

22ND WIMBLEDON SCOUT GROUP

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Details

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Activities

Objects: PURPOSES OF THE 22ND WIMBLEDON SCOUT GROUP

Activities: membership of the Scout Association providing opportunities for young people from age 6 upwards.

Classification

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

Geography

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

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-03-31	£85,516	£58,058	-	-
2024-03-31	£75,537	£56,700	-	-
2023-03-31	£79,228	£50,100	-	-
2022-03-31	£60,918	£66,835	-	-
2021-03-31	£86,944	£78,153	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Timothy James Kerridge	Chair	2024-05-19
ANN FELLOWES		
Alan Maloney		2000-06-06
Alison Elizabeth Edwards		2021-06-30
Anne Elaine Gleeson		2020-06-24
GRAHAM FAIRCLOUGH		
Jasminder Kirkham		2024-10-08
John Charles Crighton		2023-04-24
MR ANDY PEARSON		
Mark Cheetham		2022-04-24
Suzanne Davis		2022-04-24
Victoria Morris- Marsham		2025-05-17

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**Annual
Report
2024-25**



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A message from our Chairman

My first year as chairman for the 22nd has been different from what I might have expected. There have been many changes to leadership structures and ways of working within the Scout Association (Not that you would probably have realised as we have tried to keep it very much 'business as usual' with our young people!). Our amazing leadership team have all been given new 'job titles' and a new database system to record everything they do! (Hopefully one day, it will work as it should!) To complement our trustee board, we have also set up two separate teams – an Events Team who will be responsible for events and fundraising and our HQ Team who will look at maintenance, health and safety and the development of the re-build at the rear of the HQ. We are always looking for additional members for these teams so if you would like to make a difference, then let Graham or I know!

As this goes to print the plans have gone out to tender and, hopefully very soon we will have the quotes so that we will be able to start making big plans to raise the large amount of money needed to make this happen! If you have any contacts or ideas, then please get in touch!

The sections within the Group continue to grow, thanks to our fantastic leadership team, headed up by Graham Fairclough. Having been in charge of a section I know how hard these people work to make this happen in order to give our young people fun and enjoyable times whilst Scouting.

I know that there are many of you that say they don't have time to commit to helping each week but if you feel you could offer something to help the Group in any way, however small then please speak to Graham or me to offer what you can.

I would like to finish by thanking all the trustees, leaders, helpers, and young people for making this one of the best groups in the country, and hope that with your support we can continue to grow even further!

Thank you.

Tim Kerridge
Group Chairman

Did you know that all our Team members are volunteers? Our only pay is your thanks and respect (so thanks for being nice).

Group Report 2024-25

Welcome to the Group Report – I will do my best not to mention events that have happened with the individual sections, as I am sure that they will comment on them in their individual reports, but please forgive me if I do! As a Group, we have had a great year with all of our young people having the opportunity to attend residential events as well as all of the engaging activities during their section meetings.

The year started off with the annual St Georges Day parade where we had a good turnout but, hopefully we will have an even better attendance for the 2025 parade as it is the responsibility of the 22nd Wimbledon to lead the service at Edge Hill - you will need to wait for next years' report to see how we got on!

Our Group family picnic and AGM in May went well with more families and friends of the Group coming along to enjoy the sunny weather and the 65' inflatable assault course – highly recommended for the young (and not so young!)

In December, Alan Maloney was presented with the Brian Whalebone Unsung Hero Award for all his help running the District Uniform Store. Ensuring that members of the district could easily purchase uniform (and at a slightly cheaper price too!) – well done Alan and thankyou from the Group for helping us with our uniform requests!

We finished off the year with all sections from Beavers to Explorers coming together at Sutton Trampoline Park for an evening of fun, enjoying the many facilities that they have to offer. At the end of the evening, our District Lead Volunteer, Michelle Baker presented Peter Brown with a Chief Scout Commendation award for his services to Scouting and Keith Elston with his 25-year long service award – congratulations to you both!

Our visit to the panto at Wimbledon Theatre to see Jack and the Beanstalk was another success. With a record 434 seats purchased for members and friends of the Group. Date for your diary – Thursday 18th December 2025 7pm – 450 seats reserved to see Robin Hood – further details will be announced soon if you'd like to join us this year!

For the second year running, the 22nd Wimbledon remains the largest Group in the District with 156 members – a combination of youth and adult members from Beavers, Cubs and Scouts. Whilst our number of young people has reduced by three, we have recruited three new adult members this year to join in the fun that Scouting offers!

We have been joined by Liz Wingrove in the Beaver Section and in the Scout Troop, we have two new team members, Javan Mattei and Sofia Oliviera. On behalf of the 22nd Wimbledon I would like to thank you for offering to help and to welcome you to the 22nd Wimbledon family!

During February half term, I was once again happy to be performing with other members of the Group and others from the County in the Scout and Guide Gang Show – thankyou to everyone who came to watch the show and well done to Izzy – our newest member of the cast from the pack! Hopefully, there will be more budding performers joining us next year – I will email out the details when they are available. At the end of the show on the Thursday night our County Lead Volunteer, Owen Purcell, presented our Group Chair, Tim Kerridge with his Silver Wolf award. This is the highest award that can be presented to an adult member for their dedication and service to Scouting. This award was well deserved given Tim's 40-year service as an adult and 50 since he first became a Cub! Huge congratulations from the Group – well done Tim!

For me, the year was finished off on a high with our Spring HQ clear up day. We haven't run this for a few years now, but were blown away with the number of Leaders and families who agreed to come along and undertake many different jobs in and around the HQ from painting, cleaning the kitchen and windows, digging and planting and reclaiming some of the sides to the field by planting new grass seed. Thanks also to Ann Fellowes who came to cook sausages in rolls for us to keep us going. This showed me why I enjoy being a part of the 22nd Wimbledon – everyone coming together to help out and achieve a goal. At the end of the day, leaders from other Groups who were being trained on the County mobile climbing wall commented on how amazing it was to see the support that we had from the families. A huge thankyou to everyone who supported the day and to those who couldn't make it but have offered their services at another time!

We should also remember former members of the Group who have passed away this past year – Muriel Brownless who was with the Tuesday Cub Pack between 1971 – 1981, Joan Conrad who was the Group Secretary from 1981 –

1997, David Savory who maintained the hall floor for many years and Colin Hingston who helped with the Thursday Cub Pack between 1972-1977. Our thoughts are with their friends and families.

Anyway, that's enough of my ramblings, but I could not finish this report without a few thank-yous. First and foremost, to the group of fabulous volunteers that we have in our sections who come down week in week out to run the best meetings for our young people. And who give up their weekends to help with other activities and residential events. Thankyou also to their families for allowing them to 'come out and play!' Secondly, to our Trustee Board who ensure that the Group is working within the constitution and policies of The Scout Association. I would also like to thank Joan Pearson who does a wonderful job of co-ordinating our hall bookings to ensure that we maximise the income that the hall generates and to Andrew Pearson for looking after the garages to ensure that they are all in use and also generating money for the Group.

Lastly, a mention to the leaders in the Group who have additional roles within the District and County to support the adult volunteers and sections. Alison Edwards, Volunteering Development and County Training Teams; Dominic Moore, District Beaver Team Leader; Tim Kerridge, County Programme Team (Archery) and Veronica Kerridge, Training Team Member. Thank you for the additional time that you give up to help others.

Graham Fairclough **Group Lead Volunteer**



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Beaver Colony Report

BEAVERS

Beaver Colony Report

As I sit down to write this, I can't help but think—wow, what a year it's been!

The Beavers have had an incredible scouting year, from three fun-packed Beaver Camps to paddleboarding on the river, tackling challenges, earning badges, and making plenty of unforgettable memories along the way. So, grab a cup of tea (maybe a biscuit too), and let's dive into the amazing year we've had...!

Each week, the Beavers have been up to something exciting. Whether they were learning new skills, braving the unpredictable weather, or simply having a great time with their friends, they've embraced it all with energy and enthusiasm.

We kicked off the Summer Term with a focus on outdoor skills. The Beavers drew maps, tried their hand at compass navigation, and explored the local park like true adventurers. In preparation for our District Beaver camp, they got hands-on with tent pitching, fire lighting, and cooking over an open fire. This camp was the big one - the Beavers' first proper outdoor camp of the year! Tents were pitched, sleeping bags unrolled, and the adventure began. They tackled an inflatable obstacle course, had a go at soft archery and tomahawk throwing, and got creative in a hat-decorating contest. For some of the Beavers, it was their first time sleeping outside in tents which was a huge achievement for them. The leaders were very impressed: first asleep and last awake!

Towards the end of term came the water fun! Ahead of our paddleboarding evenings, we talked about water safety and how to stay safe around water. With the hot weather, we enjoyed water games out on the field, followed by two weeks of paddleboarding at Ravensbury Park. It was our first time trying it, and all the Beavers had a brilliant time - despite the rain in the first week and sunshine in the second!

After the summer break, the Beavers took on the Global Issues badge, learning about water filtration, fair trade, and endangered animals.

In October, several members of the Colony took part in the District Campfire at Frylands Wood. The Beavers had a great time singing songs, and munching on hot dogs... there's nothing like doing that in the rain! But our Beavers didn't let a little downpour dampen their spirits—they sang even louder and laughed even harder (possibly at Tic Tac's rendition of Heads, Shoulders, Knees and Toes!)

As creativity was in full swing, they built impressive structures for their Builder badge. We ended the term with a spooky Halloween Night, a fantastic Fireworks Evening, and a Christmas Party - complete with Christmas jumpers, of course! We also joined the rest of the Group for our annual outing to Sutton Trampoline Park.

Then came our Spring Term - the perfect time to become scientists! The Beavers worked on their Experiment badge, trying out some weird and wonderful hands-on experiments. They also soared into the world of Air Activities, learning about planes and flight.

Beaver Colony Report (cont)

In February, over half of the Beavers joined more than 100 Beavers from the District for an afternoon of laser tag at Campaign in Cobham. After getting kitted out in their camouflage attire, They all had a great time running around the woods trying not to get 'hit' and looking out for their opponents.

Later in the term, they headed into the kitchen to eat pancakes, cooked on an open fire, and earned their Cook badge.

In March, we help our indoor Beaver camp based at the HQ. After dropping our bags off, we headed to the station to get the train into London. Once there we explored a real-life warship - The Beavers had a blast climbing through the decks of HMS Belfast, imagining life at sea, before hopping on the Thames Clipper for a river cruise. (The Leaders still aren't sure how, but we somehow bumped into the 2nd Morden Beavers on the Clipper—despite heading in opposite directions! Do not worry, we all ended up at the right place.) We then headed back to the HQ for dinner and a film before settling down in the pop up tents inside the hall for a well-needed rest!

The term ended with a classic: an Easter Egg Hunt around HQ—because who doesn't love chocolate?

It's been a whirlwind year, and the Beavers have gained so much - from teamwork and resilience to scientific know-how. They've tried new things, made new friends, and taken on every challenge with a smile.

And the fun isn't stopping anytime soon! With two more Beaver camps on the horizon and a jam-packed programme of activities ahead, there is plenty more adventure to come. But you will need to tune in next year to hear all about this!

A huge thank you to our amazing leaders and young leaders for making this year so unforgettable.

Dominic Moore **Beaver Section Team Leader**





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Cub Pack Report**

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Cub Pack Report

We started off the year by attending the District St Georges Day parade with other members from the District in Wimbledon Village with a reasonable turnout from the Cubs – in 2025 we will be leading the parade, so hopefully we will get an amazing turnout then!

We finished off the Fire Safety badge which we started before the Easter Holidays when we visited the New Malden Fire Station by having fire drills, talking about the importance of smoke detectors and safety around campfires and fireworks.

We hosted a 'bring your parents' Trading Post night where a parent was encouraged to come along with their Cub. Each team was given a list of tasks that could be completed and a list of the items that the Trading Post sells. Teams started off with 100 Byron Pounds and were set off to see which team could earn the most amount of money... needless to say there was some 'friendly competition'... and not just from the Cubs!!

In May, we took part in the District Sports Day at the David Weir Centre in Sutton. We managed to field a full team and by the end of the day, with lots of medals around our necks, we won the Cub Event, Cub Tug of War, Cub Relay and Group Relay – not a bad haul for a day's work – congratulations to all who took part and to the spectators who came to show their support.

When we returned after half term, we focussed on the upcoming Outdoor Camp by pitching the tents to firstly check that they were complete and so that they could practice putting them up – a skill that they would need on camp!

Led by Rikki, we took 33 Cubs to Walton Firs campsite in Cobham over what turned out to be a very wet camp at times! Fortunately, we also had the building to shelter in if needed! Over the course of the weekend, the Cubs completed their Naturalist Badge and had a go at caving, buggy build, and the adventure course.... some of the Cubs had been to Beaver camp at Walton firs when they are used to a dry course.... Not when we use it!! We like to make it more of a challenge by adding lots of water to make it very muddy! (Don't worry, parents were warned beforehand to pack old clothes for this!) Most Cubs took the challenge in their stride and challenged their washing machines when the clothes got home!

In June, we were visited by several birds of prey and their handlers for an informative talk about the different birds and were able to come up close to them to see them. We also split into small teams and went litter picking around the streets and park in Motspur Park to see how much litter we could collect. The Cubs were surprised just how much we all managed to collect in about 40 minutes. Thank you to the parents who came to help us on the night.

We entered three teams into the Cub Football competition. Unfortunately, this year wasn't our time to win and were knocked out in the finals. **But** came a respectful second place. Well done to all 3 teams with a special mention to our 'girls' team who prefer to play together rather than with the boys (and they were the only girls in the competition 😊) Everyone played really well together and showed good sportsmanship throughout. Thanks to Kaa and Shere Khan for giving up their time to practice with the Cubs leading up to the event and on the day itself. Thanks also to the parents and family members who came to cheer on the teams.

We ended the term with a water fight on probably one of the coldest Mondays in July! This didn't let the Cubs spoil the evening though as they all enjoyed getting each other (and the Leaders) wet before getting changed and enjoying a warming ice cream. Before we said goodbye to the Cubs moving up to Scouts in September.

Cub Pack Report (cont)

Raksha's Pack Holiday report 2024

So once again, for what I think is my 25th or 26th time dear readers, I am putting digit to keypad to tell you of our exciting summer adventures with the Cub Pack.

This year our Pack Holiday expedition took us to the far-flung lands of Essex. A first for the Pack. As we had never troubled the good people of Essex with the phenomenon of 'Ducks on Tour,' also known as the 22nd Wimbledon Cub Pack Holiday. Our travels took us to an activity centre called Skreens Park. About six miles west of Chelmsford. A bright, sunny, Sunday morning greeted us for our departure. Minibuses had been borrowed from King's College school and a van hired to transport everything we seem to need to take on a 6-day trip. Food, games equipment, some tents and err a table football set. I am not sure that when Baden Powell thought up this Scouting malarkey, he had in mind that small children would be entertained by table tennis, and pool. But times change and so do we!

We set off for a scenic trip round the M25 with its delightful southern section roadworks (so called carriage improvements apparently) and headed for the Dartford tunnel. Once through the tunnel we arrived in Essex and then on to the very rural Skreens Park. Having parked the minibuses and van, we ate lunch and unpacked. I think the van was secretly a TARDIS. The building was huge. A kitchen you could hold a dance in and separate dining hall. Lovely! Our activities commenced with some paddleboarding on the site lake and archery. We had 'Chicken n Crisps' for dinner. This, dear reader is a strange concoction of chicken coated in crisps and cheese. Recipe available if required. Plus, deconstructed Eton mess. (fruit, cream, and meringues) for pudding. Having fed, watered and entertained the Pack it was then bedtime. It is accurate to say bedtime is a concept which some Cubs struggled with. But finally, we got them to sleep. A little before midnight in some cases.

The next morning – more on-site activities, archery, and kayaking... and a trip to see the Essex and Herts air ambulance at North Weald. We had a good time. But sadly, the actual air ambulance wasn't around for our visit (I think it had heard about us!). However, we were entertained by the very brave doctors and paramedics who played new games like 'how many Cubs can you fit in an ambulance car?' And demonstrated CPR with a very realistic mannequin. However, we also debuted our lovely Pack holiday attire. Bright pink t shirts and yellow duck bucket hats! Quite a combination. A dinner of lasagne and macaroni cheese was followed by ice cream and sauces and more games of table and actual football!!

Tuesday was 'double birthday' day. Jamie Wingrove and Bagheera were both celebrating their birthdays on camp. Candles were placed in pancakes and songs sung before we headed off for Colchester Zoo. It was a very warm day and quite a long trip. But once again the delightful combination of pink and yellow made it much easier to find straggler Cubs whilst we were going round the zoo. Some of the animals had clearly taken the day off. Including the Red River hog that Saffron and I went to find after lunch. Sorry Saffron! However, we found lots of other animals who had stuck around. Including many species of monkeys! So many species of monkeys! I think we brought the right monkeys back with us. You can never be too sure. All enthusiastically consumed dinner of fish fingers and mashed potato. After which Rikki and I sought out a supermarket to get more supplies of food for the next few days! Because those Cubs can eat!

Wednesday was spent doing a high ropes course at a county park plus swimming at Blackwater leisure centre. All the Cubs (and some leaders) conquered their fear of heights and were most impressive with their aerial antics. I am afraid high ropes are not for me. So, I took the option to observe from a safe vantage point with a nice cup of tea. This was followed by the traditional curry and rice for tea. And for those not partial to Indian food, plain chicken with rice, naan bread and papadums! Well, why not.

Thursday was our final full day and, as is tradition we went to a theme park. Sadly, the weather was rather mixed and very windy. But we headed to Southend-On-Sea in high winds to take on roller coasters and fairground rides. I do like a roller coaster but in a high wind overlooking the North Sea... perhaps less so. But most of the Cubs indulged their adrenalin fix and took to the various rides like err ducks to water. We finished this off with the also equally traditional 'dinner in a carvery.' I am not too sure the staff quite knew what had hit them. Nor I think has so much fizzy drink been consumed by 23 Cubs in such a short space of time. An on-demand drinks tap being much appreciated. I am pleased to say they were all well behaved. And it was nice to have a dinner we didn't have to cook or wash up. Perfect!

After a fun week we then packed everything up again on Friday. Cleaned the building to within an inch of its life. And again, as tends to be the case left the kitchen much cleaner than we found it. That too is a 22nd Wimbledon tradition. We journeyed

Cub Pack Report (cont)

home to smiling faced parents. Glad to see their offspring and accepting of the washing that accompanied them. I hope they all had a lovely time. So, with thanks to Andrew Churchill for driving the van and the awesome leader team of Akela, Bagheera, Rikki, Baloo, Tic Tac and Tim we shall look forward to next year's adventures. This time Hampshire calls us back. Lyons Copse. Another year. A different coloured t shirt. More chocolate spread and jam sandwiches. Can't wait.

We returned in the Autumn term to look at the Disability Awareness badge by learning about different types of disabilities and games that were played at the Paralympics. The Cubs learnt to finger spell, how to write their name in Braille and how difficult it is to do everyday tasks without various limbs e.g. Making a sandwich with only one arm and colouring with only your feet!

We entered two teams into the District Swimming Gala which hasn't been run for many years. Although we didn't come away with any trophies, the Cubs all swam really well and had a lot of fun. Thank you to Raksha, Baloo and Mowgli for running the teams and to all those who came to support us.

We took the Pack to Laser quest in Hook for the evening and all had a great time – I must say that we have some Cubs with great tactics and some good shots!

We took 26 Cubs to take part in the District Cub Paintballing Day at Campaign. Fortunately, the number of bruises was quite low, and everyone had a fantastic day out and look forward to taking part again next year!

For Remembrance Day, the Cubs made poppies using the ends of plastic bottles which were proudly displayed outside the HQ for everyone to see – we had a number of comments saying just how good they looked, so well-done Cubs!

We then embarked on our Chef Badge. This started with looking at safety in the kitchen, different types of food groups, methods of cooking and where food should be stored in the fridge. In their sixes, they then had to decide on a one course meal that they would then cook, serve, and eat (and importantly, wash-up afterwards!) There were a number of great meals cooked ranging from curries to scrambled eggs on toast! A huge thankyou to the parents who came down to supervise groups to ensure that everyone stayed safe!

We also made Christmas butter biscuits and decorated them with icing and various toppings with a competition to decide on the best decorated biscuits – well done to Olivia and Tayson!

We finished off the term by making some Fimo Christmas Tree decorations, the Group outing to the trampoline park and a Christmas party with lots of traditional games!

The New Year saw the Cubs doing some problem solving with them needing to make a contraption from junk to protect an egg when dropped from the top of a ladder! As expected, there were mixed results, but most eggs remained intact – well done Cubs!

We entered three teams into the District Cub Chess Competition in January. They all played really well, and one team came second, just short of winning 1st place! Congratulations to everyone who took part and to the parents who stayed to help to judge the games. A special thankyou to Liz Wingrove who stood in to manage our teams on the day as the leadership team were busy at other events.

We have been working on our Entertainers Badge in a number of different ways this term. Firstly, the Cubs made wooden spoon puppets which they needed to use to make a short play to show to the rest of the Cub Pack. We also held an indoor campfire, for which the Cubs needed to come up with a song or sketch to lead the rest of the Pack.

Cub Pack Report (cont)

In February, 60 members of the Group went to the Malden Centre for the annual 'Wobstacle' which is organised by another Group in Royal Kingston District. This is always a popular event, and we get to enjoy an hour on the two different floating obstacle courses!

After half term, Ikki organised an escape room for the Cubs in which they needed to work out various clues to release the padlock to get sweets! They also had another challenge to build the highest free-standing tower that they could out of Lego with some quite impressive results!

We also held our annual Pancake night. In their sixes, they made their own batter mix and cooked their pancakes before adding their toppings – a mixture of sauces, other goodies and, of course fruit! Thank you to those parents who came to help supervise the young people.

The Cubs had requested a reptile evening, so we did just that! We were visited by a host of reptiles including snakes, snails, and geckos! During the evening, the Cubs learnt various facts about the animals before being allowed to handle them!

The end of term was finished off with our Indoor Camp. This year we returned to Broadstone Warren – a site that we haven't used for a number of years. We were blessed with glorious sunshine all weekend and the Cubs had a go at Crate Stacking, Gauntlet, Aero ball, Tunnelling, an Easter Egg/Orienteering trail, and some Easter Craft. Unfortunately for us, the weekend also clashed with the clocks going forward, so this was planned into the programme! Thank you to Raksha for organising the weekend.

So, there we have it, another quiet year in the life of the Cub Pack. None of these amazing adventures would have been possible without the help and dedication of our Leadership Team who give up their time for weekly meetings and weekend events. I would therefore like to say a special thankyou to each and every one of them. I would also like to thank the other leaders from the Group who have helped the Pack for events and camps – your help too has been much appreciated.

Finally, thank you to the Cubs and their families for all their support throughout the year and we hope that this will continue over the coming year too!

