

1ST WALLINGTON SCOUT GROUP

England & Wales · Charity number 303847

Details

Other names 1ST WALLINGTON BOY SCOUT GROUP

Status Registered

Legal form Other

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Activities

Objects: 1ST WALLINGTON BOY SCOUT GROUP.

Activities: We are a scout group which is a member of and governed by The Scout Association. We currently run a beaver colony, a cub pack, a scout troop.

Classification

- **How:** Other Charitable Activities
- **What:** General Charitable Purposes, Education/training, Environment/conservation/heritage, Recreation, Other Charitable Purposes
- **Who:** Children/young People

Geography

- **Area of benefit:** WALLINGTON AND CARSHALTON.
- Sutton

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-03-31	£33,843	£33,639	-	-
2024-03-31	£37,831	£39,103	-	-
2023-03-31	£33,852	£31,472	-	-
2022-03-31	£16,774	£35,378	-	-
2021-03-31	£24,351	£13,761	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Benjamin Jacob Freedman		2025-06-02
Christine Robinson		2017-06-01
David James Pearcy		2017-06-01
Joanne Lesley Luck		2023-09-01
John William Allen		2019-01-01
Julia Coward		2022-07-01
Leah Dennis		2025-06-02
Mark Andrew Dennis		2022-09-01
PAM NORTON		1978-11-11
Selam Davies		2019-09-01

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Accounts



AGM Agenda and Trustees Annual Report

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Annual General Meeting

Sunday 28th September 2025 2.30pm

1st Wallington Scout Group

Agenda

Introductions & Welcome

1. Apologies for absence 2.

Governance topics

- a. Approve the minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 21st September 2024
 - b. Adopt the model constitution from Policy, Organisation and Rules (POR)
 - c. Note the Group's financial year
 - d. Agree the number of members that may be appointed to the Trustee Board **(12)**
 - e. Agree the quorum for future meetings of the Group Scout Council
(excluding this AGM) **(20)**
3. **Review of the previous year**
- a. The Group Lead Volunteer's review of Scouts in the 1st Wallington
 - b. Receive and consider the Annual Report of the Group Trustee Board, including the annual Statement of the Accounts

4. **Making appointments**

- a. Appoint the Group Chair, **Jo Luck** following recommendation from the open selection process initiated by the Group Trustee Board
- b. Appoint the Group Treasurer, **Chris Robinson** following recommendation from the open selection process initiated by the Group Trustee Board
- c. Appoint members of the Group Trustee Board, following recommendations from the open selection process initiated by the Group Trustee Board

John Allen

Matt Brice

Julia Coward

Selam Davies

Mark Dennis

Leah Dennis

Ben Freedman

Pam Norton

- d. Appoint auditor

6. **Any other business**

7. **Closing remarks**

8. **Presentation of Awards**

Hunter Award

- a. **Squirrels**
- b. **Beavers**
- c. **Cubs**
- d. **Scouts**

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Chair's Report

My name is Jo Luck (she/her) and I am the Chair of the Board for the 1st Wallington Scout Group. I was co-opted into the role in May 2025, following the departure of former chair, James O'Kane. As a group, we extend our thanks to James for his contributions in the role.

It is my pleasure to present the annual Chair's Report for 1st Wallington Scout Group.

My primary goal for my first quarter in post, was to complete the transformation of the board from an Executive Committee to a Trustee Board – ensuring that the Group is supported with strong governance, in line with the guidance from the Scout Association: [Trustee Boards | Scouts](#)

The following report covers the key areas of our governance and operations over the past year, as discussed and documented in our trustee meetings.

Finance

This year, the group's finances have remained well-balanced, thanks to strong group numbers and well controlled costs.

Thanks go to Chris Robinson (Treasurer) for her careful work throughout the year.

The accounts for the year have been completed, have been independently reviewed and are included in this report.

We gratefully acknowledge a generous legacy donation of £1,000 from Myrtle Burchell, which we plan to use as a lasting memorial for her, potentially towards the garden that the Beavers are keen to develop. Myrtle and her husband Bert sadly both passed away earlier this year, having supported 1st Wallington for over 40 years – as well as being valued members of the Scouting community, Bert would help with odd jobs at the hall and Myrtle was infamous for her jumble sales – raising thousands of pounds for 1st Wallington.

We are registered for Gift Aid and are exploring backdated claims to maximise our income. We appeal to all parents to ensure their Gift Aid details are up to date on Online Scout Manager.

Our Christmas tree sale, in collaboration with Ruskin Explorer Unit generated a profit for the Group of £2,822. Our thanks go to all involved in making this event such a success. We also received Fundraising income from our Sponsored Climb and the Rotary Club Christmas Appeal. However, our fundraising income was much reduced this year, and we would love to hear from anyone who can contribute an event or make a grant application to raise vital funds over the next year.

Our investments accounts are ring fenced for repairs and upgrades to the fabric of the building.

For 2025-26: We will review and update investment policies, reserves policies and group budget management.

Policies and Legislation

The Board has kept up to date with statutory and regulatory changes, ensuring our policies reflect best practice and legal requirements.

Our actions in this area relate to four main areas:

- **Health & Safety:** Accident and incident reporting procedures have been digitised for easier management. All Trustees have completed the mandatory revised Health and Safety training – helping to make our County (Greater London South West) the safest in London.
- **Safeguarding:** All Trustees are up to date with their Safeguarding training. Elevated safeguarding concerns are appropriately discussed and reported.
- **Data Protection:** The group is now registered with the Information Commissioner's Office owing to our new use of CCTV (new CCTV policy in draft). All Trustees are up to date with the Scouts Data Protection training.
- **Equity, Diversity & Inclusion:** The Trustees champion a commitment to equity and inclusion, and address inclusion needs as they arise, ensuring all young people and volunteers are appropriately supported.

For 2025-26: We will review leader and parent helper inductions to ensure knowledge is fully embedded, we will complete new drafts of Data Protection Policies, we will develop an Equity Impact Assessment for use with programmed Events.

Buildings, Insurance and Property

This year saw ongoing maintenance and investment in our premises and equipment.

Special thanks to Ben Freedman, David Percy and all the volunteers who helped at our maintenance day.

In the last six months:

- A full site audit was conducted, in line with the Scouts Association guidance, with thanks to Matt Brice, leading a carefully considered response.
- All insurance has been checked and confirmed as correct – however, we suspect our buildings and contents valuations may be a little low.
- We have arranged extra cover for non-members assisting with activities, reflecting our commitment to inclusion and equity of opportunity.
- Maintenance projects completed included improved security measures such as CCTV and painted parking spaces to ensure safe access / egress, especially in an emergency.
- Proposed / upcoming maintenance includes repainting the front of the hall and sanding / sealing the floor (quotes being sought).
- Hall lettings continue, with both regular and one-off hires. Thanks go to John Allen for managing these communications and to the key holders for facilitating this access as it provides a valuable income stream. Please make an enquiry via the website or your group leader if you would like to use the hall for your child's party, or for another event!

For 2025-26: Conduct a full contents inventory to ensure adequate insurance (we'll be asking for volunteers to help!), conduct proposed maintenance projects, continue making improvements against our site audit, review hall lettings agreements.

Managing Risks

Managing and mitigating risk remains at the core of our governance.

- Security of the hall and grounds is a priority.
- Concerns over lone working have been raised, and a formal procedure is being developed.
- Maintenance items are regularly reviewed for safety and liability. Quotes are actively sought for remedial works as needed, and risk assessments are regularly updated.

- Camp activities are carefully assessed, with incident reports and near misses reviewed to improve safety for all involved.

For 2025-26: Continue to review risk and put appropriate control measures in place.

Helping the Charity to Operate Well

As a Trustee Board, our primary function is to work with the Group Lead Volunteer to ensure we meet the Scout Association's Charitable aim:

Scouts actively engages and supports young people in their personal development, empowering them to make a positive contribution to society.

To do this, we:

- Hold regular trustee meetings, and all minutes and actions are tracked and reviewed.
- Keep leader and volunteer training up to date.
- Support leadership recruitment and succession planning.

Conclusion

With the summary of the less glamorous elements of our work out of the way, please enjoy reading the rest of this annual report for an overview of the incredible opportunities the members of 1st Wallington Scouts have been given.

Scouting is a truly wonderful movement and 1st Wallington Scouts is a thriving group characterised by creativity, community and commitment.

My heartfelt thanks go to David, our Group Lead Volunteer, to our section leaders, and all our volunteer leaders who work tirelessly and who make everything we do possible.

I am grateful, too, to our Trustee Board, who tolerate some fairly lengthy meetings and whose advice and perspectives are welcomed and valuable. Sadly, Julia Coward is stepping down as Secretary – so we pass on very many thanks to Julia for her support and meticulous minute taking.

Finally, I am grateful to our members, the young people, whose personal growth, enthusiasm and commitment to Scouting makes it all worthwhile.

Jo Luck

Chair of 1st Wallington Scouts

Group Lead Volunteer Report

As the Lead Volunteer of 1st Wallington, I'm pleased to present this report reflecting on the past year's activities, achievements, and developments.

This past year has been another busy and rewarding one for our group. We have continued to provide young people with fun, adventure, and skills for life across all sections—Squirrels, Beavers, Cubs, Scouts, and Explorers.

We currently operate the following sections:

- Squirrels (ages 4-6) – 12 young people in Section
- Beavers (ages 6–8) – 21 young people in section
- Cubs (ages 8–10½) – 30 young people in section
- Scouts (ages 10½–14) – 26 young people in section
- Explorers (ages 14 – 18) – 25 young people in section

Our group has seen stability in membership this year, with the waiting list continuing to grow. We continue to be an active, inclusive group, welcoming all young people regardless of background.

Each section has delivered a fun, adventurous, and balanced programme. Highlights from this year include:

- Squirrels: Putting up tents, making bird feeders and attending Gilwell Funday
- Beavers: 1st Aid, visiting a local Synagogue, taking part in group camp
- Cubs: Fire safety badge, entertainer badge, Group camp & summer camp
- Scouts: Night adventure, Burns Night, Sedan Chairs, and summer camp
- Explorers: Scarefest, Ice Skating at Canary Wharf, Waterslide and summer camp

We also participated in District events, including Squirrel, Beaver & Cub funday, Beaver campfire, Scouts Night adventure, Scout Caving camp, Scout Gorge Walking Camp and St Georges Day parade in Sutton.

