

1ST MARSTON GREEN SCOUT GROUP

England & Wales - Charity number 524591

Details

Other names 1ST MARSTON GREEN GROUP

Status Registered

Legal form Other

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Activities

Objects: UNIT OF THE SCOUT ASSOCIATION

Activities: A Scout Group that works with boys and girls from the age of 6 onwards providing activities that develop the individual.

Classification

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

Geography

- **Area of benefit:** MERIDEN
- Solihull

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-03-31	£30,006	£34,127	-	-
2024-03-31	£20,338	£21,080	-	-
2023-03-31	£27,977	£25,760	-	-
2022-03-31	£29,534	£39,411	-	-
2021-03-31	£28,417	£10,248	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Richard Forbes	Chair	2024-10-23
Abbie-louise Spencer		2025-10-22
Amanda Turnbull		2015-09-01
Andrea Wynn		2012-08-29
Angela Jones		2023-10-25
Caroline Margaret Hemus		2025-10-22
Claire Beresford		2025-10-22
Daphne Hazel Carter		2018-10-24
David Hobbs		2014-12-12
Jacqueline Helen Altham		2016-10-12
Robert Swindell		1992-07-17
Samantha Georgiou-Milloshas		2025-10-22

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1ST MARSTON GREEN SCOUT COUNCIL
Annual General Meeting for April 2024 – March 2025

Wednesday 22nd October 2025 ~ 6.30pm til 7.30pm

1st Marston Green Scout Hut

Before the AGM starts, there will be a fancy dress parade. Whilst the AGM takes place, the judging of the pumpkins will take place.

AGENDA

- 1. Introduction and welcome**
- 2. Apologies for absence**
- 3. Governance topics**
 - a. Approve the minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 23rd October 2024
 - b. Adopt the model constitution from Policy, Organisation and Rules (POR)
 - c. Note the Group's financial year
 - d. Approve appointed and community members of the Group Scout Council
 - e. Agree the number of members that may be appointed to the Trustee Board
 - f. Agree the quorum for future meetings of the Group Scout Council (excluding this AGM)
- 4. Review of the previous year**
 - a. The Group Lead Volunteer's review of Scouts during the past 12 months at 1st Marston Green
 - b. Receive and consider the Annual Report of the Group Trustee Board, including the annual Statement of the Accounts
- 5. Making appointments**
 - a. Appoint the Group Chair, following recommendation from the open selection process initiated by the Group Trustee Board
 - b. Appoint the Group Treasurer, following recommendation from the open selection process initiated by the Group Trustee Board
 - c. Appoint members of the Group Trustee Board, following recommendations from the open selection process initiated by the Group Trustee Board
 - d. Appoint the Scrutineer
- 6. Closing remarks**

Following the AGM

- Awards and Presentations
- Winners of the pumpkin carving will be announced: Squirrels, Beavers, Cubs, Scouts, Explorers & Adults
- Refreshments will available afterwards free of charge. BBQ plus hot and cold drinks.

Minutes of previous AGM 2023 / 2024

1st Marston Green Scout Group AGM 23rd October 2024

Introduction and welcome

Amanda welcomed all that were attending, gave thanks to the guest judges, Liz Rashvand and Alison Lowe and thanked all those that worked hard on decorating the hut. Richard also thanked everyone for coming, informing all that the AGM is an important meeting that we must legally have each year. He informed everyone that we will require a seconder for votes and a show of hands to say that the majority agree with any decisions.

Apologies for absence

Apologies received were from the trustees Steven Harris, Angela Jones and leader Andrew Glynn.

Governance topics

The minutes for the AGM on 25th October 2023 were reviewed and agreed upon. This was seconded by Zoe Campbell with a majority show of hands.

The model constitution from Policy, Organisation and Rules (POR) has been emailed out. This looks at how the group continues over the next 12 months and their objectives. This was seconded by Rob Swindell with a majority show of hands.

The groups financial year was available to be seen.

There were no nominated members of the Group Scout Council to be approved.

It was explained that the trustees board should have a minimum of 5 members and a maximum of 12. We currently have the maximum number of 12 which we will continue with over the next year. This was seconded by Sam Morgan with a majority show of hands.

The quorum for future meetings of the Group Scout Council should be a minimum of 15 meetings. This was seconded by Ben Jones with a majority show of hands.

Review of the previous year

Amanda talked about all the wonderful things that have been done over the last 18 months and had photos to show to all, including the Croatia trip and the fundraising to help that came to a staggering £12,500. She also explained about the OSM to all. This is a platform that enables the leaders to do their planning. Amanda asked that all parents looked at this regularly and replied with a yes or no to events asap. It is also a way that parents can see the badge work being achieved as well as the events taking place. There was also a plea to ensure that all data on this platform is completely up to date with all personal data.

Congratulations were given to all members achieving the top awards within their group. 13 squirrels were awarded the acorn award, 8 beavers achieved their bronze award, 8 cubs achieved their silver award, 3 scouts achieved their gold award, and 2 explorers achieved their platinum award. Also, in September 2023 2 members received their special recognition award by county.

There was a jamboree to South Korea in August 2023 that a member was able to attend. The next one is in Poland in 2027.

Amanda reiterated that the annual report can be read to inform all that has been completed and accomplished, with a mention about the fantastic band and its growth too. She then thanked all those that attended the weekly sessions.

Amy was unable to attend the AGM, but her treasurer report has been included in the AGM documents for all to see. The accounts have also gone to the scrutineer to ensure that they are all correct. We are in a healthy position at the moment, and this can be seen in the report. Richard asked for any questions regarding the accounts but there were none.

Making appointments

Huge thanks were given to Steve Harris who has been the chair for the last 3 years. Unfortunately, he has had to step down from the role as chair, but we are lucky enough to keep him as a trustee. The trustee board recommended Richard Forbes to take on the role which he has agreed to. A show of hands gave approval to this appointment.

The current treasurer is Amy Rogers. She has agreed to continue in this position and a show of hands approved of this.

The current trustee members are Andrea Wynn, Angela Jones, Caroline Hemus, Daphne Carter, David Hobbs, Jacqueline Altham, Rob Swindell, Samantha Georgio-Milloshas and now Steven Harris. A show of hands approved their position as all happy to continue in the role. Lisa Ollis has stepped down as a trustee and thanks were given to her for all the work she has done over her time.

Our current scrutineer is Jude Wilde. She is happy to continue and is qualified to do so. A show of hands approved her position.

Closing remarks

Richard closed the meeting after giving a brief introduction to everyone about himself and explaining how the group was in a very strong place currently. He praised the amazing work that the leaders do as they are just as important as the children within the group. He highlighted that next year we have been going for 100 years and he looks forward to leading these celebrations. He thanked all for their attendance tonight and the AGM closed at 19.04.

The meeting was followed by various presentations and the judging of the pumpkins by the District Commissioner and the Deputy Commissioner.

