

# 1ST MARKET BOSWORTH SCOUT GROUP

England & Wales · Charity number 516422

## Details

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**Other names** MARKET BOSWORTH SCOUT GROUP

**Status** Registered

**Legal form** Other

**Registered** 1985-05-07

**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:** As Scouts, we believe in preparing young people with skills for life. We encourage young people to do more, learn more and be more. Each week, we help young people aged 6 to 14 enjoy fun and adventure while developing the skills they need to succeed, now and in the future. We are talking about teamwork, leadership and resilience, creating stronger communities and inspiring positive futures.

## Classification

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- **How:** Provides Services
- **What:** Education/training
- **Who:** Children/young People

## Geography

- Leicestershire

## Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-03-31	£26,479	£24,220	-	-
2024-03-31	£26,479	£24,220	-	-
2023-03-31	£63,215	£88,610	-	-
2022-03-31	£77,598	£52,832	-	-
2021-03-31	£23,374	£9,312	-	-

## Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
<b>Nicola Morgan</b>	Chair	2017-10-27
Alexandru Patrascu		2023-09-26
Duncan Frazer		2023-09-04
John Simon Jeffers		2017-10-27
Lindsay Hague-Morgan		2025-04-03

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# Accounts

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# Group Annual Report 24/25

## Chair Report

As I look back on this last year, it is with so much admiration and respect for the brilliant group we have.

We have a fantastic space for our young people to enjoy, we have so many talented and wonderful leaders and we have waiting lists for every section, which means we must be doing something right!

Plans to open Explorers section have come on very well and hopefully a Squirrel's section will be in operation soon which means we have a group that caters to every school age and beyond!

I am so grateful to everyone involved in the whole group, and with Simon 'Unicorn' Jeffers and I moving on later this year we are offering the new Trustees the support they need to make the new GLV and Chair roles transition easier!

It has been such a huge honour to have been the Chair to such a successful group, without the support from everybody we would not be where we are now. Even 9 years ago as I started out on this journey, I never imagined we could have exceeded our expectations for the group, and we have all built something wonderful.

Thank you to everyone involved, you should all feel so proud of all the achievements over the last incredible 9 years! I'm so excited for the future of the group and to see how and where the new team take it! Simon and I might be leaving our roles soon but we're leaving the group in great hands. I honestly could not think of a better team to leave you with. There is going to be such exciting times ahead.

Name	Trustee Role	Trustee start date	Max Time in role
Simon Jeffers	GLV	06/10/2017	05/10/2026
Nicola Morgan	Chair	27/10/2017	26/10/2026
Duncan Frazer	Trustee	04/09/2023	03/09/2032
Alexandru Patrascu	Treasurer	26/09/2023	25/09/2032
Lindsay Hague Morgan	Secretary	03/04/2025	02/04/2034
<i>Max time in trustee role based on best practice</i>			

**NICOLA MORGAN – TRUSTEE - CHAIR**

## Treasurer Report

The 2024/25 accounts reflect a planned reduction in reserves following a period of higher expenditure compared to 2023/24.

In 2023/24, the Group generated a surplus of £2,259, increasing reserves to £27,169 at year end. Income remained stable at £26,479, while expenditure was contained at £24,220, resulting in a healthy positive position.

In 2024/25, total income increased to £32,404; however, expenditure rose more significantly to £36,223. This resulted in a deficit of £3,819 for the year, with total net assets reducing to £23,350 at year end.

### **Expenditure**

The increase in expenditure year-on-year reflects higher operational activity and cost pressures during the period. While reserves have reduced, the Group remains in a financially stable position with adequate cash balances to meet ongoing commitments.

### **Income**

Income increased year-on-year, demonstrating continued engagement and participation levels across sections. However, income growth was outpaced by increased expenditure during the period.

### **Reserves Position**

Despite the reduction in reserves during 2024/25, the Group retains a strong underlying cash position. The prior year surplus (2023/24) provided resilience which has supported the higher spend profile this year.

The Trustees continue to monitor income and expenditure closely to ensure the Group maintains sufficient reserves to support programme delivery and future investment.

Thank you to Dawn our scrutineer for as ever your flexibility and speedy turnaround of the annual accounts.

Yours in Scouting,

ALEXANDRU PATRASCU – TRUSTEE – GROUP SCOUT LEADER AND TREASURER

# Financial Reports 1 of 3

## Receipts and Payments Account 2024-25



For the year from		1st April 2024	To
<b>Receipts and payments</b>			
<b>2024/2025</b>			
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>			
<b>£</b>			
<b>Receipts</b>			
<b>Donations, legacies and similar income</b>			
Membership subscriptions		11,164	✓
Donations		10,232	✓
Refund for Camp		274	✓
Gift Aid		0	
Camp and Event Income		10,027	✓
<b>Sub total</b>		<b>31,697</b>	
<b>Grants</b>			
Maintenence grant		0	
Other grants		0	
<b>Sub total</b>		<b>0</b>	
<b>Fundraising events (gross)</b>			
Detail 1		0	
Detail 2		0	
Detail 3		0	
Other fundraising activities		0	
<b>Sub total</b>		<b>0</b>	
<b>Scout hut income</b>			
Hire of building		100	
Hire of equipment		0	
Other Scout hut income		0	
<b>Sub total</b>		<b>100</b>	
<b>Investment income</b>			
Interest		607	
Building Society interest		0	
The Scout Association Short Term Investment Service		0	
Other investment income		0	
<b>Sub total</b>		<b>607</b>	
<b>Total Gross Income</b>		<b>32,404</b>	
Asset and investment sales, etc.		0	
<b>Total receipts</b>		<b>32,404</b>	

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**Payments Account 2024-25**

Year start date	
For the year from	1st April 2024 To 31st
<b>Receipts and payments</b>	
<b>2024/2025</b>	
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>	
<b>£</b>	
<b>Payments</b>	
<b>Charitable Payments</b>	
Membership subscriptions paid on (National/County/Area/District)	6,717
Camp & Events	18,848
Scout Shop (badges)	0
Rent	0
Water and Sewerage	526
Electricity and Gas	1,318
Insurance	707
Repairs and Renewals	0
Fire Extinguishers	236
Website	110
Contribution to camp costs	0
Tents	0
AGM and trustee expenses	0
Zoom	0
Bank Fees	120
Scout hut Refurbishment	500
Section Expenses	7,140
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>36,223</b>
<b>Fundraising expenses</b>	
Detail 1	
Detail 2	0
Detail 3	0
Other fundraising costs	0
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Total Gross Expenditure</b>	<b>36,223</b>
Asset and investment purchases, etc.	0
<b>Total payments</b>	<b>36,223</b>
<b>Net of receipts/(payments)</b>	<b>-3,819</b>
Cash funds last year end	27,169
<b>Cash funds this year end</b>	<b>23,350</b>

**Financial Reports 3 of 3**

**Statements of Assets and Liabilities at the end of the year**

		Year start date
		For the year from
		1st April 2024
		To
<b>Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the year</b>		
2024/2025		
Unrestricted funds		
£		
<b>Cash funds</b>		
Bank current account		1,830
Bank deposit account		19,739
Building society account		0
The Scout Association Short Term Investment Service		0
Cash/Floats		1,781
<b>Total cash funds</b>		<b>23,350</b>
(agree balances with receipts and payer) ok		
<b>Other monetary assets</b>		
Tax claim		0
Debts due from the County/Area/District/Group		0
Insurance claim		0
<b>Sub total</b>		<b>0</b>
<b>Investment assets</b>		
Investment property - detail		0
Quoted investments		0
Other investments - detail		0
<b>Sub total</b>		<b>0</b>
<b>Non monetary assets for charity's own use</b>		
Badge stock		0
Shop stock		0
Other stock		0
Land and buildings		0
Motor vehicles		0
Scouting equipment, furniture etc		0
Other		0
<b>Sub total</b>		<b>0</b>
<b>Liabilities</b>		
Accounts not yet paid		0
Expenses incurred but not invoiced		0
Subscriptions not yet paid		0
Loan - detail		0
Other liabilities		0
<b>Sub total</b>		<b>0</b>
<b>Total net assets</b>		<b>23,350</b>

## GLV Report

Time again for the reflective look back at the last year for the period of April 24 to March 25, with my new name (same role) as Group Lead Volunteer:

The main topics I have concentrated on for this years report are:

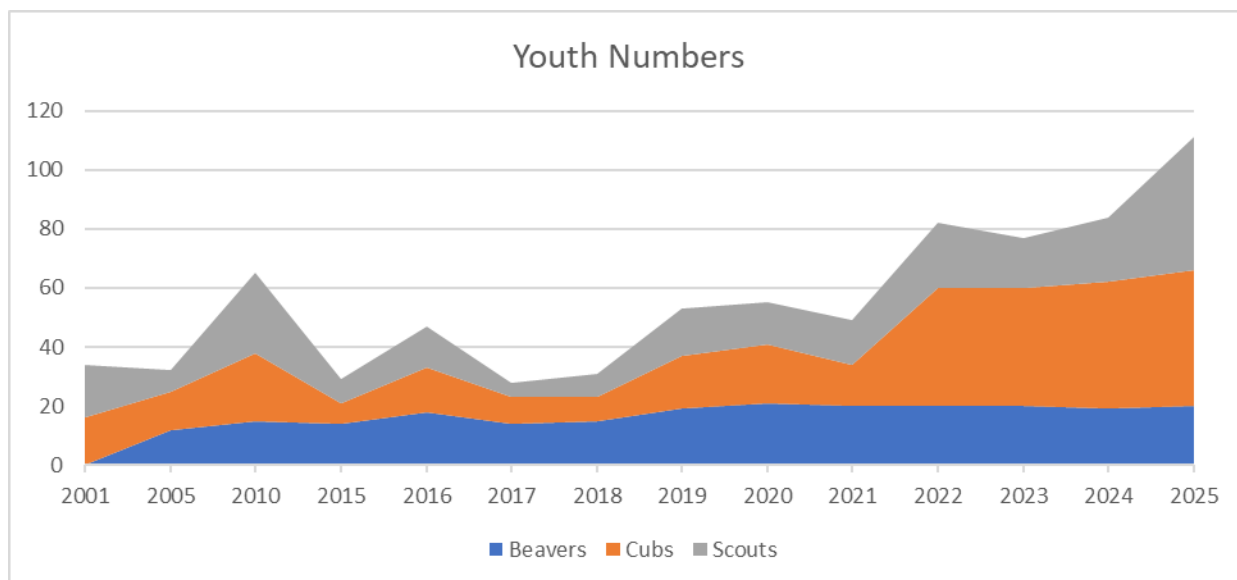
- Member numbers – we have seen a 32% increase in young people!
- Our amazing leaders and the events and overnights opportunities they have provided for the young people.
- Our amazing young people achievements in fundraising and grants “THANK YOU DIXIE FOUNDATION” which resulted in some once in a life-time trips. I have included our letter of gratitude to the Dixie Educations trust.
- Our parent / carer survey results which also shows how proud we should be of our Scout Group.

On reflection I am simply stunned by what we achieved and how our leaders have dedicated their own time “all unpaid volunteers” to bring skills for life to our young people. Thank you Leaders!

### Membership Numbers

We have seen a 32% increase in Youth numbers bringing our total young people that we provide “skills for life”, to over 110+!

The main driver for this is opening a second Scout unit in April 2024 “Thursday Scouts”



We have had a surge of new enquires and have a waiting list for Squirrels [11] Beavers [3] Cubs [4] and Scouts [4].

Our current leadership strategy in respect to growth is:

1. To increase our adult leaders as this has stayed the same numbers year on year.
2. Consolidate our current increase in youth numbers and ensure our leaders have enough support.

3. To see what options there are for at Explorer age for our Scouts otherwise there is a danger their Scouting experience will end at 14 years old.
4. To start considering what involves opening a squirrels section for a few years time noting that section sizes are limited to 12 young people and leader ratios are 1 to 4 plus leader in charge. This age group requires more leader resources.

## Leader resources

We have started a trail using stripe cards which enables our leaders to use a payment card and pay for items and submit a receipt.

## Events

We again have put on a healthy number of events with three where the Sections have been able to interact (not including nights away opportunities):

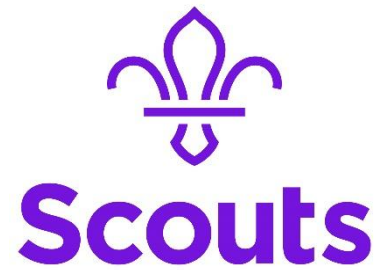
- Leicestershire Round [13/20/27 Apr, 4/6/18/25 May, 15/29 Jun] [8 Mar 25]	Scouts Mon / Thurs
- Saint Georges Day [District]	28 Apr 24 Beavers, Cubs and Scouts
- Leicestershire Round Finale	6 Jun 24 Beavers, Cubs and Scouts
- St Peters School Fete	8 Jun 24 Beavers
- Bosfest	15 Jun 24 Beavers, Cubs and Scouts
- Sailing	29 Jun 24 Scouts
- Jamboree on the Air	19 Oct 24 Scouts
- EDI equity Diversity and Inclusion 1 <sup>st</sup> Meet	26 Nov 24 Parents / Carers
- Micro Uber	4 Dec 24 Leaders & YL [training]
- Steam Adventure with Santa	14 Dec 24 Beavers, Cubs
- The Cresta Run	18 Dec 24 Scouts Mon
- Lazer Quest Leicester	19 Dec 24 Scouts Thurs
- Night Hike Conkers Circuit	24 Feb 25 Scouts Mon
- London Science Museum	1 Mar 25 Cubs

## Nights Away

Each section is targeted to offer a night/s away and I'm pleased that we managed to do the following last year, again with some events where the sections can interact:

- Adventure Camp	24 May 24	2 Nights	Cubs
- Cub Jam 2024	21 Jun 24	2 Nights	Cubs
- Great Tower Activity Centre	17 Aug 24	7 Nights	Scouts Mon
- HMS Belfast & Tower Bridge	31 Aug 24	1 Night	Cubs
- Ocean Tunnel Sleepover	27 Sep 24	1 Night	Beavers, Cubs
- Bosworth Mini Uber	4 Oct 24	1 Night	Leaders & Young Leaders [training]
- HMS Belfast & Tower Bridge	11 Oct 24	1 Night	Scouts
- Scout School Sleepover	9 Nov 24	1 Night	Beavers, Cubs and Scouts
- Ullesthorpe	31 Jan	2 Nights	Scouts Thurs
- Space Centre Sleepover	28 Feb 25	1 Night	Beavers, Cubs

It takes a tremendous amount of effort to organise the camps. Thank you to the leaders who go the extra mile to make it happen. Also a thank you to the leaders and adults who support these camps without you they simply can't happen.



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Oct 2024

**1st Market Bosworth Scout Group grant update**

Dear Sir / Madam

I am writing with our continued gratitude to Dixie Education Foundation for your support for 1st Market Bosworth Scout Group and to provide an update on the latest grant received from you.

As a reminder to our group size. (January 2024) that we have a full Executive Committee responsible for governance, ensuring prudent financial management. Our group comprises 18 local Scout leaders, 6 Young leaders (ages 14-18), and an impressive 84 young people in attendance. In April 2024, we successfully launched a second Scout night, and we anticipate our youth membership to exceed 100 young people in next year’s census!

The purpose of applying for a Grant from Dixie Educations Trust earlier this year was to create memorable experiences for more young people by reducing costs through fundraising and grants. Recognizing the challenges faced by parents and caregivers, we aim to offer at least one incredible experience each year that is fully accessible to all. We were over the moon when you approved the Grant.

**This is what we did in practice:**

We offered our Parent / carers large discounts on the adventures in the table this year. HMS Belfast / Tower Bridge and Birmingham Sealife centre both being overnight trips.

Estimated Cost	Price Charged	Discount	Young People attended	Trip Details
£135pp	£55pp	60%	24 (2 Young Leaders)	HMS Belfast / Tower Bridge Cubs
£85pp	£35pp	60%	39 (4 Young Leaders)	Sealife Centre Beavers and Cubs
£135pp	£55pp	60%	39 (3 Young Leaders)	HMS Belfast / Tower Bridge Scouts

Overall, we have achieved 80% of our Young people having one of these incredible “nights away” experience in 2024.

- 83% of our Scouts (aged 10 ½ - 14) attended HMS Belfast / Tower Bridge.
- 88% of our Cub Scouts (aged 8 – 10 ½ ) attended either the HMS Belfast / Tower Bridge or Sealife centre.
- 60% of our Beaver Scouts (aged 5 ¾ - 8) attended the Sealife Centre a lower percentage due more to age than affordability.

In addition

- we hosted 7 Beaver Scouts from 1st Moria and Blackfordby Scout Group the Sealife centre event.
- we hosted 1 Scout from Worting Scout Group at HMS Belfast / Tower Bridge trip.
- The Scout Group fully funded 3 Young people to attend from our Support Fund.
- Young Leaders were also fully funded as they were there to assist the adults deliver the programme.
- We have had very positive feedback from these trips. I have received thank you emails from a couple of the young people. Which is not usual and is very appreciated.

I have tasked the Young people and Leaders to create a montage of photos from these events and I hope by the end of the year to be able to show you their handiwork.

We are really pleased by the outcome of high attendance of these memorable experiences and I hope that you feel that your grant has been put to good use. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Your sincerely

Simon Jeffers

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## Survey Results and other MI

## Market Bosworth Scout Group

### Background

Timing: Our first survey in 2020 was done to benchmark where we were and took place in January which was before the pandemic so the responses would not be skewed by that event. The second was carried out in Sep 2022 which was over a year since we have been back face to face scouting. This latest survey is carried out in Nov 2024.

Anonymity The survey is anonymous.

Question set so that a direct comparison can be made; I used the same question set in 2020 and 2022 surveys. With one additional question regarding Equity, Inclusion and Diversity.

Bias: When conducting surveys there is a lot of bias that can be unintentionally built-in, so it is important to look at other MI and verbatim comments in detail. In this summary we will be reviewing the survey, verbatim comments, the number of leavers, non-starters, group numbers, adult numbers, and survey results in the following pages:

### Exec Summary

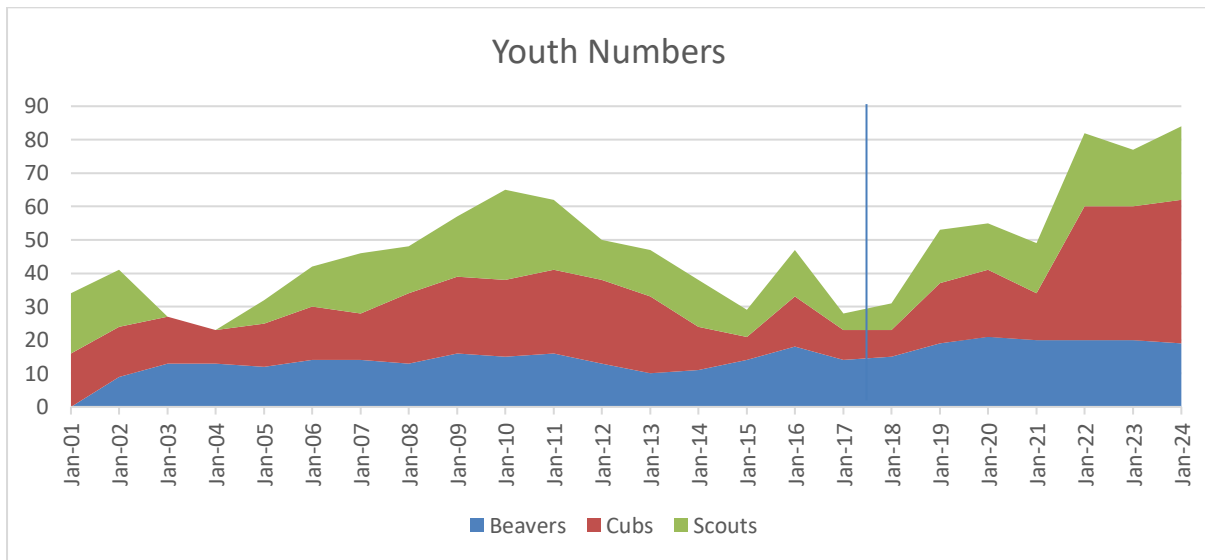
We should be extremely pleased about the results; whilst we have seen decreases in some scores, when using NPS categorisation we are “Excellent”/ “World Class” and using CSAT our scores we are “Excellent” across the board.

