

3RD BUXTON (HARPUR HILL) SCOUT GROUP

England & Wales - Charity number 516419

Details

Status Registered

Legal form Other

Registered 1985-05-02

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

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Activities

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

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Classification

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

Geography

- Derbyshire

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2024-12-31	£29,188	£44,715	-	-
2023-12-31	£44,201	£44,563	-	-
2022-12-31	£27,825	£29,845	-	-
2021-12-31	£23,280	£14,461	-	-
2020-12-31	£15,012	£7,892	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Catherine Moore		2024-07-02
Catherine Pitts		2019-05-23
Paul Michael Pitts		2024-04-24
Paul Taylor		2019-05-23
Seth Houldsworth		2019-05-23

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Accounts

3rd Buxton Scout Group
Annual General Meeting
22nd May 2025



Scouts

3rd Buxton (Harpur Hill)

Agenda

Welcome

1. Introduction
2. Welcome performance – Beavers & Squirrels
(Scouts, Cubs & Beavers to leave for activities outside hut)

Governance

3. Approve the minutes of the Group AGM June 2024
4. Re-adopt the constitution of the Scout Group charity (see Rule 5.3) of The Scout Association Policy, Organisation and Rules (<https://www.scouts.org.uk/por/>)
5. Note the dates of charity's financial year (1st January 2024 – 31st December 2024)
6. Confirm the maximum total number of members of the Group Trustee Board
7. Confirm quorum for the AGM of the Group Scout Council
8. Treasurer Report

Refreshments/performance break

9. Welcome back performance - Cubs

Reviews & Forward look

10. Group Lead Volunteer
11. Section Reports

Appointments

12. Chair of the Group Trustee Board
13. Treasurer of the Group Trustee Board
14. Secretary of the Group Trustee Board
15. Other members of the Group Trustee Board:
16. Re-appoint auditor

Close of Meeting

17. Closing Performance – Scouts
18. AOB
19. Closing words

2024 Reviews

Group Lead Volunteer & Chair of the Trustee Board

Paul Pitts

2024 was both exciting and challenging year for 3rd Buxton Scout Group. At the start of the year we had two Sections, Scouts and Cubs, by the end of the year we had a new Beavers Section, with plans for a Squirrels section well underway. Our Leadership teams have been through significant changes, with Paul Taylor stepping aside as Scout Leader, Rob Wilson and Adam King becoming new members of the Scouts Leader team and Karen Green joining the new Beavers Team. Unfortunately, during the year Dave Spacey decided to leave Scouts and more recently Adam King has moved out of the area.

I took over from Seth Houldsworth as Group Scout Leader in June 2024. I would like to thank Seth for all he has done for 3rd Buxton Scout Group and I am very pleased that Seth agreed to stay involved with the Group as a buildings and maintenance representative on our Trustee Board.



A Scout group would not run without volunteer leaders. I want to express my gratitude to all our leaders. Cath Pitts deserves a very special mention. It is no exaggeration to say that without her 3rd Buxton Scout Group would not have run for the last 12 months. Cath was already our Cub Leader, but in September 2024 she joined the new Beaver team and also stepped back into the role of Scout leader. In 2025 she has also been leading the Squirrels Section, while our new leaders develop their skills and experience. In case that is not enough, for many years Cath has also been our Group treasurer and is also treasurer for our Scout District.

I also want to say a big thank you to Marie Vickery who has done amazing things getting the new Beavers Section and helping with both Cubs and Squirrels. Marie has also put in a lot of work at the hut and has brought lots of new ideas into the Group.

During 2024 Scouting in the UK has undergone some significant changes in the way it is organised. The main outward sign of this is the change to our role titles, which now emphasise the fact that all our adults are volunteers. This means that my role is no longer "Group Scout Leader" (or GSL), but is now "Group Lead Volunteer" (GLV). There have been lots of behind-the-scenes changes to the training and record keeping for adults, which we are starting to get the hang of.

We have been working on other improvements on a local basis. We are trying to make better use of “On-line Scout Manager” (OSM), which means that we can organise many activities through OSM’s parent portal, which should make things easier for us. We are also making use of WhatsApp groups for each section for quick messaging to parents.

We have also produced a Welcome document, that provides basic information on our Scout Group. It includes information on who we are, the age ranges of Sections, our leader, subscription payment details and our policies on photos, mobile phones as well as contact information. You should all have a copy of this, if not, please ask.

One of my objectives as GLV was to encourage parents (and other adults) to get involved with Scouting at our Scout Group. One way I am trying to achieve this is through our Newsletter, where we try to tell you more about what we are doing, about our successes and about where we need a bit of help. The first Newsletter was issued in October 2024.

One area we needed help in 2024 was to carry out some works on our hut and storage container. This work was carried out in the summer break. I would like to thank everyone who was able to help. We do still have plenty of work to do on building maintenance and improvement, and I am looking to have a similar two-week attack on building maintenance issues in the summer of 2025.

At the start of 2024 we had a total of around 40 young people in our two Sections (Scouts and Cubs). At the end of 2024 we had over 50 in three Sections. As I am writing this, at the start of May 2025, we have 70 young people in our 4 Sections. We have some fantastic new leaders in our Squirrels Group, but for 2025 we do need to recruit some new leaders for the other Sections.