This year, we welcomed several new volunteers including myself stepping up to Group Lead Volunteer, our new Chairperson Jo Luck and said thank you to three who moved on. We currently have 29 volunteers in the group, including section leads, team members, and trustee board members.

Recruitment and retention of adult volunteers remains a key focus. We're always seeking new support to sustain and grow our group.

A special thank you to:

- Jo Luck, Group Chair
- Chris Robinson, Treasurer
- Julia Coward, Secretary

- All our Section leads and team members

All adult volunteers have kept up with mandatory training and safeguarding requirements as we have gone through the transformation of the Scouts. We continue to prioritise the wellbeing of young people through consistent adherence to safety rules and risk assessments during all activities.

Opportunities for the coming year:

- Growing our leadership team and volunteer team
- Exploring funding and grant opportunities
- Expanding our programme with more outdoor adventure

A huge thank you to all our volunteers, trustee members, parents, and, of course, the young people who make scouting what it is. Your time, energy, and enthusiasm are what keep the group thriving.

David Percy
Group Lead Volunteer





Squirrels Section Report

As we reflect on the past year with the Squirrels, it is essential to appreciate the many activities and events that have made it engaging and rewarding for our young members. Among the notable moments was the Remembrance Parade, where our Squirrels demonstrated their respect and understanding of this significant occasion. The Group Camp provided an opportunity for the children to bond and experience outdoor adventures together. Additionally, the Gilwell Funday was a highlight, filled with fun and exciting activities that showcased the spirit of Scouting.

Throughout the year, we held numerous weekly meetings filled with educational and entertaining activities. From learning essential skills like map reading and compasses, engaging in creative sessions such as making autumn wreaths and button bracelets, to outdoor explorations where the Squirrels developed their appreciation for nature.

We would like to extend our heartfelt thanks to the leaders of the Squirrels. The dedication and support of all the leaders have been invaluable to the growth and development of our group.

As we move forward, we would like to note that Hannah Curry has left the group. Her contributions over her time with the Squirrels have made a lasting impact, and she will certainly be missed by both the leaders and the young people.

Lastly, a big thank you goes to all the young people for their enthusiasm and energy that make each meeting enjoyable. We also appreciate the continued support from parents and all the volunteers who help make our group successful. Your involvement is crucial, and we encourage you to consider engaging further as we navigate the upcoming year of Scouting together.



Beaver Section Report

It has been another very busy year. We have worked towards a number of badges in this period namely:

Cyclist

Disability Awareness 1 and 2

Creative

Money Skills

Explorer Emergency

Aid Gardeners.

Around 8 Beavers have attained their Bronze Awards and moved on to Cubs.

Group Activities are St. George's day Parade Group

Camp earlier in the Year.

Annual Pantomime was Snow White and the Seven Dwarves at St.Michael's Church.

All activities have had a good uptake from the section

Our Charitable Contribution alternates between Air Ambulance and Great Ormond Street Children's Hospital .

This year the collection is for GOSH. We are collecting pennies .

Finally I would like to thank the parents for their continued support through out the year and a special thanks to Linda and Debra.

Nabilah and the Young Leaders Leah „Xena and Jack

Selam Davies & Wayne Marchant
Beaver Leader & Assistant Beaver Leader



Cubs Section Report

The Pack

Currently we have 28 Cubs in the Pack with 5 about to leave to join Scouts this term and a couple of Beavers due to start with us.

Sleepover Nov 24

We held a sleepover at HQ in November last year which was well attended by 16 Cubs. We cooked camp donuts Friday night and on the Saturday we walked to Oaks Park for a session at Yellow Spider Climbing.

Sunday morning saw us taking part in the Remembrance day parade.

Group Camp

14 Cubs joined us across the weekend for the Group Camp at Blacklands Farm in May. We had a great weekend taking part in Archery, Caving, Wide Games, Camp Fire and other activities.

Hopefully all the parents enjoyed getting involved on the Sunday at the BBQ.

Gilwell Funday

In June we took 13 Cubs a to Gilwell Park for the Funday along with the Beavers and Squirrels. Everyone could wander around and have a go at what ever activities took their fancy.

Summer Camp

A new venue for this years camp at Huish Woods in Taunton was enjoyed by 11 Cubs along with the Scouts and Explorers.

After travelling on Saturday and setting up site we had a walk around our new surroundings after dinner. Sunday saw the construction of the camp swing and also camp skills preparing wood for the fire. The orienteering was shortened due to a rain shower dissolving everybody's maps.

Monday was a day on site which for the Cubs included the zipwire and a nature hunt.

While the Scouts and Explorers went for a hike on Tuesday morning the Cubs built bivouacs in the woods.

Tuesday afternoon saw everybody taking part in backwoods cooking. We cooked sea bass in newspaper, stew in tinfoil parcels, and apple crumbles and camp doughnuts. Everybody enjoyed it and some even tried things they wouldn't normally eat.

On Wednesday we went for a hike and a look around the caves at Cheddar Gorge

Thursday was another day on site and the Cubs took part in Frisbee Golf and Caving

After swimming on Friday morning we started the big job of breaking camp ready for the journey home.

A big thank you to everyone involved in the camp especially to Dave for all the hard work. Thanks also to our wonderful catering team for keeping us so well fed through the week.

Activities & Badgework

As usual we have had a very busy year working on our badges. We have covered Fire Safety, Morris Danced as part of our Entertainer Badge, Money Skills, Personal Safety, Local Knowledge, DIY, Global Issues, Gardening and spent an evening at Oaks Park to do Backwoods Cooking.

We have had our usual hikes and fun in the park as well.

Chiefs Scout Silver Award

Congratulations to Jayden, Patrick, Jimmy and Corentin who have all achieved their award in the last year.

Leadership Team

As usual I need to give a massive thank you to the Leadership team without whom it would not be possible to offer the Cubs the programme that we strive for. Thanks to Bagheera (Graham), Raksha (Debra), Baloo (Wayne) for all their help. Thanks also to our Young Leaders, Kai and Isla some of which will not be with us going into the next term but thanks for all your efforts.

Thank You

Thank you lastly to the Cubs for engaging in what we plan and provide and parents for joining in with us to help try and support all the young people with skills that they will carry with them not just through Scouting but also for the rest of their lives.

Mark Dennis Markela

SCOUTS

Scout Section Report

This year has been quite eventful for our scout troop, packed with engaging activities and memorable moments that have fostered a sense of adventure among our members. Notably, we had a successful Sponsored Climbing Day, during which our scouts displayed their skills and determination. Two teams from our troop participated in the Sutton District Night Adventure in November with one of our teams winning the competition. We also celebrated Ella Fairchild receiving the prestigious Jack Petchy Award, recognising her contributions and commitment to the troop. Our annual trip to Hampton Court for ice skating was another highlight, along with the district caving camp in January that provided a unique experience filled with exploration for a number of the Troop. Other activities included Group Camp and participating in the District Gorge Walking Camp, as well as a fun-filled water slide night during the summer and we finished off the term with Summer camp with the Cubs & Explorers.

Throughout the year, our meetings were a mix of fun and learning, where scouts had the opportunity to take part in a variety of activities. These included games nights, teambuilding exercises, skills sessions, and engaging community events such as the Remembrance Parade. There were also several themed nights, such as Burns Night and Chinese New Year, which added a cultural twist to our meetings.

As we look ahead, there are even more adventures planned for the upcoming year. Our scouts can look forward to a range of exciting activities that will continue to challenge and inspire them as they continue in their scouting journey.

It is important to extend my thanks to our leaders who have worked tirelessly throughout the year. A special thank you goes to Matt, Tony, Izzy, Charlotte, Aoife, Sonny, and Peter for their dedication and guidance. Their efforts have truly shaped the experiences of our scouts and contributed significantly to our troop's success.

Lastly, I would like to express appreciation to the young people for their enthusiasm and energy, which makes it all worthwhile for the leaders. Thank you also to the parents for their consistent support and to all the volunteers who contribute behind the scenes, ensuring our scout troop thrives. We look forward to another fantastic year filled with new adventures and lasting memories.

David Percy
Scout Team Lead

EXPLORERS

This year has been a year of change for Ruskin. Unfortunately, Emily and Andy had to step away from the leadership team at the start of the year and Jake has decided to step away at the end of the year. We are grateful for the many years that all three dedicated to the unit as leaders and wish them all the best. However over this year we have been joined by quite a few new faces in the leadership team.

Our current leadership team consists of; Leah, Andrew, Abi, Tom, Ellie, Luca, Deedee and Josh. Although we have a large number on the leadership team, many are at university so we are always looking for more help!

Ruskin has been involved in a multitude of exciting activities over the last year including, Axe throwing, Rifle Shooting, Climbing, orienteering, district rounders competitions. We have spent time strengthening our navigation and survival skills.

It has been a number of years since Ruskin has been able to have nights away. This year we managed four, Scarefest the annual Halloween event run by Scout adventures, Water weekend in Eastbourne, Group camp and Summer camp.

Summer camp saw the explorers go cliff abseiling, get dropped off in the middle of nowhere to make their way back to camp.

The Unit continues to go from strength to strength having consistently high attendance throughout the year with approximately 18-20 in attendance every session.

The year ahead looks promising with more camps in the works and the development of the Explorer Council to help develop the leadership skills of our young people. We start the new year with 28 members of the Unit who are all looking forward to the year ahead!

Treasurer's Report

1st Wallington Scout Group – Registered Charity 303847

General Purposes Fund Receipts and payments account summary for the year ended 31 March 2025

	204	(1,272)
	30,929	32,201
	31,133	30,929

Statement of assets and liabilities as at 31 March 2025

		2024/2025	2023/2024
		£	£
Monetary assets	TSB Treasurer's Account	29,918	30,122
	Equals card balance	1215	807
		2024/2025	2023/2024
		£	£
	Total receipts (from page 37)	33,843	37,831
	Total payments (from page 38)	33,639	39,103
	Net receipts/payments		
	Monetary balance at 1 April 2024		
	Monetary balance at 31 March 2025		

Total as above

31,133	30,929
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Non-monetary assets retained for the charity's own use.

Scout hall and land at 30 Ruskin Road. The hall is insured for £705,803 based on re-instatement as new.

Scout hall contents (furniture, fittings, kitchen and camping equipment), insured for £32,768.

The Ford Transit Minibus (SF16 WXO) was purchased on 30 July 2021 for £19,620.

