74
			536.48	Uniform, badges etc.	881.68
			215.89	Website	256.67
			444.37	Online Scout Manager fees	602.90
			32.26	Stationery, postage etc.	211.20
			0.00	AGM	0.00
			0.00	Scout Association loan interest @ Base+2%	0.00
980.69	SECTION INCOME			SECTION EXPENSE	
0.00	Camps and outings	12,796.64	7,905.00	Camps and outings	9,942.40
250.00	Sale of scarves etc.	38.50	31.00	Badges, scarves etc.	4.27
50.00	Fund-raising and donations	1,250.00	409.66	Section activities	935.49
	Other income	0.00	113.24	Stationery, postage and sundries	955.50
1,280.69		14,085.14	8,458.90		11,837.66
44,252.20	TOTAL INCOME	78,250.28	43,138.89	TOTAL EXPENSE	53,321.66
0.00	DEFICIT	0.00	1,113.31	SURPLUS	24,928.62
44,252.20		78,250.28	44,252.20		78,250.28

Note: The Group occupies land on the north side of Cottenham Park Road, West Wimbledon, London SW20 0SZ at a peppercorn rent.

The Group is a trust established under its rules which are common to all Groups.

Trustees are appointed in accordance with the Policy, Organisation & Rules of the Scout Association.

Bankers: Lloyds Bank PLC.

The accounts have been drawn up on a receipts and payments basis as previously.

Contact: Adrian Chapman, 40 Amity Grove, London SW20 0LJ

Signed on behalf of the Group Executive Committee



A. Chapman
Group Treasurer



R. Barnes
Group Chair

19TH WIMBLEDON SCOUT GROUP
Statement of Assets & Liabilities for the year ended 31 March 2022

OPENING BALANCES		CLOSING BALANCES	
Group funds:		Group funds:	
Current account	22,237.71	Current account	34,875.27
100 club current account	1,195.00	100 club current account	622.00
Scout Association short term investment	1,005.38	Scout Association short term investment	1,017.15
Cash	168.25	Cash	144.49
100 club prizes payable	(640.00)	100 club prizes payable	(622.00)
Loan from Scout District	(30,000.00)	Loan from Scout District	(20,000.00)
	(6,033.66)		16,036.91
Oakwood Beaver funds:		Oakwood Beaver funds:	
Cash	0.00	Cash	0.00
	0.00		0.00
Mayhew Beaver/Cub funds:		Mayhew Beaver/Cub funds:	
Current account	0.00	Current account	0.00
Cash	0.00	Cash	0.00
	0.00		0.00
Oakwood Cub funds:		Oakwood Cub funds:	
Current account	2,176.90	Current account	1,671.18
Cash	0.00	Cash	0.00
	2,176.90		1,671.18
Scout Troop funds:		Scout Troop funds:	
Current account	1,314.92	Current account	4,678.69
Cash	0.00	Cash	0.00
	1,314.92		4,678.69
TOTAL OPENING BALANCE	(2,541.84)	TOTAL CLOSING BALANCE	22,386.78
Group surplus	22,070.57		
Sections surplus	2,858.05		
NET SURPLUS	24,928.62		
TOTAL CLOSING BALANCE	22,386.78		

The Group owns buildings with an insured value of £599,719.37 and equipment with an insured value of £51,136.25

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of The 19th Wimbledon Scout Group

I report on the accounts of the Group for the year ended 31 March 2022.

This report is made solely to the trustees in accordance with Section 145 of the Charities Act 2011. My work has been undertaken so that I might state to the charity's trustees those matters I am required to state to them in an Independent Examiner's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, I do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the charity and the charity's trustees for my examination work.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

As the charity's trustees you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. You consider that an audit is not required for this year under Section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 (the Charities Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to examine the accounts (under Section 145 of the Charities Act); to follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners under Section 145(5)(b) of the Charities Act; and to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

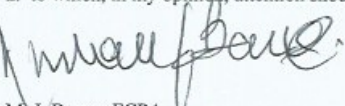
Basis of examiner's statement

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair' view and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent examiner's statement

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

1. which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements
 - to keep accounting records in accordance with Section 130 of the Charities Act; and
 - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Act have not been met; or
2. to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.



M.L Barnes FCPA
49 Nelson Road, New Malden, Surrey KT3 5EB

19TH WIMBLEDON SCOUT GROUP

England & Wales - Charity number 303793

Accounts



Registered Scout Group: 41377

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AGENDA for 2021 Annual General Meeting

1. Apologies for Absence
2. Minutes of the 2020 AGM
3. Matters Arising from the Minutes
4. Presentation of the Annual Report
5. Presentation of the Annual Statement of Accounts
6. Group Scout Leader's nomination of
 - the Group Chair
 - certain members of the Executive Committee
7. Election of Group Secretary & Group Treasurer
8. Election of remaining members of the Executive Committee
9. Appointment of Independent Examiner
10. Presentations
11. Any Other Business



GROUP CHAIR'S INTRODUCTION

Welcome to our 2021 Annual report.

We have had another year of challenges as we have navigated our way through the changing regulations during the Covid pandemic. I would like to commend our leaders and adult helpers who have worked hard to find ways to offer our young people as much of a normal Scouting programme as possible.

As Scouts our motto of "Be Prepared" has proved to be very pertinent as leaders have had to prepare well for sessions and use their creativity and experience to find games and activities that did not need any sharing of equipment and kept everyone as safe as possible.