As we look to the future, we hope to gradually build up our Squirrels Section and get more parents involved, particularly with Squirrels and Beavers. There is lots of exciting activities for all Sections; for example, just in this summer term:

- our Beavers and Squirrels will be going for a District Beavers and Squirrels Day at Harpur Hill School
- our Beavers, Cubs and Scouts will be Canoeing or Kayaking at Combs Reservoir
- two teams of Cubs will be entering the Bowden Buffalo and Hex District Cub competitions at Gradbach
- a team of Scouts will be taking part in the Taylor Trophy competition, also at Gradbach
- for the first time, be having a float in the Buxton Carnival precession and
- or Scouts will be going to Summer Camp at Kibblestone Scout Camp Site.

Of course it does not stop there, we are already planning for the Autumn term, and there will be a Panto trip again on the 5th December.

So, I wish everyone all the best for the next scouting year and please talk to me or any of our Leaders if you would like to get involved.

Paul Pitts

Group Lead Volunteer

Scouts

Cath Pitts, Scout Lead Volunteer

In January our Scouts joined Scouts from across our Scouting District for the Chilly Challenge camp at Gradbach. This is a county-wide challenge to spend one night under canvas in January. Soon after the Chilly Challenge our Scouts and ex Scouts were joined by Scouts and Explorers from 1st Buxton for a week-long trip to Kandersteg International Scout Camp Site in Switzerland. This trip was led by Paul Taylor, and was so successful that Leaders from 1st Buxton are now planning a return trip in February 2026, with Scouts and leaders from 3rd Buxton invited to join them.



May saw another big event for Scouts, with the bi-annual District Wallboree at Gradbach. The Scouts were able to take part in all sorts of activities including: climbing, zip-wire, assault course, crate stacking, mountain biking, bouncy castle and circus skills.

For our Scouts Section it is a time of big changes. After 18 years with Paul Taylor as Scout Leader, Paul decided it was time to take a step back and we were faced with trying to maintain Paul's good work. After around 7 years away from being a Scout Leader, and only going on Camps, I came back into the Section on a temporary basis.

We had two young and enthusiastic leaders join us in the first half of the year: Rob (who had been a young leader helping with us in our Scout Section) and Adam King.



We had our Summer Camp at Walesby Forest. There were plenty of activities on offer and the weather was brilliant. The camp was a little spoiled by a stomach bug that meant some of our Scouts had to leave camp earlier than planned.

It's great to be able to report that the Scout's Autumn season got off to a wonderful start, with one of our teams winning the [Border Hike](#) and also collected the Johanna Knowles trophy for the highest placed local team. Our other team also performed very well, coming in fifth in a competition with over 30 entries from all over the country.



Following close on the heels of the Border Hike was the [Kinder Challenge](#). Rob took a team of our Scouts on this challenging 16 km hike which they finished in a creditable time of 4 hours and 13 minutes (the second fastest local group).

We have recently started some work on mapping, and hope to be doing some hikes over the next few months.

Unfortunately, we have had to say goodbye to two of our leaders. Dave Spacey left in October and Adam King, who has moved away from Buxton, left at Easter. We wish both Dave and Adam all the best for the future.

Cath Pitts

Lead Volunteer – Scouts Section



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Cubs

Cath Pitts, Cub Lead Volunteer

We started the year with 22 Cubs, this increased to 25 by the end of the year. We had seven Cubs who gained their Silver Scout Awards during 2024. We awarded badges for work on a wide range of topics, including Adventure, Outdoors, Skills, Team Leader, Team Work, World, Artist, Athletics, Collector, Hobbies, Disability Awareness, etc...

We started the Cub year with hobbies and collector badges. The Cubs created some posters to explain their hobbies to the other Cubs.



In May we joined our Scouts and over 400 other Scouts, Cubs, Beavers and Explorers from all over the High Peak Scouting District at the 2024 Wallaboree. We took part in all sorts of activities, one the best being the mountain biking.



Later in the summer we worked towards our Athletics badge and the Autumn we started on the Digital Maker badge and completed the naturalist badge. Over the winter Cubs have been doing loads of interesting things, including making snowman decorations for Christmas, working for the digital maker badge, which included making Lego robots with Brick Corner and looking at programming with Scratch as well as traditional Scouting skills like map-reading and knotting. They also represented the Group at the Harpur Hill Remembrance service.

We are very lucky to have a brilliant young Leader (an ex-3rd Buxton Scout) helping us run our Cub sessions. Unfortunately, we will lose her later in 2025. We do hope to recruit new Young Leaders to help out.

Our Cub pack is now well established. Our Cub Section is currently quite full, but we do have around ten Cubs due to move up to Scouts over the next year. Fortunately, we will have some Beavers moving up, which will help to balance the numbers.

Cath Pitts

Lead Volunteer – Cubs Section



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Beavers

Marie Vickery, Beaver Lead Volunteer

We have had an incredible experience so far re-launching our Beaver section in September.

From June 5th we will have 20 Beavers in our section.

Thank you to all the parents for their support and to Cath and Karen for their invaluable experience and commitment.

We are very fortunate to have an excellent young leader who is competent, caring and capable!



We put regular photo/video updates on Facebook so you can keep up to date with all the activities your Beavers are enjoying.

Highlights so far were our indoor fire back in September, the wonderful turn out for The Remembrance service at Harpur Hill Cenotaph, The technology hunt in town, The Pantomime; Jack and the Beanstalk. OH YES IT WAS! The fantastic work carried out completing the Digital Maker Badge. Our rescheduled winter camp held in April and canoeing Tuesday just gone.

We have so much to fit in before the summer break, sports, nature walks and of course the carnival which we are all so excited to share as a whole group.

I will be organising sign-up sheets for parent volunteers and sending information out soon for this!!

Finally, until next year's AGM, it has been an absolute pleasure getting to know you all, your children are a credit to you and I look forward to the adventures ahead!

