

1ST SHIPLEY SCOUT GROUP

England & Wales · Charity number 305903

Details

Other names	1ST SHIPLEY AND SOUTHWATER SCOUT GROUP, 1ST SHIPLEY SCOUT GROUP
Status	Registered
Legal form	Other
Registered	1977-03-14
Register	View on the Charity Commission register

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Activities

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

Activities: Scouting for young people

Classification

- **How:** Makes Grants To Organisations, Provides Human Resources
- **What:** Education/training, Religious Activities, Arts/culture/heritage/science, Amateur Sport, Animals, Environment/conservation/heritage
- **Who:** Children/young People, Other Charities Or Voluntary Bodies

Geography

- West Sussex

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-03-31	£36,343	£61,740	-	-
2024-03-31	£27,916	£21,630	-	-
2023-03-31	£23,738	£34,493	-	-
2022-03-31	£28,167	£45,161	-	-
2021-03-31	£25,753	£23,902	-	-
2020-03-31	£22,509	£26,619	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
PETER JOHN SUTTON	Chair	
Adrian Marshall		2025-01-26
Christopher James Sutton		2026-01-01
Elizabeth Rose Moyse		2026-01-01
Harriet Lucy Swetman		2026-01-01
Heather Mortlock		2026-01-01
Ian Philips		2026-01-01
Karen Cooper		2026-01-01
Lisa Lowe		2026-01-01
MARIA WOODS		
MR TIM PHILLIPS		

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Scout Regn. No. 17550 Charity No. 305903

2025 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

NOTICE & AGENDA of 1ST SHIPLEY SCOUT COUNCIL

and

2024/2025 ANNUAL REPORT

WEDNESDAY 17th SEPTEMBER 2025

1ST SHIPLEY SCOUT COUNCIL

Annual General Meeting

Wednesday 17th September at 7 pm
Shipley Scout Hut

AGENDA

1. Introduction and welcome

2. Apologies for absence

3. Governance topics

- a. Approve the minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 17/07/2024
- b. Adopt the model constitution from Policy, Organisation and Rules (POR)
- c. Note the Group's financial year. April - April
- 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 the previous year

- a. Group Leader's reports -
Beavers
Cubs
Scouts
Explorers

The Group Lead Volunteer's/Chair review of Scouts in the 1st Shipley Scout Group

- b. The annual Statement of Accounts
- c. Receive and consider the Annual Report of the Group Trustee Board

5. Making appointments

- a. Appoint Group Chair
- b. Appoint Group Treasurer
- c. Appoint members of the Group Trustee Board
- d. Appoint Independent Auditor

6. Closing remarks

1st Shipley Scout Council

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting

Wednesday 17th July 2024

Those Present

Representatives present from the Scout Council, Leaders and parents, including P. Sutton, A. Marshall, J. Peters, T. Phillips, M. Woods, K. Cooper, C. Sutton, L. Moyse, I Smith, Jack Woods

Apologies for absence

No apologies were received.

Governance topics

Minutes of the last AGM were received and approved.

Model constitution adopted from Policy, Organisation and Rules (POR).

Group's financial year noted as being April to April.

Agreed 10 members to be appointed to the Trustee Board.

The quorum for future meetings of the Group Scout Council agreed.
(3 meetings per year at 1st Shipley Scout HQ)

Matters arising

No matters arising from the previous minutes.

Review of the previous year

Group Leader's reports given for Beavers, Cubs, Scouts and Explorers.

The Group Lead Volunteer's/Chair review report given.

Annual Report of the Group Trustee Board, including the annual Statement of Accounts given and considered.

Making appointments

P. Sutton appointed as Group Chair.

C. Minall appointed as Group Treasurer.

Members of the Group Trustee Board appointed:

Peter Sutton, Adrian Marshal, Julian Peters, Tim Philips, Lisa Lowe, Karen Cooper,
Christopher Sutton, Maria Woods, Ian Smith, Jack Woods

Independent Auditor appointed, Michael Power

Closing remarks

No further closing remarks.



Beavers Leader's Report

We started the Autumn term with a full colony of 24 Beavers and took advantage of the dry evenings by hunting for bats, going on a walk and having a campfire. We held our annual jumble sale, raising a big lump of cash and introduced the idea of recycling more than a milk bottle and a cereal box, the beavers enjoyed handling money and were happy to donate unwanted toys, well most were!! Before we knew it the evenings had drawn in and we snuggled in making corn dollies, cooked up vegetable soup, made poppies for remembrance and decorated biscuits for bonfire night. Fireworks at Shipley are the best and last year they went off with a bang, the field was packed with excited children and parents. The hot dogs and burgers were delicious, and everyone had a great time.... don't miss this year's display.

Christmas is another Shipley highlight, with The Christingle, this year due to new rules we had to do things a little differently, however it worked well, no one got burnt and everyone enjoyed the event. Carol Singing is great fun, you should all try it at least once, we get fed on seasonal treats, sing traditional carols sometimes in tune and raise lots of money for this fabulous group. The Beavers decided to do something a bit different and enjoyed a campfire instead of a party, we invited another group from this district and had hot dogs, hot chocolate and loads of fun singing and getting to meet other beavers.

The Spring term saw us celebrating Australia and China with cooking and craft activities. We made animals, vehicles and buildings out of Lego. We decorated biscuits for our loved ones, flipped pancakes and checked out the birds visiting the fields around the hut. We had the best time in the caves at Colgate, everyone that went in, came out with a smile ...even Chestnut! We had a fantastic sleepover, taking the minibus to Arundel WWT. The beavers had an exciting boat ride looking out for fish and birds of prey soaring above the wetland. We checked out the pelicans, wow they are huge in real life and identified many different breeds of duck. Everyone slept well that night after supper of spaghetti bolognese and garlic bread. We watched a film with hot chocolate and popcorn. We ended the term celebrating our wonderful Mums and Easter.

The summer term is always full on, and it started on a hot Sunday celebrating St George in Horsham with the district, always a proud moment seeing everyone parade through the town. We walked to the blue bells, cooked on a campfire, hunted for mini beasts, made junk model boats and sailed them at Southwater, had a great

quiz with our wonderful Dads and litter picked at Sumners ponds. Pond dipping at Warnham was a hit with all the beavers, and despite there not being very much water we caught loads of fish and other beasties.

We ended the year with a joint evening with the scouts, cubs and explorers. We are so lucky to have local police willing to give up an evening to educate and entertain the youngsters. They showed us the trucks, and some amazing kit to help keep everyone safe, and if someone gets lost the most up to date drone to support the ground crew. We all had a go at tracking someone. Our wonderful Executive team provided a yummy BBQ and refreshments finishing the term in true Shipley style. I proudly handed out 100s of well-deserved badges, including 10 Bronze awards, well done beavers. Very sadly we said goodbye to Lee AKA Sycamore, a much loved and huge part of the beaver team, we shall miss him so much but wish him well in his new adventures.

I am so proud to be part of this fabulous group, it's been great fun helping out with other sections this year, it wouldn't be what it is without the hard work of all our leaders, thank you team and the behind-the-scenes work of the executive team. Thank you all for everything you do to support each section, thank you to you guys the parents who trust us with your precious children, who without we wouldn't have a group.



CUB LEADER'S REPORT

As at 31st August 2025 the Cubs had 14 on the register, with one Cub leaving over the summer break for pastures new. We have had a further (4)? Beavers swim up and join us this term.

The past 12 months has been busy with the cubs starting back in September 2024 with some shelter building in the woods and caving at Colgate. We assisted with the annual water station for the Barns Green Half Marathon. October saw the cubs carrying out experiments to complete their Science badge and a Halloween party. November brought about what has become a very successful 1st Shipley Fireworks evening and the cubs had fun cooking pizzas, completing their hobbies and or collectors badges and attending the annual service of Remembrance. A highlight during November was a visit from PCSO Damian Cecil who visited the hut with one of the Police vans. The cubs had a very enjoyable evening looking through the van and hearing about the vital work the Police do to keep us all safe. In December we had our Christmas party, along with attending Christingle and some carol singing around Shipley.

January 2025 soon came round, and the Cubs looked at home safety and communication. We celebrated Chinese New Year in a way the Cubs love, by tasting lots of different food, making snakes and playing games. February saw the Air rifles come out and the chance for some shooting practice. It is fair to say that this is an event the Cubs have really come to enjoy, and we have some pretty good shooters out there. After the half term break the Cubs visited Horsham Museum and had the opportunity to look around during the quieter hours of the evening. We had some pancakes and held our own sports evening. Just before the Easter break the cubs had an evening of crafting for Mother's day.

After the Easter break cubs returned to the St Georges day Parade in town and had an evening of activities making shields. We had a beautiful walk in the bluebell woods in Thakeham and an evening of erecting tents ready for the camp. Cub camp this year was held in June and we had a group who participated in an incident style hike around Rudgwick. This saw the cubs complete challenges such as identifying knots, memory games and walking miles on what seemed to be the hottest day of the year.