Graham Fairclough Cub Section Team Leader





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Scout Troop Report**

SCOUTS

Scout Troop Report

What a year it has been!

We start our troop annual report in April where we dodged the April showers and tried to get outside for games and other antics on the field, but due to the weather we were resigned to staying indoors. So we turned it into an evening of Newspaper fashion that you can “Read All About [it!]” here... Labelled as: Designer clothing ahead of “The Times”; Stuff that wouldn’t look out of place on the “Metro”; and before we were stopped by the fashion police for wearing “Daily [Chain]Mail” we had an epic paper fight to end our evening.

We smartened ourselves up in time for the St Georges Day Parade. Some of us were looking rather sweet, but only because of the glazed doughnuts... Mmm... deliciously sugary... can be messy... and as we all know, you shouldn’t parade on an empty stomach.

Kicking things up a notch, we had an evening of martial arts led by the team from Extreme TaeKwon-Do. No leaders were harmed during the course of the evening... although we’re not sure if the instructors were really trying!

For those still able to walk, we moved on to Sports Day. To which we owe our sporting representatives a huge well done for coming in second place for the entire Scout event. Individually, and as a team our athletes were brilliant and really gave it their all.

The Scouts got to demonstrate what they knew, learn something new, or refresh their memories on what they had forgotten, at the District Skills Day. Ranging from tying knots, pitching tents and first aid, to chopping up firewood with an axe or saw. Or lighting fires with a flint and steel (who knew you could do that in real life as well as Minecraft?!).

An evening of kayaking on Wimbledon Park Lake went down.... swimmingly! Well, for those that capsized! The Scouts enjoyed themselves kayaking across the lake, racing each other, completing challenges in pairs such as paddling whilst standing, or paddling whilst sitting at the very ends of their kayak, and generally splashing each other in some form of kayak-based game of tag. And what better way to finish off the evening than by jumping off the pontoon into the lake...?

A weekend camp at Frylands Wood in July was a wonderful chance for the Scouts to put their knowledge and outdoor skills to the test. They had to erect and camp in tents, cook, and wash up for themselves, and have their own adventures in the surrounding woods making bivouacs, collecting firewood and enjoying the simpler things... like toasting and eating things on a campfire.

At the District Rafting event, we had enough Scouts to have two teams and two sets of equipment to make rafts that “floated” (for the most part) down the Wandle. I use the term loosely, like some of the knots that were supposed to be holding the rafts together! All participants seemed to have a great time building and maintaining their vessels, and it was wonderful to watch them working in their teams.

Throw in some sedan chair racing (not the automotive kind), geocaching, cooking on gas or open fires, and that filled the gaps leading to the end of the summer term. Concluding with a water fight and campfire – complete with s’mores!

September and our Scouts were bored... No, no, no... they’re board! A board games evening with what seemed like half the inventory of Hasbro available to play! Everything from Kerplunk and Tumblin’ Monkeys, to Twister, Frustration, Connect 4, Mousetrap, Battleship... etc, etc. It’s rumoured that somewhere in the HQ, some Scouts are still playing Monopoly. Thankfully, no one made us play 52 card pickup...

Scout Troop Report (cont)

We had our own mini-Olympics during the term, consisting of events such as table tennis, a beanbag relay, soft archery and indoor curling complete with sweepers. We even had the opening and closing ceremony. But we couldn't find anyone to parachute in at such short notice.

Our team of swimmers did us proud at the District Swimming Gala. Although not coming in the placings, they all swam really well despite the ever-changing rules – it was the first time that it had taken place for a while, so hopefully things will improve next year!

Our quiz masters brought home the winner's trophy for the District Quiz. They pitted their wits against some of the finest teams in the district and won! Well done to the team.

Likewise, our budding teams of chefs entered the County Cooking Competition and came home with not one, but three first place awards (one shared with another Troop) for their culinary and comedy efforts.

You occasionally get a few ups and downs in Scouting, but the trip to iFly Basingstoke for an indoor skydiving experience takes that expression to a whole new level. We couldn't tell if they were genuinely happy when floating around in the air-stream – it may have just been the force of the wind on their cheeks that made them smile – but they certainly seemed to be blown away by the end of it... and that was before we went to McDonalds!

To continue in a similar vein, the group trampolining was flipping marvellous! Who'd have thought that bouncing around trying to knock your Scout leaders into the foam pit could be quite so entertaining...?

Add a touch of clowning around with a circus skills evening, an excellent team building egg drop challenge and a couple of pancake poppies (yes, you read that correctly) and paracord poppies for Remembrance Day and that's a recipe that seemed to go down well with the Scouts.

Nearly there...

Spring Term 2025 brought us more triumphs and successes, starting with a third place at the district paintball event. It's a good thing we weren't in charge of the scoring, or we would've come last due to incidents of friendly fire... Don't wander around the game zone with a camera... sure, you're taking great shots, but so are they, and theirs hurt more!

Keeping with the fast-moving projectiles and adding some pioneering, the Scouts spent an evening building catapults with garden canes and rubber bands whilst our young leaders were perfecting a trebuchet. Unfortunately, they weren't powerful enough to knock down the back rooms to make space for our ever-expanding trophy room, but they could launch a ping pong ball a fair distance.

An afternoon attempting to beat the Wobstacle meant that once again, our Scouts were trying to run on water and defy gravity (sounds like the story line from a couple of films...) whilst trying to stay on a giant inflatable across a swimming pool. Needless to say, they dived right into the activity – headfirst, feet first and sideways!

Two adventurous teams braved, what turned out to be, a very chilly County Night Exercise in and around Bentley Copse campsite at the beginning of February. Both teams did a fantastic job of making it around the course, visiting every checkpoint to complete the different tasks and activities, and doing all of this with a torch, map, and compass... and a reasonable quantity of sweets! They will all attest that they didn't get lost once... twice or three times maybe, but not once!

We had cries of "My boomerang won't come back!" during one of our evenings... and it wasn't because they hadn't thrown them... Turns out they don't return if they land on the roof, or over the fence, or get stuck in a tree. How bizarre!?!

Scout Troop Report (cont)

Two teams of football mad Scouts took on over 10 other teams from the district in a 5-a-side competition, resulting in another fabulous result and more silverware. Placed first and third, our Scouts performed spectacularly throughout the competition, and our winning team managed to scrape a win thanks to the honesty of the oppositions' coach, or it would have been down to penalties.

For a two week period, the Troop were in two groups; one group went off to hang out at White Spider – the indoor climbing and bouldering centre in Tolworth – whilst the other busted some street dance moves with our very own JV. Between Scouts zipping up the climbing walls like they were auditioning to be the next Spiderman, to JV teaching them what can only be described as acrobatics, both activities looked exhausting... Fortunately, the Scouts found them to be exhilarating!

Sprinkle in some pancakes shaped like Ordnance Survey map symbols, and a few navigation based games; add a couple of weeks of poster and canvas sketches and drawings, and you have yourself a well-rounded accompaniment to your average Scout programme.

Rounding off the year, around 30 Scouts attended the aptly dubbed "Frost Camp" at Walton Firs in Cobham. A weekend spent in the 5 star* Pembroke Lodge (*please don't check your Scouts reviews on Tripadvisor, their rating may differ...) with several on site activities, was a great way to get away from the hassles of homework and gave the Scouts a chance to:

- Shoot the breeze - if they missed the archery target.
- Hang around – from a harness when the crates they were stacking collapse underneath them.
- Have a nice warm feeling inside – when they eat fresh s'mores.
- And only be over a barrel – when the buggy they helped build, has fallen apart whilst racing down a hill... Perhaps that should be under a barrel, especially if it ran them over!

It was a fantastic weekend, and we hope the Scouts who attended really enjoyed it.

As is often the case, our Scouts decide to grow too old and have to move on to pastures new. Some earn themselves the Chief Scout's Gold Award before leaving, and we would like to congratulate Ella, Amelie, Charlotte, James, Becky, and Grace on achieving the award this year. Some of our older Scouts also return and become Young Leaders.

We have also been fortuitous in welcoming two new Team Members to the Troop, Sof, and JV.

We also wish to congratulate James, Becky, Grace, and Cara on their receipt of The Jack Petchey Award – a scheme which recognises and celebrates the achievements of outstanding young people and allows them to apply for a package of grants to support their activities. It has been used to pay for equipment, subsidise trips, and so on.

We'd like to thank all of our Scouts and our Young Leaders for their contributions, participation, and their enthusiasm for adventure.

All of us in Scouting are volunteers, and none of this could be done without the tireless work that goes on behind the scenes. So, we would like to thank everyone who has been involved with the planning and execution of everything we have achieved this year, and for all the upcoming events.

On behalf of all of us in the Troop, thank you!

Scout Section Leadership Team



Leadership Team

Group Lead Volunteer Graham Fairclough

Beaver Colony

Team Leader	Dominic Moore
Team Member	Elizabeth Maloney
Team Member	Jack Sheffield
Team Member	Josh Fawcett
Team Member	Liz Wingrove
Team Member	Gemma Kerridge
Team Member	Dan Paris
Team Member	Cameron Moore

Byron Cub Pack

Team Leader	Graham Fairclough
Team Member	Alison Edwards
Team Member	Keith Elston
Team Member	Chris Gagen
Team Member	Lizzie Strachan
Team Member	Rob Braun
Team Member	Veronica Kerridge
Team Member	Peter Brown
Team Member	Charlotte Johnston

Scout Troop

Team Leader	Keira Pearson
Team Member	Daniel Shaw
Team Member	Gavin Hayhurst
Team Member	Declan Gleeson
Team Member	Tim Kerridge
Team Member	Oliver Foster
Team Member	Javan Mattei
Team Member	Sofia Oliveira
Team Member	Alice Sheffield

The leadership team as at 31 March 2025.

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**22nd Wimbledon
Scout Group**

Minutes of the 2024 AGM

22nd Wimbledon Scout Group

Minutes of the AGM of the Group Scout Council held on Sunday 19 May 2024 at 1.45pm

In the Chair, Ann Fellowes

(A full list of attendees is included at Appendix 1)

1 Welcome

In welcoming everyone to the AGM, Ann Fellowes reminded everyone to sign in so that their presence was recorded. She reminded the meeting of the toilet arrangements and the fire safety procedures before pointing out that the meeting was being conducted under the new rules published in Policy Organisation and Rules (POR) in March 2024 by the Scout Association.

2 Apologies for absence

These were received from Dominic Moore, Keira Pearson, Liam Washford-Bent, Gemma Kerridge and Declan Gleeson.

3 Governance Topics

(i) The meeting approved the minutes of the 2023 AGM. Moved by the Chair, seconded by Alison Edwards and approved by a show of hands.

(ii) The meeting approved the adoption of the model Constitution from Chapter 5 of POR. Moved by the Chair, seconded by Keith Elston and approved by a show of hands.

(iii) The meeting noted that the Group financial year ran from 1 April to 31 March.

(iv) It was noted that the new Board of Trustees would wish to keep under review the question of community membership of the Scout Council. Moved by the Chair, seconded by Annie Gleeson and approved by a show of hands.

(v) The meeting agreed that the number of members who shall be appointed to the Board should be 12. Moved by the Chair, seconded by Annie Gleeson and approved by a show of hands.

(vi) The meeting approved the number of members that were required to be present to constitute a Quorum of the Scout Council in the future as 20. Moved by the Chair, seconded by Chane Greenslade and approved by a show of hands.

4 Review of the previous year

(i) The Group Scout Leader, (Graham Fairclough) presented his review. He started by referring to the Annual Report which he hoped everyone had been able to read as it demonstrated how busy the Group had been during the last year. The report can be found on the Group website. He said he was very proud of each of the Sections who had made the Group the largest in the District for youth and adult membership, which was also a testament to the hard work that our leaders put into running their sections and also to those who are involved in helping out both at District and County level. He particularly wanted to express his thanks to Declan, Dan and Gavin who have all taken on the role of ASL and are doing a brilliant job running the Troop whilst Keira is away at university.

Turning to the future he said that the Group had embarked on a major project of rebuilding the back of the HQ which will include adapting the space to accommodate our camping equipment and the replacement of the two back rooms which have recently been inspected for damp. Unfortunately, it was discovered that whilst the foundations were solid, the walls, which are now over 50 years old, were in a sorry state of repair. The Board has recently appointed the principal designers to commence the project. At this stage the rough estimated cost of this project is expected to be around £200,000. The Group will be looking for ways to fund these costs from grants and other means. He concluded by asking the Council if it knew of any businesses or sources of funding that we could approach then please let him know.

The Chair asked the Council if they had any questions to ask Graham. There being none, the Chair thanked Graham and moved to the next item.

Minutes of the 2024 AGM (cont)

(ii) The Chair indicated that she had nothing to add to her comments at the beginning of the written report. There were no questions asked by the Council and the meeting moved on to the next item.

(iii) Andrew Pearson (Treasurer) presented the report containing all the details of the accounts for the year 2023/2024 which had been circulated in the annual report. He spoke about the costs of the back-room project, noted that hall and garage rentals were remaining strong and the discussions he was having with the electricity suppliers. There were no questions from the floor but several members called for a vote of thanks to the Treasurer for his work on the accounts and garage rentals and to Joan Pearson for her work on the hall rentals. These thanks were approved by the Council

5. Making Appointments

Before moving on the Chair suggested that the GSL take the Chair for this item. Agreed.

The GSL said that we had advertised the vacancies for new Trustees quite widely throughout the Group, with a closing date for indications of interest to be submitted by no later than 12 May to enable the Board to take a view. But first:

(i) **Appointment of independent examiner** On behalf of the Board the Treasurer (Andrew Pearson) proposed that Derek Holmes be appointed. By a show of hands this was agreed.

(ii) **Appointment of Group Chair** The Board recommended that Tim Kerridge becomes Chair. Agreed by a show of hands.

(iii) **Appointment of Treasurer** The Board recommended that Andrew Pearson becomes Treasurer. Agreed by a show of hands.

(iv) **Appoint members of the Trustee Board** 11 letters of interest had been received, The GSL is automatically a Trustee and the Chair and Treasurer are Trustees. The Board recommended that Dominic Beecheno, Mark Cheetham, John Crighton, Suzanne Davis, Alison Edwards, Ann Fellowes, Annie Gleeson and Alan Maloney become Trustees. (This leaves one space to be filled in due course). Agreed by a show of hands.

Ann Fellowes resumed the Chair at this point of the meeting.

6 Other business

Presentations

Graham Fairclough presented Cub Scouts; Felix Walker, Leo McKinnon and Mason Kay with the Chief Scouts Silver Award.

Tim Kerridge presented Scouts Ella Curtis and Juliana Teidt with the Chief Scouts Gold Award.

Alison Edwards presented Hannah Johnston with the Young Leader award. She also announced that Lily Pusey had received the same award in recent times.

(i) Votes of Thanks

Graham Fairclough drew attention to the fact that Rory Travers-Drapes had served on the Group Executive for the past four years but had decided to step down this year. In expressing our thanks for his contribution, he was presented with a Group Thanks Badge.

Graham also proposed a vote of thanks to leaders Dominic Moore, Keira Pearson, Alison Edwards and Liam Washford Bent for their contribution to the work of the Executive Committee and Trustee Board whilst they served on it to represent their sections which is no longer required under the new rules.

Graham then said that Ann Fellowes had been our chairman for the past 11 years and had decided to stand down this year. He remarked that during those years she will have seen many changes to the buildings and even more changes to the people involved at Group and Section level. During our fundraising activities she was inevitably found flipping a few burgers! He was pleased to say he was delighted she will remain on the Trustee Board. He then presented her with a small gift from the Group.

Minutes of the 2024 AGM (cont)

On behalf of the Group, Graham would like to send best wishes to Declan Gleeson who was unable to join us that afternoon as he was in hospital awaiting surgery. We wished him a speedy recovery.

In conclusion, he congratulated the Cub and Scout Sections on their performances at the District Sports Day the previous day and bringing home a lot of silverware!

(ii) Our new Chairman

Tim Kerridge was invited by the outgoing Chair to say a few words. In introducing himself, he remarked that he had been a member of the 22nd since 1975 when he joined as a Cub. As an adult, he spent many years working with the Cub Section and then with the Scout Section. In recent years, he has held the post of Assistant District Commissioner (Scouts) but now he has decided to face fresh challenges at the 22nd - Welcome home Tim!

(iii) Derek Webb

Derek introduced himself to the meeting. He, along with his brother were former members of the Group. Sadly, his brother had passed away but he had a collection of mint Scout themed stamps from around the world and Derek said it was his brother's wish that they be given to the 22nd Wimbledon. Having heard that the Group was needing to replace the back rooms at the HQ he offered to take them to Stanley Gibbons for valuation. He undertook to keep in touch with the new Chairman as this process took place. The Chair expressed the thanks of the Group for this generous gift.

There being no further business the Chair closed the meeting at 2.20pm

Appendix 1

Attendees at the AGM of the Scout Council 2024

Group Trustees

Ann Fellowes, Alan Maloney, Andrew Pearson, Mark Cheetham, Dominic Beecheno, Rory Travers-Drapes, John Crighton, Annie Gleeson.

Leaders, Section Assistants

*Graham Fairclough, *Alison Edwards, Elizabeth Maloney, Veronica Kerridge, Charlotte Johnston, Dan Fellowes, Gavin Hayhurst, Lizzie Strachan, Keith Elston, Tim Kerridge. * also Trustees

Explorer Scouts, Young Leaders

Hannah Johnston, Lily Pusey, Alfie Yuill, Naomi O'Brien, Samuel Strachan.

Parents, Friends and Group supporters

Andrew Johnston, Rhodri Cave, Ana Romero, James Cornelius, Kris Kirkham, Fiona Perella-Henry, Francois Capgras, Alistair McKinnon, Gemma Connolly, Maria Tinker, Sally Pusey, Nicola Grant, Iluska Beaton, Sonia Agriao-Tiedt, Kathryn Curtis, Chris Flack, Simon Kay, Morag Kay, Joan Pearson, Derek Webb, Gemma Hotchkiss, Abby Taylor, Chane Greenslade, Sofia Oliveira, Mel Giltrow, Nick Rowley, Sharma Stanton, Brett Walker, Irene Custodio, Sandy Timbrell.

Trustees

Trustees Ex Officio :

Group Chairman	Tim Kerridge
Group Treasurer	Andrew Pearson
Group Scout Leader	Graham Fairclough

Trustees: Elected:

Alan Maloney
Ann Fellowes
Annie Gleeson
Mark Cheetham
Suzanne Davis
John Crighton
Alison Edwards
Jasmin Kirkham



Bankers: Lloyds TSB Plc, London Road, East Grinstead. RH19 1AH

Custodian Trustee: The Scout Trust Corporation Ltd

Independent Examiner: Derek Holmes

Scout Association Registration No.: 6076

Charity Registration Number: 303795

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

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

Contact: Alan Maloney, 5 Aragon Road, Morden. Surrey. SM4 4QF Tel: 0208 337 5364.

Signed on behalf of the Executive Committee:

Tim Fellowes, Chairman

Andrew Pearson, Treasurer

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Group Finances



Scouts

22nd Wimbledon
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Group Assets

	2024/25 £	2023/24 £
<u>Current Assets</u>		
Lloyds Bank Current Account	15866	8356
Lloyds 3 Month Fixed	174243	170032
Lloyds Bank Deposit Account	37618	22356
Lloyds Deposit Account	13465	13316
Treasurer cash in hand	1875	3012
Sub Total	<u>243065</u>	<u>217072</u>
Beavers Bank Account	2207	1794
Byron Pack Bank Account	7406	5726
Scout Troop Bank Account	3470	4196
Expense Account	98	0
Sub Total	<u>13181</u>	<u>11716</u>
Total	<u>256246</u>	<u>228788</u>
<u>Fixed Assets</u>		
Garages at Cost	50500	50500
Depreciation	<u>-50500</u>	<u>-40000</u>
Net Book Value	0	10500
Total	<u>256426</u>	<u>239288</u>
<u>Liabilities</u>		
Garage Deposits	<u>-465</u>	<u>-375</u>
Total liabilities	-465	375
Total Net Assets	<u>255961</u>	<u>238913</u>

Group Payments

Budget 2025/26	2024/25	2023/24
£	£	£
<u>Grant Payments</u>		
0 Magic (Gazebo)	0	564
0 Groundwork (Stores)	0	368
0 Total	<u>0</u>	<u>932</u>
<u>Headquarters Costs</u>		
750 Water Charges	340	319
7500 Light & Heat	7665	9286
3300 Insurance	3279	3120
3000 Hall Expenses	2214	2315
5000 Hall Maintenance	683	4066
200000 Hall Development	6423	1831
350 AGM	213	312
300 Wi Fi	274	0
2000 OSM/Bank Fees	1601	7
50 Garage Expenses	0	0
<u>222250 Total</u>	<u>22692</u>	<u>21256</u>
5000 Membership Fees	5820	5166
0 Explorers	0	0
<u>5000 Total</u>	<u>5820</u>	<u>5166</u>
<u>Scouting Activities</u>		
10000 Section Activities	4009	8445
20000 Camps and Outings	18373	15221
0 End of Term Trampoline	1650	0
250 Leader Uniform	0	28
<u>30250 Total</u>	<u>24032</u>	<u>23694</u>
<u>Fund Raising expenses</u>		
2000 Firework night	1836	1583
BBQ's	0	159
	<u>1836</u>	<u>1742</u>
3000 Camp/Activity Van Hire	686	1773
500 Miscellaneous(Inc stationery)	278	176
Badges	961	0
300 Uniform	722	592
2000 Equipment	336	769
0 Jack Petchey Award	695	600
<u>5800 Total</u>	<u>3678</u>	<u>2137</u>
<u>263300 Total Payments</u>	<u>58058</u>	<u>56700</u>

Note: Budget includes preliminary back room refurbishment -still to be confirmed

Group Receipts

Budget 2025/26 £		2024/25 £	2023/24 £
10000	Membership Subscriptions	9960	9150
4000	Gift Aid 2024	3059	2821
<u>14000</u>	Total	<u>13019</u>	<u>11971</u>
20000	HQ Rents	21656	17716
15000	Garage Rents	15562	14220
<u>35000</u>	Total	<u>37218</u>	<u>31936</u>
0	Donations	285	165
4500	Bank Interest	4710	4206
<u>4500</u>	Total	<u>4995</u>	<u>4371</u>
22000	Section Camps/Activities	20573	18407
0	End of Term Trampoline	1105	
	Total	<u>21678</u>	<u>18407</u>
	<u>Fund Raising</u>		
5000	Firework Night	5024	5001
0	BBQ's	0	395
0	Groundwork(Stoves)		500
0	BBQ Hire	50	0
0	Magic(Gazebo)	0	500
0	CO OP	500	0
0	Back Room Fund	525	435
0	Just Giving/Amazon	0	68
<u>5000</u>	Total	<u>6099</u>	<u>6899</u>
1000	Uniform Sales	905	914
0	Scout shop	0	202
0	Misc	402	237
0	Jack Petchey Award	1200	600
<u>1000</u>	Total	<u>2507</u>	<u>1953</u>
<u>84000</u>	Total Receipts	<u>85516</u>	<u>75537</u>

Section Accounts

2024-2025

Income

Bank Interest - Cubs	50.93
Events - Beavers	2,925.45
Events - Cubs	11,491.00
Events - Scouts	6,156.00
Membership Fees - Beavers	3,139.41
Membership Fees - Cubs	6,560.00
Membership Fees - Scouts	5,422.58
Uniform - Beavers	102.00
Uniform - Cubs	163.84
Uniform - Scouts	238.11

Expense

Badges - Beavers	308.82
Badges - Cubs	300.00
Badges - Scouts	352.04
Bank Fees - Beavers	190.37
Bank Fees - Cubs	408.49
Bank Fees - Scouts	346.00
Events - Beavers	2,528.25
Events - Cubs	10,562.25
Events - Scouts	5,282.90
Meetings - Beavers	302.12
Meetings - Cubs	2,027.30
Meetings - Scouts	1,679.64
Membership Costs - Beavers	1,860.00
Membership Costs - Cubs	4,200.00
Membership Costs - Scouts	3,900.00
Uniform - Beavers	349.50
Uniform - Scouts	189.00

Account balances

22nd Wim Cub Pack Treasurer	2,782.76
22nd Wim Scout Troop	3,470.37
22nd Wim Cub Pack Savings	4,622.73
Expense Account	97.50
22nd Wim Beaver Colony	2,205.60

Summary

Account balance brought forward	11,716.32
Total income	36,249.32
Total expenditure	34,786.68
Net income	1,462.64
Account balance carried forward	13,178.96

Independent Examiners Report

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of 22nd Wimbledon Scout Group Scout Council

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the **22nd Wimbledon Scout Group** for the year ended 31/03/25

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees of the **22nd Wimbledon Scout Group** you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').