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATION DETAILS

Charity Name:	1st Marston Green Scout Group
Registered Number:	524591
Charity's principal address:	Village Mews (off Elmdon Road), Marston Green, Birmingham B37 7WP
Advisor:	The Scout Association
Accounting period:	1 st April – 31 st March
Scrutineer:	Mrs J Wilde, 4 Bickenhill Road, Marston Green, B37 7EL

Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity 2024/2025

(Published in the charity commission register as reporting for a Registered Charity)

Trustee Name	Office	Role	Start of Term *	Period (if not full year)
Amanda Turnbull	Ex officio Trustee	Group Lead Volunteer	Not applicable	
Richard Forbes	Appointed Trustee	Group Chair	October 2024	
Amy Rogers	Appointed Trustee	Group Treasurer	October 2024	
Andrea Wynn	Appointed Trustee		October 2024	
Jacqueline Altham	Appointed Trustee		October 2024	
David Hobbs	Appointed Trustee		October 2024	
Angela Jones	Appointed Trustee		October 2024	
Robert Swindell	Appointed Trustee		October 2024	
Daphne Carter	Appointed Trustee		October 2024	
Caroline Hemus	Appointed Trustee		October 2024	
Samantha Georgiou-Milloshas	Appointed Trustee		October 2024	
Steven Harris	Appointed Trustee		October 2024	

Trustee term limits *

Trustee Board membership refreshed as of the 2024 AGMs. New term limits don't include any previous service as a Trustee: current trustees, regardless of how long they have been a member of an Executive Committee already, started a new term (of up to 9 years) at their AGM in 2024.

Appointed Trustees are appointed for up to three years and can be re-appointed (by the Scout Council at the AGM).

Co-opted Trustees are appointed for an initial period of one year (by the Trustee Board). They can stay on longer if agreed by the Trustee Board, but it's a good idea for co-opted Trustees to move onto being appointed Trustees at the next AGM. Co-opted Trustees may be chosen to do a particular task, or to bring new skills to the mix.

Trustees may only be on the same Trustee Board for a maximum of nine years, before taking a break of at least three years. This applies to any role, but not ex officio Trustees (Lead Volunteers or Youth Leads).

Structure, Governance and Management

Type of governing document

The Group's governing documents are those of The Scout Association. They consist of a Royal Charter, which in turn gives authority to the Bye Laws of the Association and The Policy, Organisation and Rules of The Scout Association

How the charity is constituted

The Group is a trust established under its rules which are common to all Scouts.

Trustee selection methods

The Trustees are appointed in accordance with the Policy, Organisation and Rules of The Scout Association.

Additional governance issues

The Group is managed by the Group Trustee Board, the members of which are the 'Charity Trustees' of the Scout Group which is an educational charity. As charity trustees they are responsible for complying with legislation

applicable to charities. This includes the registration, keeping proper accounts and making returns to the Charity Commission as appropriate. The Trustee Board consists of the Chair, Treasurer and 6 Trustees (including 2 Ex Officio Trustees, and 2 co-opted Trustees) and meets every # months. Members of the Trustee Board complete Being a Scouts Trustee learning within the first 6 months of joining the Board. This Group Trustee Board exists to make sure the charity is well-managed, risks are assessed and mitigated, buildings and equipment are in good working order, and everyone follows legal requirements and the organisation's policies and rules. Their support helps other volunteers run high quality and safe programmes that gives young people skills for life.

Risk and Internal Control

The Group has internal controls in place designed to provide reasonable assurance against material mismanagement or loss, including two signatories for all payments and comprehensive insurance to ensure insurable risks are covered.

Objectives and Activities

The Purpose of Scouting

Scouting exists to actively engage and support young people in their personal development, empowering them to make a positive contribution to society.

The Values of Scouting

As Scouts we are guided by these values:

Integrity - We act with integrity; we are honest, trustworthy and loyal.

Respect - We have self-respect and respect for others.

Care - We support others and take care of the world in which we live.

Belief - We explore our faiths, beliefs and attitudes.

Co-operation - We make a positive difference; we cooperate with others and make friends.

The Scout Method

Scouting takes place when young people, in partnership with adults, work together based on the values of Scouting and:

- enjoy what they are doing and have fun
- take part in activities indoors and outdoors
- learn by doing - share in spiritual reflection
- take responsibility and make choices
- undertake new and challenging activities
- make and live by their Promise.

Public benefit statement

The Group meets the Charity Commission's public benefit criteria under both the advancement of education and the advancement of citizenship or community development headings.

Reserves Policy and Investment

The Group's policy on reserves is to hold sufficient resources to continue the charitable activities of the group should income and fundraising activities fall short. The Group Trustee Board considers that the group should hold a sum £10k held in reserve.

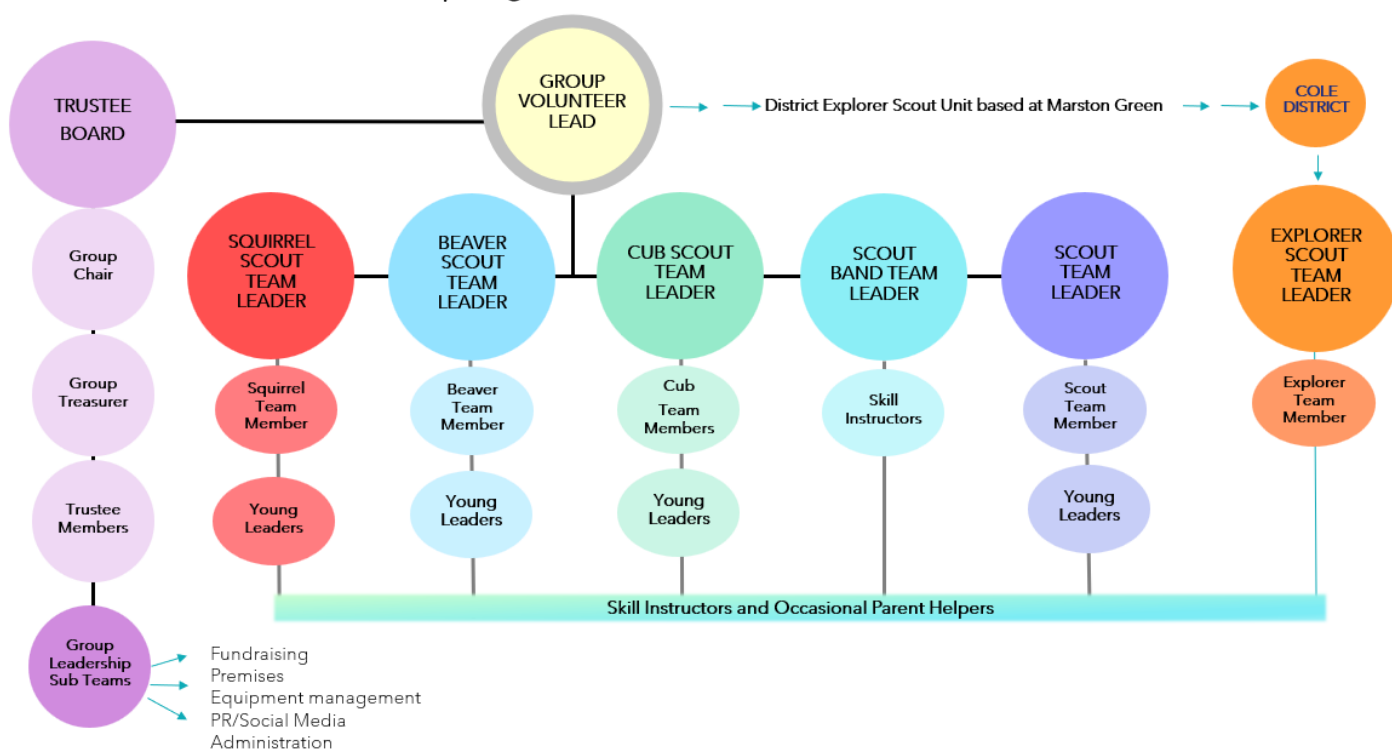
The Group does not have sufficient funds to invest in longer term investments. The Group has therefore adopted a risk averse strategy to the investment of its funds. All funds are held in cash using only mainstream banks or building societies.