Marie Vickery

Lead Volunteer – Beavers Section

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Squirrels

Paul Pitts, Group Lead Volunteer

When I started as Group Lead Volunteer, our new District lead Volunteer asked me if I would consider starting a Squirrels section. At that time, there was only one Squirrels group in the District at 1st Chinley Scout Group. They had been running for one year and it had been very successful. We decided to run a trial session with support from County in November. The trial session was popular, with lots of interest from parents. Importantly, we had some parents who were prepared to put themselves forward as Leaders or helpers.

Running a Squirrels section does need a lot of help and support from parents and other adults and we have been very fortunate to have some excellent new Leaders start with us in the Squirrel's Leader Team. They have completed the essential safety, safeguarding and first aid training and gone through the necessary DBS checks. Cath Pitts volunteered to temporarily act as the Team Leader while the new Leaders gain skills, experience and confidence.



Squirrels actually started on 4th March 2025. We have started small, with 8 Squirrels to begin with, but as we develop, we want to steadily grow the Section and we had some new Squirrels start very recently.

So far, the Squirrels have been making bird-feeders, Easter cards, fire lighting, putting up tents (the photo shows ten Squirrels in a tent that would normally take at most three Scouts) and planting flowers and seeds as well as playing fun games and (of course) making lots of noise. It has been great to see our new Leaders also enjoying themselves and also making lots of noise!

Paul Pitts

Group Lead Volunteer – on behalf of the Squirrels Section

Summary of Group Accounts



3rd Buxton (Harpur Hill) Scout Group Treasurer's Report of Accounts from 1/1/2024 to 31/12/2024 Scout Group

Category		Income		Expenditure
Subscriptions	£	6,483.00	£	2,376.50
Donations/Fundraising	£	218.00		
Grants				
Training				
Badges/Uniform	£	177.50	£	1,303.42
Activities	£	675.00	£	1,167.23
Camps	£	2,908.40	£	4,635.57
Group - Beavers			£	13.50
Group - Cubs	£	252.00	£	318.87
Group - Scouts	£	2,283.30	£	4,065.51
Equipment			£	5,652.66
Cleaning			£	103.91
Building maintenance			£	527.78
Rent	£	1,817.50	£	900.00
Insurance			£	2,511.24
Utilities			£	1,681.88
Interest	£	311.04		
Other	£	650.00	£	675.68
Total	£	15,775.74	£	25,933.75
Balance brought fwd 2023	£	27,205.63		
Income - Expenditure 2024	-£	10,158.01		
Balance end 2024	£	17,047.62		

This Balance at the end of 2024 is represented by the Group's accounts:

		End of Year 2024		End of Year 2023
Cash	£	17.17	£	207.72
Current (Cheque)	£	182.42	£	103.82
Savings	£	1,350.64	£	4,943.46
Number 2 account	£	15,497.39	£	21,950.63
Totals	£	17,047.62	£	27,205.63

3rd & 1st Buxton Scout Groups

Kandersteg Expedition 2024

(account activity covering the financial years from 2022 to 2024)

Income			Expenditure		
Refund from Venture Abroad	£	225.54	Initial deposit to Kandersteg	£	225.54
HPBC donation	£	300.00	1 st payment to Venture Abroad	£	2,350.00
Open Gardens donation	£	200.00	2 nd payment to Venture Abroad	£	3,525.00
Football cards fundraising	£	423.00	Neckerchiefs	£	356.95
Donation Wayahead training	£	400.00	3 rd payment to Venture Abroad	£	29,228.55
Donation S. Hollick	£	50.00	Sundries	£	77.69
Refund from Venture Abroad	£	94.00	Kandersteg train	£	635.35
Fundraising S Ward	£	630.00	Kandersteg scout camp	£	9,419.99
Buxton For Youth donation	£	400.00	Kandersteg scout camp	£	1,997.13
Bingham Trust donation	£	2,000.00	Phone package	£	15.00
Payments by scouts & leaders	£	46,530.00	Badges	£	70.50
			Camp badges	£	118.32
			Kandersteg scout camp	£	21.55
			First aid & admin	£	40.58
			Cards & postage	£	16.90
			Refunds	£	2,000.00
			Refunds	£	720.00
			Knives	£	376.71
Total	£	51,252.54	Total	£	51,195.76
Total Income	£	51,252.54			
Total Expenditure	£	51,195.76			
Income - Expenditure	£	56.78			



Scouts

3rd Buxton (Harpur Hill)

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Addendum (October 2025)

Charity Commission Return

The Charity Commission return (due for submission by end October 2025) requires total income and expenditure figures for the whole Group.

The reports included in the report to the AGM present data for the Group band accounts and the Scout bank account separately. There is no adjustment made to account for the transfers between the Group and Scout accounts. These transfers should not be included in the income and expenditure figures for the whole Group.

In 2024 the Group account recorded £ 2,580 income from the Scout account and £ 3,834.00 payment out to the Scouts account. The Scout account records corresponding payments in from the group and out to the Group. The table below shows the adjustment calculations to achieve the Charity Commission return.