The section reports provide more information about the activities during the year and I hope that you enjoy reading them.

We know that our children have missed out on some of the more exciting parts of the Scout programmes over the past two years, our opportunities to camp and enjoy nights away from home have been very limited. This was unavoidable, but we are aware of how disappointing it has been for the children. You will be pleased to know that plans are already being developed to provide camps and other nights away activities for 2022.

As usual I'd like to thank all of our warranted leaders, section helpers, volunteers and Young Leaders who give their time and skills freely throughout the year to the Group and I'd also like to thank my fellow Executive Committee officers who help to direct the overall work of the Group. Thanks also to Suzanne Clark who has taken on the role as Beaver Leader for the Oakwood Colony.





Many of you will know that Mark Steed has moved out of the area and has had to relinquish his roles as Akela of the Oakwood Cub pack and an Assistant Scout Leader with the Scout Troop. Mark's departure was in the middle of the pandemic and as such, we were unable to fully let him know how much we appreciated everything that he did for the Group. Mark is a wonderful Leader, gave his time freely and introduced our young people to his many skills, including science and chess. He came to almost all of our Cub and Scout camps and we will all miss his fantastic repertoire of silly songs (with actions!) at our campfires. He was also responsible for many of

the fantastic films produced after camp, which took considerable time to edit and complete! We really hope that Mark will come back from time to time and we wish him well in whatever the future holds for him. We know that whichever Scout Group he joins next will be very pleased to have him. Thanks Mark!

We do need to urgently recruit some additional leaders; particularly for our Tuesday evening Cub Pack and our Thursday evening Beaver Colony. Both of these sections rely on the goodwill of long-standing leaders to keep them going and it would be fantastic to be able to strengthen the team. Over the next few months we will be having a recruitment campaign to find additional volunteers. I'd like to appeal to parents and friends of the Group to spread the word and to encourage anyone (including yourselves) that may be interested in helping us to come forward. We offer support, friendship and training and are happy to talk to people on a "no commitment" basis to see if we can find a place to use their talents and skills.

We also have space on our Committee for more parent representatives, if you would like to find out more, or put yourself forward for one of these roles please let your section leader know.

Volunteering with Scouts can be immensely rewarding and fun and can also help to build confidence and skills which are useful attributes for life. Please help us if you can!

Finally, I am sad to report the death of one of our veteran scouters and a real friend to the Group. John Kitchener had a long and distinguished career with the Scout Association in Wimbledon and he will be sorely missed.

I'd like to end by thanking you for your continuing support which is always appreciated.

Ros Barnes (Group Chair)

GROUP SCOUT LEADER'S REPORT

This report comes at the end of a difficult and sometimes scary 18 months. That said, we look to the future with enthusiasm and optimism, which children and young people should naturally expect from life. We within Scouting aim to fulfil those young peoples' aspirations and give them the social awareness and skill sets required to navigate their complicated lives ahead.

Mental wellbeing for all people and especially youngsters should not be taken for granted, getting outside with your friends and enjoying nature and social settings at camp or during the section meetings is an escape from school life.

We have seen leaders taking on new skills and sometimes learning from younger members such things as video conferencing or other technology skills, I thank all those people who made it possible by providing time and space in their lives for Scouting in those dark days and those who are still doing that today.

I need to repeat my calling that none of this will continue without willing volunteers, one hour a month or 'whatever' you are willing to give will keep this Scout Group strong and vibrant, able to deliver Scouting to girls and boys from age 6 to 18. So if you hear the call for help, welcome and see what is required.

That said, we are as a group of leaders, parents and supporters keen and looking ahead to a full programme of camping and activities for 2022. Please keep in touch with your section leaders and what is planned via OSM. Thanks to you all for your continuing support.

Paul Wilkins (Group Scout Leader)

OAKWOOD BEAVER COLONY REPORT



It was fantastic that the summer term saw us back meeting together at HQ and taking advantage of the amazing outdoor space we are lucky to have. A great excuse to focus on adventure, outdoor games and camp craft skills. We built fires and toasted marshmallows, practised reef knots and explored all the wonderful things that Morley Park has to offer with a family treasure hike.

An additional theme which you may have noticed with Monday nights was torrential rain! Undeterred, the Beavers built shelters and hammocks and used their pioneering skills to build mini twig rafts which floated perfectly in the huge puddles. Unfortunately, the flash floods finally defeated us, and anyone lacking scuba equipment was sadly unable to pass under Raynes Park Bridge for our end of term party!

Arriving back in September, with more freedom and less rain, we've been cracking

codes and trying lots of different ways of communicating as well as getting to know lots of new Beavers including Bob the Beaver, our new mascot, who was democratically named by the Beavers at his first meeting. We're ending the half term with Air Activities including making helicopters that flew amazingly well and paper airplanes that are yet to be perfected.

Many thanks for all their work to Pauline (Squirrel), Ben (Panther) and our Duke of Edinburgh volunteers and Young Leaders, Alfie, Andrew and Owen. Also thanks to others who have helped me through training and getting up to speed as BSL.