Section Meetings and Leadership

1 st Marston Green Scout Group sections as of October 2025					Orion Explorer Unit*
Squirrel Scouts	Beaver Scouts	Cub Scouts	Scouts	Scout Band	
Mondays	Mondays	Wednesdays	Thursdays	Tuesdays	Mondays
Jo Groves	Jo Groves	Zoe Campbell	Andrew Glynn	Keith Ballington	Tony Head
Lewis Chamberlain	Lewis Chamberlain	James Ward	Patrick Lambert	Tony Whitehouse	Ed Wallace
Adam Dozza	Abbie Forbes	Karen Grice	Rachel Pearce	Robert Swindell	Daniel Perks
Zsolt Csizmadia	Abbie Cook	Rachel Pearce	Jasmine Waite	James Llewellyn-Charlton	Helen Wright
	Adam Dozza	Antony Harris	Anthony Harris		Rob Wallace
			Emma Bodenham	Richard Forbes	
				Steve Curwood	

* Orion Explorer Unit is the section for our Scouts to progress to. Like other Units, it reports directly to the Solihull District Scouts, though it has use of 1st MG Group's headquarters and facilities in line with a partnership agreement between both parties.

1st Marston Green Scout Group Organisation Chart Part of Solihull County Scouts and Cole District Scouts



Group Volunteer Lead

Each Scout Group is led by a Group Lead Volunteer whose role it is to provide direction and support to develop the Scout Group.

The Section teams: Team Leader and Team Members

The Section Team is a team of volunteers who plans, delivers, and runs quality programmes safely. They make sure all young people can take part in the programme and gain skills for life. They also help young people work towards their Top Awards.

The Trustee Board:

The Trustee Board is a team of volunteers who work together, as charity trustees, to make sure Scouts is run safely and legally. At the heart of their role is a focus on strategy, performance and assurance. Effective Trustee Board governance helps our volunteers deliver fantastic programmes that give young people skills for life.

GROUP CHAIR'S Annual Report 2024/2025

As I write my report, I must remind myself that I have only been Group Chair for 6 months! There has been so much going already, the Group was well represented at the village Remembrance Parade which was once again led by our band. It is such a poignant event reflecting on those that gave all for what they believed in, I'm very proud that the Group not only supports these commemorations but takes a significant role in them. Planning for the Xmas fayre was already well underway, so by the time we got to the day it went ahead like a well-oiled machine (well more or less!). It was a fantastic day which I have always enjoyed as all our volunteers are together under one roof which makes for a fabulous atmosphere. Our annual Carol concert is always a wonderful way to close out the year.

2025 is our 100th year of Scouting in Marston Green and there are some amazing events planned to mark this significant anniversary. I will leave Amanda to talk about the Little and Large for she has done all the planning and prep that made this a great day. I'm particularly looking forward to our 100th Fest (aka Group Camp) and inviting those that have supported and influenced our group to our birthday party.

Our trustee board does an amazing job supporting the uniformed sections, through fundraising to help maintain our fantastic HQ, fundraising for equipment to directly support our young people, to helping to manage our risks, ensuring compliance through POR and other legislation and ensure the group is properly financed. This work is critical and we, as a group could not function without them, so firstly thank you all for the time and effort you invest in the group and secondly, we are always looking for extra support for events and fundraising and looking after our building so if you can spare some time please get in touch

Richard

Group Chair

GROUP TREASURER'S Annual Report 2024/2025

The compilation of the accounts has unfortunately been delayed. The accounts will be brought forward once they have been reviewed and approved by the Trustees.

We are pleased to confirm that the group remains under sound financial stewardship and is currently in a positive financial position.

SCRUTINEER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF THE 1ST MARSTON GREEN SCOUT GROUP

The Scrutineer's report will follow in due course

GROUP LEAD VOLUNTEER Annual Report 2024/2025

2024 was a year for international experiences. In the July, 37 Scouts, Explorers & leaders had a week's adventure in Pula, Croatia. Activities included Stand-Up Paddle boarding and kayaking around the shoreline, high ropes, cycling, water slide park, rowing gondolas in Venice, hand feeding fish and swimming in the sea every evening. In August, 9 cubs and 2 leaders experience d 4 days in Disneyland Paris. Then on 27th December, 9 members of MG joined 23 others from across Solihull County attended the Australian Jamboree – what an amazing experience!

These international trips have contributed significantly to the personal growth of our Scouts. Participants have developed leadership, resilience, and intercultural skills. They have made friends and unforgettable memories. We extend our heartfelt thanks to the leaders, volunteers, parents, and sponsors who made these trips possible.

Our Scout Group, unlike others, holds many events throughout the year. It's always a delight at our Gala Day seeing all our members in fancy dress and seeing families enjoy the games and entertainment throughout the afternoon. Then at Christmas our scout hut transforms into a winter wonderland with our Christmas Fayre. Swifty followed by our entertaining Carol Service at St Leonards. I don't think Tony, the new vicar, really know what to expect. Plus, the leaders and Trustees surprised everyone this year, with our highly polished dance routine! Why should the children have all the fun!

Remembrance Parade has always been a significant event for our Scout Group. We are always very proud of our scout band that leads our parade and to all our members who turn out in smart uniform. Together with the Parish Council, churches and the community we remember those who have fought for us through the many wars. In May, I had the distinct honour of being invited to light the beacon at the Parish Council's D-Day 80th anniversary event. It was a moment that filled me with immense pride and deep reflection.

2025 saw the start of our 100th birthday celebrations. Members helped design our 100th badge and in March we help our Little and Large Harry Potter Day. A huge thank you to Grace Academy for allowing us to use their facilities. It was so lovely to bring everyone together, engaging parents and seeing what scouting all is about. A massive applause to the parents taking part in the activities, especially the broomstick training! The children love adults getting involved, been silly and all having fun together! The birthday planning continued for our Fest 100 Group Camp in June and a reunion of the all the past and present leaders and trustees in August.

Reading through the Section reports, it always amazes me the great weekly programmes our leaders plan throughout the year. Many activities require time and planning in the background that we don't see. So, parents, please help our volunteers may replying yes or no as soon as events are published on OSM – this really does help!

Our Trustees meet once a month to make sure our leaders can sustainably deliver a fantastic programme – safely, legally and in line with our charitable purpose. They also plan our fundraising events ensuring we can keep termly subscriptions as low as possible and provide adequate equipment for the activities.

Between the 4 sections: Squirrels, Beavers, Cubs and Scouts, from April 2024 to March 2025 we awarded a total of 786 badges! This included 10 x Chief Scouts Acorn Awards, 5 x Chief Scouts Bronze Awards and 8 x Chief Scouts Silver Awards. An amazing achievement. Well done everyone!

A huge thank you to our amazing team of volunteers, our parents and to our young members. In our 100th year we are going strong with over 100 young members. Together we are 1st Marston Green Scout Group.