When going into the detail: Outdoors has come through as a theme for Beavers Scouts as something to focus on. Scouts sections received a lot of feedback and we already have plans in place for Monday Scouts for the areas identified where we believe most of the feedback was directed.

We know from our census data of those who have responded circa 80%, that 37% have a disability. It is therefore very comforting to have high Equity Diversity and Inclusion feedback with 89% saying their needs where met and the verbatim not having any red flags in this area for this question or in general.

- I recommend to Scout Trustees for next survey to take place in 2 years' time.
- I recommend that this report is shared in full with Parents/ carers.
- Whilst this survey provides one lens it does not include young person feedback. I investigate whether a young person survey exists with scout association for structured young person feedback that we can include in the future.

## Group Numbers



In 2010 Market Bosworth Young numbers reached a 10 year high of 65, we have smashed that record for the last three years with 2022 we had 82 Young people, 2023 we had 77 Young people and 2024 we had 84 Young people.

With the opening of Thursday Scouts our numbers currently stand November 24 at 103.

Leaders @ Nov 24						
Leader Changes	Left Group	Joined Section	Time off	Section Asst	Leaders	Leaders in Multiple Sections
Scouts Mon	2	1			3	
Scouts Tues		4			4	2
Scouts Thurs		3			3	1
Cubs Mon			1		3	2
Cubs Fri				1	4	
Beavers	1			2	3	1

Period Jan 24 – Nov 24

We have a healthy number of leaders and not much cross over between sections. Giving each section security should leaders leave / wish to change role.

Unfortunately, since April we have lost 3 leaders this year, two from Monday Scouts and one from Beaver Scouts.

## Starters and Waiting List

Age	Starting List	Waiting List	Total
0-4	2		2
Squirrels (4-6)	17	1	18
Beavers (6-8)	4	9	13
Cubs (8-10)		8	8
Scouts (10-14)		3	3
Explorers (14-18)		1	1
Total	23	22	45

Starting list: We have written to parents to see if they are interested in starting a squirrels section but so far have not had a positive enquiry back.

Our waiting list was at zero in September so these 22 are new enquires we have received in two months!

As our older Scouts Section that we have opened in October that we hope to become an Explorer unit becomes established. I hope this will take some pressure off the waiting list as we can move young people up through the sections and onboard Young people.

## Leavers and Non Starters

Year	Non Starters	Left	Total	% Non Starters
2021	7	18	25	28%
2022	13	24	37	35%
2023	26	19	45	58%
2024 (Nov)	13	10	23	57%

We have seen a dramatic reduction in leavers considering that the group has increased in size. It is worth mentioning that as we have grown in size we offer two nights for Cubs and Scouts providing more flexibility as to which night they can pick.

“left” the main driver could be connected to the survey results that we have seen a reduction in “other activities” occurring on the same night as Scouts. We could surmise that our Scouts and parents are seeing the value of Scouts over other activities. 46% were Beaver Scouts and 31% Monday Cubs. We would not normally expect to concentration of two sections and at these age ranges, so will monitor for 2025 and push for parental feedback of any leavers from these sections.

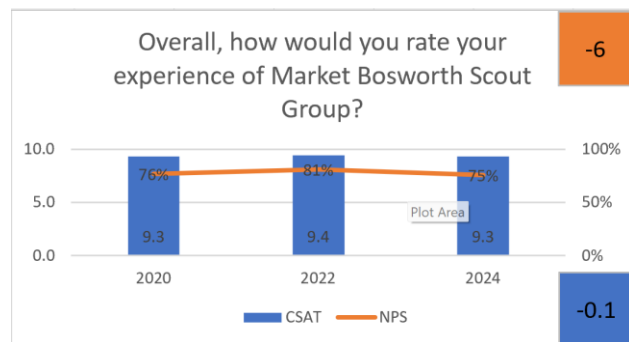
“Non-Starters” – This has remained stubbornly high at 57%, not helped this year by longer waiting times before we can offer a place. 40% Beavers Scouts, 30% Cubs and 30% Scouts.

## Survey Results

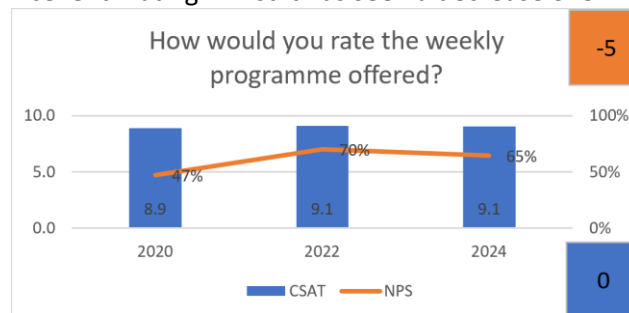
We have measured the response rate against the number of young people. We have had a fantastic response of 65% which is a 22-point increase compared to 2022. The mix of which section the responses have come from has changed compared to 2022. The “mix change” is expected as our Scout section has doubled in size due to us opening a second Scout night.

Survey Date	Jan-20	Aug-22	Nov-22
Young People	55	86	103
Responses	17	37	67
Response Rate	31%	43%	65%
Beavers	31%	24%	16%
Cubs	25%	51%	33%
Scouts	44%	24%	46%

Overall, experience of Market Bosworth Scout Group. Our promotor score has decreased from “World Class” to “Excellent” The satisfaction score has decreased by 0.1 to 2020 levels and remains “Excellent”.

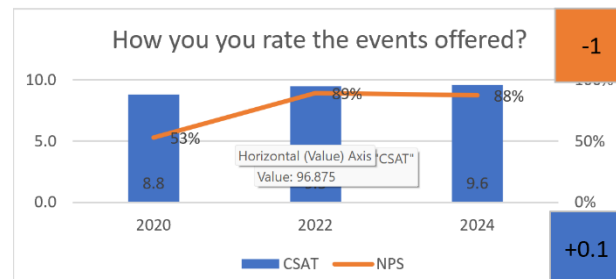


Our weekly program NPS score has maintained “Excellent” rating whilst it has seen a decrease of 5 points. The CSAT score remaining the same is a very positive sign as it keeps it as “Excellent”

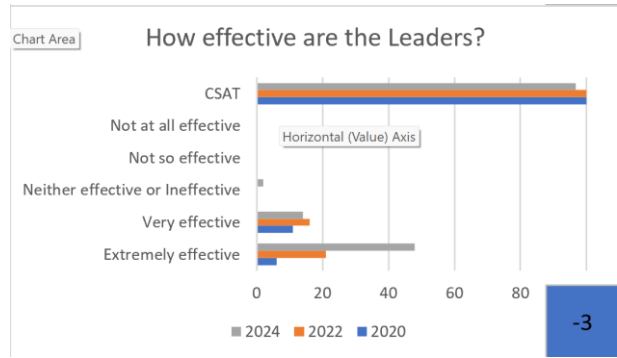


Our events NPS score has maintained “World Class” whilst it has seen a decrease of 1 point.

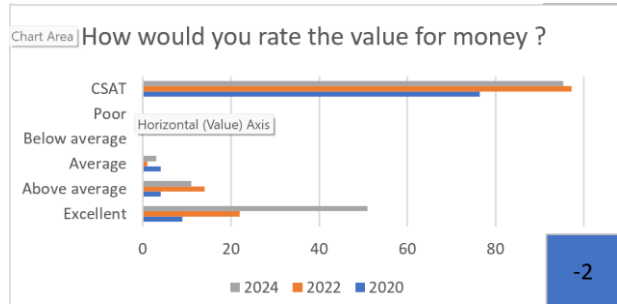
The CSAT score has increased by 0.1 point and keeps it as “Excellent”



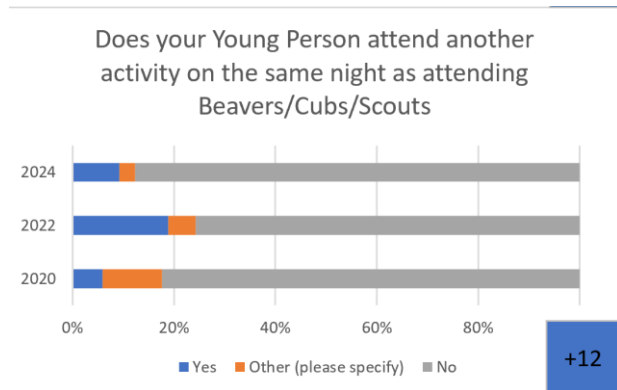
Our leaders have maintained their “Excellent” CSAT rating whilst seeing a decrease of 3 points. Somewhat inevitable considering they had previously scored 100 out of 100 in the last two surveys. Can they get back to 100!!



Value for Money has maintained a “Excellent” CSAT rating whilst seeing a decrease of 2 points. We have not increase subs over this period so would surmise that the reduced score is to do with changes in the cost of living.

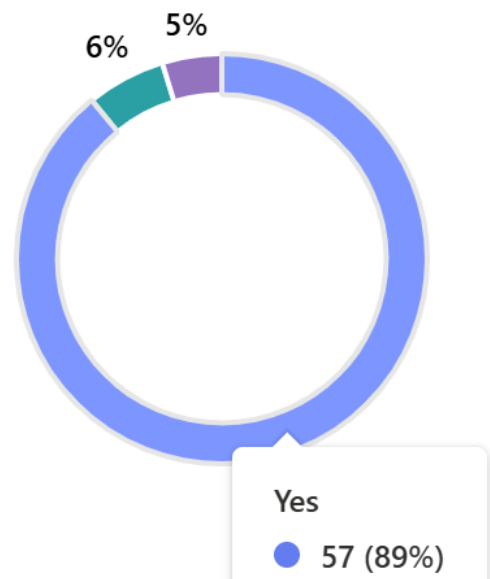


88% of young people are only doing Scouts as an activity on the same night. An extremely welcome result of +12 points compared to the previous survey.



Our new question for 2024. Are your Young person's Equity, Diversity and Inclusion needs being met?

89% answered “Yes”, 6% “don’t know” and 5% “other”. The verbatim comments left on this question were: “Sometimes - this can be inconsistent”, “They weren't but are now”



We have recently published a draft policy this term and invited parents to a parent working party at the end of November.

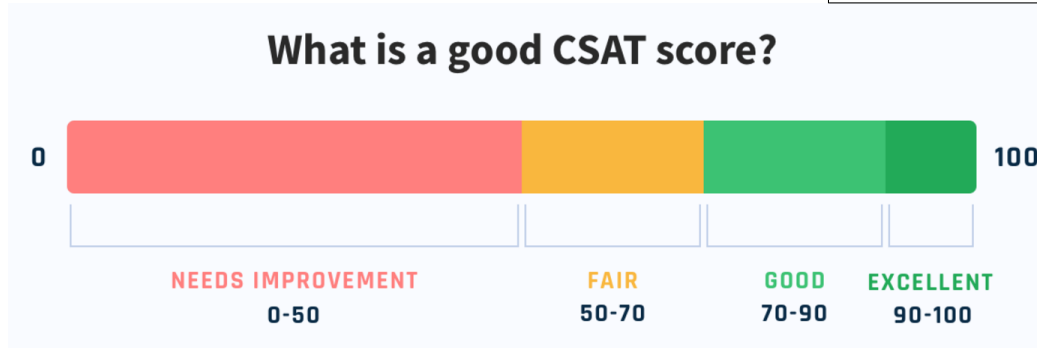
### How do we work out the scores?

Customer Satisfaction (CSAT) Vs Net Promoter Score (NPS) Surveys: What’s The Difference? The main difference between Customer satisfaction (CSAT) and Net Promoter Score (NPS) is that CSAT measure short-term happiness following a recent interaction with your brand, while NPS focus on the overall brand satisfaction and customer loyalty.

Creators of NPS, Bain & Company, suggest a score:

- Above 0 is good,
- Above 20 is favourable,
- Above 50 is excellent, and
- Above 80 is world class.

Positive Feedback (All sections)	
Topic	Nbr
Thank you	6
Amazing	6
Loves	2
Great	1
Fabulous	1
Fantastic	1
Excited	1
Leader kindness	1



### Verbatim Feedback

I always consider this the most important feedback of them all. It provides the opportunity of the respondent to make their own points to us. The tables are a summary of the feedback and the full verbatim (amended where YP names shown) is also provided.

		Scouts	
		Topic	Nbr
		Behaviour	4
		Programme	3
		Communication	3
		Camps	1
		Organised Activities	1
		Practical skills	1
		Timekeeping	1
		Consistent leaders	1
		Badges	1
		Respect	1
Beaver Scouts		Cub Scouts	
Topic	Nbr	Topic	Nbr
Outdoor	3	Communication	2
		Religion	1
		Camps and Events	1
		Skill based activities	1
		Badges	1

Worth noting that we had already identified topics mentioned for Monday Scouts section prior to the survey being released and have already put in place a strategy for this section covering; behaviour, programme, communication, consistent leaders. We will seek further parental feedback in December.

63% of the positive feedback was directed to the Scout Sections

Verbatim Feedback
More camps
More Monday night organised activities
Practical skills
More structured programme and more badges being earned
Late communication with regards events on group night
Continuation of the trips. The real world experience this gives the children, especially living rural areas, is invaluable.
More structured & varied weekly sessions.
Behaviour/respect improved amongst the scouts
Timekeeping!
Less generic knee jerk communications & more targeted to solve the problem
Market Bosworth Explorers!
More interesting programme
Nothing!
From listening to YP and I have seen emails. Bad Behaviour needs to be treated in a tougher manner. If scouts do not want to conform to rules go back to the warning system that was in place when YP was a young cub and scout. Three strikes and your out
There is a waiting list as the group is so good parents and scouts need to realise this.
Reaffirm to parents your all volunteers you want scouts to adhere to the rules or do not come .
Bad behaviour means others suffer and enjoyable tasks get ruined.
Identification of all leaders and the units they operate in normally, especially where there are cross group trips/camps so parents can clearly identify the leaders involved with their young persons care
1. Consistent leaders week to week that take the time to get to know and build relationships with the scouts.
The discipline of the scouts. I think it would be best for a staged system to be implemented. There strikes and you're out?
Amazing group run by amazing volunteers
Good team building
The leaders really do go above and beyond for the young people, my sons only been in scouts for a short time and has already experienced some amazing things
We are very impressed with Bosworth scouts, we would like to say a huge thank you to everyone involved.
Market Bosworth scouts are amazing & I would like to say a heartfelt thank-you to the people who give up their time to put together such a varied & interesting programme of events.
Firstly I want to say I think the leaders are fabulous and the amount of time and kindness they show to young people is incredible. In the last few months we have had reports of issues at the Monday nights scouts. Personally I think the bad behaviour needs dealt with eg bring a parent representative in each week to help with the behaviour. Or more specific information needs to be fed back to the parents. Who and exactly what, in the presence of the scout. So they can deal with it appropriately. As this has been a reoccurring issue and something isn't being addressed here.This isn't fair for the leaders or the parents who might not be disciplining their child to the appropriate level.
The leaders do a fantastic job and the level of time and commitment put into running the groups does not go unnoticed. Thank you.
Very excited about the new Tuesday group
Thank you to all who make it all possible!
Amazing Scout Group
Leaders give their time voluntarily when life is busy
Keep doing what your doing
I hope it's appreciated by all parents
None
Regarding answer to Q8 - this is based on inconsistent leaders at the Monday night Scouts. Understanding strengths and areas of challenge/need of each scout is critical in developing a strong approach to EDI. Achievement if this is dependent on having consistent leaders in sessions each week to build those relationships and trust. This has been missing for some time and is, in my view, why EDI needs of many scouts are not consistently met, reducing what they get out of scouting.. Please note these comments are not directly related to any particular leader, however and we'd like to thank you for volunteering your time to support our young people to develop into young adults.

Thank you all for your ongoing support.

Yours in Scouting

**J SIMON JEFFERS – TRUSTEE– GROUP SCOUT LEADER**

P.S. We are always learning and striving to improve: At each section meeting we see areas we can improve on as we do for each camp. Some improvements need investment in time, some in money and some in simply educating ourselves. If you see anything that can be improved or are able to volunteer whether it be for cleaning the kitchen or running an event please let me know.

# Scrutineer's report to the trustees

## Scrutineer's Report to the Trustees of Market Bosworth Scout Group

I report on the accounts of the Group/District for the year ended 31/03/2025

### Respective responsibilities of Trustees and Scrutineer

As the Group's/District's trustees you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts; you consider that neither the audit nor independent examination requirements of the Charities Act 2011 apply. It is my responsibility without carrying out an audit or independent examination to scrutinise the accounts and to report to you.

### Basis of Scrutineer's Statement

In accordance with the directions given in the Group's/District's constitution, I have scrutinised the records and the accounts set out on pages 1 to 3

### Scrutineer's Statement

In my opinion the accounts are in accordance with the records produced to me and comply with the constitution with the following notes.

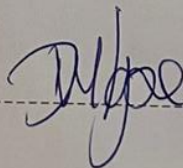
Bank balances in accounts assumed correct no statements provided dated 31/03/25  
Review of the Strip Expenses cards dated Jan 26 - Actions have been implemented.  
Mileage claims only to be reimbursed, not fuel receipts. Trustees should agree a rate for use of own vehicles.

Name: Dawn Igoe

Address: 39 Main Street, Carlton, CV13 0BZ

Date: 26<sup>th</sup> February 2026

Signed-----



**1ST MARKET BOSWORTH SCOUT GROUP**

England & Wales - Charity number 516422

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# Accounts

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# Group Annual Report 23/24



## Chair Report

As ever I am always in awe as to how the Scout group manage to year on year excel in their duties and responsibilities.

This year's AGM has a slightly different running order. We have seen some new requirements brought in by National Scouting in the way Scout Groups recruit Trustees and how long they can serve before needing a three-year break as a trustee, along with team-based approaches and renaming of volunteer roles.

Future Scouting for Market Bosworth Scout Group.

I tasked Simon this year to keep the cost down of the big trips taken by the Scouts, of which he has succeeded amazingly well!

We will officially welcome our new Thursday Scout section and hopefully add to this success by welcoming more new sections in the coming months and years.

We are hoping that 2025 sees us record over 100 young people in our group. To put that into perspective that is 50% more than any year between 2001 to 2017 when Simon became GSL and I was appointed Chair.

In 2025 our Scout group turns 70! This is an amazing achievement and to mark this milestone we will be celebrating with a host of events and culminating in a party next September.

In 2026, we know by following best practice that we must see two Trustees take a break from their roles. From the table below you can see how long our Trustees have in their roles.

Simon and I will be staying in our roles (if voted in!) until 2026 when we, as best practice dictates, shall take a break/retire from our roles.

To summarise, we have had a relatively quiet year with no leaders moving on. It's been lovely to get back to 'normality' after a tumultuous few years of the Pandemic and the building works! Now, we can concentrate on building on our solid foundations and get back to what we do best, Scouting!

Name	Role	Trustee start date	Max Time in role
Simon Jeffers	GSL	06/10/2017	04/10/2026
Nicola Morgan	Chair	27/10/2017	25/10/2026
Jon Vening-Richards	Trustee	23/06/2022	21/06/2031
Suzanne Taylor-Turnbull	Secretary	26/06/2023	23/06/2032
Duncan Frazer	Trustee	04/09/2023	01/09/2032
Alexandru Patrascu	Treasurer	26/09/2023	23/09/2032

*Max time based on best practice*

Finally, we have had a relatively quiet year with no leaders moving on, A massive THANK YOU for sticking with us and trusting in us. I know at the time of writing that next year we will be reporting some goodbyes and equally some welcomes to our leadership and Trustee team.

**NICOLA MORGAN – TRUSTEE - CHAIR**

## Treasurer Report

The 2023/24 accounts show we remain in a healthy financial position at year end, being able to increase our surplus YoY by into the new financial year by 9%.