Liabilities: £Nil

Approved on September 2025 on behalf of the Trustees

1st Wallington Scout Group – Registered Charity 303847**General Purposes Fund Receipts for the year ended 31 March 2025**

	£	£	2024/2025	2023/2024
Membership subscriptions and joining fees			10,339	11,474
Less capitation (86 youth members)	(5,194)	and motion picture licence	(4,902)	
			5,437	6,280
Donations			2,090	-
Event contributions			12,967	10,703
Fund raising				
Jumble sale / Jamboree			2,113	6,195
Other income				
Hall letting			11,055	12,935
Other			181	1,718
Total receipts			33,843	37,831

Draft scout accounts 1st Wallington Scout Group – Registered Charity 303847

General Purposes Fund Payments for the year ended 31 March 2025

	2024/2025	2023/2024
	£	£
Upkeep of hall		
Water rates	385	344
Rates	124	116
Cleaning	3,043	2,908
Gas and electricity	3,968	4,168
Insurance (hall and contents)	2,612	2,050
General maintenance	6,706	1,199

	16,838	10,785
Activities	10,090	17,828
Minibus operating costs		
New minibus	-	-
Insurance	1,040	970
Other costs	742	3,006
Other expenditure		
Equipment	2,361	2,463
Scout hall broadband	370	403
Fundraising costs	133	176
Scarves, woggles and records books	1,253	2,842
Sundry	182	-
Accountancy fees	630	630
Total payments	33,639	39,103

1st Wallington Scout Group – Registered Charity 303847

Major Projects Fund Receipts and payments account summary for the year ended 31 March 2025

	2024/2025	2023/2024
	£	£
Total receipts	-	-
Total payments – general maintenance	-	-

Net receipts/payments	-	-
Transfer form investment assets	-	-
Monetary balance at 1 April 2024	-	-
Monetary balance at 31 March 2025	-	-

Statement of assets and liabilities as at 31 March 2025

		2024/2025	2023/2024
		£	£
Monetary assets	TSB Treasurer's Account	-	-
		-	-
Investment assets	FP CAF UK Equity Fund B - Accumulation Units 23,597.5526 units (2024/2025: 23,597.5526 units)	51,745	50,919
	M&G Equities Investment Fund for Charities - Accumulation Units 63.308 units (2024/2025: 63,308 units)	21,547	19,456
		<u>73,292</u>	<u>70,375</u>

Liabilities Approved on September 2025 on behalf of the Trustees

Report to the trustees of 1st Wallington Scout Group – Registered Charity 303847

Accounts for the year ended 31 March 2025 Set out on pages 36-39

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 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 Commission (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 statement My examination was carried out in accordance with general Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from the 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 material matters have come to my attention which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act or
- the accounts do not accord with the accounting records

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

Signed

Mr Nasir Shabbir
Chowdhary & Co
Chartered Accountants & Registered Auditors
46 Syon Lane
Osterley
TW7 5NQ

September 2025

Minutes from last AGM

1st Wallington Scout Council

Annual General Meeting

21st September 2024

Group HQ

1. Janet Drinkall GSL introduced the meeting and welcomed all attendees
2. Apologies for absence: Chris Robinson, James O'Kane, Maureen Taylor and Pam Norton

3. A. The minutes of last years AGM on 16th September 2023 were approved
- B. The proposal to adopt the model constitution from Chapter 5 of Policy, organisation and Rules was agreed
- C. It was noted that the groups financial year runs from 1 April to 31 March
- D. The appointed and community members of the group scout council were approved
- E. It was agreed that the Trustee board should have no more than 12 trustees but no less than 5
- F. The quorum for the group was agreed at 4 people – the minimum number needed to be present at Group Scout Council meetings

4. Review of the previous year

- A. Janet, Group Lead Volunteer gave her review of the year- see below
- B. The Group Trustee Board approved the Annual Report and Statement of Accounts and the report on the accounts from Independant Examiner John V R Helps.

Janet invited questions on the accounts but there were none. She also thanked Chris Robinson, Treasurer.

5. Members of the Group Trustee Board were appointed following recommendations from the open selection process initiated by the Group Trustee Board:

Group chair: James O’Kane

Group treasurer: Chris Robinson

Dave Percy

Mark Dennis

John Allen

Selam Davies

Jo Luck

Pam Norton

Matt Brice

Julia Coward

Standing down: Andy Wadman

The auditor was appointed: John Helps

6. Awards were given out

Hunters award

Ruth Clark Award

Squirrels- Daniel Belaj

Molly Barnett-Rumph- Cubs

Beavers- Max Keenan

Cubs- Patrick McGovern

Long Service award

Scouts- Ella Fairchild

Matt Brice 10 years Janet

invested new leader Emil Jacovich.

Claire Percy, Deputy County Commissioner offered thanks for the amazing family and community feel that 1st Wallington has. She thanked all the leaders and Janet for all the behind the scenes work that goes on to keep the young people and the building safe and thanked the parents for letting their children attend at 1st Wallington. She finished by saying that although it will be a sad year to say some goodbyes it will be a good year for change.

A presentation was made for Janet and James who will be saying goodbye to the group soon as a thank you for all the years of work they have put into the group

The meeting was closed.

1st Wallington Scouts Constitution

Charity number: 303847 1. Preamble

1.1 This constitution describes the role, membership and operation of the **Group Scout Council**, and the **Group Trustee Board**.

2. Charitable objectives

2.1 As per rule 1.1 of The Scout Association Policy, Organisation and Rules: Our purpose is to actively engage and support young people in their personal development, empowering them to make a positive contribution to society.

3. The **Group Scout Council** and the **Group Trustee Board**

3.1 The **Group Scout Council** has a governance role for the charity and makes Group Trustee Board appointments other than ex officio and co-opted appointments.

3.2 The **Group Trustee Board** is responsible for the governance of the charity. Although the **Group Trustee Board** is responsible for the charity, it is accountable to the **Group Scout Council**.

3.3 The **Group Scout Council** has no Trustee responsibilities.

3.4 **Group Scout Council** membership

- a. The ex officio members of the **Group Scout Council** are members by virtue of their role in The Scouts as detailed in Rule 5.3.3.1

Rule 5.3.3.1

Ex officio members of the Group Scout Council are:

- a. all adult members of the Group – see Group roles listed in the Chapter 16 Teams Table
- b. all Patrol Leaders of the Troop(s) in the Group
- c. all parents of Squirrels, Beavers, Cubs and Scouts in the Group
- d. all Explorers, if so stated in a Partnership Agreement between the Unit, the Group and the District
- e. all parents of Explorers, if so stated in a Partnership Agreement between the Unit, the Group and the District
- f. the Sponsoring Authority, where there is one, or its nominee
- g. the District Lead Volunteer
- h. the District Chair

- b. The **Group Scout Council** may appoint some members, on the recommendation of the Group Lead Volunteer and the **Group Trustee Board**. See Rule 5.3.3.4.

Rule 5.3.3.4

The appointed members of the Scout Council are other supporters of the Group, District or County appointed by the Scout Council at their AGM on the recommendation of the Trustee Board for a fixed period not exceeding three years.

A **Group Scout Council** does not need to have any appointed members.

- c. The **Group Scout Council** may appoint some community members. See Rule 5.3.3.5.

Rule 5.3.3.5
The community members of the Scout Council are representatives of the local community appointed because of their role rather than by their name. For example, local headteachers, or Parish Council members.

Rule 5.3.3.6
They are appointed by the Scout Council at their AGM, on the recommendation of the Trustee Board, for a period of one year.

A **Group Scout Council** does not need to have any community members.

- d. The total number of appointed and community members of a **Group Scout Council** must not exceed the number of ex officio members.
- e. **Group Trustee Board** administration must ensure that appointed **Group Scout Council** Members are recorded locally in the minutes of the **Group Scout Council** meeting which appoints them (normally the AGM). **Scout Council** members (whether ex officio or appointed or community) must not be recorded as **Scout Council Members** on The Scout Association's membership system. 3.5 **Group Trustee Board** membership

There are three types of trustee:

- a. The **ex officio roles**, as defined in Rule 5.3.4.5(a).

Rule 5.3.4.5(a)
Ex officio
These people are Trustees by virtue of their role in the Scouts. They are a vital part of the Trustee Board, providing a clear link with the leadership and operation of the charity. They are: a. For the Group Trustee Board – the Group Lead Volunteer [...]
There is only one ex officio Trustee role for each of the above roles, so where there are joint role holders for a role, the role holders must decide, in discussion with the Chair, which of them should be the ex officio Trustee. However, each role holder of any of the above roles must be eligible to be a Trustee (as specified in POR 16.13.1(e)).

- b. **Appointed Trustees** (including Chair and Treasurer)

The selection process for Trustees must follow Rule 5.3.4.6.

Rule 5.3.4.6
The selection processes leading to appointment of Trustees must include a rigorous and transparent selection process and may include a nominations process or an election process or other locally appropriate procedures. It may include selection of persons with specific skills from outside the Scouts.

The Trustee vacancies should be advertised widely, including to all members of the Scout Council aged 18 or over, so that it is clear that it is an open process.

Persons recommended for appointment to the Trustee Board may include members of the Scout Council and may also include people from outside the Scout Council (including people from outside the Scouts) provided that there is no conflict of interest.

Vacancies for appointed Trustees only occur at the end of their period of appointment. For example, a Group Chair may have been appointed for three years and so does not need to be re-appointed or re-selected after years one and two.

The proposal from the **Trustee Board** is received by the **Scout Council** at their AGM. The proposal from the **Trustee Board** does not require seconding by a member of the **Scout Council**. The action of the **Scout Council** is to approve or not approve the proposed names from the **Trustee Board**.

- c. **Co-opted members** are persons co-opted annually by the **Group Trustee Board**. They are not appointed by the **Group Scout Council** at its AGM. The number of coopted members must not exceed the actual number of appointed Trustees, excluding Chair and Treasurer.
- d. The Sponsoring Authority, or its nominee, has right of attendance at a **Group Trustee Board**.

Rule 5.3.4 Trustee Board Membership Rule

5.3.4.1

*A Trustee Board should comprise a maximum of 12 Trustees (the total of all ex officio, appointed and co-opted Trustee categories), with a minimum of 5 Trustees. The maximum number of Trustees must be agreed by the Scout Council at its AGM. **Rule 5.3.4.2***

*Each ex officio, appointed and co-opted member of the Trustee Board is a charity Trustee of the Group, District or County. **Rule 5.3.4.3***

*It is good practice for a Trustee Board, and any sub-teams, to have at least two Trustees aged between their 18th and 25th birthdays. **Rule 5.3.4.4***

A person must have reached their 18th birthday before they take on a charity Trustee role in the Scouts.