Amanda aka Clippy
Group Lead Volunteer (GLV)

1ST MARSTON GREEN SQUIRREL DREY Annual Report 2024/2025

In April 2024, we did a visit to St Leonards Church where we were shown areas of the church and what it was used for. They particularly enjoyed having a go at ringing the church bell. The next week they practised marching for St. George's parade and coloured in their pictures ready for the following week where they planted seeds to take home to grow. They completed the Let it Grow activity badge by going on a fruit hunt around the scout hut!

In May 2024, part of the All About Adventure Challenge was done by learning what to pack in a day sack for a trip out. The week after they completed another section of this badge by singing campfire songs and making campfire biscuits which looked amazing and very yummy!

In June and July 2024, the All About Adventure was completed by cloud spotting and doing a scavenger hunt outside in the garden. We then started on the All About Me Challenge by bringing in something special to them and telling and showing everyone. The next week they thought about how they would like to help someone at home and then at the end of June they completed their own journal to take home. We introduced the flag for flag break and flag down to which they did very well. For the Gala parade, the Squirrels dressed up as Amazon parcels to which they looked fantastic. A big BRAVO for taking part. For our last meeting of this term, we met at the Play barn with a joint visit with the Beavers where everyone had a brilliant time.

In September 2024, we started the term off with a story about friendship and drawing things that made them happy as part of the Feel-Good Activity. During this month the Scout Group took part in the Community Fun Day. We then started on the Space Explorer Activity badge by learning about space. Squirrels had a fun day at the Go Wild Camp taking part in lots of activities. To finish off this month, the Squirrels got Creative and made their very own music shakers.

October 2024, we got Creative again by making leafy hedgehogs, learning about the moon with oreos and then eating them!! We continued the Exciting Experiments by using our senses by putting your hand in the box and trying to guess what was in the box. This included baked beans, a banana, flour and dried rice. We held the Pumpkin Carving Contest where there were some fantastic designs which ended this term.

In November 2024 we made firework pictures and chocolate sparklers, took part in the Remembrance Day Service and Parade and then made some amazing poppies. They then came up with some exciting stories to cover part of the Story time activity. We then started to get into the Christmas spirit by practicing our song for Carol service and started our Christmas tree activity. We finished the month with our very own Group Christmas Fayre.

December 2024, we continued making our Christmas tree activity and practicing our Christmas Carol service song. We had a visit from Vicar Tony from St. Leonards Church, decorated some wooden Rudolph ornaments, took part in our annual festive evening at the Christmas Carol Service at St Leonards Church. To end the term, we then joined up with our Beavers Section for a concert at Birchmere House Care Home in Knowle where we also had a surprise visit from Santa!!

In January and February 2025, we learnt about doing your best and being kind and helpful. It's year of the Snake so to celebrate Chinese New Year, we made our very own snakes. We covered part of the Go Wild activity by making a bird feeder using some apples, bird seed and peanut butter. I hope the birds had a good feast!!

Finally in March 2025, we decorated some delicious pancakes with lots of yummy toppings, made some rainbow fruit kebabs in celebration of St. Patricks day, held our Little & Large Harry Potter Day at Grace Academy, made Mother's Day cards and then finished the month of by making some amazing space helmets for their teddies.

I would like to take this opportunity to Thank Chil, Zsolt, Adam and the Young Leaders for your continued support and help. Finally, I would like to thank the Squirrels and Parents for your commitment and support.

Joanne (Baloo)
Squirrel Team Leader

1ST MARSTON GREEN WILDWOOD BEAVER COLONY Annual Report 2024/2025

In April and May 2024, we started the term off by having a tour around St. Leonards Church and finding out what all the areas are used for. We especially enjoyed trying out the Church bell. We then learnt about the four seasons, took part in the St. Georges Day Parade in Knowle, did a Gardner activity by planting seeds and then finding out if the seeds can grow in certain conditions. We finished off by learning about the different types of tools used in a garden, sowing cress and lettuce seeds and we learnt about Fairtrade and made banana cupcakes and made animal masks.

In June and July 2024, we started the Money Skills activity badge by learning to identify different coins, learning about saving money, learning about making decisions and then learning about the history of money. We took part in the Gala Day Parade and looked amazing dressed up in ABBA fancy dress. BRAVO for taking part. We were then invited to St. Leonards Church to help fill the planters outside the front with some very colourful flowers, for the Outdoors Challenge, they learnt how to put up a tent and then pack it away, we ended the summer term joining up with the Squirrels and had a fun night at the Play Barn.

In September 2024, we looked at the map of Marston Green ready for the next week where we went for a walk around and explored the village and learned about the Green Cross Code along the way and the safety about using the crossings. There was the Parish Council Community Fun Day, and we took part in the County Go Wild camp. To finish off this month we covered parts of the Safety Activities by learning about Fire safety, Water safety and stranger danger.

In October 2024, we did a visit to Birchmere House Care Home to celebrate Harvest Festival where the residents were entertained, we made Harvest biscuits which were delicious, we made ghost leaves for Halloween finally finishing with the Pumpkin Carving contest to which there were some excellent entries.

November and December 2024, we did some firework pictures and made chocolate sparklers, took part in the Remembrance Parade, made poppies, thought about a personal challenge that needed to include being kind and helpful. We then got into the Christmas spirit by practicing the song for the Carol service and started the Christmas activity. We held our Christmas Fayre, took part in the Annual Christmas Carol Service at St. Leonards Church and the finished the term off with a Carol Service with the Squirrels to the residents at Birchmere House Care Home in Knowle.

In January and February 2025, we did part of the Communicator Activity and learnt about Braille, played with Lego for National Lego Day, made paper chain link snakes for Chinese New Year, we did more of the Communicator Activity by learning the phonetic alphabet, learning a phone number and making a telephone call.

Finally in March 2025, Beavers made and cooked their own pancakes, finished off the Communicator Activity by learning how to send a text message, celebrated St. Patricks Day by wearing something green, doing a scavenger hunt around the garden and making pretzel shamrocks. We held our Little & Large Harry Potter day which was great fun, and we finished the term off with part of the Faith Activity by writing and reading a prayer.

I would like to take this opportunity to Thank Chil, Jacala, Ko, Grey Brother and Young Leaders for your commitment with helping each week. Finally, I would like to thank the Beavers and Parents for your commitment and support.

Joanne (Baloo)
Beaver Team Leader

1ST MARSTON GREEN CUB PACK Annual Report 2024/2025

April & May - sees the cubs cooking up a feast in the new kitchen. From picking their menus, doing their shopping lists and learn Hygiene and safety each six cooked up some great dishes. We had our annual Promise renewal at our St Georges day parade in Knowle.

June - June sees all sections trying to be the best and win the coveted title of Gala winners. This was the third year in a row for Cubs with their homage the 1940. We had Soldiers, Land Girls and young ladies of the time. So much effort was put into ALL the costumes by the young and old making an amazing parade through the village.

July - continuing skills learnt at school with Bike-ability.

August - Something different this year as Wawbeck and I took nine of the cubs and a young leader to Disneyland Paris alone with twenty-one others from Chelmsley Wood. The four days and three nights adventure saw us having two days of fun in the two parks that make up Disneyland Paris.