The transfer to CAF bank has been a success with no complaints from parents / carers and we have more control by being on-line enabling us to keep money earning interest in saving accounts for longer periods of time.

### Focusing on expenditure

- We have launched payment cards for leaders to ease the process of expense claims for all and are all getting use to this way of working.
- We moved insurers for a significant saving (circa £300) and have stopped our subscription to zoom.
- Scout Hut refurbishment costs have all been paid and we do not expect any future costs to come through in this area.

### Focusing on income

- We have seen the benefit of claiming gift aid that we were able to backdate for multiple years within this financial period.

Thank you to Dawn our scrutineer for as ever your flexibility and speedy turnaround of the annual accounts.

Yours in Scouting,

**ALEXANDRU PATRASCU – TRUSTEE– GROUP SCOUT LEADER AND TREASURER**

# Financial Reports 1 of 3

## Receipts and Payments Account 2023-24



### 1st Market Bosworth Scout Group (Charity no.516422)

### Receipts and payments account

	Year start date		Year end date
For the year from	1st April 2023	To	31st March 2024

#### Receipts and payments

2023/24

Unrestricted funds

£

Receipts	
<b>Donations, legacies and similar income</b>	
Membership subscriptions	9,773
Donations	14
Refund for Camp	
Gift Aid	4,530
Camp and Event Income	4,846
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>19,162</b>
<b>Grants</b>	
Maintenance grant	0
Other grants	1,950
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>1,950</b>
<b>Fundraising events (gross)</b>	
Detail 1	0
Detail 2	0
Detail 3	0
Other fundraising activities	4,241
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>4,241</b>
<b>Scout hut income</b>	
Hire of building	560
Hire of equipment	0
Other Scout hut income	118
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>678</b>
<b>Investment income</b>	
Bank interest	448
Building Society interest	0
The Scout Association Short Term Investment Service	0
Other investment income	0
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>448</b>
<b>Total Gross Income</b>	<b>26,479</b>
Asset and investment sales, etc.	0
<b>Total receipts</b>	<b>26,479</b>

## Financial Reports 2 of 3

### Payments Account 2022-23

#### 1st Market Bosworth Scout Group (Charity no.516422) Receipts and payments account

	Year start date		Year end date
For the year from	1st April 2023	To	31st March 2024

#### Receipts and payments

2023/24

Unrestricted funds

£

#### Payments

Charitable Payments	
Membership subscriptions paid on (National/County/Area/District)	4,814
Youth programme and activities	944
Scout Shop (badges)	1,213
Rent	0
Water and Sewerage	471
Electricity and Gas	541
Insurance	636
Repairs and Renewals	0
Fire Extinguishers	259
Website	120
Contribution to camp costs	7,606
Tents	0
AGM and trustee expenses	0
Zoom	121
Scout hut Refurbishment	6,678
Misc	582
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>23,985</b>
Fundraising expenses	
Detail 1	
Detail 2	0
Detail 3	0
Other fundraising costs	234
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>234</b>
<b>Total Gross Expenditure</b>	<b>24,220</b>
Asset and investment purchases, etc.	0
<b>Total payments</b>	<b>24,220</b>
<b>Net of receipts/(payments)</b>	<b>2,259</b>
Cash funds last year end	24,910
<b>Cash funds this year end</b>	<b>27,169</b>

# Financial Reports 3 of 3

## Statements of Assets and Liabilities at the end of the year

### 1st Market Bosworth Scout Group (Charity no.516422) Receipts and payments account

	Year start date		Year end date
For the year from	1st April 2023	To	31st March 2024

#### Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the year

2023/24	
Unrestricted funds	
£	
<b>Cash funds</b>	
Bank current account	1,766
Bank deposit account	24,718
Building society account	0
The Scout Association Short Term Investment Service	0
Cash/Floats	684
<b>Total cash funds</b>	<b>27,169</b>
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<b>Other monetary assets</b>	
Tax claim	0
Debts due from the County/Area/District/Group	0
Insurance claim	0
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Investment assets</b>	
Investment property - detail	0
Quoted investments	0
Other investments - detail	0
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Non monetary assets for charity's own use</b>	
Badge stock	0
Shop stock	0
Other stock	0
Land and buildings	0
Motor vehicles	0
Scouting equipment, furniture etc	0
Other	0
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Liabilities</b>	
Accounts not yet paid	0
Expenses incurred but not invoiced	0
Subscriptions not yet paid	0
Loan - detail	0
Other liabilities	0
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Total net assets</b>	<b>27,169</b>

The above receipts and payments account and statement of assets and liabilities were approved by the Trustees on 14th November 2024 (the date of the Executive Committee meeting that approved the accounts) and signed on their behalf by

Signature

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Print Name

Chair - Nicola Morgan
Treasurer - Alexandru Patrascu

## GSL Report

Time again for a reflective look back at last year for the period of April 23 to March 24. (My last time as Group Scout Leader as we are all changing names):

We will now be known as volunteers.

- My role will change to Group Leader Volunteer “GLV”
- Our Section Leaders will be Lead Volunteers i.e. Cub Scout Lead Volunteers
- The Lead Volunteers will have “teams” rather than assistants who are also volunteers.

The National Scout association has carried out their own research, alongside working with the Charity Commission to come up with the new naming of roles. You may have already seen us using this new terminology, overtime these new titles will become permanent.

### Events

We have organised a healthy number of events, three of which the Sections have been able to interact (not including nights away opportunities):

- Saint Georges Day [District]	23 Apr 23	Beavers, Cubs and Scouts
- Canoeing	27 Jun 23	Mon Cubs
- Alton Towers	2 Sep 23	Beavers, Cubs and Scouts
- Monday Cubs Archery /potholing	18 Sep 23	Mon Cubs
- Friday Cubs Incident Hike	13 Oct 23	Fri Cubs
- Pumpkin Patch	25 Oct 23	Beavers,
- Remembrance Sunday	12 Nov 23	Beavers, Cubs and Scouts
- Black Country Day Trip	2 Mar 24	Cubs
- Monday Scouts Café (fundraiser)	9 Mar 24	Scouts

Cubs [Monday and Friday] this year Cubs have enjoyed the highest number of events on offer. The teams are led by Blossom (David) and Paul. Thank you, Cub Leadership team.

### Nights Away

Each section is targeted to offer a night/s away. I am pleased that we managed to complete the following last year. (Some events where the sections were able to interact).

- District Murder Mystery	28 Apr 23	2 Nights	Cubs
- Summer Solstice	23 Jun 23	2 Nights	Cubs and Scouts
- Bosworth Scout's Big Safari	29 Jul 23	7 Nights	Scouts
- October Camp	28 Oct 23	1 Night	Scouts
- Scouts School Sleepover	11 Nov 23	1 Night	Beavers, Cubs and Scouts
- Pillows and Pilots	18 Mar 22	1 Night	Beavers, Cubs and Scouts

It takes a tremendous amount of effort to organise the camps. Thank you to the leaders who go the extra mile to make it happen. I would like to thank the leaders and adults who support these camps, without you they simply can't happen!

**Quality Program Checker:**

We do review our program and the quality of it. Whilst we do have amber scores in some areas we are working on (no reds), we also have lots of green and I wanted to point out a couple to you.

How many nights away do you have the opportunity to attend per year?			
National target	Beavers	Cubs	Scouts
Red	0	0	up to 3
Amber	1	1	3 to 4
Green	2 or more	2 or more	5 or more
Market Bosworth	2	6	12

How often does your Colony take part in any of the following activities each year: National programme initiatives – County – District – With another section			
National target	Beavers	Cubs	Scouts
Red	0-1	0-1	0-1
Amber	2	2	2
Green	3 or more	3 or more	3 or more
Market Bosworth	6	6	6

We know that every year is different and can bring its own challenges, but I wanted to make a point and celebrate these scores which simply put are the amazing opportunities for our young people.

Kirk, Jon, Max, Ed and Alex to have offered and facilitated 12 nights away opportunities are clearly volunteering above and beyond.

**Delivery of Program and Risk assessments**

It is so important to deliver a good weekly program. Blossom (David) our Monday Cub leader said to me back in 2017, have a good program and the young people will come.

When writing this report, I looked at our Beaver Scouts program for Summer 2023 – do not be mistaken this is one term not a year!!

- Paper Rockets @MBRFC
- Allotment Visit
- Cyclist Badge
- Campfire Skills
- Fire Station Visit
- Gardener Badge
- Chippy Hike
- Tent Pitching
- Garden Games
- End of Year party

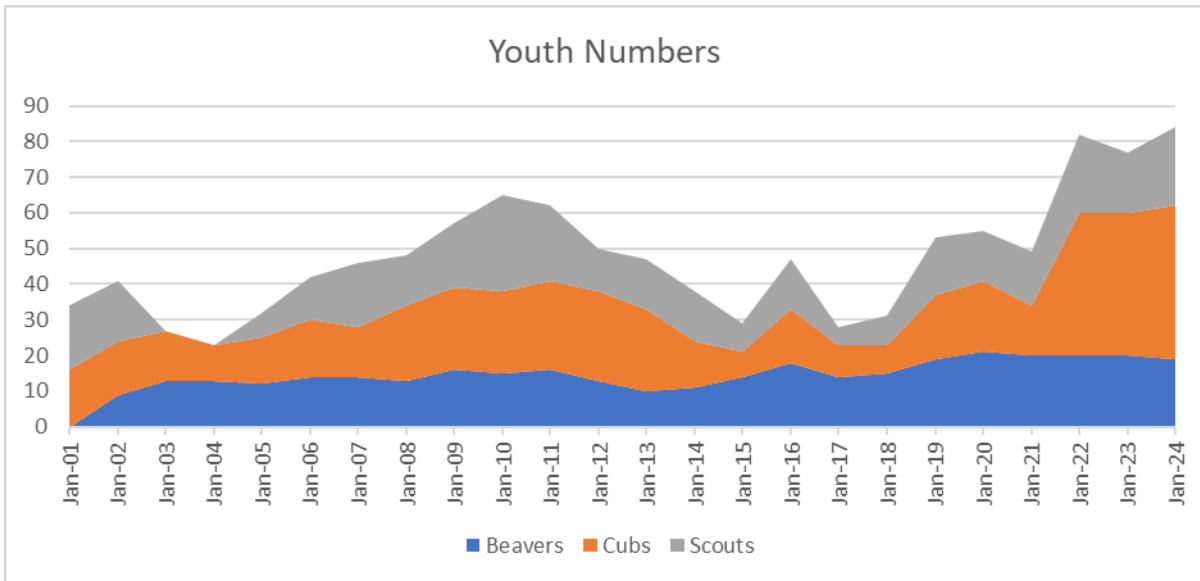
It made me think that to run a football or rugby team you risk assess a pitch, player and equipment and then review any variation, i.e. ground hard / no contact. Our leaders are taking totally different topics like rockets!, cycling, fire, hiking and different locations and then risk assessing these locations, environment, the young peoples needs that are attending and the equipment whilst delivering an exciting program week in and week out.

In an age when everything needs to be documented, I wanted to thank all our leaders for their commitment to delivering an exciting program and all the work that goes into that.

I know for a fact that our Beaver Scout section are the ones we look up to when we seek advice and excellence in this area so a big thank you to Abi, Lindsay, Pedro, Lorretta, Caron and Kyle.

## Membership Numbers

We have seen a 9% growth in youth numbers and have a plan to open a second Scout Unit in April 2024.



We have not invited each section to write up their yearly summary as it has been an incredible start to the 2024 year with so much on that we did not wish to over burden the leaders with more work. We have a lot of successes in each section to shout about and next year's report, we will include these activities in more detail.

Thank you all for your ongoing support.

Yours in Scouting

**J SIMON JEFFERS – TRUSTEE – GROUP SCOUT LEADER**

P.S. We are always learning and striving to improve: At each section meeting we see areas we can improve on as we do for each camp. Some improvements need investment in time, some in money and some in simply educating ourselves. If you see anything that can be improved or are able to volunteer, whether it be for cleaning the kitchen or running an event please let me know.

## Grants and Fundraising Report 2023-24

### **Scout Section – 100% completed**

Our Scouts wrote to and had a grant accepted by the Trustees-of Dixie educational foundation who awarded it at our last AGM. The grant was for New Blinds, Projector and Screen, Fridge, Microwave and Blinds Our thanks go to: Trustees-of Dixie educational foundation

### **Power for CPAP machines and lighting: - 100% funding secured, project completed**

We have completed the installation of this. Our thanks go to Market Bosworth Rotary and Provincial Grand Lodge of Leicestershire & Rutland for funds towards the groundwork to make this happen.

### Ongoing projects

The following projects are ongoing, if you are interested in supporting this project, please let me know.

### **Poles for our Traditional Tents: - 100% funding secured, project ongoing**

We have raised £750 from our Parish Council, and we have secured a grant from Provincial Grand Lodge of Leicestershire & Rutland for £485.52.

### **Chairs, chair storage and table storage – 100% funding secured, 30% completed**

The Scout Group has decided to agree to use our own funds to carry out this activity.

It would be great if we can fill this role with a dedicated volunteer, if you are interested in knowing more about the Grant role, please contact me.

**J S JEFFERS – TRUSTEE – GROUP SCOUT LEADER**

END OF ANNUAL REPORT

**1ST MARKET BOSWORTH SCOUT GROUP**

England & Wales - Charity number 516422

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# Accounts

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## Group Annual Report 22/23

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### Chair Report

As ever I am always in awe as to how the Scout group manage to year on year excel in their duties and responsibilities.

As a group, this year has seen exceptional work by our leaders and young leaders, going from strength to strength in providing a varied and educational programme across all ages. This has been a challenge when we've not been able to meet in a hut during the Winter months!

The Exec have, through some tough months, managed to forge ahead with the refurbishment and produced a rather more appealing and safer place to entertain our groups. Simon 'Unicorn' Jeffers has been instrumental in making sure that this project has crossed the line.

There are simply so many people to thank in getting this hut up and running again. From the builders and decorators to all the charities and businesses that have granted us money along the way. Without these we would not be standing here today with a completed hut, ready for a new era! From the bottoms of our hearts, we are so grateful to each and every one of you for investing in us and our programmes and making sure we can deliver to our young people again.

It is with sadness that we are also losing some members of our Exec, and I would like to thank Chloe and Clare for their part in the Exec for the year.

It is also a personal loss that Ian 'Badger' Chamberlain is leaving us today. We started this Exec journey together with Simon and it has been amazing how much we have achieved! We set out our 5 year plan (which due to Covid was more like a 7 year plan!) to get a new hut and expand the Scouts, and I think we can safely say it has been achieved! But if he thinks he is escaping fully you'll be pleased to know he is still staying on to lend his expertise to the Scouts on a Friday night!

Thank you too to Simon Jeffers, without him, none of the hut would be finished and we would still be all meeting outside at the rugby club for another season. We are all so grateful for your dedication and hard work in everything Scouting.

**NICOLA MORGAN – TRUSTEE - CHAIR**

## Treasurer Report

The 2022/23 accounts show we were in a healthy financial position at year end, being able to carry a surplus over into the new financial year. However, it should be noted that a proportion of this surplus has been ringfenced towards the Scout Hut Renovation Project, as it moves to its completion phase.

The hard work that our Grants Coordinator, Charlotte carried out in 2021/2022 had a positive impact for this years' accounts. With successful grants she had obtained the previous year being paid in this financial year towards the Scout Hut Renovation Project.

Our previous treasurer Claire launched our Hardship Fund and this paid out £333 during the 2022/23 financial year. Please check this link out on our website where you can find details about this fund and how to apply if you are in need. <https://www.mbscouts.org.uk/hardship-fund>. It was launched with the aim of ensuring young people are able to engage in Scouting, regardless of their financial situation. I'm really pleased that we are now helping a small number of young people continue to access our group.

Thank you to Chloe who stood as Treasurer for part of this financial year for her work in this role. I was voted in as treasurer part way through as Chloe was unable to continue for the full year.

Thank you to Dawn our scrutineer for as ever your flexibility and speedy turnaround of the annual accounts.

What to expect in the next financial year 2023/2024

**New Bank Account:** We have been looking for some time now as to whether to move our bank account. With the local HSBC branch closing and the fact that we are unable to use their online banking as it does not work for most charities. We have identified a new bank "CAF" and will be looking to transfer to this bank over the summer of 2023. Forms are 99% completed so we are ready to do this! Please be prepared that this will involve setting up new direct debit mandates for all parents/carer so please be patient with us.

It would be great if we can fill this role with a dedicated volunteer, if you are interested in knowing more about the treasurer role, please contact me.

Yours in Scouting,

J SIMON JEFFERS – TRUSTEE– GROUP SCOUT LEADER AND TREASURER

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### Receipts and Payments Account 2022-23

#### 1st Market Bosworth Scout Group (Charity no.516422)

#### Receipts and payments account

	Year start date		Year end date
For the year from	1st April 2022	To	31st March 2023

#### Receipts and payments

	2022/23	
	Unrestricted funds	
	£	
<b>Receipts</b>		
<b>Donations, legacies and similar income</b>		
Membership subscriptions	9,178	
Donations		
Refund for Camp	201	
Gift Aid	-	
Camp and Event Income	12,621	
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>22,001</b>	
<b>Grants</b>		
Maintenence grant	-	
Other grants	37,914	
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>37,914</b>	
<b>Fundraising events (gross)</b>		
Detail 1	3,174	
Detail 2	-	
Detail 3	-	
Other fundraising activities	-	
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>3,174</b>	
<b>Scout hut income</b>		
Hire of building	-	
Hire of equipment	-	
Other Scout hut income	-	
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>-</b>	
<b>Investment income</b>		
Bank interest	125	
Building Society interest	-	
The Scout Association Short Term Investment Service	-	
Other investment income	-	
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>125</b>	
<b>Total Gross Income</b>	<b>63,215</b>	
<b>Asset and investment sales, etc.</b>	<b>-</b>	
<b>Total receipts</b>	<b>63,215</b>	

## Financial Reports 2 of 3

### Payments Account 2022-23

#### 1st Market Bosworth Scout Group (Charity no.516422)

#### Receipts and payments account

	Year start date		Year end date
For the year from	1st April 2022	To	31st March 2023

#### Receipts and payments

	2022/23
	Unrestricted funds
	£
<b>Payments</b>	
<b>Charitable Payments</b>	
Membership subscriptions paid on (National/County/Area/District)	4,188
Youth programme and activities	221
Scout Shop (badges)	1,037
Rent	-
Water and Sewerage	510
Electricity and Gas	1,688
Insurance	926
Repairs and Renewals	-
Fire Extinguishers	225
Website	295
Contribution to camp costs	12,282
Tents	1,056
AGM and trustee expenses	-
Scout hut Refurbishment	52,789
Misc	1,207
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>76,424</b>
<b>Fundraising expenses</b>	
Detail 1	12,187
Detail 2	-
Detail 3	-
Other fundraising costs	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>12,187</b>
<b>Total Gross Expenditure</b>	<b>88,610</b>
<b>Asset and investment purchases, etc.</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total payments</b>	<b>88,610</b>
<b>Net of receipts/(payments)</b>	<b>- 25,396</b>
Cash funds last year end	£50,305.54
<b>Cash funds this year end</b>	<b>24,910</b>

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### Statements of Assets and Liabilities at the end of the year

1st Market Bosworth Scout Group (Charity no.516422)			
Receipts and payments account			
	Year start date		Year end date
For the year from	1st April 2022	To	31st March 2023
<b>Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the year</b>			
	2022/23		
	Unrestricted funds		
	£		
<b>Cash funds</b>			
Bank current account		17,604	
Bank deposit account		7,306	
Building society account		-	
The Scout Association Short Term Investment Service		-	
Cash/Floats		-	
<b>Total cash funds</b>		<b>24,910</b>	
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account)	agreement error	
<b>Other monetary assets</b>			
Tax claim		-	
Debts due from the County/Area/District/Group		-	
Insurance claim		-	
<b>Sub total</b>		<b>-</b>	
<b>Investment assets</b>			
Investment property - detail		-	
Quoted investments		-	
Other investments - detail		-	
<b>Sub total</b>		<b>-</b>	
<b>Non monetary assets for charity's own use</b>			
Badge stock		-	
Shop stock		-	
Other stock		-	
Land and buildings		-	
Motor vehicles		-	
Scouting equipment, furniture etc		-	
Other		-	
<b>Sub total</b>		<b>-</b>	
<b>Liabilities</b>			
Accounts not yet paid		-	
Expenses incurred but not invoiced		7,378	
Subscriptions not yet paid		-	
Loan - detail		-	
Other liabilities		-	
<b>Sub total</b>		<b>- 7,378</b>	
<b>Total net assets</b>		<b>17,532</b>	
The above receipts and payments account and statement of assets and liabilities were approved by the Trustees on Xth X 200X (the date of the Executive Committee meeting that approved the accounts) and signed on their behalf by			
Signature		Print Name	
			Chair
			Treasurer

## GSL Report

Time again for the reflective look back at the last year for the period of April 22 to March 23.