Group account: Total income and expenditure

		Income		Expenditure
AGM totals	£	15,775.74	£	25,933.75
Transfers to/from Scouts account	£	2,580.00	£	3,834.40
Adjusted totals	£	13,195.74	£	22,099.35

Scouts account: Total income and expenditure

		Income		Expenditure
AGM totals	£	19,826.32	£	25,195.87
Transfers to/from Group account	£	3,834.40	£	2,580.00
Adjusted totals	£	15,991.92	£	22,615.87

Overall Group totals

		Income		Expenditure
Total of AGM totals	£	35,602.06	£	51,129.62
Adjusted total	£	29,187.66	£	44,715.22

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3rd Buxton Scout Group Annual General Meeting 6th June 2024



Agenda

Welcome

1. Introduction
2. Presentation of the last year at 3rd Buxton Scout Group
3. Awards
(Scouts and Cubs to leave for activities outside the hut)

Governance

4. Approve the minutes of the Group AGM 2023
5. Adopt the constitution
6. Note the dates of charity's financial year
(1st January 2023 – 31st December 2023)
7. Approve any appointed or community members of the Group Scout Council
8. Agree the maximum total number of members of the Group Trustee Board
9. Agree the quorum for future meetings of the Group Scout Council

Reviews

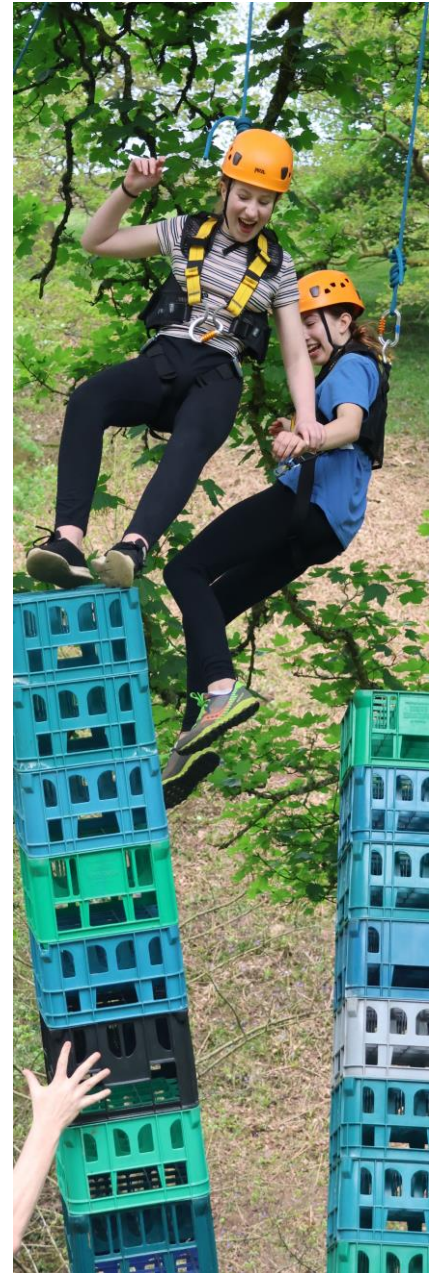
10. Group Scout Leader
11. Scouts Leader
12. Cubs Leader
13. Treasurer Report

Appointments

14. Group Trustee Board - Chair
15. Group Trustee Board - Treasurer
16. Group Trustee Board - Secretary
17. Group Trustee Board - Additional members
18. Re-appoint auditor

Close of Meeting

19. AOB
20. Closing words



2023 Reviews



Group Scout Leader

Seth Houldsworth

This year Cubs and Scouts have both grown in size this past year, with Marie having completed a year with Cubs as assistant leader. At the last AGM we lost our secretary and have so far been unable to fill the post. We have gained a cleaner for the hut, who does an excellent job.

The hut is still being rented out for three nights a week to two groups, the Choir and Fitness. The fitness run before Scouts on a Monday and then again on Wednesday evenings. The Choir has the place to themselves on a Tuesday. The hut also went through a facelift with Marie and several others getting the paint brushes out and refreshing the interior, nice job.

Burbage Beavers have now started a Cub pack so we at 3rd now need to look at how we can re-start our Beaver colony to keep our numbers up.

I would like to thank our Scout and Cub leaders for continuing to entertain their respective groups over the past year. I would also like to thank the committee, who have managed to keep things going (even in a reduced capacity). We are still missing a chairperson, secretary and both these have been covered by myself and Paul Pitts, who steps in quietly when we need some support (very

much appreciated). This means that we are still in search of a chairperson and secretary. We are managing to make good progress, so to the committee "let's keep up the good work".

Over this last year we have managed to maintain a stable environment for everyone to improve in their roles. This year the Scouts went to Beaudesert for their summer camp and as usual we were at Gradbach for our winter camp. Cubs even did a short summer camp this year at Gradbach, so well done to Cath and Marie. At the end of the Scouting year, we have seen an increase in our numbers due to Scouts and Cubs growing, so our overall number has increased to 56 (38 in 2022). We are now at full capacity so we are looking to maintain our numbers during the coming years, though this is expected to be a slow process, but with our aim to re-start Beavers in the future this might be possible. Our Scout leader, Paul, is relentless in trying to obtain a more permanent building so we can improve what we offer our youngsters. It has now become even more important that we recruit more leaders and parent helpers for all our sections.

I would like to finish with a very BIG thank you to everyone who is involved with 3rd Buxton Scout Group over the past year and look forward to your support for the next year of exploring, adventure, trips away and fun times.

Scouts

Paul Taylor
Scout Leader



After the covid it appears there has been a greater interest in the outdoor activities and we have seen the scout number increase to around 27 at the peak. Fortunately, towards the end of the year a number of scouts have progressed to the Explorer unit. Last year I did put out to the general public, a call for volunteers to assist in the running of the troop, but alas, no takers. We do need an influx of younger leaders as the current aggregate age of the three leaders is over 180 years.