Starting back in **September** meant I was able to register seven of the Cubs for their invitation to collect their Chief Scout Silver award. This is the highest award a Cub can gain in recognition in completing the seven Challenge Badges, at least six activity and staged badges. Congratulations to you all. We helped out at what will hopefully become an Annual event of The Community Fun Day. We also as cubs did what scouts do well and helped the community answer a call to make thousands of bracelets for The Help Harry Help Other Charity.

October - Cubs learnt about the planets and stars with Rikki, tied themselves in lots with Wawbeck and communicated with Akela

November - Getting ready for Christmas the cubs still helped Anthony who was still our young leader make a start on his Kings Scout Award.

December - all about Christmas with our Christmas Fair and Carols in the church

January and February - With nine members of MG joining twenty-three others from across the County attending the Australian Jamboree, the cubs worked on personal safety and made a start on our centenary celebrations with our badge design competition. Finishing off badges and working in the community again the Cubs really do keep themselves busy.

Over the year 2024 to 2025 the cubs worked on over 37 different badges and earned a total of 279 including 8 Chief Scout Silver awards. I would like to thank my Cubs team but also the wider family and Committee because without them we cannot run these sections. I would also like to thank Parents and young people because without you we definitely don't have a section or a group.

Zoe - Akela

Cub Team Leader

1ST MARSTON GREEN SCOUT TROOP REPORT

During the Easter break we ran our first Easter Trail at Millenium Woods with lots of fun Easter challenges & egg hunting. We also had a great camp at Rhydd Covert in Kidderminster. The site is next door to the West Midlands Safari Park & has its own access gate to the park. We couldn't camp here without visiting the theme park & going on a mini bus safari, getting to places that the normal car can't access to see the animals close up. Returning after Easter we had fun learning knots & lashings & building useful camp gadgets. We also took part in the annual St Georges Day parade in Knowle with the rest of Solihull County Scouts.

In May we hosted a Bank Holiday Family Fun Day at Marston Green Members Club to raise funds, which was very successful & enjoyed by everyone. Later in May we did some fire lighting & the fire safety activity badge. We also took part in the D-Day 80th anniversary event at the recreation ground where we set up & ran traditional games from the era like coconut shy, hook a duck etc, enjoyed the live entertainment & participated in the lighting of the nationally co-ordinated commemoration beacon later in the evening.

In June we went to Myton Fields in Warwick where we had a great time paddling up & down the Avon in kayaks & canoes to earn the paddle sport level 1 badge. Later in June we took part in the annual Marston Green gala day where our fancy dress theme this year was celebrating the 30th anniversary of Ghostbusters!

In July we built up our teamwork through various challenges & exercises, before attending a joint camp with the Explorer section at Beaudesert for a weekend of cheesy game show themed activities based on everyone's favourites like Bullseye, The Chase, Deal or No Deal to name just a few! We also took time out for some meditation & became one with nature whilst out on our hike. As usual we finished the term off with a water fights & games at the hut.

During the summer holiday we embarked on our international adventure to Croatia which I'm sure we will all remember for a long time to come! We Joined with OMG Explorers for 8 days of fabulous activities & glorious weather based in & around Pula, with a full on day trip to Venice to learn Gondoliering amongst other things!

In September we returned to Scouts taking part in the Annual Village Community Day at the Rec where we enjoyed live music, fun & games, cricket & BBQ.

Throughout the rest of autumn we learnt the arts of morse code & the phonetic alphabet to earn the communicator badge, learning how to solder whilst constructing our own morse code beepers. We continued our adventures away from the hut leaning bushcraft activities at Wilderness camp, map reading & navigating, cooking an excellent meal or two over open fires at the annual County Cooking Competition. We went to 1st Solihull to take part in the JOTI/JOTA event communicating live with other Scouts around the world over the internet & over radio. We took part in the annual Operation Chameleon, had an interesting night ran by the Patrol Leaders, took part in the village Christmas carol concert & enjoyed a night of party games before breaking up for Christmas.

After Christmas we had a night hike & sleepover at the hut ahead of the County Night Hike, commenced the Artist & Meteorologist activity badges. In March we welcomed Craig & Charlie back to lead some more fun modelmaking & tabletop game sessions. We commenced our expedition training with a day out by train to the Malverns, hiking from Ledbury over the hills back to to Great Malvern station. We also successfully reclaimed the District Rifle Shooting Trophy by coming first in the annual competition at Dorridge!

I would like to congratulate Mackenzie on achieving his Chief Scouts Gold award this year & thank Pat, Rachel, Zoe, Ben, Jasmine & Sammy for everything they've done, not forgetting our young leader Izzy.

As always, a massive thankyou to parents, grandparents & everyone else who continue to support the Troop 😊

Andy - Jambo

Scout Team Leader

1ST MARSTON GREEN SCOUT BAND REPORT

Band has had another good year, growing skills of our members. We are one of only 41 registered Scout Bands in this country. Meetings are on Tuesdays from 19:30 – 20:30. We are always looking to build our membership by recruiting new members from the Scouting movement.

Band welcomed back Sarah Forbes, who had been supporting Band in the background, and now a full participant role, bringing major strength to the leadership and musical development.

Events Attended:

- We were asked to play at the District St George's Day parade at Knowle as the lead Band. After what was a highly successful event for us, we received this feedback from Liz Rashvand, District Commissioner:

"Hi Amanda

Please could you pass on our thanks, and more thanks, and actually MORE thanks to the phenomenal MARSTON GREEN BAND!

Honestly you missed such a treat today, they really were BRILLIANT. Super smart, terrific marching and great, great music.

The showstopper session for the Mayor, her Consort and the MP while the parade formed up was genius, everyone was super impressed."

- Band played at the community event to mark D-day on 6th Jun, at the recreation ground.
- On 29th June Band led the Gala Day parade through the village, followed by a programme in the arena.
- We were asked to play for the annual community day on 14th September, again at the recreation ground.
- Band headed the parade for Remembrance Sunday, from St Leonard's church to the Garden of Memory, playing the Last Post, Reveille and the National Anthem as part of the service.
- The Carol Service took place at St Leonard's on December 10th, where we played music for the carols. One of our young members played a solo on stage, on their glockenspiel. A traditional group photo of the team was taken at the end.

Band Funds

Started the year at £960.35. Spending £844.85 on uniform / accessories plus a big purchase of a snare drum (£300) and smaller bass drum (£140). This was our aim last year to make investments in instruments and uniform.

Funds added £950:

£250 donation from Cole District for St George's Day

£100 for Community Day

£600 donation from The Grimmit Trust. Thank you to Karen for her work in securing funds for the Band.

2024 was our 50th anniversary of the Band in continuous operation. Members had a pin badge to recognise this anniversary. Band had previously formed in the 1960s, but disbanded at the time of losing the old Scout Hut.

We are lucky enough to have a number of parents who support our practice nights week in week out, which has clearly played a part in the fantastic progress Band has made – thank you all.

I would like to express my thank to the dedicated volunteers that support Band in a fantastic way with their time and commitment, which they have done for many years.

Keith Ballington
Bandmaster

ORION MARSTON GREEN (OMG) EXPLORER UNIT REPORT April 2024 – March 2025

Although Orion Explorer Unit doesn't report into 1st Marston Green Scout Group (the unit reports directly into Solihull District), the Unit has a joint partnership agreement with 1st Marston Green, and therefore very much part of the group.