I report in respect of my examination of the **22nd Wimbledon Scout Group** accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5) (b) of the Act.

Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the **22nd Wimbledon Scout Group** as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Name: Derek Holmes

Relevant professional qualification or membership of professional bodies (if any): F.C.A

Address: 3 Larks Close, Ferndown, Dorset. BH22 9TF

Date: 22/4/2025

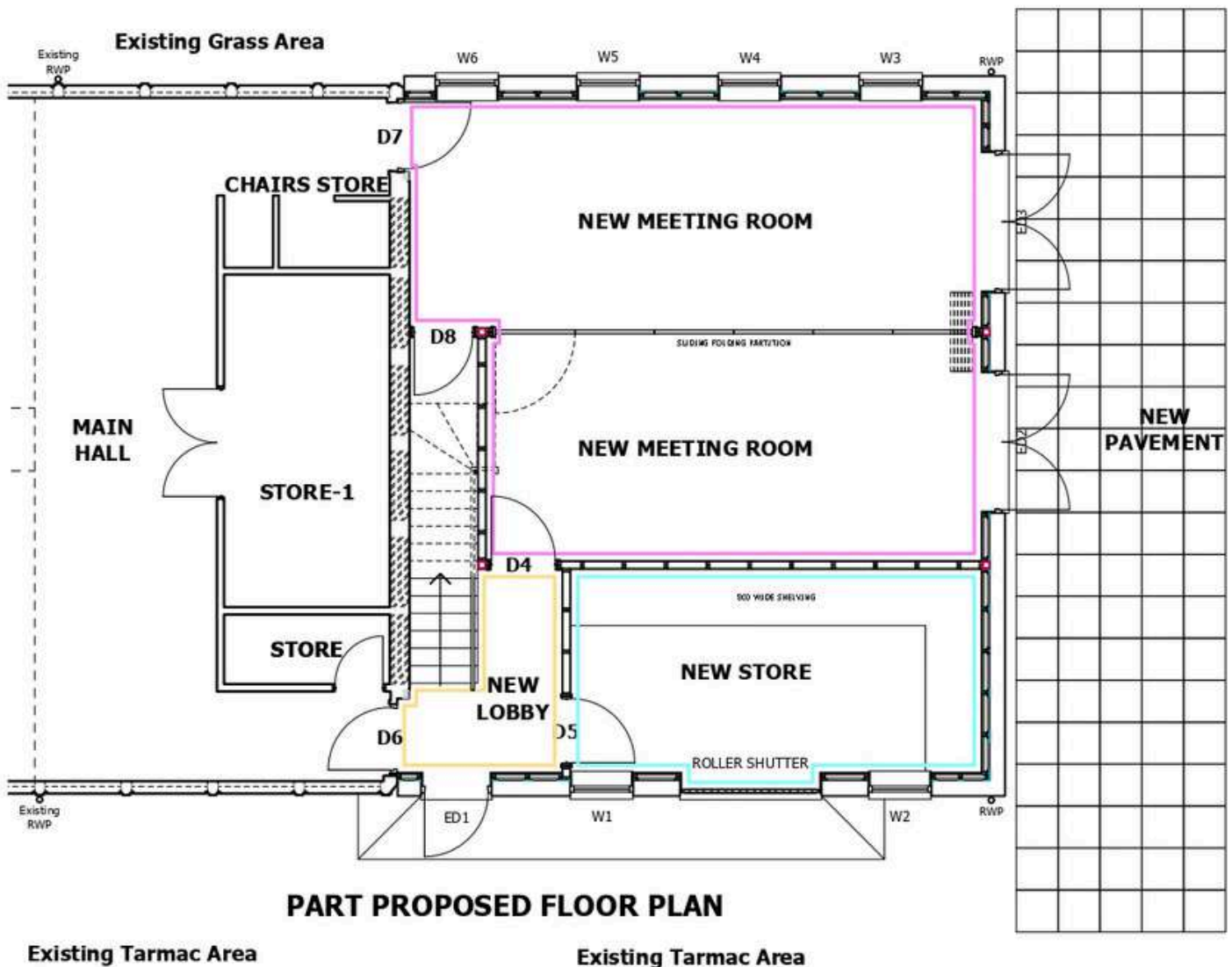
HQ Redevelopment at the 22nd!

Over the next few years, there will be an exciting development at the HQ!

Towards the rear of the building, there is a flat roof extension to the HQ that was built around 50 years ago. Following a survey of suspected damp, it was confirmed that there is damp in the breeze block construction, however the foundations underneath are still solid. The plan is therefore to demolish the existing extension and to rebuild, using the existing footings but to reconfigure the area to give us group store room, 2 meeting rooms with double doors and patio area looking out onto the field with an interconnecting folding partition so that the rooms can be used together. We are also looking to continue the current pitch of the roof to give us additional storage space, accessed by a fixed staircase. At the time of writing, the plans have gone out to tender and we are awaiting on the final cost!

Over the coming months and years, we will be looking for any potential sources of funding i.e. grants, fundraising and even donations! We would be grateful for your support with this in any way that you can!

If you have got any suggestions, then please let us know!



We'd like to say

Thank You!

The 22nd Wimbledon Scout Group wishes to record its thanks to so many people, but, in particular we should acknowledge...

All of our amazing Leadership Teams for everything that they do to keep our Young People enthused and wanting to come back for more, whether that's weekly meetings, camps or activities. Thankyou so much (and also to their families for letting them join in the fun!)

The Group Trustee Board for their continued support throughout the year, especially to Andrew Pearson, Group Treasurer for everything that he does looking after the Group finances, including managing the garage rentals.

Special thanks are also recorded to Joan Pearson (Hall Bookings Manager), Gavin Hayhurst (Webmaster) and Vici Hoban, (Emergency HQ key holder) for their vital work in supporting the Group.

Thanks to Graham Fairclough for everything that he does in and around the HQ to keep it looking it's best... sweeping up leaves, keeping the grass trimmed and for his work with our successful grant applications.

Also to the adults and young people from the Nescot Horticulture Team who have come in and done additional work around our HQ grounds.


Thankyou to Declan Gleeson for all his help and advice with various issues with the HQ, Mark Cheetham for looking after the Health and Safety side of the Group and to and Jasmin Kirkham for helping us to write our Risk Register.

The Wimbledon and Wandle District Team and the GLSW County Support and Training Teams for their advice and support during the year.

Thanks also to Alison Edwards for proof reading the annual report!!

We acknowledge the following companies for their grant donations over the past year, towards various projects... The Jack Petchey Foundation, Tesco's and the Co-Op.

...and finally, to the parents and to the young people themselves who make Scouting so enjoyable!



**“Happiness is open to all, since,
when you boil it down, it merely
consists of contentment with what
you have got and doing what you
can for other people.”
Robert Baden-Powell**

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A message from our Chairman

It's been another fun filled year for the 22nd Wimbledon Scout Group for both the Trustee Board and it's members – lots of which you will hear about throughout this annual report.

There was also a large contingent who took part in the County Gang Show, Souwest 2024, on-stage, helping backstage, make-up, dressing rooms – thank you to all who took part, it was another great show.

As I usually do, I want to take this opportunity to thank our wonderful team of leaders, assistant leaders, Young Leaders, helpers, and parents who put in so much time and effort to ensure our Beavers, Cubs, and Scouts have a great time.

I particularly want to thank Graham for everything he does for the 22nd Wimbledon Scout Group and the wider Scouting family.

I also want to thank everyone involved with the West Barnes Explorer Scout Unit who meet at the 22nd Wimbledon HQ. Some of them are looking forward to an international adventure to Kandersteg, Switzerland this year so we hope that they have a great time. The Explorers support the Group at events and some help at weekly section meetings doing their Young Leader Award training.

With so many events that happen throughout the year, this report should remind you what our young people and the Group as a whole have been doing. We held our main fundraising event of the year - our fireworks evening which was, as usual very popular. Thank you to everyone who helped to ensure that the event ran so smoothly both before, during and after the display.

We are about to embark on a major project for the Group – the replacement of the stores and 2 back rooms at the HQ which were originally built over 50 years ago. Following our suspicion of damp, we have had a professional survey undertaken which has indicated that, whilst the foundations are solid, the walls aren't in the best of condition and therefore the Trustee Board have agreed that we should demolish the rear extension to the HQ back to the foundations with an opportunity to reconfigure the area to make it more useable for our current needs. If anyone has any suggestions of potential grant or funding opportunities that we could apply for, then please do let us know!

Hopefully, you will be reading this report in advance of our AGM which is being held on 19 May 2024. At the AGM we elect the Trustee Board. It is their role to work together, as charity trustees to make sure that the Group is run safely and legally with a focus on strategy, performance and assurance. We are also looking for people to support the Group and raise funds so we can maintain our buildings and equipment so that our young people can enjoy their time with the 22nd Wimbledon Scout Group.

If you want to get involved, then I am sure that we can find a role for you to suit your skills and availability – please let us know how you can help!

This year we also welcomed new members to the Leadership Team. Once again, I want to thank all who are involved with the 22nd Wimbledon Scout Group and West Barnes Explorer Scout Unit for another great year.

Enjoy reading the Annual Report and I look forward to seeing you at the AGM on 19 May 2024.

Ann Fellowes
Group Chairman

Group Report 2023-24

The last year has been another fantastic one for the Group. As always, each of our sections have delivered a wide and varied range of activities, badges and camps for our young people which will give them stories to tell (as you will no doubt have had first hand if you have picked them up from a residential weekend!)

We had a good turnout for the District St Georges Day parade in Wimbledon village and all sections were well turned out (it might well have been the Krispy Kreme incentive). Date for your diaries – the Sunday nearest to 23rd April 2025 should be the year when we finally get to the front of the parade and walk immediately behind the band. It has only taken us around 20 years, so a fantastic turnout would be appreciated. Thank you also to the parents who volunteer to help marshal the parade to keep everyone safe.

The sun shone again for our Group AGM and family picnic in the field. As usual, the 65' inflatable adventure course was popular with the children (and adults!) and has been booked again for this year!

In December, we held our first Celebration of Christmas event with a Christingle theme. Firstly, thank you to the team of volunteers who came along to help make the Christingles. We returned to St James' Church, New Malden for the occasion and was lovely to see the event being supported by the young people and their families. One highlight being when all of the young people stood around the church with their lit Christingles with the lights off singing Away in a Manger. During the service, we were able to present several Chief Scout Awards, Josh Fawcett was presented with his Wood Badge for completing his leader training. Alison Edwards (Raksha) was presented with a Good Service Award - The Silver Acorn for all of the additional outstanding work that she does in the District and County to support the adults with their training – congratulations and long overdue! Thank you also to the Cubs for making the hundreds of mince pies and to Ann and her team for organising the catering.

As would appear to be tradition, we finished off the year with our visit to The New Wimbledon Theatre to see Cinderella – in total, we had 387 seats which must be a record! If you want to bring your family and friends this year, then pop Thursday 19th Dec in the diary to see Jack and the Beanstalk.

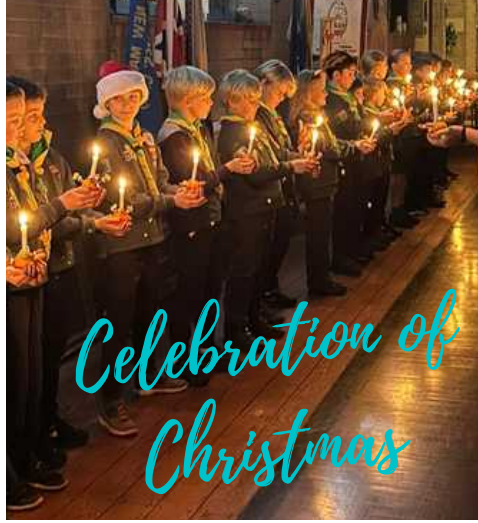
I have just seen the annual census for the District and I am very proud to see that, this year, the 22nd Wimbledon has the most members of any Group in the District with a total of 156 members (young people and adults). I am pleased to see that numbers have increased in all sections and our largest increase has been in the growth of our leader numbers – more adults wanting to join in the fun that we offer!

In the Beaver section, we have welcomed Josh Fawcett as Assistant Beaver Scout Leader and, in the Cubs, Rob Braun as Assistant Cub Scout Leader. In the Scout Section, Gavin Hayhurst and Elias Kairouz have become Section Assistants and Dan Shaw and Dec Gleeson have agreed to 'upgrade' to Assistant Scout Leaders. It has been so pleasing to see the Scout Team come together to successfully run the Troop in Keira's absence from weekly meetings so that she can concentrate on her studies at university.

Of course, I must thank all of our amazing volunteers who help with the running of the Group – firstly to our fabulous teams who run our sections for us. The number of hours that they put into planning and running the activities and camps for your young people is outstanding and is demonstrated by the fun and skills that the young people gain from the activities. Secondly, to our Trustee Board who ensure that the group has a governance structure to check that we are operating safely and legally. Thank you also to Joan Pearson who co-ordinates our hall bookings and the income that this generates for the Group and Andrew Pearson who makes sure that the garages are fully occupied!

Before I finish my report, I would also like to mention the leaders in the Group who have extra roles to support the District in addition to the volunteering that they give to the Group – Dominic Moore, Assistant District Commissioner, Beaver Scouts; Alison Edwards, Assistant District Commissioner, Training and County Safeguarding Adviser; Tim Kerridge, Assistant District Commissioner, Scouts; Alan Maloney, District Store Manager and Training Adviser and Veronica Kerridge, District Adviser – Special Needs and County Trainer. Thank you to you all for the work that you do to support the other leaders and young people in the District and County.

Graham Fairclough
Group Scout Leader



**Do More.
Share More.
Be More.**

Beaver Colony Report

BEAVERS

Beaver Colony Report

Welcome to this year's annual report, as I sit here writing this from our first Beaver camp of the year (more on this later!) I realised how much we have done over this past year. So, sit back, grab a cup of tea and your favourite biscuits and get ready to dive into the world of Beavers over the last year.

We started the year with our first camp at Bentley Copse in Shere. Over the weekend, the Beavers manoeuvred their way around the go kart track, learnt how to light fires using a flint and steel, got muddy on the adventure course and as a first for them got to try out Mini Hawks (the acrylic version into foam targets!). They also designed their own T-shirts and mugs.

In May we took 15 of the Beavers to RAF Hendon. Over the day they got to learn all about the different aircrafts and took part in a 4D Red Arrows Flight Experience.

To celebrate the King's Coronation, we had a Coronation craft evening which had the Beavers using a photo of themselves as part of their craft – check out our notice board for photos of these.

For our second camp of the year, we joined forces with the 8th Wimbledon Beavers for a packed weekend of activities and giving the opportunity for the Beavers to sleep outside in tents! Each of the Colonies were mixed up to allow them to meet new Beavers and help promote teamwork between them all. The Beavers got to build their own shelters (which given the weather proved very helpful!), made their own candles and sandcastles along with making ice cream in a bag! For some of the Beavers this was their first night away and sleeping outside in a tent, well done to all those who attended.

With the summer starting to heat up, we decided to make use of the weather and introduce the Beavers to backwoods cooking. The Beavers all got to have a go and lighting a small fire and then toasting their own marshmallows.

After the summer break, the Beavers worked on their Animal Friend Badge, as part of this we took them to Pets at Home in New Malden for a tour around and learnt about all the animals. They also got the opportunity to hold a snake, lizard and guinea pig.

October saw several of the Beavers joining the rest of the Wimbledon and Wandle Beavers at Frylands Wood for the District Campfire. They had an afternoon of classic campfire songs including Tic Tac providing a rendition of "Heads, shoulders, knees & toes"!

As part of the Money Skills badge (and Teamwork Challenge Badge!) the Beavers undertook the trading post. As part of this they were given a list of challenges and "Beaver Pounds" to buy objects from the shop to complete the list of challenges and then sell them back to the shop for a profit. Given the wide variety of challenges to complete the Beavers used some great ingenuity to solve the challenges – the leaders were really impressed!

In December we did some Christmas biscuit decorating and crafts. We also joined the rest of the Group for our Celebration of Christmas in which four of the Beavers were awarded their Chief Scout Bronze Awards, the highest award that a Beaver can get - well done to them all.

After the Christmas break, we embarked on our International Badge. Over the course of the month the Beavers learnt all about countries around the world along with tasting world cuisine! including – pizza, croissants, tortilla chips with salsa and curry. Following a journey around the world for their International Badge, the Beaver Leaders only saw one logical next step – time for the 22nd Beavers to conquer Space! The Beavers learnt all about space travel and the various planets in our solar system, including designing their own planet and what life might be like on it.

The Beavers also got to attend the first District event of the new year – Laser Tag. Despite the A3 road closure, the Beavers, all made it to Cobham and had a great afternoon running around in the woods.

Beaver Colony Report (cont)

And so, we come to present day. We have returned to Bentley Copse for this year's camp, over the weekend the Beavers have been exploring the Cave Maze – as voted for by them! Designing their own aircraft and bird boxes along with the rather muddy adventure course. We also set a record on this Beaver camp – all the Beavers asleep by 9.30pm on the Saturday night!

I must finish this report with a huge thank you to all of the leaders at the 22nd who have helped the Beavers out for the past year, our parents who volunteered to be part of a Parent Rota and to leaders from other groups who have helped as well. I would also like to welcome Josh (Griffin) to our Colony.

Well that concludes another action-packed year at the 22nd Wimbledon Beavers, over the next year we have more Beaver camps planned, District Sports Day and District Beaver Camp – but you will have to tune in next year to hear all about them.

Dominic Moore Beaver Scout Leader





**Do More.
Learn More.
Be More.
Cub Pack Report**

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Cub Pack Report

Our year started off with our Indoor camp which was run by Rikki and Baloo as part of their training to obtain a Nights Away permit. We went to a new campsite, PACCAR in Hertfordshire and stayed in dormitories. During the course of the weekend, the Cubs undertook their Artist Badge with model making and tie-dye t-shirts (some of which have been spotted being worn on other camps during the year!) They also took part in team building games, pedal go karts and a 170m zip wire through the trees – needless to say, lots of fears were overcome!

We entered a full team into the District Sports Day at the David Weir Centre in Sutton in May. All those who took part did very well in the track, field and novelty events. Overall, we came first in the Cub event which was a tremendous result. Thank you again to the parents who came to cheer on the team.

In May, the Cubs had the opportunity to gain either their Hobbies or Collectors badges by bringing in and talking to the rest of their Six about their chosen subject. There were lots of variations from football cards to dance!

In preparation for our outdoor camp, the Cubs practised putting up tents in the field – primarily so that we could check that they were complete and undamaged but also so that they knew how to put them up when they got to camp!

We also had 'Beyond Blocks' come in to complete the Digital Maker badge with the Cubs. This involved making models out of lego and then programming the ipad to make the model follow various commands – safe to say these were very enjoyable evenings.

We took around 24 Cubs to our Outdoor camp at Polyapes near Cobham. Again, this was run by Baloo and Rikki, during which they were assessed for their permits and I am pleased to say that they passed which now means that they can organise residential events for our young people! Well done to you both! During the weekend, the Cubs put up their own sleeping tents, cooked their own lunch on open fires and we went on a hike to Oxshott Common. They also completed their Emergency Aid Badge Stage 2 which involved bandaging, knowing when and how to get help and some fake wounds! They also took part in archery – thanks to Keira from Scouts who came to run this for them and they went on the cavebus – a single decker bus which has been converted inside to a caving complex!

We had a couple of evenings working on their Backwoods Cooking badge so they learnt how to light a fire and we cooked shmores, welsh cakes and, something new to us all, garlic bread in a pringles tube – of course, the Cubs had to eat the pringles before we could use the tubes! These all turned out really well and were eagerly devoured by the Cubs!

We entered 3 teams into the Cub Football Competition. For the first time in District Cub history, we entered a girls only team as they were eager to play but didn't want to be in a team with the boys 'because the boys never pass!!'. Throughout the competition, their team spirit was amazing and never gave up – they certainly gave the other teams a run for their money! The other 2 teams went on to win both the Cub Football Trophy (after the game going to nail-biting penalties) and also the Plate competition – congratulations to everyone who took part and, again, to the supporters for your encouragement throughout.

We finished off the term with our annual trip to Wimbledon Lake where the Cubs took part in Kayaking on the lake whilst working towards their Time on the Water staged badges. Needless to say, most got very wet – especially those who jumped off the jetty at the end!!

Pack holiday report

For our cubbing adventures in 2023 we took ourselves to a new venue for us, Butchers Coppice. A Scout site just outside Bournemouth. With what has become a well-established format (!) the Cub team set off on a sunny Sunday in August with 23 cubs and a bunch of keen, eager, and willing adults (well willing...ish). 2 minibuses and a van driven by Ann (yes, I know it rhymes).

Loaded down with cakes and the contents of the first night's meal we braved the roads of southeast England, the traffic and headed westward.