We started 2023 with a theme of 'Expedition' this populated the programme with mapping and camping training with the aim of the older scouts doing their expedition challenge and the younger scouts doing a training expedition. The Chilly Challenge camp at Gradbach scout camp was attended and a navigation hike to the Roaches was done. I think the scouts earned their badge. Many thanks to the Gradbach team for the catering.



This year saw the 3rd Buxton scouts compete for the first time in the District Ready Steady Cook competition at Chapel Scout Hut. Very well done, to what must have been the youngest set of Chefs.



In March we had a practice hike from Green Fairfield to the scout hut. It was good planning for the Expedition and helped determine the Border hike competition teams.



After Easter, when the days were lighter some of the older scouts completed their Expedition from Barnswood camp site to Gradbach to the Hut. A number of younger members carried out the same hike with the leaders for assistance. The older scouts were awarded their expedition badge after they gave the scouts a presentation of their expedition project.



During the warmer months of May and June the scouts enjoyed a cycle ride along the High Peak trail, canoeing at Coombs reservoir and a joint meeting with the 1st Buxton scouts for a treasure hunt, the joint meeting also meant that the scouts going to Kandersteg in 2024 had a chance to meet each other prior to the event.



Summer camp this year was held at Beaudesert Scout Camp Site at Cannock Wood, Staffordshire, whilst on site the scouts had the opportunity to practice a bit of patrol camping, cooking on open fires, archery, coracling, a via ferrata, zip line and pedal cart races. Again, many thanks to Cath, Annabel and Paul Pitts for their assistance, which I greatly appreciate.

The start of the new term in September is always busy in preparation for the Border hike competition and the Kinder Challenge. We had two teams in the competition. Our teams did very well and completed the course, the 'B' team were a couple of points away from winning the border hike and had to settle for winning the Johanna Knowles trophy for the best district team.



The Kinder Challenge is a competitive hike, but I have always treated it as a navigation exercise for the newer recruits to scouting and a chance to earn their purple tee shirt.

The autumn term theme was survival skills where we put together a survival kit, emergency signals, fire-lighting methods, first aid and shelter building. We had hoped to do an overnight, but poor weather conditions prevented a camp, maybe we can do something in 2024.

Our winter camp at Gradbach Farmhouse was well attended by the scouts and cubs. We had a number of activities, including some large-scale pioneering, fire lighting on frozen ground and constructing a model reindeer.



This year's Christmas treat was a District event at Buxton Opera House to see Cinderella. I think the 3rd scouts were the most vocal in the theatre.

Thank you to Guy, Dave and Rob for assisting me with the programme and ensuring we had the correct number of adults to continue. Here's to 2024 and our International Winter Adventure to the Kandersteg International Scout Chalet.

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Cubs

Cath Pitts Cub Leader

We started the year with 21 Cubs, this quickly increased to 26 by Easter time. We had 5 Cubs that gained their Silver Scout Awards at the end of the Summer Term, 4 of the 5 Cubs then moved onto Scouts in September. We ended the year with 25 Cubs.

We started the year doing the Chef and Artist Badges. For the Chefs badge Cubs learnt about food hygiene, different cooking methods, Food preparation, food groups and balanced diets as well as planning menus.



This led onto our first Camp of the year which was a Cooking Camp during the Easter Holidays at Gradbach. The Cubs prepared and then cooked their own fantastic two-course evening meals. Each pack had chosen their menus before the Easter break, so we had four different menus:

- Vegetable spring rolls and sweet and sour chicken
- Tomato bruschetta and tomato pasta
- Onion bhajis and vegetable tikka masala
- Tomato bruschetta and pesto pasta

The Artist Badge started with Cubs learning about the colour wheel. They made a photo collage, designed a book cover to celebrate World Book Day and made Easter cards. The Cubs learnt about sketching and completed their badge with a sketching workshop up at Solomons Temple in June.

After Easter we concentrated on learning traditional scouting skills to prepare us for the Bowden Buffalo Competition on the 24th -25th June. This included Putting up tents, fire lighting, pioneering skills including knots and lashings, first aid, backwoods cooking and campfire songs. We entered three teams in the Bowden Buffalo and Hex competitions in June. Our teams did really well (2nd, 3rd and 5th places) and enjoyed their overnight camping at Gradbach. Many thanks to Paul Read and the team for putting on the competitions and giving us a great experience.

The next big activity on our programme was kayaking at Combs reservoir, swimming was optional. Many thanks to Martin Berriman and the District Paddle-Sports SASU for making this activity possible.



In the summer term we did the DIY Badge. The Cubs learnt about the different types of wood and their uses in woodworking. They learnt how to use woodworking tools and equipment and learnt how to measure and mark up wood for their bird boxes. They completed their bird boxes just in time for the summer holidays.

Our Summer Camp was at Gradbach. We put up our tents and did some pioneering. We built catapults and had a competition to see who could fire the furthest. On the first evening, we lit a fire and cooked dough twists. We went on a hike up to Lud's Church. Later we went paddling in the stream and had lots of fun. On the last day we went weaselling up on the Roaches. Many thanks to Debbie Rushworth for putting on that activity for us.





In September we started the Disability Awareness Badge. The Cubs found out about physical disabilities, sight loss and hearing loss. They learnt how to spell their names in Braille using blue tac and paper. Cubs also learnt how to sign their names using British sign language.

We were really pleased by the attendance of both Cubs and Scouts at the Remembrance Day service at Harpur Hill. On a cold and wet November morning, they represented the Scout Group very well.