Suzanne Clark (Robin)

MAYHEW BEAVER COLONY AND CUB PACK REPORT



Just like for everyone else, the tail end of 2020 turned out to be just as weird as the beginning. Whilst it was possible to meet face to face in a reduced capacity, the Mayhew Beaver and Cub meetings remained virtual throughout the autumn term in the run up to Christmas 2020. But this, we hope, didn't dampen the Beavers' and Cubs' spirits and helped maintain a constant in their daily routines and kept them on their paths to achieving badges. Given the similarity of our programmes for Beavers and Cubs this year, we have combined this report, which given its length might be a blessing!

At the start of our autumn 2020 term we welcomed new members to the Colony - Chloe and Aaron, and to the Pack - Jacob and Aiden. A year on I am delighted to say all have continued with us both online and in person, with Chloe having just moved up to Cubs and Aiden up to Scouts!



Despite our screen distance, we completed a varied programme of activities, ably assisted by our ever supportive and honorary leaders 'the parents'. Our activities included the old favourites of scavenger hunts and quizzes; a Halloween themed evening during which we constructed 'skipping ghosts' (made out of paper cups and pipe cleaners); we learnt about Remembrance Day and the roles Scouts played in the war effort; we tried to recreate ourselves (with some surprising similarity in places!) through leaves, conkers and other autumnal (natural) materials retrieved on our daily walks or school runs, and we learnt about stars and the solar system and created constellation viewers by eating lots of Pringles or drinking lots of coffee to empty the containers. In the run up to

Christmas we made some Christmas decorations and allowed the Beavers and Cubs to use glitter for a change, safe in the knowledge that as leaders we didn't need to worry about clearing it all up!

Perhaps the highlights of the autumn term were firstly a visit from the Bowbridge Alpacas, all the way from sunny Scotland, thanks to the magic of Zoom. The evening gave us a fascinating insight into how an alpaca lives, what they eat, their characters, how they differ from llamas, the four main colours an alpaca may be, and that at Bowbridge each alpaca is individually named with a corresponding name for their offspring. The second highlight was the opportunity to meet 'in person', throw some tomahawks and toast some marshmallows and dampers at the District Halloween Camp, where Chloe and Aaron were also able to make their promises and be officially invested in person. We also came away with some fabulous glow in the dark camp scarves, blanket badges and home made pizza kits, which were extremely delicious!

As 2021 dawned, lockdown #3 arrived which meant absolutely no face to face Scouting, so we prepared for another term of Zoom sessions, this time welcoming the Oakwood Beavers and Cubs to our sessions. We started by setting ourselves some resolutions as part of our Personal Challenge and attempting to stick to them until at least half term. I am pleased to say some very good (in true Scout spirit) resolutions were made



and kept up. The end of January brought with it the Big RSPB Birdwatch weekend, so we learnt about different birds and set about sitting down for an hour and observing which winged friends visited us. Unlike most others, I had only one visitor for the whole sixty minutes to my garden!

February wouldn't be February without pancakes and we had some super sessions making pancakes from scratch. Anna also hosted a super evening of bingo for the Beavers. We learnt about Chinese New Year, worked out who was born in which animal year and made hand print dragons and Chinese lanterns.

With Easter approaching we resorted back to a scavenger hunt, but through the help of parents, the Beavers and Cubs were challenged to follow a series of hidden clues to find their Easter prize. We ended the spring term with an informative visit from Horus Birds of Prey with Paul introducing us to owls and other birds of prey. Our visitors were very well behaved and kept a watchful eye on the Beavers and Cubs, who again came armed with lots of interesting questions.

With the start of the summer term came the opportunity for proper face to face sessions, albeit with all the Covid restrictions of social distancing etc still in place. In total we had spent twelve months on Zoom, delivering something like thirty online sessions for the Beavers and Cubs!

What better way is there to mark our return to Scouting than to light fires and toast marshmallows and sausages on a campfire?! It was simply great to see the Beavers and Cubs and how much they had grown! We were able to welcome a number of new Beavers into the Colony during our first 'in person' meeting, whilst also saying cheerio to others who were ready to move up to Cubs - those of you familiar with the Mayhew sections will know that as Denise, Rebecca and I run both sections we never really say goodbye to our Beavers as they move up to Cubs as they are stuck with us! Christopher also joined us as part of his DofE volunteering. Christopher was once a Beaver and Cub in the Mayhew sections and has since progressed up through the Troop and now into the Explorer unit and it is great he is volunteering with us. Welcome back Christopher!

With the prospect of warm, light summer evenings we maintained an outdoor programme which included building shelters with tarpaulins and ropes; the Beavers followed the nature trail around Morley Park whilst the Cubs were more intrepid and completed a nature hike on Wimbledon Common. We also made bug hotels; learnt knots and how to light matches, and fires with flints for the Cubs; we made very imaginative clay heads and attached them to the trees around the site; next it was leaf imprints in plaster of Paris and the mess that ensues from that, and spent an evening testing our senses through sight, memory, smell and touch.



Offsite we took the opportunity to try the log climb at the District HQ. Whilst attendance numbers were low for Beavers, those there thoroughly enjoyed themselves and had plenty of goes, including two dads! The Cubs had a better attendance but still had sufficient turns to make an enjoyable evening. As it was Jacob's birthday we also enjoyed sausages and burgers on the campfire.

In Beavers we aim to have fun, but everything we do contributes to an element of one of the badges. The highest award a Beaver can achieve is their Chief Scout Bronze Award. It was with great pleasure that through her hard work over lockdown we were able to award Daisy her Chief Scout Bronze Award. Whilst generally awarded as a Beaver approaches the end of their time in the Colony, it may also be worn on the Cub uniform. Owen Purcell, once Assistant District Commissioner for Beavers (now County Commissioner) came down to make the official award. Well done Daisy!