4. Group Scout Council – Annual General Meeting

4.1 To support the planning and delivery of a Group AGM there is a downloadable 'script' (including agenda and script templates and a suggested planning timetable).

4.2 Each **Group Scout Council** must hold an Annual General Meeting (AGM) within six months of the end of the Group's financial year. The Group should give a minimum of four weeks' notice of the date of the AGM.

4.3 The AGM must:

- a. Undertake governance oversight by
 - approving the minutes of the previous Group AGM
 - adopting (or re-adopting) the constitution of the Group (see Rule 5.3)
 - noting the dates of charity's financial year
 - approving appointed and community members of the **Group Scout Council**

- agreeing the maximum total number of members of the **Group Trustee Board** (this is one number representing the total of ex officio, appointed and co-opted members)
- agreeing the quorum for future meetings of the **Group Scout Council**
- b. Review the previous financial year by
 - receiving from the Group Lead Volunteer an overview of the past 12 months of activity in the Group
 - receiving and considering the **Group Trustees' Annual Report** and the annual statement of accounts which have been approved by the **Group Trustee Board**.
- c. Make appointments
 - appoint a Chair of the **Group Trustee Board**, following recommendation from the selection process initiated by the **Group Trustee Board**.
 - appoint a Treasurer of the **Group Trustee Board**, following recommendation from the selection process initiated by the **Group Trustee Board**.
 - appoint other members of the **Group Trustee Board**, following recommendations from the selection process initiated by the Group Trustee Board.
 - approve the appointment of any Group Presidents or Group Vice Presidents, and note current appointees (if any)
 - appoint (or re-appoint) an auditor, independent examiner or scrutineer as **required**.

5. Group Trustee Board - purpose

5.1 The **Group Trustee Board** is a team of volunteers who work together, as charity Trustees, to make sure the Scouts is run safely and legally. At the heart of their role is a focus on strategy, performance and assurance, working to ensure that the Group is meeting The Scout Association's overall aims and **strategic goals**.

Effective Trustee support helps other volunteers run the Scout programme that gives young people skills for life.

Members of the **Group Trustee Board** must act collectively as charity trustees of their Group, and in the best interests of the charity's members.

5.2 The **Group Trustee Board** must act in the charity's best interests, acting with reasonable care and skill and take steps to be confident that:

- a. The charity is:
 - well managed
 - carrying out its purposes for the public benefit
 - complying with the charity's governing document and the law
 - managing the charity's resources responsibly
- b. the charity is operating compliant with POR and the local charity regulator, including effective management of each of the Key Policies listed in Chapter 2.
- c. young people are meaningfully involved in decision making at all levels

- d. the Group has sufficient resources (funds, people, property and equipment) available to meet the planned work of the Group including delivery of the highquality programme and resource requirements of the training programme (4.3.7 of The Scout Association Policy, Organisation and Rules).

4.3.7: Programme Rule

4.3.7.1

All youth members should be offered a safe, high quality, balanced programme, run in accordance with The Scout Association's programme (see also Rule 4.1.3).

Rule 4.3.7.2

Other than Scout Network, the operation of each section must be overseen by a Section Team.

A Section Team comprises all Section Team Leaders, Section Team Members, and Young Leaders working with the section. Section Teams are responsible for planning and delivering the detailed programme of their section.

*To assist with that programme delivery, the Section Team may call upon the assistance of helpers. **Rule 4.3.7.3***

Section Teams must take account of:

- a. *the youth programme*
- b. *badges and awards*
- c. *the section's method*
- d. *the additional needs of the section's individual members.*

See also Rule 4.3.5, and the further information that is available about additional needs.

Rule 4.3.7.4

Section Teams must pay attention to the requirements of safety and to the rules in Chapter 9 governing activities.

Rule 4.3.7.5

*Progressive responsibility for involvement of young people in planning and decision-making is an important element of the programme. Section Teams must ensure the effective operation of the Drey, Colony, Pack, Troop and Unit Forums. **Rule 4.3.7.6***

A District 14-25 Team Leader is responsible for programme and projects undertaken by the District Scout Network. Members of the District Scout Network should play a leading role in organising projects to facilitate participation in the programme and, where possible, take responsibility for supporting projects.

5.3 The **Group Trustee Board** members must themselves collectively:

- a. develop and maintain a risk register, including putting in place appropriate mitigations
- b. ensure that the Group's finances are properly managed, including development and maintenance of appropriate budgets to support the work of the Group.

Where the Group is partnered with an Explorer Unit and the operational financing is undertaken by the Group, this arrangement must be documented in the Partnership Agreement, and the finance arrangements must follow this [guidance](#).

- c. maintain and manage:
 - a reserves policy for the charity including a plan for use of reserves outside the 'minimum'
 - an investment policy for the charity
 - a public benefit statement for the charity

- d. ensure that people, property and equipment are appropriately insured, and that any property and equipment owned or used by the Group is properly protected and maintained
- e. ensure the appointment and management and operation of any sub-team(s), including appointing a Chair to lead the sub-team(s). This should normally be one of the Group's Trustees.
- f. ensure that effective administration is in place to support the work of the **Group Trustee Board**
- g. appoint any co-opted members of the **Group Trustee Board**
- h. ensure transparency of operation, including:
 - prepare and approve the Annual Accounts and arrange their examination by an auditor, independent examiner or scrutineer (as appropriate) and as appointed by the Group Scout Council at their AGM
 - prepare and approve the Group Trustees' Annual Report (which must include the Annual Accounts and include the report from the auditor, independent examiner or scrutineer)
 - present the approved Group Trustees' Annual Report and Annual Accounts to the Group Scout Council for their consideration at the Group AGM
 - following the Group AGM, ensure that a copy of the Group Trustees' Annual Report and Accounts is filed as described in 5.7.2.2 of The Scout Association Policy, Organisation and Rules.

Rule 5.7.2.2.

The Group Trustee Board Administrator must ensure that signed copies of the Trustees' approved annual report and accounts, are sent to the District Trustee Board Administration and District Treasurer within the 14 days following the relevant AGM at which the annual report and accounts were received and considered.

- i. take responsibility for the Group's adherence to Data Protection Legislation recognising that, dependent on circumstances, it may at different times act as a Data Controller and as a Data Processor
- j. individually and collectively maintain confidentiality regarding appropriate Group Trustee Board business
- k. put in place annually an open and transparent selection process to recommend to the **Group Scout Council** appropriate members to be appointed members of the **Group Trustee Board**, including Chair and Treasurer. Vacancies for appointed Trustees only occur at the end of their period of appointment (for example, a Trustee may have been appointed for three years and so does not need to be reappointed or re-selected after years 1 and 2).
- l. where staff are employed:
 - act as a responsible employer in accordance with the Scouts' values and relevant legislation
 - ensure that effective line management is in place for each employed staff member and that these are clearly established and communicated
 - ensure that appropriate specific personnel insurance is in place

5.4 A **Group Trustee Board** may create sub-teams it deems necessary to support its governance function. The **Group Trustee Board** must ensure that for any sub-team it appoints:

- a. its purpose is governance-focused and not operational
- b. its members are agreed and approved by the **Group Trustee Board**
- c. the Group Trustee Board Chair is an ex officio member
- d. the Group Lead Volunteer is an ex officio member

5.5 Sub-team members are not Trustees unless they are already members of the appointing **Group Trustee Board**.

5.6 All sub-team members must be recorded on the membership system.

6 Group Scout Council – Conduct of meetings

6.1 The **Group Scout Council** meets at their AGM (see Clause 4 / 5.4.4 of The Scout Association Policy, Organisation and Rules).

6.2 It would be unusual for there to be additional meetings of the **Group Scout Council**. This is because the primary task of the **Group Scout Council** is to appoint the Group Trustee Board. If members resign from the **Group Trustee Board**, Rule 16.9.2 of The Scout Association Policy, Organisation and Rules must be followed, thus rendering an additional meeting unnecessary.

Rule 16.9.2

Rule 16.9.2.1

The Chair and Treasurer roles for each Trustee Board should always be filled.

Rule 16.9.2.2

If a Chair or Treasurer resigns before the next AGM, filling the vacancy as soon as possible should be prioritised. During the time of the vacancy all actions must be taken via a majority vote of all the Trustees. The ex officio member(s) of the Trustee Board must be present at the meeting.

These appointments are short-term, until the next AGM. The Trustees must either:

- a. *appoint a current Trustee to the role, or*
- b. *co-opt a Trustee to take the role, in line with provisions in the charity's constitution for co-opting Trustees.*

Rule 16.9.2.3

When a new Group, District or County is formed, a process must be implemented to take the new charity to its first AGM. This AGM must appoint Chair, Treasurer and other Trustees.

When two or more Groups, Districts or Counties are merged, a process must be implemented to take the new charity to its first AGM. This AGM must appoint a Chair, Treasurer and other Trustees. In effect a new charity is created from the merger.

Advice may be sought from the Support Centre at UK Headquarters on how this process should be managed.

Rule 16.9.2.4

*The relevant Lead Volunteer may act as Chair for a brief period but only where no one else offers to undertake the role and not beyond the date of the next AGM. **Rule 16.9.2.5***

There is no role of acting Chair or acting Treasurer. Any volunteer appointed to these roles on a short-term basis assumes the full responsibilities and expectations of the role.

Rule 16.9.2.6

The effect of the previous rules in 16.9.2 is that there is rarely, if ever, a requirement for an Extraordinary General Meeting of the Group, District or County.

6.3 A **Group Scout Council** meeting should normally be convened with at least four weeks' notice. A meeting may be convened on shorter or no notice with the agreement of at least three quarters of the members of the **Group Trustee Board**.

6.4 **Group Scout Council** meetings are chaired by the Group Chair. If the Group Chair is unable to be present, the Group Chair may appoint a delegate to chair a meeting of the **Group Scout Council** subject to such appointment being approved at the start of the meeting by a majority of the **Group Scout Council** members present.

6.5 Only **Group Scout Council** members, as defined in Clause 3.4 / 5.4.3.4 of The Scout Association Policy, Organisation and Rules, may vote in **Group Scout Council** meetings.

6.6 The quorum for a **Group Scout Council** meeting is agreed by the **Group Scout Council** at their AGM (see Clause 4.3 / 5.4.4.3 of The Scout Association Policy, Organisation and Rules).

If there is no quorum present at a meeting of the **Group Scout Council**, the meeting must be closed and reconvened at the earliest available opportunity.