We finished up the year with the Highland Games lead by Shere Khan, some Father'sDay activities, camp fire, shooting and axe throwing. Our final evening in

July we once again welcomed PCSO Damian Cecil and friends. This time we were treated along with beavers, some Scouts and Explorers to a demonstration of the Police Drone, all washed down with hotdogs and squash.

The next few months are proving to be just as exciting with more food, campfires and exciting activities. We do however, have to thank the fantastic team that is 1st Shipley, whom without them we would not have the amazing facilities in which to carry out these activities.

I also wish to thank the Cub leadership team and the wider Shipley community for all the assistance they provide to give our young people the skills and guidance to navigate their way through life.



Scouts Leadership Team Report

Since January, we have welcomed a new leadership team made up of Jack, Harri and Chris (AKA Dux). After a short settling-in period, we've delivered a busy and varied programme, balancing ideas suggested by our Scouts at the start of term with activities aimed at supporting the Scouts to progress towards badges and awards.

Programme Highlights

The spring term saw a wide variety of activities, including starting a time capsule project, compass and map skills, cultural celebrations (Burns Night and Lunar New Year), as well as a two-part shooting and fire skills evenings. We also explored Scout Values as part of the World Challenge Badge, developed practical skills with camp planning, outdoor cooking, pioneering, and hikes, and enjoyed creative and fun activities such as stop-motion filmmaking, wide games, and an Easter egg hunt.

The summer term built on this momentum, with highlights including personal challenge nights, raft building pioneering practice, a joint "Triathlon" evening with Paladin Explorers and water games to keep cool on some of the warmest evenings. A particular highlight was our two-night back-to-basics camp at the Shipley site in June, which was thoroughly enjoyed by all who attended and gave Scouts the chance to develop some core outdoor and teamwork skills in a camp setting.

Membership & Achievements

- Current troop size at 25 Scouts – a really healthy size – we welcome all and any additional adult volunteers.
- 10 new Scouts invested this year so far (8 in January, and 2 at the end of the summer).
- 5 more due to be invested in the coming weeks.
- 7 Scouts moved on at the end of the summer, with 4–5 continuing with Paladin Explorers.
- We are working closely with Paladin leaders to support 3–4 Scouts aiming for their Gold Chief Scout Award – a significant milestone!
- Lastly, Dux has successfully completed all the necessary requirements to re-certify as a Nights Away permit holder, pending final approval. This will enable the troop to continue planning and delivering a wide range of overnight events and activities in the future.

Thanks & Acknowledgements

We are very grateful for the continued support of our parent network, which helps make such a wide programme possible. In particular, we would like to thank Gavin, who has been a regular helper throughout the year and has agreed to continue supporting on-going at least until Christmas. His contribution has been invaluable, and we are so grateful.

Looking Ahead

We have another action-packed programme of activities planned for the coming months. Aspirations include entering a team in the Horsham District Two Rings Hike in November, a visit to Horsham Fire Training Centre, and further badgework activities to help Scouts progress. We also hope to run another overnight camp in October, building on the success of our summer camp. With an enthusiastic leadership team, a fab and keen troop of Scouts and supportive parents, we are excited for the term (and year) ahead.



Paladin Leader's Report

I'm afraid I can't be here for the meeting today, so I have politely forced someone to read this on my behalf. To tell you the truth, it's a real relief to get away from scouting for a week, so I'm sure camping in the rain will help take my mind off it nicely... We really don't help ourselves at 1st Shipley do we.

Explorer members are aged between fourteen and eighteen. This may not sound like a particularly large age gap at all, but from our experience over the years we've seen that though not long, this is one of the most vital gaps in anyone's development. As our members grow, we aim to encourage more and more independence and responsibility within the unit and let them truly feel like they have some sway over the wider group. As they progress through scouting the activities change and develop as much as they do, once they reach us the scope of activities we're able to take part in are endless, just as long as we've got a bit of budget left and the minibus hasn't been booked out already.

This year at Paladin we have had the chance to take on new experiences and challenge ourselves more than ever. To cherry pick a few highlights of ours, we've learned to make chocolate (in a partially messy evening) and made balloon animals (in a particularly loud one). I'm afraid some of the 'creations' from the balloon animals night wouldn't have been very appropriate to share on the Facebook group, I can only apologize.

We've taken part in some cabin crew training and cooked so many amazing things on our firepit that Gordon Ramsey has been seen peeping over the hedge on occasion, I hope he has a DBS check. As the summer months drew in we took on more and more adventurous activities, kayaking and tennis tournaments remaining some firm favourites. We ended our summer term with a full 'Taskmaster' weekend extravaganza which was a wonderful way to sign off before the break.

Of course none of what we provide for our members at scouts would be possible without the time and effort that all of our leaders put in behind the scenes at 1st Shipley for each of the sections, I can't thank our leaders at Paladin enough for all they do, Ellie, Doug and Sam are absolutely fantastic we couldn't do it without them. Their ideas and energy on our evenings are something to behold. One thing that's been special about this year has also been the stronger links we've started to form with the scouts through our joint evenings. Harri, Chris and Jack are proving to be quite the trio and I know we're all delighted to have them as part of our 1st Shipley team. Looking forward, we're thrilled to be taking on four new members this term

and can't wait to see what ideas and thoughts they bring to the section. We've got an action-packed programme coming up this term, probably just a slightly damper one than the last. One thing we can always rely on at 1st Shipley is our loyalty, every section seems to be firing on all cylinders and no matter which age group we're dealing with, we're all in the same boat, let's just hope it floats!



Joint Lead Volunteer and Chair Report

It's hard to believe another year has passed at 1st Shipley, as always, another year full of exciting adventures and plenty going on behind the scenes too.

Our scouting year started as always after our AGM in September our first few months were packed as you have heard, with exciting and innovative activities, but more about that later.

The Autumn term and build up to Christmas is always a busy time. I think as the nights draw in and we don't have the advantage of light evenings it's when we really appreciate the wonderful HQ we have.

Autumn really felt like it had arrived as every section got involved with the Barns Green Half Marathon, whether running the water station at HQ or marshalling a location on the run. This has been a tradition for many years at 1st Shipley with leaders, trustees and young people all working together, great fun and lovely to part of the community, I know it's really appreciated.

Our annual Jumble Sale at HQ promoted by Maria and the Beaver team was a huge success. I think I'm right in saying this raised the most amount ever, which was amazing, thanks so much.

Armistice Day followed shortly after with all sections taking part. A lovely and very thought-provoking service took place with our uniformed leaders and young people taking centre stage. I am always so proud of our troop's involvement in this very important tribute to those who fought for our freedom.

Firework night followed on with another mega display, delicious food and camaraderie. When you see all the smiling faces of all involved it reminds you why you are involved in scouting in the first place.

No sooner had we put out the last sparkler we were all on to thinking about Christmas. Events kicked off with a beautiful Christingle service followed by a very Christmasy fayre back at the hall.

Once again we entertained lots of our valuable supporters with our beautiful carol singing. We had good turn outs most of the time and when we didn't, we just sung loud and proud... I think we got away with it. As always on our last night of Carol

singing culminated in our famous Christmas raffle, which was particularly awesome this year. Christmas also wouldn't be Christmas without Christopher and Luke's 'Christmas video'. This year was particularly funny and even had a starring role for the vicar. Good luck guys in trying to up the ante this year, last year's will be a hard one to follow.

At this point I just want to take a moment to praise our incredible leaders, each week they give up their own time to create and run wonderful programmes for the young people. I know to those not involved in the sharp end of Scouting that you might think they only give up an evening. For those who know the truth however, scouting preparation can be a very time-consuming activity, lots of admin, training and organisation, all needed to run a fun programme. Thank you so much team you really are appreciated; you are creating memories that these young people will treasure for a lifetime.

We are also very lucky to have Ade as our Lead Volunteer, his passion for the role is inspiring, he helps steer the Shipley Ship with care and dedication, often behind the scenes his volume of work is invaluable but seldom acknowledged. Adrian really is an unsung hero of our troop, thank you so much, truly appreciated.

Behind the scenes there is also a contingent of non-uniformed supporters, trustees and group advisors who work very hard too. These people help all the sections when needed and are very proactive in the management of the group. As you will appreciate the governance of our group is a significant challenge as is the funding of the group.

Fund raising is a significant part of the responsibility of our non-uniformed contingent, from grant applications to marquee jobs, these folk are invaluable, thank you so much team you are amazing.

Special thanks go to Julian, like Adrian he supports the troop in so many ways, his generosity is overwhelming and it's fair to say he has forgotten more about scouting than most of us will ever know. Thanks so much JP your efforts are truly appreciated.

