

# 38TH ROSSENDALE SCOUTS

England & Wales · Charity number 512657

## Details

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**Status** Registered

**Legal form** Trust

**Registered** 1982-05-27

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

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## Activities

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**Objects:** THE INSTRUCTION OF BOYS OF ALL CLASSES IN THE PRINCIPLES OF DISCIPLINE, LOYALTY AND GOOD CITIZENSHIP.

**Activities:** To promote the development of young people in achieving their full physical, intellectual, social and spiritual potentials, as responsible citizens and as members of their local, national and international communities.

## Classification

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

## Geography

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- **Area of benefit:** NOT DEFINED, IN PRACTICE ROSSENDALE
- Lancashire

## Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-03-31	£73,067	£74,095	-	-
2024-03-31	£57,771	£52,050	-	-
2023-03-31	£42,229	£76,488	-	-
2022-03-31	£48,668	£38,970	-	-
2021-03-31	£41,789	£46,856	-	-

## Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
<b>Catherine Louise Cooper</b>	Chair	2014-09-20
Andrew Cooper		2023-10-15
Brian John Boys		2024-10-13
Hazel Harding CBE DL		2024-10-13
Neal Barfoot		2024-10-13
Sally Mckenna		2024-10-13

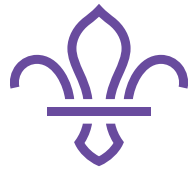
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# Accounts

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**Scouts**

38th Rossendale

# ANNUAL REPORT – 2023/24



# Our Values

As Scouts, we're proud to live by our values:

**Integrity**

**Respect**

**Care**

**Belief**

**Co-operation**

Talk to a Team Leader today to start your volunteering journey with us.

## Group Lead Volunteer (Group Scout Leader)

In May 1984, a fresh-faced Leader straight out of Venture Scouts joined with two former Seat Naze Venture Scouts, Vanessa and Joanna Fisher to form one of the first Beaver Scout Colonies in the UK.

Here I am 40-years later, not quite doing the same job, but still holding a leadership role with the 38th Rossendale.

My links go back much further. 52-years if you consider I joined the Group as an 8-year-old Cub Scout.

You can imagine I have seen many changes in that time.

As well as the introduction of Beavers in 1984, the Group quickly adopted the entry of girls in 1990 when mixed gender Sections was introduced by the Scout Association. Prior to this only the Venture Scouts accepted girls. I still talk today to people outside of Scouting that do not know that girls can join Scouts. Approximately 50% of our current membership is female.

In 2007 we opened our purpose built and current Warren building. This had taken over 20-years to raise the funds to replace the existing buildings which when built were designed for nothing more than storage. Cubs and Scouts met in the school at the bottom of Peel Street, and it was only when the Beavers started did the buildings become a place to hold meetings. When the council started charging rent at the school, all Sections moved into the old Warren and a need to replace the building became our number one priority.

When the building was opened by Coronation Street star Sam Aston (aka Chesney), we had approximately 100 Members in the Group. For the first time this year we have topped 200 Members.

Ideas have been drawn up for an extension, but we are still a long way from that becoming a reality.

In April this year we held a special sleepover at Blackpool Tower to mark the occasion of 40-years of Beaver Scouts at the 38th Rossendale. The Beavers stayed overnight in the Circus ring. Things did not go quite to plan with the Circus performance when one of the performers fell from the Wheel of Death. He had minor injuries, but the show was stopped. As a result of this a return trip was organised for September which included a trip up Tower and through the Blackpool Illuminations.

In July this year, we held our 8th international camp since 2011.

50 young people accompanied by 10 Leaders went to Belgium for a week. We made use of the facilities in the local area including a Water Park, a Go-ape style adventure park and touring the area around the campsite on BMX bikes. The trip also included a day at Disneyland Paris and a cultural day looking at areas of historical significance from the First World War which culminated in two young people and myself laying a wreath at the Last Post Ceremony at the Menin Gate Memorial.

In 2026 the Group will celebrate its 75th Anniversary.

No formal discussion has taken place at this time on how we mark this occasion, although I have made tentative enquiries about a UK based camp that I am hoping will be open to all Members of the Group bar the Squirrels.

I am forever grateful to our team of volunteer Leaders who week in week out come up with an amazing programme for the young people.

More than any other year I can remember, we have seen around a dozen new Leaders join the 38th Rossendale. We have sadly said goodbye to others, but on average our Leader numbers have increased.

I am always interested in talking to potential new volunteers  
#GoodForYou

The demand for places in the Group never diminishes, especially in the younger Sections like Squirrels and Beavers. We constantly have a large waiting list which will soon extend to the Cub and Scout Sections if the demand for places persists.

We will do our best for all those wanting places, but we are restricted with our facilities on how many young people we can accept in the Group.

Thank you to those that have supported our fundraising efforts this year, whether it was helping Bag Packing at Tesco, saving 10-pence pieces for the Chocolate Roll or donating bottles for the Tombola at the Relay for Life event. All this makes a difference and whilst we need to take a close look at our finances for the next year, we hope these events enable us to maintain our current subscription rates to make Scouting accessible to as many young people as possible.

For anyone who would like to support the Group on a regular basis, why not join our 100 Club. For as little as £5 per month you can make a difference and who knows you may win our monthly prize of over £100.00. Speak to me or any Leader for more information.

It is time for me to congratulate the Young People who have recently received their Chief Scout Awards. Also, to the Scouters of the Year from each Section and the overall winner who went on to win the "Jean Smith Award" for the outstanding Scouter of the year in memory of our late Group President.

A further congratulations to my son Oliver and future daughter in law Hattie on the birth of their son Ernie on the 5th July. I am sure he will follow in his grandads and dad's footsteps by joining the 38th.

Finally, a thank you to you the parents and carers for your continued support.

The purpose of Scouting is to encourage the physical, intellectual, social, emotional, and spiritual development of young people so that they take a constructive place in society as responsible citizens, and as members of their local, national, and international communities.

Being part of the 38th Rossendale gives them that opportunity.

### Andrew Cooper

Group Lead Volunteer (Group Scout Leader)



# Squirrels

Just shy of two years ago we opened the doors to Squirrels, to date we are the only

Squirrel section in the District. We are in great demand with a very healthy waiting list. We have 16 Squirrels and for the first time ever this is an even split with boys and girls.

During the last 12-months the Squirrels have completed the Air Activities Stage 1, Musician Badge stage 1, Feel Good, Go Wild and Story Time badges. The Squirrels have enjoyed a visit to the Fire Station and Grip and Go. We had lots of fun celebrating Christmas, Chinese New Year, Burns Nights and Easter. Our Mother's Day and Father's Day celebrations saw the Squirrels parents join us for various activities.

May 2024 saw 9 Squirrels take part in our annual sleepover at the Warren. The Squirrels created place settings, campfire blankets and did various summer crafts. The Squirrels enjoyed a light snack before heading out on a 1.5-mile hike to gain their Hike Staged Activity Badge. On their return to the Warren tea was ready to eat. S'mores and hot chocolate around the campfire were enjoyed before settling into pj's to watch Secret Life of Pets. Our nights' accommodation was under event shelters on

blow up beds, for some Squirrels this was their first time away from their parents and first time under canvas. After a good night's sleep and some breakfast, the Squirrels enjoyed a treasure hunt, played board games and tried soft archery before packing up for home time. During the sleepover the Squirrels worked on their All About Me and All About Adventure Challenge badges towards their Acorn badge and gained their Nights Away Staged Activity Badge.

The Squirrels have enjoyed creating a bird feeder and a bug hotel, we've also enjoyed going on an animal safari, meditation and yoga not forgetting about writing our own story books. The summer ended with a water fight at the Warren.

12 Squirrels have completed their Acorn Award and moved onto Beavers in the last 12 months.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the Squirrel team for all their help and support.

## Lisa Fletcher (Willow)

Section Lead Volunteer – Squirrels



## Grey (Monday) Colony Beavers

We have 25 Beavers in our Section currently with 8 Young Leaders.

**Badges completed over the last year have been the following:**

- World Challenge Badge
- Teamwork Challenge Badge
- International Activity Badge
- Explore Activity Badge
- Cook Activity Badge
- Experiment Activity Badge
- Camp Craft Activity Badge
- Digital Maker Staged Activity Badge

We hiked to the Halo. Once we reached the Halo, we ate a well-deserved bag of chips from the local chippy.

We did the Cook Activity Badge where we learnt about food hygiene, choose what to cook, designed an invitation to our guests for the meal, we invited all mums as a Mother's Day treat. Then we cooked the 3-course meal and played games. Our mums had a great night.

We did a treasure hunt for Father's Day where dads and Beavers had to follow clues on a walk around the local streets to get the correct answer. It was fun, but we were all tired after this.

We did the Digital Maker Staged Activity Badge where we learnt about computers and how they work. We even learnt how to plug in a printer, mouse and keyboard. We are now experts on this.

In April we had a fantastic joint camp with Wednesday Beavers at Blackpool Tower for our 40th Anniversary. We went around the Sea Life Centre and watched the sharks, and the turtle get fed. We even got to touch the starfish.

While at Blackpool we went around the Gruffalo Playhouse where we had lots of fun burning off energy running around. We also went to the Tower Circus which didn't quite go as planned due to an accident with one of the performers.

We played games in the Tower Ballroom and went to the Dino Golf. We all had lots of fun.

We returned to the Tower in September, went up the Tower Eye, saw the full Circus performance and drove through some of the Blackpool Illuminations.

We have completed more of the Challenge Badges this term so more Beavers could achieve the Chief Scout Bronze Award.

We will also take part in the District Akeema Shield Competition where we came 4th. The Beavers really enjoyed it.

So far this year we have started on the Animal Friends Badge where the Beavers have to care for their pet and keep a log of the activity.

We also did the Money Skills Activity Badge learning about different types of money. The Beavers asked lots of questions and learnt lots of different skills and enjoyed the money game where they had to buy different items from our shop using real money.

We have just done the Explore Activity Badge where the Beavers had to follow clues around the town centre in Rawtenstall.

We took part in the St Georges Day parade which was a fantastic turn out and 4 Beavers received their Chief Scout Bronze Award.

We had an international evening which the Beavers wore American colours and had Hot Dogs pretzels and pancakes the Beavers enjoyed the food. We also had a special visitor from America who talked about Volleyball.

Our last meeting before the summer holidays we held a Family fun night and a BBQ. We played lots of games and made s'mores, tried nettle crisps and had lots of fun.

At the time of writing, we are planning for our second sleepover of the year in Lancaster.

All this would not be possible without our team of fabulous volunteers. Thank you everyone.

**Mark Guest (Harrier) /  
Louise Cooper (Merlin)**

Section Lead Volunteers - Grey Colony Beavers



# Purple (Wednesday) Colony Beavers

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It's been an exciting past 12 months for Beavers as we celebrated our 40th Anniversary!

Up until Christmas our main badges to complete were our Skills and Personal Challenge. The Personal Activity Badge involved the Beavers taking on new challenges both at Beavers and at home, such as keeping their room tidy or remembering their uniform.

The Skills badge is a long challenge that involves completing several different tasks including learning a song and to perform - which the Beavers did at our family campfire for Bonfire Night. We also visited the Council Chambers with the Mayor to learn all about his role.

Another badge was our Disability Awareness Badge that included inviting Scout Aggie to come down and teach us all about her disability. Thank you, Aggie! Towards the end of 2023 we enjoyed our traditional Halloween party and lots of Christmas Activities to complete our Creative Badge, including a Nativity play with puppets!

2024 started with our World Badge and Community Impact Badge that included a trip to Asda to donate money to a local food bank. The Beavers also took part in the Akeema Shield against all the other Beavers in the area. We won the competition in 2023... and won it again in 2024!

We completed the Cook Badge as part of Mother's Day, providing mums with a lovely 3-course meal. Other badges completed were the Air Activities, Experiment, a Hike and the Animal Friend badge that involved all the Beavers pets coming in to say hello. We ended May with a trip to the Fire Station.

To celebrate our 40th Anniversary we had a sleepover inside the Circus Ring at Blackpool Tower! This involved a trip to the Sealife Centre, watching the Circus Show and visiting the Gruffalo. It was a fantastic weekend and continued when we returned in September to go up the tower, watch the full circus show and go through the Illuminations.

I'd like to say a massive thank you to the amazing leadership team, who have stepped up even more so this year with my many life changes! We now have Louise joint running the Section with myself so thank you to her for everything. Thanks also to the fantastic leaders Pippa, Bev, Rebecca, Andrew and Hattie. As well as this our brilliant Young Beavers Evie, Grace, Millie, Emily and newcomer Issy!

Finally, I'd like to mention the latest edition to the Scout Family - mine and Hattie's son Ernie! Ernie was born in July and has already attended two Beaver meetings. We are excited for him to grow up with everything that Scouting has to offer, and I am so thankful for all the kind messages from parents over recent months.

## Oliver Cooper (Hawk)

Section Lead Volunteer - Purple Colony Beavers



## Purple (Tuesday) Pack Cubs

The last year for Purple Pack has been filled with lots of adventures and fun.

Over the last year the Cubs have worked hard towards their badges. We did plenty of activity badges including Fire Safety Activity badge, Environmental Conservation activity badge, International activity badge and the Artist Activity badge. We also made plenty of use of the outdoors. We have been on several hikes and fire lighting and even den building. We learned some Emergency Aid skills and helped the community by Litter Picking. We also tested our abilities by climbing at Grip N Go!

In the last year we have taken part in 2 camps! First, we had a Bushcraft Themed Winter camp at the Warren where the Cubs took part in lots of activities. Unfortunately, it rained super hard and lots of the outdoor elements of the camp were unable to be done! We didn't have a summer camp but instead had an Autumn camp at a campsite in Lancaster where the Cubs took part in a number of activities such as go-karting, mini golf and abseiling. These camps were so much fun and we can't wait for the next one.

What's next? We are going on a Bonfire Night Hike to the Halo to try and spot some fireworks, we're visiting Rossendale Ski Slope to try skiing and tubing, tackling yet more Challenge and Activity badges and continuing to do our best trying new adventures every week.

Our Purple Pack team has had quite a lot of changes over the last year. Our adult leader team now consists of myself, Grace, Dave, Tom, Helen, Jo and Vicki. Our Young Leader team is Emilia, Halli, Summer and Dot, all of which are huge assets to the team. We sadly said goodbye to Michael as a regular member of the leader team after nearly 30 years' service to the Section, it's safe to say we would never have got this far without his support all this time. We are incredibly lucky to have the fun, caring and crazy team we have. I would like to say a huge thank you to our amazing team and the consistent support from our Group Lead Volunteer, Andrew. Here is to another brilliant year of Scouting with Purple Pack!

### Emma Cooper (Akela)

Section Lead Volunteer - Purple Pack Cubs



# Grey (Friday) Pack Cubs

Friday Cubs Annual Report 2023-2024

This year has been an incredible journey of fun, learning, and adventure for our Cubs at Friday Cubs! With each term bringing new experiences, we've seen our Cubs grow in confidence, skills, and teamwork. Let's take a look back at the highlights of our fantastic year.

## Autumn Term

The Autumn Term was filled with excitement as we welcomed back our Cubs after the summer break. We dived straight into earning our Cooking, Athletics, and Science Badges, where the Cubs got hands-on with various activities like cooking delicious treats, engaging in energetic athletic challenges, and exploring the wonders of science through fun experiments.

One of the term's highlights was an evening led by Leonie that focused on South Africa, helping the Cubs earn their World Badge. They enjoyed crafts and activities that allowed them to learn about a different culture in an interactive way. We also celebrated Bonfire Night and Halloween, creating unforgettable memories with festive games and activities. Our young leader, Abbie, led a 'Cubs got Talent' night where we showed off the excellent singing, dancing and talents from our Cubs!

During this term, we took the opportunity to reflect on history by focusing on how Scouts supported the effort in World War II to honour Remembrance Day. To cap off 2023, we had a fantastic sleepover at The Warren, packed with festive activities and a memorable hike. The Cubs bonded over the experience, showing tremendous spirit and camaraderie.

## Spring Term

The Spring Term marked the arrival of our new Akela, Emily Williams. We kicked things off by taking advantage of the dark skies to complete the Astronomer Badge, where the Cubs learned about stars, constellations, and the wonders of space.

We then explored various cultural activities, including a mini-Highland Games that brought out the competitive spirit in our Cubs, and celebrated the Chinese New Year with crafts and traditions led by our excellent young leader, Ethan. The Cubs also honed their traditional Scouting skills with a session on pioneering, learning how to build and create with ropes and poles.

The term also saw us have a fun-filled session at All-Stars Academy, where the Cubs participated in various sports and games, developing their physical skills and teamwork.

## Summer Term

As the weather warmed up, the Summer Term was all about outdoor fun and adventure. We kicked off with camp craft sessions, completing the Environmental and International Badges. The Cubs then attended a jam-packed and sunny summer camp at Bowley Scout Camp, which was a true highlight of the year. They took part in a range of outdoor activities, from challenging themselves on obstacle courses to a memorable evening around the campfire, complete with face glitter and toasted marshmallows.

The Cubs practiced essential skills for going away, such as packing their bags, keeping their bedspaces tidy, and supporting each other. These experiences not only taught them practical skills but also fostered a strong sense of teamwork and responsibility. I was particularly proud of our Cubs who came second in the Akela Shield competition, they showed exemplary support to one another, team cohesion and positive attitude.

We wrapped up the term with a thrilling tubing session at The Hill, which was an absolute blast! We also completed the Backwoods Cooking Badge and finished the term with a refreshing hike that culminated in a huge water fight – a perfect way to end the year on a high note!

## Looking Ahead

Reflecting on the past year, it's clear that Friday Cubs has provided a wealth of engaging, educational, and fun experiences for our Cubs. From exploring the wonders of science and space to embracing different cultures and mastering traditional Scouting skills, our Cubs have thrived in a positive and supportive environment. We look forward to another exciting year ahead, filled with more adventures, challenges, and, most importantly, lots of fun!

Thank you to all our leaders, helpers, and parents for their continued support, and most importantly, to our fantastic Cubs, who make Friday Cubs such a vibrant and special group!

Here's to another great year of Scouting!