In September 2021 all restrictions were removed from Scouting activities, but what we have got up to since returning this term is for another report!

Of course, none of the above would be possible without a strong leadership team. Huge thanks to Rebecca and Denise, who persevered throughout our online sessions and through the restrictions in the face-to-face sessions. Thanks also to Ros (Group Chairman) who has also now joined our Beaver team and certainly seems to be enjoying her time being actively involved with a section! Chloe and Alicia have joined us as helpers in Cubs and are extremely welcome. Lastly we mustn't forget to thank our parents. You took on the roles of chief resource supplier and helper in our online sessions. Delivering our online sessions was challenging for us at times, but we at least knew what was being planned - you had sometimes only a matter of days to gather together resources or download apps etc. Well done and thank you again, not least for tidying up after our activities! Thanks also for your patience and compliance with all our COVID restrictions etc. We look forward to another fun year at Beavers and Cubs!

Liz Strutt (Beaver Leader and Raksha)

OAKWOOD CUB PACK REPORT



When I retired from being Akela of the Oakwood Cub Pack in 2019, I never imagined I would return and certainly not so soon, but then I never envisaged a global pandemic either! Mark who I worked with for many years and who succeeded me on my retirement has moved away to new pastures and we wish him every success in his future career.

When I took over the pack again in January 2021, we were limited to Zoom calls and I'm very grateful to Liz and Rebecca of the Mayhew Pack for organising joint meetings and helping me to familiarise myself with all the new technology. Who says it's too late to teach an old dog new tricks! We regularly had a dozen children



from the Oakwood Pack who joined in each week with the activities which included scavenger hunts, cooking and craft activities as well as badge work. It was however with some relief when we were able to meet again face to face after the Easter holidays. We started our outdoor programme with a firm favourite, lighting and cooking on fires leading to most Cubs gaining their backwoods cooking badge. A priority was getting the children invested as more than two thirds of the pack were waiting to make their Cub promise, as well as teaching the children how to do the Grand Howl as only the eldest Cubs had any experience of meetings pre-Covid. For the rest of the term we focussed on the Skills Challenge Award which included physical, creative and home skills as well as problem solving and healthy living activities. It gave the children opportunities to learn new skills like window cleaning, changing a lightbulb and making a hot drink. Children also worked together to make a model eco home and played team games and problem solving challenges like the gutter run. However what the children enjoyed the most was getting together again and being able to run about in the grounds playing wide games and team sports so we finished the term with a games evening ending with ice lollies for everyone.

The new term in September started with one boy going up to Scouts and 3 children joining us from Beavers and one sibling from the waiting list which means we now have 28 children in the pack. In September 18 children went paintballing at an event organised by the District and all had a thoroughly good time. We've also had a fun evening making mini-rafts that would float with a lit candle on them and an evening making kites although getting them to fly was more challenging and a few ended up in puddles! Other badges achieved have included Emergency Aid stages 1 & 2, Artist badge, Physical Recreation and Road Safety. At the time of writing we are also looking forward to some exciting outdoor activities including a hike on Wimbledon Common in half term, a trip to PGL Marchants Hill Activity Centre next March and Cub Camp (Covid permitting).

All these things couldn't take place without our fantastic leadership team which consists of myself and my good wife Mrs Akela, Helen, Chris and our newest member Laura who joined us at Easter. Finally, I would like to thank all the parents for their continued support so that we can work together to give the children a rich and varied experience.

Mike Mayhew (Akela)



SCOUT TROOP REPORT

SCOUTS

The Scout Troop returned after the 2020 Summer holidays, enthusiastic to be able to return to face-to-face activities. During our first few weeks back, Scouts successfully managed to light fires in the rain and played glow in the dark crazy golf in the woods at HQ.

In December, nine Scouts completed their Expedition Challenge, the final part they needed to achieve their Chief Scout's Gold Award. The Scouts had completed a virtual training course, run by our expert – Dick B. We then met the groups in Richmond Park for an initial brief before they set off to navigate their routes, ending at the Scout HQ just before dark to cook their dinner.

Due to the pandemic, we were then required to return to virtual Scouting for the Spring term. The leaders delivered packs to Scouts which were full of the activities we had planned for our Zoom sessions. It was great that lots of Scouts were able to continue with virtual meetings. We played battleships, made bows and arrows, had a bingo night, created paracord people and origami.

From April we were pleased to safely return to face-to-face Scout evenings. During the summer term we were able to get back into our outdoor activities such

as practice putting up tents, campfire cooking, archery, pioneering and Frisbee golf.

In July, we held a mini summer camp – three days at our HQ. This is the first time Scouts had been able to camp for almost two years and it was great to be back. We camped out in tents, had a campfire, went hiking, cooked on fires, held our very own Olympics, laser tag, bungee running, log splitting, wide games, air rifle shooting... It was a really action-packed three days and a great reminder of what we hope to look forward to as Scouting continues to get back to normal.

Finally, thank you to all our leadership team who have made all our meetings, events and virtual activities possible this last year.

Dave Godden (Scout Leader)



RAYNES PARK EXPLORER SCOUT UNIT REPORT



Well, what another interesting year this has been!