Our HQ is beautiful as we all know, it's also unique, we are very lucky, but the upkeep and financial implications are a constant challenge. I'm pleased to say that some of the grant money we have secured is being spent on maintaining a safe environment to future proof our HQ for many years to come. The work isn't finished yet but is underway. Thanks to everyone involved in guiding this process, it's a complex procedure and has taken lots of expertise.

Sadly we lost Jose Philips this year, a lifelong supporter of 1st Shipley. As you know her husband Bob passed the year before and as with Bobs funeral, we provided a guard of honour at the ceremony. Whilst so sad to lose them both what an incredible inspiration they were to our troop, they will not be forgotten.

As to the future I'm very optimistic. We have the best leaders and trustees in the universe; we have the ultimate HQ and most importantly the momentum to build on our achievements.

We have also launched a new Squirrel section just last Saturday with our wonderful

new leader Heather. We couldn't believe the demand, it's been incredible.

So here's to another exciting chapter at 1st Shipley where we make magic happen and create wonderful memories for all involved, I'm honoured to be part of the story.

Election of Officers and Trustee board

The following are willing to re-stand for the following year, all nominated by Adrian Marshall and will form the Trustee Board

Group Chair

Peter Sutton

Treasurer

Ade Marshall (acting)

Trustee Board

Tim Phillips, Lisa Lowe, Ian Philips, Julian Peters , Maria Woods, Karen Cooper, Harriet Swetman, Christopher Sutton

Annual Statement
1st Shipley Scouts

Year end date

01.04.2024	31.03.2025
B/D	£ 9,304.95

Receipts

£

Receipts

Membership subscriptions SUBS	£ 8,272.00
Donations	£ 11,391.41
Uniform	£ 101.00
Gift Aid	£ -
Camp	£ 1,467.05
Extra Activities	£ 170.00

Sub total

£ 21,401.46

Fundraising (gross)

Marques/ Hall Hire	£ 7,565.00
Fairs and Fetes	£ 73.35
other accivities (Raffle)	£ -
Events Carol Signing	£ -
Events Fireworks	£ 2,303.39

Sub total

£ 9,941.74

Bank interest

GRANT FOR SOLAR PANNELS	£ 5,000.00
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Sub total

£ 5,000.00

Total Gross Income

£ 36,343.20

Asset and investment sales, etc.

£ **-**

Refund course

£ **25,397.14**

Total receipts

£ 61,740.34

1st Shipley Scouts

Payments

£

Payments

Refunds		
Utilities	£	3,047.22
Horsham Waste Collection	£	520.42
Insurance	£	4,153.12
Repairs and Renewals	£	9,948.72
Raffel	£	270.00
Uniform/ Badges	£	726.77
Cleaning	£	649.93
Session Activities (Petty Cash)	£	1,694.27
Camp	£	1,522.16
Capitation	£	3,498.00
Donations	£	-
training	£	-
Expenses	£	1,984.28
Road Tax Mini Bus	£	723.48

Sub total

£ 28,738.37

Fundraising expenses

Other fundraising costs (Events)	£	81.61
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Sub total

£ 81.61

Total Gross Expenditure

£ 28,819.98

Asset Equipment

£ -

Total payments

£ 28,819.98

Net of receipts/(payments)

£ 32,920.36

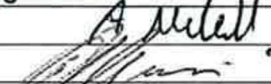
Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the year

£

Cash funds	
Bank current account	£ 41,262.67
Bank current account Scouts	£ 962.64
Total cash funds	£ 42,225.31
Non monetary assets for charity's own use	
Land and buildings	£ -
Scouting equipment, tent	
	£ -
Sub total	£ -

The above receipts and payments account and statement of assets and liabilities were approved by the Trustees on 27th April 2026 (the date of the Executive Committee meeting that approved the accounts) and signed on their behalf by

Signatu



TREASURER

Group Chair

Independent Examination report

I report on the accounts of 1st Shipley Scout Group for the period ended 31 March 2025 set out on pages 17 to 19

Respective Responsibilities of the Committee Members and Examiner

The directors are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. It is my responsibility to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

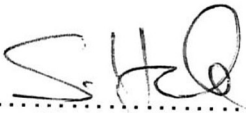

Basis of Independent Examiner's Report

An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the Society and a comparison of the accounts with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as committee members concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required for an audit and consequently I do not express an audit opinion on the view given by the accounts.

Independent Examiner's Statement

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

1. which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the Society has not kept reasonable accounting records or prepared accounts which accord with the accounting records; or
2. to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed  Dated..... 

Steve Hale FCA FCCA
Perrys Audit Limited
Churchdown Chambers
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Shipley Scout Hut

AGENDA

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- 2. Apologies for absence**
- 3. Governance topics**
 - a. Approve the minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 06/09/2023
 - 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 the previous year**
 - a. Group Leader's reports -
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 - b. Receive and consider the Annual Report of the Group Trustee Board, including the annual Statement of Accounts
- 5. Making appointments**
 - a. Appoint Group Chair
 - b. Appoint Group Treasurer
 - c. Appoint members of the Group Trustee Board
 - d. Appoint Independent Auditor
- 6. Closing remarks**

1st Shipley Scout Group

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting

Wednesday 6th September 2023

Those Present

Representatives present from the Executive Committee, Leaders and parents, including P. Sutton, A. Marshall, J. Peters, M. Woods, K. Cooper, C. Sutton, D. Cannons, P. Tilley, L. Moyse

Apologies

No apologies were received.

Minutes of Last Annual General Meeting

Minutes of the last AGM were received and approved, proposed by M. Woods and seconded by C. Sutton.

Matters Arising

No matters arising from the previous minutes.

Section Leaders' Reports

Beavers

M. Woods reported, full colony with many exciting activities completed plus a full programme planned. Thanks given to everyone for their support.

Cubs

K. Cooper reported, 24 Cubs on the register. Full programme including badge work. Exec and Leaders thanked for their help and support.

Scouts

D. Cannon reported, 31 Scouts on the register, full programme achieved including a camp. Three Chief Scout Gold Awards presented. Many further activities planned.

Paladin

L. Moyse reported, group running very well with many activities including camps and hikes, full programme planned. Thanks given to everyone for their help and support.

Group Scout Leader & Chairman's Report

P. Sutton highlighted some of the activities and achievements of 1st Shipley over the past year, including Firework night and Christmas events. The new shower block nearing completion and an official opening launch planned. Thanks given to all the young people, parents, Leaders, helpers and members of the Exec.

Treasurer's Report & Accounts 2022/2023

P. Sutton read report on behalf of the Treasurer.

Adoption of Annual Report & Accounts

Accounts will be sent off to M. Powers for final sign-off.

Election of Officers

P. Sutton surrendered the Chair and handed over to A. Marshall. Executive Committee members were re-elected on mass, nominated by A. Marshall and seconded by M. Woods.

S. Sutton was not re-elected.

Chair handed back to P. Sutton.

AOB

No AOB

Meeting closed



Beavers Leader's Report

We started the year with a full colony of Beavers and enjoyed looking at everyone's photographs from the summer term. We had a professional photographer visit us and he judged our fabulous pictures. We all sang aloud at the district campfire, learning new songs and seeing friends from other colonies. Julian bought his bat detector, and we looked high in the sky but alas we did not see or hear any ... maybe the Beavers were just too noisy on this occasion.

We had a brilliant sleepover, travelling by train to Amberley working museum. We had a wonderful day travelling around the site by bus, train and on foot. The Beavers did some printing, and they all earned their nights away and exploring badges. The traditional Shipley bonfire night was a great success, and the Beavers enjoyed making popcorn and biscuits to sell.

We all snuggled down in the hut after half term making Christmas cakes and sewing poppies for remembrance, the colony looked very smart in church, and I am very proud of all of those who turned out; a special mention must go to Harry for carrying the flag.

The Beavers wanted to raise some money for the group, and after much discussion it was decided we hold a jumble sale. What a fabulous morning it was, we had loads of buying visitors and raised a whopping £800... please start saving your unwanted stuff as we are going to do it again this year.

Christmas is always magical at Shipley; the Christingle was a huge success, seeing all of the flickering candles in a dark church is just incredibly special. Carol singing warms the heart and the snacks on offer fill our tummies with delicious treats as well as raising funds for the group. The Beavers decorated Christmas cakes, which were fabulous, and I am sure enjoyed by all who got to eat them. Spring arrived and we got stuck into our international badge, learning about Australia, and celebrating Chinese New Year. We worked towards our builders and experiments badges, celebrated our Mums, making them cups of tea and handing out flowerpots, beautifully painted and lovingly put together by the Beavers. We shared our hobbies and collections and made bird feeders for our feathered friends. I do not think I have ever done such a muddy walk, we stepped into some very deep puddles and the mud in places was up to our knees, but it was great fun and we all laughed lots.