The Explorer Unit continues to be strong, with many taking on the Young Leader roles and helping at the younger section nights, building their skills and experience.

Here's some of our events: Easter Camp at Rhydd Convert, London Monopoly Run, Physical Recreation, Hike tent testing, Fire lighting, Flapjacks, Croatia, D&D games, DoE, Meet the new Vicar, Winter Fest Camp, team Building, Little & Large Harry Potter prefects, Night hike at Earlswood Lakes, County Night Hike and Operational Chameleon, Come Dine with me, Flash Climbing.

My thanks go to the Explorers for their commitment each week, and to leadership team Ed, Dan, Rob, Helen and Matt in the background.

Tony Head, Explorer Team Leader



Scrutineer's Report to the Trustees of the [1st Marston Green Scout Group] Scout Council

I report on the accounts of the Group/District for the year ended 31st March 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 and the detailed accounts of the Squirrels, Beavers, Cubs, Scouts, International Camp and Band .

Scrutineer's Statement

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

Name:Judith Wilde.....
Address:4 Bickenhill Road.....
.....Marston Green.....
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Date:23.01.2026.....

Signature *JDWilde*

1st Marston Green Scout Group - CONSOLIDATED ACCOUNTS - Year Ending 31st March 2025								2023/2024
INCOME	Scouts	Cubs	Beavers	Squirrels	Band	Group	Total	Prior Year
Subscriptions	2,284.49	2,704.87	2,720.00	1,970.00			9,679.36	8,526.56
less paid to Scout HQ	-1207.50	-1035.00	-1,265.00	-981.50			-4,489.00	-3,730.00
Refund		-35.00					-35.00	90.00
Donations					1,150.00	1,697.50	2,847.50	1,629.46
Activities/Outings	2,463.92	885.27	694.00	334.00		3,399.10	7,776.29	3,251.30
Orion re Electric							0.00	50.96
Christmas Fayre 24						1,083.56	1,083.56	1,399.25
Other Fund Raising						485.94	485.94	0.00
Necker/Badges/Uniform	5.00	95.80	78.50	72.00		199.00	450.30	273.35
Contribution Orion						700.00	700.00	0.00
Contribution Brownies						440.00	440.00	200.00
Amazon Funding							0.00	47.98
Easy Funding						341.59	341.59	177.82
Benevity/ UK on line						448.37	448.37	557.98
Sumup							0.00	2,855.00
Census Refund						39.00	39.00	20.00
Fundraising							0.00	327.74
Wonderful Pmts							0.00	310.00
Misc							0.00	103.50
Gala 24						3,363.80	3,363.80	3,970.17
Community Day 2024						491.10	491.10	0.00
International Camp						1,280.20	1,280.20	276.92
Oz International						5,103.00	5,103.00	0.00
Giftaid							0.00	0.00
Total	3,545.91	2,615.94	2,227.50	1,394.50	1,150.00	19,072.16	£30,006.01	£20,337.99
EXPENDITURE								
Sections Contributions	600.00	620.00	670.00	490.00			2,380.00	2,450.00
Ground rent						1.00	1.00	0.00
Insurance						1,974.30	1,974.30	1,923.92
Christmas Fayre 24							0.00	201.98
Activities/Outings	3,171.94	1110.01	1,131.28	784.80		2,709.19	8,907.22	3,448.02
Necker/Badges/Uniform	272.50	445.20	277.93	208.10	132.04	739.74	2,075.51	757.58
Equipment	59.73				689.81	2,742.36	3,491.90	971.78
Stationery/Craft/Postage/Admin			68.43	4.85			73.28	0.00
Food & Drink		187.63					187.63	405.56

Utilities - Water						1,102.53	1,102.53	1,026.00
Utilities - Gas						1,137.46	1,137.46	623.61
Utilities - Elec						855.64	855.64	1,387.83
Repairs & Replacements							0.00	1,505.50
HQ Maintenance/Refurbs.						1,621.56	1,621.56	0.00
Presentations/Wreaths						27.50	27.50	27.50
Gala 24						1,236.86	1,236.86	1,216.02
Training							0.00	0.00
Sumup							0.00	88.58
Other Fundraising						100.00	100.00	0.00
Misc							0.00	939.22
Wonderful Payments							0.00	310.19
Transfer to International Account						2,443.18	2,443.18	2,874.41
Oz International						5,985.00	5,985.00	0.00
Fees Go Cardless/OSM	24.00		116.67	151.90	18.00	2.50	313.07	227.11
Donations	30.00					100.00	130.00	695.00
Ancillaries						82.93	82.93	0.00
Total	4,158.17	2,362.84	2,264.31	1,639.65	839.85	22,861.75	£34,126.57	£21,079.81
Surplus/Deficit	-612.26	253.10	-36.81	-245.15	310.15	-3,789.59	-£4,120.56	-£741.82

1st Marston Green Scout Group - CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEET - As at 31st March 2025

BALANCE SHEET

	Scouts	Cubs	Beavers	Squirrels	Band	Group	Total
Brought Forward							
Cash at Bank	1,067.61	768.56	686.23	794.28	960.35	22,371.38	£26,648.41
Cash in Hand						117.05	£117.05
Total	1,067.61	768.56	686.23	794.28	960.35	22,488.43	£26,765.46
Year's Surplus/Deficit	-612.26	253.10	-36.81	-245.15	310.15	-3,789.59	-4,120.56
Carried Forward							
Cash at Bank	455.35	1,021.66	642.32	551.23	1,170.50	20,966.79	24,807.85
Cash in Hand	0.00	0.00	7.10	0.00	0.00	117.50	124.60
Total	455.35	1,021.66	649.42	551.23	1,170.50	21,084.29	24,932.45

NOTES

- 1 Bank Statements from every Section support the Cash at Bank balances as at 31st March 2025 and as shown in the above Balance Sheet
- 2 1st Marston Green Scout Group continues to monitor the joint account - Solihull North International Camp Bank as agreed in 2015. An updated summary for 2024/2025 is attached to these accounts.
- 3 Beavers and Squirrels share one Bank Account. Income and expenditure are shown separately
- 4 Cheque 100553 British Liver Trust - £115 from carol service 2024 has not been cashed by the charity
- 5 Receipt MG38 Neckers & L&L Day. Outstanding payment at year end from Cubs & Scouts. Payment made 2025/2026 accounts
- 6 Receipt MG57 Neckers. Outstanding payment at year end from Cubs & Scouts. Reinvoice for payment to be made in 2025/2026
- 7 Explorer Contributions overpaid Spring Term. Therefore a £200 refund to be made in 2025/2026
- 8 Outstanding reimbursement to Mr R Swindell of £1 for the payment of Ground Rent. Reimbursement to be made in 2025/2026
- 9

Group Surplus at 31/03/2025	20,966.79
General Reserve	10,000.00
Reserve for Kitchen	1,683.73
External Area	1,500.00
Band	300.00
Group Camp	2,000.00
Asbestos Report	200.00
Centenary Feather Flag	130.00
Rifles (service)	300.00
Tents x10	2,000.00
First Aid Equipment	205.00
	2,648.06 Uncommitted surplus

Solihull North International Camp - Bank Account Summary**2024/2025****INCOME**

	<u>£</u>
Participant Fees	5,605.00
Fundraising	3,846.53
Expenses	143.00
Cash deposit - fundraising	<u>3,140.54</u>
Total	12,735.07

EXPENDITURE

	<u>£</u>
Participant Fees	15,511.00
Fundraising	902.96
General Expenses	3,801.36
Travel Costs	25,755.00
Other costs	<u>5,588.85</u>
Total	51,559.17

Excess of Income over Expenditure -38,824.10Balance Brought Forward from Last Year 40,072.95**1,248.85****Balances as of 1/04/2025**

Cash in Bank	1,248.85
Cash in Hand	0.00
Total =	<u>1,248.85</u>

1ST MARSTON GREEN SCOUT GROUP

England & Wales - Charity number 524591

Accounts

1st Marston Green Scout Group

Registered Charity Number: 524591

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Annual Report 2022 – 2023



Scouts

1st Marston Green

Scouting was founded in August 1907 when Robert Baden Powell, a British Army Officer and veteran of the Boer War, held a trial camp on Brownsea Island, Dorset, for 20 boys from diverse backgrounds. 1st Marston Green Scout Group started in 1925 (98 years ago).