Our final camp of the year was our Group Camp with the Scouts in the the Farm House and cubs in the Cottage at Gradbach. We did a night walk around the camp site, pioneering, shelter building, played lots of games and (with help from the scouts) made reindeer to take home.



Though the year the Cubs also cooked yummy pancakes, made bunting for the Kings Coronation, planted spring bulbs and winter flowers, visited the Samudra Buddhist Centre, made poppy badges for Remembrance Sunday and made Christmas cards and gnomes.

The final activity of the year was the District visit to the Pantomime at Buxton Opera House. The Cubs ended the year with a Christmas party with lots of fun, games and party food.



We would like to thank our Young Leaders, Min, Peter and Dylan for their help and support throughout the year. We would also like to thank all the parents who have helped with meetings, camps and activities without whom we could not run a successful programme and camps.

Finally, I would like to thank both Annabel and Marie for all their help and support through the year.

Our Assistant Leader Annabel has now left us to move down south to start a new job. Annabel has stayed in Scouting; she is now a Leader at 64th Portsmouth Scouts.

 www.facebook.com/3rdBuxtonCubs

Summary of Accounts

Section Accounts – Scouts



Scouts

3rd Buxton, Harpur Hill
High Peak, Derbyshire

3rd Buxton (Harpur Hill) Scout Group
Report of Accounts from 1/1/2023 to 31/12/2023
Scouts

Category	Income		Expenditure	
Camps:				
Grants				
Uniforms and Badges			£	194.85
Equipment			£	371.38
Activities			£	424.71
Chilly Challenge	£	42.00	£	66.00
Summer Camp 2023	£	2,547.50	£	2,159.93
Winter Camp 2023	£	507.50	£	500.76
Border Hike 2023	£	80.00	£	161.06
Kandersteg 2024	£	30,712.00	£	29,760.50
Kinder Challenge			£	60.00
Paddlesports			£	55.00
Panto	£	52.00	£	39.00
Subscriptions	£	372.00	£	252.00
Other			£	58.48
Total	£	34,313.00	£	34,103.67

Balance brought fwd 2022 £ 10,342.78

Income - Expenditure 2023 £ 209.33

Balance end 2023 £ 10,552.11

Section Accounts – Cubs



Scouts

3rd Buxton, Harpur Hill
High Peak, Derbyshire

3rd Buxton (Harpur Hill) Scout Group
Report of Accounts from 1/1/2023 to 31/12/2023
Cubs (Petty Cash)

Category	Income		Expenditure	
Petty Cash from Group	£	575.00		
Stationery/Ink			£	45.97
Badges/Woggles			£	116.50
Activities/Crafts			£	247.86
Equipment			£	73.59
Camps			£	286.39
Trips			£	-
Other			£	30.49
Total	£	575.00	£	800.80
Balance brought fwd 2022	£	234.22		
Income - Expenditure 2023	-£	225.80		
Balance end 2022	£	8.42		(petty cash)

Section Accounts – Beavers



Scouts

3rd Buxton, Harpur Hill
High Peak, Derbyshire

3rd Buxton (Harpur Hill) Scout Group
Report of Accounts from 1/1/2023 to 31/12/2023
Beavers (Petty Cash)

Category	Income	Expenditure
Petty Cash from Group		
Craft/Activities/Equipment		
Badges/Woggles/Prizes		
Other		
Total	£	- £ -
Balance brought fwd 2022	£	185.81
Income - Expenditure 2023	£	-
Balance end 2022	£	185.81 (petty cash)

Group Accounts



Scouts

3rd Buxton, Harpur Hill
High Peak, Derbyshire

3rd Buxton (Harpur Hill) Scout Group Treasurer's Report of Accounts from 1/1/2023 to 31/12/2023 Scout Group

Category		Income		Expenditure
Subscriptions	£	6,157.00	£	1,860.00
Donations/Fundraising				
Grants				
Training			£	25.00
Badges			£	66.45
Activities				
Camps	£	1,120.00	£	535.42
Group - Beavers				
Group - Cubs	£	1,009.00	£	1,668.81
Group - Scouts				
Equipment			£	146.39
Cleaning				
Building maintenance			£	424.47
Rent			£	900.00
Insurance			£	2,651.10
Utilities			£	1,235.65
Interest	£	315.13		
Other	£	1,985.00	£	1,652.17
Total	£	10,586.13	£	11,165.46
Balance brought fwd 2022	£	27,784.96		
Income - Expenditure 2023	-£	579.33		
Balance end 2023	£	27,205.63		

This Balance at the end of 2023 is represented by the Group's accounts:

		End of Year 2023		End of Year 2022
Cash	£	207.72	£	188.00
Current (Cheque)	£	103.82	£	122.00
Savings	£	4,943.46	£	4,534.93
Number 2 account	£	21,950.63	£	22,940.03
Totals	£	27,205.63	£	27,784.96



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3rd Buxton (Harpur Hill) Scout Group
Treasurer's Report of Accounts from 1/1/2023 to 31/12/2023
Scout Group

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Scout Group

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3RD BUXTON (HARPUR HILL) SCOUT GROUP

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GSL Report 2022

This year things around the pandemic are returning to nearly normal and it is unfortunate that we lost our Beaver Colony. A positive is that Cath Pitts became the Cub Leader so that I could concentrate on being the GSL.

The hut is now being rented out for three nights a week to two groups, the Choir and Fitness. The fitness runs before Scouts on a Monday and then again on Wednesday evenings. The Choir has the place to themselves on a Tuesday.

To help out Burbage Beavers, who don't have a Cub pack or Scout Troop, we at 3rd have teamed up with them to give their potential Cubs somewhere to go until they re-establish themselves.