I was honoured to be asked to carry a flag at our dear Bob's funeral; 1st Shipley certainly would have made him very proud.

During the summer term we completed our builder's badge by making junk model boats and taking them to Southwater country park to sail them, the weather was hot but we only paddled! We took part in the Annual St George's day parade in Horsham, a different set-up to the usual but it was still enjoyable, and we could hear the band. Toby carried the flag and made me proud of our colony who were all very smart.

The Beavers have done some first aid, hopefully they will now be able to bandage a bleed and put someone in the recovery position. They now all know how to dial the emergency services and were very excited when we had a visit from Billingshurst fire crew...even Flo's eyes lit up! It was a planned visit. We have done some delicious camp cooking and made roasties and enjoyed a warm evening at Warnham nature reserve pond dipping. We had a great sleepover, this term sleeping in Dial Post village hall, such excitement. The Beavers enjoyed a fish and chip supper and a film. An early start meant we were well on our way to The Blue Bell railway to experience a full day of train rides, picnics and ice cream. We even met some dinosaurs...

As the year comes to an end, I would like to thank my wonderful leaders Katherine, Lee and Flossie as without them we would not have such a great programme of opportunity, adventure, fun and laughter. We really are a great team within the bigger team of the amazing executive committee, led by Pete and our fabulous GSLs Ade and Julian. They are always supporting our programmes, maintaining our beautiful hut and grounds, putting up marquees and being there to organise us all.



Cubs Leader's Report

The cubs have had a very busy year, the Autumn term flew in with a session making paper planes and racing them to find out which design was the most aerodynamic. We had visitors in to talk about green living and recycling and Cog Dog came to show us how to mend a puncture on our bikes. We litter picked in the community and had a fabulous camp, sleeping in the hut and visiting Wings Museum. All cubs who attended earned their Air activities badge.

As the evenings got darker, we celebrated Bonfire night with the traditional fireworks and painted poppies on pebbles to remember the soldiers who died for our country. The cubs took to caving very quickly when we visited to artificial cave at Colgate. Flo buried herself in the ball pit and surprised one or two cubs as they slid into the chamber. We then designed and made pizza, this was a great success - cubs love pizza!

The spring term was wet, but it did not stop us having fun, we made the most of the hut with still life drawing, team challenges and making bird feeders. Our sixers took charge and came up with some great things to make and do, including origami and kite making. We all enjoyed a tasty treat when we made and tossed a few pancakes, chocolate spread was the favourite! We had the muddiest hike ever and Flo provided the entertainment when Bear dog pulled her over and then jumped on top of her...I do believe she still has mud in her hair! We did look as though we had been swimming in mud when we returned to the car park for collection.

A trip to the new fire station in Horsham was a highlight, the building and equipment is out of this world, with sensors for this and that, it was all sparkling and new. The cubs got to sit in the fire engines, try on kit and the Fire Team were brilliant, knowledgeable and super friendly. We started the summer term with St George's day parade, we had a well-turned-out pack who made all the leaders proud. We joined in a district event, spending a day at Amberley Working Museum, where we rode on busses, printed cards using an incredibly old printing press, carved woggles from a piece of wood (even the leaders had a go) and took a train ride around the site. We have enjoyed a campfire with smores and singing, made eco rafts and sailed them at Southwater, definitely only paddling, we did have a fun evening. The cubs got creative with wood and pebbles making a Tick tack toe game for their Dads. We searched for butterflies and walked in the local area.

We had a fabulous camp, staying at the hut on Friday night, two hours sleep, and a visiting fox meant we needed to be fuelled by coffee, cereal, and croissants as we drove down to the Weald and Downland Museum, what a wonderful day we had, checking out all of the houses, barns and animals. With time to kill as the museum closed, we all climbed to the top of the Trundle, amazing views and great excitement that we could see the sea. Quick drive back, singing all the way, picked up a fish and chip supper and back to the hut. Another campfire and bed, we were all very tired so

slept well. Woken at 7.30 by the birds we packed up camp and said goodbye to our friends. Looking forward to the next camp already.

Have a great summer, thank you to all the leaders who give up their time to make Tuesday evenings fun.



Scouts Leaders' Report

Autumn term arrives and the scout program begins, with team building, a Storrington walk, our famous ready steady cook night creating a ratatouille dish, build a chair out of paper, night wide games plus learning our scout knots. Many scouts attended the Remembrance Sunday Church service and the Xmas Christingle service at St Mary's church plus our carols around the parish fundraising for the group.

We always like to celebrate the autumn with some amazing costumes for our Halloween party, visited the new Horsham Fire station and learning some fire safety skills.

Badges worked towards this winter term were creative badge, teamwork challenge, skills and chef badge. A few have now moved on, leaving scouts to start their new adventures in our Paladin Explorer Unit. We entered the District Camp cooking competition in October on open fires and walked away with the winning trophy. Winning tickets in January awarded to visit the Escape Rooms in Horsham. A big thank you goes out to The Kings Arms in the Bishopric sponsoring the scout district cooking competition.

Lots of cubs moved up to scouts plus a few this year joining the scouting family with no scouting background. Six of our older scouts completed their Expedition Challenge badge to help them gain their Scout Gold award.

The spring term we said goodbye to leader John Potts but he is always on call if needed and welcomed Paula and Sarah into the scouting family. We explored the Horsham Biffa complex and learned about the Black bin bag recycling. Our personnel challenge badge was set by the leaders to learn Makaton sign language, a visit to St Marys Church bell ringing and an evening of pancake making. Mother's Day was soon upon us and gifts towards their creative challenge badge were made.

We braved the cold nights in March sleeping out in bivvies to raise over £500 for the Tommy Sleep Out challenge. Visited Wings Museum and on the Sunday our scout sponsored hiked from Cissbury ring to Chanctonbury ring raising money for the group.

Now bringing us to the summer term geocaching around Southwater was introduced to the scouts hunting for treasure boxes, another popular ready steady cook with a spicy potato soup and southwestern chicken rice. A couple of sessions of archery

thankyou to Graham from County, who taught them the skills needed, we do have some great archers. Using our knot skills learnt earlier in the year we made our camp gadgets.

A beautiful evening walk, around Knepp estate, following the white route, exploring the tree houses and spotting the local wildlife. Throwing in 5-6 different 1st aid scenarios to keep the scouts on their toes, from sprained ankles to fainting.

As we lead into June, we had Father's Day gifts to prepare decorating chocolate bars, keyrings and bookmarks. Stoolball practise at Coolham playing field preparing us for the parish tournament in July plus our summer camp with 20 scouts attending the weekend, cooking pizzas, full English breakfasts, pancakes, BBQ burgers and sausages and a trip to the Thorpe Lakes Aqua Inflatables. Finishing the month, with wide games at Colgate and den making in the woods.

A big thankyou to all the amazing leaders for the hours of volunteering each week and weekends, planning and teaching the scouts new skills, leaving memories for life.

Our appreciation goes out to the executive team, for all their support and fundraising through the year to make these fantastic opportunities possible for the scouts.



Paladin Leader's Report

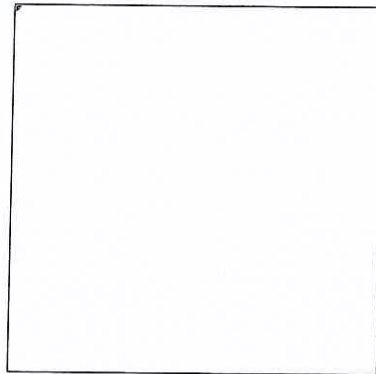
This year we find Paladin made up of almost an entirely fresh bunch of faces, as most of our original group reached the maximum age limit and sadly had to move on, some of which had been with 1st Shipley right from day dot, so this marked quite a milestone and an amazing achievement for all the Leaders, from Beavers onwards, who have helped to guide them over the years. I'm happy to say that we have had multiple new members join us, coming up from Scouts and they were all able to settle in seamlessly without missing a beat and are already valuable members of our team.

Unfortunately, Lizzie made the call to take a break from being a Leader but is still involved in the group and we have already enlisted her help at our axe throwing evening recently (axes courtesy of Julian as you may have guessed)!

We have now officially signed up past members Doug, Sam and Ellie as new Leaders and a new face (also a Sam) who has always been involved with the Scouting world, taking turns in helping out which ensures we always have enough Leaders for whichever activities we are holding. It has helped that we have also changed our evening to a Thursday which means that more members are able to attend regularly.

Since Explorers are that much older, we try our best to keep our activities in tandem with their growing interests and their abilities as they progress through scouting, along with profoundly mature activities, examples of these being 'ultimate frisbee' and pioneering across a particularly long (and some may go as far as to describe as imaginary) river, and plenty more where those came from.

