

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

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

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Payments Account 2022-23

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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
Sub total	23,985
Fundraising expenses	
Detail 1	
Detail 2	0
Detail 3	0
Other fundraising costs	234
Sub total	234

Total Gross Expenditure

24,220

Asset and investment purchases, etc.

0

Total payments

24,220

Net of receipts/(payments)

2,259

Cash funds last year end

24,910

Cash funds this year end

27,169

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Statements of Assets and Liabilities at the end of the year

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Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the year

2023/24	
Unrestricted funds	
£	
Cash funds	
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
Total cash funds	27,169
(agree balances with receipts and payments account)	
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Other monetary assets	
Tax claim	0
Debts due from the County/Area/District/Group	0
Insurance claim	0
Sub total	0
Investment assets	
Investment property - detail	0
Quoted investments	0
Other investments - detail	0
Sub total	0
Non monetary assets for charity's own use	
Badge stock	0
Shop stock	0
Other stock	0
Land and buildings	0
Motor vehicles	0
Scouting equipment, furniture etc	0
Other	0
Sub total	0
Liabilities	
Accounts not yet paid	0
Expenses incurred but not invoiced	
Subscriptions not yet paid	0
Loan - detail	0
Other liabilities	0
Sub total	0
Total net assets	27,169

The above receipts and payments account and statement of assets and liabilities were approved by the Trustees on 11th November 2024 (the date of the Executive Committee meeting that approved the accounts) and signed on their behalf by

Signature

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

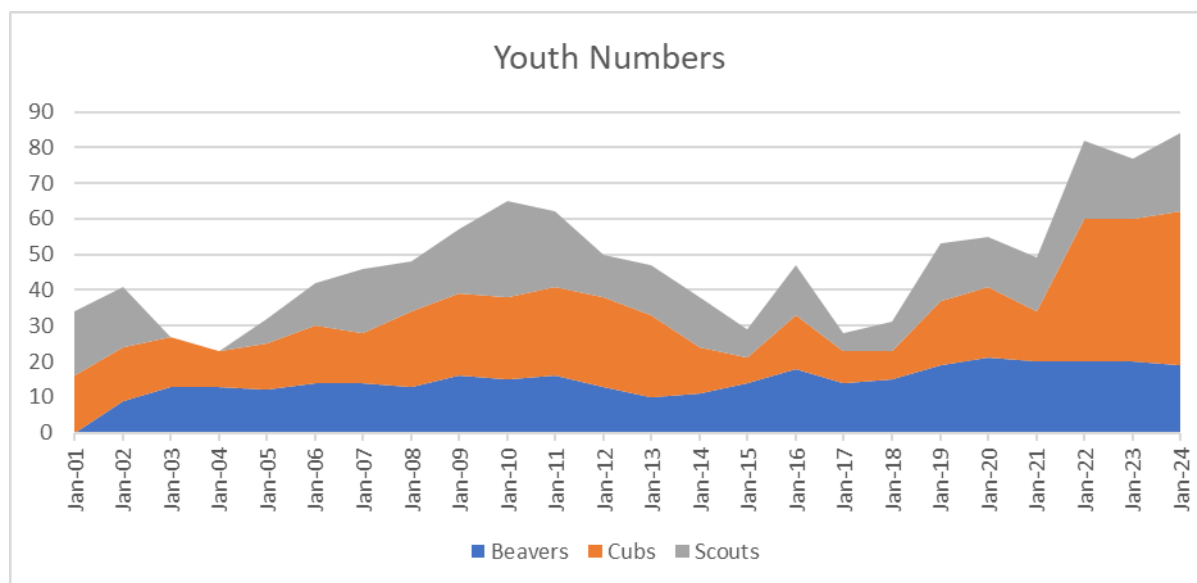
It made me think that to run a football or rugby team you risk assess a pitch, player and equipment and then review any variation, i.e. ground hard / no contact. Our leaders are taking totally different topics like rockets!, cycling, fire, hiking and different locations and then risk assessing these 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

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