Cub Pack Report (cont)

We picked up Bagheera and Tim on route at Rownhams service station near Southampton and arrived just after lunch ready for 5 days of fun and excitement (or so Akela said).

Our holiday destination was a large building on the site itself. And we set about the usual setting up. Now for the uninitiated, this usually means me and a few of the other leaders moving things round and out of the kitchen to make space for the food and equipment needed for the week ahead. Because we don't travel light. Not for us the joys of lightweight camping. Akela has NOT read that manual. And the quantities of food needed for around 30 people are vast. Once set up and having cleared a Sainsburys van of its contents we set about dinner. Pasta, meatballs...a traditional Pack Holiday dinner.

On the Monday we went to one of our favourite places, Moors Valley Country Park. This day involved a lot of walking. An Akela hike from a park local to Moors Valley. Then after we had been on the steam train, more walking round the play trails, and yet more walking back to the park. We certainly got our steps in that day. Though we were rewarded with an ice cream! Tic Tac joined us at dinner time. He had been 'missing in action.' Having gone on an awfully grand trip the week before with the County Commissioner to South Korea. Anything to get out of setting up camp, eh?!

Tuesday was spent onsite in the morning and swimming in the afternoon. Mainly because we knew the weather was going to be rubbish. Ah the joys of weather apps! Tic Tac, Bagheera, Rikki and I spent our time wisely preparing dinners for the evening and the next day whilst the Cubs enjoyed the high wires and the cave bus. We then went for a swim to wash off some of the mud the cubs had picked up in the morning. Baloo and I got to swim lengths for a change!

Wednesday, we said goodbye to Tim and Bagheera as they were going to Devon for a wedding. And the morning's adventures were a mud trail. As if we needed more of that! Yes, a trail designed to get everyone really muddy. And smelly. It must be said that most, but not all, of the cubs enjoyed it. The leaders ... maybe less so! But washing everything off again probably did little for the planet. And I dare say none of the clothes worn are ever going to be used again. We then went back to the site for a 'proper' lunch of lasagne before heading off to the beach in the afternoon. That was much nicer. Sun, sand, sea. No smells. Packed tea on the beach followed by catching crabs at Mudeford Quay. It is a 'competition' to see who can catch the most. But don't worry dear reader, we let them all go again afterwards!

Thursday was our final day and, as is tradition we went to a theme park. Paulton's Park. Now, I have been doing Pack Holidays for 25 years now. And I am sure that when we first used to go there were fewer of the 'turn you upside down an bring your breakfast back into view' rides. However, being a well trained and experienced leader, there are very few of the rides I won't attempt. Apart from the teacups. Really not a fan of the teacups. However, we also seemed to have taken a lot of dare devil Cubs this time. So, the leaders were fully occupied taking turns to take some of the smaller Cubs on the rides as there are minimum height restrictions on a number of the rides. Having said that Kaa spent most of his time in Peppa Pig world with some of the 'timider' Cubs. Far scarier!

After 5 days of adventures, we packed up again on the Friday. We were slightly hampered by Ann's van. The one she had been given by the company we hire from that is. It developed clutch problems near Basingstoke, and she had to be rescued by them getting another van to her to allow her to carry on with her journey. So slightly later than billed, we got home. Hot, tired, and full of memories. With lots of exhausted cubs.

2024... Essex! More adventures. Different colour t shirt. What else? Well, you'll just have to wait and see, won't you?

When we returned to Cubs in September, we focussed on 2 badges; the Skills Challenge, for which the Cubs took part in a teambuilding exercise, they made animals out of fruit and learnt how to make a hot drink, wire a plug and iron their scarf!

Cub Pack Report (cont)

We took 25 Cubs to the District Paintballing Day at Campaign, Cobham – everyone had a fantastic day and I am pleased to say that there weren't that many bruises as a result! A huge thank you to the additional adults who came along to help (and take part!) on the day.

At the end of September, we 'officially' welcomed Rob (aka Mowgli) as an Assistant Cub Leader into the Pack who had been looking for a new Group in which to continue his Scouting – he and his family have fitted in well and we welcome them all into the Group.

We also did our International Badge for which the Cubs had to find out and present various facts about a particular country, including finding out about Scouts in those countries. We also had a Spanish Evening – huge thanks to Maria and Helen who came down to show the Cubs how to make their own Spanish Omelette – they must have enjoyed the evening as many asked for the recipe so that they could make it at home!

We also celebrated Diwali by decorating our own tea light holders which were used as the light for our closing ceremony and Raksha told them the story of Diwali.

Our International Badge was finished off by various parents of the Cub Pack from either Zimbabwe or South Africa who ran a superb evening for the Cubs including Gum Boot Dancing, making bracelets, painting a mural and tasting several traditional foods – congratulations and thanks to the parents who ran the evening.

The end of term saw the Cubs making over 150 mince pies ready for the Group Celebration of Christmas event the following week.

We finished off the term with a Christmas Party with traditional party games and a delivery of Papa John pizzas for everyone!

At the start of the New Year, we decided to do the Scientist Badge which included many different experiments including making lollypop catapults, measuring our pulse rate using oximeters, seeing how celery absorbs water (although we wouldn't recommend trying that one again!), making PH indicators with red cabbage water and Alka Seltzer rockets! We also had a go making some simple circuits and making ice cream in a bag! Needless to say, we had a great deal of fun with this badge, and hopefully the Cubs learnt something too!

We joined up with the Scout Troop and took 57 members to join in the Wobstacle fun at the Malden Centre. We were treated to an hour's fun on 2 different inflatables – well done to everyone who attended.

We also held our traditional night of pancake making where, in their sixes, the Cubs need to make and cook their own pancakes. Fortunately for the parents, the toppings are closely monitored and dished out by some willing adult volunteers to ensure that you can still see the pancake through the various toppings on offer (including fruit, of course!).

For Mother's Day, the Cubs made Rocky Road in 2 different varieties which were then boxed and decorated. Hopefully they actually made it home for the day itself and, more importantly, for the intended recipient?!

We entered 3 teams into the District Cub Chess Competition in March. Although we were unable to retain the trophy, we did really well with one of our team's coming 3rd who were only 17 points behind the winners. A particular mention to Henry who won all of his games with maximum points! Thanks also to the parents and helpers who stayed to help score the games – your help was much appreciated.

We finished off the term with a visit to the New Malden Fire Station to start off our Fire Safety badge where the Cubs were shown around the station and fire engine and were all allowed to have a go on one of the hoses!

And there we have it! Another fun packed year with the Cubs. Of course, it would be amiss of me to conclude this report without some thankyou's... Firstly, to the Cubs and their parents for their continued enthusiasm and support throughout the year – especially to those parents who have offered (sometimes at short notice) to come and help us on Cub nights! Secondly, I would like to thank the Young People who have done their service part of their Duke of

Cub Pack Report (cont)

Edinburgh awards with us – your help has been much appreciated and we hope to see you back as leaders in the future! Finally, I must say a huge thankyou to the team of leaders and helpers with the Cub Pack who give up both their weekday evenings and weekends to help me deliver an amazing and varied range of activities for the Cubs – it would not be possible without their help.

Graham Fairclough Acting Cub Scout Leader





**More Fun.
More Skills.
More Marshmallows.
Scout Troop Report**

SCOUTS

Scout Troop Report



2023 was another exciting year for the Troop. A mix of visitors and residential trips made for a memorable year of memories. We had some cold-blooded friends come to visit us. Our Scouts were given a talk on the importance of suitable animal care followed by an opportunity to handle a variety of reptilian creatures. This was met with some squeals and questioning frowns, but many of the Scouts quickly made new friends!

With an increased number of camping experiences, our Scouts are finally getting the hang of putting up tents.. well, sort of! We started off with our APL & PL camp in which the older ones were subject to vicious rain and

broken altar fires, but we eventually saw the sun on our summer camp! The Troop went to Phasels Wood Campsite in Hemel Hempstead where they completed the hike for their expedition challenge. All our Scouts made use of the navigation skills that they have been practising - the final mile was a bit of a stretch but they made it!, ice cream was a bit of an incentive!



April 2023 to 2024 has also been a year of success. We started off strong at sports day! Our sprinters didn't fail in representing us at the District event. Also, for the first time in three years, they completed the night hike circuit through all the bases. Well done to you all!

Our Scouts have seen three Chief Scout Gold awards as well as two Jack Petchey awards with more to come. These are big achievements for our young people as they take dedication and independence to reach. I couldn't be more proud of you all!

As per usual, we didn't fail to make a mess. From scrubbing pans after cooking to arts and crafts, although our Halloween celebrations really were the cherry on top of the mess cake. The scouts were met with ring doughnuts, apple bobbing and Haribos buried in flour - a brutal combination. They didn't shy away from the challenge! I think Leon might have needed a wipe however...



As we can see, leadership takes gestured conversations over cups of tea!

A big thank you to the Scout leadership team and all those that support us in our endeavours. The Troop are truly lucky to have you!

Keira Pearson
Scout Leader



Leadership Team

Group Scout Leader Graham Fairclough

Beaver Colony

Beaver Scout Leader	Dominic Moore
Assistant BSL	Elizabeth Maloney
Assistant BSL	Jack Sheffield
Assistant BSL	Josh Fawcett
Section Assistant	Jackie Roux
Section Assistant	Gemma Kerridge
Section Assistant	Dan Paris

Byron Cub Pack

Acting Cub Scout Leader	Graham Fairclough
Assistant CSL	Alison Edwards
Assistant CSL	Keith Elston
Assistant CSL	Chris Gagen
Assistant CSL	Lizzie Strachan
Assistant CSL	Rob Braun
Section Assistant	Veronica Kerridge
Section Assistant	Peter Brown
Section Assistant	Charlotte Johnston

Scout Troop

Scout Leader	Keira Pearson
Assistant SL	Alice Sheffield
Assistant SL	Daniel Shaw
Assistant SL	Declan Gleeson
Section Assistant	Tim Kerridge
Section Assistant	Oliver Foster
Section Assistant	Gavin Hayhurst
Section Assistant	Elias Kairouz

The leadership team as at 31 March 2024.

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Group Information



Scouts

**22nd Wimbledon
Scout Group**

Minutes of the 2023 AGM

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of the Group Scout Council held on Saturday 20 May 2023 at the 22nd Wimbledon Scout Group Headquarters commencing at 1.45pm

A list of those present is included at Appendix 1 to these minutes

1.The Chair of the Group

(Ann Fellowes) opened the proceedings by introducing herself and welcomed everyone to the 2023 Annual General Meeting of the Group Scout Council. In particular she welcomed our new District Commissioner, Michelle Baker who had agreed to say a few words later in the meeting. Following details of the emergency, domestic and signing in arrangements, she drew attention to her comments in the Annual Report and congratulated all those who had contributed to a highly successful year in which the 22nd had celebrated its 95th birthday.

2.Apologies for absence

Were received from Rob Brumwell (District Chairman) Dave Bixby (District Commissioner) Lizzie Strachan, Sally Pusey, Dan Shaw, Ivy and Gemma Kerridge, Dan Fellowes and Liam Washford-Bent

3.Minutes of the AGM held on 24 April 2022

The minutes had been circulated by email at the beginning of May 2023 in the annual report. There being no questions from the floor, the minutes were agreed.

4.Receive and Consider the Annual Reports from the Sections

The reports had been circulated by email at the beginning of May 2023. Graham Fairclough (Group Scout Leader) said he hoped everyone had found an opportunity to read the reports. The Group had made great strides since a return to a full and expanded Scouting programme following the Covid 19 Pandemic. He was especially proud of the Troop which had grown both in number and in their programme of activities. The Group membership had increased to 147, making the 22nd the second largest Group in the District.

One of the highlights of the year had been taking 130 young people to PGL at Marchants Hill for a weekend of activities to celebrate the 95th birthday of the Group. This was a logistical nightmare but well worth the effort as everyone had a memorable time. This included watching three coaches trying to park and load luggage on a Friday evening in Motspur Park which caused some amusement!

He also wanted to draw attention to the contribution that the 22nd had at District and County Level, above and beyond Group activity. A list appeared in the Group annual report but is reproduced in Appendix 2 of these minutes.

In conclusion he said he was very proud to be the Group Scout Leader of the 22nd and he commended the report to the AGM.

The Chair invited the meeting to ask any questions arising from the report. There being none the Chair moved to the next item.

5.Presentation and adoption of the accounts 2022/2023

The Treasurer (Andrew Pearson) presented the accounts for the year ended 31 March 2023. These had been signed off by the Independent Examiner and published in the annual report.

Andrew went on to say that fundraising opportunities has been restricted in some respects due to the impact of the Covid 19 Pandemic but garages continued to be fully booked and hall bookings were back to the pre-Covid level.

Minutes of the 2023 AGM (cont)

Andrew wished to publicly acknowledge a generous bequest to the Group from the late Robert Conrad who was a scouter with the Group between 1968 and 1997. The Executive had agreed to ring fence this money until it could be used for a specific project.

He also wished to report successful discussions with the electric company in relation to an overcharge during the pandemic, a subsequent refund and now a revised amount paid each month.

Finally, he asked the AGM to note the budget for 2023/2024. He commended the report to the AGM.

The Chair invited the AGM to raise any questions arising from the report. There being none the Chair asked the AGM to adopt the finance report which it did unanimously.

6. Group Constitution

Graham reported that the Scout Association required each Group to have a written Constitution or Governing Document. Which documents what each Group as a separate charity is set up to do and how it should operate and be governed. Accordingly, we have put one together which will be shared with the Executive in the next few days. He therefore proposed "That the AGM agree that the new Executive should consider any drafts which may emerge and be formalised at its next meeting. In the meantime, the Group should operate on the basis of the rules contained within the Scout Association Policy Organisation and Rules"

Graham concluded by adding that later this year there are likely to be changes to titles and roles. The Executive will become Trustees on a Trustee Board. He assured the AGM that there will be full information as proposals emerge.

7.Appointments and Elections 2023/2024

The following were elected/appointed in accordance with the rules of the Scout Association.

(i) **Appointment of Independent Examiner**, Derek Holmes was nominated by the Treasurer and Tim Kerridge. Derek was appointed.

(ii) The Group Scout Leader (Graham Fairclough) took the Chair and as it was his responsibility **to nominate the Chair** he did so and nominated Ann Fellowes. The AGM approved the nomination.

Ann Fellowes resumed the Chair.

(iii) **Election of Group Secretary**. Alan Maloney was nominated and seconded by the Chair and Veronica Kerridge. There being no other nominations Alan was elected.

(iv) **Election of Treasurer**. Andrew Pearson was nominated by the Chair and seconded by the Secretary, there being no other nominations Andrew was elected.

(v) **GSL Nominations to the Executive**. Graham nominated Alison Edwards to represent the Cub Section as he was unable to do so whilst being Group Scout Leader on the Executive. Following discussions after the meeting Graham also nominated John Crighton

(vi) **Election of other members of the Executive**. It was noted that five of the current elected members had agreed to put their names forward to serve another term. The Chair and Secretary formally nominated and seconded Dominic Beecheno, Mark Cheetham, Suzanne Davis, Annie Gleeson and Rory Travers-Drapes. There being no further nominations from the floor the above were elected.

vii) **Appointment of Section leaders to the Executive**. Dominic Moore and Keira Pearson were appointed.

viii) **Appointment of Explorer Scout Leader to the Executive**. Liam Washford-Bent was appointed.

8.Other business

Graham was pleased to present a Chief Scout Silver Award, the top award in the Cub Scout Section, to Charlie Curtis.

There being no further business the Chair moved to the next item.

Minutes of the 2023 AGM (cont)

9.The District Commissioner

The Chair was pleased to introduce our newly appointed District Commissioner, Michelle Baker. She was pleased to note that Michelle had already worked with our Beaver Section at a recent weekend camp and her help and support had been very much appreciated.

Michelle thanked the Group for its kind welcome to the AGM and said that she had enjoyed watching the young people enjoying themselves on the inflatable assault course on the field. She assured everyone, however, that she would not be trying it out for herself! She congratulated the Group on all its achievements during the past year and did however want to say "thank you" to all the adults in the Group who played such an important role in every aspect of the life of the 22nd. She referred to the annual report and Graham's reference to this but she felt it necessary to acknowledge this publicly. She invited those named to stand and be recognised.

She concluded by wishing the Group well in the forthcoming year.

The meeting closed at 2.30pm

APPENDIX 1

Those present at the meeting were:

Group Executive Committee

Ann Fellowes, Andrew Pearson, Alan Maloney, Rory Travers-Drapes, Annie Gleeson, Suzanne Davis, Mark Cheetham, Nicola Grant.

District Guest

Michelle Baker (District Commissioner)

Leaders, Section Assistants and Occasional Helpers

Graham Fairclough, Keira Pearson, Keith Elston, Dominic Moore, Elizabeth Maloney, Alison Edwards, Tim and Veronica Kerridge, Charlotte Johnston, Mark Elston and Elias Kairouz.

Parents, friends and Group and Unit supporters

Iluska Beaton, Sonia Agriao-Tiedt, Abby Taylor, Andy Curtis, Katherine Curtis, Corne Rossouw, Nora Eccles, Will Tankard, Stuart Henderson, Liz Shanahan, John Crighton, Chris Bradbury, Andy Johnston, Liz Wingrove, Abbie Hanks, Fiona Perella-Henry, Robert Kameka and Natalie Cornelius.

APPENDIX 2

Leaders and others with additional roles

Dominic Moore.....Assistant District Commissioner (Beaver Scouts)

Alison Edwards.....Assistant District Commissioner (Training)
County Safeguarding Adviser

Tim Kerridge..... Assistant District Commissioner (Scouts)

Alan Maloney..... District Store Manager
District Training Adviser

Veronica Kerridge ... District Advisor Special Needs
County Trainer

Keira PearsonDistrict Network Commissioner

Trustees

Trustees Ex Officio :

Group Chairman	Ann Fellowes
Group Secretary	Alan Maloney
Group Treasurer	Andrew Pearson
Group Scout Leader	Graham Fairclough
Beaver Scout Leader	Dominic Moore
Cub Scout Leader	Position filled by nomination
Scout Leader	Keira Pearson
West Barnes Explorer Scout Leader	Liam Washford-Bent

Trustees: Elected:

Dominic Beecheno
Rory Travers-Drapes
Annie Gleeson
Mark Cheetham
Suzanne Davis

Trustees: Nominated :

Alison Edwards
John Crighton (from November 2023)



Bankers: Lloyds TSB Plc, London Road, East Grinstead. RH19 1AH

Custodian Trustee: The Scout Trust Corporation Ltd

Independent Examiner: Derek Holmes

Scout Association Registration No.: 6076

Charity Registration Number: 303795

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

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

Contact: Alan Maloney, 5 Aragon Road, Morden. Surrey. SM4 4QF Tel: 0208 337 5364.

Signed on behalf of the Executive Committee:

Ann Fellowes, Chairman

Andrew Pearson, Treasurer

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Group Finances



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Group Assets

	2023/24	2022/23
	£	£
<u>Current Assets</u>		
Lloyds Bank Current Account	8356	8021
HSBC 3 Month Fixed	170032	166041
HSBC/Lloyds Bank Deposit Account	22356	8394
HSBC/Lloyds Deposit Account	13316	13176
Treasurer cash in hand	3012	2165
Sub Total	<u>217072</u>	<u>197797</u>
Beavers Bank Account	1794	2695
Byron Pack Bank Account	5726	6719
Scout Troop Bank Account	3380	1924
Sub Total	<u>10900</u>	<u>11338</u>
Total	<u>227972</u>	<u>209135</u>
<u>Fixed Assets</u>		
Garages at Cost	50500	50500
Depreciation	<u>-40000</u>	<u>-35000</u>
Net Book Value	10500	15500
Total	<u>238472</u>	<u>224635</u>
<u>Liabilities</u>		
Garage Deposits	<u>-375</u>	<u>-375</u>
Total liabilities	375	375
Total Net Assets	<u>238097</u>	<u>224260</u>

Group Payments

Budget 2024/25	2023/24	2022/23
£	£	£
<u>Grant Payments</u>		
0 Magic (Gazebo)	564	0
0 Arnold Clark (Gala Tent)	0	1015
0 Groundwork (Stores)	368	0
0 Total	<u>932</u>	<u>1015</u>
<u>Headquarters Costs</u>		
750 Water Charges	319	401
7500 Light & Heat	9286	920
3300 Insurance	3120	3090
3000 Hall Expenses	2315	2151
5000 Hall Maintenance	4066	3242
0 Toilets	0	814
200000 Hall Development	1831	2404
350 AGM	312	270
300 Wi Fi	0	254
200 OSM	7	43
50 Garage Expenses	0	0
220450 Total	<u>21256</u>	<u>13589</u>
5000 Membership Fees	5166	4524
0 Explorers	0	0
5000 Total	<u>5166</u>	<u>4524</u>
<u>Scouting Activities</u>		
20000 Section Activities	8445	12759
10000 Camps and Outings	15221	6377
0 PGL	0	6915
0 End of Term Trampoline	0	0
250 Leader Uniform	28	67
30250 Total	<u>23694</u>	<u>26118</u>
<u>Fund Raising expenses</u>		
2000 Firework night	1583	1432
BBQ's	159	0
	<u>1742</u>	<u>1432</u>
3000 Camp/Activity Van Hire	1773	2154
500 Miscellaneous(Inc stationery)	176	391
300 Uniform	592	263
2000 Equipment	769	14
0 Jack Petchey Award (Hammocks)	600	600
2800 Total	<u>2137</u>	<u>1268</u>
<u>263500</u> Total Payments	<u>56700</u>	<u>50100</u>

Note: Budget includes preliminary back room refurbishment -still to be confirmed

Group Receipts

Budget 2024/25 £		2023/24 £	2022/23 £
9000	Membership Subscriptions	9150	8560
3000	Gift Aid 2023	2821	3010
<u>12000</u>	Total	<u>11971</u>	<u>11570</u>
15000	HQ Rents	17716	16845
15000	Garage Rents	14220	13400
<u>30000</u>	Total	<u>31936</u>	<u>30245</u>
0	Donations	165	5000
3500	Bank Interest	4206	1053
<u>3500</u>	Total	<u>4371</u>	<u>6053</u>
15000	Section Camps/Activities	18407	15636
0	PGL	0	3927
		<u>18407</u>	<u>19563</u>
	<u>Fund Raising</u>		
3000	Firework Night	5001	4556
250	BBQ's	395	2655
0	Arnold Clark(Gala Tents)	0	1000
0	Groundwork(Stoves)	500	0
0	BBQ Hire	0	100
0	Magic(Gazebo)	500	0
0	Back Room Fund	435	0
0	Just Giving/Amazon	68	180
0	Race Night	0	966
<u>3250</u>	Total	<u>6899</u>	<u>9457</u>
1000	Uniform Sales	914	721
0	Scout shop	202	239
0	Misc	237	180
0	Jack Petchey Award	600	1200
<u>1000</u>	Total	<u>1953</u>	<u>2340</u>
<u>64750</u>	Total Receipts	<u>75537</u>	<u>79228</u>

Independent Examiners Report

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of 22nd Wimbledon Scout Group Scout Council

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the **22nd Wimbledon Scout Group** for the year ended 31/03/24

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees of the **22nd Wimbledon Scout Group** you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').