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AGENDA

Annual General Meeting for April 2022 – March 2023

Wednesday 25th October 2023 6.30pm til 7.30pm

Arrive between 6.30-6.35pm and place your carved pumpkin on the relevant table, ready for judging View all the carved pumpkins, then take a seat for a short AGM. Whilst the AGM takes place, the judging of the pumpkins will take place.

1. Welcome from Group Chair
2. To receive apologies for any absence
3. To approve the minutes of the 2021/2022 AGM held on 19th October 2022
4. Matters arising – any questions submitted to the Group Secretary will be replied to
5. To receive and consider the Annual Report and Accounts
 - a. Presentation of the Annual Report by the Chair and Group Scout Leader
 - b. Seek approval of the Annual Report and Accounts
6. Approval of the Group Scout Leader's nomination of the Group Chair
7. Election of the Group Secretary & Treasurer
8. Election of remaining members of the Group Executive Committee
9. Appointment of independent scrutineer
10. Any other business
11. Close AGM

Awards and Presentations

Short talk from Ben Jones sharing his amazing experiences from the South Korea World Jamboree 2023

Winners of the pumpkin carving will be announced: Squirrels, Beavers, Cubs, Scouts, Explorers & Adults

Refreshments will available afterwards free of charge, however any donation will be gratefully received.

Hot dogs available for young members plus hot or cold drinks. Hot or cold drinks available for all adults

2021-2022 AGM Minutes

1st Marston Green Scout Group AGM 19th October 2022.

Welcome from Group Chair.

Amanda greeted all and welcomed Steve to chair the meeting. Steve then welcomed everyone and introduced himself as well as the proceedings. He informed everyone that the report had been emailed out for all to read. He also introduced and welcomed Mat Spencer the County Commissioner and Liz Rashvand the District Commissioner and Alison Rowe the Deputy District Commissioner, both of whom were acting as judges for the pumpkin competition.

Apologies.

The only apology we had been made aware of was Pete Jones.

Approval of minutes.

The minutes for 2020/2021 were agreed. This was proposed by David Hobbs and seconded by Paul Wood.

Matters arising.

No questions were raised.

Annual reports and accounts.

The reports had been sent for all to read. Steve highlighted the new kitchen, the fact that the hut had been painted, the mural on the back cupboards and the new central heating system. He thanked all those that assisted with the work and helped to achieve it all, stressing what a great place it is for the children to meet up in.

The treasures report was read out giving us an insight into the expenditure, the grants, the balance and how we have and will use the money that we have. A detailed view is included in the report.

An approval of the accounts was requested. This was proposed by Andy Glynn and seconded by Daphne Carter.

Approval of the Group Chair.

Amanda informed everyone that as GSL it was up to her to choose the group chair as the 2 would work closely together. Steve had taken on the role and was happy to continue with it for the next year, supporting Amanda in her role. So, he was elected chair.

Election of Group Secretary and Treasurer.

Andrea is happy to stay on in this position. This was proposed by Daphne Carter and seconded by Paul Wood.

Pat has done a marvelous job as group treasurer but wishes to step down in March. She will stay on as treasurer until this time though, when a new treasurer will be required.

Election of remaining members of the committee.

We currently have Jacqueline Altham, Lisa Ollis, David Hobbs, Rob Swindell, Daphne Carter, Pete Jones and Caroline Hemus who are happy to continue. Helen sale-Wilkes is a leader so is a co-opted member and happy to stay. Unfortunately, Sarah Coleman is stepping down from the committee. A huge thanks goes out to her for all her hard work during her time as a member, with special thanks to all the hard work she has done with gala. She will be missed. On a positive note, 2 new members are to join. These are Wendy Glynn and Samantha Georgiou-Milloshas.

The above elections were proposed by Karen Grice and seconded by Brian Glynn.

Appointment of independent scrutineer.

This role has been undertaken by Jude Wilde who is happy to continue. This was proposed by Paul Wood and seconded by Karen Grice.

This concluded the main part of the AGM.

Jamboree 2023 – Ben Jones.

Ben introduced himself and gave a presentation about his forthcoming Jamboree to South Korea next year. He explained that a different country hosted the Jamboree every 4 years and there are about 40,000 all over the world attending but only 18 places were awarded throughout Solihull County. It was a rigorous interview that he was put through to show his skills. He explained the special neckerchief he wears incorporating a figure called Chingu, which is also to be found on pieces of equipment. Chingu means friend in Korean. He needs to do fundraising events to help pay for the trip and to support others. The idea is for each member of the Jamboree to raise £4,000 and he promoted a Halloween event on 28th October.

Amanda thanked Ben and offered him our full support. Marston Green has not been represented for a very long time so it is a great achievement and a pleasure to have Ben represent us.

Presentations.

Baloo presented Eyrnn with the bronze chief scout award for Beavers. This is the top award for Beavers and as such a fantastic achievement.

AOB.

A tree planting for the green canopy project is to take place on 6th November at Millennium Wood. 107 trees have been purchased for the project. Remembrance parade will take place on 13th November. The Christmas fayre will take place on 26th November. The Christmas carol service will be on 13th December.

No one had any further questions to ask but Amanda gave a big thank you to all the parents, children and leaders for their support and adapting to the restrictions over the last couple of years. Scouts has been able to continue at full speed due to the help and support of all involved.

Close of AGM.

The AGM closed at 19.05.

GROUP CHAIR'S REPORT April 2022 – March 2023

2022/23 has been another successful year for the Scout Group. With all Covid-19 restrictions removed the Group has been able to run a full programme for our members.

At this time last year, our treasurer Pat Glynn said she was stepping down in March. She kindly continued until we found a new Treasurer. Thanks to Amy Rogers for agreeing to take on the role, and our sincere thanks to Pat for her commitment and support since April 2018.

I would particularly like to thank Amanda (Clippy), our Group Scout Leader, for her continuing commitment to the Group. She is the glue that holds all of us together.

I would like to thank everyone involved on the Trustee Board for the time and effort they put in throughout the year. The Scout Group would not be in the position it is without their work and do a sterling job in keeping the Scout Group in order.