## Emily Williams (Akela)

Section Lead Volunteer - Grey Pack Cubs



# Purple (Wednesday) Troop Scouts

Purple Troop currently has 27 Scouts, 11 Boys, 16 Girls.

Purple troop has been running independently from the other Troops for 2-years and the leadership team have become more established, with two new adult leaders expected to join us in September.

There has been one joint event with the other Troops: The Christmas party at MFA Bowl in Burnley which was attended by members of Purple Troop.

This year we have been focussing on completing the Challenge Awards as well as completing activity badges. We have been running badges at the rate of about one per half term

Over the last year we have run; Skills, Creative, World, Outdoor and Adventure Challenge Badges; Hobbies, Fire Safety and DIY activity badges, also taking the opportunity to finish badgework that was missed due to poor weather, or other restrictions on the time available.

The Scouts also visited Burnley Fire Station to learn about fire safety and how the station and the Fire & Rescue Service run.

Two camps were held this last year, a one-night camp at The Warren in late March, and a second, two-night camp in late April at Little Bowley. Both were well attended, and everybody appeared to have had a great time.

The focus for the coming year is to complete Challenge Awards in preparation for the Chief Scouts Gold for the older members of the Troop, integrating the new and younger members who have just moved up from Cub or from other sections.

We'll be holding another one-night camp for JOTI / JOTA (Jamboree over the Internet / Airwaves) in October and have expressed interest in the planned Bowley camp in May 2025.

## Nick Lowe

Section Lead Volunteer - Purple Troop



# Grey (Thursday) Troop Scouts

In Grey Troop we now have 27 members, 13 of them girls and 14 boys.

When we returned after summer last year we started with the skills badge, learning about diet, sleep, gender and disabilities. We then moved on to the Air Activities Badge. The Scouts got to meet a trainee pilot and listened to how much training they need to become a pilot. They also had a go at flight simulators learnt about the phonetic alphabet and had a go at making their own paper planes.

In the middle of September some of the Scouts joined the Leaders to take part in a sponsored walk to raise money for the Group.

At the end of September on a weekend we had a joint expedition with Red Troop. 7 Scouts set off on a wet Saturday morning from Bleakholt and headed towards Ashworth Valley. Notwithstanding the weather conditions the Scouts did well and, despite the complaining the Leaders received about the rain, we know deep down the Scouts had fun.

The Scouts made kites going into October, but we didn't get a chance to try them out with the weather. Then we tried to teach the Scouts about skills around the house.

Fire lighting one evening in November is always enjoyed by the Scouts with S'mores to fill their stomachs.

This was followed by the Scouts learning about Thanksgiving Day in USA. They got to try candied yams and pumpkin pie whilst finding out why Americans celebrate the day.

In December we got started with the Craft badge. This needs the Scouts to take part in making something that takes 6=hours. We decided to make snowmen using balloons and toilet paper. We ran this activity up until our Xmas party. For the Xmas party all three Scout Troops went ten pin bowling. Over 80 young people took part and enjoyed food along with the bowling.

When we returned after the Xmas break, we carried on with making the snowmen. This craft took longer than the estimated 6 hours and we don't think the Scouts will want to see a snowman any time soon.

Burns night was celebrated with some Ceilidh dancing, learning why Scottish people celebrate it, and got to enjoy some haggis with neeps and tatties.

After this week we all wrote letters about ourselves and our hobbies. These were sent to an American Troop we are awaiting a reply.

Then the Scouts tackled the Pioneering badge, learning about knots, splicing, whipping and sealing ropes. This was over a few weeks and will hopefully come in use.

The Scouts learnt about accidents and international issues over a couple of weeks along with a lovely hike from Whittaker Park to the Halo and back.

In preparation for camp the Scouts made lanterns for a camp gadget. They used bamboo sticks, paper and LED lights to create shapes then attached to a bamboo stick to use on camp.

When it came to camp, we took 18 Scouts to Bowley Scout Campsite. We separated them into 3 groups and set them teamwork tasks throughout the weekend. They were scored on how well kept their event shelter was, their tents and how they worked together. The Scouts took part in air rifle shooting and crate stacking. They also did a scavenger hunt and made dough twists. At the end of the weekend the winning team were awarded prizes.

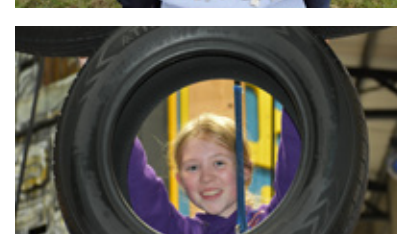
After camp the Scouts dried and cleaned the tents and event shelters then started to learn about the local knowledge. This involved us setting a quiz which the Scouts had to complete whilst walking around the local area. On polling day as we couldn't use the Warren, we took the Scouts to Grip and Go to have a go at climbing. The Scouts really enjoyed this activity.

To end the year the Scouts had tasks set to gain water balloons for the water fight after. We ended the evening by letting the Scouts loose with water balloons and water pistols. The Leaders and Scouts all ended up soaked but had a lot of fun.

This has been a busy year but lots of fun also. I would like to thank all my leaders for helping me to keep it fun for the Scouts.

## Tim Feather

Section Lead Volunteer - Grey Troop



# Red (Friday) Troop Scouts

Another year gone like a flash and here what we've been up to in the last 12 months.

At the time of the last AGM, we had just gotten back from our Autumn Camp at Bowley which had included activities like tomahawk throwing, the low ropes course and crossbow shooting. Twenty-three Scouts attended along with seven of the leadership team and after a damp start the weather came out on our side and we had a great weekend. From here we moved on to reflecting on our values as individuals and as members of an organisation both within the UK and across the world with international based themes and the act of Remembrance along with the rest of the Group on the annual Remembrance parade. We had a night as mad scientists mainly making a mess with purpose, turning milk into plastic, creating snow fluff and racing 'hovercraft' with varying degrees of success although excelling in the mess category.

With Christmas fast approaching we launched our support for Kids in Rossendale, at the request of our young leaders, with donations to their Christmas appeal. With Christmas comes craft and we made salt dough decorations, a mess with chocolate and paracord figures. We joined the rest of Rossendale District at the carol service, handily held on a Friday night, for festive activities and song with some awards too. The end of saw us join with our compatriots from Purple and Grey Troops for our Christmas party at AMF Bowling Burnley with thirty-two Scouts from Red Troop attending.

Into 2024 we leapt, and we traditionally start the term with a fire and food, a chance to catch up on what happened to us all over the Christmas break. Following that we celebrated Burns night with traditional Scottish style porridge and a freshly caught Haggis or two, both of which went down well (honest, we have the pictures to prove it). From the Scottish we moved to the Chinese and Chinese New Year and pancake night, any night that includes food always seems to be a winner in this Troop.

For a night away from the Warren we went to Grip n Go at the Adrenaline centre, Haslingden. Nineteen Scouts zipped up and down the climbing walls in an evening of fun and personal challenge. More Science fun followed with chromatography and magnetic compasses for the Scientist Badge. The Patrol Leaders and their assistants got their own camp at the Warren in March, a bit nippy. The weekend was based around teamwork and leadership, the Scouts were set various tasks to test their ability to interpret and follow instructions, then pass them on to their teams, run their own activities and come up plans for the section's future. Back on the Friday night the Scouts wrote and performed their own 'adverts' for scouting, after watching their performances can't understand why anyone wouldn't join scouting. Finally, before the end of term we joined in with the remainder of the Group in the annual chocolate roll fundraiser.

Easter break over and after a campfire session we joined the Rossendale District Scouts celebrating St George's day and supporting those who gained awards. Back in the Warren we decorated plant pots, did some pioneering building camp chairs, went for a wander up on the hills, joined the Friday Cubs for wide games in the dark at Bowley and finally before the break for half term the Scouts experienced attempting everyday tasks but with restrictions on their vision, dexterity and hearing. With the break over we got ourselves in a twist making rope in two different ways.

Summer Camp, for this one we decided a change of venue was in order. Twenty-five Scouts joined eight from the leadership team for a weekend a Bibby's Farm, Chorley. Activities included crawling around in the cave bus, mini bow and arrows, orienteering and shelter building. After a barbecue tea the troop settled down to watch Gnomeo and Juliet in the outdoor cinema then back to camp for camp cake and hot chocolate. The only real rain of the weekend caught us while striking camp, at first, I thought I'd become popular only to realise my event shelter was literally the only shelter from the sudden downpour and everyone was attempting to squish in out of the heavy rain. On camps you get to know a lot about your charges, which ones want to play football whenever you turn your back, which ones eat everything and more, who never seems to want to sleep and who never wants to wake up, we have many of each and more.

Back at the Warren we challenged the Scouts teamwork skills by presenting them with heavy canvas patrol tents and wooden poles with no instruction. It was definitely a challenge to start with but fairly quickly the teams worked out how to assemble a good approximation of a patrol tent and it also proved that age was no barrier to leadership. More tent construction followed as the troop set up the base camp for the Relay for Life team at Marl Pits with some of them joining us over the weekend as part of the relay team raising funds for Cancer Research with close to a thousand pounds raised by the teams' efforts. Fire building challenges the following week kept their skills up along with a little marshmallow burning, I mean toasting. And with that the term was almost over except for, what seems to be an inevitable end to the summer sessions, the water fight. We tried to bring a bit of class to the evening with mocktails and games, but it was clear from the start that the Scouts were there for one purpose alone, to drench each other and especially me!

As a tally to illustrate the effort put in by the both the Scouts and Leadership team in this year the Troop earned 176 badges including 4 Chief Gold Scouts Awards, 42 Challenge Awards and 69 Activity badges.

Thank you to all the Friday Night Volunteer Scout team in producing and delivering the fun and laughter we all experience. You're the Best!

## Pete West

Section Lead Volunteer - Red Troop





# 38th Rossendale (Open) Scout Group

# Meet The Team

## GROUP LEADERSHIP TEAM



Andrew  
Cooper  
(Eagle)



Lisa  
Feather-Fletcher  
(Willow)



Louise  
Cooper  
(Merlin)



Mark  
Guest  
(Harrier)



Oliver  
Cooper  
(Hawk)



Emma  
Cooper  
(Akela)



Emily  
Williams  
(Akela)



Nick  
Lowe

## Squirrels



Tim  
Feather-Fletcher  
(Oak)



Pete  
West  
(Shere Khan)



Lisa  
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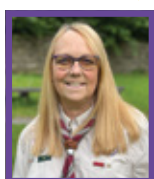


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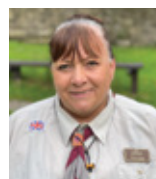
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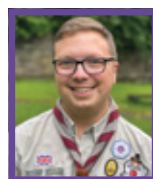
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Bev  
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Hattie  
Bell  
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Pippa  
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Rebecca  
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# cubs



Emma Cooper  
(Akela)



Dave Howarth  
(White Claw)



Grace Royle  
(Raksha)



Helen Haworth  
(Jacala)



Jo Finn  
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Michael Hoyle  
(Baloo)



Tom Swinhoe  
(Kaa)



Vicki Bromley  
(Hathi)



Emily Williams  
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Caroline Smith  
(Raksha)



Claire Shaw  
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Léonie Ford-Miah  
(Bagheera)



Mike Hough  
(Baloo)



Suzanne Wharton  
(Hathi)



Vanessa Widdop  
(Mowgli)

# SCOUTS



Nick Lowe



Adam Hanson



Natasha Ready



Tim Feather-Fletcher  
(Oak)



Paul Finn



Chris Thornton



Helen Thornton



Lottie Lowe



Pete West  
(Shere Khan)



Di West  
(Phao)



Helen Cornfoot



Jake Cornfoot



Logan Law



Nathan Ashworth  
(Ziggy)

# EXPLORERS

Seat Naze



Olly White



Elli Watts



Chris Smith



Harry Ward



Ernie Bishop



Frank Hartley

# FOUNDERS



## THE 38TH ROSSENDALE (OPEN) SCOUT GROUP

### RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT 1ST APRIL 2023 - 31ST MARCH 2024

RECEIPTS	£	£
<b>Balances brought forward:</b>		
Cash	1	
Trade Debtors	106	
Creditors	-4,725	
Fixed Assets	2,754	
Current Account	11,548	
Group Subscription Account	723	
Friends of 38th	3,770	
Group Trip Account	3,271	
National Savings Account	<u>32,235</u>	
	49,683	<u>49,683</u>
<b>Subscriptions</b>		
Monday Beavers	3,454	
Monday Squirrels	2,350	
Tuesday Cubs	3,427	
Wednesday Beavers	4,181	
Wednesday Scouts	2,563	
Thursday Scouts	3,945	
Friday Cubs	4,322	
Friday Scouts	<u>4,479</u>	
	28,720	<u>28,720</u>
<b>Other Income</b>		
Bank Interest	249	
Events Income	19,838	
YL	253	
Badges & Uniform	211	
Rental Income	1,003	
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Easter Egg Roll	501	
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Donations	<u>1,218</u>	
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Internet & Web Hosting	534	
Admin & Accounts	2,690	
Charity Insurance	3,701	
Equipment Hire	141	
Cleaning	251	
Stationery	77	
Repairs	859	
Bank Charges	1	
Clothing Costs	<u>500</u>	
	13,698	<u>13,698</u>
<b>Other Expenditure</b>		
Events	13,380	
Sub-Contractors	1,405	
Group Expenses	6,566	
70th Anniversary Badges & Clothing		
Census Fee	10,962	
Badges	<u>1,447</u>	
	33,760	<u>33,760</u>
<b>Section Expenses</b>		
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Creditors	-47,151	
Fixed Assets	2,754	
Current Account	16,607	
Group Subscription Account	235	
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Hon. Treasurer.....*[Signature]*.....



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Hon. Treasurer.....*[Signature]*



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees

The 38th Rossendale (Open) Scout Group

On accounts for the year ended

31/03/24

Charity no  
(if any)

512617

Set out on pages

(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended DD / MM / YYYY.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity's trustees, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act").

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent examiner's statement

[The charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 and I am qualified to undertake the examination by being a qualified member of [insert name of applicable listed body]]. Delete [ ] if not applicable.

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination (other than that disclosed below \*) which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or
- the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
- the accounts did not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

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

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

Signed: Elizabeth Watt

Date: 11/12/2024

Name: ELIZABETH WATTJ

Relevant professional qualification(s) or body

(if any):

Address: 43 LINDON PARK ROAD  
EWOOD BRIDGE  
HASLINGDEN BB4 6LZ

**Section B Disclosure**

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight material matters of concern (see CC32, Independent examination of charity accounts: directions and guidance for examiners).

Give here brief details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose.

**38TH ROSSENDALE SCOUTS**

England & Wales - Charity number 512657

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# Accounts

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38<sup>th</sup> Rossendale Scout Group

# ANNUAL

REPORT & ACCOUNTS – 2022/23



**Scouts**  
38th Rossendale



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## Group Chairman

Dear all,

I can't believe it's that time of year again. It's been a busy year at the 38th Rossendale (Open) Scout Group.

I would particularly like to thank the Trustees Committee; they always selflessly give their time effort and support but this year they seem to have gone above and beyond the line of duty.

On top of the usual committee meetings where items are particularly challenging, they have scheduled extra focus meetings, and these are producing exceptional results. The development projects that they are embarking on are going to ensure the stability and growth of the Group for tens of years to come.

I am aware of some of the challenging issues that certain Section Leaders have been having and would like to compliment them for the professional and competent way they have gone about dealing with them.

I would like to thank Lisa and her team for the way they have made our newest section The Squirrels such a huge success.

Finally, my congratulations to every single person who has helped to make this huge phenomenon we call the 38th Rossendale (Open) Scout Group such a wonderful thing.

**Michael Churnside**

Chairman

## Group Lead Volunteer (Group Scout Leader)

Another year has passed us by and once again we have had 12-months of fun and adventure.

We successfully launched the Squirrel Scouts in November 2022.

The Squirrels aged 4 or 5 soon settled into the routine and are a delightful bunch of young people.

Their age has not held them back and their adventures over the last year have included the Christmas Experience at Bowley, an Easter Sleepover at the Warren and visits to both Eureka in Halifax and Jump Works in Accrington.

The demand for places in the younger Sections of the Group has reached a new peak not helped by the fact that we are the only Group that runs Squirrels not just in Rossendale but much of the wider area.

I would dearly love to be able to accept more Members into the Group, but we are pretty much at our full capacity across all eight Sections with approaching 200 young people on our books.

Not just the Squirrels but the Beavers, Cubs and Scouts have all been busy with their programme of activities throughout the year, this includes copious amounts of badge work and in every case at least two nights away from home.

I reported last year that we had completed another successful international camp in France. The search was then on for our next international adventure for 2024.

After much difficulty we finally settled on Belgium for the end of July next year. We will be stopping at the De Kluis Scout Campsite where we will participate in activities and visits in the local area. Mid-week we will be off to Disneyland Paris which has become a highlight of our international camps. 50 young people accompanied by 10 Leaders will be participating. In November we will be celebrating 1-year of the Squirrel Scouts, but this will be upstaged when in the early part of 2024 we will be celebrating 40-years of Beaver Scouts at the 38th Rossendale.

The occasion will be marked by a special Sleepover for the Beavers at the Blackpool Tower. They will visit the Sea Life Centre, see a Circus performance, visit the Tower Eye, dance in the Ballroom and most unusually they will sleep in the circus ring of the Tower.

2024 is also a special year for me as I will be celebrating 40-years as a Leader at the 38th Rossendale and I am pleased that I will be joining the Beavers in Blackpool and participating in our international camp to mark the occasion.

Over the past 12-months including very recently, we have welcomed some new Leaders to the 38th Rossendale. We are always interested in talking to potential volunteers whether that is working in one of our Sections or maybe behind the scenes.

We have also had to say goodbye to some Leaders whose commitments outside of Scouting have taken them away from us.

A special mention to former Leader and Trustees member, Chris Taylor on his appointment as County Lead (County Commissioner). Many congratulations Chris.

Whether you are a current or past Leader, I am personally very grateful to our volunteer teams who give their time week in and week out to bring life changing adventures to the young people.

They say it is "only an hour a week" but it can be as little or as much as you are able. Next year the volunteer journey is to be revised by a whole new structure and training programme from the Scout Association. We are told this will attract more volunteers.