I report in respect of my examination of the **22nd Wimbledon Scout Group** accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5) (b) of the Act.

Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the **22nd Wimbledon Scout Group** as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Name: Derek Holmes

Relevant professional qualification or membership of professional bodies (if any): F.C.A

Address: 3 Larks Close, Ferndown, Dorset. BH22 9TF

Date: 15/4/2024

We'd like to say

Thank You!

The 22nd Wimbledon Scout Group wishes to record its thanks to so many people, but, in particular we should acknowledge...

All of our amazing Leadership Teams for everything that they do to keep our Young People enthused and wanting to come back for more, whether that's weekly meetings, camps or activities. Thankyou so much (and also to their families for letting them join in the fun!)

The Group Trustee Board for their continued support throughout the year, especially to Andrew Pearson, Group Treasurer for everything that he does looking after the Group finances, including managing the garage rentals.

Special thanks are also recorded to Joan Pearson (Hall Bookings Manager), Gavin Hayhurst (Webmaster) and Vici Hoban, (Emergency HQ key holder) for their vital work in supporting the Group.

Thanks to Graham Fairclough for everything that he does in and around the HQ to keep it looking it's best... sweeping up leaves, keeping the grass trimmed and for his work with our successful grant applications.

Also to the adults and young people from the Nescot Horticulture Team who come in and do additional work around our HQ grounds.

Thankyou to Declan Gleeson for all his help and advice with various issues with the HQ and Mark Cheetham for looking after the Health and Safety side of the Group.

The Wimbledon and Wandle District Team and the GLSW County Support and Training Teams for their advice and support during the year.

Thanks also to Alison Edwards for proof reading the annual report!!

We acknowledge the following companies for their grant donations over the past year, towards various projects... The Jack Petchey Foundation, Tesco's and Magic Little Grants.

...and finally, to the parents and to the young people themselves who make Scouting so enjoyable!

“As a young boy, Scouting gave me a confidence and camaraderie that is hard to find in modern life.”

Bear Grylls



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A message from our Chairman

It's lovely to start a report knowing that our young people got back to face to face meetings this year. As usual, I want to thank all the leaders, young leaders and parent helpers for everything they have done this year, especially during the various difficult months of the COVID-19 pandemic.

This report will hopefully provide you with a reminder of what the Group has been up to during the year. As a Group, we had the firework celebrations in November and the annual outing to the panto at Wimbledon Theatre in the new year, with a few hundred of our closest friends, family and group members.

Souwest 2022 Gang Show also returned, and a number of our young people took part, together with several leaders who all sounded great.

I reported last year that we were making the most of the time while the young people had not been meeting at the HQ and updated the toilets. As you will have seen, we have now completed the kitchen, so we have excellent facilities for our young people and all those who use the HQ building and site. The response to the improvements has been welcomed and I wanted to congratulate all those who played any part in the projects. One of the many downsides to the pandemic was the loss in hall rentals, but we are confident that now the restrictions are being lifted, that the bookings will bounce back.

We are embarking on a year of celebrations as the 22nd Wimbledon Scout Group is 95 years old. The Group Executive has approved a special commemorative badge that can be worn on uniforms by all members of the Group.

We have the PGL activity weekend booked in September for all Group members and the Explorer Unit, but we are kicking off with the AGM and Group Picnic on 24th April 2022 from 12 noon until 4 pm. It promises to be a special day full of fun. We are holding the AGM a bit earlier this year as the programmes for the young people during the Summer and Autumn months are very busy.

At the AGM we elect the Executive Committee. It is the Executive Committees' role to support the Group and help raise funds to enable the young people to enjoy their time with the group. The funds are also used to maintain buildings and equipment. As you will read in the report, with the number of members and committed leaders we remain in a strong position to take the Group forward for the next 95 years.

And now for my usual plea for any volunteers to join the Executive Committee. There's always something to do, and no reasonable offer will be refused. We also only meet 4 or 5 times a year, and there's always tea/coffee and, if you're lucky, cake!!

One final thanks to the wonderful team of leaders, young leaders, helpers and parents who all put in the time so that the Beavers, Cubs and Scouts have a great experience. We also have a great Explorer Unit that supports the Group in any way they can.

On behalf of the Group, I do hope you enjoy reading the report which is not only a report of the sections, but also a report of the Trustees which, together make up the 22nd Wimbledon Scout Group.

I look forward to seeing you all at the AGM and Group Picnic. I promise that the AGM will be short 😊.

Ann Fellowes
Group Chairman

Group Report 2021-22

The past year has been another interesting one with the changes to COVID-19 protocols. And we thank you for your patience and help throughout the year to ensure that we have been able to continue during the pandemic at the 22nd.

We were pleased to be able to support the District Cyclocross towards the start of the year at Frylands Wood Campsite. We had members from all sections who tested out their cycling abilities on different terrains suitable for their age group. Great fun was had by all before Scout COVID guidelines meant that the District Beaver Camp, District Scout Camp and Cub Football competitions were all cancelled, much to the disappointment of the young people (and leaders!) – they are back in the diary for this year, so fingers crossed!

In July we were able to get out again and the Beavers had a fun trip to Go Ape in Chessington, whilst the Cubs enjoyed their annual watersports evening on Wimbledon Park Lake and the Cubs and Scouts took part in their respective District Paintballing days – it's good to see use being able to take part in District activities again.

The end of 2021 was looking promising for us as a group with nearly all of our Young People, joined with some members of the West Barnes Explorer Unit took over Sutton Trampoline Park for the evening having fun together once again. We also managed to hold an Exec and Leader meal out at Babylon in Raynes Park to thank everyone for their efforts over the last year. Unfortunately, we were unable to have our Celebration of Christmas event, but we hope to hold that again in December. The end of the year finished on a high though, with over 350 members (past and present) and their family and friends embarking on a trip to The New Wimbledon Theatre for the evening to watch Dick Whittington. Despite the mandatory face mask wearing, it was a much-needed good night out with lots of laughter. Unsurprisingly, we managed the loudest (and longest) cheer when they were giving the 'shout outs'!!

Congratulations to the Leaders and Young People from the Group who took part in this years Scout and Guide Gang Show during February half term – you were all a credit to the Group and we hope to have more people from the Group involved next year!

Unfortunately, at the start of the year, Oliver decided to stand down as Scout Leader and Webmaster for the Group and so we are currently looking to recruit more adults to help with the Scout Section with some planned social media targeting. If you would like to offer to help in any way, then please let me know – and we can find something to fit your skills! I am pleased that Gavin Hayhurst has offered to come forward and take over the running of the website.

Lizzie Strachan moved to the Cub Section as ACSL to fit in better to her work life. I am pleased that Keira Pearson has taken out an Assistant Scout Leader role. We also have 2 new Section Assistants join us – Daniel Paris in the Beaver section and Shannon Rawlins in the Scout section – it's great to have you on board!

I am also pleased to report that we had two awards in the last St Georges Day awards. Firstly, the Bar to the Award of Merit to Andrew Pearson, our Group Treasurer for his continued support with the Group and, slightly big-headedly, I was awarded the Silver Acorn for the continued and dedicated services to Scouting which was presented to me on stage during this year's Gang Show.

I would also like to take the opportunity to thank those leaders from the Group who, not only do what they do with the 22nd, but they also have additional roles supporting Scouting in Wimbledon and Wandle and the County – Dominic Moore - District Beaver Leader, Alison Edwards – Asst. District Commissioner, Training, Tim Kerridge – Asst. District Commissioner, Scouts and Alan Maloney – District Store Manager and Training Advisor.

Group Report 2021-22 (cont.)

Once again, there have been a couple of changes to the headquarters over the last year – we have upgraded our kitchen facilities, replacing the old, wooden cabinets with stainless steel units, easy to clean walls and ceiling and new floor to give us a better, more hygienic kitchen. Thanks again to Declan Gleeson for overseeing the project for us (and for dealing with the snagging issues that crop up from these projects!)

We have also replaced the shed that lives down the field which had become rotten and dangerous. Thanks to Keith Elston for his help with sorting out the shed foundations, those who helped move a tonne bag of sand from the front of the HQ and to Keith, Chris Gagen and Tim Kerridge for their help constructing the new shed which can now be used for preparing food etc. when we are cooking outdoors.

We have also recently been awarded a grant to purchase a defibrillator for the group which will be a great asset for us and the local community.

With this being our 95th birthday year, we have much to look forward too – a badge design competition for the young people, a family picnic and the Group weekend at PGL in September – let's just hope that we will be able to do them all!

Finally, THANK YOU to all of our wonderful leadership teams who are able to offer the amazing Scouting Experience to the young people – we are so very fortunate to have them, and can always do with more help if you (or someone you know!) are interested!

Graham Fairclough
Group Scout Leader



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Beaver Colony Report

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Beaver Colony Report

Well, we managed it! A whole year of being at Beavers in person and no more zoom! The Beavers have had a packed year of activities and fun, so let's take a journey all the way back to April 2021 to find out what has been going on.

Being allowed to have face to face meetings again we started the new term off with how to put up tents. In their lodges they each managed to successfully put up a tent. A skill which be very useful as they move through the Group, but also for our upcoming district event this June. (Although you will need to read next year's report for that one!)

The following two weeks saw the Colony split in two – with each half getting to do some mini pioneering and soft archery. The mini pioneering saw the Beavers attempting to build the tallest tower possible out of pasta and marshmallows, which despite the wind, worked really well! All the leaders were really impressed with those doing the soft archery, they all took it very seriously and there were some very impressive shots!

At the start of June, we were supposed to be holding our Wimbledon and Wandle District Beaver Camp, but despite all of our best plans, COVID yet again got in the way and it was postponed until 2022. But we didn't let that stop us and with thanks to Graham, we managed to arrange a packed day for the beavers at the HQ. We had John and Caroline from the Royal Kingston Archery Club down to teach the beavers archery. This was followed by a BBQ and given how hot the day was – water games and a water fight!

We finished the term off with the Beavers working on their sports badge through a variety of Olympic themed events. The last week of term saw another water fight and ice lollies which given the hot weather, went down really well!

Following the summer break, we started September off by working on the Beavers Team Challenge Badge. This had the Beavers working in their lodges to build the tallest possible tower, and a variety of team challenges set by Lizzie (Robin).

As part of the teamwork badge, we undertook a new challenge with the Beavers - The Trading Post. Each lodge were given the coveted "Beaver Pounds" and a variety of items they could buy from the shop to complete various challenges. For something new to all the Beavers, they really enjoyed this and did really well at it.

This year also saw the return of our Annual Halloween evening, run by our Young Leaders – Woodpecker (Gemma) and Badger (Dan). This year's costumes were very spooky. We also saw the return of the Beavers' Fireworks display. Although not as grand as the Group event, all the Beavers thoroughly enjoyed this – and the hot chocolate and cake.

As an end of term treat, all the Beavers together with the other sections, went to Sutton Trampoline Park. Although I could not make it, it sounds like everyone had a great evening!

The return of Beavers in January also saw the introduction of two new badges by the Scout Association. The Money Skills Badge and The You Shape Award. The You Shape award comes in 4 separate parts and involves the Beavers completing a leader-set challenge, leading, representing and planning. Over the course of the term all the Beavers have been completing this – from planning what they want to do at Beavers, learning how to tie their shoe laces, and running games at Beavers. Well done to all the Beavers for completing this – and for being the first Beaver Colony in Wimbledon and Wandle to earn this badge!

At our Pancake evening all the Beavers got their own mini pancakes to decorate – sorry about all the sugar parents. As we approached the end of term all the Beavers found out what they need to bring on camp. As part of this they all had to take a guess at what would and what wouldn't be needed for camp.

Looking ahead to the next year, we have our first Beaver Camp in April at Walton Firs, the Wimbledon and Wandle District Beaver Camp in June being organised by Tic Tac (Dominic) and the 22nd Wimbledon's

Beaver Colony Report (cont)

95th Birthday Camp at PGL in September. But that's getting ahead of ourselves and you will need to come back next year to find out all about those!

Finally thank you to the leadership team - Charlie, Lizzie, Elizabeth, Jack, the leaders across the group and our young leaders - Gemma and Dan.

Dominic Moore
Beaver Scout Leader



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Cub Pack Report

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Cub Pack Report

After a long time on Zoom, we were finally allowed back to running Face to Face meetings.... If only it were that simple... we could only meet outdoors and in groups of no more than 15... in most Cub Packs, that would be fine, but not when we have over 50 Cubs!! So we ended up splitting the Pack into 4 groups with 2 groups meeting per week and each group working on a different badge so that they could meet 'separately'! Once we had worked around the logistics of that, we embarked on 2 badges – Backwoods Cooking which involved the Cubs learning how to light their own fires and then using them for cooking shmores and a form of quesadilla – always made more interesting when we had bursts of heavy showers during these evenings!

We also worked towards our Naturalist badge by learning about the Countryside code, making art out of natural materials and going on some minibeast hunts to see what we could find! Well done to all the Cubs (and their parents) for putting up with the slightly weird arrangements however at least it meant that we could be face to face again.

Throughout this, we also had 2 teams who were practising for the Cub Football Competition under the watchful eyes of Kaa and Shere Khan. Both teams were doing really well until we heard a couple of weeks beforehand that the event had to be cancelled due to new Scout Association restrictions – we actually think that it was because they had seen just how good our teams were!!

We were fortunate enough to be able to end the term with a visit to Wimbledon Park Lake to have an hour of kayaking on the lake – again, this needed to be split into 2 groups to cater for our numbers, but nevertheless, the Cubs had an amazing time with many conquering their fears of going out on the water but all of them gaining another Time on the Water badge.

Raksha's Pack Holiday report 2021

Dear reader

When I last reported on the adventures of the 22nd Wimbledon cub pack in Sussex in 2019, little did I think that it would be 2 years before I would report again on our adventures. The Coronavirus pandemic put paid to our plans in 2020. No camping or pack holidaying was allowed. In fact, not a lot was... So, when we discovered in late June 2021 that we would be allowed to undertake another pack holiday adventure in 2021, the cub leaders jumped at the chance. However, being the 22nd Wimbledon, short notice was no worry for us. We had a pack holiday 'up our sleeve' ready to go. Because that's just how we are... (or rather we HAD carried the booking over from 2020)

It wasn't quite like previous years. We were able to take fewer cubs. And we weren't able to go for as long. But Akela and the gang were not to be put off by this. And so, on the 9th August we headed south west to the glories of Hampshire.

A team of 8 of us headed off on a fairly sunny Monday morning. Tim - our ADC Scouts, Dominic, aka Tic Tac the Beaver Leader, Gemma, Bagheera, Kaa, Jacala, Akela and I along with Ann our Group Chairman driving the van with the kit in.

We arrived in a rain downpour. But the weather decided it was going to give us a bit of a break from the wet conditions of the previous week. So, we were able to set about allocating rooms and tents, putting what always seems like loads of games equipment into a hall, and setting up our kitchen in the sunshine. There is always a lot of food delivered to us at camp and if you looked at it you might wonder whether we really would get through over 120 bags of crisps, 40 pints of milk, about 10 loaves of white sliced bread, kilos of pasta and seemingly endless amounts of chocolate spread. But we do!

Cub Pack Report (cont)

The Monday was spent doing onsite activities and preparing the usual first night feast of chicken, sauce, rice and options for the veggies and non-rice eaters! As chefs the leaders are used to providing for alternative options. No matter how odd or seemingly un-nutritious!

Tuesday took us on a trip to the local brickworks museum. An informative lady guide took us round and showed us how to make bricks and build bridges properly. As well as a history of brick making and transportation through the ages. Brick making and bridge construction is not usually part of a cub badge activity... but if you ever need a brick maker, we have 29 of them. Then the afternoon activity was a spot of indoor climbing at 'Rock up' in Whiteley. It isn't quite my idea of a way to spend a Tuesday afternoon, so Bagheera and I took charge of making French bread pizzas and salads along with our able-bodied sous chefs Tic Tac and Kaa. There were some interesting combinations on the pizzas designed by the Cubs, but nonetheless they were enjoyed by all.

We then went crabbing on the River Hamble. No crabs are harmed in this activity I promise. They are caught, counted, and released again into the river. And I am sure they appreciated the bacon bait that they nibbled on!

On Wednesday, we went swimming at Romsey Rapids. This was an opportunity for a little safe swimming fun with some flumes and slides. This was followed by the annual crazy golf tournament. Groups of cubs played in teams as did the leaders. It would be immodest of me to say who won the leaders competition. But let's just say 'it was a surprise to me too but I take my victory gracefully'. Pasta and home-made meatballs for dinner plus deconstructed Eton mess!

On Thursday we spent the day at Paultons Park theme park. Lots of very scary rides (more than last time we went I think). There was a fair amount of getting drenched and being turned upside down and round and round. The day out at the theme park is always the last day highlight of the Pack Holiday. This was followed by a trip to the pub... no not for a restorative 'sherry' for the leaders. But a carvery meal for the whole pack. This is something also much enjoyed by the Cubs as they get to choose their vegetables and meat (or non-meat) options. I have to say they were all excellently behaved!

Friday meant we had to pack everything up and return home. Even though we had less food going back the van never seems any emptier than coming down. But rooms were cleaned, bathrooms sanitised and kitchens made spotless. And back up the A3 to home.

So, another successful adventure with the 'turquoise terrors'. Lovely turquoise t-shirts this year (my favourite). I would like to thank all the Cubs who came with us for dealing with all the challenges of repeated sanitising of hands and following guidelines for Scouting in a pandemic. To the leaders for giving up their time to take the Cubs away. And to Sam who despite 'acquiring' a broken wrist on the Tuesday didn't really let that stop him. And 'kept calm and carried on Scouting'.

Next year... we are going to Hertfordshire. Covid permitting of course. But I'll be back next year with tales of more adventures and fun with the Pack. But till then, 'so long and thanks for the cakes'.

In September we were allowed to meet back altogether again.... Now that was strange – having all 56 Cubs in the same place at the same time!! So, having put in a few ground rules and sorting out sixers and the sixes, the Cubs came up with some thoughts about what they would like to do during the term.

Cub Pack Report (cont)

Over 50 of the Cub Pack took part in the District Cub Paintballing day at Campaign where they use a lower impact version which is always thoroughly enjoyed by the Cubs – of course, a few 'war wounds' and many tales to tell. A huge thankyou to the parents who came along to help supervise the Cubs (and take part!!)

We spent the first half term working on our Environmental Conservation badge – this started off with the Cubs (supervised of course!) going around the local streets, parks etc picking up litter – the Cubs were surprised by just how much was found in the short time that they were out. One group were lucky enough to be stopped by an ice cream van who gave them all an ice cream to thank them for the work that they were doing!

The Cubs learnt about recyclable and non-recyclable rubbish and made posters to help reduce energy use around the home and headquarters.

We had a visit from SSE Energy who gave the Cubs an engaging talk about water and how to help conserve it – unfortunately for the Cubs, she didn't suggest never washing!

We recycled plastic bottles to make their own bird feeder which they were allowed to take home to feed the birds in their gardens or outdoor spaces.

After half term, we held a campfire with marshmallows which was one of the activities that the Cubs had requested to do. Thankyou to Raksha and Oo for helping to run some of the songs.

We then embarked on the Disability Awareness Badge which went down amazingly well...

We started off with an evening on deaf awareness and we invited along Megan and her dog Rowley. Megan is a Cub Leader in Tolworth and she told the Cubs about all the amazing things that Rowley has been taught to help her as an assistance dog. Megan has many blackouts during the day and Rowley has been trained to know the change of scent and to warn Megan so that she can find somewhere safe to lay down in preparation. The Cubs asked some very sensible questions and from the feedback from the parents, were inspired from what Megan had to say.

To follow this off, we then invited Toby who is Finns' dad and his sister Ella to give an insight to the deaf community. Toby is profoundly deaf and was able to communicate with the help of Finn and Ella via sign language to talk to the Cubs and to teach them some basic sign language and finger spelling so that the Cubs could all spell their name. Again, another very informative and engaging evening for the Cubs.

We then finally looked at some physical disabilities – Robin brought down some aids which help people with disabilities for the Cubs to try to guess what they would be used for. We also pretended that the Cubs only had one hand and then had to make themselves a sandwich using just one hand (including cutting the sandwich into triangles!) We also challenged them to do some colouring... unfortunately for them, they only had use of their feet to hold the pens!!

To finish off the term, the Pack joined the other members of the Group at Sutton Trampoline Park for an hour of bouncing and having fun which was certainly enjoyed by all the Cubs...and leaders!

The start of the New Year saw us doing the Emergency Aid Stage 2 badge which looked at what the Cubs would do in the event of an emergency and how to summon help. They also learnt about the recovery position, bleeding, burns and asthma to complete their badge.

We also took part in the Royal Kingston District Wobstacle event at the Malden Centre which involves spending half of their time seeing how many times they can complete the inflatable assault course and the other taking part in Float Carnage – the title of which sums up the event well!! The Cubs all had a great time and thanks to the leaders who came to help.

We have also started our chef badge with learning about safety and hygiene before we have our annual pancake night, where the Cubs make and cook their own pancakes before taking them to the toppings station (which is now manned by adults – something that we learnt some years ago.... Never trust a Cub with sauce toppings!!)

Cub Pack Report (cont)

Of course, in order to have a sauce, they also need some fruit to go with it... it's sort of healthy eating!!! Thanks to those parents who came down to oversee the cooking and to the toppings engineers!

Unfortunately, we have come to the end of the year in the life of the Cub Pack! Before I do finish however, I would like to firstly thank the amazing Cub Leadership Team who help out at Cubs week in, week out, assist with weekend activities and give up their own time to come and help on camps. They have all helped us to adapt our Scouting with the changing times over the past year and I thank you all for everything that you have done. I would also like to thank the other leaders in the Group who have helped us out at various times and to the parents for all your support that you have given us – it is truly appreciated. Finally, thank you to our wonderful Cubs – your enthusiasm has once again meant that we have had another brilliant year in the Cub section.

Graham Fairclough Acting Cub Scout Leader



**More Fun.
More Skills.
More Marshmallows.
Scout Troop Report**

SCOUTS

Scout Troop Report

And now for something completely different... Face to face Scouting! Around this time last year we were having our last Zoom meetings before the restrictions were lifted; and from the summer term when they were lifted, what a year it has been!

We started the term with archery and indoor curling at the HQ... just to break them back into Scouting gently. (And no, we were not trying to combine the two into a new sport.) We followed that by model making and painting to work towards their Creativity Badge.

We had Scouts zipping through Frylands Wood Campsite on their bikes (partly to come first, mainly to get muddy!) as they took part in the District Cyclocross at the end of May.