When I was compiling this years' report it didn't escape me that we again did a lot of outdoor scouting, however, this time through was due to the refurbishment. So I wanted to give my biggest thank you to the parents / carers, young people and leaders who had to endure last minute changes of location, nights that were rained off, too dark to see the planned activity and having to re-organise, and at times just being wet and/or cold. We made it! THANK YOU for supporting us.

When I started writing down all the events and nights away we have offered in the last year, it is very clear that our young people have had a lot of experiences available to them. I was curious which ones we organised ourselves. The majority of the experiences offered this year were put on by 1<sup>st</sup> Market Bosworth Scout Group, which means our volunteer leaders have been working very hard to make this happen. I wanted to ensure we took a moment to recognise these efforts. THANK YOU LEADERS

### Chief Scout Awards

Each year since I joined in 2017 I have seen improvements in the program delivery and we are seeing more Cub and Scouts Chief Scout Awards come through. I mentioned in last year's report that I was hopeful of being able to share young people successes in this area.

Well, I was lucky enough to see three of our Scouts present to over 60 people the details of the expedition challenge they had completed over the summer. To earn their badge they had to do two hikes of four hours a day, which had to have meaning. They decided to look at famous monuments in the area and report back on them. They also needed to camp and cook their food using an event pass (no leaders). They decided on the route to the camp site, what kit to take, what food to buy and to do it all successfully (which they did). Then the last stage was to present what they had done. They created a PowerPoint presentation between them, with pictures, video inserts and details of what they had done, and then stood in front of us all to tell us. They did all of this as a team aged between 12/14 years old. I was pretty impressed, a lot of adults will shy away from what they did. This was the final stage of their badge work for them to then receive their Gold Chief Scout awards.

### Leaders

Lindsay (Hedgehog) completed her full Leader training to receive her wood badge. In 1919, Baden-Powell introduced a standardised system for leader training, those who completed the training the course were awarded a "wood badge". This was not a cloth badge, but pair of wooden beads. One came from the ceremonial necklace of the Zulu chief, Dinizulu, and the recipients carved their own second bead. These days they are plastic beads, but the symbolic nature is still there, we are very proud of her accomplishment.

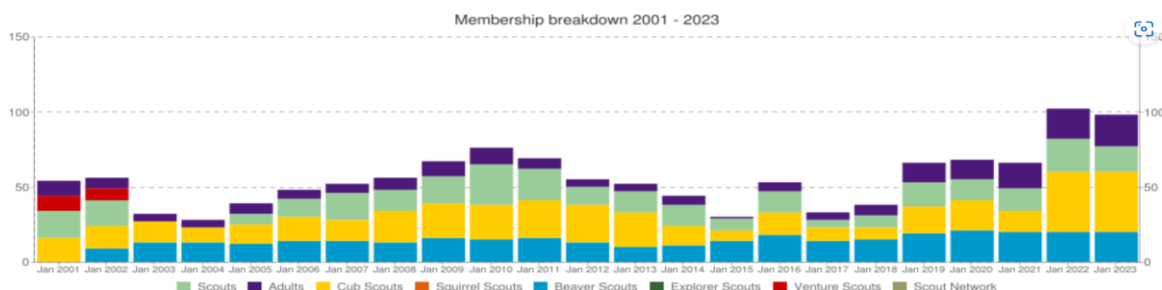
We welcomed this year:

- Section Assistants: Caron "Otter" and Loretta "Snail" to the Beaver Scout section and young leader Emily "Squirrel".
- Asst Section Leader: James Kendrick and young leader Daniel to Monday Cubs
- Asst Section Leader: Duncan Frazer "Grey Wolf", Nick Oxby and young leader Grace to Friday Cubs
- Jon Vening-Richards to the Trustee board as a youth ambassador

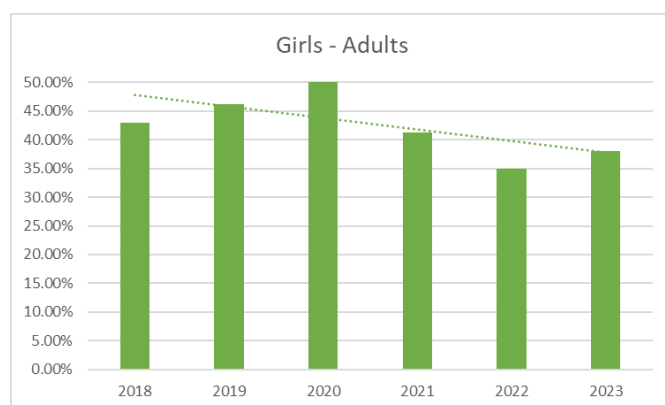
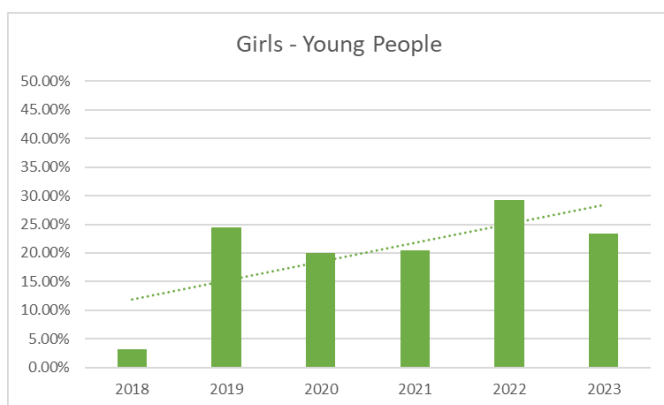
## Membership Numbers

After such a large increase last year in youth numbers, we saw our youth numbers consolidate this year. We saw a slight decline due to older Scouts leaving. Unfortunately, district was unable to offer an option for Explorer Section for these young people last year, so for some, their Scouting journey has ended. However, I am pleased to say that:

- Some Scouts have come back to us as young leaders, helping within each section.
- Since this census count we have seen an increase in numbers in Scout section and overall due to Cubs moving up and new starters.



We saw the ratio of girls drop this year, however, this appears to be driven by numbers in the Scout section previously mentioned. We expect to see this ratio increase for next year as the young people flow back through. Our adult girl ratio has increased since the previous year. In 1918 65% of Cub leaders were women you can read more here: <https://heritage.scouts.org.uk/exhibitions/early-days-of-scouting-1907-1920/scoutingforgirls/> - Whether you're a girl or boy, if you are interested in becoming a leader, please contact me for a no obligation chat.



## Nights Away

Each section is targeted to offer a night/s away and I'm pleased that we managed to do the following last year:

- |                             |           |          |                          |
|-----------------------------|-----------|----------|--------------------------|
| - Fox Coverts               | 14 May 22 | 1 Night  | Scouts                   |
| - Willesley Campsite        | 4 Jun 22  | 1 Night  | Scouts                   |
| - Space Centre              | 10 Jun 22 | 1 Night  | Beavers, Cubs and Scouts |
| - Willesley Camp [District] | 11 Jun 22 | 1 Night  | Cubs and Scouts          |
| - Bournemouth               | 30 Jul 22 | 7 Nights | Scouts                   |
| - Scouts School Sleepover   | 12 Nov 22 | 1 Night  | Beavers, Cubs and Scouts |
| - Pillows and Pilots        | 18 Mar 22 | 1 Night  | Beavers, Cubs and Scouts |

It takes a tremendous amount of effort to organise the camps. Thank you to the leaders who go the extra mile to make it happen. Also a thank you to the leaders and adults who support these camps without you they simply can't happen.



## Events

What is astonishing is the amount of events we managed to do last year, here is a list:

- National Memorial Arboretum	9 Apr 22	Beavers, Cubs and Scouts
- British Touring Cars Test Day	21 Apr 22	Scouts
- Saint Georges Day [District]	24 Apr 22	Beavers, Cubs and Scouts
- Ashby Canal Hike	7 May 22	Beavers, Cubs and Scouts
- Triumph Motorcycles Factory	7 May 22	Beavers, Cubs and Scouts
- Sailing	2 Jul 22	Scouts
- Water activities	28 Jun 22	Cubs
- Hermitage Model Railway	5 Sep 22	Cubs
- Warhammer night	18 Sep 22	Scouts
- Halloween scream n scout [District]	29 Oct 22	Cubs and Scouts
- Remembrance Sunday	13 Nov 22	Beavers, Cubs and Scouts
- Cadburys World	19 Nov 22	Beavers, Cubs and Scouts
- Santa's Sleigh!	14 Dec 22	Scouts
- Cinderella Pantomime [District]	18 Dec 22	Beavers
- Aladdin : by Panto in a Day	18 Dec 22	Cubs
- Christmas Bowling	19 Dec 22	Scouts
- Astronomy Night	13 Feb 22	Scouts

I have included a couple of photos from one of my personal favourite event that I attended. You can read about a lot of the events on our website: <https://www.mbscouts.org.uk/news/article>



## Behind the Scenes

We really could do with more volunteers to become Trustees to help us maintain this level of success. We need people to fill these roles asap especially the Treasurer role, otherwise we very likely will not be able to support in the future the amount of activities that I have had the pleasure of reporting for this financial year.

I think the last year can be best summed up by Henry David Thoreau "Go confidently in the direction of your dreams. Live the life you have imagined." We have dreamed about achieving so many things over the past year, events, nights away, scout hut refurbishment, higher quality program, more leaders and more Chief Scout awards and I think you would be hard pushed to say that we did not fulfil any of those dreams. Please contact me if you are interested in joining a fabulous team of volunteers delivering a Scouting experience.

Thank you all for your ongoing support.

Yours in Scouting

**J SIMON JEFFERS – TRUSTEE– GROUP SCOUT LEADER AND TREASURER**

P.S. We are always learning and striving to improve: At each section meeting we see areas we can improve on as we do for each camp. Some improvements need investment in time, some in money and some in simply educating ourselves. If you see anything that can be improved or are able to volunteer whether it be for cleaning the kitchen or running an event please let me know.

## Beavers Section AGM Report 2022

We've had a fantastic year and our Beaver Colony continues to thrive with very healthy numbers and a waiting list! We love seeing our Beaver Scouts develop new skills each week and the Beaver Leadership Team works hard to provide an interesting and engaging programme. The pandemic has been particularly difficult for this cohort of Young People as it disrupted their opportunities for social interaction in their very early years. The Beaver Leaders take immense pride in developing our newest and often extremely shy Beavers, and seeing them 'swim up' as confident Cubs at the end of their time with us.



The Beaver Leadership Team has expanded considerably over the past year. From helping out on our Parent Rota to undertaking the '4 week challenge', we recruited Otter (Caron Stone) and Snail (Loretta Aylmer) as Section Assistants. Our Young Leader Koala (Kyle Jennings) turned 18 in the Autumn Term and received his Adult Leader uniform and is undertaking



training to be an Assistant Beaver Section Leader. Koala has been our Beavers Young Leader since he was 14, and so his surprise 18<sup>th</sup> birthday party the Beavers held for him was thoroughly deserved! We also welcomed our GSL's daughter Emily as our new Young Leader. "Squirrel" has become a much loved member of the Beaver Colony already, and is being supported with her Young Leader training.

Over the year, 11 of our Beavers 'swam-up' to Cubs, with 8 of those receiving their Chief Bronze Scout Awards, which is a big success for our Beaver Colony and credit should be given to the Leadership team who carried on throughout the pandemic delivering an adapted programme online, which still met all the requirements for the badges. The Bronze Scout award takes a lot of time and dedication from the Beavers, their parents/carers and the Leaders, so we were delighted to have awarded such a high number.

In the Summer term of 2022, the Beavers worked towards their Collector, Explore, Gardener, Builder, Hikes, Nights Away and Digital Citizen badges. The Beavers really enjoyed their all-section visit to





the Triumph Motorcycle Museum in Hinckley, followed by a 2.5 mile hike down the Ashby Canal. Fortunately, no Beavers were seen swimming in the canal!

In combination with their Gardener badge, the Beavers grew a variety of plants and made seed bombs and sunflower kits to sell at our 'Beavers Garden Centre and Pop-Up Café', with the profits contributing to the Scout Hut internal renovation.



The Beavers had lots of fun at our National Space Centre sleepover in Leicester, with the most hardcore then joining the District Camp at Willesley Scout Campsite the following day to sleep under canvas for their second night!

We ended the year with a party to celebrate Fox's forthcoming nuptials and the Beavers presented her with bridal shower gifts. Many thanks to all who contributed to our collection for Fox.

The Autumn term in 2022 saw us working towards our World, Faith, International, Navigator and



Global badges. In October we headed back to Market Bosworth Rugby Club as the very exciting internal renovations on the Scout Hut had started. We had a visit from Muslim leader Bijal, who taught the Beavers about Islam and other faiths. We had a trip to the library for a very chilled Yoga session from local instructor Fay, who took the Beavers on a fantastic magical Yoga journey.

Many of the Beavers took part in our Remembrance Day sleepover at St Peters Primary School, followed by the Remembrance Day Service at St Peters Church and Parade through Market Bosworth. Our Beavers were very respectful and impeccably behaved throughout and we were very proud of them.

An all-section trip to Cadbury World was an amazing day out for the Beavers, although we cannot confirm exactly how much chocolate was consumed on the trip!



Just before Christmas, our Beaver Scouts joined other Beaver colonies from across Leicestershire at DeMontfort Hall for a Pantomime performance of Cinderella. We then rounded off the year with a Christmas party, because the Beavers and all the Leaders never miss an opportunity for a party!

In the Spring term, we focused on our Disability Awareness, Community Impact, Musician and Digital Maker badges. Beaver Parent and Physio Cheryl Johnson visited us with lots of different disability aids, which the Beavers used to experience limited mobility. They also learned some Makaton, spelled their name in braille using Skittles sweets, and their favourite activity was blindfolded jam sandwich making! For our Musician badge we made our own guitars and musical instruments and

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Pedro Pony brought in a selection of his guitars to show the Beaver Scouts. For our Digital Maker badge the Beaver Scouts learned about coding, and used Scratch to design their own Campsite.

A few of the Beaver Scouts joined the all-section Pillows and Pilots sleepover at RAF Museum Midlands (RAF Cosford). The highlight of the sleepover was definitely the 'silent disco' inside an aircraft!

We are all so incredibly proud of our Beaver Scouts this year. Everywhere we go we are complimented on their behaviour and engagement. We are fully committed to Youth-Led Scouting and our regular 'Log Chews' help the Leaders to understand what the Beaver Scouts want to do and incorporate this into our programme planning. This year we have awarded 330 badges, each one meeting the badge requirements and very well earned, and 64 more badges than the previous year! That's a lot of sewing for our Beaver Scout Parents!



**FOX (ABI), HEDGEHOG (LINDSAY), PEDRO PONY (PEDRO), KOALA (KYLE), OTTER (CARON), SNAIL (LORETTA) AND SQUIRREL (EMILY) - BEAVER SECTION LEADERSHIP TEAM**



## Friday Cubs Report

The start of our Friday evenings can sometimes feel like we have uncaged a weeks worth of pent up crazy from following school rules, it certainly starts my weekend with huge a burst of energy thanks to all the Cubs.

We started this section a little over 2 years ago, with rather less experience than Blossom can bring to a Monday night but hopefully just as much enthusiasm. Thankfully we had Duncan join from Solihull, which whilst a sad loss for them was our gain as Duncan brought with him decades of Scouting wisdom. WhatsApp tells me that the date we started 2 years ago was 20/4/2021 and that Paul created our Friday Cub Leaders group chat, which seems particularly fitting since he is soon to take over the reigns as Akala having gone full circle to rejoin us.



The start of this year, whilst a very long while ago, was notable for how many of the Boys moved onto Scouts, perhaps a little earlier than we would have liked but the FOMO or urge not to miss out was too strong to hold onto most of them. This left us with 3 senior sixers that stayed the course.

When we reviewed badge work and progress this Spring we were delighted that the 3 of them had completed all of their Challenges with us and were eligible to receive their Chief Scout Silver Award. They received this award last month at the start of their journey in Scouts. This is hard earned and only a handful of Cubs each year achieve this.

2 out of the 3 Cubs that received this award were Girls. This statistic sums up how balanced our Section now is with 43% of our Cubs on Fridays being girls. I'm immensely proud that we include a fun, challenging and rewarding experience for both girls and boys.

The parents deserve a big thankyou this year for being so patient and understanding for so much of it as we constantly moved from one venue to the next whilst the refurbishment was being carried out. At times as a leader

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this was nearly all consuming and for the GSL it certainly was. Without a GSL that so tirelessly stuck to the task the Cubs would not have such a first-rate venue to meet in for the years to come. I would also like to thank everyone else that helped us move back into our new Hut once construction was over.

Our young leader has grown immeasurably in the last 12 months, in my eyes she is a reliable and equal part of the leadership team and certainly not young in anything but name.

As I look to the future I hope that more Cubs will achieve their Silver award next year than this.

**IAN (BADGER) – TRUSTEE -  
CUB SECTION LEADER**



## Monday Cubs Report

We have been actively busy over the last year we have had Cubs move on to the Scout section and new ones move up from Beaver Scouts section. We have been out of the hut for most of the year using the rugby club and the community library due to the refurbishment.

Our first night back after the summer holiday last year we attended the north west Leicestershire model railway club at hermitage recreation ground where the cubs got the chance to have a close look at a miniature steam train and got rides on the 3.1/2 track miniature railway. The club thanked us for some very well behaved cubs, and we also made it in there newsletter.



We have also done lots of things like shooting and archery sessions and we've also visited the local fire station which the cubs and leaders enjoyed. We have done wide game in the village where we asked the young people to find three parents who were hidden in Bosworth. They used their maps to find them, and as the parents could have been anywhere in the park or the village it was a great challenge which the parents also enjoyed.



We have built dens in the woods even an animal hide which we noticed over time that something had been using it. We did orienteering in the dark in Bosworth Park which was a challenge!

We have had challenges with the weather at times from rain, wind and frozen ground but we persevered we did revert to a zoom session.

We have some fun activities coming up we have some visitors coming to join us to talk about adhd on one evening as some of the cubs showed an interest in learning why some of the cubs have different aspects to others.

We have a canoeing session coming up from part of the water activities team which should be a good evening at Moira Furnace

We have welcomed James Kendrick to the team and also gained a new young leader to help us.

It's been fun with challenges we look forward to another year of fun and activities.

### BLOSSOM - CUB LEADER



## Monday Scouts Report



The past 12 months have been a very good time for the Scout Section.

Last July and August saw the Troop's first "proper" summer camp since before the pandemic, with twenty of us descending on Butcher's Coppice camp Site in Bournemouth for a week that has been described as "epic". Highlights of the camp included an afternoon at Splashdown, a day on Brownsea Island, the birthplace of Scouting, and a final evening out at Nando's among other exciting trips. The camp was well received by both Scouts and parents, and was featured heavily in the local press.

Due to the ongoing renovations to the Hut, the Section continued as much as possible with its policy of putting the "Out" in "Scouting", taking full advantage of the range of alternative meeting places in the area.

Activities included in our programme, planned to a large extent by the Scouts themselves, have included night hikes, cooking, shelter building, fire lighting, navigation exercises, and an evening of mental health first aid.

As well as this, the Section attended the Group sleepover at the school, the Mallory Mile, Pillows and Pilots at the RAF Museum, and the annual District camp at Willesley, where we won the Tug of War competition.