Whatever the format or the role, all I can say is that it is #GoodForYou

As successful as we are, like all walks of life increasing costs and the upkeep of our building has taken its toll. Our income over the past two years has been less than our outgoings. It was with this in mind that from September this year our subscriptions have been increased the aim being to balance our books moving forward. This is the first increase since January 2015.

We recently identified two urgent needs. One was to replace our aging cooker and the other was to replace an emergency exit door at the side of the building. It is hoped as I write this document in August that the planned sponsored walk in September will have covered those costs.

We have other areas we are considering for the improvement of our facilities and therefore we hope everyone will get behind this and future fundraising activities.

One easy way of supporting the Group on a regular basis is by joining our 100 Club. Speak to me or any Leader for more information.

Congratulations to the Young People who have recently received their Chief Scout Awards. Also, to the Scouters of the Year from each Section and the overall winner who went on to win the "Jean Smith Award" for the outstanding Scouter of the year in memory of our former Group President.

And finally, a thank you to you the parents and carers for your continued support not just to us but to your children.

By being a member of the 38th Rossendale, you are giving your child the opportunity to develop personally, learn new skills and to become model citizens of the future.

**Andrew Cooper**

Group Lead Volunteer (Group Scout Leader)

## Squirrels

Thursday 3rd November 2022 saw the opening of 38th youngest and newest section, Squirrels. Our first ever meeting was exciting, as well as nerve wrecking, all 15 children, 9 girls & 6 boys, that attended went away with a certificate and a smile on their face. The feedback from parents and leaders was amazing. We jumped straight onto badge work and completed the Get Creative badge. 16 Squirrels were invested around the firepit and toasted marshmallows. We had a trip to see Father Christmas at the Christmas Experience at Bowley, the Squirrels had an amazing time. We ended our first half term with a Christmas party.

2023 started with the Squirrels completing their Let's Celebrate badge, we enjoyed learning about Chinese New Year and Burns night and was able to taste haggis, spring rolls, prawn crackers and fortune cookies. During Spring 2023 we completed our Local Superhero badge with a visit to the Fire Station and started the Super Chef badge when parents joined the Squirrels for a Mother's Day celebration making pizzas.

April 2023 saw 13 Squirrels take part in their first ever sleepover at the Warren. When they arrived, they put their bags into their Nests and created their place settings, campfire blankets and did some Easter crafts. The Squirrels enjoyed a light snack before heading out on a 1.5-mile hike to gain their first Hikes staged badge. On their return to the Warren tea was ready to eat.

S'mores and hot chocolate around the campfire were enjoyed before settling into pj's to watch "Hop". Our nights' accommodation was under event shelters on blow up beds, for some Squirrels this was their first time away from their parents and first time under canvas. After a good night's sleep and some breakfast, the Squirrels enjoyed an Easter Egg hunt followed by more Easter craft before packing up for home time. During the sleepover the Squirrels completed their All About Me and All About Adventure Challenge badges towards their Acorn badge and gained their first Nights Away staged badge.

During the summer term the Squirrels visited Asda and learnt about where our food comes from and visited Pets at Home to look at where different animals and insects live, these visits helped complete their Super Chef and Go Wild badges. The Squirrels thoroughly enjoyed the Father's Day celebration evening where they had to build dens, light a fire and do a water race with their parents. The Summer term ended with a joint meeting with the rest of the group at Jump Works and a water fight at the Warren.

We currently have 16 Squirrels, 10 girls and 6 boys with a very healthy waiting list. Our first two Squirrels moved onto Beavers last month after completing their Acorn Award. I would like to take this opportunity to thank my team for all their help and support.

**Lisa Fletcher (Willow)**

Section Lead Volunteer – Squirrels



## Grey (Monday) Colony Beavers

We have 25 in our Section currently with 5 Young Leaders.

Badges completed over the last year have been:

- Photographer
- Teamwork
- Astronomy
- Book reader
- Global Issues
- Sports
- International
- First Aid
- Faith
- Explore



We did a joint hike with the Wednesday Beavers where we walked from Snig Hole to Irwell Vale, we had some sore legs at the end, but the Beavers had a good hike with some amazing views.

We had a fantastic joint camp with Wednesday Beavers at Bowley all Beavers had a great time achieving the Outdoor and Adventure Challenge badges and added 2 Nights Away to their records.

We have completed more of the Challenge badges this term so more Beavers could achieve the Chief Scout Bronze Award. We also entered a team in the District Akeema Shield competition, the Beavers visited different bases such as problem solving, memory, skills etc. We came 5th and the Beavers really enjoyed the day having lots of fun. So far this year we have started on the Animal Friends Badge which the Beavers have had to look after their pet of a family's pet for 6 weeks, walking and feeding them, cleaning them out. Those who borrowed a pet may now stop asking parents for one after having to do these chores.

We also did the Money Skills activity badge learning about different types of money. The Beavers asked lots of questions and learnt lots of different skills and enjoyed the money game where they had to buy different items from our shop. We have just done the Explore activity badge where the Beavers had to follow clues to find places in the Rawtenstall town centre and lots of fun was had.

We took part in the St Georges Day parade which was a fantastic turn out and 4 Beavers got the Bronze Award.

We had an International evening where the Beavers wore American colours and had Hot Dogs and S'mores. The Beavers really enjoyed it especially the food. To complete the badge, we tasted foods from all around the World and learnt about Scouting around the World and what uniform they wear we also learnt Frere Jacques and sang that.

To finish our summer, we all went to Jump Works where the Beavers joined Squirrels Cubs and Scouts. All the Beavers enjoyed themselves. For the last night we had a fun night playing party games and eating hotdogs and sweets a fun night to an end of term.

**Mark Guest (Harrier)/Louise Cooper (Merlin)**

Section Lead Volunteers - Grey Colony Beavers

## Purple (Wednesday) Colony Beavers

I am proud to report we have had another fantastic year at Wednesday Beavers. This includes earning plenty of Bronze Awards and a great variety of badges.

From the start of September 2022, the Beavers completed their World Challenge Badge / Global Issues Badge including a visit from both the Police and Paramedics to talk about what they do for the community. We also tried different food from around the World, focusing on Chinese food and the history behind it. The Beavers also completed lots of fun science projects for their Experiment Activity Badge. The Beavers had great fun at their Halloween party where there were plenty of spooky costumes. Shortly after they also completed their Space Activity Badge, learning all about the most recent mission to Mars. As Winter approached, we completed our Communicator Activity Badge, making coded messages to each other and phone calls home to parents.

As the nights got darker, we went on an adventure to the Halo. This was a great experience for the Beavers who had never hiked in the dark before. During December the Beavers were festive as usual, attending the District Carol Service, the Christmas Experience at Bowley and of course a Christmas party to finish the year off. For the start of 2023 we completed our Sports Activity Badge which ended in a big competition between the Lodges. We also completed our Money Skills Activity Badge, the first time this has ever been completed at Beavers. The Beavers had a great adventure at Eureka with Beavers from all around East Lancashire.

I am proud to say Wednesday Beavers attended the District Akeema Shield and came 1st! This was thanks to great teamwork from our Beavers. We continued our badgework, earning our Faith Activity badge that finished with our trip to Church with St Georges day. We also had a night of Bowling in Burnley as well as a Hike around Snig Hole and the Ramsbottom Viaduct. This year our Beaver Camp took place at Bowley. This involved lots of fun activities including the Leap of Faith, Crate Stacking, Splatterpults and a campfire. To finish up before the summer we completed a trail around Rawtenstall for our Explore Activity Badge and joined the group in the chaos of Jumpworks which was great fun.

As always none of the adventures we had, the memories made, the confidence built, or the skills gained would be possible without the amazing Leaders and Young Leaders that give up their time every week.

I would like to say a big thank you to the Leaders Hattie, Pippa, Bev, Andrew, Emily, Louise, Mark and Abbie. As well as this my young leaders Evie, Grace, Emily, Millie and Erin. Both Abbie and Erin are leaving Beavers so thank you so much for all you have done for us over the years.

The Beavers are more excited than ever to start the next term and celebrate our 40th Anniversary by camping at Blackpool Tower! Onwards and upwards (literally when we go up the tower!).

### Oliver Cooper (Hawk)

Section Lead Volunteer - Purple Colony Beavers



## Purple (Tuesday) Pack Cubs

The last year for Purple Pack has been filled with adventure, fun and chaos!

Over the last year the Cubs have worked really hard towards their Challenge badges. We had a visit from a Police Inspector and Police Detective which was super exciting. We learned the Countryside Code and cooked outdoors as part of our Outdoor Challenge.

We also did plenty of activity badges including Disability Awareness, Astronomer, Home Safety, Local Knowledge and the new Money Skills activity badge. We also made plenty of use of the outdoors. We have been on a number of hikes, done lots of fire lighting, pioneering and athletics. We also joined the Group at Jumpworks for a crazy night of fun!

In the last year we have taken part in 2 camps! First, we had a Christmas themed camp at the Warren where the Cubs pitched tents to sleep in before taking part in lots of Christmas activities and we even got an early visit from the big man who filled stockings with lots of treats! In summer we spent a weekend at Bowley Campsite and took part in lots of adventure like crate stacking, leap of faith, splatapults and air rifle shooting. We obviously ended camp with the traditional Cubs vs. Leaders water fight! These camps were so much fun, and we can't wait for the next one.

What's next? We look forward to planning another Autumn/Winter camp, tackling yet more Challenge and Activity badges and continuing to do our best trying new adventures every week.

Our Purple Pack team is as dedicated and amazing as ever. Our adult leader team now consists of myself, Michael, Dave, Alison, Grace, and Oscar. Our young leader team is Emily, Emilia, Bella, Dot, Halli and Summer all of which are huge assets to the team. We are incredibly lucky to have the fun, caring and crazy team we have. I would like to say a huge thank you to our amazing team and the consistent support from our GSL. Here is to another brilliant year of Scouting with Purple Pack!

### Emma Cooper (Akela)

Section Lead Volunteer - Purple Pack Cubs

## Grey (Friday) Pack Cubs

Grey Pack have been very busy over the last 12 months. We have learnt some fire lighting skills, done the physical badge and the artist badge. We have also tried out various disabilities to try and understand how it impacts people's daily lives. The Cubs have also learnt about astronomy and some road safety. We have covered the Emergency Aid badge so if ever you need medical assistance, you know who to call.

We have also been out and about on hikes and even squeezed in a whole 38th visit to Jumpworks. Our young leaders Abi's dad Lee is a fire fighter, so we went for a visit over to Burnley Fire Station. They let us use the hose and we even got to go into a smoke-filled house, it was scary but amazing! The Cubs went for a bike ride over at Nuttall Park and even though it was summer the weather did not disappoint, and we all ended up very wet and muddy, I'm sure the parents appreciated us messing up their cars haha.

The Christmas party at the end of 2022 was a whole lot of fun with party games and we even had reindeer donuts. The summer party was the usual wet affair of games rounded off with water balloons, guns and sponges. Akela looked like she had had a shower but luckily there were a couple of helpful Cubs who helped protect her in the end.

Our 2023 camp experience was a little different this year as there wasn't a campfire in sight: however, we did get to sleep in a nerf battle arena as we visited Gulliver's World. Akela was more excited than the Cubs and almost lost her voice with all the screaming. We had a tour of the theme park after hours and went on the hunt for Dinosaurs don't worry though we didn't lose anyone, well apart from Raksha and she soon caught up! We then settled down on beanbags for a movie or two before all going off to sleep in the battle towers. The following day we spent the day on the rides before parents picked up at closing time. The Cubs behaved amazingly and all in all the Leaders were exhausted but very pleased, you did 38th Rossendale proud.

At present time we have 34 cubs and have just gained 2 new adult Leaders and 4 new Young Leaders so thank you. We couldn't do what we do without your help and support, it is greatly appreciated.

### Vanessa Feather (Akela)

Section Lead Volunteer - Grey Pack Cubs



## Purple (Wednesday) Troop Scouts

Purple Troop currently has 18 Scouts, 13 Boys, 5 Girls. The Troop has been running independently from the other Troops for a year and the Leadership team have become more established. I'd like to take this opportunity to formally thank Pete and Tim for their invaluable help and guidance since taking over the Section Leadership in June 2022, as they stepped back in December to focus on the running of their own Sections.

There have been two joint events with the other Troops: The Christmas Party at the Adrenaline Centre, Haslingden which was attended by members of Purple Troop despite the poor weather, and the now almost traditional end of year summer water fight at Bowley.

Scouts from Purple Troop also attended the Group trip to Jumpworks in Accrington.

A member of the Troop took part in the District Baden Powell Trophy in May, unfortunately the second member couldn't make it at the last minute.

We have been running activity badges at the rate of about one per half term.

Over the last year we have run six activity badges: Chef's, Electronics, Emergency Aid level 3 Astronomer, Navigator and Pioneering. Some parts of some badges have had to be carried over due to poor weather, or other restrictions on the time available.

It was intended to hold a Patrol Leaders training camp in late June / early July however scheduling conflicts meant this couldn't take place, however a full Section camp in late September/ October is being planned for.

The Scouts were also allowed to plan and run their own activities as part of the Leadership Challenge with some successful - Curry night and a Murder mystery game, and some less so.

The focus for the coming year is to complete Challenge Awards in preparation for the Chief Scouts Gold award, as a sizeable number of scouts turn 13 over the next few months. Still haven't managed to feed a Capybara yet either...

### Nick Lowe

Section Lead Volunteer - Purple Troop

## Grey (Thursday) Troop Scouts

We currently have 32 Scout members, split 50/50 between the girls and boys.

When we returned in September 2022 the Scouts started their Chef's activity badge, learning how to store and transport food. They then visited Rawtenstall Fire Station, where they got to learn how a fire station operates and look at the equipment, they also got to try the uniform and hear the siren.

The Scouts started learning about maps and started their Entertainer badge. At the end of the term the Scouts dressed up and had a Halloween party. We had party games and the Leaders learnt that flour and Scouts don't mix well as it got everywhere and took a long time to clean up.

When we returned from half term the Scouts started their Electronics badge. They learnt how to solder wires together and make a circuit. They each made a toothbrush figurine that moved itself. And they learnt how to use a multi meter and how to read resistor ratings and other electrical components. Up to the Christmas break we carried on with the Chef's badge before coming together with Wednesday and Friday Scouts to have a Christmas party. 70 Scouts took part where they competed in teams to win points in mini games. The winning team being awarded treats before all the Scouts were given a selection box.

After the Christmas break the Scouts finished their Chef's badge with pizza's. The Scouts also came together for a Winter camp at the Warren. 17 members came and made some clay models, then started to dig out Jeans Garden. New plant boxes were made, the ground levelled out and the new planters laid down. The grounds were swept to remove the fallen leaves and the wood store emptied and repaired. The Scouts enjoyed a chip shop tea and learnt some skills during the weekend. The Scouts started planning a hike in their patrols each week. Learning how to read an OS map and to plot a suitable, safe route. The Scouts also started their Artist badge and learnt some pioneering in anticipation for the Baden Powell Trophy Competition.

In May we had a hike over Marl Pits, we anticipated nice weather, but ended up with rain hitting us horizontally. The Scouts ended up wet but still enjoyed the walk. We took pictures of Rossendale to use for a section of the Artist badge. The Scouts also learnt about Eid in this term, learning about why its celebrated and trying foods eaten during the celebrations. This took us to Easter half term.

After Easter we started the DIY badge, where the Scouts learnt how to isolate water, gas and electricity. They looked at consumer units and how to change lightbulbs. They also looked at fire safety and what to do in an emergency.

After an evening of enjoying Smore's around a campfire the Scouts started the Mechanic's badge. Here they learnt how to remove a tyre safely, how to check the pressure of a tyre, how an engine works along with the gearbox, clutch and differential. They got to check the fluid levels in an engine and changed lightbulbs in a car. The Scouts also looked at the MOT test and what the requirements are for a vehicle to pass.



Coming into July, Thursday Scouts descended on to Bowley Scout Camp Site. The weather forecast before camp looked terrible but thankfully the weekend turned out drier than predicted. When the Scouts turned up, they erected their tents and event shelters before settling for the night with a campfire and hot chocolate. On the Saturday the Scouts woke up, had breakfast, flag break then proceeded to take part in the planned activities. They got to try air rifle shooting, grass sledging, tomahawk throwing and soft archery.

At the end of the day the Scouts had a BBQ, followed with a campfire with Tuesday Cubs who were also camping at Bowley that weekend, then culminating in dancing to finish the night. On Sunday the Scouts woke up to have breakfast before tidying the site and putting their kit away before being picked up. At the end of July all the Scouts came together for a water fight again at Bowley Scout camp site. Here they had games finishing with a drenching from the Leaders.

The team have plenty planned for our return this year which we hope will keep the Scouts interested and willing to try new things.

I would like to thank all my team for all their help this past year. Their support really makes the difference in running a successful Section.

**Tim Feather**  
Section Lead Volunteer - Grey Troop

## Red (Friday) Troop Scouts

Since our last report Red Troop has been busy with its members and leadership working hard to produce another successful year.

October saw members join other Scouts from the Group, District and County at Bowley for Jamboree on the Internet / Jamboree on the Airwaves contacting Scouts from across the globe. The weekend was full of international activities and challenges, a very satisfying couple of days.

The programme leading up to the Christmas break included the Mechanics badge, a visit to Burnley Fire Station, a Halloween party, Guy Fawkes cook-out, Christmas craft and not one but two Christmas parties. The first with their fellows from Grey and Purple Troops at the Adrenaline Centre Haslingden, taking part in team challenges and games. The second a more relaxed affair of food and music with their Troop mates.

The New Year brought new challenges. The Chinese New Year was celebrated as was Burns night (with haggis) along with the Patrol Leaders taking on the Youth Shape challenge by running an evening of activities as did the Young Leaders. Post Half term it was pancakes followed by mini pioneering, then our Senior Patrol leader ran his final evening of activities before moving on to Explorers (it included sweets). The following week saw the Groups annual fundraiser, the 'Chocolate roll' and games with the final night before Easter being a visit from Rossendale Fell Rescue.