Then someone put a spanner in the works and some of the restrictions were back in place; meaning the proposed Summer Camp had to be cancelled.

Autumn term began with some restrictions lifted and the Scouts focusing on Team Building and the 'A Million Hands' project. A Million Hands is all about removing social barriers, connecting communities and improving lives; with the emphasis on us, as Scouts, always striving to leave the world a little better than we found it.

Our crafty Scouts then attempted to be the next 'Bob Ross' as we tried to follow along with one of his videos and try our hands at a spot of painting. This didn't quite go to plan as no one had the haircut, and the video wouldn't play. We improvised, and ended up with some wonderful results, (though none with Happy Little Trees!) and this is something we would like to do again...

Some of our Scouts were cooking up a storm as we entered a team into the District Cooking Competition - and we are pleased to say that they placed well. The practice sessions at the HQ were delightfully distracting for those of us not in the team, as the delicious smells of cooking wafted through the hall.

Despite us not attending the Remembrance Day Parade, the Scouts honoured the occasion by creating Paracord Poppies.

Our Scouts were quite literally bouncing off the walls along with the Cubs and Beavers from the 22nd and the West Barnes Explorer Unit as we bounced, flipped and flopped at the Indoor Trampoline Park in Sutton at the beginning of December.

The Group Celebration of Christmas was also cancelled due to those pesky restrictions.

2022 brought about some changes in the Troop. Oliver Pusey had stepped down as the Scout Leader at the end of December and it was now down to the Assistant Scout Leaders to take up the reins with the assistance of our GSL and ADC Scouts. We would like to thank Oliver for his hard work and time that he has put into running the Troop.

With many of our older Scouts moving off to Explorers, other parts of the world, or just away from Scouting, we had an opportunity to sit down with the Troop to find out what activities and badges they would like to focus on for the coming year, and to re-introduce Patrols. We're hoping that after a couple of years of online meetings, we can fully engage them with a hands-on programme they will truly enjoy.

Scout Troop Report (cont.)

Towards the end of January we saw some of our Troop at the District Paintballing in Cobham. With the assistance of our GSL and Scouts and Explorers from the 23rd Mitcham, we were one point from placing joint 3rd. One of our best efforts to date.

A week after paintballing 19 Scouts and 8 Leaders were camping in Walton Firs for the weekend. 2 nights in the luxury Pembroke Lodge; which may not be considered camping by everyone, but we had a great time, and you should've been there! We took part in many of the site activities: Rifle Shooting, Orienteering, High Ropes (the Traverse course) and Frisbee Golf, and our own activities: Tie Dye Mug Decorating, Pyrography, a couple of wide games and, of course, the Chocolate Fountain - something that every camp should include!

February has seen the Scouts working on their Air Activities Badge, which included learning parts of an aircraft, the phonetic alphabet, paper aeroplane making and under the instruction of the man who designed them, they built model aircraft powered by rubber bands.

They have also started learning map skills in readiness for the planned Night Hike that we will be having in March. This will also greatly benefit the two teams of Scouts that are entering the County Night Hike also in March.

We've had Scouts partaking in the Wobstacle Challenge - an inflatable assault course on a swimming pool - organised by another group from Royal Kingston District, and have taken part in the District 5 a side Football Competition and County Scout Night Hike with one team coming 10th out of 43 teams – well done all!

Looking forward, the Scouts have Scuba Diving, Backwoods Cooking, a weekend District Scout Activity Camp and the 95th Birthday PGL Weekend to look forward to... and who knows what else we can plan before the end of the year?

But none of this can be done without certain people, all of whom need to be thanked.

Firstly, the Scouts. Yes, without them, there wouldn't be anyone to plan for. Their participation and enthusiasm drives this movement.

Secondly, their parents/guardians who take time to get their Scout ready for these activities and events, and transport them to and from.

Next up, the Parent Helpers. We've been fortunate to gain a couple fantastic helpers, and there's always a need for more.

We thank those from other sections of our Group who help and support the Troop when it's crunch time. Our GSL and ADC Scouts should be blushing about now... but they are not the only ones... you know who you are! Then we have the Section Assistants and Occasional Helpers who support the Assistant Scout Leaders in every way possible. Without these people to drive the Troop forward, it would be chaos!

The plan was to keep the report short and include more pictures of Scouts involved in activities. Remember, these Scouts aren't being paid to have fun in these pictures, they are here, like the rest of us (Leaders, Occasional Helpers, and Parent Helpers) voluntarily, and you can be a part of it too. You could brush up on some forgotten skills, or learn some new ones. You can see what your Scout gets up to and make a real difference to their Scouting experience. All it costs is time, and only as much as you can spare.

On behalf of all of us in the Troop, thank you!

The Scout Leadership Team



Leadership Team

Group Scout Leader **Graham Fairclough**

Beaver Colony

Beaver Scout Leader	Dominic Moore
Assistant BSL	Elizabeth Maloney
Assistant BSL	Charlotte O'Shea
Assistant BSL	Jack Sheffield
Section Assistant	Daniel Paris
Young Leader	Gemma Kerridge

Byron Cub Pack

Acting Cub Scout Leader	Graham Fairclough
Assistant CSL	Alison Edwards
Assistant CSL	Keith Elston
Assistant CSL	Chris Gagen
Assistant CSL	Lizzie Strachan
Section Assistant	Veronica Kerridge
Section Assistant	Freddie Badham
Section Assistant	Peter Brown
Young Leader	Matthew Coverdale

Scout Troop

Scout Leader	Position Vacant
Assistant SL	Alice Sheffield
Assistant SL	Keira Pearson
Section Assistant	Tim Kerridge
Section Assistant	Daniel Shaw
Section Assistant	Oliver Foster
Section Assistant	Shannon Rawlins

The leadership team as at 31 March 2022.

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Group Information



Scouts

**22nd Wimbledon
Scout Group**

Minutes of the 2021 AGM

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on Wednesday 30 June 2021 commencing at 8pm

In the Chair: Ann Fellowes, Group Chairman

Andrew Pearson, (Group Treasurer) Alan Maloney, (Group Secretary) Graham Fairclough (GSL), Dominic Moore, Elizabeth Maloney, Oliver Pusey, Chris Gagen, Jack Sheffield, Alison Edwards, Veronica Kerridge, Lizzie Strachan, Nicola Grant, Rory Travers-Drapes, Annie Gleeson, Dan Fellowes, Sally Pusey, Helen Sheffield, Naomi Scoffham, Illuska Beaton, Kathryn Curtis, Mark Cheetham, Avril Maloney, Clyde Lo Lam , Sonia Agraro-Tiedt, Suzanne Davis, Tim Segasby

Guest: Owen Purcell, GLSW County Commissioner (for Item 15)

1. Chair's opening remarks and welcome

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the second on-line AGM. She said that the past 12 months had been a challenging time for everyone due to the global pandemic and the fact that there had been limited face to face scouting during the year. The Executive had taken the decision to hold the AGM on line so as to keep the business side of the Group up to date. However, she wanted to place on record congratulations to the section leadership teams who had held regular meetings on line in order to keep scouting alive and the young people engaged with their sections. She hoped that the Group would be able to hold a more celebratory event once the current restrictions had been removed.

She also gave her thanks to Oliver Pusey for his work on the annual report and to all those who had written sections of the report or assisted with the collation or proof reading of the finished document . In thanking Executive Committee members for their contributions during the year she also wanted to say a special thank you to Helen Sheffield, Fiona Segasby and Malcolm Beaton who had indicated that they wished to stand down this year as members of the Executive.

2. Apologies for absence

Apologies for non-attendance had been received from Tim Kerridge, Oliver Foster and Dominic Beecheno

3. Minutes of the AGM held on 24 June 2020 (circulated in annual report booklet)

The minutes of the 2020 AGM held on 24 June 2020 were agreed.

4. To receive and consider the 2020/2021 Annual report (circulated in annual report booklet)

The Group Scout Leader, Graham Fairclough, wished to place on record the excellent work carried out by the whole leadership team who had gone beyond what could be expected in probably the most difficult year anyone had known. Sections had gone from normal meetings and activities to virtual events at Group level, a short period of face to face, often in groups of young people, and back to virtual. A more detailed account of activity was contained in the Section reports included in the annual report. He believed Sections had achieved a lot as had the Group as a whole. Long hoped for renewal of the toilet facilities and kitchen refurbishment were in the final stages of completion, storage units had replaced the old internal garages, chairs had been replaced as a result of a grant and work had taken place inside the HQ., particularly the office and front foyer. Particular thanks were due to Declan Gleeson, who had project managed the whole kitchen and toilet projects.

He thanked Andy and Joan Pearson for their continued support particularly during a difficult and uncertain financial year. He also reminded the meeting that members of the 22nd also carried out duties on behalf of the District and County which are often not seen by parents and members but are equally important to the successful running of the Groups in the District.

As for the future, he noted that in October 2022 the Group would celebrate its 95th birthday and the leaders were discussing how best to celebrate this occasion and would be making proposals to the Executive after the Summer break.

Minutes of the 2021 AGM (cont)

He concluded by saying that the Group needed more adult volunteers at Section level and this would be a major priority in the next year.

He was pleased to commend the report to the meeting which was noted.

5. **Presentation and adoption of the accounts 2020/2021 (circulated in annual report booklet)**

The Treasurer, Andy Pearson, moved the adoption of the accounts for 2020/2021. In doing so he reminded the meeting that the past 18 months had been a challenging year during the pandemic but we had ended the year with a small surplus of income over expenditure. No fundraising activity had taken place for a year but garage income had remained healthy and although hall income had collapsed income through the local Borough and various other grants had kept the Group in a strong position financially even though we had spent a significant sum on improving the HQ during this period. Gift Aid continued to contribute to funds and hall booking enquiries were on the increase now that the situation was looking a bit brighter. He was confident that the finances were in a good place.

There being no questions for the Treasurer the meeting adopted the financial statements and they would now be passed to the District and the Charity Commission.

Appointments and Elections for 2021/22

All nominees in the following paragraphs had indicated their willingness to stand for election

6. **Appointment of Independent examiner 2021/22.** The Chairman and the Treasurer nominated Derek Holmes. Agreed

7. **To approve the GSL nomination of the Group Chairman 2021/22.** The Group Scout Leader nominated Ann Fellowes. Approved.

8. **Election of Group Secretary 2021/2** The Chairman nominated Alan Maloney, seconded by Alison Edwards. Agreed.

9. **Election of Group Treasurer 2021/22** The Chairman nominated Andrew Pearson, seconded by Veronica Kerridge. Agreed. The meeting repeated its thanks to Andy for his stewardship of the funds.

10. **Nomination(s) by the GSL for members of the Group Executive Committee 2021/22** The GSL declined to make any nominations this year.

11. **Election of other members of the Group Executive Committee 2021/22**

The meeting noted we normally elected about 6/8 members to the executive. We had received a number of nominations which had been in response to the notice issued to prior to the AGM. These were Sally Pusey, Nicola Grant, Wayne Douglas, Annie Gleeson, Rory Travers-Drapes and Dominic Beecheno.

The Chair and Secretary formally nominated and seconded the above 6 members for the Executive. No further nominations were forthcoming and the above were elected.

12. **Appointment of Section leaders to the Group Executive Committee 2021/22**

Dominic Moore, Oliver Pusey and Graham Fairclough are members of the Executive by virtue of the office they hold.

13. **Co-option of Explorer Scout Leader to the Group Executive Committee 2021/22**

It was noted that the ESL should be co-opted to the Executive in line with the Partnership agreement. Dan Fellowes was co-opted.

14. **Co-option of Assistant Cub Scout Leader to the Executive Committee 2021/22**

It was recognised that as Graham was GSL the Cub Section should have a distinct voice at meetings of the Executive. It was agreed that Alison Edwards should fulfil that role.

15 **Guest: Owen Purcell, GLSW County Commissioner**

Minutes of the 2021 AGM (cont)

The Chairman announced that we had been joined on line by the new County Commissioner for Greater London South West, Mr Owen Purcell.

The Group Scout Leader informed the meeting that Owen had been with us in 2020 from within our own District as ADC (Beavers) but he was now only two weeks into the job as County Commissioner

Owen said how pleased he had been to receive a copy of the annual report which outlined the activities of the Group in what could only be described as a unique year. The report demonstrated why the 22nd was such an incredible Group and he congratulated everyone concerned for making it so and wished the Group well in the future.

However, the main reason for being at the meeting was to present Alan Maloney with the Silver Acorn, which was one of the highest awards the Scout Association made to those who had given specially distinguished service over many years. In looking up Alan's records he had discovered he had been an Assistant Scout Leader, Scout Leader, Group Scout Leader and a County and District Training Advisor at different times. Colleagues had told him how generous he had been over the years with his time and his willingness to pass on his accumulated knowledge to others.

So it was with much pleasure that he was able, on behalf of the Scout Association and the Chief Scout to present him with the Silver Acorn. He concluded by adding the thanks from the County, the District and from the 22nd Wimbledon.

In response Alan said how humbled he was to receive the award. He recalled several of the dedicated men and women who had led Scout Groups in his early days as a scout and senior scout in the 1st Ivinghoe and Pitstone and a leader in the 1st Cheddington and 12th Hammersmith before taking a break for reasons of work commitments and subsequently joining 22nd Wimbledon in 2000.

But foremost in his mind must be those individuals who were by his side for the whole of the 21 years at the 22nd. He wanted to thank Tim Kerridge (who persuaded him to return to active scouting), to Graham Fairclough who had always been generous with his support and to Alison Edwards who had been of enormous help in the training adviser role he took on some years ago. They had become true friends and he thanked them for that. But there were many others who had been supportive and encouraging on so many occasions. He hoped that his ongoing roles in Scouting meant he could continue to make a contribution for some time to come.

Alan wanted to record his deep appreciation of his wife and daughters who without their support the task would have been difficult. Finally, he thanked the young people who made the whole thing worthwhile. So, his concluding words on the matter were "Thank you to the 22nd and to Owen for presenting the award to him."

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.30p.m.

Trustees

Trustees: (as of 31 March 2022)

Group Chairman	Ann Fellowes
Group Secretary	Alan Maloney
Group Treasurer	Andrew Pearson

Trustees: Ex Officio

Group Scout Leader	Graham Fairclough
Beaver Scout Leader	Dominic Moore
Cub Scout representative	Alison Edwards (from June 2021)
Scout Leader	Oliver Pusey (to December 2021)

Trustees: Elected

Malcolm Beaton (to June 2021)
Dominic Beecheno (from June 2021)
Nicola Tracey-Grant
Sally Pusey (to December 2021)
Fiona Segasby (to June 2021)
Rory Travers -Drapes
Annie Gleeson

Trustees: Nominated

Wayne Douglas (from June 2021)
Helen Sheffield (to June 2021)
Wayne Douglas (to June 2021)

Trustees: Co-opted

West Barnes Explorer Scout Leader
Dan Fellowes (to January 2022)
Liam Washford–Bent (from January 2022)

Bankers: Lloyds TSB Plc, London Road, East Grinstead, RH19 1AH

Custodian Trustee: The Scout Trust Corporation Ltd

Independent Examiner: Derek Holmes

Scout Association Registration No.: 6076

Charity Registration Number: 303795

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

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

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

Contact: Alan Maloney 5 Aragon Road Morden Surrey SM4 4QF Tel: 0208 337 5364

Signed on behalf of the Executive Committee:

Ann Fellowes, Chairman

Andrew Pearson, Treasurer

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Group Finances



Scouts

22nd Wimbledon
Scout Group

Group Assets

	2021/22	2020/21
	£	£
<u>Current Assets</u>		
Lloyds Bank Current Account	14395	18743
HSBC 3 Month Fixed	100020	101129
HSBC/Lloyds Bank Deposit Account	40715	28071
HSBC/Lloyds Deposit Account	13152	27241
Treasurer cash in hand	880	741
Sub Total	<u>169162</u>	<u>175925</u>
Beavers Bank Account	1451	1385
Byron Pack Bank Account	6520	5280
Scout Troop Bank Account	2874	3334
Sub Total	<u>10845</u>	<u>9999</u>
Total	<u>180007</u>	<u>185924</u>
<u>Fixed Assets</u>		
Garages at Cost	50500	50500
Depreciation	<u>-30000</u>	<u>-24250</u>
Net Book Value	20500	26250
Total	<u>200507</u>	<u>212174</u>
<u>Liabilities</u>		
Garage Deposits	<u>-375</u>	<u>375</u>
Total liabilities	375	375
Total Net Assets	<u>200132</u>	<u>211799</u>

Group Payments

Budget 2022/23	2021/22	2020/21
£	£	£
<u>Grant Payments</u>		
0 Merton BC (Gala Tent)	398	602
0 London Comm	0	914
0 Arnold Clark (Gala Tent)	750	0
0 Sutton & SE Water	123	0
0 LBM (Defibrillator)	1769	0
0 Wates	0	500
0 Total	<u>3040</u>	<u>2016</u>
<u>Headquarters Costs</u>		
100 Water Charges	35	55
7500 Light & Heat	6771	2343
3000 Insurance	2955	2862
2000 Hall Expenses	1795	1745
3000 Hall Maintenance	1038	1495
2000 Toilets	0	49554
2000 Kitchen	24611	550
0 Containers	0	6894
0 Chair replacement	0	3252
200 Website/ OSM	61	174
50 Garage Expenses	75	25
19850 Total	<u>37341</u>	<u>68949</u>
3500 Membership Fees	3585	3392
500 Explorers	497	544
4000 Total	<u>4082</u>	<u>3936</u>
PGL	<u>2616</u>	<u>0</u>
<u>Scouting Activities</u>		
20000 Section Activities	10549	1898
Camps and Outings	3175	975
500 Leaders Training	0	12
20500 Total	<u>13724</u>	<u>2885</u>
<u>Fund Raising expenses</u>		
50 Group AGM	0	0
2000 Firework night	1184	0
2050 Total	<u>1184</u>	<u>0</u>
2000 Camp/Activity Van Hire	<u>277</u>	<u>0</u>
1000 Miscellaneous(Inc stationery)	668	67
300 Uniform	764	182
0 Trampoline	990	0
2000 Equipment	1909	118
600 Jack Petchey Award	240	0
3900 Total	<u>4571</u>	<u>367</u>
<u>51800</u> Total Payments	<u>66835</u>	<u>78153</u>

Group Receipts

Budget 2022/23 £		2021/22 £	2020/21 £
8000	Membership Subscriptions	6949	7756
1500	Gift Aid 2021	1066	4365
<u>9500</u>	Total	<u>8015</u>	<u>12121</u>
12500	HQ Rents	9611	405
13000	Garage Rents	12435	9475
0	Hall Chair Sale	0	690
<u>25500</u>	Total	<u>22046</u>	<u>10570</u>
0	Donations	1	100
75	Bank Interest	43	740
0	HSBC Compensation	0	100
<u>75</u>	Total	<u>44</u>	<u>940</u>
15000	Section Camps/Activities	12317	2066
8000	PGL	2490	0
<u>23000</u>		<u>14807</u>	<u>2066</u>
	<u>Fund Raising</u>		
3000	Firework Night	3669	0
0	Tomahawk Activity	80	0
0	Arnold Clark(Gala Tents)	750	0
0	Groundwork(95th Birthday)	500	0
0	Local Giving(95th Birthday)	500	0
0	Rank	0	1500
0	RHF	0	1000
0	Petchey(95th Birthday)	500	0
0	Merton BC(Gala Tents)	1000	0
0	Merton BC	4000	40743
0	Merton BC(Defibrillator)	2000	0
0	CO-OP Trust(95th Birthday)	1280	1926
0	Sutton & SE Water	200	0
0	National Lottery-Kitchen	0	10000
0	National Lottery- Chairs	0	2495
0	London Comm	0	1000
0	Wates	0	500
0	Just Giving	704	634
0	Bell	0	617
<u>3000</u>	Total	<u>15183</u>	<u>60415</u>
1000	Uniform Sales	709	230
200	Scout shop	52	181
0	Misc	62	171
0	Jack Petchey Award	0	250
<u>1200</u>	Total	<u>823</u>	<u>832</u>
<u>62275</u>	Total Receipts	<u>60918</u>	<u>86944</u>

Section Accounts

	Beavers	Byron Pack	Scout Troop	Total
	£	£	£	£
Cash in Bank 31.03.2021	1385	5280	3334	9999
Receipts				
Subscriptions	2840	5457	2512	10809
Scarves/T Shirts/Uniform	178	400	218	796
Interest				
Donations				
Camp & Outings fees	1639	8153	2525	12317
Miscellaneous			70	70
Total	4657	14010	5325	23992
Payments				
Badges and equipment		180	236	416
Uniform	227	432		659
Activities	2422	5443	2664	10549
Camps and outings		3175		3175
Contributions to HQ costs	1893	3525	1900	7318
Stationery		15		
Miscellaneous	49		65	114
Total	4591	12770	4865	22231
Net	66	1240	-460	846
Cash in Bank 31.03.2022	1451	6520	2874	10845

Independent Examiners Report

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of the

22nd WIMBLEDON SCOUT GROUP

I report on the accounts of the Group/District/County/Area for the year ended 31st MARCH 2022

which comprise the Statement of Financial Activities, the Balance Sheet and related notes set out on pages 1-3

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

The Group's/District's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. They 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 Independent Examiner's report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the Group/District 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.

** Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply*

Name: Derek Holmes

Qualification: F.C.A

Address: 3 Larks Close, Ferndown, Dorset BH22 9TF

Date: April 8 2022

Tributes to past members of the Group.

It is with regret that we have had three long serving members of the Group who have passed away over the last year.

Robert Conrad 31/3/1949 – 13/10/2021

Robert was involved with the Scout Troop in a variety of roles from 1968 to 1997 including Scout Leader and Assistant Scout Leader and was responsible for the Troop finances throughout that time. He was involved in all of the Group fundraising activities which, for a few years included being the stage manager for the annual concerts that the Group used to hold. He also acted as an Assistant Leader with the Venture Unit (now called Explorers) and helped to run their annual Easter boating and barge holidays.

In 1986 he was awarded the Award for Merit in recognition of his outstanding service to Scouting.

Arnold Ramshaw 16/8/1928 - 30/11/2021

Arnold was Scout Leader from 1971 to 1977 and then again from 1976 to 1981. He was enormously liked and respected for his extensive knowledge of map reading and many other outdoor skills. He specialised in devising activities that were fun to do but also provided knowledge and learning. As well as working with the Troop, he was also present at all of the various fundraising events that the Group relied upon over the same period of time. He was awarded the Award for Merit in recognition of his outstanding service to Scouting.

As a talented artist, he exhibited his watercolour paintings at local venues on a regular basis.

Gordon Butt 30/3/1939 – 4/12/2021

Gordon was a quiet man who worked behind the scenes on behalf of the Scout Group for nearly 40 years in various capacities. He demonstrated his loyalty to the Group in many ways over the years. Although he never became a warranted leader, he supported the Group, and particularly the Cub Section by his regular attendance at meetings of the Pack and was always prepared to carry out tasks which he was asked to do.