We started the year with online meetings only. We had mixed success with this as all our members just wanted to get back to seeing each other and having fun. The best evening was probably the Great Raynes Park Bake Off. Sadly Summer Camp 2020 had to be cancelled. We had planned to join with the Flying Penguins and travel to Bournemouth and Poole.

However, as soon as we were able, in the autumn term, we got back to meetings at the hut, mainly outside. We had fun playing with our new slack lines, thanks to a Jack Petchey award. We also enjoyed an evening of fire lighting.

Another purchase from a Jack Petchey award was a pizza oven. We tried our skills at how to use this, it took a few goes but finally mastered it properly, not too well done and all the topping staying on too!

Also on the eating activities we had another 'Who does the best chips in Raynes Park?' survey. We had a different winner this time! Other evenings included; Frisbee golf and parents evening, volleyball and an end of term water fight.

We recommenced our Award Hike Training; starting with Chief Scout's Platinum Award/DofE Bronze. The qualifying hike took place in October. We will be running this training and hikes again in the Spring for both Platinum/DofE Bronze and Diamond/DofE Silver levels.

We joined the Scouts for the delayed Paintball Day, again and much fun was had by all. Thanks again to Dave Bixby for organising this.

We had some members at the 1st District Cyclocross event at Frylands Wood. This was open to all sections and was a great success. Many thanks to all the leaders who helped set up, run the day and clear up.





Summer Camp 2021 was probably the highlight of our year. After many online meetings, eight units from Wimbledon & Wandle and Royal Kingston Districts went to Gilwell Park for a week. Many of the leaders had never worked together before or even met each other until the start of camp! We split all the Explorer Scouts into four sub-camps according to ages and then mixed up the units so that everyone got to meet some new people. We had a day hike, many Taskmaster challenges, volleyball competition and on-site activities. The highlight of the week was a trip to Lee Valley Water Sports Centre (where they held the 2012 Olympic Canoeing). We took part in white water rafting and a water assault course. We also ate a huge amount of pizza on the last evening, topped off with doughnuts from the new County Commissioner!

All our activities are the cumulation of the hard work put in by all our leaders.

I would like to thank all our leaders as always for the work and time that they put in each week throughout the year to run the Unit. Also, to both the Scouters and the Exec committee from the Group for all their enthusiasm and support.

Neil McLauchlan
(Explorer Scout Leader)



GROUP HQ - A SITE FOR THE COMMUNITY

The Scout Headquarters site is back in use every day of the week, we are almost operating at our pre-COVID levels of activities and we are very pleased that the building is used so well by a variety of organisations. As well as the Little Forest Folk nursery, we have exercise classes for both adults and children, a support group for children who are home educated and a local Church group.

The buildings are also used by local Rainbows, Brownies and Guide Groups and the Raynes Park Explorer Scout Unit. We have also recently welcomed the Polish Brownies and Cub Groups who are using the site on a weekly basis.

We are now limited to Sunday afternoons for children's party bookings, and there is significant demand for slots. If you are interested in a booking for your child's birthday, please ask in plenty of time!

The income from the hire of the site enables us to continue to invest in the buildings and the outside area and we have plenty more ideas of ways to improve our site over the next few years. We look forward to giving you more details as they emerge.

We welcome enquiries about letting our Hall and rooms. Please make contact by email on lettings@19thwimbledonscouts.co.uk.

Ros Barnes (Lettings)



CHILDREN'S PARTIES

Are you looking for a venue for a children's party?

Have you considered the Scout Hut?



Did you know that we let our Phoenix Hall for children's parties on Sunday afternoons?

We charge £120 for a 3-hour hire period (based on a two hour party and half hour set up and clear away) and we also ask for a refundable damage deposit of £50. If you are interested, please email lettings@19thwimbledonscouts.co.uk - but make sure you plan at least two months in advance; as the hall is very popular for parties!

"It was a fantastic party, not least because of the great venue" - July 2019

"Many thanks ! The party went very well and everyone complimented on the lovely setting and how great the Scout facilities are" - July 2019

MEMBERS OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

2020-2021

Group Chair	Ros Barnes
Group Secretary	Ian Haynes
Group Treasurer	Adrian Chapman
Group Scout Leader (G.S.L.)	Paul Wilkins
Assistant Group Scout Leader (A.G.S.L.)	Richard Bowyer
Assistant Group Scout Leader (A.G.S.L.)	Mike Mayhew
Beaver Scout Leader (Fawn) - Oakwood	Suzanne Clark
Beaver Scout Leader (Raksha) - Mayhew	Liz Strutt
Cub Scout Leader (Akela) - Oakwood	Mike Mayhew (interim)
Cub Scout Leader (Akela) - Mayhew	Rebecca Gregg
Scout Leader (S.L.)	Dave Godden
Explorer Scout Leader	Neil McLauchlan
GSL nominated member	vacant
Oakwood Beaver parent	vacant
Mayhew Beaver parent	vacant
Oakwood Cub parent	Anne Khan
Mayhew Cub parent	vacant
Scout Troop parent	Becky Schmidt
Quartermaster	vacant

'100 CLUB' WINNERS IN 2020

Jan	£15	Sue Payne	Jul	£15	Charlie Mowbray
	£15	Susanna King-Christopher		£15	Paul Henderson
Feb	£15	Ian Haynes	Aug	£15	Joseph Williams
	£15	Liz Strutt		£15	Robert D'Alessio
Mar	£15	Jane Chase	Sep	£15	Mark Harbour
	£15	Kathy McLauchlan		£15	Denise Walters
Apr	£15	Steve Chambers	Oct	£100	Helen Orchard
	£15	Jane Dowek		£15	Robert Stone
May	£15	Marianne Haynes	Nov	£15	Rhys Beynon
	£15	Rosemary Hickson		£15	Kevin Kilbane
Jun	£15	Mark Steed	Dec	£100	Helen Jeon
	£15	Tobias Butterfield		£15	Catherine Williams

GROUP TREASURER'S REPORT

The accounts for the Group show that income exceeded expenditure by more than £7,500 in the financial year to 31 March 2021. Full accounts for the whole Group will be presented at the AGM.