I would like to thank our Scout and Cub leaders for continuing to entertain their respective groups over the past year. I would also like to thank the committee, who have managed to keep things going. It has still been a challenge for the committee since we have no Chairperson and especially for our treasurer, Cath, who is still persevering with the requirements of online banking. The role of chairperson has been covered by myself and Paul Pitts, who steps in quietly when we need some support. I must not forget our secretary Catherine who is very thorough with record keeping.

Catherine also announced that she is stepping down this year, so we are also looking for a secretary.

We are still managing to make good progress, so committee let's keep up the good work.

Over this last year we have managed to maintain a stable environment for everyone to improve in their roles. This year we attended the Wallaboree at Gradbach in May, and the Scouts went to Lincolnshire Poacher for their summer camp. At the end of the Scouting year, we have seen a slight decrease in our numbers due to Beavers closing, so our overall number decreased slightly to 38 (41 in 2021). We are still looking to increase our numbers during the coming years, though this is expected to be a slow process, but with our linking to Burbage Beavers this might help. Our Scout leader, Paul, is relentless in trying to obtain a more permanent building so we can improve what we offer our youngsters. It has now become even more important that we recruit more leaders and parent helpers for all our sections.

I would like to finish with a very BIG thank you to everyone who is involved with 3rd Buxton Scouts Group over the past year and look forward to your support for the next year of exploring, adventure, trips away and fun times.

Seth Houldsworth

3rd Buxton Group Scout Leader

Cub Report 2022



Numbers

At the start of 2022, we had 19 Cubs, out of our capacity of 24. Our numbers remained steady through the year and we ended 2022 with 18 Cubs.

Badge work

Much of our programme is based around working towards Cub badges. We worked on the Book-reader badge at the start of the year, and since then we have done the Astronomer, Gardener, Backwoods and Scientist badges.

For the Gardener badge, we potted up planters to go around the Scout hut and potted seeds for the Cubs to grow at home. The Scientist badge saw us making volcanoes in the Scout Hut.



Gradbach camps

We have done lots of activities at our local Scout Camp at Gradbach throughout the year. In May 2022, we took the Cubs to the District "Wallaboree", where they experienced the wide range of exciting activities such as climbing, zip wire, cycling, grass sledges, shelter building, backwoods cooking, circus skills etc.

We also took the Cubs for an overnight stay at Gradbach from the 23rd -24th July. The cubs took part in pioneering, made catapults, practiced fire-lighting and made birdfeeders. Cubs joined the scouts for the Autumn Camp and they did shelter building, tie-dye t-shirts, assault course and made camp gadgets.



Other activities

We spent one evening in the year on a walk to Lightwood reservoir; another on a community walk around Buxton Park and town centre. We have done pioneering, knots and lashings at the Scout Hut and spent one evening doing first aid. We finished off the year with Christmas crafts and cards.

We could not run Cubs without the help and support of our parents and Emily, our Young Leader. So many thanks to all those who have come along and helped run evening activities and camps. I hope you will agree that getting involved as adults is rewarding and enjoyable. So please continue to come along and support us.

Cath Pitts – Cub Leader,

Annabel Pitts – Assistant Cub leader

2022 Scout Annual Report

Following on from a disruptive covid year, the scout troop has kept the same number of scouts and throughout the year has seen a steady increase in the numbers and at present we have 20 scouts. Whilst we have produced an active programme the increase in numbers, will mean that we urgently require some younger leaders to help spread the workload. This does mean a commitment to ensure we have the correct ratios of scouts to leaders.

Chilly Challenge camp happened this year and a number of scouts braved the elements at Gradbach scout camp under canvas. Many thanks to the Gradbach team for the catering.

Following on from our archaeology tour of Gradbach during our 2021 summer camp, our theme for the start of 2022 was the newly created Derbyshire Archaeology Badge our programme included a visit to Pooles Cavern, an archaeology session run by the Peak Park Cultural heritage officer Catherine Parker-Heath and a lime kiln hike around Grinlow and the Goyt valley.

Wallaboree District camp was a successful camp enjoyed by the scouts and day visit by the cubs, many different activities were offered to the scouts throughout the weekend. Scouts that had completed the Archaeology badge were presented with their badges by Morgause Lomas the creator of the badge whilst we were on camp.

Over the past 12 years we have hoarded several kayaks under the scout hut, waiting for a person to take the scouts kayaking. However, a High Peak Paddlesports SASU was initiated and we decided to

donate the kayaks to the SASU to give them a head start. This mean't High Peak scouts now have the opportunity to do some local kayaking. In June our scouts participated in an introduction to kayaking at Coombs reservoir.

Our main theme for the summer term was Pioneering where the scouts learnt several knots and lashings, and completed some mini pioneering projects towards their Pioneer badge. With the expertise of Paul Read and his rope making contraptions the scouts made their own rope.

This year's summer camp was held at the Lincolnshire Poacher Jamboree camp, this was a very successful camp and will certainly be on the programme to go again. The camp put on a huge amount of activities ranging from sub-aqua, driving cars, clay pigeon shooting to various crafts and STEM activities. Each afternoon there was a different display of skills in the centre arena, such as jousting, motor bike display, acrobatics, aerial fly pasts. It was a very well organised event and look forward to the next camp. See our facebook page 'Harpur Hill Scouts' for daily photographs of the camp. Summer camps would not happen without the help of Cath, Paul and Annabel Pitts, so a big thank you to them for making it happen.