His loyalty to the Group also saw him serve for a number of years on the Group Executive. In years gone by a major fundraiser for the Group were the regular Jumble Sales held in our Headquarters. Gordon was at the forefront of these ventures preparing the donations for sale and the massive task of clearing up after each event. In this he was always assisted by his wife Ruth who also worked hard for the Group.

Gordon was recognised for his contribution to the Group by the presentation of a silver Thanks Badge in 1996 and a Chief Scouts Commendation for Good Service in 2017, shortly before he stood down from an active role. However, Gordon was often seen at other fundraising events and it was good to keep in touch with such a loyal supporter of the Group.

The Group has paid special tributes to Arnold, Robert and Gordon as they join a list of distinguished members of the Group inscribed on the memorial bench sited in our grounds. May they rest in peace.



We'd like to say

Thank You!

The 22nd Wimbledon Scout Group wishes to record it's thanks to the following for everything that they have done over the past year to help the Group continue to succeed....

The entire section leadership teams for their enthusiasm and commitment to the young people and for their amazing programme of activities that they put together.

The Group Executive Committee for their continued support throughout the year, especially to Andrew Pearson, Group Treasurer for everything that he does looking after the group finances, including the garage rentals.

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Thanks to Graham Fairclough for everything that he does to keep the HQ looking it's best... co-ordination of the new shed, sweeping up leaves, keeping the grass trimmed and for his work with the refurbishment projects and successful grant applications.

Thankyou to our project manager, Declan Gleeson for everything that he has done with the refurbishment projects.

The Wimbledon and Wandle District Team and the GLSW County Support and Training Teams for their advice and support during the year.

We acknowledge the following companies for their grant donations over the past year, towards various projects... The National Lottery, The Co-Op Community Fund, Merton Council, Arnold Clark, Magic Little Grants, Tesco, SES Water, Merton Giving Renewal Fund and The Jack Petchey Foundation

....finally, to the parents and to the young people themselves who make Scouting so enjoyable!

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A Message from our Chairman

Starting to write this report, I did not expect to be saying that the young people have been mainly meeting on Zoom for the last year. To reiterate as I do each year, I wanted to thank all the leaders for everything they have done this year. There have been some great zoom meetings with mug cakes, plasticine figures, escape rooms, science evenings and various virtual camps.

I would also like to thank all the young people for getting involved with the different Scouting experience and the parents for assisting with the technology.

In the midst of all the changes, Graham took on the additional role of GSL. Thank you to Graham for everything he does for the 22nd Cub Pack, Group and District.

As you know, the purpose of this report is to provide details of what we as a group have been up to during the year which has been one of the strangest years I can ever remember. However, it is looking like we are moving towards face-to-face meetings soon.

We were thinking of having a “Welcome Back” party/BBQ in June to include the Annual General Meeting and award presentations, but we have decided to delay any celebrations until later in the year and proceed with the meeting on zoom instead.

At the Annual General Meeting we also elect the executive committee. It is the executive committees' role to support the Group and help raise funds to enable the young people to enjoy their time with the group. The funds are also used to maintain buildings and equipment.

As you will have seen, we have been making the most of the time while the young people have not been meeting at the HQ, to update the toilets which are looking great. We have now moved onto the kitchen, so we will have great facilities for our young people to enjoy.

Here goes the usual plea for any volunteers to join the executive committee. There's always something to do, and no reasonable offer will be refused.

Finally, I wanted to again thank the great team of leaders, young leaders, helpers and parents who all put in the time so that the Beavers, Cubs and Scouts have a great time. We also have a great Explorer unit who support the Group in any way they can.

On behalf of the Group, I do hope you enjoy reading the report and I hope you'll join us for the AGM this year.

Ann Fellowes
Group Chairman

Group Report 2020-21

Well, here we are at my first Group Report having taken over from Alan as Group Scout Leader at the AGM last year... and what a year it has been – not the year that I, or anyone else had hoped for but I am not going to dwell on that, instead we will look at the positives that have come out of it to bring us to where we are today.

Despite changing from virtual to face to face and back again, our Group membership has remained pretty much stable which, given the additional pressures this year is a credit to the leadership teams. Some Groups in the District were not able to, for one reason or another, meet face to face, let alone run virtual meetings on zoom, so I would like to say a huge THANK YOU to all of the section leadership teams who have continued to run meetings throughout the pandemic – trying to work out how you can run activities online is not an easy thing to do, but you have risen to the challenge and have succeeded in keeping the young people engaged. On top of that, thank you to the young people for putting up with these changes.

We have all learnt something from Scouting on Zoom... the mute button... how nice it is to get complete silence at the touch of a button – if only that were possible when face to face!!

Although residential and District/County events have not taken place, sections still have been able to take part in virtual camps and the 22nd had one of the largest turnouts for the District Spooktacular Camp in October.

We were also not put off by the cancellation of the Wimbledon Theatre pantomime – thanks to the contributions from the four sections, we were able to subscribe to Peter Duncan's online panto of Jack and the Beanstalk – hopefully that brought some smiles to your faces from the comfort of your living room?! We have seen a few personnel changes this year. In September, Oliver Pusey agreed to take over from Ollie Foster as Scout Leader. Thank you to Ollie for his work over the last few years and who has agreed to stay on and help out with the Troop. I wish Oliver all the best of success with the Troop and trust that he will gain the support of the parents too. We also welcome Alice Sheffield who has agreed to take out an Assistant Scout Leader position. Alice has been 'home-grown' and has been with the 22nd Wimbledon since she was a Beaver!

We are, as always looking for additional adults to be a part of our Section teams – if you'd be interested, then please either speak to me or your section leader and I am sure that we can find you a role that fits in with your availability!

This year we have also seen some awards for the adults in the Group. Firstly, I am proud that Alan Maloney, as part of the St Georges Day awards has been awarded the Silver Acorn for his continued and dedicated service to Scouting – well done Alan, such a great achievement. Dominic Moore (Beavers) was awarded the Chief Scout's Commendation for Good Service – great work Dom! Congratulations also to Liz Strachan (Beavers) who has completed her Adult Leader Training – hopefully we'll be able to present them all with their certificates and awards soon. We were also pleased to have 3 leaders awarded with the 'Purple Knot' which is awarded by the District Commissioner for additional contributions to Scouting - Alison Edwards (Raksha, Cubs) for her work in helping leaders from across the District to complete their training throughout the lockdown and for helping Groups write their Covid Risk Assessments so that they could return to face to face Scouting. Oliver Pusey (Scouts) for his work supporting the District with Media and Communications and I was also awarded one for contacting zoom on behalf of the Scout Association to enquire if we could get cheaper rates on their fee-paying package! From this, the Scout Association managed to negotiate free access for Scout Groups across the UK for the duration of lockdown!

Group Report 2020-21 (Cont.)

I would also like to mention the leaders from the Group who, not only help to run a section, but also hold an additional role outside of the group – Dominic Moore - District Beaver Leader, Alison Edwards - ADC Leader Training, Oliver Pusey – District Media & Comms and Tim Kerridge – ADC Scouts. Alan Maloney is also a District Training Advisor who helps to train new leaders from across the District. Thank you to all of you for everything that you also do outside of the Group to help the other leaders in the District.

Our Headquarters has undergone significant changes this year. We started off on a scorching hot day in the summer to dismantle the 2 older garages within the HQ compound in preparation for the 2 new containers which replaced them. Thank you to Wayne Douglas, Colin Clark and Chris Gagen who helped out with the demolition. The new containers will provide us with safe (and dry!) storage areas for equipment.

We have also taken on the huge refurbishment of the toilet facilities and lobby area. This project has been talked about for years, but finally we were in a good position to go ahead. Declan Gleeson has been fundamental to the project who agreed to be appointed in the role of project manager for the refurbishment from the outset with drawing up plans, taking these out to tender and overseeing the completion of the project. Apologies to Becky, his daughter who could never get home from Cubs on time during the refurbishment as I usually had a 'catch-up' with Declan after Cubs to discuss progress! Declan was presented with a Scout Thanks Badge for everything that he has done for us. The new facilities are looking stunning and were officially opened by Alan Maloney at which time we were able to present him with a couple of small gifts to show our appreciation for everything that he has done as Group Scout Leader over the last 20 years – as you will know, Alan has agreed to be our Group Secretary so will very much still be a part of the group which I am thankful for.

We have also installed a new canopy above the entrance doors to stop the rain getting into the lobby area – thank you to Tim Kerridge for helping to install the canopy.

During lockdown, we also took the advantage of the hall not being used to sand, repaint the lines and revarnish the floor. All we need now is for the sections to be able to return to use the improved facilities. As you will know, we are also hoping to refurbish the kitchen this coming year which will complete the renovations... for now!

We look forward to brighter times over the forthcoming year and hope to be able to resume those things that we have missed last year.

Graham Fairclough
Group Scout Leader



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Beaver Colony Report

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Beaver Colony Report

Hello! Can you hear us? You're muted! Your camera is off! How have you turned yourself upside down?! Wait who's annotating the PowerPoint?! These are all common phrases the leadership team have used over the past year and not phrases I thought I would still be using! But we have hope on the horizon. Although we have been using zoom for the best part of the last year, that has not stopped us from having fun and doing loads as you will soon find out!

With us having to stop face to face meetings, the leaders all got to together on zoom (which soon became our new friend) to work out what we could do. The first couple of weeks started off with a challenge set by the leaders – from building a fort in your living room to design a new badge. Then we decided to be brave – all 30 Beavers on zoom at once! The first zoom night saw us having a scavenger hunt around the house trying to find forgotten pieces of kit for a camp. The highlight of this was when we asked the Beavers to put on everything they had found!

We then saw the return of some much-loved tv shows to a virtual Beaver format. The Price is Right and Through the Keyhole. Through the Keyhole had the leaders film a short tour of their home with clues as to which leader it could be. The price is right saw the Beavers having a guess at some everyday items – from a packet of Haribo right up to a new car. The leaders must say they did very well at this with some of them getting all the prices correct! Maybe we have some potential contestants if the shows return.

July saw Sam Safaris joining us for the evening and showing off some of the animals at their zoo and how to care for them. We were joined by a Frog, Leopard Gecko, Bearded Dragon, Chinchilla and a Pygmy Hedgehog. This was a really fun evening for learning about the different animals and the sort of habitat they live in in the wild.

We also had Fox take over for an evening with drawing pictures using a given number. This was a really enjoyable evening that required a lot of thinking of how you could turn the “9” into a picture! We also embarked on our first baking session of Mug Cakes with Robin. This was a really fun evening with lots of chocolatey cakes being baked, and it went down so well with the Beavers that we have made at least another 4 since then! The leaders are already looking at how we could do this when we can hold camps again – watch this space.

The final meeting of the term saw a virtual end of term party along with a roundup of everything we had packed into 4 months of virtual Beavers along with what each of the Beavers favourite activity was.

The start of September saw some hope. Our long-awaited return to face-to-face meetings! We kicked our face-to-face meetings off with the international badge. This had the Beavers learning about different languages and completing some puzzle shaped flags and working out which country they belonged to. They also got the chance to try some Swiss roll - which although looked a lot like Cadbury mini rolls, Tic Tac promises they weren't!

Leading up to the October half term the Beavers earned their experiment badges. This involved filling film canisters with water and berocca tablets and seeing how high they could get them to go! It also saw the Beavers participating in the District Halloween camp. On one very wet Saturday the Beavers came down to the HQ and tried their turn at indoor archery and tomahawk throwing. As part of this they also got a Doughies pizza kit to make their very own pizza at home – if you have not tried this yet, it's a must. After a night sleeping in a makeshift tent at home, Saturday morning saw Tic Tac delivering a Zoom Mug Cake Session for all the Beavers in the District.

In what was our final face to face meeting we held our annual fireworks evening for the Beavers. With the added upgrade of this year of Hot Chocolate and Cake. Every year the Beavers are always incredibly well behaved at this – and this year especially even with having to socially distance.

Beaver Colony Report (Cont.)

With the return to zoom meetings we thought it was about right that the Beavers completed their communication badge. This saw the Beavers learning some sign language, their home phone number and code breaking.

We would normally finish the year off with lots of fun Christmas activities and doughnuts but delivering 30 doughnuts around Motspur Park wasn't an option, so we opted for the next best thing, a Christmas quiz, Mug Cakes and a virtual Christmas party! We must say the Beavers did exceptionally well with the Christmas quiz, and better than some of the leaders. Our last evening saw lots of fun virtual games and a virtual Just Dance competition.

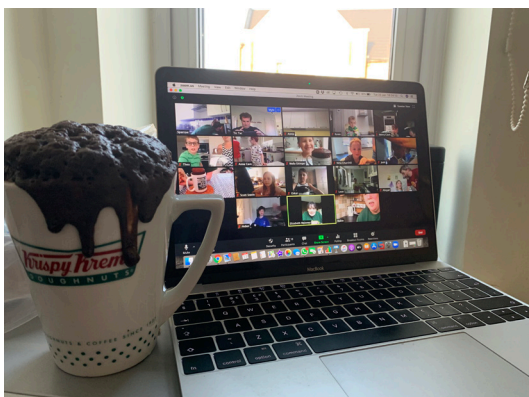
We started off the new year with the Space Badge. This had the Beavers learning all the names of the planets and how long it would take to travel to them all. When the leaders worked out their ages for a return trip to Neptune, they quickly decided against this trip! As part of the space badge, we also had a guest speaker named Mark who knew all things Space. This saw the Beavers drawing pictures of different planets and learning more about our solar system. Tic Tac has also applied to NASA to have "22nd Wimbledon Beavers" on a plaque which will be sent on to Mars on the next mission. Fingers crossed we make the list!

After a week's zoom break, we restarted the action with our creative badge This saw the Beavers designing their own superheroes and making them into a comic strip and explaining it to the rest of the colony. The Beavers also took part in another scavenger hunt but this time with a twist – using the list of items they had to find they would need to build something out of these. This was quite good to watch, seeing the Beavers make something out of: books, shoes, kitchen roll, toilet roll and a coat hanger. But they let their imaginations run wild and some great ideas came out of it.

We finished the term off with the cook's badge. This saw the Beavers decorating biscuits, making pizzas in a microwave – sounds odd but is rather nice. With their final cooking piece being Chocolate Easter Cakes using Rice Krispies or Cornflakes. The leaders were really impressed with these, and thanks to parents for helping (and cleaning up!)

And well that has been the Beaver's year. Whilst sitting at home one Friday night sorting out the latest batch of badges, I was shocked to discover that the Beavers have managed to earn a staggering 457 badges between them this past year (hope you have enjoyed the sewing parents)!. I want to congratulate all of them for this and for sticking with zoom, there are some Beavers who have not missed a single session (even the leaders haven't managed this one) Thanks to the parents as well who have given up their device for an hour each week for them to enjoy Beavers. Finally thank you to the leadership team - Charlie, Lizze, Elizabeth, Jack and our young leaders - Josh, Gemma and most recently Dan. Here's hope to a better a year and fingers crossed for a camp soon. Stay safe everyone!

Dominic Moore Beaver Scout Leader



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Cub Pack Report

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Cub Pack Report

Dear avid readers of the Cub Pack report, you will be pleased (!) to hear that this years report will be significantly shorter than the previous years but, just as every other year, 2020 has been one to remember!

So, we started the year with the unprecedented decision to suspend face to face meetings – the first time ever in the history of Scouting that we have needed to do so and therefore, heigh ho, heigh ho it's off to zoom we go! Who would have thought that it would be possible to run Cubs virtually?!! Fortunately, we rose to the challenge to bring some form of normality into their lives and for them to at least be able to see their friends again. We soon got the hang of it... how to play around with the backdrops and make parts of your body disappear, how to turn yourself around 360 degrees and, for the leaders, where the 'mute all' button was – a fabulous invention!

Our first few meetings involved a scavenger hunt, where the Cubs were sent off to find various items from around the house – apologies to the parents for the mound of items that they had collected by the end of the session – no doubt they put it all back themselves?!

In the middle of April, we should have been going off to indoor camp but why should a lockdown stop us? Instead, we held our very first virtual camp whereby the Cubs were encouraged to build a den or put up a tent in the garden and sleep in it overnight. During the day, they were set a variety of challenges which they could attempt if they wanted to, all of which ticked off a part of their badge work. Safe to say, it went down well and was a success... for the leaders at least... no early wake up calls, no mounds of cooking and washing up and very little stress! We should do more of those.

Back on zoom we had different challenges like photos taken from obscure angles from around the HQ and they had to guess what they were. We also joined the Pack together by asking them all to film themselves being thrown a football from one side of the screen and throwing it off the other which we then put together and showed them the outcome. Most of the Pack took part and was good to see everyone together, if only virtually!

We then decided that the Cubs were probably sick of seeing our faces so had a long a couple of 'guest speakers' the first being an online drumming workshop and the second, a lego workshop. Both evenings had the Cubs entertained for the entire session. Once again, for the drumming, I found the 'mute all' button again... it still works!!

Getting confident with the technical stuff, we then put together a quiz on 'My Quiz' which gave the Cubs multiple choice answers and gave them additional points depending on who answered correctly the fastest with an overall leaderboard at the end... well done to everyone who took part.

We have also learnt from our mistakes on zoom... in June, we decided to hold an ice cream challenge where they had to use ice cream and other bits and pieces to make an edible animal – unfortunately it was still quite warm and by the 'times up' a number had already started to melt!!

We had another visitor join us....Skittleman, a childrens entertainer for a light-hearted evening who did some magic and other entertainment – it was lovely to see the Cubs smiling and laughing again.

Coming up to the end of the summer term, it is customary to hold a Cub Water Fight so we turned this into another virtual event. Like the football challenge, the Cubs were filmed having a bucket of water thrown at them and then threw a bucket of water off screen to the next person. I think it is safe to say that some parents might have been getting revenge on their Cubs by the number of 'takes' that happened!! Again, the end result was good to watch... and meant that I didn't get wet either!!

By this time, there were a number of online resources becoming available from across the country with other leaders inventing games that could be run online, so we made use of these and took part in 'The Price is Right' and 'The Cube'.

Cub Pack Report (Cont.)

The end of the summer term saw all 4 sections coming together (virtually) to take part in The Great Indoors Weekender – a virtual camp organized by the Scout Association with some extra parts put in by the leaders. This is also when we introduced the Group to 'Doughies Pizzas' with an order of over 120 pizza kits for the Group, these all went down a storm and were enjoyed by everyone. Over the course of the weekend, there were online activities to take part in and a live campfire.

We finished our summer term with our last guest speaker – The Science Lady who, unsurprisingly got the Cubs doing hands on experiments looking at ph indicators, making floating ghosts out of tea bags (herbal ones preferred!) and sucking up water into a glass by just using a match!

Alas, there was no summer camp this year either.... We booked, we planned, we cancelled.. The site is rebooked for 2021 so fingers crossed!!

We returned in September with a glimmer of light at the end of the tunnel with the news that we could return to face to face Scouting, albeit in a very controlled manner. Risk assessments were written and approved by District, barriers and tents erected and plans drawn up to see how best we could accommodate 45 + Cubs into groups of no more than 15! We opted for 2 groups per night meeting every 2 weeks – and all this as the toilet rebuild began, so we resorted to using portaloos – although it was interesting to note how few times the Cubs needed the toilet compared to a normal meeting night!!

For those who were meeting face to face, we decided to embark on the Scientist Badge, whilst those at home were given part of their Home Safety Badge to work towards and submit evidence for their badge. We made rockets with film canisters (remember those?!) and vitamin C tablets, made cress heads and made polystyrene cups disappear with the help of acetone.

....and then Covid reared its ugly head again and we had to resort back to virtual meetings, although this wasn't necessarily a bad thing as we could only have one group meeting inside whilst the other was out in the tent and the nights were starting to draw in!

Not to be defeated by the C word, we packaged up and delivered equipment for the last 2 science experiments – Marshmallow bridges and Cotton Reel Tanks so that we could still deliver the badge over zoom.

So, we started the New Year back on Zoom, joined by a new Explorer Young Leader, Matthew Coverdale who is an Explorer with the St Saviours Unit. For the term, the Cubs were working towards their Skills Challenge Badge. This involved some code breaking activities and an escape room. They also learned (or practiced!) how to make a hot drink and how to lay the table (all in preparation for being able to go camping again soon!) We have also had a couple of guest speakers – one to teach some yoga to the Cubs and the other, making their own plasticine models of a Cub – this went down so well with siblings too that we had to split the pack over 2 days so that everyone could make one. There were some great stop motion videos created with them too! We have also seen quite a bit of cooking for this badge – perhaps it is because we don't have to contend with the washing up at the end of the meeting – who knows?! They made some delightful Apple Crumble Mug Cakes – run by our Young Leader, Matthew, made scrummy rock cakes and made scarves out of pastry! To balance things out, we did also have a fruit evening, whereby they needed to use whatever fruit they had at home to create their own monster! We ended the term with a glow disco and Easter craft evening – each Cub was issued with some glow sticks in advance, turned their lights off and danced away to some 'Just Dance' videos, swam in a virtual duck race and tested their knowledge with different household brands!

And there we have it – the end to a very eventful year, but not all for the best reasons! As always, thanks to the leadership team – whether that's those who have been chomping at the bit to get back to face to face Scouting, but also to Alison and Matthew who have joined me for the crazy antics via zoom!

Cub Pack Report (Cont.)

A huge thankyou also to the parents who have supported the Cubs over the last year – if home schooling wasn't enough to contend with, you also had us asking you to provide various items for meetings, supervise (or probably do) the washing up after the calls or just be there to help during the zoom meeting – your help has been invaluable. Finally, thank you to the Cubs, your resilience has shone through this year having to deal with the constant changes and restrictions but, regardless of this, you joined in to the best of your ability – you are all AMAZING!

Graham Fairclough Cub Scout Leader



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Scout Troop Report

Scout Troop Report

What a year we have had, the past year has seen a number of changes and challenges. In April last year we were getting started with Scouting online, however, it hasn't stopped us from having a great time.

With the Face to Face Scouting coming to a grinding halt the leadership team got together on Zoom to come up with a plan. The first 6 weeks included setting a badge per week to complete, ranging from the Chefs Badge to the Writers Badge. During this time, a plan was brewing to start virtual meetings and get us back together again.

Our first Zoom meeting was joint with the Beavers, Cubs and Explorers for St. Georges Day and allowed us to renew our Scout promise, it was a great chance for us to get used to what was to come. What was to come, well, we had a great Summer term starting off with a 'Not a Pub Quiz' for our Scouts and families to join in and set the tone for the rest of the term. We ran a great variety of activities including family favourite games such as Pictionary, as well as getting the Scouts running around their house trying to find items as part of a scavenger hunt.