Summer term saw the Troop focus on the upcoming Survival themed camp at Bowley, these included safe knife usage, fire lighting, shelter building, basics of survival and first aid. Outside the programme Friday Scouts took part in the Rossendale District Scout competition, The Baden Powell Trophy, with teammates from Wednesday and Thursday Scouts.

Camp was well attended, with the Scouts challenged to put what they had previously learnt into practise. Building shelters from tarps and scavenged rope, cooking their own meals over open fires in mess tins or catering sized cans. They revised use of axes, saws and knives, an introduction to animal traps, signalling, and health and hygiene in survival situations. The weather was kind though the sun rose early waking, everyone an hour or two before their usual time. This gave them plenty of time to decamp and sort breakfast.

The summer break was rapidly approaching, yet the Troop joined the rest of the Group at Jumpworks, did an evening of duck related craft and finished the summer back at Bowley with Wednesday and Thursday Scouts for our annual team challenges (better known as a mass water fight). As always, I am extremely grateful for the support of Troops Leadership team both adults and Young Leaders, without their support, hard work, and motivation we couldn't achieve everything we do. Thank you.

**Pete West**  
Section Lead Volunteer - Red Troop



## Our Finances

The financial status of the 38<sup>th</sup> Rossendale has seen a renewed focus for the Trustees this year.

Not accounting for international trips, the Group's operating income for FY23 was £36.8k and expenditure of £39.3k. The main source of income remains to be monthly subscriptions paid by members.

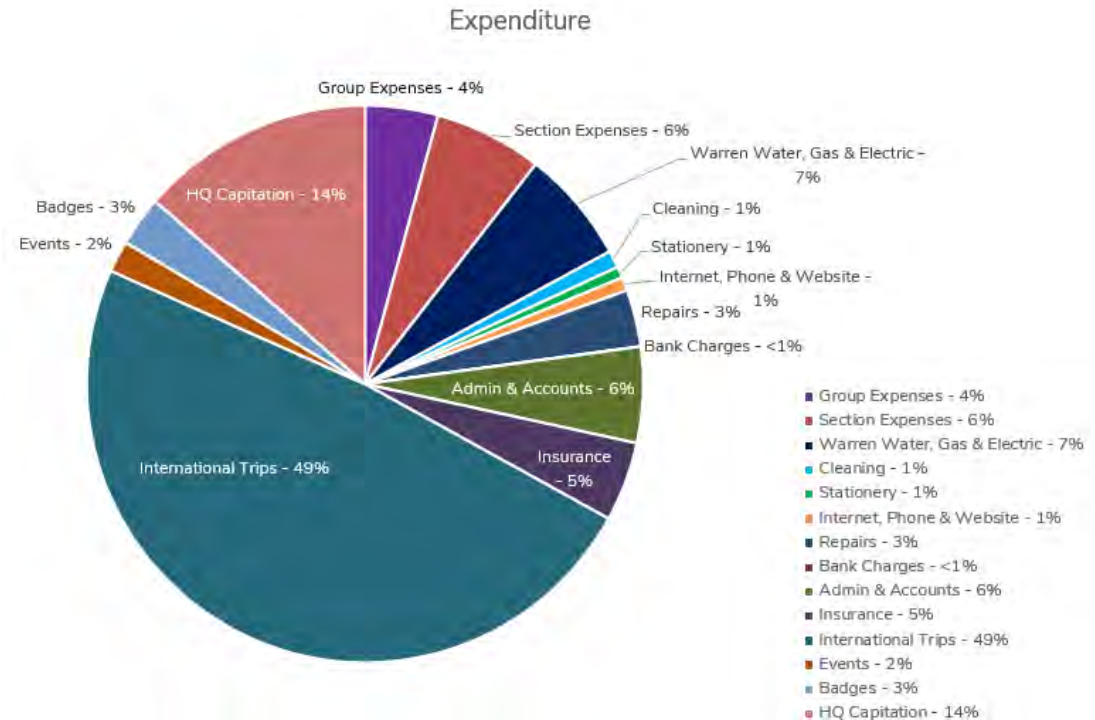
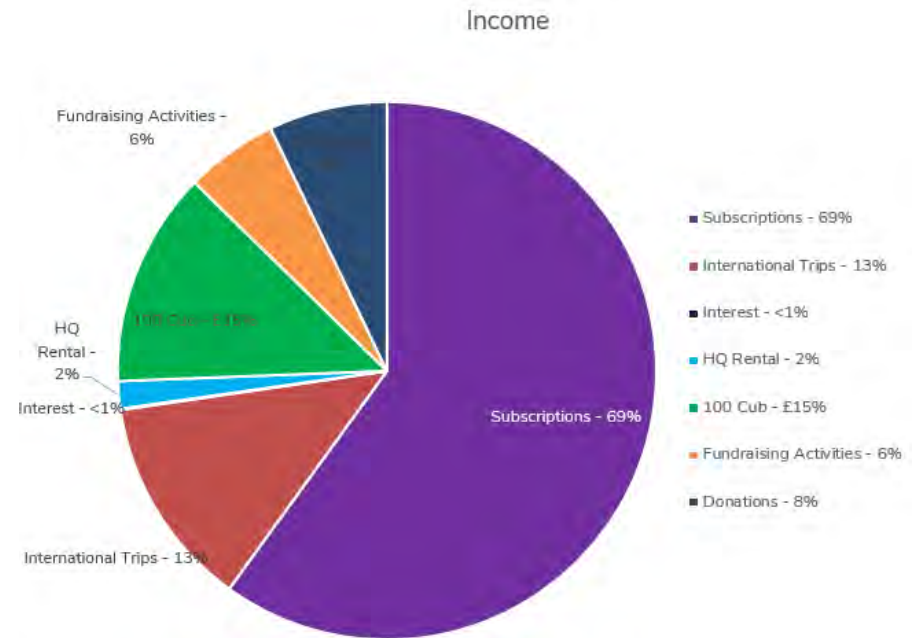
With the Group's trip to France taking place in this financial year, it was expected that nearly half of our total expenditures related to that trip with income for the trip occurring over the previous four years.

To mitigate the rising energy costs of this financial year, the Trustees engaged with an external energy consultant who reviewed current contracts and provided advice, which saved our energy costs from doubling overall.

Following last year's operating deficit, the Trustees reviewed all income and expenditure with a forecasting exercise highlighting that our yearly income didn't cover our normal expenses. The Trustees, therefore have increased the subscriptions payable by members from September 2023 which will help balance the books.

During the year, Gift Aid was highlighted as a source of income that could increase. Gift Aid was not claimed for this financial year although a claim has now been made and will appear in next year's financial accounts.

The Trustees opted to retain the reserves policy of 1 year of full spending which currently sits at £32k.



**THE 38TH ROSSENDALE (OPEN) SCOUT GROUP**

**RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT  
1ST APRIL 2022 - 31ST MARCH 2023**

RECEIPTS	£	£
<b>Balances brought forward:</b>		
Cash	39	
Trade Debtors	-10	
Creditors	-6,422	
Fixed Assets	1,958	
Current Account	20,377	
Group Subscription Account	15	
Friends of 38th	683	
Group Trip Account	35,098	
National Savings Account	32,205	
	<u>83,943</u>	<u>83,943</u>
<b>Subscriptions</b>		
Monday Beavers	3,286	
Monday Squirrels	1,461	
Tuesday Cubs	3,380	
Wednesday Beavers	3,203	
Wednesday Scouts	2,750	
Thursday Scouts	3,792	
Friday Cubs	3,793	
Friday Scouts	3,483	
	<u>25,148</u>	<u>25,148</u>
<b>Other Income</b>		
Bank Interest	30	
Calendar Sales & Advertising	865	
YL	177	
Insurance Claim	0	
Raffle	1,079	
Rental Income	695	
100 Club	5,467	
Easter Egg Roll	397	
Gift Aid	0	
Donations	3,005	
	<u>11,715</u>	<u>11,715</u>
Trip Account	5,366	
	<u>5,366</u>	<u>5,366</u>
		<u>126,172</u>

**THE 38TH ROSSENDALE (OPEN) SCOUT GROUP**

**RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT  
1ST APRIL 2022 - 31ST MARCH 2023**

EXPENDITURE	£	£
<b>Warren H.Q.</b>		
Water	189	
Electricity	2,691	
Gas	2,161	
Telephone	183	
Internet & Web Hosting	414	
Admin & Accounts	4,250	
Charity Insurance	3,533	
Equipment Hire	11	
Cleaning	760	
Stationery	503	
Repairs	2,529	
Bank Charges	4	
Clothing Costs	843	
	<u>18,071</u>	<u>18,071</u>
<b>Other Expenditure</b>		
Events	1,403	
Sub-Contractors	0	
Group Expenses	2,386	
70th Anniversary Badges & Clothing	0	
Census Fee	10,400	
Badges	2,227	
	<u>16,416</u>	<u>16,416</u>
<b>Section Expenses</b>		
Monday Beavers	562	
Monday Squirrels	516	
Tuesday Cubs	638	
Wednesday Beavers	627	
Wednesday Scouts	425	
Thursday Scouts	495	
Friday Cubs	751	
Friday Scouts	794	
	<u>4,808</u>	<u>4,808</u>
Trip Account	37,193	
	<u>37,193</u>	<u>37,193</u>
<b>Balances held at Year End.</b>		
Cash	1	
Trade Debtors	106	
Creditors	-4,725	
Fixed Assets	2,754	
Current Account	11,548	
Group Subscription Account	723	
Friends of 38th	3,770	
Group Trip Account	3,271	
National Savings Account	32,235	
	<u>49,683</u>	<u>49,683</u>
		<u>126,172</u>

Hon. Scrutineer..... *Elizabeth Watts* .....

Hon. Treasurer..... *[Signature]* .....



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/ members of

THE 38TH ROSSENDALE (OPEN) SCOUT GROUP

On accounts for the year ended

31/03/2023

Charity no (if any)

512617

Set out on pages

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity's trustees, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act").

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent examiner's statement

[The charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 and I am qualified to undertake the examination by being a qualified member of [insert name of applicable listed body]]. Delete [ ] if not applicable.

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination (other than that disclosed below \*) which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or
- the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
- the accounts did not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

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

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

Signed:

Elizabeth Watts

Date:

6.1.2024

Name:

ELIZABETH WATTS

Relevant professional qualification(s) or body

**38TH ROSSENDALE SCOUTS**

England & Wales - Charity number 512657

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# Annual Report & Accounts

2021/22

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1. Opening Address & Welcome – The Chairman Michael Churnside
2. Apologies for Absence
3. Minutes of the 2021 Annual General Meeting
4. Presentation of the Annual Report
5. Presentation of the Annual Accounts
6. Election of Officers to the Executive Committee for the Ensuing Year
  - a. Group Chairman
  - b. Secretary
  - c. Group Treasurer
  - d. Independent Examiners
7. Election of members to the Executive Committee for the Ensuing Year
  - a. Approval of the above
8. Group Scout Leaders Nominations for members of the Executive Committee for the Ensuing Year
  - a. Approval of the above
9. Election of two Explorer Scouts to the Executive Committee
10. Election of two Network Scouts to the Executive Committee
11. Presentations by our Young People
12. Presentation of Chief Scout Awards / Leader Awards
13. Presentation of Section Awards
14. Presentation of the “Jean Smith Award”.
15. Closing Address
16. Date of next AGM – Sunday 15th October 2023, 2:00 pm.

## From our Group Chair

Well, I can't believe it is 12 months since the last AGM but this time we are doing it for real. Real time real place and real people.

The lifting of restrictions has brought about normality. If you can call all the huge number of activities and camps and expeditions and all the hard work that goes into them normality. I would like to thank and congratulate all of you for being prepared and ready to come out at full capacity ready to go, unlike some large corporation's I could mention.

I would also like to thank all the Executive Committee for volunteering their time and input to help keep up the support that all the Sections need to continue to function. A huge BRAVO to you all and here is looking forward to a full and exciting year ahead.

**Michael Churnside**  
Chair



# Our Purpose and Method

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

In partnership with adults, young people take part in fun indoor and outdoor activities. They learn by doing, by sharing in spiritual reflection and by taking responsibility. They make choices, undertake new and challenging activities, and they live their Scout Promise.

Scouts' Trustees have a duty to report on our public benefit in this Annual Report. We've assessed our aims, activities and charitable objectives, which are to contribute to the development of young people in achieving their full potential as individuals, as responsible citizens, and as members of their local, national and international communities.

We believe we've met the Charity Commission's public benefit criteria for both the advancement of education, and the advancement of citizenship and community development. Scouts follows two key principles set by the Commission with regard to public benefit:

## 1. Identifiable benefit

The way in which we help young people in their personal development and empowers them to make a positive contribution to society. This benefit is directly linked to the purpose of Scouts.

## 2. Public benefit

Scouts in a national movement, open to young people aged 4-25 and adults who are willing to make the Scout Promise. People in areas of deprivation are able to benefit from our programme; while we charge a subscription to our members, access to our benefits aren't constrained by a member's ability to pay. As a Group, there are arrangements to waive subscriptions and other costs for those who face financial hardship. Nationally there are funds available for uniform and the cost of activities so that young people aren't excluded from Scouts on purely financial grounds.

## Vision and strategic objectives

### Our vision for the future

In our original Skills for Life strategy, we aimed to prepare more young people with skills for life, supported by amazing leaders delivering an inspiring programme. We talked about growing, being more inclusive, being shaped by young people and making a bigger impact in our communities.

In light of the COVID-19 pandemic, we have extended the timeline of our strategy until 2025. More information is available at [scouts.org.uk/ourplan](https://scouts.org.uk/ourplan)

## Group Scout Leader

When I wrote this report 12-months ago, we were settling back into a “normal” routine following 15-months of Scouting lock-down.

It is good that since that time we have not had a repeat of that experience and that our Scouting activities have been full steam ahead.

It did not take long last Autumn for all Sections to experience at least one night away with the Bowley Scout Campsite being the focus of the camps. Further camps followed in the Spring or Summer this year for all Sections with additional over-night stays for Scouts on their Expedition Challenge thrown in for good measure.

The big camp of the year was of course our long-overdue international camp in France. Originally booked in November 2018 for the summer of 2020, the camp finally took place in August 2022 when 77 young people accompanied by 23 adult Leaders finally made it to a new venue in the Dordogne region of France. A week of water and land activities and exploration of the local region was to follow before a return journey home via Disneyland Paris.



We had very positive feedback from the international camp and are presently looking at the viability of a future camp albeit in a different location with the possibility of flying rather than a long coach journey.

On Saturday 21st May, we marked the occasion of the Queen's Platinum Jubilee with a Garden Party.

120 pre-paid guests sat down to an afternoon tea. There was entertainment by a table magician and the Todmorden Community Brass Band.

Following our Summer Draw, 28 young people received their Chief Scout Awards and Leader Michael Hoyle received his 15-year service award.

At the time of writing, plans are well on the way for the introduction of Squirrel Scouts to the 38th Rossendale in November 2022.

This will be our first brand new Section since the introduction of Beaver Scouts in 1984.

A new Leadership team had been formed for the Squirrels which will provision for 4 and 5-year old children. The aim is to help young people gain skills for life at a time when matters most and where it's most needed.

We can't wait to get started and look forward to seeing Squirrels at our AGM & Celebration of Achievement event next year.

Our numbers remain strong with currently 185 members on the books. With the introduction of Squirrels, we are likely to top the 200 mark by the end of the year.

Adult Leaders and supporters now amount to over 50. All play an important part in bringing Skills for Life to the young people. I for one are very grateful to these volunteers.

We are always interested in talking to new Adult Volunteers – it is only an hour a week!



Our main fundraising event this year was the Summer Draw which combined with the Garden Party proceeds raised just over £1000.00. The ever-popular Easter Egg Chocolate Roll raised £500.00 before expenses.

A bag Pack and a Sponsored Walk for the France trip proved worthwhile, and it is likely we will replicate those events in 2023 for Group funds.

We are re-introducing our Group Calendar for the 2023 Calendar year and the hope is copies will be available to purchase at our 2022 AGM & Celebration of Achievement event.

You can support the Group every month by joining the 100 Club. Speak to me or any Section Leader for more information.

Congratulations to the Young People who have recently received their Chief Scout Awards. Also, to the Scouters of the Year from each Section and the overall winner who went on to win the "Jean Smith Award" for the outstanding Scouter of the year in memory of our former Group President.

It would be remiss of me to not mention the passing of two significant figures this year.

One will be familiar to us all, The Queen.

We mourn the loss of our monarch and Patron. The Queen's outstanding example of service, encouragement and kindness was an inspiration to us all. The second person is my brother John Cooper who lost his battle with cancer in May aged 74.

Whilst John may not be as famous as The Queen, he too touched the hearts of many people in his over 60-years as a Scouter.

John held many roles at the 38th Rossendale including that of Group Scout Leader prior to moving into a Scout Leaders role at the 43rd Rossendale in Helmshore.

John started the "Buy a Brick" appeal which was the start of a major fundraising effort to replace our aging wooden huts, the result being the



wonderful building we meet in today.

Introducing one of the first Beaver Scout Colonies in the Country and taking a lead on bringing girls into the Group across all Sections in 1990 were just some of his claims to fame.

John was also responsible for my Leadership role when he appointed me as an Assistant Beaver Scout Leader 38-years ago.

John Cooper – “Once a Scout, always a Scout”.

Finally, a thank you to you the parents and carers for your continued support.

The purpose of Scouting is to encourage the physical, intellectual, social, emotional, and spiritual development of young people so that they take a constructive place in society as responsible citizens, and as members of their local, national, and international communities.

Being part of the 38th Rossendale gives them that opportunity.

**Andrew Cooper**  
**Group Scout Leader**



# Grey (Monday) Colony Beavers

We have 24 in our Section currently with 5 young leaders.

Badges completed over the last year have been

- Photographer
- Teamwork
- Astronomy
- Book reader
- Global Issues
- Sports

We have recently completed our navigation badge the Beavers had to draw a map of the Warren and then find the hidden treasure. The following week we visited Whitaker Park for a pirate themed treasure hunt. Dressed as Pirates the Beavers had to follow clues to each base, and they got a reward at each base followed with ice creams as the final treasure. The Beavers had a great time, and the weather was on our side which helped.

We also did a joint hike with the Wednesday Beavers and walked up the hill opposite the Warren we had some sore legs at the end but were a good hike with some amazing views.