6.7 Decisions are made by a majority of votes cast by those present at the meeting. In the event of an equal number of votes being cast on either side, the Chair does not have a casting vote and the matter is taken not to have been carried.

6.8 To discharge their responsibilities, the **Group Scout Council** may meet by video conference as well as, or instead of, face to face when agreed by the Group Chair. The **Group Scout Council** must not 'meet' using any indirect process, such as email.

At any meeting which is not fully in person, there must be an online poll or other electronic method of counting votes.

6.9 All meetings of the **Group Scout Council**, whether face-to-face or otherwise, must be properly recorded and minuted.

7. Group Trustee Board - Conduct of meetings

7.1 Meetings of the **Group Trustee Board** should be convened on at least two weeks' notice. Meetings may be convened on shorter or no notice with the agreement of at least half of the members of the **Group Trustee Board**.

7.2 **Group Trustee Board** meetings are chaired by the Group Chair. If the Group Chair is unable to be present at a meeting, the **Group Trustee Board** may choose a member to act

as chair for the duration of the meeting of the **Group Trustee Board** subject to such appointment being approved at the start of the meeting by a majority of the members present at the meeting.

7.3 Only members of a **Group Trustee Board** as defined in Clause 3 / Rule 5.4.3 of The Scout Association Policy, Organisation and Rules may vote in its meetings.

7.4 The quorum for a meeting of a **Group Trustee Board** is one third of the Trustees (ex officio plus appointed plus co-opted) plus one.

For any sub-teams of the **Group Trustee Board**, the quorum for each sub-team must be set by the **Group Trustee Board**, based on the size of the sub- team and the complexity of its task(s).

If there is no quorum present at a meeting of the **Group Trustee Board**, or a meeting of a sub-team, the meeting must be closed and reconvened at the earliest opportunity.

7.5 Decisions are made by a majority of votes cast by the Trustees present at the meeting. In the event of an equal number of votes being cast on either side, the meeting Chair does not have a casting vote and the matter is taken not to have been carried.

7.6 To discharge their responsibilities, the **Group Trustee Board** may meet by telephone or video conference as well as face to face when agreed by the Group Chair. This includes 'hybrid' meetings, where some Trustees are present at an agreed meeting place and others join by telephone or video.

7.7 Where urgent matters arise between scheduled meetings of the **Group Trustee Board** and if it is not practicable to convene a meeting of the **Group Trustee Board** then an electronic voting method (such as email) is allowed for decision making of the **Group Trustee Board** when deemed appropriate by the Group Chair. In such circumstances, at least 75% of the Trustees of the **Group Trustee Board** must approve the decision, and the outcome of the voting must be reported at, and recorded in the minutes of, the next **Group Trustee Board** meeting.

1ST WALLINGTON SCOUT GROUP

England & Wales - Charity number 303847

Accounts



AGM

Saturday 21st September 2024 4.30pm

Agenda

1. Introduction and welcome
2. Apologies for absence
3. Governance topics
 - a. Approve the minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 16th September 2023
 - b. Adopt the model constitution from Policy, Organisation and Rules (POR)
 - c. Note the Group's financial year
 - d. Approve appointed and community members of the Group Scout Council
 - e. Agree the number of members that may be appointed to the Trustee Board
 - f. Agree the quorum for future meetings of the Group Scout Council (excluding this AGM)
4. Review of the previous year
 - a. The Group Lead Volunteer's review of Scouts in 1st Wallington
 - b. Receive and consider the Annual Report of the Group Trustee Board, including the annual Statement of the Accounts
5. Making appointments
 - a. Appoint the Group Chair, following recommendation from the open selection process initiated by the Group Trustee Board
 - b. Appoint the Group Treasurer, following recommendation from the open selection process initiated by the Group Trustee Board
 - c. Appoint members of the Group Trustee Board, following recommendations from the open selection process initiated by the Group Trustee Board
6. Awards
 - Hunters Award
 - Beavers- [Max Keenan](#)
 - Cubs-
 - Scouts-
 - Invest new leaders?
 - Closing remarks



**Minutes of the Annual General Meeting
September 16th 2023 at 2.45pm**

1. The Chairman James O’Kane welcomed everyone to the meeting James thanked all the Leaders for the fantastic work they have done this year and every year and for keeping the sections going
2. Janet Drinkall made the nomination of Chairman, James O’Kane – this was approved
3. Apologies for absence:
Pam Norton, Maureen Taylor
4. Minutes of the 2022 Annual General Meeting were agreed.
5. The Annual Report of the Group Executive Committee, including the annual statement of accounts was received and considered
Proposer: Christine Robinson Seconder: John Allen Approved
6. Election of Group Secretary – Julia Coward
Proposer: Christine Robinson Seconder: John Allen Approved
7. Election of Group Treasurer- Chris Robinson
Proposer: Julia Coward Seconder: John Allen Approved
8. Election of the members of the Executive Committee

John Allen
Andy Wadman
Pam Norton
Joanne Luck
Proposer: David Percy Seconder: Graham James Approved
9. Election of the members of the Executive Committee nominated by the Group Scout Leader
10. Approve Section Leader from each of Beavers, Cubs & Scouts

Selam, Mark & David were approved

Janet welcomed everybody and made comment on the huge turnout. She thanked everyone for coming and supporting 1st Wallington on their 115th anniversary.

She advised it had been a very successful year with all sections doing lots of amazing things indoors and out. Squirrels have now completed a year and are doing well.

She thanked all the people who give up so much of their time for the benefit of the children, the section leaders and assistants, parents and the young leaders who help across the groups.

She thanked Jon Slade from Croydon District for running the archery, Dave Batten from Kingston District for running the Climbing. She also thanked Sam Linley from Croydon and to David James and his team for manning the BBQ. She said it showed the full spirit of Scouting and the wider Scouting family and shows that we are much bigger than 1st Wallington and spread to all corners of the world.

Janet welcomed back two scouts who attended the World Jamboree in South Korea in August.

Whilst it may not have gone to plan she has been assured they had a marvellous time.

She asked for help and hoped that with such a lot of parents in attendance there must be some who can spare a little time for the benefit of our young people.

She advised that we need a couple more people to join the Board of Trustees which meets regularly to make sure the nuts and bolts of the group are kept up to scratch.

She advised the group desperately needs a fundraising committee of 3 or 4 people. A huge amount of money has been spent over the last couple of years on the minibus, cooker and new roof. The costs have run into many thousands of pounds and depleted the bank balance. The money needs to be replaced and responsibility cannot be down to the leaders who already give so much time volunteering. She asked if anyone was willing, to come forward and offer their services.

Janet also advised that the group needs a few people to join a maintenance team which currently consists of just David our Scout leaders. He can't be expected to do cover maintenance on his own when he has so much to do running his section. For this, you do not need to be part of the Board of Trustees. She asked anyone willing to talk to any of the Board of Trustee members or group leaders.

Finally she advised everyone to enjoy the BBQ and any donations towards food would be gratefully accepted.

13. Presentation of awards



2024 Reports

"A Year of Growth and Impact"

I am thrilled to present the Annual Report for 1st Wallington, marking our 116th year. This year has been a remarkable journey, filled with exciting activities and achievements across all sections. I extend my heartfelt gratitude to our dedicated leaders and their assistants for their tireless efforts in creating inspiring and challenging programs for our young people.

Please explore the individual section reports for a detailed account of our year's accomplishments.

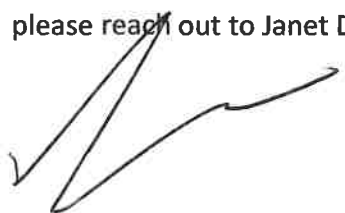
I would also like to acknowledge the invaluable contributions of my fellow Executive Committee members, whose hard work behind the scenes has ensured the smooth functioning of our Group.

Once again, I humbly request your support. Consider volunteering your time or encouraging others to join us. Volunteering can be incredibly rewarding, offering opportunities for personal growth and making a positive impact on the lives of young people.

Scouting can also provide numerous benefits for you:

- **Build lasting friendships**
- **Step outside your comfort zone**
- **Embrace the great outdoors**
- **Make a difference in your community**
- **Create unforgettable memories**

Whether you can commit to regular involvement or occasional assistance, we welcome your support. If you're interested in joining our team as a leader, activity planner, or volunteer, please reach out to Janet Drinkall, our Group Scout Leader.



James O'Kane (Group Chair)



GROUP SCOUT VOLUNTEER REPORT 2023-2024

Well we have had a very good year here at 1 st Wallington.

All sections are full and we have a waiting list for all sections, so we must be doing something right.

Sadly we have had to say goodbye to Linda Joiner – Penguin - who has hung up her woggle after 18 years in the Beaver Section. Linda was renowned for her craft ideas and will be sorely missed. Linda was also key to Jumble Sales and other fund raising activities and was very much part of the 1 st Wallington Team. We wish her very best wishes and hope to see her from time to time

As you can see from the reports all sections have been busy with inside and outside activities, giving all our young people as many different experiences as they can. I am glad to report that that three parents have come on board as Leaders mainly for Squirrels but if anyone out there would like to join as a Leader on a regular basis we will welcome you with open arms! We do need another Leader in Beavers now that Linda has gone.

Meanwhile I would like to thank all our current Leaders and assistants along with Explorer Scouts as \Young Leaders throughout the sections who give so much of their time for the benefit of your children. Also the Trustee Board Members who assist in the background running the Group and the premises, making sure we have enough money to keep everything running smoothly. This too could do with a couple more parents, as new ideas and input are vital for future projects.

We also need quite urgently someone with some maintenance experience to help out with repairs and general assistance with the fabric of the building. Fund raising is at being carried out by Jo Luck who is trying to set up a Fund Raising Committee to raise funds for various projects such as hall redecoration, new basement doors etc. These two jobs do not require you to be a member of the Trustee Board.

There are many changes afoot within Scouting and you will notice that all Leaders will have

a change of name. Section Leaders will be called Lead Volunteer and then the section name. I will be called Group Lead Volunteer (GLV) and all Assistant and Section Assistants will be called Team members then Section. There are also changes to the Trustee Board and how the AGM is run. We will all get used to it in time, but certain things won't change, Akela is still Akela, Rainbow is still Rainbow for example and I am still Janet !
So over to you parents for help and support of 1 st Wallington Volunteers!