We hope to continue expanding our programme and have many exciting adventures planned and hopefully some extra bonus events during the summer holidays. Thanks to everyone for their help over the past year and we look forward to an exciting future for Paladin and 1st Shipley.



Joint Summary Report from the Group Chairman and Group Scout Leader

If I had to describe the last year at 1st Shipley I would say it has been one of change and transition. New Scout Association rules and regulations, whilst positive in the long term have come as a bit of a jolt making us all think and act differently. It is understandable that when things have been run in a certain way for many years that change is sometimes viewed as an uninvited guest to the party.

The reality is however, the way we are run as a group is here to stay and from what I can see the changes are in place not only to safeguard all involved with scouting but also to enhance the Scouting experience for the young people in our charge. I have no doubt that we will all embrace the new way forward with positivity as 1st Shipley has and always will.

I am once again delighted to talk about some of our many achievements here at 1st Shipley over the last year, which have been considerable. I think sometimes because we are always looking forward adding new challenges that we sometimes don't take a breath to reflect on what's been achieved. In the last 12 months our shower block was finally finished, it had been severely stalled by covid, but Wilmot Dixon stood tall and ultimately delivered an amazing finished and legally sanctioned building beyond our wildest dreams. 1st Shipley held an official opening ceremony attended by many dignitaries and were featured in media coverage both locally and nationally. Thanks once again to everyone who got involved to make this ridiculously ambitious project become a reality.

Alongside the shower block there has been an incredible amount of work done in the Woggle and Compass, our very own fully equipped kitchen and meeting area. This facility enables the troop to manage and facilitate events and functions to an incredibly high standard. The Woggle and Compass was in place at the last AGM but lots of the facilities have been changed and upgraded since then. We now have a facility we are truly proud of, thanks so much especially to Ade, Julian and Pete T for being instrumental in most of that change.

Our outside areas in the last 12 months have also been radically enhanced through monthly working parties initially but also with the help of Steve Alexander and his team at Mapp who have given up so much of their time to make big differences across the board. Steve and his team are also looking into what needs to be done moving forward to secure our buildings safely for generations to come. This activity

will be the next chapter, but for now what a difference a year makes, fantastic, thanks Steve and Mapp.

Once again, a great year for teamwork and fundraising, a wildly successful Jumble Sale, thanks Maria and team, Sponsored walks thanks Debbie and team, as well as our normal fundraising activities such as Christmas, Carol Singing, Raffle, Christmas Fayre, Christmas video and of course Marquee supply throughout the summer, well done and thanks all for giving your time and enthusiasm.

As you have heard our wonderful leaders have once again delivered amazing programmes for our young people. Its only when you hear these reports that you get some idea of what has been achieved and what great memories have been made. On behalf of the young people and all the parents and guardians, thanks so much for all you do, you give up so much of your own time for 1st Shipley and you are truly appreciated.

Election of Officers and Executive Committee

The following are willing to re-stand for the following year, all nominated by Adrian Marshall

Group Chair

Peter Sutton

Treasurer

Clare Minall

Ex Officio

Tim Phillips
Erika Manrique
Steve Alexander
Lisa Lowe
Ian Phillips

Julian Peters – Group Advisor

Jose Phillips – Troup Ambassador

1st Shipley Scouts

Year end date

01.04.2023	31.03.2024
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Receipts

£

Receipts

Membership subscriptions SUBS	£	8,423.50
Donations	£	2,697.19
Uniform	£	242.50
Gift Aid	£	-
Camp	£	3,544.49
Extra Activities	£	66.00

Sub total

£ 14,973.68

Fundraising (gross)

Marques/ Hall Hire	£	6,870.00
Fairs and Fetes	£	2,488.01
other acctivities (Raffle)	£	80.00
Events Carol Signing	£	100.00
Events Fireworks	£	1,236.29

Sub total

£ 10,774.30

Bank interest

Bank transfer from savings	£	2,077.60
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Sub total

£ 2,077.60

Total Gross Income

£ 27,825.58

Asset and investment sales, etc.

£ -

Refund course

£ 90.00

Total receipts

£ 27,915.58

1st Shipley Scouts

Payments

Payments

Refunds		
Utilities	£	1,999.19
Horsham Waste Collection	£	309.55
Insurance	£	5,043.82
Repairs and Renewals	£	1,464.42
Raffel	£	216.00
Uniform/ Badges	£	1,096.88
Cleaning	£	645.00
Session Activities (Petty Cash)	£	1,277.93
Camp	£	3,144.83
Capitation	£	4,453.00
Donations	£	153.98
training	£	90.00
Expenses	£	59.92
Road Tax Mini Bus	£	173.25
Sub total	£	20,127.77

Fundraising expenses

Other fundraising costs (Events)	£	635.87
Sub total	£	635.87

Total Gross Expenditure

	£	20,763.64
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Asset Equipment

	£	866.80
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Total payments

	£	21,630.44
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Net of receipts/(payments)

	£	6,285.14
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Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the year

Cash funds

Bank current account 79801277	£	8,378.55
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Total cash funds

	£	8,378.55
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Non monetary assets for charity's own use

Land and buildings	£	-
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Sub total

	£	-
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The above receipts and payments account and statement of assets and liabilities were approved by the Trustees on the (the date of the Executive Committee meeting)

Signature

<i>Erika Norfolk</i>		TREASURER
		CHAIRMAN
		GSL
		TRUSTEES

1ST SHIPLEY SCOUT GROUP

England & Wales - Charity number 305903

Accounts



1st Shipley Scout Group

Scout Regn. No. 17550 Charity No. 305903

2022 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

NOTICE & AGENDA

and

2021/2022 ANNUAL REPORT

FRIDAY 7TH OCTOBER 2022

Forward

The Trustees of 1st Shipley Scout Group are pleased to present their Annual Report for the year ending 31st March 2022. The Annual Report details the activities undertaken by 1st Shipley Scout Beavers, Cubs and Scout Sections and the annual accounts that have been independently examined in accordance with the general directions given by the Charities Commission.

Adrian Marshall
Group Scout Leader

Peter Sutton
Group Chairman

List of Trustees

Ex-Officio:
Adrian Marshall GSL

GSL's nomination:
Peter Sutton Group Chairman

1st Shipley Scout Group Executive Committee & Trustees Nominated by the GSL:

Lord Lytton – President of 1st Shipley Scout Group
Peter Sutton – Group Chairman
Julian Peters
Bob Phillips
Jose Phillips

Executive Committee & Trustees elected at the 2021 AGM by the Scout Council:

Paul Cooper – Treasurer
Sandra Sutton – Secretary
Tim Phillips
Sarah Hall
Debbie Boyd

Notice & Agenda

The 1st Shipley Scout Group is holding its Annual General Meeting at the Scout Group Headquarters, Bakers Lane, Dragons Green, Shipley, on Friday 7th October 2022.

Agenda

1. Welcome by Peter Sutton – Group Chairman
 2. Apologies received
 3. Receive and approve Minutes of last Annual General Meeting
 4. Matters arising
 5. Section Leaders' Reports
 6. Group Scout Leader & Chairman's Report
 7. Treasurer's Report & Accounts 2021/2022
 8. Adoption of the Annual Reports and Accounts
 9. Election of Officers
 10. AOB
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1st Shipley Scout Group

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of the 1st Shipley Scout Group 2021

Held at Scout H/Q on Wednesday 29th September 2022

Those Present

P. Sutton, J. Peters, K. Cooper, A. Marshall, P. Cooper, M. Woods, C. Sutton, L. Moyse, S. Sutton, B. Phillips, J. Phillips, T. Phillips

Welcome by P. Sutton.

Apologies received from D. Cannons, J. Ingram-Marriott, D. Boyd, K. Hudson

Minutes of the last AGM were agreed, proposed by P. Cooper and seconded by M. Woods.

No matters arising from the previous minutes.

Leaders' Reports

Beavers

M. Woods reported on some of the highlights over the last year. Full colony, 50/50 mix of boys and girls. Thanks given to everyone for their help.

Cubs

K. Cooper gave her report on the group and the support given to them, despite the Covid lockdown etc.

Scouts

Welcomed Carol to the group. Lots of members invested. Thanks given for everyone's help.

Paladin

Good amount of members with numbers due to increase. Full programme planned, thanks given for help and support.

P. Sutton/A. Marshall

Nobody was prepared for what happened but P. Sutton proud that everyone pulled together during the last year and provided good memories and stability for the young people.

P. Sutton thanked a. Marshall and P. Tilley for their work on the Woggle and Compass.

Work on the shower block progressing.

P. Cooper

Financially the group is in a good place, some grants have been obtained.

J. Peters given Silver Wolf award for outstanding contribution to scouting.

The future is bright for us and for other groups in the district who will benefit from using our facilities.

Adrian Marshall passed on his thanks to everyone who has helped and supported.