The start of the new term in September is always busy in preparation for the Border hike competition and the Kinder Challenge. We had one team in the competition and a training team practice hike. Our team did very well and completed the course, but, alas, no trophies this year.

The kinder challenge is a competitive hike, but I have always treated it as a navigation exercise for the newer recruits to scouting and a chance to earn their purple tee shirt. A big thank you to Annabel for

stepping in to replace me as I had the dreaded covid.

We had a very good turnout for the remembrance service at Harpur Hill war memorial and a special thank you to the scouts that helped weeding and tidying up the week before.

Our winter camp at Gradbach Farmhouse was well attended by the scouts and cubs. We had a number of activities, including tie dye t-shirts, building an assault course and the art of boomerang making.

Christmas treat this year was Ten pin bowling and laser quest at Macclesfield, many thanks to Mark Rushworth for driving the mini bus.

Thank you to Guy and Rob for assisting me with the programme and ensuring we had the correct number of adults to continue.

Paul Taylor

3rd Buxton Scout Leader



Scouts

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3rd Buxton (Harpur Hill) Scout Group Treasurer's Report of Accounts from 1/1/2022 to 31/12/2022 Scout Group

Category	Income		Expenditure	
Subscriptions	£	4,176.00	£	1,356.25
Donations/Fundraising	£	-		
Grants	£	2,667.00		
Activities			£	649.00
Camps	£	2,020.00	£	1,926.68
Group - Beavers				
Group - Cubs			£	1,065.87
Group - Scouts			£	-
Equipment			£	169.93
Cleaning			£	100.00
Building maintenance			£	5,888.87
Rent			£	900.00
Insurance			£	2,406.96
Utilities			£	1,583.58
Interest	£	56.70		
Other	£	315.00	£	1,890.61
Total	£	9,234.70	£	17,937.75
Balance brought fwd 2021	£	36,488.01		
Income - Expenditure 2022	-£	8,703.05		
Balance end 2022	£	27,784.96		

This Balance at the end of 2022 is represented by the Group's accounts:

	End of Year 2022		End of Year 2021	
Cash	£	188.00	£	-
Current (Cheque)	£	122.00	£	128.72
Savings	£	4,534.93	£	21,783.91
Number 2 account	£	22,940.03	£	14,575.38
Totals	£	27,784.96	£	36,488.01



3rd Buxton (Harpur Hill) Scout Group
Treasurer's Report of Accounts from 1/1/2022 to 31/12/2022
Scout Group

Section Accounts

	End of Year 2022	
Beavers - Petty Cash	£	185.81
Cubs - Cheque Acc.	Not accessible*	
Cubs - Petty cash	£	234.22
Scouts - Cheque account	£	10,342.78

* At the time of this statement, following the departure of the previous Cub leader, information from the Cub's current account is not available to the Treasurer. Named account holders for this account are being changed to provide full access.

Account prepared by: Cath Pitts Signed:
Role: Group Treasurer
Date: 25-May-22

Approved by (#1): Seth Houldsworth Signed:
Role: Group Scout Leader
Date: 25-May-22

Approved by (#2): Catherine Whelpton Signed:
Role: Group Secretary
Date: 25-May-22



Scouts

3rd Buxton, Harpur Hill
High Peak, Derbyshire

3rd Buxton (Harpur Hill) Scout Group Report of Accounts from 1/1/2022 to 31/12/2022 Scouts

Category	Income		Expenditure	
Camps:				
Grants				
Uniforms and Badges				
Equipment and receipts			£	540.07
Activities			£	432.50
Chilly Challenge	£	60.00	£	70.00
Poacher Camp 2022	£	3,580.00	£	3,338.75
Winter Camp 2022	£	480.00	£	480.00
Border Hike 2022	£	50.00	£	110.00
Kandersteg 2024	£	12,325.54	£	5,875.00
Wallaboree 2022	£	545.00	£	742.13
Interest				
Subscriptions	£	51.00	£	12.00
Other	£	1,008.49	£	35.00
Total	£	18,100.03	£	11,635.45
Balance brought fwd 2021	£	3,878.20		
Income - Expenditure 2022	£	6,464.58		
Balance end 2022	£	10,342.78		



Scouts

3rd Buxton, Harpur Hill
High Peak, Derbyshire

3rd Buxton (Harpur Hill) Scout Group Report of Accounts from 1/1/2022 to 31/12/2022 Cubs (Petty Cash)

Category	Income	Expenditure
Petty Cash from Group	£ 490.00	
Stationery/Ink		£ 49.07
Badges/Woggles		
Activities/Crafts		£ 186.76
Equipment		£ 35.61
Trips		
Other		
Total	£ 490.00	£ 271.44
Balance brought fwd 2021	£ 15.66	
Income - Expenditure 2022	£ 218.56	
Balance end 2022	£ 234.22	(petty cash)



Scouts

3rd Buxton, Harpur Hill
High Peak, Derbyshire

3rd Buxton (Harpur Hill) Scout Group Report of Accounts from 1/1/2022 to 31/12/2022 Beavers (Petty Cash)

Category	Income	Expenditure
Petty Cash from Group		
Craft/Activities/Equipment		
Badges/Woggles/Prizes		
Other		
Total	£ -	£ -
Balance brought fwd 2021	£ 185.81	
Income - Expenditure 2022	£ -	
Balance end 2022	£ 185.81	(petty cash)



Scouts

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3rd Buxton (Harpur Hill) Scout Group
Treasurer's Report of Accounts from 1/1/2022 to 31/12/2022
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Auditor:

I have checked the accounts and they are correct according to the information given.

Jacqueline A. Patel
29 October 2023