Janet Drinkall
Group Lead Volunteer



Squirrels

SQUIRRELS SECTION ANNUAL REPORT 2023-2024

1st Wallington Squirrels

AGM REPORT 2024

In a nutshell

Here we go.....



where it all began October 2022

Squirrels: the newest branch on our family tree



Our Mammet
Emma Marshall

New recruits

Assistant Leaders
Emil
Marcelo
Amy

Young Leaders
Oliver
Maggie

Taking the leap



Hé there, I am Hannah a warranted Leader, I have worked with children of all ages. I decided to start a Squirrels group in Oct 2022 and Squirrels is still expanding and going strong in the Sutton district. From parent helpers to now having an official leadership team to provide safe environment and skills for life for young people aged 4 – 8 yrs to be ready to leap into Beavers.

I would like to say a big thank to James, parents, and young leaders who have all played their part to make Squirrel's successful and bring the family of scouting to life.

There has been lots of activities of which are shown in the photographs, but the young people have completed and achieved so much more.

Leader Team Meeting



Bright eyed and bushy tailed achieving their highest award



Well done
Charlie, Bea, Cody and Jimmy

#SkillForLife

Tree, two, one... go!





BEAVERS SECTION ANNUAL REPORT 2023-2024

We try to diversify the activities to incorporate seasonal and topical subjects in order to empower the Beavers with the latest goings on.

Encourage and promote regional and county activities to show inclusiveness like the Remembrance Day Parade, District campfire and the Pantomime. All these events were well attended .

A mini–St George's Day Parade happened in Carshalton Park with another local Scout Group. We marched around the park and then renewed the promise.

Activities to achieve the badges are all performed over a period of weeks.

A visit to the Ecology Centre is always a fun event whereby there is a hike involved followed by trying to study the flora and fauna of the area.

We also managed to achieve the Builders Badge, for which they built models out of junk and cardboard boxes and the Experiment Badge.

The Cyclist badge was done in two stages whereby on the first week the children brought in their bicycles or scooters and helmets. They were guided through all the safety checks and correct procedures regards cycling on the roads and public safety.

The second week we had arranged an instructor to go out into the park and observe the cycling techniques, unfortunately the weather was not compliant. Therefore, plan B was initiated, and observations were made in the hall.

Individual techniques were observed.

Grass sledging is another favorite activity enjoyed by all.

Finally, I would like to thank Wayne, Debra. and Janet who has been called upon in SOS situations, and all the parents who gave up their time and helped us , I will be introducing the parent Rota again in the new term as we are short of helpers and leaders.

A massive thank you to Linda [Penquin] for all her support throughout the years , who has stepped aside for personal reasons. Although she will be helping us, if and when, but not on a regular basis as before.



CUBS SECTION ANNUAL REPORT 2023-2024

The Pack

The Cub section has had another good year and we have managed to retain good numbers again with 33 currently enjoying Cublife.

Summer Camp

What a difference a year makes. Last year we were washed away with rain and this year we all enjoyed a heatwave for the week. 9 Cubs joined in this year for Summer Camp to Woodhouse Park.



We spent some of the first day learning camp skills. Collecting fire wood and then cutting and preparing it for the fire.



They also had fun exploring the site doing Orienteering. Monday was a day of on-site activities, Adventure Course, Backward Cooking and Tomahawks.



On Tuesday morning while the Scouts were busy doing site service the Cubs went into the woods to put up hammocks and we also boiled the Ghillie Kettle to make our own hot chocolate.





In the afternoon we all left site to go for a walk at Leigh Woods which took us past the Clifton Suspension Bridge



Wednesday the Scouts were off site for activities and the Cubs all completed the Photographers Badge. They wandered around site taking pictures on a couple of different cameras learning about zoom and photo composition. They even took some in black and white.

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Scout Group – Re



The Cubs then made camp donuts for a treat.



Thursday is possibly everyone's favourite day. Portishead open air swimming pool in the morning followed by Weston Super Mare pier and fish and chips on the beach for the afternoon



Friday was another site activity day while the job of packing up started. Abseiling, Low Ropes and Sumo suits were all enjoyed by the Cubs.





A great time was had by all including the Leaders though it was occasionally very tiring eh Baloo!!



A big thank you to the Scouts for letting us tag along again this year to camp. Also thank you to Leah for coming along to help out with the Cubs. And thanks to Paul Steph and Erin for keeping us so well fed through the week.

Activities & Badgework

Firstly, a special mention goes to Chloe, Zach, Jack, Kieran and Barney who all achieved their Chief Scout Silver Award over the last year. It shows a lot of hard work and effort and all of them fully deserved their achievement.

The last year has seen the Cubs working through a number of badges. They have completed Athletics Plus, Navigator up to Stage 3, Disability Awareness, Road Safety, Communicator, Astronomer, Naturalist and Chef.

For the Chef badge they prepared and cooked a 2-course meal, wraps and fruit with angel delight. We also made shortbread at Christmas which went down well.

We have continued to look after the Cub garden this year under the watchful eyes of Bagheera and Raksha who can be spotted during the week watering and keeping tidy (or just drinking tea and eating cake!).





Last October we added to our termly hikes by doing the Mole Gap Trail from Leatherhead to Dorking. 22 Cubs enjoyed a bright sunny day and a great walk.



At Christmas we made light up trees and the Cubs enjoyed dressing a couple of Leaders up as pantomime dames!





Leadership Team

As usual I need to give a massive thank you to the Leadership team without whom it would not be possible to offer the Cubs the programme that we strive for. Thanks to Bagheera (Graham), Raksha (Debra), Baloo (Wayne) and Kaa (Richard) for all their help. Thanks also to our Young Leaders. Jack, Hannah, Kai, Tudor and Dylan some of which will not be with us going into the next term but thanks for all your efforts.

Thank You

Thank you lastly to the Cubs for engaging in what we plan and provide and parents for joining in with us to help try and support all the young people with skills that they will carry with them not just through Scouting but also for the rest of their lives.

Mark Dennis

Akela

SCOUTS

SCOUTS SECTION ANNUAL REPORT 2023-2024

We kicked off the Autumn term for 2023 with a visit to Specialist Group International, where the Scouts learnt about all things search & rescue with diving kit to confined spaces, later in the term we had a visit from Reptile Events, who brought down their little friends for the Scouts to meet, they had snakes, lizards and all sorts of reptiles. We finished off the term with our annual visit to Hampton Court to test out the Scouts moves on the Ice, I don't think we will be auditioning for dancing on ice.



Spring term started off with 8 of our Scouts taking part in the district caving camp, closely followed by an old favourite of trash fash, over half term Chloe Kirton took part in the county gang show, and the Scouts went along to watch and cheer her on. After half term we completed the chef's badge where the Scouts did their own shopping and created some culinary master pieces.



Summer Term was a busy term with a visit from Beyond Bricks teaching the Scouts about all thing Lego Robotics, trips to oaks park, water fights, weekend camps at Broadstone Warren with the Northern lights giving us a little display.

We had 7 Scouts enjoy a weekend in Wales taking part in the district gorge walking weekend, we also entered two teams in to the district camping competition where the Scouts came in with an impressive 1st & 3rd place.



We finished the year off with a summer camp with the Cubs to Woodhouse Park, where the Scouts did White Water rafting in Cardiff and various site activities before finishing the week with a trip to Weston Super Mare seafront for fish and chips on the beach.



My thanks go to the other leaders and young leaders, without whom I wouldn't be able to run the section and the additional adults who supported the activities and summer camp. Their reliability and enthusiasm makes my job even more enjoyable.

Thank you also to the parents who support us, we hope your Scouts enjoy the sessions. We want to be able to inspire your young people to be confident, have lots of fun and be prepared with plenty of #skillsforlife.

David Percy

Scout Leader

EXPLORERS

EXPLORERS SECTION ANNUAL REPORT 2023-2024

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TREASURERS ANNUAL REPORT 2023-20241st Wallington Scout Group – Registered Charity 303847

General Purposes Fund

Receipts and payments account summary for the year ended 31 March 2024

	2023/2024	2022/2023
	£	£
Total receipts (from page 26)	37,831	33,852
Total payments (from page 27)	39,103	31,472
Net receipts/payments	(1,272)	2,380
Monetary balance at 1 April 2023	<u>32,201</u>	<u>29,821</u>
Monetary balance at 31 March 2024	<u>30,929</u>	<u>32,201</u>

Statement of assets and liabilities as at 31 March 2024

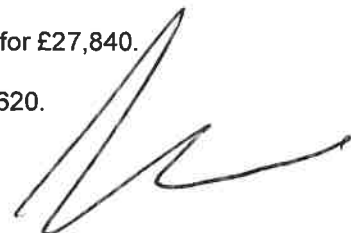
		2023/2024	2022/2023
		£	£
Monetary assets	TSB Treasurer's Account	30,122	31,841
	Equals card balance	807	360
Total as above		<u>30,929</u>	<u>32,201</u>

Non-monetary assets retained for the charity's own use.

Scout hall and land at 30 Ruskin Road. The hall is insured for £600,173 based on re-instatement as new.

Scout hall contents (furniture, fittings, kitchen and camping equipment), insured for £27,840.

The Ford Transit Minibus (SF16 WXO) was purchased on 30 July 2021 for £19,620.