P. Sutton surrendered the Chair and handed over to A. Marshall. Everyone re-elected on mass. The Exec was nominated by A. Marshall and seconded by C. Sutton. Chair was handed back to P. Sutton.

Special Projects – J. Peters was put forward, proposed by M. Woods and seconded by K. Cooper.

Quartermaster – P. Tilley will take over this role, proposed by M. Woods and seconded by K. Cooper.

Bob Phillips was presented with his 60 year award.

District Commissioner commendation awarded to P. Sutton.

Meeting closed 7.45 pm



Beavers Leader's Report

We started the year with a full colony of beavers and enjoyed the last of the light evenings by walking at Knepp, playing cricket and litter picking at Sumners ponds. We all sang out loud at the district campfire, learning new songs and seeing friends from other colonies.

The traditional Shipley bonfire night was a great success, the beavers enjoyed making popcorn and biscuits to sell. We all snuggled down in the hut after half term making vegetable soup, Christmas cakes and sewing poppies for remembrance, the colony looked very smart in church and I am very proud of all of those who turned out, special mention to Amelie for carrying the flag. We finished the year with a trip to Colgate tunnelling around the fabulous man made cave system, I am sure they all came out, maybe with a few bruises but definitely with lots of smiles and laughter.

Christmas is always magical at Shipley, the Christingle was a huge success, seeing all of the candles flickering in a dark church is very special. Carol singing warms the heart and fills our tummies with delicious treats as well as raising funds for the group.

Spring arrived and we got stuck into our international badge, learning about Australia and celebrating Chinese New Year. We worked towards our builders and experiments badges, celebrated our Mums, making them cups of tea and handing out hanging baskets lovingly put together by the beavers.

We had a fantastic sleepover, visiting the WWT in Arundel during the day, we had a boat trip, saw some ducklings and enjoyed being outside. Well done to all the beavers who joined us, many for the first time away from home.

During the summer term we completed our builders badge by making junk model boats and taking them to Southwater country park to sail them, the weather was hot and we definitely only paddled!

The beavers were keen to return to Sumners so we did another litter pick and were rewarded with juice and biscuits, Simon was very grateful for our hard work and many of the beavers earned their community impact badge.

We celebrated the Queen with games and dressing up, enjoyed a walk looking at the history of Coolham airfield and catching grasshoppers. Before we knew it the

holidays were upon us and the beavers had a great evening soaking their leaders whilst playing games.

I would like to thank my wonderful leaders Katherine and Lee as without them we wouldn't have such a great program of opportunity, adventure and fun and I would have hung up my woggle by now! The amazing executive team lead by Pete and our fabulous GSLs Ade and Julian for supporting our program, maintaining our beautiful hut and grounds, putting up marquees and being there to organise us all.



Cubs Leader's Report

We have 24 Cubs on the register with an average weekly attendance of 18 to 20 Cubs.

Since the start of the year we have looked at several badges including the Entertainer, Digital Citizens, International and Personal Achievement. These have involved lots of eating, something the Cubs really enjoy, craft as well as pond dipping, camping, hiking, and learning to light fires using flints and steels.

The camp held in June this year was the first since returning to Scouting after Covid and the Cubs as well as the leaders all enjoyed the activities. This was a tech free camp and it was surprising to hear that most of the Cubs did not miss their phones and games stations, so one for parents to consider in future, even just 24 hours brings you all together. Although this was just for one night, we packed the Cubs home again on the Saturday evening so they could get a good night sleep before returning to the Hut on the Sunday for the group visit to Chatham Docks.

At the end of the Summer term we said goodbye to several of our older Cubs and we hope they are doing well in Scouts. We have welcomed several new Cubs from Beavers and they are settling in well with the group. This term we have already begun working on the disability and first aid badges with your D of E assistant being a very useful manikin for bandage practice - thank you Jack.

Coming up over the coming weeks, we will have more cooking outside on the fire, if the Cubs can get it lit. Looking at some home help, so the Cubs will be able to sew on all their badges and help with the washing and ironing, and with the night's drawing in, we shall be out and about looking at road safety.

The Cubs have also been set a challenge to read at least 6 books and discuss their favourite with a leader or the group. This will then form part of their Book Reader challenge Badge and we are looking at visiting Horsham Library towards the end of the year.

Lastly, I would like to thank the Cub team for all their hard work and the wider scouting community for their support during the last 12 months. Here's to another successful 12 months with more adventures.



Scouts Leaders' Report

What a great year we have had, giving our Young People some great opportunities, memories and new skills for life.

Our winter program started this time last year, with 25 – 30 scouts attending most nights. September started the term with a Knepp hikes, 1st Aid Stage 4 emergency training, pen-pals to Australia with Badge exchange, rocket designs and launching from the Shipley HQ, Southwater hike to the chippie, collectors night with the sharing of our collections from football shirts to fossils and caving for a first time at Colgate. Badges working towards or gained the international badge, Adventure Challenge and collectors Badge.

Spring term gave us our spring camp waking up to ice on the tents. Whittling sticks, camp gadget building, quartermaster skills, disability night with sign language. Using the What 3 Word app, pebble hunting. I was able to receive my Camp and Green field permit in April. Memories made taking Photographs around Horsham, passing our cycle maintenance and working towards our World Challenge badge, Personnel Challenge badge, Creative challenge, Outdoor Challenge badge and Expedition Badge.

Our summer term gave our scouts new experiences, archery, car maintenance, orienteering, gutting fish & open fire cooking. Expedition Hike with camp from Bramber to Slinfold in May. Geo caching, axe throwing, finishing the term with our annual BBQ and water fight.

Our Autumn term we have been Air rifle shooting and Ready Steady Cooking a three course meal, just come back from camp with a day trip to Chessington, a first for many of our scouts. We have been lucky to take part in a group trip to Chatham Docks and a proud moment for me to present four Chief Scout Gold Award to four of our scouts just before they moved up to Explorers.

A big thankyou to Oathall community school, for thinking of us, donating D of E tents, cooking equipment and 1st aid kits, ruck sacks and survival bags.

A thankyou to Perry Collingwood one of our parents stepping in to help out on our cycling and car maintenance night.

Thank you to Shelly and Nick for the amazing games night entertaining our scouts.

Thank you to our parents for supporting the scout group through last year.

Plus a big amazing thank you to our leaders planning, supporting and delivering fantastic troop nights for our scouts. A Brilliant dedicated team.

Thank you to Ade Marshal, Julian Peters and Pete Sutton for all their support and advice.

I can't wait to see what the coming year brings.

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Paladin Leader's Report

It's been another great year for Paladin ESU and we really do seem to be going from strength to strength. Not only is our programme growing as we branch into new avenues, so is our section, as last week we had the group's all-time record of 13 members attending.

We pride ourselves on the fact that when someone joins or moves up from Scouts they are treated with a new level of respect and given a real sense of ownership of their group which they can now plan out and shape for themselves, we hope that we can give our members some of the first taste of freedom over the choices they can have in their lives as they are getting older and beginning to gain more life experiences.

As Leaders we really love to see over time the younger members become more and more accustomed to the way we do things, and you can see a genuine sense of pride develop in them as they gain more influence and responsibility within Paladin.

It's hard to pin down just a few sessions that sum up the experiences we've had this year, but some that spring to mind during our weekly meetings are kayaking at Southwater Country Park, indoor caving at Beacon hill campsite, metal detecting at an old Canadian Army Camp and a fantastic summer beach trip which cooled everyone down during the heatwave. Some of our most exciting activities are the ones that take place 'out of hours' such as the London Monopoly Run and a summer wild camp where we slept in the open air in hammocks.

We are pleased to say that Mia from our group has been selected to attend the Scout Jamboree to South Korea and she is working incredibly hard to fundraise for this.

We are excited to see what the future has in store for Paladin as we continue to grow and thrive, we will soon be making the new pizza ovens outside which should benefit the whole group.

Thanks to all the committee for their support and most importantly to our members themselves for providing so much fun and enthusiasm, which makes Lizzie and myself feel the time and effort we put in so worthwhile.



Joint Summary Report from the Group Chairman and Group Scout Leader

After a very strange couple of years, it felt like normality finally descended over 1st Shipley, meetings and plans went unhindered and lots of great Scouting experiences ensued. We were back and intended to make up for lost time with ambitious plans not only within each section but also with our HQ.

As we headed through Autumn 2021 and up to Christmas there was lots of exciting events to be part of, armistice day was wonderful as always, firework night went with a bang too. Maria and the Beaver team also raised valuable funds for the group during this period by holding a jumble sale at HQ, thanks guys.

As Christmas approached, we had big ambitions including our traditional Carol singing and raffle exploits, but this year we also decided to amplify our activity with two additional events. Firstly, during Covid we were unable to go carolling so a special socially distanced rendition of 'Do they know it's Christmas' had been filmed. This performance was enjoyed so much that a repeat performance was requested. Who could forget Julian's starring performance as Ebenezer Scrooge (an absolute natural) in our new 2021 video 'We wish it could be Christmas'. Thanks to Christopher, and Luke S for doing that, hilarious and a great fund raiser.