We have also seen our first Expedition Challenge team for several years successfully complete their project, which included 2 ten-mile hikes and an overnight camp, remotely supported by leaders. The camp was held under what we call an Event Passport, which means that no adults remained on site overnight, which highlights how effective Scouting is at achieving its aim of helping Young People achieve their potential and take responsibility for themselves and others.

As a result of this successful Expedition, three of the Troop achieved their Chief Scout's Gold Awards, the highest possible award for a member of the Scout Section, and an amazing achievement. It won't surprise you to hear that several other members are well on the way to achieving theirs.

We're also glad to say that the three Chief Scouts Gold awardees are still with us, and have taken up roles as Young Leaders in our Cub and Beaver Sections.



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So, what of the future? We're continuing with our aim of helping the Scouts take as much responsibility for the programme as possible, while working within a framework composed of the nine Challenge badges that make up the Chief Scout's Gold Award. We have two camps planned already, a weekend at Summer Solstice, and our annual summer camp, which the Scouts have decided to hold at Rhydd Covert, next door to the West Midlands Safari Park. And of course, we'll be continuing to teach #SkillsForLife while having #EverydayAdventures!

Of course, none of this could have been achieved without our team of volunteers, and especially our Young Leaders Ellis and Niall, who have proved their worth time and again. Our adult volunteers have done a great job too, and deserve a big thank you for giving up their time for the Section. A special mention for Paul, who has been an incredibly valuable member of the team since he joined us during the pandemic. Paul is taking a step back from the Scout Section to take up the role of Section Leader at our Friday Cub Pack, and we know he'll do an excellent job there.

We'd also like to extend a big thank you to the parents of our Scouts for their support and trust. Without you, Scouting in Bosworth would not be the success story it is today.



KIRK – SCOUT LEADER



# Grants and Fundraising Report 2021-22

## Scout Hut refurbishment: - Project completed

I would like to firstly mention the young people and their involvement in fundraising. In the last year they have sponsored walked on the Ashby Canal hike, run section cafés, supported Santa sled and one Cub Scout [Alfred] cycled 200 miles cycle for new camp equipment. As well as fundraise they have endured being outside whilst work has been done over winter for the Scout hut refurbishment, they have also drawn and provided ideas for us to include in grant applications. Without their hard work we would not have been able to secure the support of the organisations we are about to thank. Well done young people.

The scout hut refurbishment has been done in two phases, the 1<sup>st</sup> was to secure the building itself to ensure that it was protected from the elements with new windows, doors, guttering, rendering, external insulation and upgrade the path and fence along the side of the hut. This work was carried out in 2021/2022.

The 2<sup>nd</sup> phase where the work was carried out in 2022/2023 was to secure disabled access [ramp] into the scout hut and throughout the Scout hut by moving a storeroom and to install a disabled toilet. We also refurbished the current toilet, kitchen and store room's. We choose to heat the hut with infrared heaters as we felt that would be the most energy and cost effective way considering the amount and type of use the hut has. We have also installed LED strip lighting and led spotlights for energy efficiency.

We believe that the work done has secured the scout hut use as a premise for Scouting in Market Bosworth for the next 10 to 30+ more years. We are humbled that people and organisations have given their time, resources and/or money to Market Bosworth Scout Group. Our thanks go to:

Trustees-Dixie educational foundation,  
Paul Scragg-Hinckley and Bosworth  
Dr Luke Evans-MP  
Lee Ward-Hayward's Architects  
Sue Davies-Bernard Sunley  
Darrell Gillett-Resurfacing  
Jonathan Griffin / Adrian Wray-Forward 5  
Vance Harvey-JC Brooks Trust Fund  
Paula-Leslie Charitable Trust  
Cathy Monkman-Parish Council  
Our Trustees / Exec members  
Rhys-Mallory Associates  
Michael-Quiz master  
Steve Dumford-Rugby Club  
Alex – Dixie Arms

Martin Cartwright-PCIF - Hinckley and Bosworth,  
Maureen Cook-Hinckley and Bosworth  
Jez Harding-J Harding Construction  
Scout Group fundraising  
John Moore-JLR Joinery  
The Directors-Rank Foundation  
Helen-Maud Elkington  
Mrs J L Capers-Will  
Mark Simpson-Extra Room Storage  
John Hayes-Rotary  
Charlotte Scott- Grants  
Chris Johnson-Drawings  
Chris McCormick – Bar for fundraising  
Dick Bates-Community Library  
Peter Bailey -Structural Report

## **Scout Hut defib:** - Project completed

A defib arriving wasn't part of the plan of our refurbishment. We were contacted by Market Bosworth Rotary towards the end of the project to see if we would consider having one installed. Our trustees met with John and Clare from the Rotary and a case was put forward and accepted. Next was how we were going to fund this installation. Our thanks go to:

Clare Ashdown Rotary  
Steve Astbury Electrical

Jez Harding J Harding Construction  
Scout Group fundraising

## **Scout Section** – 80% completed

Our Scouts wrote to and had a grant accepted by the Trustees-of Dixie educational foundation who awarded it at our last AGM. The grant was for New Blinds, Projector and Screen, Fridge, Microwave. We have purchased and installed all bar the blinds at the time of writing. Our thanks go to:

Trustees-of Dixie educational foundation

### Ongoing projects

The following projects are ongoing, If you are interested in supporting this project please let me know.

#### **Poles for our Traditional Tents:** - 60% funding secured, project ongoing

We have raised £750 from our Parish Council and we have applied for a grant from another organisation of £485.52 to complete this project and await the outcome.

#### **Power for CPAP machines and lighting:** - 42% funding secured, project ongoing

We have raised £500 from Market Bosworth Rotary and we have applied for a grant from another organisation for £700 to complete this project and await the outcome.

#### **Chairs, chair storage and table storage** - started

We are looking to raise £3,572.26 to replace chairs and purchase wheelable chair and table storage. To 1) provide safer and tidy storage of these items, 2) safer way of transporting table and chairs, especially for less able people. We have applied for a grant from an organisation to complete this project and await the outcome.

It would be great if we can fill this role with a dedicated volunteer, if you are interested in knowing more about the Grant role, please contact me.

### **J S JEFFERS – TRUSTEE – GROUP SCOUT LEADER AND TREASURER**

END OF ANNUAL REPORT



## Group Annual Report 22/23

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### Chair Report

As ever I am always in awe as to how the Scout group manage to year on year excel in their duties and responsibilities.

As a group, this year has seen exceptional work by our leaders and young leaders, going from strength to strength in providing a varied and educational programme across all ages. This has been a challenge when we've not been able to meet in a hut during the Winter months!

The Exec have, through some tough months, managed to forge ahead with the refurbishment and produced a rather more appealing and safer place to entertain our groups. Simon 'Unicorn' Jeffers has been instrumental in making sure that this project has crossed the line.

There are simply so many people to thank in getting this hut up and running again. From the builders and decorators to all the charities and businesses that have granted us money along the way. Without these we would not be standing here today with a completed hut, ready for a new era! From the bottoms of our hearts, we are so grateful to each and every one of you for investing in us and our programmes and making sure we can deliver to our young people again.

It is with sadness that we are also losing some members of our Exec, and I would like to thank Chloe and Clare for their part in the Exec for the year.

It is also a personal loss that Ian 'Badger' Chamberlain is leaving us today. We started this Exec journey together with Simon and it has been amazing how much we have achieved! We set out our 5 year plan (which due to Covid was more like a 7 year plan!) to get a new hut and expand the Scouts, and I think we can safely say it has been achieved! But if he thinks he is escaping fully you'll be pleased to know he is still staying on to lend his expertise to the Scouts on a Friday night!

Thank you too to Simon Jeffers, without him, none of the hut would be finished and we would still be all meeting outside at the rugby club for another season. We are all so grateful for your dedication and hard work in everything Scouting.

**NICOLA MORGAN – TRUSTEE - CHAIR**

## Treasurer Report

The 2022/23 accounts show we were in a healthy financial position at year end, being able to carry a surplus over into the new financial year. However, it should be noted that a proportion of this surplus has been ringfenced towards the Scout Hut Renovation Project, as it moves to its completion phase.

The hard work that our Grants Coordinator, Charlotte carried out in 2021/2022 had a positive impact for this years' accounts. With successful grants she had obtained the previous year being paid in this financial year towards the Scout Hut Renovation Project.

Our previous treasurer Claire launched our Hardship Fund and this paid out £333 during the 2022/23 financial year. Please check this link out on our website where you can find details about this fund and how to apply if you are in need. <https://www.mbscouts.org.uk/hardship-fund>. It was launched with the aim of ensuring young people are able to engage in Scouting, regardless of their financial situation. I'm really pleased that we are now helping a small number of young people continue to access our group.

Thank you to Chloe who stood as Treasurer for part of this financial year for her work in this role. I was voted in as treasurer part way through as Chloe was unable to continue for the full year.

Thank you to Dawn our scrutineer for as ever your flexibility and speedy turnaround of the annual accounts.

What to expect in the next financial year 2023/2024

**New Bank Account:** We have been looking for some time now as to whether to move our bank account. With the local HSBC branch closing and the fact that we are unable to use their online banking as it does not work for most charities. We have identified a new bank "CAF" and will be looking to transfer to this bank over the summer of 2023. Forms are 99% completed so we are ready to do this! Please be prepared that this will involve setting up new direct debit mandates for all parents/carer so please be patient with us.

It would be great if we can fill this role with a dedicated volunteer, if you are interested in knowing more about the treasurer role, please contact me.

Yours in Scouting,

J SIMON JEFFERS – TRUSTEE– GROUP SCOUT LEADER AND TREASURER



## Financial Reports 2 of 3

### Payments Account 2022-23

#### 1st Market Bosworth Scout Group (Charity no.516422)

#### Receipts and payments account

	Year start date		Year end date
For the year from	1st April 2022	To	31st March 2023

#### Receipts and payments

	2022/23
	Unrestricted funds
	£
<b>Payments</b>	
<b>Charitable Payments</b>	
Membership subscriptions paid on (National/County/Area/District)	4,188
Youth programme and activities	221
Scout Shop (badges)	1,037
Rent	-
Water and Sewerage	510
Electricity and Gas	1,688
Insurance	926
Repairs and Renewals	-
Fire Extinguishers	225
Website	295
Contribution to camp costs	12,282
Tents	1,056
AGM and trustee expenses	-
Scout hut Refurbishment	52,789
Misc	1,207
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>76,424</b>
<b>Fundraising expenses</b>	
Detail 1	12,187
Detail 2	-
Detail 3	-
Other fundraising costs	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>12,187</b>
<b>Total Gross Expenditure</b>	<b>88,610</b>
<b>Asset and investment purchases, etc.</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total payments</b>	<b>88,610</b>
<b>Net of receipts/(payments)</b>	<b>- 25,396</b>
Cash funds last year end	£50,305.54
<b>Cash funds this year end</b>	<b>24,910</b>

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### Statements of Assets and Liabilities at the end of the year

1st Market Bosworth Scout Group (Charity no.516422)			
Receipts and payments account			
	Year start date		Year end date
For the year from	1st April 2022	To	31st March 2023
<b>Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the year</b>			
	2022/23		
	Unrestricted funds		
	£		
<b>Cash funds</b>			
Bank current account		17,604	
Bank deposit account		7,306	
Building society account		-	
The Scout Association Short Term Investment Service		-	
Cash/Floats		-	
<b>Total cash funds</b>		<b>24,910</b>	
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account)		agreement error
<b>Other monetary assets</b>			
Tax claim		-	
Debts due from the County/Area/District/Group		-	
Insurance claim		-	
<b>Sub total</b>		<b>-</b>	
<b>Investment assets</b>			
Investment property - detail		-	
Quoted investments		-	
Other investments - detail		-	
<b>Sub total</b>		<b>-</b>	
<b>Non monetary assets for charity's own use</b>			
Badge stock		-	
Shop stock		-	
Other stock		-	
Land and buildings		-	
Motor vehicles		-	
Scouting equipment, furniture etc		-	
Other		-	
<b>Sub total</b>		<b>-</b>	
<b>Liabilities</b>			
Accounts not yet paid		-	
Expenses incurred but not invoiced	-	7,378	
Subscriptions not yet paid		-	
Loan - detail		-	
Other liabilities		-	
<b>Sub total</b>		<b>- 7,378</b>	
<b>Total net assets</b>		<b>17,532</b>	
The above receipts and payments account and statement of assets and liabilities were approved by the Trustees on Xth X 200X (the date of the Executive Committee meeting that approved the accounts) and signed on their behalf by			
Signature		Print Name	
			Chair
			Treasurer

## GSL Report

Time again for the reflective look back at the last year for the period of April 22 to March 23.

When I was compiling this years' report it didn't escape me that we again did a lot of outdoor scouting, however, this time through was due to the refurbishment. So I wanted to give my biggest thank you to the parents / carers, young people and leaders who had to endure last minute changes of location, nights that were rained off, too dark to see the planned activity and having to re-organise, and at times just being wet and/or cold. We made it! THANK YOU for supporting us.

When I started writing down all the events and nights away we have offered in the last year, it is very clear that our young people have had a lot of experiences available to them. I was curious which ones we organised ourselves. The majority of the experiences offered this year were put on by 1<sup>st</sup> Market Bosworth Scout Group, which means our volunteer leaders have been working very hard to make this happen. I wanted to ensure we took a moment to recognise these efforts. THANK YOU LEADERS

### Chief Scout Awards

Each year since I joined in 2017 I have seen improvements in the program delivery and we are seeing more Cub and Scouts Chief Scout Awards come through. I mentioned in last year's report that I was hopeful of being able to share young people successes in this area.

Well, I was lucky enough to see three of our Scouts present to over 60 people the details of the expedition challenge they had completed over the summer. To earn their badge they had to do two hikes of four hours a day, which had to have meaning. They decided to look at famous monuments in the area and report back on them. They also needed to camp and cook their food using an event pass (no leaders). They decided on the route to the camp site, what kit to take, what food to buy and to do it all successfully (which they did). Then the last stage was to present what they had done. They created a PowerPoint presentation between them, with pictures, video inserts and details of what they had done, and then stood in front of us all to tell us. They did all of this as a team aged between 12/14 years old. I was pretty impressed, a lot of adults will shy away from what they did. This was the final stage of their badge work for them to then receive their Gold Chief Scout awards.

### Leaders

Lindsay (Hedgehog) completed her full Leader training to receive her wood badge. In 1919, Baden-Powell introduced a standardised system for leader training, those who completed the training the course were awarded a "wood badge". This was not a cloth badge, but pair of wooden beads. One came from the ceremonial necklace of the Zulu chief, Dinizulu, and the recipients carved their own second bead. These days they are plastic beads, but the symbolic nature is still there, we are very proud of her accomplishment.

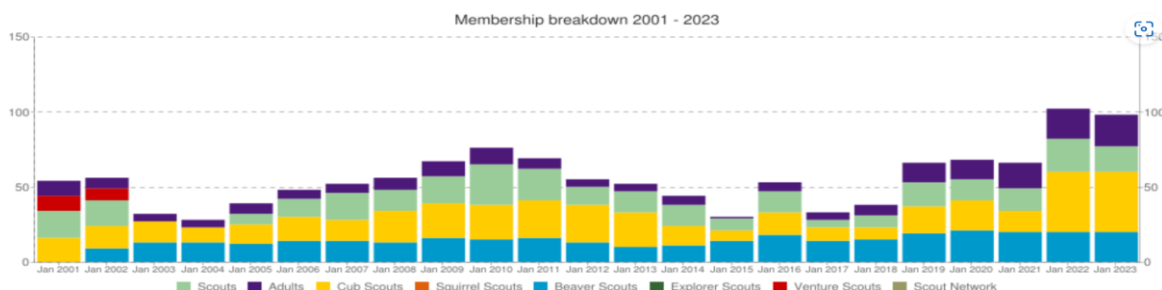
We welcomed this year:

- Section Assistants: Caron "Otter" and Loretta "Snail" to the Beaver Scout section and young leader Emily "Squirrel".
- Asst Section Leader: James Kendrick and young leader Daniel to Monday Cubs
- Asst Section Leader: Duncan Frazer "Grey Wolf", Nick Oxby and young leader Grace to Friday Cubs
- Jon Vening-Richards to the Trustee board as a youth ambassador

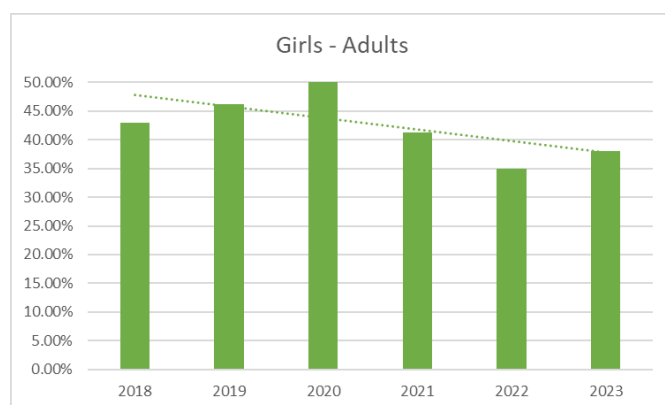
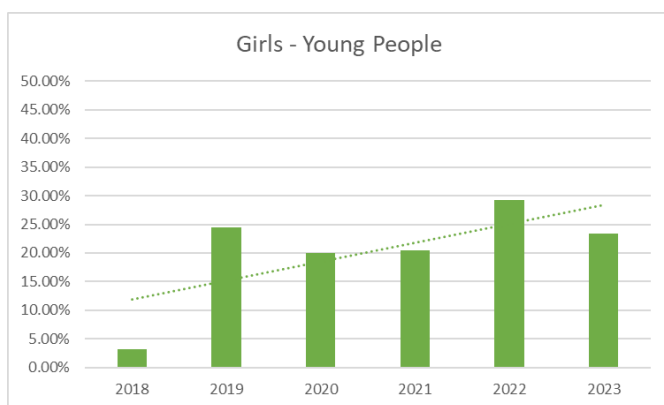
## Membership Numbers

After such a large increase last year in youth numbers, we saw our youth numbers consolidate this year. We saw a slight decline due to older Scouts leaving. Unfortunately, district was unable to offer an option for Explorer Section for these young people last year, so for some, their Scouting journey has ended. However, I am pleased to say that:

- Some Scouts have come back to us as young leaders, helping within each section.
- Since this census count we have seen an increase in numbers in Scout section and overall due to Cubs moving up and new starters.



We saw the ratio of girls drop this year, however, this appears to be driven by numbers in the Scout section previously mentioned. We expect to see this ratio increase for next year as the young people flow back through. Our adult girl ratio has increased since the previous year. In 1918 65% of Cub leaders were women you can read more here: <https://heritage.scouts.org.uk/exhibitions/early-days-of-scouting-1907-1920/scoutingforgirls/> - Whether you're a girl or boy, if you are interested in becoming a leader, please contact me for a no obligation chat.



## Nights Away

Each section is targeted to offer a night/s away and I'm pleased that we managed to do the following last year:

- |                             |           |          |                          |
|-----------------------------|-----------|----------|--------------------------|
| - Fox Coverts               | 14 May 22 | 1 Night  | Scouts                   |
| - Willesley Campsite        | 4 Jun 22  | 1 Night  | Scouts                   |
| - Space Centre              | 10 Jun 22 | 1 Night  | Beavers, Cubs and Scouts |
| - Willesley Camp [District] | 11 Jun 22 | 1 Night  | Cubs and Scouts          |
| - Bournemouth               | 30 Jul 22 | 7 Nights | Scouts                   |
| - Scouts School Sleepover   | 12 Nov 22 | 1 Night  | Beavers, Cubs and Scouts |
| - Pillows and Pilots        | 18 Mar 22 | 1 Night  | Beavers, Cubs and Scouts |

It takes a tremendous amount of effort to organise the camps. Thank you to the leaders who go the extra mile to make it happen. Also a thank you to the leaders and adults who support these camps without you they simply can't happen.