As a result of the covid pandemic our income from other users of our premises was greatly affected as so many groups were unable to meet for much of the year. We received a total of £15,130, compared to £46,772 in the previous year. We also decided to not charge membership subscriptions for some of the year so this income totalled £5,377 compared to £15,650 in the previous year. As our premises are subject to business rates we qualified for the government small business covid grant of £10,000. We had planned to repay £20,000 from our loan taken from District to finance our new buildings but decided to repay only £10,000, leaving a balance of £30,000 to repay. Fortunately our positive financial position meant we were able to weather the pandemic storm and pay all our usual running expenses as well as spending over £6,000 on site development and £6,000 on equipment

We continued to raise money from The Giving Machine as commission donated from online purchases of goods, insurance, theatre tickets etc. We have also started to raise donations from AmazonSmile as a percentage of purchases made through their website. It costs the buyer nothing so we'd like a lot more people to use these schemes. Details of them can be found in this booklet and under Fundraising on our Group website.



Thanks also to those who made other donations totalling over £2,300. The Gift Aid scheme continues to provide useful additional income. I would urge all parents to sign up if possible.

The 100 Club is an easy & fun way to raise money for the Group. It costs £1 a month (payable annually) to belong and 50% of all money received is given out in prizes. Many thanks to James Roe for running the Club. If you would like to join please email: 100club@19thwimbletonscouts.co.uk.

Adrian Chapman (Group Treasurer)

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GROUP INFORMATION

The Headquarters Site of the 19th Wimbledon Scout Group and the Raynes Park Explorer Scout Unit is at 106 Cottenham Park Road, SW20 0SZ (at the junction with Oakwood Road).

The Group has links with St Matthew's (C. of E.) Church and the Sacred Heart (R.C.) Parish.

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Mayhew Beaver Scout Colony

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Oakwood Beaver Scout Colony

Mondays, 6.15 – 7.15

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Mayhew Cub Scout Pack

Thursdays, 6.30 – 8.00

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Oakwood Cub Scout Pack

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Scout Troop

Wednesdays, 7.30 – 9.00

Dave Godden

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Raynes Park Explorer Scout Unit

Thursdays, 7.30 – 9.15

Neil McLauchlan

leader@rpesu.co.uk



PROTECTING YOUR DATA & GDPR COMPLIANCE

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[www.19thwimbletonscouts.co.uk/
about-us/data-privacy-notice](http://www.19thwimbletonscouts.co.uk/about-us/data-privacy-notice)

VOLUNTEERING - IT COULD BE YOU!

Would you like to be part of a successful team, make a real difference to young people's lives and have a positive impact on society?

The 19th Wimbledon Scout Group is one of the largest and most successful Scout Groups in Merton with great facilities and a strong and dedicated leadership team. We want to build on that success and provide greater Scouting for more young people for years to come.



We are recruiting now at all sections in the Group to strengthen our adult leadership team.

No previous experience or skills are required. There is a range of roles to choose from; depending on where you and we feel you would fit in best. Any necessary training will be provided.

All you need is an enthusiasm to help Scouting 'actively engage and support young people in their personal development, empowering them to make a positive contribution to society.' We do this through adults working in partnership with young people (boys and girls, aged 6 to 18).

Being a leader in Scouting is hugely rewarding and is great fun - most of the time! It will give you the chance to try new activities and experiences and develop your own confidence and skills such as leadership, team working and planning, which will be of value to you and employers.

For further information on the 19th Wimbledon Scout Group visit our website at www.19thwimbledonscouts.co.uk and for more general information about Scouting visit www.scouts.org.uk.

If you think you might be interested and would like a completely non-committal chat about our volunteering opportunities, then email the Chair - chair@19thwimbledonscouts.co.uk. After that, you can come along and try it out. And in the meantime, there is a safeguarding process to go through, including criminal record checks and a couple of references. All being well, you'll soon be joining the adventure and sharing in the rewards that Scouting has to offer.

Paul Wilkins (G.S.L.)

Ros Barnes (Chair)

Minutes of the Eighteenth Annual General Meeting of the 19th Wimbledon Scout Group, held by video conference on 16th October 2020

Present: There were approximately 18 people present, including leaders, parents, friends and members of the Group Executive.

Welcome: The Group Secretary, Ian Haynes, welcomed everyone and thanked them for attending this first ever AGM by video on Zoom due to the COVID-19 restrictions. He passed on apologies from the Group Chair, Ros Barnes, who had unfortunately fallen ill and was unable to attend. He also introduced the officers of the Executive Committee.