Secondly, we decided to have a Christmas fayre to coincide with the Christingle. Talk about a kick start to Christmas, we had mulled wine, minced pies, Christmas themed games and enough stocking fillers to make Santa jealous, wonderful. Big thanks must go to Mr Christmas himself Julian who was the driving force behind the fayre.

As Christmas came and went, we looked to do something special for the summer. This took the shape of a very ambitious summer fete. A committee was formed, and ambitious ideas started to take shape culminating in an amazing day with games and activities at HQ. Obviously being 1st Shipley our Fete coincided with one of the hottest days in recent history. Undeterred however we put up some tentage, got some cold drinks on ice and had the most magical day. Big thanks to the committee, Deb, Julian, Maria special thanks.

As far as our individual sections are concerned another triumphant year for 1st Shipley, each section creating brilliant and innovative programmes ensuring wonderful memories that will last a lifetime. Each section has thrived in the last year with the steady and motivated guidance of our wonderful leaders, thanks so much team, simply amazing.

Our Executive team also deserve our thanks too; these are the people who work behind the scenes to make this group a success, helping with fundraising and maintenance and a whole host of other things that make the group run efficiently; thanks all.

Thanks also goes to team Tilley, Cannons, to Pete for looking after and maintaining our stores and to Sarah for cleaning up after you mucky lot, invaluable.

Special mention must also go to Paul Cooper who has been looking after our finances over the last few years. Paul is standing down as our treasurer and will be handing over the baton to Erica if she's still keen. Thanks so much Paul for all the hard work you have put into the group, you will be missed greatly by all.

From a house keeping point of view, you will note that we have put subs up recently. To be brutally honest this was long overdue subs haven't seen an increase in 7 years, we are sure you understand.

In other matters you will appreciate because of our exceptional location upkeep is expensive, so our fundraising is key. In the last year to be honest we have struggled to get the numbers to help. I now have e mail addresses of all our parents and guardians and will be asking for a little help next year. Marquees, events, and catering are an ideal opportunity to raise funds for the group and just a little help goes a long way, I'll be in touch shortly.

Once again falls upon me to thank everyone once again for all the support that makes 1st Shipley Scouts possible. I think we have an oasis of Scout magic here and I remain so proud to part of it, thanks for coming tonight.

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS 2020/2021

We have had a good year with fund raising earning nearly £8000. Thanks largely goes to those who have helped with the events and marquee erections.

We have spent a lot of money on the improving the facilities at the Shipley Headquarters, which will enable us to rent them out to other groups as well as enjoying them ourselves.

Also we purchased a new Minibus, which is a very good asset for the group, to be utilised by all Sections for trips out.

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Treasurer	Erica Norfolk		

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1ST SHIPLEY SCOUT GROUP

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Accounts



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2021 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

NOTICE & AGENDA

and

2020/2021 ANNUAL REPORT

WEDNESDAY 29TH SEPTEMBER 2021

Forward

The Trustees of 1st Shipley Scout Group are pleased to present their Annual Report for the year ending 31st March 2021. The Annual Report details the activities undertaken by 1st Shipley Scout Beavers, Cubs and Scout Sections and the annual accounts that have been independently examined in accordance with the general directions given by the Charities Commission.

Adrian Marshall
Group Scout Leader

Peter Sutton
Group Chairman

List of Trustees

Ex-Officio:
Adrian Marshall GSL

GSL's nomination:
Peter Sutton Group Chairman

1st Shipley Scout Group Executive Committee & Trustees Nominated by the GSL:

Lord Lytton – President of 1st Shipley Scout Group
Peter Sutton – Group Chairman
Julian Peters
Bob Phillips
Jose Phillips

Executive Committee & Trustees elected at the 2020 AGM by the Scout Council:

Paul Cooper – Treasurer
Sandra Sutton – Secretary
Tim Phillips
Sarah Hall
Debbie Boyd

Notice & Agenda

The 1st Shipley Scout Group is holding its Annual General Meeting at the Scout Group Headquarters, Bakers Lane, Dragons Green, Shipley, on Wednesday 29th September 2021.

Agenda

1. Welcome by Peter Sutton – Group Chairman
2. Apologies received
3. Receive and approve Minutes of last Annual General Meeting
4. Matters arising
5. Section Leaders' Reports
6. Group Scout Leader & Chairman's Report
7. Treasurer's Report & Accounts 2020/2021
8. Adoption of the Annual Reports and Accounts
9. Election of Officers
10. AOB

1st Shipley Scout Group

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of the 1st Shipley Scout Group 2020

MEETING WAS HELD OVER ZOOM

Those Present

P. Sutton, J. Peters, S. Alexander, H. Greenwood, K. Cooper, A. Marshall, P. Cooper, M. Woods, C. Sutton, K. Hudson, D. Cannons, S. Sutton

Welcome by P. Sutton.

Apologies received from R. Killner, J. Ingram-Marriott, S. Hall, J. James.

Minutes of the last AGM were agreed, proposed by P. Cooper and seconded by M. Woods.

No matters arising from the previous minutes.

Leaders' Reports

Beavers

Numbers are good, there is a new Leader, Lee Widdington. A good year was reported with many activities, despite M. Woods being off, including Pen Pal letters and a Jumble Sale which raised funds for the Australian bush fires.

Cubs

K. Cooper reported that there are 18 on the books, Jo and Sue are now helping every week. Many activities have taken place since the Cubs have been back, including archery and a visit to the Fire Station. C. Sutton and L. Moyses have now left the group to run Explorers.

Scouts

D. Cannons reported 18 members at present with more lined up to come. Lots of activities have taken place including raising funds for Horsham Food Bank and a trip to Beaulieu.

Paladin

Paladin has now been running for a year. Numbers have increased, activities have including night hikes and metal detecting. Virtual scouting continued all the way through, including 'Taskmaster'. Future activities such as pewter casting and tie-dying are planned.

P. Sutton/A. Marshall

Big thank you to the Executive Committee and the Leaders, especially throughout the last few months. Virtual scouting events held since the start of lockdown including celebrating VE Day. Thanks to P. Cooper for obtaining a large grant which made up for no subs and no marquee funds.

New legislation means J. Peters had to stand down, he has not really left and continues to be a great support to the group. He has also been awarded the very high Silver Wolf award. A. Marshall has taken over his position.

P. Cooper

Rates have been refunded and minibus tax and insurance has been reduced. The accounts will be accepted once they have been circulated and if any points are raised, they will be sent to the group.

P. Sutton surrendered the Chair and handed over to A. Marshall. Everyone re-elected on mass.

Heather Greenwood from District spoke to the meeting, she has enjoyed seeing what everyone has been doing and stressed how important it was that we continue to provide for the young people.

A. Marshall thanked everyone for supporting him in his new role. We face a challenging year ahead. Need to get the outside new building finished which will benefit us next year. He also thanked P. Tilley for his help with the work.

J. Peters said that A. Marshall had done very well in his new role and passed on his thanks for his award.

Formal versions of the documents from this meeting will be sent out.

Meeting closed



Beavers Leader's Report

We started the scouting year in September taking temperatures, hand sanitizing and being outside as much as possible. The Beavers made apple crumble, visited Australia, met a lady who loves cats on zoom, and we walked miles in the mud.

Our new Leader Lee, now known as Sycamore, joined us and enjoyed flower arranging in a pumpkin. The country then went back into lockdown and Jane and Katherine (Cherry) set about making and delivering poppy sewing kits and 'bats about bats' activity packs.

We managed one more session before we were locked down again and being scouts we split our group into two to maintain social distancing. The Beavers made chocolate Christmas logs, we had a fun sticky, chocolatey evening. That was it until April 21st, St Georges Day, we made flags and celebrated all that is great in Scouting.

The Summer term was full on and back to doing what Beavers do best. We walked in bluebells, sung around the campfire, made junk model boats, sailed the boats in paddling pools and learnt lots about nature.

We had a VERY wet Father's Day and had to abandon ship after a full house! The Beavers made a fabulous scarecrow for the Shipley scarecrow trail and again sang their hearts out around the campfire.

We have a full colony which is pretty much 50/50 girls and boys. We started the new term on a high by having a much needed and longed for sleepover. We enjoyed a boat trip on the Wey and Arun Canal at Loxwood, the Beavers were a credit to themselves, their families and our group.

Going forward, Jane has taken a break from regular meetings but is helping out in the background. With the support of our Exec team we are in a great place to be scouting. The grounds are amazing, the Beavers are so lucky to have this great place to begin their scouting journey.

Thank you, Lee, Katherine, Jane, Ade and the Exec team, you the parents and the young people who make it so worthwhile.