## Events

What is astonishing is the amount of events we managed to do last year, here is a list:

- National Memorial Arboretum	9 Apr 22	Beavers, Cubs and Scouts
- British Touring Cars Test Day	21 Apr 22	Scouts
- Saint Georges Day [District]	24 Apr 22	Beavers, Cubs and Scouts
- Ashby Canal Hike	7 May 22	Beavers, Cubs and Scouts
- Triumph Motorcycles Factory	7 May 22	Beavers, Cubs and Scouts
- Sailing	2 Jul 22	Scouts
- Water activities	28 Jun 22	Cubs
- Hermitage Model Railway	5 Sep 22	Cubs
- Warhammer night	18 Sep 22	Scouts
- Halloween scream n scout [District]	29 Oct 22	Cubs and Scouts
- Remembrance Sunday	13 Nov 22	Beavers, Cubs and Scouts
- Cadburys World	19 Nov 22	Beavers, Cubs and Scouts
- Santa's Sleigh!	14 Dec 22	Scouts
- Cinderella Pantomime [District]	18 Dec 22	Beavers
- Aladdin : by Panto in a Day	18 Dec 22	Cubs
- Christmas Bowling	19 Dec 22	Scouts
- Astronomy Night	13 Feb 22	Scouts

I have included a couple of photos from one of my personal favourite event that I attended. You can read about a lot of the events on our website: <https://www.mbscouts.org.uk/news/article>



## Behind the Scenes

We really could do with more volunteers to become Trustees to help us maintain this level of success. We need people to fill these roles asap especially the Treasurer role, otherwise we very likely will not be able to support in the future the amount of activities that I have had the pleasure of reporting for this financial year.

I think the last year can be best summed up by Henry David Thoreau "Go confidently in the direction of your dreams. Live the life you have imagined." We have dreamed about achieving so many things over the past year, events, nights away, scout hut refurbishment, higher quality program, more leaders and more Chief Scout awards and I think you would be hard pushed to say that we did not fulfil any of those dreams. Please contact me if you are interested in joining a fabulous team of volunteers delivering a Scouting experience.

Thank you all for your ongoing support.

Yours in Scouting

**J SIMON JEFFERS – TRUSTEE– GROUP SCOUT LEADER AND TREASURER**

P.S. We are always learning and striving to improve: At each section meeting we see areas we can improve on as we do for each camp. Some improvements need investment in time, some in money and some in simply educating ourselves. If you see anything that can be improved or are able to volunteer whether it be for cleaning the kitchen or running an event please let me know.

## Beavers Section AGM Report 2022

We've had a fantastic year and our Beaver Colony continues to thrive with very healthy numbers and a waiting list! We love seeing our Beaver Scouts develop new skills each week and the Beaver Leadership Team works hard to provide an interesting and engaging programme. The pandemic has been particularly difficult for this cohort of Young People as it disrupted their opportunities for social interaction in their very early years. The Beaver Leaders take immense pride in developing our newest and often extremely shy Beavers, and seeing them 'swim up' as confident Cubs at the end of their time with us.



The Beaver Leadership Team has expanded considerably over the past year. From helping out on our Parent Rota to undertaking the '4 week challenge', we recruited Otter (Caron Stone) and Snail (Loretta Aylmer) as Section Assistants. Our Young Leader Koala (Kyle Jennings) turned 18 in the Autumn Term and received his Adult Leader uniform and is undertaking



training to be an Assistant Beaver Section Leader. Koala has been our Beavers Young Leader since he was 14, and so his surprise 18<sup>th</sup> birthday party the Beavers held for him was thoroughly deserved! We also welcomed our GSL's daughter Emily as our new Young Leader. "Squirrel" has become a much loved member of the Beaver Colony already, and is being supported with her Young Leader training.

Over the year, 11 of our Beavers 'swam-up' to Cubs, with 8 of those receiving their Chief Bronze Scout Awards, which is a big success for our Beaver Colony and credit should be given to the Leadership team who carried on throughout the pandemic delivering an adapted programme online, which still met all the requirements for the badges. The Bronze Scout award takes a lot of time and dedication from the Beavers, their parents/carers and the Leaders, so we were delighted to have awarded such a high number.

In the Summer term of 2022, the Beavers worked towards their Collector, Explore, Gardener, Builder, Hikes, Nights Away and Digital Citizen badges. The Beavers really enjoyed their all-section visit to





the Triumph Motorcycle Museum in Hinckley, followed by a 2.5 mile hike down the Ashby Canal. Fortunately, no Beavers were seen swimming in the canal!

In combination with their Gardener badge, the Beavers grew a variety of plants and made seed bombs and sunflower kits to sell at our 'Beavers Garden Centre and Pop-Up Café', with the profits contributing to the Scout Hut internal renovation.



The Beavers had lots of fun at our National Space Centre sleepover in Leicester, with the most hardcore then joining the District Camp at Willesley Scout Campsite the following day to sleep under canvas for their second night!

We ended the year with a party to celebrate Fox's forthcoming nuptials and the Beavers presented her with bridal shower gifts. Many thanks to all who contributed to our collection for Fox.

The Autumn term in 2022 saw us working towards our World, Faith, International, Navigator and



Global badges. In October we headed back to Market Bosworth Rugby Club as the very exciting internal renovations on the Scout Hut had started. We had a visit from Muslim leader Bijal, who taught the Beavers about Islam and other faiths. We had a trip to the library for a very chilled Yoga session from local instructor Fay, who took the Beavers on a fantastic magical Yoga journey.

Many of the Beavers took part in our Remembrance Day sleepover at St Peters Primary School, followed by the Remembrance Day Service at St Peters Church and Parade through Market Bosworth. Our Beavers were very respectful and impeccably behaved throughout and we were very proud of them.

An all-section trip to Cadbury World was an amazing day out for the Beavers, although we cannot confirm exactly how much chocolate was consumed on the trip!



Just before Christmas, our Beaver Scouts joined other Beaver colonies from across Leicestershire at DeMontfort Hall for a Pantomime performance of Cinderella. We then rounded off the year with a Christmas party, because the Beavers and all the Leaders never miss an opportunity for a party!

In the Spring term, we focused on our Disability Awareness, Community Impact, Musician and Digital Maker badges. Beaver Parent and Physio Cheryl Johnson visited us with lots of different disability aids, which the Beavers used to experience limited mobility. They also learned some Makaton, spelled their name in braille using Skittles sweets, and their favourite activity was blindfolded jam sandwich making! For our Musician badge we made our own guitars and musical instruments and

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Pedro Pony brought in a selection of his guitars to show the Beaver Scouts. For our Digital Maker badge the Beaver Scouts learned about coding, and used Scratch to design their own Campsite.

A few of the Beaver Scouts joined the all-section Pillows and Pilots sleepover at RAF Museum Midlands (RAF Cosford). The highlight of the sleepover was definitely the 'silent disco' inside an aircraft!

We are all so incredibly proud of our Beaver Scouts this year. Everywhere we go we are complimented on their behaviour and engagement. We are fully committed to Youth-Led Scouting and our regular 'Log Chews' help the Leaders to understand what the Beaver Scouts want to do and incorporate this into our programme planning. This year we have awarded 330 badges, each one meeting the badge requirements and very well earned, and 64 more badges than the previous year! That's a lot of sewing for our Beaver Scout Parents!



**FOX (ABI), HEDGEHOG (LINDSAY), PEDRO PONY (PEDRO), KOALA (KYLE), OTTER (CARON), SNAIL (LORETTA) AND SQUIRREL (EMILY) - BEAVER SECTION LEADERSHIP TEAM**



## Friday Cubs Report

The start of our Friday evenings can sometimes feel like we have uncaged a weeks worth of pent up crazy from following school rules, it certainly starts my weekend with huge a burst of energy thanks to all the Cubs.

We started this section a little over 2 years ago, with rather less experience than Blossom can bring to a Monday night but hopefully just as much enthusiasm. Thankfully we had Duncan join from Solihull, which whilst a sad loss for them was our gain as Duncan brought with him decades of Scouting wisdom. WhatsApp tells me that the date we started 2 years ago was 20/4/2021 and that Paul created our Friday Cub Leaders group chat, which seems particularly fitting since he is soon to take over the reigns as Akala having gone full circle to rejoin us.



The start of this year, whilst a very long while ago, was notable for how many of the Boys moved onto Scouts, perhaps a little earlier than we would have liked but the FOMO or urge not to miss out was too strong to hold onto most of them. This left us with 3 senior sixers that stayed the course.

When we reviewed badge work and progress this Spring we were delighted that the 3 of them had completed all of their Challenges with us and were eligible to receive their Chief Scout Silver Award. They received this award last month at the start of their journey in Scouts. This is hard earned and only a handful of Cubs each year achieve this.

2 out of the 3 Cubs that received this award were Girls. This statistic sums up how balanced our Section now is with 43% of our Cubs on Fridays being girls. I'm immensely proud that we include a fun, challenging and rewarding experience for both girls and boys.

The parents deserve a big thankyou this year for being so patient and understanding for so much of it as we constantly moved from one venue to the next whilst the refurbishment was being carried out. At times as a leader

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this was nearly all consuming and for the GSL it certainly was. Without a GSL that so tirelessly stuck to the task the Cubs would not have such a first-rate venue to meet in for the years to come. I would also like to thank everyone else that helped us move back into our new Hut once construction was over.

Our young leader has grown immeasurably in the last 12 months, in my eyes she is a reliable and equal part of the leadership team and certainly not young in anything but name.

As I look to the future I hope that more Cubs will achieve their Silver award next year than this.

**IAN (BADGER) – TRUSTEE -  
CUB SECTION LEADER**



## Monday Cubs Report

We have been actively busy over the last year we have had Cubs move on to the Scout section and new ones move up from Beaver Scouts section. We have been out of the hut for most of the year using the rugby club and the community library due to the refurbishment.

Our first night back after the summer holiday last year we attended the north west Leicestershire model railway club at hermitage recreation ground where the cubs got the chance to have a close look at a miniature steam train and got rides on the 3.1/2 track miniature railway. The club thanked us for some very well behaved cubs, and we also made it in there newsletter.



We have also done lots of things like shooting and archery sessions and we've also visited the local fire station which the cubs and leaders enjoyed. We have done wide game in the village where we asked the young people to find three parents who were hidden in Bosworth. They used their maps to find them, and as the parents could have been anywhere in the park or the village it was a great challenge which the parents also enjoyed.



We have built dens in the woods even an animal hide which we noticed over time that something had been using it. We did orienteering in the dark in Bosworth Park which was a challenge!

We have had challenges with the weather at times from rain, wind and frozen ground but we persevered we did revert to a zoom session.

We have some fun activities coming up we have some visitors coming to join us to talk about adhd on one evening as some of the cubs showed an interest in learning why some of the cubs have different aspects to others.

We have a canoeing session coming up from part of the water activities team which should be a good evening at Moira Furnace

We have welcomed James Kendrick to the team and also gained a new young leader to help us.

It's been fun with challenges we look forward to another year of fun and activities.

### BLOSSOM - CUB LEADER



## Monday Scouts Report



The past 12 months have been a very good time for the Scout Section.

Last July and August saw the Troop's first "proper" summer camp since before the pandemic, with twenty of us descending on Butcher's Coppice camp Site in Bournemouth for a week that has been described as "epic". Highlights of the camp included an afternoon at Splashdown, a day on Brownsea Island, the birthplace of Scouting, and a final evening out at Nando's among other exciting trips. The camp was well received by both Scouts and parents, and was featured heavily in the local press.

Due to the ongoing renovations to the Hut, the Section continued as much as possible with its policy of putting the "Out" in "Scouting", taking full advantage of the range of alternative meeting places in the area.

Activities included in our programme, planned to a large extent by the Scouts themselves, have included night hikes, cooking, shelter building, fire lighting, navigation exercises, and an evening of mental health first aid.

As well as this, the Section attended the Group sleepover at the school, the Mallory Mile, Pillows and Pilots at the RAF Museum, and the annual District camp at Willesley, where we won the Tug of War competition.

We have also seen our first Expedition Challenge team for several years successfully complete their project, which included 2 ten-mile hikes and an overnight camp, remotely supported by leaders. The camp was held under what we call an Event Passport, which means that no adults remained on site overnight, which highlights how effective Scouting is at achieving its aim of helping Young People achieve their potential and take responsibility for themselves and others.

As a result of this successful Expedition, three of the Troop achieved their Chief Scout's Gold Awards, the highest possible award for a member of the Scout Section, and an amazing achievement. It won't surprise you to hear that several other members are well on the way to achieving theirs.

We're also glad to say that the three Chief Scouts Gold awardees are still with us, and have taken up roles as Young Leaders in our Cub and Beaver Sections.



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So, what of the future? We're continuing with our aim of helping the Scouts take as much responsibility for the programme as possible, while working within a framework composed of the nine Challenge badges that make up the Chief Scout's Gold Award. We have two camps planned already, a weekend at Summer Solstice, and our annual summer camp, which the Scouts have decided to hold at Rhydd Covert, next door to the West Midlands Safari Park. And of course, we'll be continuing to teach #SkillsForLife while having #EverydayAdventures!

Of course, none of this could have been achieved without our team of volunteers, and especially our Young Leaders Ellis and Niall, who have proved their worth time and again. Our adult volunteers have done a great job too, and deserve a big thank you for giving up their time for the Section. A special mention for Paul, who has been an incredibly valuable member of the team since he joined us during the pandemic. Paul is taking a step back from the Scout Section to take up the role of Section Leader at our Friday Cub Pack, and we know he'll do an excellent job there.

We'd also like to extend a big thank you to the parents of our Scouts for their support and trust. Without you, Scouting in Bosworth would not be the success story it is today.



KIRK – SCOUT LEADER



# Grants and Fundraising Report 2021-22

## Scout Hut refurbishment: - Project completed

I would like to firstly mention the young people and their involvement in fundraising. In the last year they have sponsored walked on the Ashby Canal hike, run section cafés, supported Santa sled and one Cub Scout [Alfred] cycled 200 miles cycle for new camp equipment. As well as fundraise they have endured being outside whilst work has been done over winter for the Scout hut refurbishment, they have also drawn and provided ideas for us to include in grant applications. Without their hard work we would not have been able to secure the support of the organisations we are about to thank. Well done young people.

The scout hut refurbishment has been done in two phases, the 1<sup>st</sup> was to secure the building itself to ensure that it was protected from the elements with new windows, doors, guttering, rendering, external insulation and upgrade the path and fence along the side of the hut. This work was carried out in 2021/2022.

The 2<sup>nd</sup> phase where the work was carried out in 2022/2023 was to secure disabled access [ramp] into the scout hut and throughout the Scout hut by moving a storeroom and to install a disabled toilet. We also refurbished the current toilet, kitchen and store room's. We choose to heat the hut with infrared heaters as we felt that would be the most energy and cost effective way considering the amount and type of use the hut has. We have also installed LED strip lighting and led spotlights for energy efficiency.

We believe that the work done has secured the scout hut use as a premise for Scouting in Market Bosworth for the next 10 to 30+ more years. We are humbled that people and organisations have given their time, resources and/or money to Market Bosworth Scout Group. Our thanks go to:

Trustees-Dixie educational foundation,  
Paul Scragg-Hinckley and Bosworth  
Dr Luke Evans-MP  
Lee Ward-Hayward's Architects  
Sue Davies-Bernard Sunley  
Darrell Gillett-Resurfacing  
Jonathan Griffin / Adrian Wray-Forward 5  
Vance Harvey-JC Brooks Trust Fund  
Paula-Leslie Charitable Trust  
Cathy Monkman-Parish Council  
Our Trustees / Exec members  
Rhys-Mallory Associates  
Michael-Quiz master  
Steve Dumford-Rugby Club  
Alex – Dixie Arms

Martin Cartwright-PCIF - Hinckley and Bosworth,  
Maureen Cook-Hinckley and Bosworth  
Jez Harding-J Harding Construction  
Scout Group fundraising  
John Moore-JLR Joinery  
The Directors-Rank Foundation  
Helen-Maud Elkington  
Mrs J L Capers-Will  
Mark Simpson-Extra Room Storage  
John Hayes-Rotary  
Charlotte Scott- Grants  
Chris Johnson-Drawings  
Chris McCormick – Bar for fundraising  
Dick Bates-Community Library  
Peter Bailey -Structural Report

## **Scout Hut defib:** - Project completed

A defib arriving wasn't part of the plan of our refurbishment. We were contacted by Market Bosworth Rotary towards the end of the project to see if we would consider having one installed. Our trustees met with John and Clare from the Rotary and a case was put forward and accepted. Next was how we were going to fund this installation. Our thanks go to:

Clare Ashdown Rotary  
Steve Astbury Electrical

Jez Harding J Harding Construction  
Scout Group fundraising

## **Scout Section** – 80% completed

Our Scouts wrote to and had a grant accepted by the Trustees-of Dixie educational foundation who awarded it at our last AGM. The grant was for New Blinds, Projector and Screen, Fridge, Microwave. We have purchased and installed all bar the blinds at the time of writing. Our thanks go to:

Trustees-of Dixie educational foundation

### Ongoing projects

The following projects are ongoing, If you are interested in supporting this project please let me know.

#### **Poles for our Traditional Tents:** - 60% funding secured, project ongoing

We have raised £750 from our Parish Council and we have applied for a grant from another organisation of £485.52 to complete this project and await the outcome.

#### **Power for CPAP machines and lighting:** - 42% funding secured, project ongoing

We have raised £500 from Market Bosworth Rotary and we have applied for a grant from another organisation for £700 to complete this project and await the outcome.

#### **Chairs, chair storage and table storage** - started

We are looking to raise £3,572.26 to replace chairs and purchase wheelable chair and table storage. To 1) provide safer and tidy storage of these items, 2) safer way of transporting table and chairs, especially for less able people. We have applied for a grant from an organisation to complete this project and await the outcome.

It would be great if we can fill this role with a dedicated volunteer, if you are interested in knowing more about the Grant role, please contact me.

### **J S JEFFERS – TRUSTEE – GROUP SCOUT LEADER AND TREASURER**

END OF ANNUAL REPORT

**Scrutineer's Report to the Trustees of the  
1st Market Bosworth Scout Group charity number 516422**

I report on the accounts of the Group/District for the year ended 31/03/2023

**Respective responsibilities of Trustees and Scrutineer**

As the Group's trustees you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts; you consider that neither the audit nor independent examination requirements of the Charities Act 2011 apply. It is my responsibility without carrying out an audit or independent examination to scrutinise the accounts and to report to you.

**Basis of Scrutineer's Statement**

In accordance with the directions given in the Group constitution, I have scrutinised the records and the accounts set out on pages 1 to 3

**Scrutineer's Statement**

In my opinion the accounts are in accordance with the records produced to me and comply with the constitution.

Name: Dawn Igoe  
Retired Accountant  
Address: 39 Main Street, Carlton, CV13 0BZ

Signed 

Date 21/6/2023.

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England & Wales - Charity number 516422

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# Accounts

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## Group Annual Report 2022

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### Chair Report

Well we came back from Covid with a bang!

Every year there are so many people to thank, but this year seems a huge year for us in terms of support from people and associations. I would personally like to thank the leaders who, through adversity, have really delivered a truly first class programme for all our young people. From keeping them engaged on Zoom, to face to face in the Scout Hut; to being on camp/sleepovers and activities outside the hut. Without these exceptional volunteers running the programme for our young people, we would not be as successful as we have become.

Everyone of our volunteers has a key role in our group, but I would like to thank Lindsey (Hedgehog) for being the driving force behind our new look/new content website. I would also like to thank Kate for keeping the content up to date and relevant in terms of what the group has been up to over the year.

I would also like to thank three key members of the group who will be leaving us this year.

First up, Charlotte Scott! Thank you from all of us here for everything you have done in terms of fundraising for our not so little group. The hut has been totally renovated which is all down to you. An amazing achievement seen as you have no children who attend Scouts! Charlotte can be very proud of the new look hut and how it will benefit our group going forward.

Thank you to Claire Atkins. Our very thorough and fabulous Treasurer. Through Claire's expertise she has been able to give the Exec the direction needed in order for the group to spend money where needed. The Hardship Fund was Claire's idea and will be her lasting legacy for our group as new young people join and can enjoy scouting with help from the Exec.