Liabilities: £Nil

Approved on 18 October 2024 on behalf of the Trustees
1st Wallington Scout Group – Registered Charity 303847

General Purposes Fund

Receipts for the year ended 31 March 2024

	2023/2024	2022/2023
	£	£
Membership subscriptions and joining fees	11,474	9,063
Less capitation (83 youth members) and motion picture licence	<u>(5,194)</u>	<u>(3,760)</u>
	6,280	5,303
Donations	-	3,900
Event contributions	10,703	6,923
Fund raising Jumble sale / Jamboree	6,195	1,815
Other income		
Hall letting	12,935	12,366
Other	1,718	3,545
	<u>37,831</u>	<u>33,852</u>
Total receipts	37,831	33,852



Draft scout accounts

1st Wallington Scout Group – Registered Charity 303847

General Purposes Fund

Payments for the year ended 31 March 2024

	2023/2024 £	2022/2023 £
Upkeep of hall		
Water rates	344	93
Rates	116	220
Cleaning	2,908	2,049
Gas and electricity	4,168	2,473
Insurance (hall and contents)	2,050	2,810
General maintenance	1,199	10,778
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	10,785	18,423
Activities	17,828	7,609
Minibus operating costs		
New minibus	-	-
Insurance	970	945
Other costs	3,006	2,074
Other expenditure		
Equipment	2,463	-
Scout hall broadband	403	403
Fundraising costs	176	727
Scarves, woggles and records books	2,842	691
Accountancy fees	630	600
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Total payments	39,103	31,472



1st Wallington Scout Group – Registered Charity 303847

Major Projects Fund

Receipts and payments account summary for the year ended 31 March 2024

	2023/2024	2022/2023
	£	£
Total receipts	-	-
Total payments – general maintenance	-	43,000
Net receipts/payments	-	(43,000)
Transfer form investment assets	-	43,000
Monetary balance at 1 April 2023	-	-
Monetary balance at 31 March 2024	-	-

Statement of assets and liabilities as at 31 March 2024

		2023/2024	2022/2023
		£	£
Monetary assets	TSB Treasurer's Account	-	-
Investment assets	FP CAF UK Equity Fund B - Accumulation Units 23,597.5526 units (2022/2023: 23,597.5526 units)	50,919	48,450
	M&G Equities Investment Fund for Charities - Accumulation Units 63,308 units (2022/2023: 63,308 units)	19,456	18,325
		<u>70,375</u>	<u>66,775</u>

Liabilities

Approved on 29 October 2024 on behalf of the Trustees



Report to the trustees of 1st Wallington Scout Group – Registered Charity 303847

Accounts for the year ended 31 March 2024

Set out on pages 14 to 23

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 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 Commission (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 statement My examination was carried out in accordance with general Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from the 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 material matters have come to my attention which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act or
- the accounts do not accord with the accounting records

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

Signed



John V R Helps
Chartered Accountant
28 Southway
Carshalton Beeches
Surrey
SM5 4HW



28 October 2024

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1ST WALLINGTON SCOUT GROUP

England & Wales - Charity number 303847


Accounts



Annual General Meeting 2023

Saturday 16th September 2023

#SkillsForLife

 @1stwallingtonscouts

Agenda

1. Welcome by the Chairman
2. Approve the Group Scouts Leader's nomination of Chairman
3. Apologies for absence
4. Minutes of the 2022 Annual General Meeting
5. Receive and consider the Annual Report of the Trustee Board, including the annual statement of accounts
6. Vote of thanks to retiring members of the Committee
7. Elect a Group Secretary: Julia Coward
8. Elect a Group Treasurer: Chris Robinson
9. Elect the members of the Trustee Board
Chair: James O'Kane
John Allen
Andy Wadman
Pam Norton
Joanne Luck
10. Elect the members of the Trustee Board nominated by the Group Scout Leader
No nominations
11. Approve Section Leader from each of Beavers, Cubs & Scouts
Beavers: Selam Davies
Cubs: Mark Dennis
Scouts: David Pearcy
12. Group Scout Leader
13. Presentation of Awards

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting November 11th, 2022 at 7.30pm

1. The Chairman James O’Kane welcomed everyone to the meeting. James thanked all the Leaders for the fantastic work they have done this year and for keeping the sections going

2. Janet Drinkall made the nomination of Chairman, James O’Kane

3. Apologies for absence:

Pam Norton

4. Minutes of the 2021 Annual General Meeting were agreed.

5. The Annual Report of the Group Executive Committee, including the annual statement of accounts was received and considered

Proposer: Christine Robinson Seconder: David Percy *Approved*

6. Election of Group Secretary – Julia Coward

Proposer: Christine Robinson Seconder: Rachel Strachan *Approved*

7. Election of Group Treasurer- Chris Robinson

Proposer: David Percy Seconder: Selam Davies *Approved*

8. Election of the members of the Executive Committee

John Allen

Andy Wadman

Pam Norton

Proposer: David Percy Seconder: Selam Davies *Approved*

9. Election of the members of the Executive Committee nominated by the Group Scout Leader
Rachel Strachan as Fund Raising Secretary

10. Approve Section Leader from each of Beavers, Cubs & Scouts

Hannah Curry, Selam Davies, Mark Dennis & David Percy *Approved*

11. Group Scout Leader.

Janet Drinkall introduced Paul Littlechild, the new District Commissioner, and gave thanks to everyone for coming and apologised for the delay in the AGM happening due to the roof replacement.

No report for Squirrels as they didn’t start until after the year end, but Hannah has done a great job setting up the new section. There are now a regular group of 4-5 year olds starting their scouting journey. This time last year it appeared a long way off before we started a Squirrel Dray and now here we are in full swing.

Janet thanked the whole leadership team for all they do and the way they have coped over the last couple of years. Now proper meetings are back , our members have soon picked up and we are up to full strength with our young people.

Unfortunately, that is not the case with leaders and help with any section would be appreciated. Beavers is particularly short and relies on a parent rota to help.

If anyone can offer any help we would be very grateful, so come and have a chat with me or any of the leaders. Training is provided.

The fund raising committee currently consists of one Scout leader only. We really need a team of 5-6 people to come on board with new ideas and enthusiasm. Our next project is to decorate the inside of the building and have new internal doors in the hall. Having had the new roof, finances are much depleted so it is important we increase our income.

If anyone would like to help, please come and speak to any of the leaders or executive committee.

With the need for extra income for day to day running, the termly subs will be increasing from January to £40 which is less than 50p per week extra. Like everyone, the bills to keep the hall heated and lit are increasing and this increase will help provide everything needed to give the children a brilliant scouting experience.

A reminder about the Remembrance Parade on Sunday 13th. Meet at the hall 10am, parents welcome.

12. District Commissioner Paul Littlechild

Paul advised it was the first group AGM he had attended as District Commissioner and that it was an honour to be here. He was pleased to see all the children from their Scouting groups in attendance. He was pleased to see how well the Squirrels group was doing and advised there will be a lot happening in the next couple of years. He reiterated the need for help and volunteers.

13. Presentation of awards

Beavers

Hunter Award: Chloe Percy

Adults

Andy Wadham 5 years service

John Allen 5 years service

Hannah Curry 10 years service

Graham James 25 years service

Scouts

Hunter Award: Aoife Culligan

Chief Scouts Gold Award

Harry Macdonald

Sonny Coward

Emily Walker

Aoife Culligan

Charlotte Boardman

Woodbadge Section Leader

Mark Dennis

James thanked everyone for attending and advised again the need for help with getting involved or even becoming leaders, or joining the executive committee.

A short video was played to show many of the activities the different groups have been involved in throughout the last year.

The meeting then closed followed by refreshments.

Annual General Meeting Report 2022-2023

Chairmans Report

I am pleased to introduce this year's Annual Report in 1st Wallington's 115th year of operation. We have had a full year of activities in each of our sections and I would like to thank all the leaders and their assistants for their hard work in planning and delivering programmes that enable our young people to experience new challenges and have fun. Please look at each of the section reports to find out what has been going on during the year!

I would also like to thank all my fellow Executive Committee members, who worked hard all year behind the scenes to keep the Group in good order.

Scouting never ceases to amaze me. Bear Grylls often says, 'We're an unstoppable force for good', and he is right. At a time when communities are becoming more divided, we bring people together. As Scouts, we build bridges, not walls.

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

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

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

- Make new friends and meet new people!
- Try new things and challenge yourself daily.
- Go into the great outdoors and get stuck in
- Impact and improve your community.
- Create opportunities for young people.
- Make great memories that'll last you a lifetime.

If you can only occasionally help, that's fine. Whether you'd like to be a planner of activities, a tea-maker, or a craft creator, we appreciate any time you can spare. Talk to any of the leaders, or contact Janet Drinkall, our Group Scout Leader, if you want to find out more!

James O'Kane
Group Chair

Group Scout Leaders Report

It has been a very busy and productive year I am happy to report.

We celebrate our 115th birthday. 1st Wallington Scout Group was inaugurated just one year after Scouting began so we are one of the oldest Groups in the country and we are still going strong! To celebrate we had the Group camp, luckily we had lovely weather, so all the young people and adults had a really great time. We were well catered for by Sutton Service crew and there were many activities for the young people to enjoy. It was a first to have the Beavers sleeping there in a hut and to have some Squirrels down for the day. With parents coming down on Sunday for games, filling the field, and a BBQ, it was a wonderful end to the camp.

Sadly Blackland Farm, such a great campsite, may now be sold so that is probably the last time we can go there, which is an incredible shame. Finally thank you to all the Leaders who gave their time to organise and run the camp, especially David Percy who oversaw it all.

This year we also had a first when we started our Squirrel Drey, one of only two in the District, so proud to be leading the way. We started in October with just six little Squirrels but by Christmas had grown to fifteen. There is a huge waiting list which we will never be able to cater for, such is the popularity. Meeting on a Saturday is novel but works with all our Squirrels attending regularly. The programme ably put together by Hannah Curry is varied and they all have a great time. Unfortunately, we are very short of Leaders and only have one Explorer helping, with the numbers increasing we do need more help. Parents are very supportive and help when asked but we do need some more permanent helpers.

As you can see from the reports all sections have been busy with inside and outside activities, giving all our young people as many different experiences as they can. If anyone out there would like to come on board as a Leader/Helper on a regular basis we will welcome you with open arms!

Meanwhile I would like to thank all our current Leaders and assistants who give so much of their time for the benefit of your children. Also the Trustee Board Members who assist in the background running the Group and the premises, making sure we have enough money to keep everything running smoothly. This too could do with a couple more parents, as new ideas and input are vital for future projects.

We also need quite urgently someone with some maintenance experience to help out with repairs and general assistance with the fabric of the building. Fund raising is at present being carried out by Leaders who already do so much for your children and so we need a few people to set up a Fund Raising Committee to raise funds for various projects such as hall redecoration, new basement doors etc. These two jobs do not require you to be a member of the Trustee Board.

So over to you parents for help and support of 1st Wallington Volunteers!

Janet Drinkall
Group Scout Leader

Squirrels

What a year we have had, fun laughter and learning as we go!

We started October 2022 being the new branch in Scouting, and the second drey in Sutton District. 14 Young people attend age 4-6years old. All the young people have overcome shyness and other difficulties and gained confidence, for example being in a group and taking part in all activities. Saying our promise every Saturday, saying it with pride. Any so many more photos, a whole year's worth.



I would like to say a BIG thank you to all the parents for helping and also to all the leaders that help Squirrels run.

Hannah Curry
Squirrels Leader

BEAVERS

It has been another busy year for our Beaver colony and we have run a full programme of activities. We presently have almost 30 Beavers in the colony.

We started the Autumn Term by welcoming 7 new Beavers.

The first badge we started working towards was the International badge, which involved us learning greetings in other languages, making flags & trying a variety of cuisines from around the world.