1. **Apologies:** Apologies for absence were received from Ros Barnes, Laura Paine and Neil McLauchlan.
2. **Minutes:** The Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of 5th October, 2019 were taken as read. Approval was proposed by Mike Mayhew, seconded by Eric de Regnaucourt and agreed by the meeting.
3. **Matters Arising from the Minutes:** There were no matters arising.
4. **Annual Report:** The Group Secretary presented the notes the Group Chair had prepared for the presentation of the Annual Report. This was an unusual and challenging year where we needed to adapt to changes in the way we provided Scouting. We currently have 124 young people in Beavers, Cubs and Scouts and we are pleased to report almost everyone has recently re-confirmed their commitment to the Group. Whilst the virtual meetings did not suit everyone, the whole programme of activities and challenges through lockdown were well received by children and adults alike. Thanks to all the leaders who made that possible, but special thanks to Scout Leader Dave Godden who led the way with activities, challenges and videos despite being a key worker himself. Please take a look at the report and see the breadth of activities this year, and of course this includes all the usual face-to-face meetings pre-lockdown. We are determined to offer a mix of face-to-face and virtual meetings going forwards.

We thank Jenny Tew for leading the Oakwood Beaver Colony in recent years and report that she is stepping down but we have been fortunate to find a new leader in Laura Paine. Generally we are still limiting the numbers in Beavers and Cubs to prevent the Scout Troop reaching an impossible size. Also, at the moment, we are restricted to 15 young people per evening. We could offer more places if we had more adult help, so please look at the volunteering page in the report and see if you can help in any way. Financially we are still in a healthy position despite the reduction in lettings income recently and the subscriptions holiday in the summer term (although thank you to those parents who donated their subs payment instead). Subs pay for fixed costs such as Scout Association membership fees, insurance, badges etc and do not go away even with reduced meetings. We appreciate all the support from our parents. The Group Chair also expressed her thanks to all the leaders, helpers and exec committee for the efforts over the year to make the 19th such a fantastic Scout Group.

Finally, a mention of the sad loss during the year of some people who have had a long and strong connection with the Group: Dick Hooper a Scout Leader for over 60 years; Norma Shemmans a regular helper at recent summer camps; and Mary Connellan a previous Secretary at the 19th and helper in many capacities over the years. We hope you enjoy reading the full Report. Approval of the Report was proposed by John Kitchener, seconded by Mark Steed and agreed by the meeting. John also took the opportunity to commend the Group on another excellent year of Scouting, despite the challenges, and they should be proud to be a leading example to others.

5. **Annual Statement of Accounts:** The Treasurer, Adrian Chapman, presented the Annual Statement of Accounts for year ending 31st March. He noted that with the healthy rental income of £46,000 it has been possible to repay the Scout Association loan. There is now £40,000 remaining from the original £150,000 borrowed. Gift Aid tax refund also helps significantly. Paul also noted that we have Polling Station income this year which is useful to the Group and provides a service to the community by avoiding school closures. Anne Khan echoed this and said it was truly a double win. Approval of the Accounts was proposed by Mike Mayhew, seconded by Paul Wilkins, who also thanked Adrian, and agreed by the meeting.
6. **Group Chairman and Executive Committee:** The Group Scout Leader thanked Ros and recognised that she has a particular eye for detail and forward planning that has served us well, especially through the challenge of making the premises COVID ready. He nominated her to continue as Group Chair.
7. **Group Secretary and Group Treasurer:** The Secretary advised that Ian Haynes was willing to continue as Secretary and Adrian Chapman to continue as Treasurer. This was proposed by Marina Bowyer, seconded by Denise Wilkins and agreed by the meeting.
8. **Election of Remaining Members of the Group Executive Committee:** Parent representative Becky Schmidt and Explorer Leader Neil McLauchlan were nominated to serve on the Executive Committee. Their election was proposed by Liz Strutt and seconded by Mike Mayhew and approved by the meeting.
9. **Appointment of Independent Examiner:** The Treasurer reported that Michael Barnes was willing to continue as Independent Examiner. This was proposed by Dick Bowyer, seconded by Denise Wilkins and agreed by the meeting.
10. **Presentations:** There were no formal presentations but Paul Wilkins thanked all the leaders for being resilient and adaptable in this unusual year. Parents Anne Khan and Becky Schmidt also expressed their thanks and appreciation for the fantastic programme of alternative activities through lockdown. The Secretary thanked James Roe for running the 100 Club for another year and announced the AGM draw winners Helen Orchard (£100) and Robert Stone (£15).
11. **Any Other Business:** Adrian noted that we have now signed up to AmazonSmile for free charitable donations as you shop.

Close of meeting: There being no other business, the meeting closed and the Secretary invited everyone to stay for virtual chit chat!

IN OUR THOUGHTS

This year we were saddened by the loss of one of our longest serving leaders, John Kitchener. We acknowledge his generous voluntary service and send our sympathy to his family and friends. We will miss him.

John Kitchener: John had a long and distinguished career with the Scout Association in Wimbledon, as a Scout Leader with the 5th Wimbledon from the 1970s, and then with the 15th Wimbledon when they merged with the 10th. He was also Group Scout Leader at the 15th, an Assistant District Commissioner Scouts, and Vice President and long time Executive Committee member for the 19th Wimbledon. Of course, he helped in many other ways too, taking a leading role when the first Scout Hut burned down on our HQ site, as well as helping at countless camps and Raynes Park Venture Scout Xmas Expeditions. John's Summer Camps were legendary feats of organisation, his camp fires were truly memorable and his leadership was both educational and inspirational. His wise words and counsel were appreciated by young and old, and he stayed involved in the 19th right up to the present day, attending our virtual AGM last year and still giving encouraging words to the leadership team. John was also well known in the community, an active member of St. Matthew's Church, a keen supporter of the Wimbledon Guild and a teacher at Beverley School (now Coombe Boys).