Thank you to Kate Steadman. Kate even moved County during lockdown, but with thanks to Zoom has remained with us for three years. We are so grateful for all that you do for the Scouts and for keeping our website up to date and for the ongoing support you have given the group through Covid.

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	2021 to 2022
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	£
<b>Cash funds</b>	
Bank current account	18,124.77
Bank deposit account	32,180.77
Building society account	0.00
The Scout Association Short Term Investment Service	0.00
Cash/Floats	0.00
<b>Total cash funds</b>	<b>50,305.54</b>
<b>Other monetary assets</b>	
Tax claim	0.00
Debts due from the County/Area/District/Group	0.00
Insurance claim	0.00
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>0.00</b>
<b>Investment assets</b>	
Investment property - detail	0.00
Quoted investments	0.00
Other investments - detail	0.00
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>0.00</b>
<b>Non monetary assets for charity's own use</b>	
Badge stock	0.00
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Other stock	0.00
Land and buildings	0.00
Motor vehicles	0.00
Scouting equipment, furniture etc	0.00
Other	0.00
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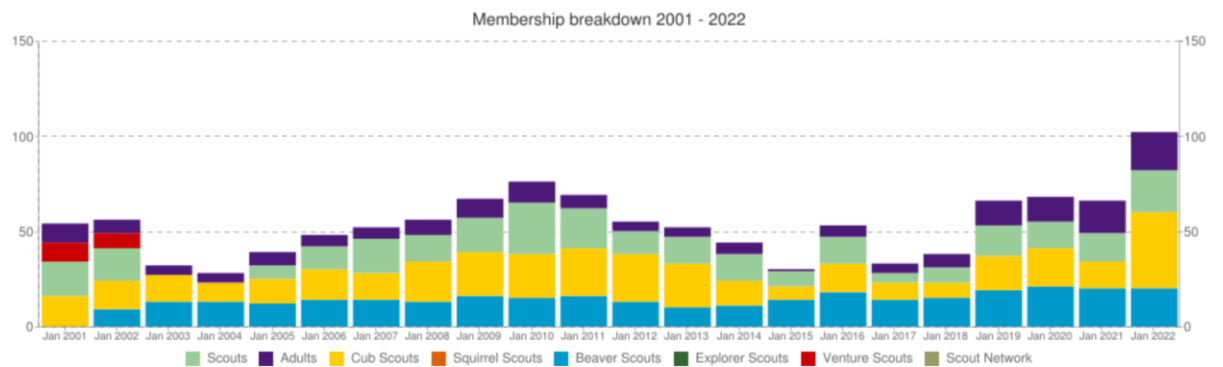
# GSL Report

Time again for the reflective look back at the last year for the period of April 21 to March 22. It always feels strange when we have recent activities at the forefront of our minds: National Arboretum, St Georges Day and all the awards our leaders got, Triumph Factory, fundraisers; Quiz and Chips, Cub Café, Ashby Canal walk – oh next years report is going to be a long write and read.

So what happened last year; well the biggest news was something that was youth led, unexpected and a major change for our group. We had so much demand for another Cub section in April 2021 we needed to adapt our 5 year plan and we opened a second night. Friday Cubs was born with the help of Ian “Badger/Akela”, Tom with Paul and Abi “Fox” coming to help with the first months and “as and when” they can going forward. Even more impressive was that we were still coming out of lockdown so this started with covid restrictions in place. A big thanks to our Monday Cubs who have been amazingly supportive working together on planning sharing programs and a BIGGER THANKS to the young people for showing the interest and staying with us.

Friday Cubs has been a success and this is shown in our youth numbers that were reported in February 2022 in our annual census.

I am so pleased to say that we can announce a 21 year high in youth and adult involvement in Market Bosworth Scouts with our group size increasing to over 100 involved.

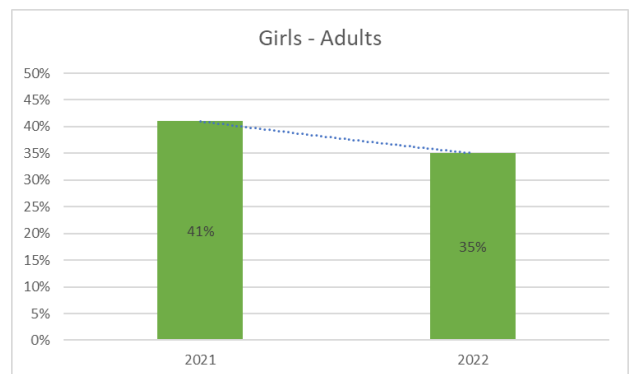
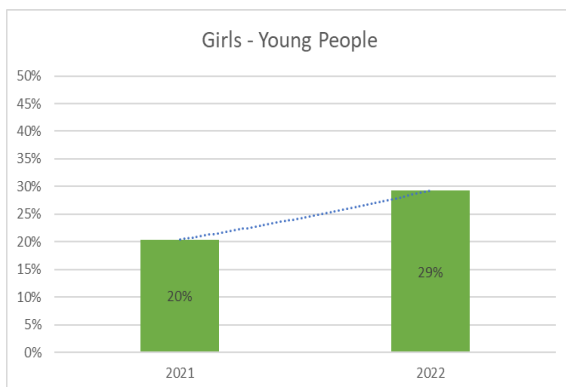


We have also grown the amount of girls in Scouting from 20% to 29% from 10 girls to 24 girls.

Our woman leaders remained the same at 3 leaders, however with recruiting more male leaders as a percentage we saw a decrease. In 1918 65% of Cub leaders were women you can read more here:

<https://heritage.scouts.org.uk/exhibitions/early-days-of-scouting-1907-1920/scoutingforgirls/>

If your interested in becoming a leader, please contact me for a no obligation chat.



## Nights Away

Each section is targeted to offer a night/s away and I'm pleased that we managed to do the following last year:

1. Saturday 7th August 2021 for 1 night - Willesley Camp Site –Beavers Scouts and Fri Cub Scouts
2. Saturday 7th August 2021 for 4 nights - Willesley Camp Site – Scouts
3. Saturday 11th September 2021 for 1 night - Willesley Camp Site – Scouts
4. Friday 17th September 2021 for 2 nights - The Oaks Scout Campsite - Cub Scouts
5. Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> November 2021 for 1 night – Scout Hut – Beaver Scouts

We are really lucky to have some leaders in our group who have their nights away permits which allows us to take the young people on these trips. As I found out personally last year to get your nights away permit is a tough process with a lot of prep work and then rigorous assessment. We are also very fortunate to have instructors for Archery and Air rifle shooting in our group.

It takes a tremendous amount of effort to organise the camps. Thank you to the leaders who go the extra mile to make it happen. Also a thank you to the leaders and adults who support these camps without you they simply can't happen.



I would like to take this opportunity to give some more thank you's focusing on the work behind the scenes.

## Behind the Scenes

Our Grants and fundraising wonder woman – Charlotte - for going superhuman. Not only have we completed the £24K exterior project for the Scout hut we have hit our £50K target for the ramp and interior project. Charlotte has been an amazing driving force behind the scenes securing Scouting in Market Bosworth for future generations. She very much deserved the Unsung Hero award she received in April 2022, and these few lines do not do justice to the dedication and time given and the long lasting effects that the Scout Hut improvements will bring. THANK YOU.

You can read more about the award Charlotte received here:

<https://www.mbscouts.org.uk/news/article/our-market-bosworth-unsung-hero>

Our Leaders, Abi, Lindsay, Mike, Blossom, Pedro, Jenny, Ian, Tom, Kirk, Paul, Ed, Alex, Jon – I am in awe of you. To manage your work life, personal life, move between virtual scouting, rugby club outdoor then indoor at the Scout hut, badge and necker shortages, whilst proving a decent program all the while. Thank you so much for all the hours Scouting we don't see.

Blossom received an Award for Merit in April 2022 in appreciation for all he does in Scouting. You can read more about the award Blossom received here:

<https://www.mbscouts.org.uk/news/article/blossom-gets-bar-to-the-award-for-merit>

I managed to sneak in with an award of merit this year and can be seen below pictured with my son Henry.

Our Website Guru's – Lindsay and Kate – we are really seeing the benefit of the website, it helps our grants / fundraising, news articles are flowing in about what we are up to and it has an easy back end admin for new joiners.

Our Exec – Nix, Claire, Kate and Ian – for supporting our leaders and ensuring the survival of the Scout Group for future generations. Our leaders are very grateful knowing there is a strong Exec who listen to them and take on board what they need.

A big thank you to the Rugby club for helping us with a location to run our meetings they have continued to be so generous.

And the BIGGEST THANK YOU goes to all the families of the leaders and Exec members. Picking up the pieces of family life whilst we are volunteering. THANK YOU



## Chief Scout Awards

Each year since I joined in 2017 I have seen improvements in the program delivery and we are getting a lot closer to seeing more Cub and Scouts Chief Scout Awards. I am looking forward to next years report where I am hopeful of being able to share young people successes in this area.

## Special mention

We will be seeing, Charlotte, Kate and Claire leaving their current roles this year. I cannot thank them enough for all the support they have personally provided to me and to the Scout Group. I am sure that Claire will miss the bank runs, Kate will miss the news article uploads and Charlotte will miss chasing me. I certainly will miss them. Thank you for choosing to volunteer at Market Bosworth Scout Group you have been amazing.

To Abi "Fox" and Will on the birth of Albert our youngest person on the starting list for 1<sup>st</sup> Market Bosworth Scout Group. I got the impression that Abi may have been back Scouting before she was back working such is her dedication to the Beaver Scouts!

I think last year and our current recruitment request for new volunteers can be best summed up by Ralph Waldo Emerson who once said "Unless you try to do something beyond what you have already mastered, you will never grow.". I don't think any of us will consider ourselves a master in Scouting and we have managed to see growth in youth and adult numbers and in grants and fundraising. Please contact me if your interested in joining a fabulous team of volunteers delivering a Scouting experience.

Thank you all for your ongoing support.

Yours in Scouting

**SIMON JEFFERS - GROUP SCOUT LEADER**

P.S. We are always learning and striving to improve: At each section meeting we see areas we can improve on as we do for each camp. Some improvements need investment in time, some in money and some in simply educating ourselves. If you see anything that can be improved or are able to volunteer whether it be for cleaning the kitchen or running an event please let me know.

## Beavers Section AGM Report 2022

After 14 months of Beavers meetings over Zoom, it was so good to safely return back to face-to-face scouting in May 2021! We started with some very needed camp crafts with camp fires and s'mores making, and den building at Market Bosworth Rugby Club. This really helped us get to know our newest Beavers that we invested over Zoom, and reconnect with our pre-lockdown Beaver Scouts! We are very grateful to MBRFC for offering us use of their outdoor areas and clubhouse which meant that we could restart face-to-face scouting after lockdown outdoors and then indoors into the winter term when our Scout Hut was being externally renovated.



We held an end-of-year party and presentation night in July at the rugby club at which we invested **5** new Beaver Scouts and presented Chief Bronze Scout Awards to **10** former-Beaver Scouts who'd swam up to Cubs during the lockdown. Every Beaver Scout and Leader received a personalised 'Zoom award' medal and certificate for their contribution during our time online.

From April 2021 to March 2022 we worked towards our Cyclist, Safety, Hobbies, Animal Friend, Creative, Experiment, Space, Cook, Camp Craft and Health & Fitness activity badges. We also completed our Air Activities, Navigator and Emergency Aid level 1 staged badges, as well as working towards the very important Challenge Badges for the Chief Bronze Scout Award. A lot of the activities undertaken to achieve these badges were requested by the Beavers themselves during our termly 'log-chews', where the Beavers shape the programme with their own ideas and the Leaders

facilitate to make it happen.

The Beavers got back under canvas at our August Camp at Willesley and Remembrance Day

Sleepover at the Scout hut. For many of the Beaver Scouts these events were their first nights away from their parents and carers, and they gained Nights Away badges for these events. A big thank you to our GSL Simon 'Unicorn' for arranging the August camp, and congratulations on receiving his Nights Away



# 1st Market Bosworth Scout Group

Permit after his successful assessment at our Willesley camp, and for being our NAP holder at our Remembrance Day Sleepover.

In total, we have awarded 266 badges this year! We have a thriving and full Beaver Colony, with a waiting list of Beavers-in-Training! Each week the Beavers bring their smiles and enthusiasm to our meetings and it is a pleasure working with all these Young People.



In October we said a temporary goodbye to Fox as she went on maternity leave, with the Leaders, Parents and Carers contributing to a baby shower basket for her little Cub. Baby Albert arrived in early November, and following Fox's return to Beavers in the new year, Albert has become a very much loved member of our Colony! Due to Fox's maternity leave, we welcomed both Fox and Hedgehog's

other halves Will (Rat) and Mike (Wild Boar) into the Colony as Section Assistants, to give us a helping hand when required. We were also grateful to James and Ellis, who often attend meetings in their Cub uniforms and give assistance to the Beavers, and provide good role models for our Beaver Scouts.

This year we started to operate a Parent Helper rota which has been wonderful for our Colony. We asked for help from each family just once per term, and the feedback we've had from the Parents and Carers has been great. They've really enjoyed seeing what goes on at the Beaver sessions each week, they've got stuck in and their own Beaver Scouts have really enjoyed having them attend! We'll continue this rota and hopefully will be able to get more grown-ups through our 4 week challenge and signed up as Section Assistants!



Finally, we'd like to say a massive thank you to our GSL Simon Jeffers, our Chair Nix Morgan and all our Executive Committee for everything they do behind the scenes for our Scout Group. Also a massive thanks to Charlotte Scott for all her fundraising efforts and to the whole team for the next stage of Scout Hut renovation. We cannot wait to have a newly refurbished and functioning Scout Hut with the facilities and accessibility for us to continue Scouting for all in Market Bosworth for many years to come.



**FOX (ABI), HEDGEHOG (LINDSAY), PEDRO PONY (PEDRO) & KOALA (KYLE) - BEAVER SECTION LEADERSHIP TEAM**

## Friday Cubs Report

Core leaders starting to get the hang of things with Tom eager to take the cubs on their own camp this autumn.

5 Cubs have moved on to Scouts to date, sadly prior to achieving their silver badge. This will be a good target for those yet to move on.

Sessions over the last year have included, navigation and night hikes, backwoods cooking, jubilee, Eid, sports, cycling, teamwork, cooking and cycling.

I have seen them smiling laughing crying failing and succeeding through this last year.

Most impressively was how quickly and competently they packed away their tents and kit on district camp, they are not little beavers anymore and some are well on their way to being young adults.

IAN (BADGER) – CUB SECTION LEADER



## Monday Cubs Report

Well what can I say! We have steadily grown over the last two years, opening another cub section. We have a good leadership team consisting of myself Blossom, Peter Hardy (Pedro), Jenny Curtis (Wren) and fingers crossed we will have another leader with us soon who is new to the role, James Kendrick.

We have led some fun activities over the last two years moving to Zoom at the start of the pandemic. We have had scavenger hunts in the home, we have had District Camp at home which one or two participated in over that weekend. We have done cooking at home and some weeks we only had one or two join the sessions but we kept going.

It has been hard but we prevailed and persevered. When we could finally get back to face-to-face scouting we had the privilege of using the Rugby Club in Market Bosworth which was a great help. We did backwards cooking, rambles in the woods and utilising the Country Park we built dens and left them up. We did a litter pick around the village and were noticed by the locals who said we looked great and were well behaved, they thought it was good to see the youth groups making an effort for the village.

We have had visits from the local police who talked about stranger danger, stealing, home safety etc. They even stayed and presented some badges and we got them involved with a game of dodgeball. He stayed on shift to visit us especially and brought the 4X4 to show the kids.

The Cubs have been great to work with and enjoy coming and as leaders we love our time with them. We enjoy teaching our knowledge that we have learned over the years; we really like to find out what interests them and plan into the programme.

The Cubs have helped fundraise for the Scout Hut renovations, we held a Cub Café where the Cubs made cakes and biscuits plus lemonade and sold them in a pack.

We have had trips out to Triumph Motorcycle factory and the Cubs got the Guides stumped with a few questions. They commented on how well behaved they were and that they were a privilege to have. We then hiked back to Sutton Wharf with an ice-cream stop along the way.

We also attended the National Space Centre in Leicester for a sleepover with over 200 kids from different groups, 2 Scout Troops and 2 Schools. The kids were well entertained and slept in the galleries and then they were off to District Camp at Willesley in the morning.

So onwards and upwards, lots more planning with exciting things to come.

**ON BEHALF OF THE MONDAY CUB SCOUT LEADERS**

## Grants and Fundraising Report 2021-22

We had another successful year with grants and were able to actively start fundraising after covid restrictions relaxed. In June we secured the PCIF grant funding (£11,540) along with The Dixie Educational Foundation grant (£10,000) meant that we could get the contractors to carry out the Scout Hut Renovation Project.

With the outside complete the focus turned to finding the funds to develop the inside space and make the hut easier to access and use for those with disabilities. Once again, The Dixie Education Foundation were extremely generous with a grant (£15,000). The Market Bosworth Parish Council have continued to support us (£750). Many more applications were completed and, although not all successful, the bid to reach our £50,000 for the second phase of the project continued as I worked through the Fund Raising Plan. The Leslie Sells Charitable Trust supported us again (£1,000) and we received confirmation of funding (£5,000) being released by The Bernard Sunley Foundation one we had acquired the rest of the funds. Along with our own funds we had allocated the amount was being chipped away at. The Exec accepted a Hospitality Grant (£2,667). We had a successful Quiz and Chips Night in March raising £1,522.36. The Scouts were invited to go along with Team Parker Racing and bring a collection bucket and I also challenged each Section: Beavers, Cubs and Scouts to come up with their own fundraising event. Details can be found of their amazing achievements on our website as they took place after the dates we report on for this year, but are definitely worthy of thanks and a read. The application to The Maud Elkington Trust was another success (£1,500) and the same weekend we received the news that the application for the PCIF was also a success (£11,750). If you lived locally, you may have heard my celebration of delight at the fact that, what had seemed overwhelming to aspire to raise, was actually within our grasp to achieve! In total by the end of April we were under £1,000 short of our target.

All this has been achieved with the support of the Executive Committee, the letters of support from the Parish Council, Maureen Cook our Borough Councillor and Dr. Luke Evans our MP. The architectural drawings provided by Lee Hayward of Hayward Architects Limited were instrumental in securing funds and a key part of the grant application forms submitted. Many thanks go to all those who have, and continue to support the Scout Group. It has been a year of many hours of writing applications and all the other work that follows from these, plus the organisation planning and running the Quiz and Chips Night and many a night awake trying to work it all out! However, it has been a very successful year which has made it all worthwhile. To know this will provide the Scout Group and community with a much updated and versatile Scout Hut to use is amazing. I cannot wait to see what the next Fundraising and Grants Committee members out there will continue to achieve.

**CHARLOTTE SCOTT (GRANTS AND FUNDRAISING SUBCOMMITTEE)**

END OF ANNUAL REPORT

## Group Annual Report 2022

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### Chair Report

Well we came back from Covid with a bang!

Every year there are so many people to thank, but this year seems a huge year for us in terms of support from people and associations. I would personally like to thank the leaders who, through adversity, have really delivered a truly first class programme for all our young people. From keeping them engaged on Zoom, to face to face in the Scout Hut; to being on camp/sleepovers and activities outside the hut. Without these exceptional volunteers running the programme for our young people, we would not be as successful as we have become.

Everyone of our volunteers has a key role in our group, but I would like to thank Lindsey (Hedgehog) for being the driving force behind our new look/new content website. I would also like to thank Kate for keeping the content up to date and relevant in terms of what the group has been up to over the year.

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First up, Charlotte Scott! Thank you from all of us here for everything you have done in terms of fundraising for our not so little group. The hut has been totally renovated which is all down to you. An amazing achievement seen as you have no children who attend Scouts! Charlotte can be very proud of the new look hut and how it will benefit our group going forward.