Cheryl Law came to see us and talk to us about her job role as children's nurse. She told the Beavers about her job and the Beavers asked lots of questions and really enjoyed the evening.



We had a fantastic joint camp with Wednesday Beavers at Linnet Clough, near Stockport. All the Beavers had a great time achieving the Outdoor and Adventure Challenge badges and added 2 nights away to their records. We are going to complete more of the Challenge Badges this term to get more Beavers to complete their Chief Scout Bronze Award.

We have a busy Autumn term ahead and before Christmas we will have completed the following badges:

- Experiment Badge
- Teamwork Badge
- Cook Badge
- Book Badge
- Personal Badge
- World Challenge Badge
- Creative Badge

We will also be taking part in the District Akeema Shield Competition, the District Carol Service and visiting Bowley for the Christmas Experience.

Mark and Louise are sharing a joint role as Section Leaders.

**Mark Guest (Harrier) / Louise Cooper (Merlin)**  
**Grey Colony Beavers**



## Purple (Wednesday) Colony Beavers

At the time of writing Wednesday Beavers have 24 Beavers, 13 boys, 11 girls.

We have earned an amazing 522 badges in the last year including 11 Bronze Awards – the highest award in Beavers.

Program highlights from the end of 2021 are Aggie, a Scout, coming to visit the Beavers to discuss her disability to help towards our Disability Awareness Badge. The Beavers really took to Aggie and learnt loads. We also did a hike through the old railway tunnels in the dark and had the usual fun Christmas activities with a visit from the man in red himself and a trip to Monkey Playland.

At the start of 2022 we were let loose on the Whitaker Park Museum to help complete our Skills Badge. For Mother's Day we invited mums to be a Beaver for the night and planted plants as part of our Gardening Badge. We were also lucky enough in April to have a private cinema trip at ABD in Bacup which was a unique night for everyone, but we don't talk about Bruno!



We completed our Animal Friend Badge in May with pets such as dogs, a hamster, a chicken, and a giant snail coming to visit us.

Our Air Activities Badge involved a visit from a pilot who taught us all the ins and outs of flying a plane, we are confident the Beavers can fly now! It was also the dad's turn to be a Beaver for Father's Day, involving Brian Walsh from Bowley Scout Camp coming down and helping us make Nettle Crisp and Drop Scones as part of our Cooking Badge. Also, the Cyclist Activity Badge had all the Beavers speeding around on their bikes around the Warren, but thankfully no crashes!

June finished with our camp to Linnet Clough for the weekend which was very successful with activities such as a low ropes course, caving, climbing and pond dipping – however a thunderstorm cut our campfire a little short. This may have dampened the Beaver's, but it didn't dampen their spirits as they had a fantastic weekend.

Before we finished for the summer, we earned our Navigator Badge which had the Beavers on a pirate treasure hunt adventure around Whitaker Park. Finally, our last night before the summer we had a big water fight involving all the Beavers, young leaders, and leaders.



As always none of this would be possible without my fantastic team of Leaders and Young Leaders.

Thank you to Hattie, who has taken a massive role in the planning and admin side of Beavers due to my growing work commitments! All my Leaders including Hattie, Pippa, Bev, Andrew, Emily, Mark, and Louise have continued their hard work and dedication as Leaders to support me and make Beavers so successful.

This is the same for our occasional helper Annette and other Leaders such as Diana who will step in whenever we need an extra pair of hands.

Finally, another key cog in the system are our brilliant young leaders Abbie, Erin, Evie and Grace. They are full of enthusiasm and great ideas to help Beavers grow. Abbie is now 18 and joining as an Adult Leader too! A massive thank you to all of you!

Here is to another great 12 months of Wednesday Beavers!

**Oliver Cooper (Hawk)**  
**Purple Colony Beavers**



## Purple (Tuesday) Pack Cubs

The last year for Purple Pack has been great since getting back into the swing of face-to-face Scouting.

Over the last year the Cubs have worked hard towards their Challenge badges. We tried new sports with Eponine teaching them tag rugby and taking them to Grip n Go to do some climbing. We celebrated Chinese New Year. We had a Skills filled night learning to change lightbulbs, make cups of tea and iron neckers!

We also made plenty of use of the outdoors. We have been on several hikes. We built, decorated, and mounted bird houses around the Warren. We took part in some gardening. We even built rockets and set them off outside. We built shelters and tested them with water and then made slingshots whilst pioneering.

In the last year we have taken part in 2 camps! First, we had one night sleepover at Bowley's Tipi Village where we took part in activities such as air rifle shooting, leap of faith, low ropes, and a hike. This summer we spent a full weekend at Linnet Clough where we took part in even more adventurous activities such as low ropes, golf, caving, and wide games. We also must thank our helpers that weekend Cath and Grace, who helped make it possible and so much fun!



We look forward to another winter camp at The Warren in November, and a whole range of activities including a visit from the police, a new badge 'money skills', another hike, and a visit from Aggie for the disability awareness badge.

Our team has changed and grown over the last year as young leaders became adults and we recruited some parents! We couldn't be more grateful for our amazing Leaders and Young Leaders. Our adult leader team now consists of myself, Michael, Dave, Tom, Elliott, Alison, Grace, Eponine and Oscar. Our young leader team is now Emily and Emilia, but we are often joined by Abigail and Halli, all of which are huge assets to the team. We are incredibly lucky to have such a large and strong team. I would like to say a huge thank you to our amazing team and the consistent support from our GSL. Here is to another brilliant year of Scouting with Purple Pack!

**Emma Cooper (Akela)**  
**Purple Pack Cubs**



## Grey (Friday) Pack Cubs

We have done so much this year. In October we started with fun and games for Halloween including insect races, balloon races and buckets full of slimy spaghetti to name a few. We decided to hike up to the Halo in Haslingden to watch the fireworks, the view was amazing!

Then we learnt some knots and made some friendship bracelets followed by some arts and craft activities. In December young leader (at the time) James, wrote a play about reindeers and we made puppets and a set and acted it out for Christmas, it was so much fun and the Cubs did fantastic! We have learnt games from other countries as well as their Cub promise. We have learnt backwoods cooking, den building. We have also visited Grip and Go and done some climbing and leap of faith.

For Pancake Day we tried to make mini pancakes. They were a bit messy, but we did have the odd success and the Cubs were rewarded with full size actual pancakes afterwards.

For Mother's Day the Cubs made plaques, hearts, flowers, and lots of fun little gifts to take home we hope you enjoyed them as much as the Cubs did making them.

We also had the annual Chocolate Roll which made a welcome return which was won by Reuben! We had a visit from Pippa from Wednesday Beavers who brought along her friend Michelle to teach us all about gardening, we planted some peas for a competition at Marl Pitts and we even helped to tidy Jeans Garden.



The Cubs decided to share their hobbies with us but Smithy forgot half her kit so ended up playing a very dry game of underwater hockey, it was most amusing. For Father's Day we invited parents / carers in for fire lighting, den building and coffee and cake, this was rounded off with a very wet race which the kids got to lay back and enjoy. We've also had the musician badge with drums, guitars, ukuleles and even voices. The Cubs enjoyed a guess who murder mystery where they worked in teams to work out who the murderer was. We rounded off the year with a huge water fight and Akela left sopping wet as I'm sure did most of the Cubs!

When we returned in September we went Tubing and Skiing. Then we took advantage of the light late nights and went Skating.

Camp - For camp this year we stayed local and went to Edenfield. The weekend was fun but hectic. They went to the Whittaker Museum for the Friendship Festival and heard stories, visited the exhibits then played in the park followed by an ice cream for the walk home. On Saturday for tea we had pizza making, games, S'mores and songs. Then on the Sunday they went tubing. They all did very well and walked a total of 20 miles.

**Vanessa Feather (Akela)**  
**Grey Pack Cubs**



## **Purple (Wednesday) Troop Scouts**

Purple Troop currently has 21 Scouts, 15 Boys, 6 Girls. All three Troops have continued to use a similar programme in order to more efficiently utilise resources, accommodate 'gaps' in practical Scouting and a reduction in available Leader numbers.

This has led to several joint events.

The programme, in recent months, has covered Athletics, Survival Skills and the Entertainers activity badges, with contributions towards completion of the Skills, Outdoor, Teamwork and World Challenge Badges.

Members of the Troop took part in the District Baden Powell Trophy in May and came together with Scouts from the other Troops to create a team for this District inter Group competition.

Also in May, our second Big Scout Camp with all three Troops was held at Bowley for a weekend of fun, with activities including Air rifle, Tomahawk Throwing, Crate Stacking, slack-lining and soft archery.

The summer term concluded with the now almost traditional 'madness' at Bowley with members of Purple Troop among Scouts from across the Group.

Going forward into the new academic year, our programme will be guided by ideas and suggestions of the Scouts themselves, though I really don't know how we're going to feed a Capybara.

Summary of badges earned in the past 12-months. Challenge Badges, 29 Awarded, 17 Outstanding Activity Badges Awarded 97, Outstanding 35. Chief Scout Gold Awards. 4 Awarded, 1 Awaiting presentation.

**Nick Lowe**  
**Section Leaders, Purple Troop**

## Grey (Thursday) Troop Scouts

This year has been a very busy one, we've had a lot of catching up to do, with trying to complete our Gold Awards. And with Scouts completing their expeditions and enjoying camps.

This year we have awarded 6 Chief Scout Gold Awards, and over 200 other badges for the Scouts, ranging from local knowledge to astronautics.

When we returned in September we started with a talk to the Scouts about their expectations at Scouts and behaviour. Then we got the Scouts to each bring in a white object. They got to have a go at tie-dyeing. The Scouts really enjoyed this and some of the results were brilliant.

An expedition was undertaken in September with 7 Thursday Scouts, joining up with Wednesday and Friday Scouts, to hike in the glorious hills of Rossendale. They had to navigate to the camp site and pitch tents before making their dinner.

The day after they had to pack their belongings and tents before making their way to the finish line.

Circus skills were also taught in September. This is definitely one of the Scouts favourite activities. They had to learn balance and control with a peacock feather then moved on to other objects. A few brave Scouts even had a go on unicycles.





The Scouts had a go at making a face with chocolate and sweets. Some of the sweets even made it to the plates. And some of the faces lasted at least a few minutes before being devoured.

Going into October we had the Scouts work in teams to discuss global issues like sporting events and where our clothes are made and treatment of workers in other countries.

October also saw all three Scout Troops descend onto Bowley Scout Campsite. Over 50 Scouts took part in various activities during the weekend. The activities were catapults, air rifle shooting, splatterpults and the Scouts favourite hiking.

The Scouts were divided into teams each with an event shelter to house their supplies and means to cook for the weekend. This got the Scouts to work as a team when it came to tidying and cooking.

On return from camp the Scouts had a go at drawing a scene from their

favourite story/movie. Some of the Scouts showed a real artistic flair but all the Scouts had fun.

The week after we learnt about the environment and what we can do to help it whilst trying to enjoy it at the same time.

The Astronautics Activity Badge was next, we started with looking at meteor impacts, by using various ball bearings hitting sand in a bucket. Then the Scouts drew what they thought an alien would look like. They learnt about satellites and had a try at making their own. They then used rubbish to make a rocket as a team. The Scouts then used matches and tin foil to try and make little rockets. Some worked really well, others not so well, but at least they all tried.

For Christmas we decided to go ice skating together at Blackburn. The Scouts all got together with over 70 attending. The Scouts all had fun and even got a selection box to take home.

When we returned after the Xmas break the Scouts all practised their fire lighting skills and cooking bread on a fire.

The Scouts worked as a team to look at internet safety and created a storyboard to show how to stay safe online. The week after they used the storyboard they created to show to the leaders.

We looked at the local area on a map and the Scouts took turns to highlight different places. The week after we took a walk into Rawtenstall with the Scouts working in their patrols to answer a quiz along the way.

The Scouts learnt how to make seed bombs using compost, clay and seeds. They also made insect houses that have been placed around the Warren.

To finish the term the Scouts visited Grip and Go at Haslingden Sports Centre. They got to climb the walls and have a go at the leap of faith.

A second expedition was undertaken in March with 9 Scouts from Thursday and Friday Scouts taking part. They set off from Waterfoot centre and hiked up over Cowpe all the way to Dearden wood campsite. Here they helped the campsite with chopping wood and pitching their tents. The morning after they set off towards Nuttall Park passing by some Alpacas en route.

When we returned after Easter the Scouts started their Survival Skills Activity Badge. With this badge the Scouts learnt how to administer first aid, use a knife safely, how to use distress signals, build a shelter, how to help prevent illness with hygiene, and how to start a fire safely with very basic tools.

We also had a kind parent volunteer to help the Scouts learn their Emergency Aid Activity Badge.

They learnt approaching a scene safely and how to help someone in need.



They learnt how to place someone in the recovery position and how to perform CPR. They also learnt how to look for signs of hyperthermia and heat exhaustion. Treating burns and cuts was also taught. Hopefully none of this will be needed but it's good to know that the Scouts have some knowledge of the subject.

May also meant we had another camp. This time 70 of us went to Bowley where we had tomahawk throwing, slack lining, crate stacking, soft archery, paracording and air rifle shooting. The Scouts had a lot of fun, and the weather was glorious all weekend which really helps.

To finish the year all three Scout Troops had a water fight again at Bowley. Everyone got drenched especially the Leaders.

If you have managed to get all the way to this point, well done, as you can see it's been a packed year of fun and laughter.

Thursday Scouts make the team proud to lead as we show them new skills that we hope they will take forward in their futures.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank my leadership team for all their help this passing year. They have been fantastic also and we wouldn't be able to provide the experiences without them volunteering.

**Tim Feather**  
**Section Leader, Grey Troop**



## Red (Friday) Troop Scouts

Since our last AGM like everyone else Red Troop has kept itself busy having adventures, learning new skills, earning badges, and most importantly having fun. Immediately after last year's AGM 14 members of Red Troop along with members of the other two Scout Troops in the 38th went on camp to Bowley for our first camp together since lockdown. It included a hike across the hills, splaterpults and catapults, campcraft and paracording.

Fun at Halloween followed with the usual mix of dressing up and messy games. For the remainder of the year, we looked at completing the astronautics activity badge looking at the workings of the planets, mechanics of space travel and potential for space colonization. To round off the year the three Scout Troops teamed up again for their Christmas get together a Blackburn Ice Skating rink.

2022 saw the Scouts write and perform anti online bullying sketches, take a walk around Rawtenstall for the local knowledge badge and make pancakes. Following on from that the Troop made seed bombs and distributed them, made bug boxes stuffed with sticks and hung them around the Warren grounds.

During March seven Patrol Leaders and Assistant Patrol Leaders braved freezing weather for a camp at the Warren, undertaking various problem-solving tasks to bring out their leadership qualities. They had to bring and run games for their fellows to play, cook and clear up for the team and test potential activities for the Troop.



With Easter almost upon us Friday Scouts joined in the Groups Chocolate Roll fund raiser and before the Easter break our last session saw us at the Adrenaline Centre, Grip n Go climbing up the variety of walls there.

April and three senior Scouts from Friday joined five from Thursday on their Scout expedition weekend, navigating themselves from Waterfoot to Camp at Dearden Wood and on to Ramsbottom the following day. Carrying their kit on their backs and cooking their own food and generally motivating themselves to put one foot in front of the other to complete their task.

First session back in the summer term saw the Scouts given a bag of alternative fire lighting tinder, each Patrol got different tinder's and means

of ignition with the prize of S'mores if they managed successfully to get a fire going. The following week saw the Patrols tasked with building shelters with the added complication of each member being hampered with a simulated disability with interesting results (some Scouts got very wet).

May saw the Scouts take part in the District Baden Powell Trophy Competition, a team of ten scouts from the three Troops, three from Red Troop, competed against Scouts from the other Scout Groups across Rossendale. Tasks included pioneering, pancake making, problem solving, fire lighting, first aid, tent pitching and rucksack packing. While they didn't win, they did us proud with maximum effort.



The second weekend of May saw our second two-night joint camp with seventeen Friday Scouts joining their compatriots from Wednesday and Thursday taking part in target shooting, crate stacking and tomahawk throwing amongst other activities. The Young Leaders led a camp dance session instead of the more traditional campfire sing along.

Returning after half term the Troop tested their carving skills making landmarks or pretty much anything else out of fruit. Then we made 'buddy burners' from tuna cans, cardboard and bees wax, cooking up Camp Nachos on them the following week. Rounding off the term the Scouts took part in sporting activities to gain their Athletics Activity Badge. The final session of the summer term had us all back at Bowley with both Wednesday and Thursday Scouts for team games and culminated in a huge water fight where none got out dry.

Over the Summer the Group went to France with sixteen members of Red Troop, Scouts and Leaders joining a hundred members of the Group on a fantastic week-long adventure in central France.

September and we are back at the Warren looking at a new term and we eased ourselves in with a problem-solving activity (all the eggs survived) and S'mores around the fire. The future holds a Troop camp back at Bowley, the Mechanics activity badge and a visit to Burnley fire station amongst other things. Many thanks to my fellow Friday night Leaders and fantastic Young Leaders for all their help and support making Friday such a successful night.

**Pete West**  
**Section Leader, Red Troop**





# Annual General Meeting

## 10th October 2021

### Minutes

**Present:** Alison Hoyle (Secretary), Andrew Cooper (GSL), Chris Taylor, Di West, Emma Cooper, John Boys, Leonie Ford-Miah, Lisa Fletcher, Louise Cooper (DC), Michael Churnside (Chairmen), Michael Hoyle, Neal Barfoot, Pete West, Peter Whittaker (Treasurer), Tracey Dunn.

#### 1. Welcome / Opening Address

Michael welcomed everyone for joining this afternoon. He thanked everyone involved for facilitating behind the scenes to enable this meeting to take place. He also thanked all Leaders and helpers for supporting the 38th through these unprecedented times.

#### 2. Apologies For Absence

- Nick Lowe
- Chris and Caroline Smith
- Jenny Barfoot

#### 3. Minutes Of The 2020 Annual General Meeting

Emma Cooper proposed as correct, and Michael Hoyle seconded.

#### 4. The Annual Report

Michael explained that our Annual Report has been emailed to Leaders, Parents of current Members and supporters. Andrew encouraged everyone to read it.