As part of the Faith Badge we visited the local Mosque who made us very welcome and gave an interesting talk about their culture & religion & the leaders were all gifted a copy of the Koran.

In November we had our annual sleepover. We started the day with a trip to Horniman Museum in Forest Hill, which included a visit to their aquarium. We had a picnic lunch in the adjoining park mid-way through the day. The Beavers enjoyed the train journey to & from the museum. On return 5 Beavers went home after dinner but we had a further 17 who stayed for the sleepover & enjoyed creative activities & a film before bed.



We ended the year with a Christmas themed fancy dress party.

In the Spring Term we covered the new Money skills badge and were amazed that most of the Beavers had never seen a cheque and thought phones were the most common payment method used today.

The Beavers had a fun evening celebrating Chinese New Year doing the Dragon dance with the

Dragon kindly loaned to us by the Cubs. As usual the pancake making for Shrove Tuesday was a lot of fun & mess.

In May the Beavers joined the Group Camp celebrating 115 years of 1St Wallington Scout Group. The Beavers had a fabulous time sleeping over in huts, tunnelling, climbing, bouncing on a trampoline & singing around the campfire. Their parents joined us for a BBQ before taking home their very muddy worn out children.

The Summer Term started with our Coronation celebration crafts evening, most of the Beavers went home with crowns & flags. We spent most of the Summer outside with visits to the Ecology Centre & Queen Marys Woodland. For Grass sledging, team games & our Sports Day we spend the evening in Carshalton Park.

We always welcome parent help and would like to say a big thank you to all the parents who have volunteered over the last year as we wouldn't be able to run such a varied programme without your help.

Thank you to Deborah, Wayne and our young DofE helpers Dylan, Aoife, Charlotte & Isla.

Selam Davies & Linda Joiner
Beaver Leader & Assistant Beaver Leader

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The Pack

The Cub section has stayed steady with numbers over the past year and after all the moves and changes this term we will still have over 30 Cubs on the books.

Group Camp

Sixteen Cubs were able to join the fun weekend at Blacklands Farm for the 115 years Celebration Camp. They took part in lots of different activities over the two days including Archery, Gladiator Challenge, Tunnels



It was great to have the parents join us on the Sunday for the BBQ before they all headed home.

Summer Camp

This year we were able to join with the Scouts for the full week of Summer Camp at Woodhouse Park. Fourteen Cubs were able to attend for a great week even if the weather was not kind to us. There was a lot of onsite activities for them all to take part in; Adventure Course, Remote Control Cars, Tomahawk Throwing, Laser Tag, Waterslide, Bouldering, Sumo Suits and Flintstone Carts.





We also had some off-site activities. Our planned hike had to be cancelled due to bad weather, so we spent a day at Wookey Hole instead with a walk around the caves before a game of crazy golf and a circus show.

On the Friday we went to Portishead outdoor swimming pool before having a fish and chip supper on the beach.



We all had a great week away. Thanks to Paul and Steph for feeding us so well all week and to the Scout and Cub leaders for making it so much fun for all.



Activities & Badgework

We have had a busy time over the last year with badgework and activities. We made visits to All Saints Church for the My Faith badge and to the Muslim Cultural & Welfare Association for the World Faith badge. We also had a visit to Wallington Fire Station.

We have also had a couple of evening hikes from either Oaks Park or Beddington Park back to the Scout Hut. The Cubs all learnt some First Aid as we covered the first few stages of the Emergency Aid Badge.



Everyone enjoyed working on the Gardeners Badge as we created our Cub Patch outside the hut.

We have also covered the DIY, Athletics, Pioneer and Scientist Badges.

For Chinese New Year we built a Dragon costume before all the Cubs did a dragon dance. Special mention goes to Raksha our Creative Director!!





We also had a very interesting visit from a lady that keeps bees to tell us all about them and their life cycle. We even got to try some of her own honey.

At Christmas we learnt about the growing need for Foodbanks and what they can provide for people. Thank you to everyone that was able to donate to our collection that we delivered to Sutton Foodbank.

Leadership Team

With the Cub Section remaining full we rely on our Leadership team to deliver the programme throughout the year. So my thanks to Bagheera (Graham), Raksha (Debra), Baloo (Wayne) and Jakala (Richard) for all their help. Thanks also to our growing tribe of young Leaders. Jack, Hannah, and Kai will be joined this term by Tudor.

Thank You

We are very lucky that all the Cubs that attend do so with a keen and enquiring mind. They are always quick to join in and try new things. Thank you to the parents for their support both when we send things home or ask for things to be brought in. We are looking forward to the upcoming term and hopefully continuing to give all the Cubs new skills for life.

Mark Dennis
Akela

SCOUTS

The Autumn term of 2022 saw us complete the Emergency Aid badge, take part in the Sutton District Night Adventure Competition, fire work nights, and our annual trip to Hampton Court for Christmas ice skating.



The spring term of 2023 saw us kick off with a tie dye night, Chinese new year, pancake day and working on our map reading skills in preparation for the expedition challenge in the summer term.



We started off the summer term with a weekend camp at Blacklands Farm with the rest of the group in celebration of our 115th year of 1st Wallington, followed by a tea party for the Kings coronation, backwards cooking at Oaks Park, and the favourite water slide. The older Scouts also completed their expedition challenge, working towards their Chief Scout Gold Award.



We also had some Scouts join the District Gorge walking trip which they thoroughly enjoyed.

The summer holidays saw us heading off camping with the Cubs to Woodhouse Park. We had changeable weather throughout the week, but the Cubs & Scouts took it in their stride and carried on with cooking, pioneering and learning some camp skills (wood cutting, knots and lashings, first aid).



The Scouts had a go at caving down Goats Church Cavern and Swildons hole. We finished the week off with fish & chips on the beach at Clevedon.

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David Pearcy
Scout Leader

EXPLORERS

The Explorers have had a busy year with multiple international trips, district meet ups and of course DofE! We had 30 Explorers in the unit in Autumn and 3 scouts from 1st Wallington move up to us who have settled in nicely.

The Autumn term was very busy with Youth Parliament Week (lead by the Explorers), joining the group for Remembrance Parade, learning how to make Haggis, selling Christmas trees and ice skating! We also completed our First Aid training as a unit.



We started of the new year celebrating the life of our loved and very missed Carla – with a great Graffiti night, where we learnt how to spray paint!



The rest of the spring and summer term included: Navigation skills, kayaking, Sedan chair building and racing, ditch hoping, winning the district rounders competition and the waterslide!



The Explorers have been busy travelling the world this summer, we have had Explorers at the South Korean Jamboree and in Denmark at PAGGS.



We have had over 10 Explorers start or continue their DofE Award, with one member starting their Gold!

A big thank you goes out to all the leaders that support the unit, and to all the Explorers that make running the unit so fun!

We also want to thank Tom Barney who has dedicated so many years to Ruskin and scouting, who is taking some time out to be with his family. Thank you Barney!

We look forward to running the unit next year with the addition to 3 new occasional helpers that were Ruskin Explorers: DeeDee, Kiera and Luca!

Emily Lewis, Andy Cooper & Jake Love
Ruskin Explorer Scout Unit Leaders

Accounts

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Transfer from Minibus Fund	-	18,529
Transfer from Major Products Fund	-	558
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Donations	3,900	113
Event contributions	6,923	2,039
Fund raising Jumble sale / Jamboree	1,815	563
Other income Hall letting Other	12,366 3,545	9,899 115
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Total receipts	<u>33,852</u>	<u>16,774</u>

General Purposes Fund

Payments for the year ended 31 March 2023

	2022/2023 £	2021/2022 £
Upkeep of hall		
Water rates	93	45
Rates	220	112
Cleaning	2,049	1,857
Gas and electricity	2,473	1,297
Insurance (hall and contents)	2,810	2,733
General maintenance	10,778	686
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	18,423	6,730
Activities	7,609	3,167
Minibus operating costs		
New minibus	-	19,620
Insurance	945	926
Other costs	2,074	1,612
Other expenditure	-	452
Hoodies		
Scout hall broadband	403	403
Fundraising costs	727	1,380
Scarves, woggles and records books	691	488
Accountancy fees	600	600
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Total payments	31,472	35,378

Major Projects Fund

Receipts and payments account summary for the year ended 31 March 2023

	2022/2023 £	2021/2022 £
Total receipts	-	-
Total payments – general maintenance	43,000	-
Net receipts/payments	(43,000)	-
Transfer form investment assets	43,000	
Monetary balance at 1 April 2022	-	-
Monetary balance at 31 March 2023	-	-

Statement of assets and liabilities as at 31 March 2023

		2022/2023 £	2021/2022 £
Monetary assets	TSB Treasurer's Account	-	-
		-	-
Investment assets	FP CAF UK Equity Fund B - Accumulation Units 23,597.5526 units (2021/2022: 23,597.5526 units)	48,450	48,941
	M&G Equities Investment Fund for Charities - Accumulation Units 63.308 units (2021/2022: 210.233 units)	18,325	62,390
		66,775	111,331
Liabilities			

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RC Legacy Fund

Receipts and payments account summary for the year ended 31 March 2023

	2022/2023 £	2021/2022 £
Total receipts	-	-
Total payments	-	-
Net receipts/payments	-	-
Transfers between funds	-	(558)
Monetary balance at 1 April 2022	-	558
Monetary balance at 31 March 2023	-	-

Statement of assets and liabilities as at 31 March 2023

	2022/2023	2021/2022
	£	£
Monetary assets TSB Treasurer's Account	-	-
Liabilities	-	-

Non-monetary assets: £Nil

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Minibus Fund

Receipts and payments account summary for the year ended 31 March 2023

	2022/2023 £	2021/2022 £
Receipts		
Sale of old minibus	-	3,800
Donations	-	-
Interest from NS&I Investment Account	-	-
	-	3,800
Transfer to General Fund	-	(18,529)
	-	(14,729)
Monetary balance at 1 April 2022	-	14,729
Monetary balance at 31 March 2023	-	-

Statement of assets and liabilities as at 31 March 2023

	2022/2023 £	2021/2022 £
Monetary assets		
TSB Treasurer's Account	-	-
Liabilities	-	-

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Report to the trustees of 1st Wallington Scout Group – Registered Charity 303847 Accounts for the year ended 31 March 2023

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 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 Commission (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 statement My examination was carried out in accordance with general Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from the 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 material matters have come to my attention which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act or
- the accounts do not accord with the accounting records

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

Signed

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October 2023