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Detail 3	0.00
Other fundraising costs	0.00
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>12,215.00</b>
<b>Total Gross Expenditure</b>	<b>52,832.22</b>
<b>Asset and investment purchases, etc.</b>	<b>0.00</b>
<b>Total payments</b>	<b>52,832.22</b>
<b>Net of receipts/(payments)</b>	<b>24,765.87</b>
<b>Cash funds last year end</b>	
<b>Cash funds this year end</b>	<b>24,765.87</b>

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### Statements of Assets and Liabilities at the end of the year

Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the year	
	2021 to 2022
	Unrestricted funds
	£
<b>Cash funds</b>	
Bank current account	18,124.77
Bank deposit account	32,180.77
Building society account	0.00
The Scout Association Short Term Investment Service	0.00
Cash/Floats	0.00
<b>Total cash funds</b>	<b>50,305.54</b>
<b>Other monetary assets</b>	
Tax claim	0.00
Debts due from the County/Area/District/Group	0.00
Insurance claim	0.00
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>0.00</b>
<b>Investment assets</b>	
Investment property - detail	0.00
Quoted investments	0.00
Other investments - detail	0.00
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>0.00</b>
<b>Non monetary assets for charity's own use</b>	
Badge stock	0.00
Shop stock	0.00
Other stock	0.00
Land and buildings	0.00
Motor vehicles	0.00
Scouting equipment, furniture etc	0.00
Other	0.00
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>0.00</b>
<b>Liabilities</b>	
Accounts not yet paid	0.00
Expenses incurred but not invoiced	0.00
Subscriptions not yet paid	0.00
Loan - detail	0.00
Other liabilities	0.00
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>0.00</b>

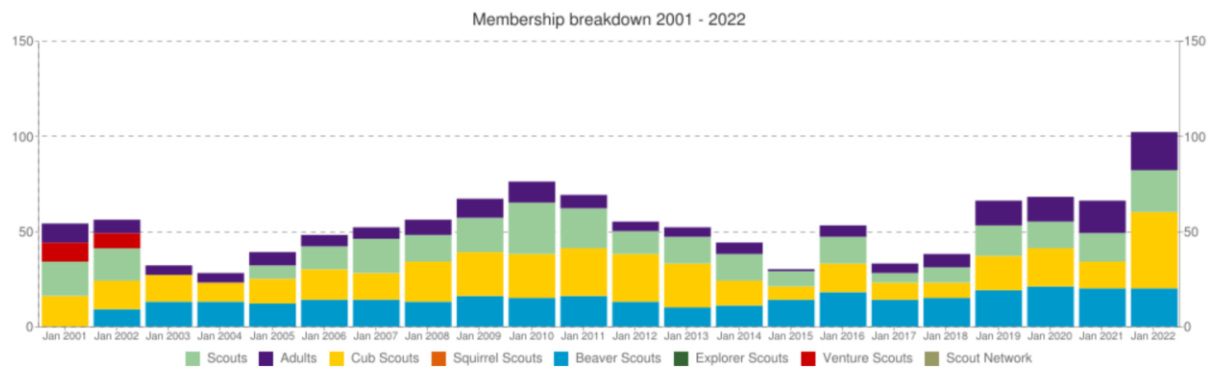
# GSL Report

Time again for the reflective look back at the last year for the period of April 21 to March 22. It always feels strange when we have recent activities at the forefront of our minds: National Arboretum, St Georges Day and all the awards our leaders got, Triumph Factory, fundraisers; Quiz and Chips, Cub Café, Ashby Canal walk – oh next years report is going to be a long write and read.

So what happened last year; well the biggest news was something that was youth led, unexpected and a major change for our group. We had so much demand for another Cub section in April 2021 we needed to adapt our 5 year plan and we opened a second night. Friday Cubs was born with the help of Ian “Badger/Akela”, Tom with Paul and Abi “Fox” coming to help with the first months and “as and when” they can going forward. Even more impressive was that we were still coming out of lockdown so this started with covid restrictions in place. A big thanks to our Monday Cubs who have been amazingly supportive working together on planning sharing programs and a BIGGER THANKS to the young people for showing the interest and staying with us.

Friday Cubs has been a success and this is shown in our youth numbers that were reported in February 2022 in our annual census.

I am so pleased to say that we can announce a 21 year high in youth and adult involvement in Market Bosworth Scouts with our group size increasing to over 100 involved.

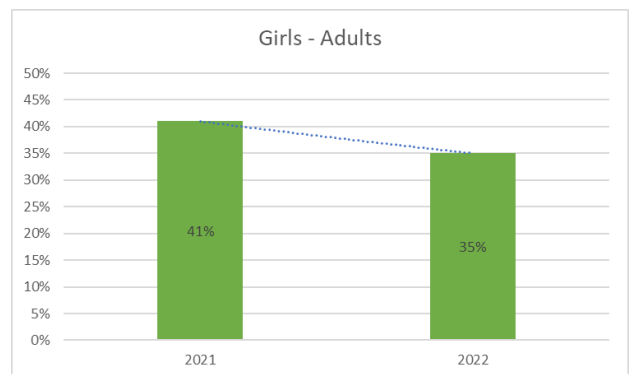
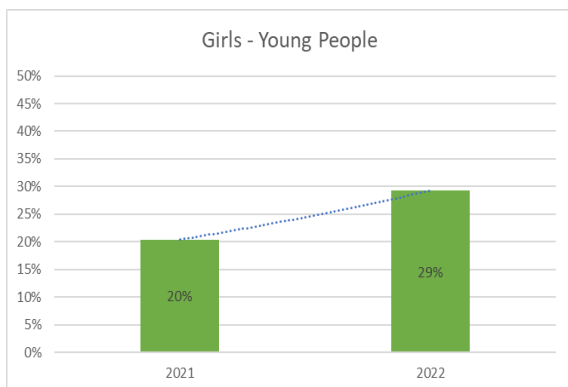


We have also grown the amount of girls in Scouting from 20% to 29% from 10 girls to 24 girls.

Our woman leaders remained the same at 3 leaders, however with recruiting more male leaders as a percentage we saw a decrease. In 1918 65% of Cub leaders were women you can read more here:

<https://heritage.scouts.org.uk/exhibitions/early-days-of-scouting-1907-1920/scoutingforgirls/>

If your interested in becoming a leader, please contact me for a no obligation chat.



## Nights Away

Each section is targeted to offer a night/s away and I'm pleased that we managed to do the following last year:

1. Saturday 7th August 2021 for 1 night - Willesley Camp Site –Beavers Scouts and Fri Cub Scouts
2. Saturday 7th August 2021 for 4 nights - Willesley Camp Site – Scouts
3. Saturday 11th September 2021 for 1 night - Willesley Camp Site – Scouts
4. Friday 17th September 2021 for 2 nights - The Oaks Scout Campsite - Cub Scouts
5. Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> November 2021 for 1 night – Scout Hut – Beaver Scouts

We are really lucky to have some leaders in our group who have their nights away permits which allows us to take the young people on these trips. As I found out personally last year to get your nights away permit is a tough process with a lot of prep work and then rigorous assessment. We are also very fortunate to have instructors for Archery and Air rifle shooting in our group.

It takes a tremendous amount of effort to organise the camps. Thank you to the leaders who go the extra mile to make it happen. Also a thank you to the leaders and adults who support these camps without you they simply can't happen.



I would like to take this opportunity to give some more thank you's focusing on the work behind the scenes.

## Behind the Scenes

Our Grants and fundraising wonder woman – Charlotte - for going super-sonic. Not only have we completed the £24K exterior project for the Scout hut we have hit our £50K target for the ramp and interior project. Charlotte has been an amazing driving force behind the scenes securing Scouting in Market Bosworth for future generations. She very much deserved the Unsung Hero award she received in April 2022, and these few lines do not do justice to the dedication and time given and the long lasting effects that the Scout Hut improvements will bring. THANK YOU.

You can read more about the award Charlotte received here:

<https://www.mbscouts.org.uk/news/article/our-market-bosworth-unsung-hero>

Our Leaders, Abi, Lindsay, Mike, Blossom, Pedro, Jenny, Ian, Tom, Kirk, Paul, Ed, Alex, Jon – I am in awe of you. To manage your work life, personal life, move between virtual scouting, rugby club outdoor then indoor at the Scout hut, badge and necker shortages, whilst proving a decent program all the while. Thank you so much for all the hours Scouting we don't see.

Blossom received an Award for Merit in April 2022 in appreciation for all he does in Scouting. You can read more about the award Blossom received here:

<https://www.mbscouts.org.uk/news/article/blossom-gets-bar-to-the-award-for-merit>

I managed to sneak in with an award of merit this year and can be seen below pictured with my son Henry.

Our Website Guru's – Lindsay and Kate – we are really seeing the benefit of the website, it helps our grants / fundraising, news articles are flowing in about what we are up to and it has an easy back end admin for new joiners.

Our Exec – Nix, Claire, Kate and Ian – for supporting our leaders and ensuring the survival of the Scout Group for future generations. Our leaders are very grateful knowing there is a strong Exec who listen to them and take on board what they need.

A big thank you to the Rugby club for helping us with a location to run our meetings they have continued to be so generous.

And the BIGGEST THANK YOU goes to all the families of the leaders and Exec members. Picking up the pieces of family life whilst we are volunteering. THANK YOU



## **Chief Scout Awards**

Each year since I joined in 2017 I have seen improvements in the program delivery and we are getting a lot closer to seeing more Cub and Scouts Chief Scout Awards. I am looking forward to next years report where I am hopeful of being able to share young people successes in this area.

## **Special mention**

We will be seeing, Charlotte, Kate and Claire leaving their current roles this year. I cannot thank them enough for all the support they have personally provided to me and to the Scout Group. I am sure that Claire will miss the bank runs, Kate will miss the news article uploads and Charlotte will miss chasing me. I certainly will miss them. Thank you for choosing to volunteer at Market Bosworth Scout Group you have been amazing.

To Abi "Fox" and Will on the birth of Albert our youngest person on the starting list for 1<sup>st</sup> Market Bosworth Scout Group. I got the impression that Abi may have been back Scouting before she was back working such is her dedication to the Beaver Scouts!

I think last year and our current recruitment request for new volunteers can be best summed up by Ralph Waldo Emerson who once said "Unless you try to do something beyond what you have already mastered, you will never grow.". I don't think any of us will consider ourselves a master in Scouting and we have managed to see growth in youth and adult numbers and in grants and fundraising. Please contact me if your interested in joining a fabulous team of volunteers delivering a Scouting experience.

Thank you all for your ongoing support.

Yours in Scouting

**SIMON JEFFERS - GROUP SCOUT LEADER**

P.S. We are always learning and striving to improve: At each section meeting we see areas we can improve on as we do for each camp. Some improvements need investment in time, some in money and some in simply educating ourselves. If you see anything that can be improved or are able to volunteer whether it be for cleaning the kitchen or running an event please let me know.

## Beavers Section AGM Report 2022

After 14 months of Beavers meetings over Zoom, it was so good to safely return back to face-to-face scouting in May 2021! We started with some very needed camp crafts with camp fires and s'mores making, and den building at Market Bosworth Rugby Club. This really helped us get to know our newest Beavers that we invested over Zoom, and reconnect with our pre-lockdown Beaver Scouts! We are very grateful to MBRFC for offering us use of their outdoor areas and clubhouse which meant that we could restart face-to-face scouting after lockdown outdoors and then indoors into the winter term when our Scout Hut was being externally renovated.



We held an end-of-year party and presentation night in July at the rugby club at which we invested **5** new Beaver Scouts and presented Chief Bronze Scout Awards to **10** former-Beaver Scouts who'd swam up to Cubs during the lockdown. Every Beaver Scout and Leader received a personalised 'Zoom award' medal and certificate for their contribution during our time online.

From April 2021 to March 2022 we worked towards our Cyclist, Safety, Hobbies, Animal Friend, Creative, Experiment, Space, Cook, Camp Craft and Health & Fitness activity badges. We also completed our Air Activities, Navigator and Emergency Aid level 1 staged badges, as well as working towards the very important Challenge Badges for the Chief Bronze Scout Award. A lot of the activities undertaken to achieve these badges were requested by the Beavers themselves during our termly 'log-chews', where the Beavers shape the programme with their own ideas and the Leaders

facilitate to make it happen.

The Beavers got back under canvas at our August Camp at Willesley and Remembrance Day

Sleepover at the Scout hut. For many of the Beaver Scouts these events were their first nights away from their parents and carers, and they gained Nights Away badges for these events. A big thank you to our GSL Simon 'Unicorn' for arranging the August camp, and congratulations on receiving his Nights Away



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Permit after his successful assessment at our Willesley camp, and for being our NAP holder at our Remembrance Day Sleepover.

In total, we have awarded 266 badges this year! We have a thriving and full Beaver Colony, with a waiting list of Beavers-in-Training! Each week the Beavers bring their smiles and enthusiasm to our meetings and it is a pleasure working with all these Young People.



In October we said a temporary goodbye to Fox as she went on maternity leave, with the Leaders, Parents and Carers contributing to a baby shower basket for her little Cub. Baby Albert arrived in early November, and following Fox's return to Beavers in the new year, Albert has become a very much loved member of our Colony! Due to Fox's maternity leave, we welcomed both Fox and Hedgehog's

other halves Will (Rat) and Mike (Wild Boar) into the Colony as Section Assistants, to give us a helping hand when required. We were also grateful to James and Ellis, who often attend meetings in their Cub uniforms and give assistance to the Beavers, and provide good role models for our Beaver Scouts.

This year we started to operate a Parent Helper rota which has been wonderful for our Colony. We asked for help from each family just once per term, and the feedback we've had from the Parents and Carers has been great. They've really enjoyed seeing what goes on at the Beaver sessions each week, they've got stuck in and their own Beaver Scouts have really enjoyed having them attend! We'll continue this rota and hopefully will be able to get more grown-ups through our 4 week challenge and signed up as Section Assistants!



Finally, we'd like to say a massive thank you to our GSL Simon Jeffers, our Chair Nix Morgan and all our Executive Committee for everything they do behind the scenes for our Scout Group. Also a massive thanks to Charlotte Scott for all her fundraising efforts and to the whole team for the next stage of Scout Hut renovation. We cannot wait to have a newly refurbished and functioning Scout Hut with the facilities and accessibility for us to continue Scouting for all in Market Bosworth for many years to come.



**FOX (ABI), HEDGEHOG (LINDSAY), PEDRO PONY (PEDRO) & KOALA (KYLE) - BEAVER SECTION LEADERSHIP TEAM**

## Friday Cubs Report

Core leaders starting to get the hang of things with Tom eager to take the cubs on their own camp this autumn.

5 Cubs have moved on to Scouts to date, sadly prior to achieving their silver badge. This will be a good target for those yet to move on.

Sessions over the last year have included, navigation and night hikes, backwoods cooking, jubilee, Eid, sports, cycling, teamwork, cooking and cycling.

I have seen them smiling laughing crying failing and succeeding through this last year.

Most impressively was how quickly and competently they packed away their tents and kit on district camp, they are not little beavers anymore and some are well on their way to being young adults.

IAN (BADGER) – CUB SECTION LEADER



## Monday Cubs Report

Well what can I say! We have steadily grown over the last two years, opening another cub section. We have a good leadership team consisting of myself Blossom, Peter Hardy (Pedro), Jenny Curtis (Wren) and fingers crossed we will have another leader with us soon who is new to the role, James Kendrick.

We have led some fun activities over the last two years moving to Zoom at the start of the pandemic. We have had scavenger hunts in the home, we have had District Camp at home which one or two participated in over that weekend. We have done cooking at home and some weeks we only had one or two join the sessions but we kept going.

It has been hard but we prevailed and persevered. When we could finally get back to face-to-face scouting we had the privilege of using the Rugby Club in Market Bosworth which was a great help. We did backwards cooking, rambles in the woods and utilising the Country Park we built dens and left them up. We did a litter pick around the village and were noticed by the locals who said we looked great and were well behaved, they thought it was good to see the youth groups making an effort for the village.

We have had visits from the local police who talked about stranger danger, stealing, home safety etc. They even stayed and presented some badges and we got them involved with a game of dodgeball. He stayed on shift to visit us especially and brought the 4X4 to show the kids.

The Cubs have been great to work with and enjoy coming and as leaders we love our time with them. We enjoy teaching our knowledge that we have learned over the years; we really like to find out what interests them and plan into the programme.

The Cubs have helped fundraise for the Scout Hut renovations, we held a Cub Café where the Cubs made cakes and biscuits plus lemonade and sold them in a pack.

We have had trips out to Triumph Motorcycle factory and the Cubs got the Guides stumped with a few questions. They commented on how well behaved they were and that they were a privilege to have. We then hiked back to Sutton Wharf with an ice-cream stop along the way.

We also attended the National Space Centre in Leicester for a sleepover with over 200 kids from different groups, 2 Scout Troops and 2 Schools. The kids were well entertained and slept in the galleries and then they were off to District Camp at Willesley in the morning.

So onwards and upwards, lots more planning with exciting things to come.

**ON BEHALF OF THE MONDAY CUB SCOUT LEADERS**

## Grants and Fundraising Report 2021-22

We had another successful year with grants and were able to actively start fundraising after covid restrictions relaxed. In June we secured the PCIF grant funding (£11,540) along with The Dixie Educational Foundation grant (£10,000) meant that we could get the contractors to carry out the Scout Hut Renovation Project.

With the outside complete the focus turned to finding the funds to develop the inside space and make the hut easier to access and use for those with disabilities. Once again, The Dixie Education Foundation were extremely generous with a grant (£15,000). The Market Bosworth Parish Council have continued to support us (£750). Many more applications were completed and, although not all successful, the bid to reach our £50,000 for the second phase of the project continued as I worked through the Fund Raising Plan. The Leslie Sells Charitable Trust supported us again (£1,000) and we received confirmation of funding (£5,000) being released by The Bernard Sunley Foundation one we had acquired the rest of the funds. Along with our own funds we had allocated the amount was being chipped away at. The Exec accepted a Hospitality Grant (£2,667). We had a successful Quiz and Chips Night in March raising £1,522.36. The Scouts were invited to go along with Team Parker Racing and bring a collection bucket and I also challenged each Section: Beavers, Cubs and Scouts to come up with their own fundraising event. Details can be found of their amazing achievements on our website as they took place after the dates we report on for this year, but are definitely worthy of thanks and a read. The application to The Maud Elkington Trust was another success (£1,500) and the same weekend we received the news that the application for the PCIF was also a success (£11,750). If you lived locally, you may have heard my celebration of delight at the fact that, what had seemed overwhelming to aspire to raise, was actually within our grasp to achieve! In total by the end of April we were under £1,000 short of our target.

All this has been achieved with the support of the Executive Committee, the letters of support from the Parish Council, Maureen Cook our Borough Councillor and Dr. Luke Evans our MP. The architectural drawings provided by Lee Hayward of Hayward Architects Limited were instrumental in securing funds and a key part of the grant application forms submitted. Many thanks go to all those who have, and continue to support the Scout Group. It has been a year of many hours of writing applications and all the other work that follows from these, plus the organisation planning and running the Quiz and Chips Night and many a night awake trying to work it all out! However, it has been a very successful year which has made it all worthwhile. To know this will provide the Scout Group and community with a much updated and versatile Scout Hut to use is amazing. I cannot wait to see what the next Fundraising and Grants Committee members out there will continue to achieve.

**CHARLOTTE SCOTT (GRANTS AND FUNDRAISING SUBCOMMITTEE)**

END OF ANNUAL REPORT

Scrutineer's Report to the Trustees of the 1<sup>st</sup> Market Bosworth Scout Group

I report on the accounts of the Group for the year ended 31 March 2022

**Respective responsibilities of Trustees and Scrutineer**

As the Group's Trustees you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts; you consider that neither audit nor independent examination requirements of the Charities Act 2011 apply. It is my responsibility without carrying out an audit or independent examination to scrutinise the accounts and report to you.

**Basis of Scrutineer's Statement**

In accordance with the directions given in the Group's consultation, I have scrutinised the records and the accounts set out in pages 1-3.

**Scrutineer's Statement**

In my opinion the accounts are in accordance with the records produced to me and comply with the consultation.

Name: Dawn Lodge, Retired, Leifried Accountant

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Carlton

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Date: 21-6-22