There are a huge number of young men and women today whose lives have been greatly enriched by the Scouting John provided and the time he devoted to the Scout Group.



FRIENDS OF THE 19TH (FON)

The 19th Wimbledon can trace its origins back over 110 years, and during that time many people have had an involvement one way or another with the Group or its predecessors. We realise that whilst people move away or move on, they may still like to keep in contact with us, receive occasional news of the Group's activities, renew old acquaintances and receive invitations to important Group events. For this we have the "Friends of the 19th". We also hold an annual event each year for Friends, Leaders and Exec members at Group HQ.

Unfortunately we were not able to get together in person again this year. Hopefully we will all be able to meet up again next year.

If you would like to become a Friend, then please contact the secretary:

Ian Haynes, Secretary, 19th Wimbledon Scout Group

e-mail: secretary@19thwimbletonscouts.co.uk

The Friends of the 19th are proud to support the efforts of the 19th Wimbledon Scout Group in providing another century of Scouting to local boys and girls.

Raise funds for us while you shop!

You can also raise money for our Scout Group without doing any fundraising or donating any money. How?

If you shop online (at stores like John Lewis, Argos, M&S, Next, Interflora and hundreds of others) simply register with

The Giving Machine, access the stores

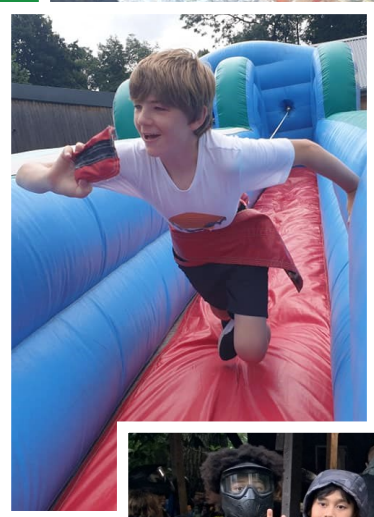
through their website and the Scout Group will receive a free cash donation at NO extra cost to you. Visit www.thegivingmachine.co.uk, join as a Giver and please choose '19th Wimbledon Scout Group' as your chosen beneficiary.



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Amazon, at no additional cost. Just go to smile.amazon.co.uk and select 19th Wimbledon Scout Group as your chosen beneficiary. **Thank you.**



19TH WIMBLEDON SCOUT GROUP
Statement of Assets & Liabilities for the year ended 31 March 2021

OPENING BALANCES		CLOSING BALANCES	
Group funds:		Group funds:	
Current account	25,137.93	Current account	22,237.71
100 club current account	714.00	100 club current account	1,195.00
Scout Association short term investment	1,005.38	Scout Association short term investment	1,005.38
Cash	200.51	Cash	168.25
100 club prizes payable	(702.00)	100 club prizes payable	(640.00)
Loan from Scout District	(40,000.00)	Loan from Scout District	(30,000.00)
	(13,644.18)		(6,033.66)
Oakwood Beaver funds:		Oakwood Beaver funds:	
Cash	0.00	Cash	0.00
	0.00		0.00
Mayhew Beaver/Cub funds:		Mayhew Beaver/Cub funds:	
Current account	0.00	Current account	0.00
Cash	0.00	Cash	0.00
	0.00		0.00
Oakwood Cub funds:		Oakwood Cub funds:	
Current account	2,311.81	Current account	2,176.90
Cash	0.00	Cash	0.00
	2,311.81		2,176.90
Scout Troop funds:		Scout Troop funds:	
Current account	7,677.22	Current account	1,314.92
Cash	0.00	Cash	0.00
	7,677.22		1,314.92
TOTAL OPENING BALANCE	(3,655.15)	TOTAL CLOSING BALANCE	(2,541.84)
Group surplus	7,610.52		
Sections deficit	(6,497.21)		
NET SURPLUS	1,113.31		
TOTAL CLOSING BALANCE	(2,541.84)	TOTAL CLOSING BALANCE	(2,541.84)

The Group owns buildings with an insured value of £579,439 and equipment with an insured value of £49,407.

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of The 19th Wimbledon Scout Group

I report on the accounts of the Group for the year ended 31 March 2021.

This report is made solely to the trustees in accordance with Section 145 of the Charities Act 2011. My work has been undertaken so that I might state to the charity's trustees those matters I am required to state to them in an Independent Examiner's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, I do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the charity and the charity's trustees for my examination work.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

As the charity's trustees you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. You consider that an audit is not required for this year under Section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 (the Charities Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to examine the accounts (under Section 145 of the Charities Act); to follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners under Section 145(5)(b) of the Charities Act; and to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

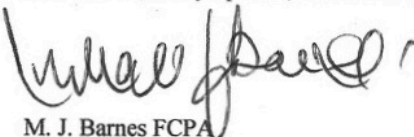
Basis of examiner's statement

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair' view and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent examiner's statement

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

1. which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements
 - to keep accounting records in accordance with Section 130 of the Charities Act; and
 - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Act have not been met; or
2. to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.



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