#### 5. Balance Sheet And Accounts

Michael explained that our Annual Report has been emailed to Leaders, Parents of current Members and supporters. Andrew encouraged everyone to read it.

## 6. Election Of Officers For The Ensuing Year:

Michael thanked the Group Secretary Alison Hoyle who is stepping down from the role and introduced the new Secretary, Lisa Fletcher.

- a. Group Chairman – **Michael Churnside**
- b. Secretary – **Lisa Fletcher**
- c. Group Treasurer – **Peter Whitaker**
- d. Independent Examiner - **Elizabeth Watts**

## 8. Election Of Members To The Group Executive Committee For The Ensuing Year

Michael introduced the proposed new members of the Group Executive Committee.

- **Jenny Barfoot**
- **Neil Barfoot**
- **Leonie Ford-Miah**
- **Nick Lowe**

No objections were received from those present.

Andrew thanked those who have volunteered to serve on the committee.

## 7. Nominations By The Group Scout Leader For Members Of The Group Executive

Andrew introduced his nominations to serve on the committee.

- **Chris Taylor**
- **John Boys**
- **Michael Hoyle**

No objections were received from those present.

Andrew explained that the District Commissioner, Louise Cooper BEM and the District Chairman, Graeme Lawson have a right of attendance and are most welcome to attend the meetings.

Andrew explained that Section Leader Oliver Cooper from Wednesday Beavers has declared his intention to serve on the Group Exec for the 2021-22 period. The other Leaders wish to focus purely on their Section and Section meetings with more focus on their needs.

## 9. Election Of 2 Explorer Scout Aged People To The Group Executive Committee:

**No nominations received.**

## 10. Election Of 2 Network Aged People To The Group Executive Committee

**No nominations received.**

Michael thanked everyone who has volunteered to be on the Group Executive Committee and introduced all those who now sit on the committee:

Chair of Trustees: **Michael Churnside**

Group Scout Leader: **Andrew Cooper**

Secretary: **Lisa Fletcher**

Treasurer: **Peter Whittaker**

Chris Taylor

Jenny Barfoot

John Boys

Leonie Ford-Miah

Michael Hoyle

Neil Barfoot

Nick Lowe

Oliver Cooper

## 11. Celebration Of Our Year Video Presentation:

Andrew explained the new format for this year in light of restrictions due to Covid. A Review of the Year video by Section Leaders and himself has been prepared and will go live on Facebook at 2.30 pm.

## 12. Closing Address

Michael repeated his thanks to everyone involved in running the Group.

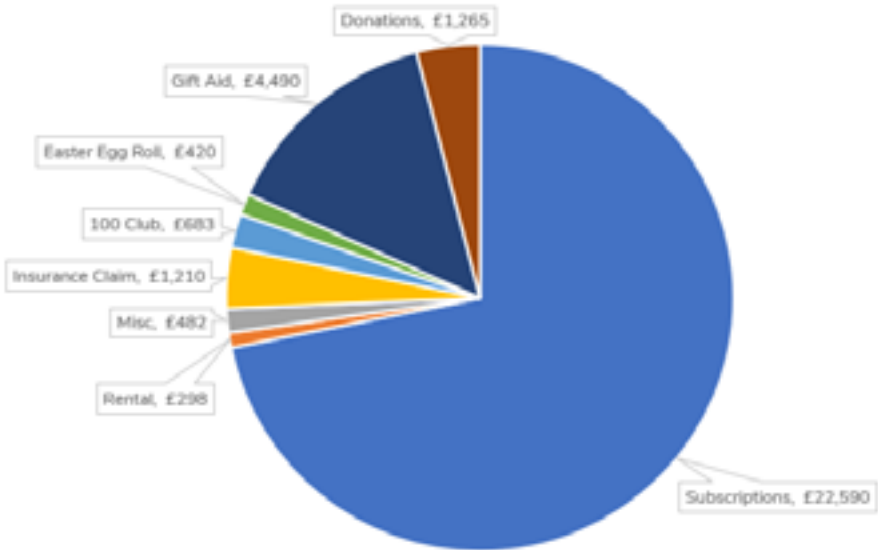
- 100 Club Draw – The winning number is 16.

## 13. Date Of Next Agm

Sunday 9th October 2022, 2:00 Pm

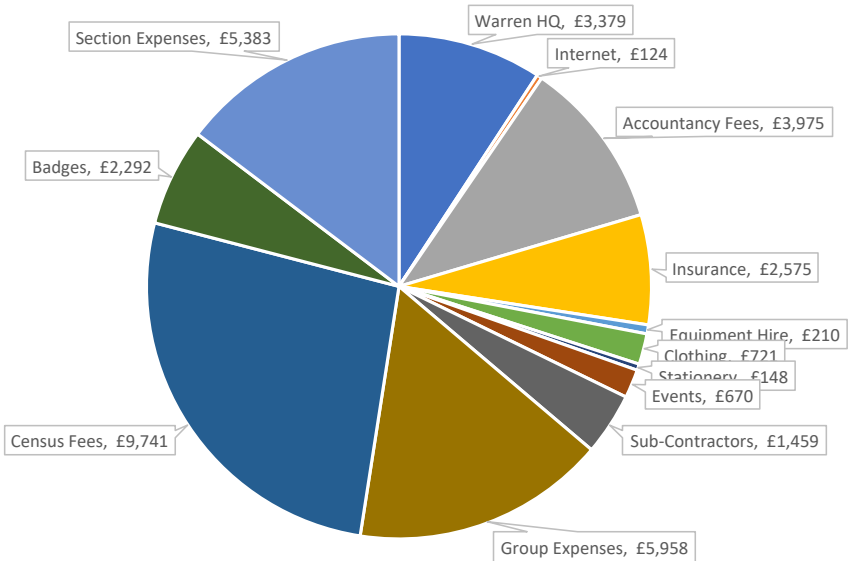


## Income



■ Subscriptions ■ Rental ■ Misc ■ Insurance Claim ■ 100 Club ■ Easter Egg Roll ■ Gift Aid ■ Donations

## Expenses



■ Warren HQ ■ Internet ■ Accountancy Fees ■ Insurance ■ Equipment Hire ■ Clothing ■ Stationery  
 ■ Events ■ Sub-Contractors ■ Group Expenses ■ Census Fees ■ Badges ■ Section Expenses

# Our Finances

The finances of the Group are healthy and the Group's Trustees continue to invest heavily to ensure that our members have the equipment and safe spaces they need to deliver our skills for life strategy.

During this financial year, we have an operating loss of just over £5,000 which is mainly down to increased costs in Warren running costs which haven't been passed onto our members. The 38th Rossendale Scout Group remains committed to ensuring that we provide the very best level of facilities and resources for the members of the Group.

The Group operates a reserves policy equal to one financial year at full spend resulting in a reserve of around £32,000.

We would like to thank our Group Treasurer, Peter, for his hard work and ongoing commitment to manage the Group's finances.

A copy of our full accounts can be provided on your request to the Group Treasurer and will also be made available on the Charity Commission's website shortly.



# Meet The Team

## FOUNDERS



Ernie Bishop



Frank Hartley



Andrew Cooper (Eagle)  
Group Scout Leader



Chris Taylor



Jenny Barfoot



John Boys



Lisa Fletcher  
Secretary



Michael Churnside  
Chair



Neal Barfoot



Peter Whittaker  
Treasurer

## BEAVERS



Louise Cooper  
(Merlin)



Mark Guest  
(Harrier)



Oliver Cooper  
(Hawk)



Amy Robinson  
(Raven)



Bev Ashworth  
(Kestrel)



Brenda Ward  
(Robin)



Dan Robinson  
(Flamingo)



Emily Holt  
(Dove)



Freya Rawcliffe  
(Kingfisher)



Hattie Bell  
(Penguin)



Keira Howarth  
(Finch)



Pippa Holland  
(Swift)

## cubs



Emma Collier  
(Akela)



Vanessa Feather  
(Akela)



Alison Abbott  
(Hathi)



Caroline Smith  
(Raksha)



Dave Howarth  
(White Claw)



Eleanor Ellis  
(Rikki-Tikki -Tavi)



Elliott Collier  
(Bagheera)



Eponine Fletcher  
(Rikki-Tikki-Tavi)



Grace Royle  
(Raksha)



James Mousley  
(Rama)



Léonie Ford-Miah  
(Bagheera)



Michael Hoyle  
(Baloo)



Oscar Shuttleworth  
(Chitl)



Tom Swinhoe  
(Kaa)

## SCOUTS



Nick Lowe



Pete West  
(Shere Khan)



Tim Feather  
(Tabaqui)



Adam Hanson



Chris Thornton



Di West  
(Phao)



Helen Cornfoot



Helen Thornton



Logan Law



Lottie Lowe

## EXPLORERS

Seat Waze



Nathan Ashworth  
(Ziggy)



Richard Guest



Tasha Ready



Oly White



Elli Watts



Chris Smith



Harry Ward



# THE 38TH ROSSENDALE (OPEN) SCOUT GROUP

## RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT 1ST APRIL 2021 - 31ST MARCH 2022

RECEIPTS	£	£
<b>Balances brought forward:</b>		
Cash	39	
Trade Debtors	0	
Creditors	-3,874	
Fixed Assets	1,835	
Current Account	23,772	
Group Subscription Account	15	
Group Trip Account	20,257	
National Savings Account	32,201	
	<u>74,245</u>	<u>74,245</u>
<b>Subscriptions</b>		
Monday Beavers	2,901	
Tuesday Cubs	3,663	
Wednesday Beavers	3,297	
Wednesday Scouts	2,751	
Thursday Scouts	4,093	
Friday Cubs	3,008	
Friday Scouts	2,659	
	<u>22,372</u>	<u>22,372</u>
Intrest received		
Bank Interest	4	
Miscellaneous	478	
YL	218	
Insurance Claim	1,210	
Rental Income	298	
100 Club	683	
Easter Egg Roll	420	
Gift Aid	4,490	
Donations	1,265	
	<u>9,066</u>	<u>9,066</u>
Trip Account	<u>17,230</u>	<u>17,230</u>
		<u><u>122,913</u></u>

# THE 38TH ROSSENDALE (OPEN) SCOUT GROUP


## RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT

1ST APRIL 2021 - 31ST MARCH 2022

EXPENDITURE	£	£
<b>Warren H.Q.</b>		
Water	101	
Electricity	1,622	
Gas	816	
Telephone	175	
Internet	124	
Accountancy Fees	3,975	
Charity Insurance	2,575	
Equipment Hire	210	
Cleaning	665	
Web Hosting & Domain Costs	0	
Stationery	148	
Clothing Costs	495	
	<u>10,906</u>	<u>10,906</u>
Events	670	
Sub-Contractors	1,459	
Group Expenses	5,958	
70th Anniversary Badges & Clothing	226	
Census Fee	9,741	
Badges	2,292	
	<u>20,346</u>	<u>20,346</u>
<b>Section Expenses</b>		
Monday Beavers	866	
Tuesday Cubs	241	
Wednesday Beavers	940	
Wednesday Scouts	873	
Thursday Scouts	1,155	
Friday Cubs	375	
Friday Scouts	933	
	<u>5,383</u>	<u>5,383</u>
Trip Account	<u>2,335</u>	<u>2,335</u>
<b>Balances held at Year End.</b>		
Cash	39	
Trade Debtors	-10	
Creditors	-6,422	

Fixed Assets	1,958	
Current Account	20,377	
Group Subscription Account	15	
Friends of 38th	683	
Group Trip Account	35,098	
National Savings Account	<u>32,205</u>	<u>83,943</u>
		<u><u>122,913</u></u>

Hon. Scrutineer.....*Elizabeth Watts*.....

Hon. Treasurer..........



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/ members of

THE 38th ROSSENDALE (OPEN) SCOUT GROUP

On accounts for the year ended

31/03/2022

Charity no (if any)

512617

Set out on pages

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity's trustees, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act").

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent examiner's statement

[The charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 and I am qualified to undertake the examination by being a qualified member of [insert name of applicable listed body]]. Delete [ ] if not applicable.

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination (other than that disclosed below \*) which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or
- the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
- the accounts did not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

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

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

Signed: Elizabeth Watt

Date: 3.11.2022

Name: ELIZABETH WATT

Relevant professional qualification(s) or body

(if any):

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Address:

43 LINCOLN PARK ROAD
WOOD BRIDGE
HASLINGSBEN BRK GLZ

**Section B**

**Disclosure**

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight material matters of concern (see CC32, Independent examination of charity accounts: directions and guidance for examiners).

Give here brief details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose.

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**38TH ROSSENDALE SCOUTS**

England & Wales - Charity number 512657

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# Accounts

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**Annual report  
and financial  
statements  
2020-21**



**Scouts**  
38th Rossendale



## From our Chair of Trustees

Well, it's that time of year again, I'm fully aware of the challenging year that all the Sections have had to face, and I can only state my admiration and appreciation for the Section Leaders and the Group members resilience and determination to continue Scouting.

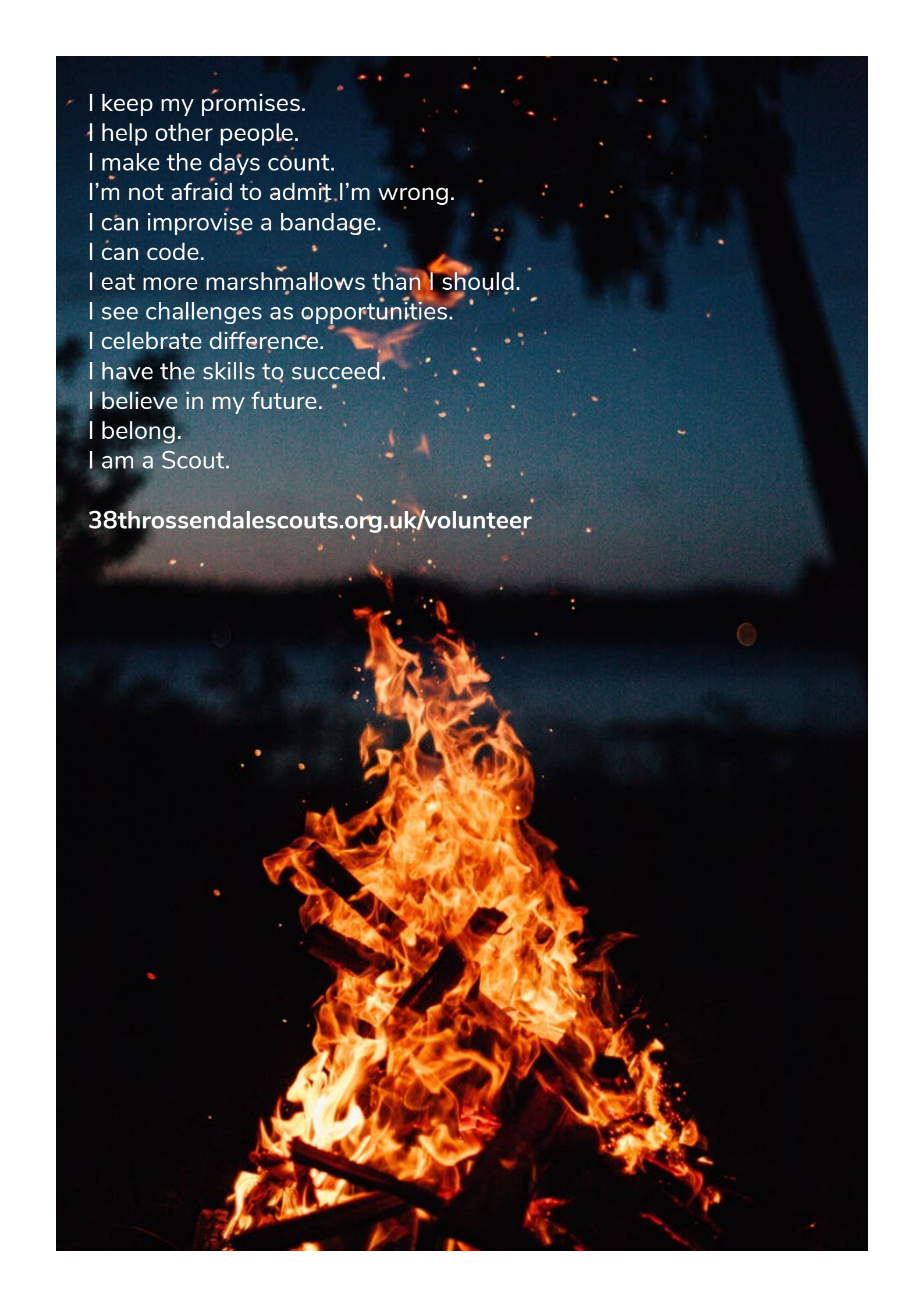
This is what we are all about. From the ashes comes the phoenix, and there are a few situations that may propel this Group to the next level. I have nothing to do with these developments, but I am so excited for the future of the Group.

I can't wait for the this and to be a part of it.

Thank you to all concerned.

**Michael Churnside**  
*Chair of Trustees*





I keep my promises.  
I help other people.  
I make the days count.  
I'm not afraid to admit I'm wrong.  
I can improvise a bandage.  
I can code.  
I eat more marshmallows than I should.  
I see challenges as opportunities.  
I celebrate difference.  
I have the skills to succeed.  
I believe in my future.  
I belong.  
I am a Scout.

[38throssendalescouts.org.uk/volunteer](https://38throssendalescouts.org.uk/volunteer)

## From our Group Scout Leader

On the day I start to write this report, it has been announced by the Scout Association that our readiness level has returned to "Green".

This basically means all Scouting activities have returned to "normal" pre-pandemic level or at least as close as practically possible at this time. The Group will continue to have certain COVID processes in place for the time being.

This is fabulous news given that it was March 2020 when restrictions were first put in place. From that time, it was April 2021 before we were able to meet in person, the intervening period involved online Zoom meetings, virtual camps and a series of family activities that Members could in their own time participate in.

The Group did have its losses with a number of Young People deciding that Scouting was no longer for them - which is sad. Fortunately, we have more than made up the numbers with new Members.

Along the way, we also lost three Section Leaders who mainly due to work commitments could no longer give Scouting the time that it needed. We were able to find new Section Leaders for two of the three positions, but the search continues to find someone to take on the responsibility for one of our three Scout Troops.