We were soon able to issue our next challenge by setting some more badges that had been created by our friends in Greater London South. These included a home camping challenge which got the Scouts building some great forts in their gardens, living rooms and bedrooms. There was also the Taskmaster challenge, this involved the Scouts completing a number of weird and wacky tasks such as making a sandwich with one hand (which proved to be rather messy for some).

As we moved through the term, we circled back to the initial 6 badges set and ran sessions to support the Scouts in completing their badges alongside some more puzzling activities including code breaking. It was then time to introduce our Scouts to some classic TV game shows. One of the favourites was The Price is Right, with the Scouts taking a guess at some household items. As a leadership team, we must say how impressed we are, with some getting all the prices spot on, no easy task.

July saw the term rounding to an end with some classic Scouting activities taking place during our weekly meetings. A favourite amongst the Scouts was our Box Oven Bake Off, this had our Scouts building a small oven out of a cardboard box, tin foil and a fire (or disposable bbq). I can say that there is definitely a skill to cooking in a box oven, and some of our Scouts have mastered it perfectly (even if the box oven catches fire).

During July the Troop also got involved with The Great Indoors Weekender, a virtual camp run by the Scout Association for Scouts across the country and further afield. The weekend started with a Scavenger Hunt around the local area finishing up at the HQ to collect their pizza kits for lunch. There were a number of great activities run online by the Scout Association and some by our leadership team, including making rockets, folding their own mini origami Scout uniform, Yoga and a virtual campfire led by the great team at Gilwell. This was a great way to round off the term and look forward to the new autumn term.

July was also not just the end of the term for the troop, but also a time of change as Oliver Foster and Rachel Langford, stepped down from their leadership roles and myself, taking on the role of Scout Leader for the Troop. It is at this point I want to thank both Ollie and Rachel for their hard work running the troop over the past year and wish them the best of luck for the future, and I look forward to continuing working with them as they continue to assist the Troop and Group.

September came and with it a breath of fresh air and the return to Face to Face meetings. We kicked everything off with a couple of favourites, fire lighting and outdoor games. It was great to see the happy smiling faces as the Scouts were able to see their friends again. It was a great chance to get back to the roots of Scouting and get the Scouts developing their skills and this was just the start of things to come.

Moving into October and as the night drew darker, we moved to some new activities. Again keeping to the same theme as we did in September, we started the Scouts off with their own camp tinder kit ready for

Scout Troop Report (Cont.)

when we return to camping and they need to light their fires. We also started them off with some wood carving and knife training to ensure they knew how to carve safely and could produce something they could treasure. Unfortunately, they have yet been able to complete these, as we moved in to November we were placed back into lock down and had to move back onto Zoom.

Just before our return to virtual Scouting we took part in another virtual camp, this was run by the District and themed around Halloween. As with the previous camp, a scavenger hunt was run looping back to the HQ to collect their treats box and glow in the dark badge and scarf. The Scouts were also given the opportunity to take part in Soft Archery (Indoor Archery) and Tomahawk throwing, it turns out some of our Scouts have incredible aim.

Back on Zoom we carried on when we left off with meetings having a challenging theme. We started the first week back by completing a virtual escape room, the Scouts were locked in the HQ and had to find the key to get out using the information around them. To bring back a favourite from our previous Zoom sessions, we bought back the scavenger hunt, this time with a twist. For this hunt, the Scouts had to decode the item they had to find. We rounded our games and challenges off by playing a game of battleships, however, we took it to a new level, playing it with 20 Scouts, it turns out 1 call can sink many ships.

Now, we would normally like to finish the term with Christmas activities and a party, unfortunately this wasn't an option this year. We went for an alternative this year, cooking up Gingerbread mug cakes and a christmas themed quiz (it turns out the Scouts knew more than the leaders).

New Year and a new term. We started the new term with an opportunity for the Scouts to catch up with their friends and to welcome new members. We welcomed back some favourites from the previous term and welcomed a new activity. The Scouts took part in The Crystal Maze, they included the favourites from the original TV show covering physical, skill, mental and mystery. The first half of the term flew by and finished with a virtual twist on our classic pancake evening, we set the challenge to see which Scouts could flip the most pancakes.

As we moved into the second half of the spring term, the Scouts have been getting crafty with origami, creating a Scout shirt, duck's face and a greeting card with an opening flower. The Scouts also had a pizza making evening, which ended with the age old debate of pineapple on a pizza, yes or no? (its a yes from me!). We finished up the term with a great game of Disney music bingo, a mix of new and classics. You could tell who the Disney fans were (or how old the leaders were), and the Scouts did really well.

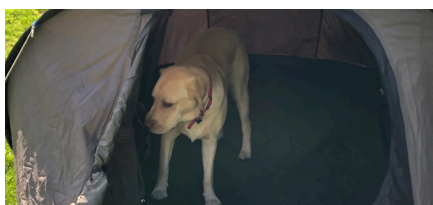
Throughout the second half of the term, we also provided more badges that could be completed at home. These badges were chosen by the Scouts and focused around issues or activities that interest them including First Aid, Global Issues and Environmental Conservation.

That wraps up the year, it has been a different year and we are almost out the other side. Before I sign off, I want to thank the parents, many of whom have given up their time (and devices) for an hour a week to allow the Scout to get involved and have some fun. I would also like to thank the young people themselves, it has been a tough year for all of us, and with virtual schooling, an extra hour may have not been the most appealing, so I thank them for sticking with us (especially those who have attended every meeting, even the leaders haven't managed this one).

Finally I wish to thank my leadership team, as I mentioned earlier, Ollie and Rachel for running the troop until the end of the summer term, Dan, Alice, Keira and Mark for their continued support both online and face to face and it has been great to see the team develop over the year. My thanks also go to the group leadership team for their ongoing support whilst I grow into this role.

Oliver Pusey
Scout Leader

Scout Troop Report (Cont.)



Leadership Team

Group Scout Leader

Alan Maloney (to June 2020)

Group Scout Leader

Graham Fairclough (From June 2020)

Beaver Colony

Beaver Scout Leader

Dominic Moore

Assistant BSL

Elizabeth Maloney

Assistant BSL

Charlotte O'Shea

Assistant BSL

Jack Sheffield

Assistant BSL

Lizzie Strachan

Young Leader

Gemma Kerridge

Young Leader

Josh Lampton

Byron Cub Pack

Cub Scout Leader

Graham Fairclough

Assistant CSL

Alison Edwards

Assistant CSL

Keith Elston

Assistant CSL

Chris Gagen

Section Assistant

Veronica Kerridge

Section Assistant

Freddie Badham

Section Assistant

Peter Brown

Young Leader

Matthew Coverdale (from September 2020)

Scout Troop

Scout Leader

Oliver Pusey (from September 2020)

Assistant SL

Alice Sheffield (from January 2021)

Section Assistant

Tim Kerridge

Section Assistant

Daniel Shaw

Section Assistant

Oliver Foster (from September 2020)

Young Leader

Keira Pearson (from September 2020)

Above we report on the leadership team as at 31 March 2021.



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Minutes of the 2020 AGM

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on Wednesday 24th June 2020 commencing at 8.30pm

Present:

Chairman	Ann Fellowes
Treasurer	Andrew Pearson
Group Scout Leader	Alan Maloney (until item 5)
Group Scout Leader	Graham Fairclough (from item 6)

Approx. 30 parents, leaders, guests and supporters of the Group

Guests: Owen Purcell, Assistant Distant Commissioner (Beavers)

Michelle McNamara, Assistant District Commissioner (Cubs)

1. Chairman's opening remarks

In welcoming everybody the Chairman noted this was the first time the AGM had been held online. The Executive had decided that as face to face meetings were not currently possible because of the CoVid-19 pandemic business should proceed in the best way forward, hence the current online meeting.

The Chairman thanked outgoing members of the Executive for their support during the past year but particularly thanked all section leaders and the GSL for all their work which had been immense during the last three months due to the lockdown situation. She expressed the hope that the situation would resolve itself over the summer, normal activities could return, and we might even have a big party to celebrate!

She also wished to give thanks to Oliver Pusey for assisting with the preparation and design of the annual report for 2019/2020 which had been circulated to everyone in advance and posted on the Group website.

2. Apologies for absence

Apologies had been received from Wayne Douglas and Oliver Pusey. Apologies had also been received from Deborah Carter, District Commissioner.

3. Minutes of the AGM held on Tuesday 18th June 2019

The minutes which had been circulated in the annual report 2019/20 were approved.

4. Presentation and adoption of the accounts 2019/20

The Treasurer, Andrew Pearson, presented the annual accounts for 2019/20 which had been approved by the Executive Committee and cleared by the Independent Examiner to whom thanks were given. He remarked that the Group had enjoyed a successful financial year and in particular made reference to the increased rental income from hall bookings. Payments online had been arranged through a new banking arrangement and this had greatly improved efficiency.

The GSL wished to record his sincere appreciation to the work of the Treasurer this past year and also to Joan Pearson for her diligence which had increased the hall income. The meeting was pleased to echo these words of appreciation.

The accounts for 2019/20 were endorsed by the meeting and would now be submitted to the Charity Commission along with the annual report.

5. Receipt and consideration of the annual report 2019/20

The GSL, Alan Maloney, reminded the meeting that the report was written just as the "lockdown" period was announced and when all face-to-face Scouting had been halted. He wanted to recognise the incredible effort and dedication by the Section teams and the Executive Committee during the past year, much of which was detailed in the circulated report.

Minutes of the 2020 AGM (Cont.)

But the last three months had been particularly testing as sections had held meetings every week online with an ever-increasing variety of activity in order to motivate the young people during this difficult time. Clearly our Spring and Summer programmes had been and would be seriously affected but he had every confidence that the Group would rise to the occasion. That very evening a webinar had been held with Gilwell in which they announced that plans were being made to facilitate the return of face-to-face scouting when it was safe to do so. Details would be circulated the following day and parents, executive committees and leaders would all be involved in drawing up plans for a return at the appropriate time. It was clear that things would not get back to normal for some time which may require a rethink about how we do things. There were also likely to be some changes to leadership in the Sections which would bring new challenges. There were also financial consequences for the whole movement which would need to be addressed in the next few months.

The GSL noted that there were interesting times ahead with a major project to upgrade the toilet facilities, the intention to renew the old garages in the compound and a possible refurbishment of the kitchen.

The GSL thanked the section leaders for all their efforts over the past year, families for continuing to support the Group and the young people themselves who had joined in with the activities on offer, and the many Trustees of the Group he had worked with over the years. In the past few weeks, he had reflected on special events in which he had been involved over the past twenty years. It seemed a long time ago when he attended his first event at the Millenium Camp in Wimbledon Park in 2000. There had been many special events since then but among the Group and District Camps highlights had to be Eurojam in Hylands Park in 2005, the World Jamboree in 2007 and the 22nd 90th birthday weekend.

The GSL said what a pleasure it had been watching the development of the young people through the sections and often into leadership roles. To those leaders who had been with him for all of the last 20 years he wanted to pay particular thanks for their friendship and generosity of time and effort. In conclusion, as this was the last time, he would present the report he wanted to say thank you to his wife Avril and his two daughters Jennie and Elizabeth for their support and encouragement over the years.

On behalf of the Executive Committee, he commended the report to the meeting which was noted.

Appointments and elections for 2020/21

6. To notify the Group of the appointment of the new Group Scout Leader

The Chairman informed the AGM that Graham Fairclough would be taking over the role of GSL from this point in the meeting. She thanked the outgoing GSL for his contribution to the Group over the past 20 years and hoped he would continue to support the Group in other ways. Graham was welcomed by the meeting.

7. **Appointment of Independent Examiner 2020/21**

The Treasurer and Chairman, nominated Derek Holmes. Agreed

8. **To approve the GSL nomination of the Group Chairman 2020/21**

The new GSL nominated Ann Fellowes. Approved.

9. **Election of Group Secretary 2020/21**

Dan Fellowes and Sally Pusey nominated Alan Maloney. Agreed.

10. **Election of Treasurer 2020/21**

Tim Kerridge and Malcolm Beaton nominated Andrew Pearson. Agreed.

11. **To approve the GSL nomination of members of the Executive Committee 2020/21**

The GSL nominated Helen Sheffield and Wayne Douglas. Approved.

12. **To elect other members of the Group executive Committee 2020/21**

A discussion took place amongst AGM participants. The following were elected: Annie Gleeson, Fiona Segasby, Sally Pusey, Nicola Tracey-Grant, Malcolm Beaton, Rory Travers -Drapes

Minutes of the 2020 AGM (Cont.)

The meeting recorded its thanks to Adam Tinwell and Jessica Reid (who had not indicated their willingness to stand for re-election) for their service to the Group as members of the Executive. New Executive Committee were welcomed.

13. Appointment of section leaders to the Group Executive Committee 2020/21

Graham Fairclough, Dominic Moore, Oliver Foster (until 24 July 2020), Oliver Pusey (from 24th July 2020) were appointed

14. Co-option of Explorer Scout Leader to the Group Executive Committee 202/21

Daniel Fellowes was co-opted.

15. Other business

A brief discussion took place about the proposed “traffic light” system of alert for the return of face-to-face scouting. The GSL said he and the Executive would be monitoring the instructions coming down from scout HQ very carefully.

16. Owen Purcell, Assistant District Commissioner (Beavers)

Owen thanked the Group for its invitation to the meeting and to say a few words. He had been specifically asked to say on behalf of the District Commissioner how sorry she was not to be able to join the meeting for reasons of work but wished the Group well. He also thanked Alan Maloney for his contribution to the Group and District over 20 years and was pleased to see he would continue with his training role and new Group role.

Owen noted that the Group played a major role at District level and partook of many of the opportunities arranged through the District. It was noticeable that 22nd leaders and others were often working behind the scenes to support events even when they not partaking themselves. Over and above their Section roles leaders also were also involved in training of adults across the District, in communications and holding posts at District level in all Sections. He particularly congratulated Graham Fairclough on being awarded the Commissioner’s Commendation Award for the work he had undertaken in bringing Zoom and the Scout Association together for the benefit of the membership. He congratulated the Group for all it was doing and wished it well for the future.

There being no further business the AGM concluded at 9.05pm

Trustees

Trustees: (as of 31 March 2021)

Group Chairman	Ann Fellowes
Group Secretary	Adam Tinwell (to June 2020)
Group Secretary	Alan Maloney (from June 2020)
Group Treasurer	Andrew Pearson

Trustees: Ex officio:

Group Scout Leader	Alan Maloney (to June 2020)
Group Scout Leader	Graham Fairclough (from June 2020)
Beaver Scout Leader	Dominic Moore
Cub Scout Leader	Graham Fairclough
Scout Leader	Oliver Foster (to September 2020)
Scout Leader	Oliver Pusey (from September 2020)

Trustees: Elected:

Malcolm Beaton
Nicola Tracey-Grant
Sally Pusey
Fiona Segasby
Rory Travers-Drapes
Annie Gleeson

Trustees: Nominated:

Helen Sheffield, Wayne Douglas

Trustees: Co-opted:

Dan Fellowes (West Barnes Explorer Scout Leader)

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Bankers:

Lloyds TSB PLC, London Road, East Grinstead, RH19 1AH

Custodian Trustee:

The Scout Trust Corporation Ltd

Independent Examiner:

Derek Holmes

Scout Association Registration No.:

6076

Charity Registration Number:

303795

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

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

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

Contact: Alan Maloney, 5 Aragon Road, Morden, Surrey, SM4 4QF, Tel: 020 8337 5364

Signed on behalf of the Executive Committee:

Ann Fellowes
Chairman

Andrew Pearson
Treasurer



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Group Finances



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Group Assets

	2020/21	2019/20
<u>Current Assets</u>		
Lloyds Bank Current Account	18743	10985
HSBC 3 Month Fixed	101129	100773
HSBC /Lloyds Bank Deposit Account	28071	27331
HSBC Bank Building Fund	0	8989
Lloyds Deposit Account	27241	17277
Treasurer cash in hand	741	1416
Sub Total	<u>175925</u>	<u>166771</u>
Beavers Bank Account	1385	1615
Byron Pack Bank Account	5280	6013
Scout Troop	3334	2734
Sub Total	<u>9999</u>	<u>10362</u>
Total	<u>185924</u>	<u>177133</u>
<u>Fixed Assets</u>		
Garages at Cost	50500	50500
Depreciation	-24250	-23750
Net Book Value	<u>26250</u>	<u>26750</u>
Total	<u>212174</u>	<u>203883</u>
<u>Liabilities</u>		
Garage Deposits	<u>375</u>	<u>375</u>
Total liabilities	<u>375</u>	<u>375</u>
Total Net Assets	<u>211799</u>	<u>203508</u>

Group Payments

Budget 21/22 £	2020/21 £	2019/20 £
<u>Grant Payments</u>		
Merton BC	602	0
London Comm	914	0
Wates	500	
Total	<u>2016</u>	
<u>Headquarters Costs</u>		
100 Water Charges	55	98
2500 Light & Heat	2343	2565
3000 Insurance	2862	0
2000 Hall Expenses	1745	1770
3000 Hall Maintenance	1495	1495
0 Toilets	49554	
15000 Kitchen	550	
0 Containers	6894	314
0 Chair replacement	3252	
200 Website/OSM	174	149
50 Garage Expenses	25	11
25850 Total	<u>68949</u>	<u>6402</u>
3500 Membership Fees	3392	3591
Explorers	544	
<u>Scouting Activities</u>		
20000 Section Activities	1898	4723
Camps and Outings	975	13427
500 Leaders Uniform		23
500 Leaders Training	12	0
21000 Total	<u>2885</u>	<u>18173</u>
<u>Fund Raising expenses</u>		
50 Group AGM	0	64
0 Socials	0	158
2000 Firework night	0	1065
2050 Total	<u>0</u>	<u>1287</u>
<u>2000</u> Camp/Activity Van Hire	0	1718
1000 Miscellaneous(Inc stationery)	67	192
Uniform	182	1612
Tomahawk Throwing	0	700
1500 Equipment	118	2628
Tomahawk Equip(Wim F.)	0	495
0 Jack Petchey Award	0	490
2500 Total	<u>367</u>	<u>6117</u>
<u>55500</u> Total Payments	<u>78153</u>	<u>37288</u>

Group Receipts

Budget 2021/22 £			2020/21	2019/20
10000	Membership Subscriptions		7756	10468
2000	Gift Aid 2017/2018	18/19/20	4365	0
<u>12000</u>	Total		<u>12121</u>	<u>10468</u>
10000	HQ Rents		405	12585
10000	Garage Rents		9475	9580
0	Hall Chair Sale		690	0
<u>20000</u>	Total		<u>10570</u>	<u>22165</u>
500	Donations	(Trefoil)	100	75
750	Bank Interest		740	825
	HSBC Compensation		100	
<u>1250</u>	Total		<u>940</u>	<u>900</u>
15000	Section Camps/Activities		2066	14962
	<u>Fund Raising</u>			
3000	Firework Night		0	3139
1000	Equipment		0	50
0	Tomahawk training		0	810
0	Socials		0	1591
0	Rank		1500	0
0	RHF		1000	0
0	Aviva		0	1000
0	Merton BC		40743	0
0	CO -OP Trust		1926	96
0	Wimbledon Foundation		0	500
0	National Lottery-Kitchen		10000	10000
0	National Lottery- Chairs		2495	0
0	London Comm		1000	0
0	Wates		500	
0	Just Giving		634	
0	Bell		617	0
<u>4000</u>	Total		<u>60415</u>	<u>17186</u>
1500	Uniform Sales		230	768
200	Scout shop		181	194
0	Misc		171	0
0	Jack Petchey Award		250	250
<u>1700</u>	Total		<u>832</u>	<u>1212</u>
<u>53950</u>	Total Receipts		<u>86944</u>	<u>66125</u>

Section Accounts

	Beavers	Byron Pack	Scout Troop	
Cash in Bank 31.03.2020	1615	6013	2734	10362
Receipts				
Subscriptions	2210	2332	1900	6442
Scarves/T Shirts/Uniform	45	149		194
Interest		2		2
Donations				
Camp & Outings fees	215	1095	756	2066
Miscellaneous	15	0		15
Total	2485	3578	2656	8719
Payments				
Badges and equipment		114		114
Uniform	259	153	21	433
Activities	606	762	530	1898
Camps and outings		975		975
Contributions to HQ costs	1745	2270	1505	5520
Stationery		37		37
Miscellaneous	105			105
Total	2715	4311	2056	9082
Net	230	-733	600	363
Cash in Bank 31.03.2021	1385	5280	3334	9999

Independant Examiners Report

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of the

22nd WIMBLEDON SCOUT GROUP

I report on the accounts of the Group/District/County/Area for the year ended 31st MARCH 2021

which comprise the Statement of Financial Activities, the Balance Sheet and related notes set out on pages 1-3

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

The Group's/District's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. They 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 Independent Examiner's report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the Group/District 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.

** Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply*

Name: Derek Holmes

Qualification: F.C.A

Address: 3 Larks Close, Ferndown, Dorset BH22 9TF

Date: 14 April 2021



We'd like to say Thank You

The 22nd Wimbledon Scout Group wishes to record it's thanks to the following for everything that they have done over the past year to help the Group to flourish.

The entire section leadership teams for their enthusiasm and commitment to the young people and for their innovative programmes put together each week during the coronavirus pandemic.

The Group Executive Committee for their continued support throughout the year, especially to Andrew Pearson, Group Treasurer for everything that he does looking after the group finances, including the garage rentals.

Special thanks are also recorded to Joan Pearson (Hall Bookings Manager), to Oliver Pusey (Webmaster) and Vici Hoban, (emergency HQ key holder) for their vital work in support of the Group.

Thanks to Graham Fairclough for his hard work during lockdown to keep the HQ looking it's best... co-ordination of garage removal and new containers, sanding and revarnishing the HQ floor, repainting the Jubilee Building and office, replacing the CCTV system, keeping the grass trimmed and for his work with the toilet and kitchen refurbishment projects.

Thankyou to our project manager, Declan Gleeson for everything that he has done with the refurbishment projects.

The Wimbledon and Wandle District Team and the GLSW County Support and Training Teams for their advice and support during the year.

We acknowledge all those individual members who have made contributions towards our kitchen project and to the following companies for their grant donations over the past year which has raised over £20,000, obtained by Graham, towards various projects... The National Lottery, The Robert Hall Foundation, The Leslie Sell Charitable Trust, The Co-Op Community Fund, Rank Foundation, The London Community Fund, Merton Council and The Jack Petchey Foundation.

Also, thank you to Jessica Reid who was successful in obtaining a donation from her employer, Wates, which paid for a new marquee for use on the field for our face-to-face meetings.

....finally, to the parents and their young people themselves who make Scouting so enjoyable!

**‘Two things matter in life:
following your dreams and
looking after your friends.
This is what I love about
Scouting. It’s about doing
great things, loving and
enjoying the great
adventures and helping
others to do the same’**

Bear Grylls, Chief Scout

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