Cubs Leader's Report

We currently have around 20 Cubs on the register with some new Beavers joining us this month. The past 12 months have been a challenge with the ongoing Covid situation, however, with the support of our wonderful team here at 1st Shipley and of course our parents, we have survived.

We spent a lot of the Winter months outside carving pumpkins, tin can cooking and having campfires as well as making Christmas decorations. We sadly then had a further lockdown imposed, finally getting back together after Easter. Again, we found ourselves outdoors, but we also welcomed Shere Khan (Carol) as a new Leader.

Since Easter the Cubs have enjoyed outdoor games, hiking, cycling and investing lots of Cubs, making scarecrows and learning to use what 3 words to find clues. The end of Summer saw the Cubs enjoying a BBQ at the hut and our thanks go out to Pete Sutton and Julian Peters for being our chefs.

The start of September '21 has seen the Cubs out litter picking and creating community maps as part of their community challenge badge. Again, I would like to thank Maria Woods and Katherine Hudson for stepping in and helping out whilst some Leaders had a holiday. We have lots more activities planning over the coming months so do please keep checking your emails.

Finally, I think we all share our gratitude to the leadership team and other Leaders who have worked tirelessly to provide for our young people including the amazing Woggle and Compass, outdoor toilet and shower block and not forgetting the fresh coat of paint in the hut.

My last thanks go to my team who are amazingly supportive to me and each other.

Here's to the next 12 months at 1st Shipley.



Scouts Leaders' Report

First of all I would like to say a big thank you to our new Leaders Glyn, Owain, Jack and John, it's fantastic to have you join the 1st Shipley Scout family. Thank you also to the parents who have supported the scout team through the Covid pandemic. Whatever I have set for the scouts they have supported and met the challenge.

September we got the go ahead to get back to face to face scouting, outside in marquees through rain, sun and snow we had our meetings, using spotlights to shine across the camp field. Making tin can lanterns, internet safety, hikes around the parish and making catapults and campfires to keep us warm.

Back to zoom calls for November and December with the local lockdowns with Kahoot Quizzes, Deal or No Deal games, cooking cheese straws, making bristle bots and making sausages rolls. Many badges ticket off with skills challenge, chef badge, and creative badge.

Christmas celebrated with a good sing song videoing a Christmas carol to raise funds for the group and a MacDonald meal enjoyed by all, always popular MacDonald's with the scouts.

January gave us time indoors at home to complete compass and map reading skills over zoom, circuit training for healthy living, Spring camp making bird boxes and bird feeders, dens and hikes.

February and March still in lockdown dropping off kits every Sunday evening to all the scouts so they had everything they needed to take part in the meeting on Monday.

We looked at the Scout Artist Badge, the artist Andy Goldsworthy, Mother's Day cards and jewellery box making, PowerPoints and quizzes on drugs alcohol and no smoking posters. Finishing off the term, with ham and cheese pinwheels, every scout now a king or queen on puff pastry cooking.

April Camp with a Harry Potter theme, learning to cook like a wizard, spells and charm lessons, broomstick flying all in the way you click that camera. The penny hike and seeing what house they were in with the Sorting hat, making butter beer and

learning a new trick or two. Show casing their spells & tricks on the last night of camp and entering into the harry potter quiz.

April was back to face to face scouting, just in time for the good summer weather. Started the term with tent pitching, orienteering, dens in the woods, war hammer painting, Father's Day chocolate spoons and marshmallow gifts with mug designs. Community badge completed litter picking in the community, finishing the term with a traditional water fight and BBQ.

Let's see what September and 2022 brings us, thank you again for all your support and dedication to this scout troop.



Paladin Leader's Report

I am sure it would be easy to focus on the unconventional year we have had and refer to it as an obstacle that has been put in our way and restricted what we are able to do in scouting, but the truth is I think in some ways it has allowed our section to appreciate just what matters when it comes to being part of 1st Shipley Explorers.

With Lizzie signed off on official scouting maternity leave, congratulations etc, I was left with the daunting prospect of having to rope in the services of my brother Luke, who very kindly did the necessary training in record time and was able to step in as an Assistant Leader, thank you very much to him.

Even though our weekly sessions were run online, the creativity of our nights would only increase week by week with bank heists and train robberies (online escape rooms), we taught our members to how pick locks and break open safes (by that I mean online word puzzles of course).

With the new temporary team up and running and face to face rules allowing, we were set for an unforgettable Explorers' extravaganza. Now we were allowed to meet up in person again we thought it only fair to go big and pack our programmes with all kinds of outdoor activities that scouts should give young people the opportunity to experience, from archery with 1st St. Leonards to metal detecting at a former WW2 Canadian military base and some of our famous games nights, including Taskmaster (the extended edition) and not to forget our famous camp fire cuisine evenings, they cook a beautiful garlic bread.

Numbers have continued to grow on average around 10 members turn up regularly. What we aim to do is provide a programme that is respectful of their age and growing maturity and give them the respect they deserve in letting everyone decide how their evenings are run and the activities that we take part in as a group. After all Explorers is meant to be a place for the older teenagers to meet where they are allowed to start making their own choices, have fun and learn new skills in an environment with people who value their opinions.

Hopefully in the future we will be able to venture further afield and even go international with mountain climbs and exciting expeditions. We are very pleased to have recently welcomed back Lizzie who will be coming along to as many evenings as she can, it will be great to have her back in the mix. Thanks to everyone for their support and we are very much looking forward to the year ahead - it's going to be a whopper!



Joint Summary Report from the Group Chairman and Group Scout Leader

As you have heard from the Leaders it's been an exciting year at 1st Shipley despite the incredible challenges Covid presented us with. It felt sometimes that nothing would ever feel normal again, this was especially true with our young people whose education was put on hold, leading to anxiety and uncertainty in many cases.

Now hopefully with fingers firmly crossed we have returned to something nearing normal and I have had time to reflect on the role scouting has played at 1st Shipley over the last 12 months. The old and well used Scouting phrase 'Be Prepared' struck a chord with me because we weren't prepared, no one was. Having said this however it didn't take long for the Leaders and Exec to come together to create one of the most memorable and inventive times in this group's long and distinguished history.

So as the Leaders have said despite everything, they have managed to pull together a truly brilliant scouting programme across all sections. This was not easy given the safety restrictions imposed, but they did it anyway. And it's at this point I just wanted to make a comment.

I have often said that we are all in the good memory business here at 1st Shipley and boy was there ever a time when good memories were needed more in recent history. I truly believe that for many of our young people the programmes our leaders put together was a reminder of normality and stability, something to hang on to when the world had been turned on its head.

So, in my view a massive thank you needs to go to our wonderful loyal Leaders who continued providing wonderfully inventive activities and memories at a time they were needed most. I don't think you have comprehended how important your role was and how appreciated you were by our parents and guardians and of course our young people.

While the Leaders were off doing their magic other things were afoot at 1st Shipley. To anyone who has visited HQ over the last 12 months you will have seen lots of exciting work taking place outside. We set ourselves the challenge of creating a truly magical environment for our group and visiting organisations.

Firstly, we have been fortunate enough to have been supported by some incredible organisations and companies who have built us a wonderful new toilet and shower block. This has been incredibly difficult to get traction on given the very unsettled economy and working conditions, but we are nearly there. We have so many people to thank for this that I won't begin to try, suffice to say there will be an official launch where we will thank everyone in style.

The other notable build in the last year is the incredible Woggle and Compass which is our outside catering and dining facility. This building became the glorious obsession of our very own GSL Ade and Scout Leader Pete. Lots of us helped with this and some of us hindered, but it really was the Ade and Pete show. Thanks so much to everyone involved with this but especially you two Ade and Pete, the Woggle and Compass is amazing!

2021 also saw some very notable awards being bestowed. Julian was presented with the prestigious Silver Wolf award for his outstanding contribution to Scouting. This award is as good as it gets in Scouting and is extremely well deserved, congratulations JP, we are all very proud of you.

Just as Julian's awards cabinet was starting to groan under the weight of his many trophies, along came another one. Julian, Bob and Jose Phillips then received yet more accolades for their contribution to scouting at The St George's Day awards ceremony, well done and richly deserved all.

So with the best scouting family in the country and our new supercharged facilities we look to the future with confidence and ambition. We want to really push forward now, we have lots of new and enthusiastic leaders, and lots of the old guard ready to share wisdom and forge ahead. The future is very bright at 1st Shipley very bright indeed.

TREASURERS NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS 2020/2021

We have had a good year in terms of grants from HDC for Covid of just under £21k. Carol singing without carol singing we got in £2,300 from friends and supporters of Shipley.

The past year has been a spending year on the outside and we have spent around £12k.

There are still some paying subs by cash can we try and get everyone to pay online as this makes life a lot easier.

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