One of the strongest assets of the 38th Rossendale is its Leadership. A team of 40+ adult volunteers week in and week out keep our Sections running for approaching 200 Young People.

Some of these Leaders are attending two or even up to three Section meetings per week and with this in mind, we are actively looking for more adult volunteers to ease their burden. Some of our recruitment activity should have been made clear prior to the AGM.

Despite regular meetings being disrupted due to COVID for a large percentage of this Scouting year this was something that we already had plans in place for, but what happened in February 2021 we were not expecting.

A phone call from a builder who had called on-site to inspect some work he had recently completed set in motion further disruption to the Group from our return to face-to-face meetings in April until our summer break. He called to report that the whole of the inside of the building was flooded, the cause being two burst pipes in the toilet area of the building.

What looked to be just an inconvenience at the time, resulted in a significant insurance claim, requiring walls to be removed and re-plastered, all the ceilings requiring new ceiling tiles and repairs to the lighting and other electrical items. All the toilet furniture was removed to allow for re-tiling and the laying of new flooring and the whole toilet area had to be re-painted.

Just when we thought we were heading in the right direction, further dampness was discovered in the main hall requiring the flooring to be replaced in there as well and re-painting of the lower half of the walls.

At the time of writing, just the re-painting of the activity lines in the hall needs to be completed which should bring to an end 7-months of work to bring things back to where they were, or if I am being honest better than they were.

Our planned 2020 international camp in France had been re-arranged to August 2021, but with UK travel restrictions in place and a further ruling of no international camps from the Scout Association this had to be re-arranged again. We are hoping third time lucky for August 2022 when we will be visiting a new site in the Dordogne

region of France with the luxury of hostel rather than tented accommodation. The highlight of a visit to Disneyland Paris will still be going ahead as planned.

In the meantime, and by the time this report is made available for the AGM, all Members will have had the opportunity of spending at least one night away at the Bowley Scout Campsite near Great Harwood. More camps across all Sections will take place next year prior to the international camp.

2021 has seen the Group celebrate its 70th (Platinum) anniversary and whilst the celebrations have been low-key partly due to COVID and partly due to the impending 75th anniversary in 5-years' time we have produced an anniversary badge to be worn on the uniform and special commemorative hoodies, polos and t-shirts for Members and former Members to purchase. These can be ordered on the Group website.

This has been the only fundraising activity since 2019, however I would like to take this opportunity to thank those that donated to the Group funds following on from our floor appeal in February.

We hope to resurrect some of our Group fundraising events in 2022. Do however remember you can join the 100 Club Draw at any time. Please contact me for details.

Thinking back to 70-years ago, Scouting was much different than today. For starters there was no Squirrel Scouts (more on that later), Beaver Scouts and certainly no girls.

Another significant factor was that most Scout Groups, as is the norm today, have links with churches.



It is told that one of our founding members, Ernie Bishop who at the time was a Leader at another Scout Group was driving through the Hall Carr estate when he saw a group of boys hanging around at a loose end. He asked them why they did not join the Scouts and he was told, "we can't mister, because we do not go to church". The result was the 38th Rossendale (Open) Scout Group. Being "Open" means we have no formal relationship with any other organisation, and we have a policy of unrestricted recruitment regardless of the ethnic or social background of our Members.

I am pretty sure that 70-years later the late Ernie and the co-founder Frank Hartley could not have imagined a Group with close to a 200-youth membership and seven Sections which includes three Scout Troops.

So, what about the next 70-years?

Well one thing is for sure, I will not be around, but if the dedication of todays volunteer Leaders is anything to go by, then hopefully the Group will be.

What can we expect in the near future?

Well, the most significant change announced recently by the Scout Association is the introduction of Squirrel Scouts. This is the first new Section in the Scouting movement since the formal introduction of Beavers Scouts 35-year ago. Squirrels is for young people aged 4 and 5-years old.

The 38th Rossendale has always moved with the times, not only were we running Beavers 35-years ago, but we had also been running Beavers for 2-years as a pilot for the Scout Association at that time. I was one of the original Beaver Leaders (is it really 37-years ago?).

In 1990 we were one of a few Groups nationally and certainly locally to introduce girls. Nearly 50% of our Group Membership today is made up of girls. Even today, 31-years later some people are still surprised that girls can become Scouts.

So, what about Squirrel Scouts? Well, a good question.

This is certainly not out of the question, and we are sure there will be no lack of interest in young people of Squirrel age wanting to start their Scouting journey two

years earlier than Beavers. We of course need to put the Leadership resources in place and at the moment we are trying to strengthen the number of Leaders in our existing Sections. All we can say for now is watch this space!

So exciting times ahead for the Group but of course none of this would be possible without our team of volunteer Leaders and behind the scenes the Group Executive Committee who are an important aspect of our charitable status.

A massive thank you to every single one of them. You are providing an invaluable service to your local community.

I would like to congratulate the Young People who have recently received their Chief Scout Awards. Also, to the Scouters of the Year from each Section and the overall winner who went on to win the "Jean Smith Award" for the outstanding Scouter of the year in memory of our former Group President.

We hope that in 2022 these presentations will take place in person at our next AGM & Celebration of Achievement Event.

And finally, thank you the parents for your continued support. By being a member of the 38th Rossendale, you are giving your child the opportunity to develop personally, learn new skills and to become model citizens of the future.



**Andrew Cooper**  
Group Scout Leader

## Grey (Monday) Colony Beavers

It's been a challenging year for all and has involved lots of change from Leaders moving on to new ones joining, adapting to Zoom sessions online and camping at home. The Beavers have all done amazingly well and I am super proud of them all.

Just because we couldn't meet face to face during lockdown didn't mean we still couldn't have lots of fun and carry-on earning Badges. We Celebrated the Chinese New Year making lanterns and learning about their Customs and Culture, Celebrated Easter with an egg hunt, Pancakes for Shrove Tuesday and we even had a visit to the Local Fire Station (thank you Simon and team for making this possible).

The fun didn't stop there though, we received the good news in April that we could return to the Warren. Finally, we were able to teach the Beavers some basic Scouting skills such as putting up tents, knot tying, water filters, learning about bugs and animals, fire building and we got to go on our first hike in a long time up to Seat Naze.

Now that we are back after the summer holidays and restrictions have been lifted, some of our Beavers are looking forward to their first real camp away from home. I would like to take this opportunity to thank our Grey Colony Leaders: Brenda, Dave, Dan and Amy and our fantastic Young Leaders Freya and Keira.

I must give special thanks to Olly and Louise who stepped in when we were short and continue to be a great support and of course, our Group Scout Leader / chief photographer, Andrew who is always there for us Leaders with help and support (thank you for your patience).

I would also like to extend a warm welcome to our new team members Mark, Hannah and Clemmie who are settling in nicely and already proving to be an asset to the team.

**Tracey Dunn**  
Falcon, Grey Colony Beavers

## Purple (Wednesday) Colony Beavers

Just like every Section, our 2020 ended with more Zoom meetings and making the best of a bad situation. We had plenty of fun making chocolate reindeer apples and even had a special video from Father Christmas himself!

As we came into 2021 the Zooms continued, and we had a great virtual visit around Rawtenstall Fire Station to complete our World Challenge. We also had a good laugh making pancakes for pancake day. After finishing our Space Activity Badge, we finally had the good news... we were coming back.

In April we were lucky to start meeting face-to-face but with the challenge of social distancing. The Beavers did a fantastic job of keeping to the rules and we managed loads of brilliant badges. We completed the International Badge which including trying food from different countries - with mixed opinions from the Beavers

We got to do our first hike for a long-time up Seat Naze and we also finally started to teach the Beavers some basic Scouting skills such as putting up tents, fire building, knot tying and pioneering. All this went to us finishing our Adventure Challenge and Outdoor Activity Badges!



To finish off for the summer the Beavers had a chaotic water fight that didn't leave a single person dry. We are now back with no social distancing and plenty more Scouting to do, so I am very excited for the next year.

To run Beavers is a massive commitment, especially with my job and the unpredictability around that. There is no way I could do this without my amazing team.

I need to say a massive thank you to Hattie and Louise who were key to a lot of the planning and preparation for our Zoom meetings. Hattie has also taken on a lot of admin responsibilities which is a massive help. Pippa has been her usual bubbly self over the last year which has been crucial to keep the Beavers enthusiastic for the Zoom meetings. The same goes for Emily who has swapped a million shifts at work so she can come and help us so thank you both of you!

We have also been lucky to welcome Mark into our team who has been a massive asset, and of course Andrew is always there to lend his experience so thank you to both of them. I'd also like to say thank you to Annette and Grace who have stepped

in to help when we are short of Leaders. Bev is also back now which is great news. Finally, I want to say thank you to Abbie, Erin, Grace, Evie and Caitlin - our brilliant Young Leaders. Lots of isolating and exams has meant we haven't seen a lot of them, but they are all fantastic!

**Oliver Cooper**  
*Hawk, Purple Colony Beavers*

## Purple (Tuesday) Pack Cubs

The last year for Purple Pack has been anything but ordinary, but we have continued to have lots of adventures and keep the same crazy Cub Pack having fun!

Over the last year the Cubs have worked really hard towards their Challenge badges. We did many meetings over Zoom during lockdowns and took part in lots of challenges such as a virtual Escape Room. We also had fun making lots of treats such as Reindeer Chocolate Apples and Rocky Road. We also met Laura, a student paramedic, who joined us on Zoom to talk to us about her career and what it is like to be a paramedic.

When we got to return to face-to-face Scouting we got

stuck right into the outdoors adventures. We took part in not one, but two hikes before the summer holidays. One of which it absolutely poured it down the entire time, but it didn't stop us! We also practiced our tent pitching and fire lighting, of course enjoying s'mores too. We also helped the community by going out litter picking and tidied up the streets of Rawtenstall.

For our summer party we finally got to experience a big adventure as we took the Cubs to Bowley Scout Campsite, where the Cubs got to take part in crate stacking, splatterpults and activities on the pond. This was an amazing day and the first-time taking part in such adventurous activities for many of the Cubs.

We are looking forward to a busy year ahead with 2 camps planned to make up for lost time! Our first camp at the end of September at Bowley Tipi Village is sure to be a big milestone since our last camp in 2019.

Our team has remained strong throughout the challenges of the last 18 months, and we couldn't be more grateful for our amazing Leaders and Young Leaders. Our adult leader team still consists of myself, Michael, Dave, Tom, Anita and Elliott. Our young leader team has also remained the same with Kyle, Eponine, Thomas, Oscar and Bobby who are huge assets to the team. We are incredibly lucky to have had the same strong team for over 2 years now. I would like to say a huge thank you to our amazing team and the support from our GSL. Here is to a bigger and better year of Scouting with Purple Pack!

**Emma Cooper**  
*Akela, Purple Pack Cubs*

## Grey (Friday) Pack Cubs

This year has been a tough one for many of our Young People. I took over about this time last year, so we were all still on Zoom meetings which was a challenge in itself. Many Cubs have joined us over the last 12 months and taken part in the virtual camps organised by Pete West.

We started off with the scientist badge which involved some messy experiments to do at home with our parents. We decided to do some cooking next and made pizzas. We then decided to do some gardening work and grew some herbs and learnt about how to keep the plants healthy.

As it was lockdown, Steve Backshall decided to run a virtual tour of the London History Museum and set up a mystery challenge night. Grey Pack enjoyed the night thoroughly and did extremely well at solving all the clues he set out and we eventually worked out who had broken in and was stealing things from the museum.

Next up was the map reader badge so we decided to get a little help from Harry Potter. We used maps of Hogwarts to help teach us all about map co-ordinates and how to locate things. The Cubs managed to find Hogsmeade, Hogwarts and even the village where Harry was born. We also used invisible ink to write our own secret messages to each other which we then had to decode.

Countryside Code taught us all about the rules of the countryside and how to treat the land and animals whilst keeping ourselves safe too.

The Cubs did some artwork next, and we made Chinese lanterns

for the Chinese New Year.

Next, we decided to try our hand at an online escape room set in a castle. We were really good and managed to collect all the clues and escape in record time.

For Valentine's Day we made some origami flowers for our parents and loved ones.

We finished off our Zoom meetings with some games and teamwork challenges and Pete taught us all how to make a flagpole as part of our pioneering badge. Then for our final zoom meeting we learnt a bit of first aid including treating burns and scalds, so you know who to call in an emergency now!

Easter saw the return of face-to-face meetings. The cubs handled it all really well as it wasn't the normal meetings they were used to and involved a lot of new practises to try and keep covid away. The first meeting back a hike to top of Marl Pits and I finally got to meet all my Cubs, new and old, face to face.

As there was so many Cubs, we decided to split them into two the week after. Half of the Cubs did some skills badge work with James, our Young Leader, and the other half made some playdough models on Zoom. The week after we swapped, and the other group did the alternative activity.

The Cubs then learnt about nature and different plants and how to identify them. Whilst the Zoom group did some work on their animal carer badge including learning how to take care of any pets they had at home.

This week we put up some shelters ready for when we could finally camp and some of us learnt to build mini catapults just in case they ever come in handy.

For the disability badge the

Cubs learnt about celebrities and how not all disabilities are visible, so we need to be aware of this and keep it in mind. We played some games to help the Cubs understand how different disabilities affect your senses and the way it affects your day to day lives.

The Cubs made posters to show others what they liked about Cubs and how much fun they have week after week.

Akela was keen to learn how to make ice cream in a bag, so we all had a go. It was really easy and tasted amazing, so supper was all sorted. I wonder if they did share, I know I didn't!!!

Next up the Cubs learnt about faiths and cultures from around the World. We played some pairs games and learnt about whereabouts in the world different religions originate from. Then the Cubs brought in their collections including shells, teddies, dinosaurs, Hatchimals and pebbles and did a small presentation to all the Cubs and Leaders about them.

As the weather heated up, we decided to make bird feeders to hang at home in our gardens. Some of the Cubs even made 2 or 3.

This week we decided to learn the Hakka which was a lot of fun! We decided to for our penultimate meeting to do the athletics badge and tried a lot of different sports to see how good we were (or weren't).

For our final week we had fun and games and water fights. The Cubs insisted on being drowned so sorry if your cars ended up a bit wet!!

This year has been a lot of fun and seen me being invested along with a lot of new Cubs! I

can't wait to see what the next 12 months will bring but I know it will be amazing whatever we end up doing.

**Vanessa Feather**  
Akela, Grey Pack Cubs

## Purple (Wednesday) Troop Scouts

In this annual report we are going to look back at what badges, activities and games we took part in.

After last year's AGM we had a Taskmaster style night filled with fun activities for the Scouts. We then tried to make models out of recycling.

We took part in Remembrance Day on Zoom by learning the history and the reason why we remember.

Coming up to Christmas the Scouts tried making mince pies on zoom. There were some very funny looking pies but I'm sure they all tasted delicious.

After Christmas the Section Leader, Chris Taylor, felt he could no longer give enough time as Leader to make the Section keep going, so decided to step down. Pete and Tim who run the other two Scout Troops stepped in till a new Leader could be found. The Scouts still had to have their meetings on Zoom so we started by asking the Scouts what they would do if they were in charge of the Troop, and held elections to see who would get voted in.

The Scouts then learnt about the countryside code, how to be safe and how to protect the environment.

Camp planning came next as we hoped that camping would

soon return. Learning about the internet and how to use it responsibly and safely was next.

Junk modelling the week after gave some very funny models. We had an axe, giraffe and many other items.

After Easter we were able to return to face-to-face meetings, we started with a hike around Marl Pits, just to blow away the cobwebs.

The Scouts started their physical recreation badge the week after. There were some tired Scouts after that meeting.

One of the Young Leaders then ran a meeting and had the Scouts working together to make pictures in the dark to create images.

We then had the Scouts learning about disabilities working as a team to erect a tent.

A trip to Nuttall Park came after where the Scouts started their Naturalist badge. They had to look around the forest and find some wildlife/plant to research. They then had to do a report on their findings.

The Scouts finished the physical recreation badge by trying to beat their times from the previous meeting.

After the half term we had the Scouts practice their knife, axe, and saw skills. They also learnt about accidents with this equipment.

We had the Scouts practising with Trangia stoves and erecting the new tents as we have planned a camp when we are able to camp.

To end the term all three Troops descended on Bowley Scout campsite to compete in some

water games. A lot of the Scouts got drenched that evening, but a lot had fun also.

The Scouts have enjoyed returning to meetings and the leadership team are looking forward to the next term. Thanks to all the Leaders and helpers that have helped the Scouts to have a good return to Scouting.

**Pete West and Tim Feather**  
Acting Section Leaders, Purple Troop



## Grey (Thursday) Troop Scouts

It's that time of the year again, where I describe what fun activities and adventures your Scouts have been up to. Unfortunately, due to you know what the year has been slightly different.

Since last AGM the Troop had to persist with Zoom meetings. So, we decided to roll up our sleeves and try and make wool poppies, we had some success

with this but the following week when we tried knots the result wasn't as good. Lesson learnt there.

A kind parent volunteered her time to show the Scouts over Zoom how to make mince pies. The Scouts really enjoyed this meeting, and I could tell they were going to enjoy eating the results.

We also had a meeting with the District Youth Team who had created a Taskmaster style meeting with tasks and games.

The following week we had a games night where we tested the Scouts memory then finished for the Xmas break.

On return to Scouts in the New Year we tasked the Troop to split into teams and make a joint presentation as to why they should be in charge of running the Section. There were some interesting ideas including bribing Tim the Section Leader. The Troop also worked together to create adverts/posters promoting Scouts and the benefits of becoming a Scout.

They also looked at the Countryside Code and what they interpret it to mean and if we should add to it.

Coming into February we made camp ovens and had an animal footprint quiz. Then we learnt about Chinese New Year followed by a quiz.

For the international side of the World Challenge Badge the Scouts tried their hands at Japanese Notan Art and learnt about the origins of this artform.

We then had a look at the Scouts hobbies that they take part in apart from Scouts. We had football, dog caring, origami, martial arts, drawing, fencing,

playing instruments and making slime.

Finally, we were able to return to face-to-face meetings. Being a large Section did pose it difficulties with controlling numbers, so we decided to split the Section onto alternating weeks, one face to face followed by a Zoom meeting. It wasn't ideal but allowed us to keep the Scouts safe whilst also getting some meetings.

We started back with a hike up Marl Pitts. Then we had games night.

After this we had a Zoom tour of Rawtenstall fire station. This was very popular with the Scouts, and they got to ask plenty of questions to the fire officer.

The Scouts had a go at making ice cream on Zoom and started their Naturalist Activity Badge at Nuttall Park, on a very wet evening, the Scouts got wet but really enjoyed being outside looking at what they were going to research with their friends.

At the end of May, Scouts from all three Troops came together to complete their expedition. Setting off on the Saturday morning the team had to navigate the route with equipment till they reached their destination, which was the Warren, where they cooked a meal. Then the Scouts had to go home as they weren't able to stay over. On the Sunday they arrived early and eager for the second leg of the expedition - unill they saw the route. After a very steep climb up above Waterfoot they proceeded to follow the route right until the end where they missed the one corner Tim and Pete had been waiting for them for over an hour. Thankfully it was only a tiny shortcut, and the Leaders were soon able to locate the Scouts. The Scouts then proceeded to the

finish where they were picked up by parents.

After the May half term holiday, the Section started to have the meetings all together at the Warren but outside. We divided them into teams, and they learnt how to use a knife, axe and saw, and accidents that could happen with this equipment.

They then had a go at tent building and cooking on a Trangia stove. The Leaders were hoping the Scouts can remember this for camp.

After that we had our end of year party where all three Scout Troops descended on Bowley Scout campsite for games. The Scouts got extremely wet that evening and so did some of the Leaders.

Even though it has been a challenging year, and sometimes frustrating, the Scouts have been brilliant. Our numbers remain healthy, and the Scouts have enjoyed returning to face-to-face meetings.

The Leadership team are looking forward to the year ahead where we already have an expedition and camp planned.

Many thanks to all the Leadership team for helping through the year despite all its difficulties.

**Tim Feather**  
Section Leader, Grey Troop

## **Red (Friday) Troop Scouts**

Since our last report Red Troop hasn't let the restrictions of COVID stop us Scouting.

**October-December**  
October to Christmas we continued holding regular weekly Zoom meetings covering

subjects such as Scouting history and traditions, we marked remembrance weekend, finished off our Air Activities Badge, completed our Photography Activity Badge, did four consecutive weeks of exercise videos to keep us moving, problem solving and code cracking, riddles and the Scouts favourite many, many Kahoot quizzes.

We held an online fancy dress Halloween party including a cake decoration competition, joined Grey Pack Cubs online for a night at the museum live escape room with Scout Ambassador, Steve Backshall.

We were joined by Rossendale District Youth Team who ran a Taskmaster evening, thank you gang.

The final online meeting of 2020 saw the Scouts bake Christmas cookies and we held a Christmas family fun night with a video quiz and Kahoot.

### **January–March**

The New Year saw us return to online meetings on Zoom with more problem solving, fun challenges, we looked at what they believe makes a good Leader, the Patrol Leaders took more control of the online activities and games creating their own content. We made a milk bottle lunch box, delved into internet safety, had a crack at origami, looked at the complexities and costs of planning a camp. While looking at the challenges faced by many with disabilities the Scouts had a go at showing their artistic skills drawing only with their mouths, feet and wearing a blindfold. To finish off the term there was an Easter challenge with guess the number of eggs in the jar.

In January several the troop took part in the Scout Association

Virtual Winter Camp with many more taking part in our 70th Anniversary Virtual Camp tackling the activities set by our own hardworking volunteers in March. The Troop came second in the Group wide challenges set over the weekend coming in behind Grey Troop.

### **April-July**

The beginning of summer term saw us back face-to-face for the first time in over a year and for some of the Troop the first time meeting the team outside of the virtual world. For most of the Scouts it was a time to renew friendships and take on new roles within the Troop. With so much to catch up with organised chaos reigned for a few weeks and I considered the need for a sheep dog, but the Troop quickly shaped up as the Patrol Leaders took a leading role in supporting the newer Scouts in the activities. In what felt like a very short thirteen weeks we managed to fit in team leader command tasks, a short hike above Marl Pits (with relay races at the top), shelter building, using their pioneering skills making camp chairs and the naturalist activity badge.

Returning from half term it was straight into knife safety, using axes/saws and what to do in case of accidents. This was followed by cooking on Trangia camp cookers with the Scouts creating some interesting meals from the food selection we provided. They put up tents and packed them away, brushing up on those little used skills since lockdown and had a go at putting up hammocks in the trees behind the Warren.

The older Scouts joined some of their compatriots from the other two Scout Sections to complete a Scout expedition over two days in the hills above Rossendale. Using their map reading skills to navigate themselves from start to finish, working together

meeting Leaders at set check points along their route. COVID restrictions prevented the usual overnight camp, but they still cooked themselves a meal and it was great to see the cooperation between Scouts from the three Sections.

The second joint event involving Scouts from all three Troops was the final night of the summer term. Almost seventy Scouts met together at Bowley Scout campsite for a night of games and very wet fun. A fitting end to an interesting year.

As always, a big thank you to the team of volunteer Leaders who make the section so fantastic.

### **Pete West**

*Section Leader, Red Troop*



# Why volunteering at Scouts is

# #GOODFORYOU

## 1. It's good for your skills and your future

# 84%

of UK adults believe Scouts helps you develop skills useful in later life (YouGov 2020)

# 71%

of young people in the UK aged 14–18 believe Scouts helps you develop skills useful in later life (YouGov 2020)



Scouts score **18%** higher on courage, **15%** higher on independence and are **18%** more likely to be better problem solvers (Scout Experience Survey 2020)

## 2. It's good for your health and happiness



The most common benefits volunteers report are enjoyment (**93%**), a sense of personal achievement (**90%**) and feeling that they make a difference (**90%**). (Time Well Spent Survey NCVO 2019)



Scouts spend on average **1.1** more days a week being physically active (Scouts Experience Survey 2020)



Over three-quarters of volunteers (**77%**) agree it improves their mental health and wellbeing. (Time Well Spent Survey NCVO 2019)



People who've volunteered in the past year were more satisfied with their lives and rated their overall health as better. (Journal of Happiness Studies 2020)

## 3. It's good for your family, friends and community



Researchers found that participants ages 16–24 and 55–74 were especially likely to benefit from volunteering, perhaps because of the opportunity to build social connections. (Journal of Happiness 2020)



Over two-thirds (**68%**) of volunteers agree it helps them feel less isolated – this is even higher among younger volunteers (**77%**) for those aged 18–24 and **76%** for those aged 25–34). (Time Well Spent Survey NCVO 2019)

## Our Purpose and Method

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

In partnership with adults, young people take part in fun indoor and outdoor activities. They learn by doing, by sharing in spiritual reflection and by taking responsibility. They make choices, undertake new and challenging activities, and they live their Scout Promise.

Scouts' Trustees have a duty to report on our public benefit in this Annual Report. We've assessed our aims, activities and charitable objectives, which are to contribute to the development of young people in achieving their full potential as individuals, as responsible citizens, and as members of their local, national and international communities.

We believe that we've met the Charity Commission's public benefit criteria for both the advancement of education, and the advancement of citizenship and community development. Scouts follows two key principles set by the Commission with regard to public benefit:

### **Our vision for the future**

In our original Skills for Life strategy, we aimed to prepare more young people with skills for life, supported by amazing leaders delivering an inspiring programme. We talked about growing, being more inclusive, being shaped by young people and making a bigger impact in our communities.

Skills for life are more vital than ever for young people. It makes sense for us to maintain the core of this strategy for 2023–2025 with some changes, including us reviewing and resetting our Key Performance Indicators over the coming months.

More information is available at [scouts.org.uk/ourplan](https://scouts.org.uk/ourplan)

### **1. Identifiable benefit**

The way in which we help young people in their personal development and empowers them to make a positive contribution to society. This benefit is directly linked to the purpose of Scouts.

### **2. Public benefit**

Scouts is a national movement, open to young people aged 4–25 and adults who are willing to make the Scout Promise. People in areas of deprivation are able to benefit from our programme; while we charge a subscription to our members, access to our benefits aren't constrained by a member's ability to pay. As a Group, there are arrangements to waive subscriptions and other costs for those who face financial hardship. Nationally, there are funds available for uniform and the cost of activities so that young people aren't excluded from Scouts on purely financial grounds.

The benefits of Scouts are further demonstrated throughout this report.

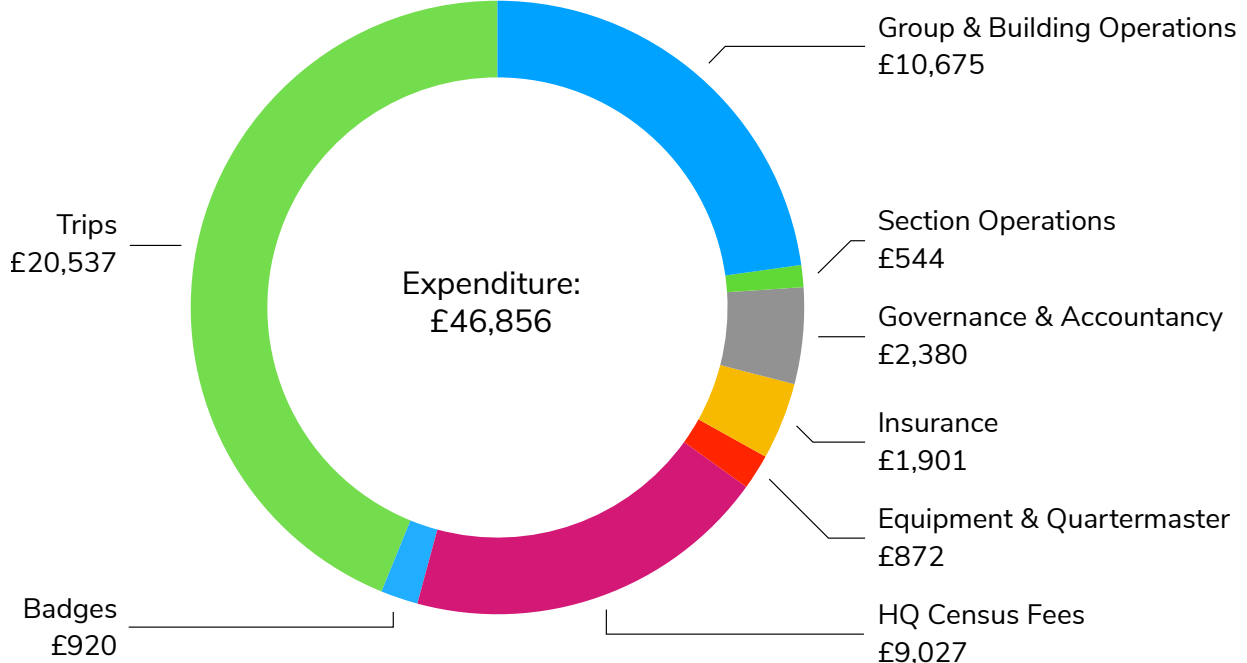
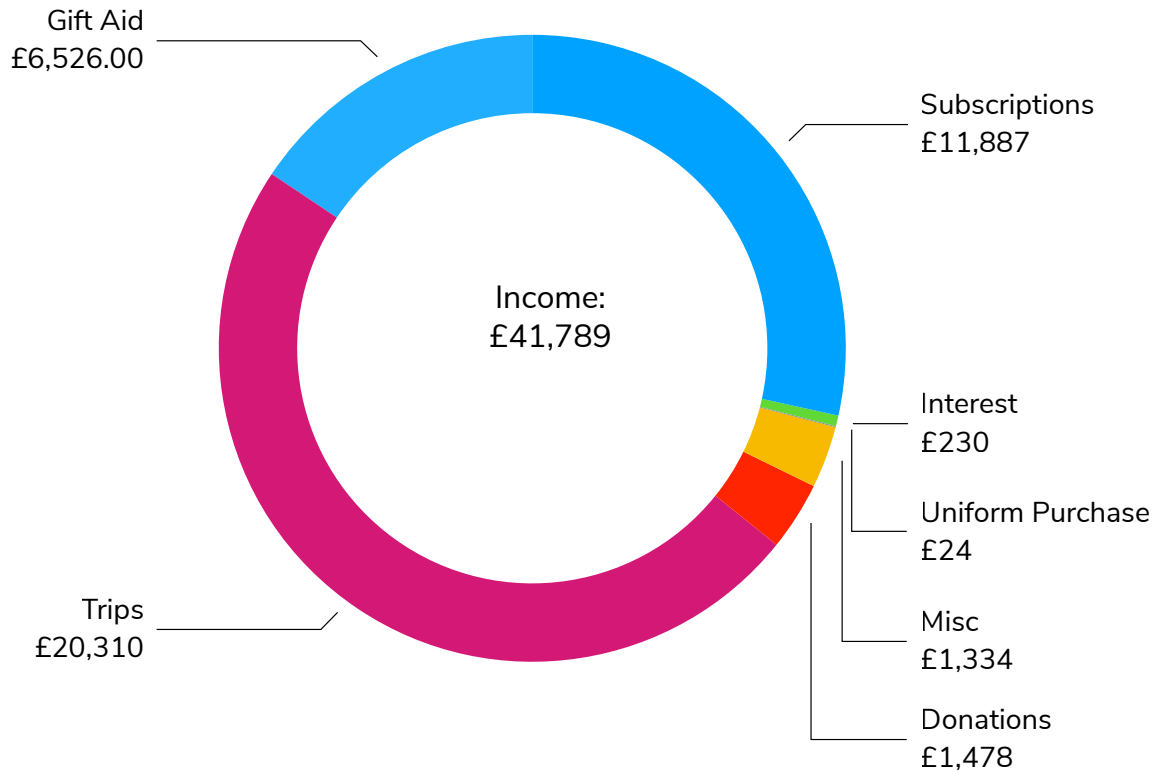
## Vision and strategic objectives

# Our Finances

The Group's finances are managed by the Group's Trustees and overseen by the Group Treasurer and Group Administrator.

Our finances continue to be in a strong position and while income has reduced, mainly due to lack of fundraising opportunities, rental income and subscriptions, the Group's unrestricted funds has provided the opportunity to continue investing in our assets throughout the pandemic, without needing to draw on our reserves policy - which still remains at roughly twelve months of unrestricted spend.

We would like to thank Peter Whittaker and Louise Cooper for their continual hard work in looking after our finances.



**Please note**

These illustrations are for informational purposes only and only cover the Group's primary operations. A full and audited version of the Group's accounts can be obtained, free of charge, from the Charity Commission's website.



# Our Team 2020-21

## **President**

Jean Smith (dec. Aug 2014)

## **Chair of Trustees**

Michael Churnside

## **Group Scout Leader**

Andrew J Cooper

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Alison Hoyle  
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## **Section Leaders**

Chris Taylor (until Dec-20)  
Emma Cooper  
Oliver Cooper  
Pete West  
Tim Feather  
Tracey Dunn  
Vanessa Feather

## **Group Administrator**

Louise Cooper BEM

## **With thanks to**

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Helen Cornfoot  
Jade West  
Josh Bend  
Katie Hoyle  
Logan Law  
Lottie Lowe  
Louise Cooper BEM  
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Matthew Hides  
Mark Guest  
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# Scouts

## 38th Rossendale

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# THE 38TH ROSSENDALE (OPEN) SCOUT GROUP

## RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT 1ST APRIL 2020 - 31ST MARCH 2021

EXPENDITURE	£	£
<b>Warren H.Q.</b>		
Water	144	
Electricity	663	
Gas	313	
Telephone	168	
Internet	199	
Accountancy Fees	2,380	
Charity Insurance	1,901	
Equipment Hire	315	
Cleaning	135	
Web Hosting & Domain Costs	135	
Repairs & Renewals	557	
Clothing Costs	1,712	
	<u>8,622</u>	<u>8,622</u>
Group Bonfire	14	
Sub-Contractors	2,029	
Group Expenses	5,163	
Census Fee	9,027	
Badges	920	
	<u>17,153</u>	<u>17,153</u>
<b>Section Expenses</b>		
Monday Beavers	137	
Tuesday Cubs	211	
Wednesday Beavers	160	
Wednesday Scouts	11	
Thursday Scouts	0	
Friday Cubs	25	
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	<u>544</u>	<u>544</u>
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Cash	39	
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# THE 38TH ROSSENDALE (OPEN) SCOUT GROUP

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RECEIPTS	£	£
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Trade Debtors	107	
Creditors	-3,376	
Fixed Assets	845	
Current Account	29,232	
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Monday Beavers	1,570	
Tuesday Cubs	1,763	
Wednesday Beavers	1,635	
Wednesday Scouts	1,132	
Thursday Scouts	2,137	
Friday Cubs	1,795	
Friday Scouts	1,715	
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Intrest received	230	
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Donations	8,004	
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Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/ members of

THE 38TH ROSSENDALE (OPEN) SCOUT GROUP

On accounts for the year ended

31/03/21

Charity no (if any)

512657

Set out on pages

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity's trustees, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act").

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent examiner's statement

[The charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 and I am qualified to undertake the examination by being a qualified member of [insert name of applicable listed body]]. Delete [ ] if not applicable.

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination (other than that disclosed below \*) which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or
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I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

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Signed:

Elizabeth Watts

Date:

4.10.2021

Name:

ELIZABETH WATTS

Relevant professional qualification(s) or body

(if any):

Address:

**Section B Disclosure**

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# THE 38TH ROSSENDALE (OPEN) SCOUT GROUP

## RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT 1ST APRIL 2020 - 31ST MARCH 2021

EXPENDITURE	£	£
<b>Warren H.Q.</b>		
Water	144	
Electricity	663	
Gas	313	
Telephone	168	
Internet	199	
Accountancy Fees	2,380	
Charity Insurance	1,901	
Equipment Hire	315	
Cleaning	135	
Web Hosting & Domain Costs	135	
Repairs & Renewals	557	
Clothing Costs	1,712	
	<u>8,622</u>	<u>8,622</u>
Group Bonfire	14	
Sub-Contractors	2,029	
Group Expenses	5,163	
Census Fee	9,027	
Badges	920	
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