Trustee Board functions:

- Maintenance of the Groups property and it's insurance
- Raising funds and the administration of all finances.
- Supporting Group public occasions and its charitable endeavors
- As a registered charity we are the Trustees and are responsible for complying with all legislation applicable to charities
- Supporting all sections to allow them to put on varied and exciting programmes for our members.
- Upkeep of all Group assets: Scout hut, grounds, equipment

Our kitchen extension has now been fully completed. From a 3m x 2m space to 3m x 6m it's a great improvement. A serving hatch, 2 ovens, 2 stoves, 2 sinks and instant hot water, all sections have made use of this great space, lots of baking and even the band trumpeters for a practice area! A massive thanks to all the volunteers who helped to get the kitchen completed.

We had our black gates fitted to give us added security and we have been busy getting quotes to level and re-grass the grounds, and to make the area in front of the Scout Hut more accessible.

With 95 young members, and 35 adult volunteers (Leaders and Trustees) 1st Marston Green Scout Group is going strong.

Looking ahead I can report that yet again we are committing to more international adventures with the Korean Jamboree for Ben Jones merely a couple of months away. Also planned is a week in Croatia which is a full week of non-stop activities.

I am sure you will find this year's AGM informative, allowing you an insight into what goes on in the background to make 1st Marston Green Scout group shine.

Thank you all for attending. Your support is crucial and greatly appreciated.

Steven Harris
Group Chair

GROUP TREASURER'S REPORT April 2022 – March 2023

At the year end 31st March 2023, the Groups finances remained in a healthy position. After a successful year of Scouting which achieved a profit of £2,217.08 we are able to carry forward a balance of £24,688.12 to 2023/2024.

See appendices 1, 2 and 3.

The consolidated Accounts show how the income of £27,976.96 and total expenditure of £25,759.88 is made up.

Income from member subscriptions was £8128.50, £2725.50 of which was paid in membership fees to the Scout Association, a further £13,606.95 was spent on Activities including camps and outings for our young people.

The kitchen extension, HQ maintenance and Repairs and Replacement accounted for a further £4,624.16. This included £2,395.20 for Security gates and £560.52 for an Alarm System. The annual Insurance cost was £1,786.05.

The Groups Trustees in compliance with good accounting practice previously agreed to continue a policy of maintaining a reserve of £10,000, which they consider sufficient to continue the charitable activities of the Scout Group should Income and Fundraising fall short.

Patrica Glynn, Group Treasurer

SCRUTINEER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF THE 1ST MARSTON GREEN SCOUT GROUP

I report on the accounts of the Group for the year ended 31st March 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 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 constitution, I have scrutinised the records and the accounts set out on pages 1 to 3 and the detailed accounts of Squirrels, Beavers, Cubs, Scouts, International Camp and Band.

Scrutineer's Statement

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

Name: Judith Wilde Address: 4 Bickenhill Rd, B37 7EL Date 12/07/2023

Signature: J Wilde (A master copy of the Scrutineer's report is available for inspection)

GROUP SCOUT LEADER'S REPORT April 2022 – March 2023

It's a joy to be able to report a full, normal, year of Scouting after the pandemic. Everything is back to a state of normality, and it has been an extremely busy year as a result.

Each year in my report I thank our leaders and supporting adults in all of our 6 sections plus the Group Trustee Board for the tremendous work they all do as volunteers to provide the Scouting experience that we offer in Scouting here in Marston Green. A personal thanks to Steven Harris for continuing in the Chair role and all his support. I would also like to thank our parents for supporting our activities and events. Scouting is an entirely volunteer run thing at a local level, and it doesn't happen without the time, effort and dedication of our volunteers. A special thanks to Steve Curwood who recently stepped down as Scout Leader after 7 years in the role. Finally, another special thanks as we say farewell to our Treasurer Patrica Glynn. She has kept all our finances in order for the last 5 years.

We continue to use Online Scout Manager (OSM) for the collection of membership subscription and camps/activities, plus allowing leaders to give you weekly programme details and to sign up for events. This is a really good way to make effect use of our leader's voluntary time. To help, please say yes or no to events, make prompt payments, tick gift aid box if you can, and please ensure all the personal details are kept on to date. If there is an emergency, we rely on the information on OSM.

All sections have been active and running a wide and varied programme both at the Scout Hut and away, as you will see from the section reports in the AGM pack.

We have had many great highlights since April 2022. These are my favourites:

- Our Scout Band keeping growing stronger and along with all the uniformed sections the band proudly leads us on Remembrance, Gala Day, and St Georges Parade. Bravo!
(I think the last Remembrance was the 1st time I've known the residents give us a round of applause at the Garden of Memory – very proud moment for us all)
- Sections linking with the Community. Our Cubs helped MG Lions litter picking around the village, and Beavers/Squirrels visited a local Care Home, singing Christmas songs and entertaining the oldies.
- As a Scout Group we planted 107 trees at Millenium Woods for the Queens Green Tree Canopy, celebrating her Platinum Jubilee.
- It's great to see all the sections camping again. The County Discovery camp was great fun for all, even our little red jumpers joined us for the day.
- Sadly, we saw the passing of our Queen, and Discovery Camp was in between her death and funeral. As our Patron to Scouting, we paid extra special respects to the Queen during the camp. We also said our new Scout promises to the King, which is a moment I will always remember.
- Our Scout Troop won the District Target Shooting competition for the 2nd time. Bravo!
- 1353 badges were awarded across all the sections, over the 12-month period!! Amazing!
- In February on this year, we launched our 2024 International trip for Scouts and Explorers to Croatia. We have 38 members signed up which is fantastic. We have been very busy fundraising and very much looking forward to our 2024 adventures.
- Our Squirrel Drey is in its 2nd year and going strong. Full with 16 members and a waiting list of another 14!!

Talking of waiting lists, all sections have children wanting to join all sections, so it's important for our young members to attend each week (unless you are poorly, of course). We really need an extra volunteer to help at Squirrels and another at Explorers. Volunteering is so much fun. For Squirrels we need someone who can commit most weeks and help supervise and help with activities. For Explorers, we need someone who enjoys the outdoors, that can help weekly and with occasional weekend camps. Don't worry if you don't think you have the skills, there's a team of experienced leaders around you. Like more info or want to give it a go, have a chat with myself, Baloo or Tony *(please)*.

Thank you everyone. It's a team effort that makes 1st Marston Green such a great Scout Group!

Amanda aka Clippy
Group Scout Leader

1ST MARSTON GREEN SQUIRREL DREY REPORT April 2022 – March 2023

In April and May 2022, we covered parts of the Get Creative Activity, All About Me Challenge, All Together Challenge, Let's Celebrate Activity by getting creative with some Easter Craft, taking part in our Village St George's Day Parade. We had a visitor, Pat Raymer from St. Leonard's Church who came to talk about St George and we made some wonderful Shields. We also decorated bunting for the Jubilee and Gala

In June and July 2022, we took part in a Lego programme with Steam Park, joined in with Gala Day and looking fantastic in Fancy dress and planting seeds for Jack and the Beanstalk. We covered Brilliant Builder Activity, All About Me Challenge and Let it Grow Activity.

In September 2022, we learned what clothes to wear and what items we need to pack in our bag when out for the day, we had a day visit to the Solihull County Discovery Camp, Decorated biscuits, and Celebrated Squirrels 1st Birthday. For doing all these activities, we covered the All About Adventure, Explore Outdoors Activity and Super Chef.

In October and November 2022, we made a model campfire and sang songs, we made care packages with some fantastic donations which were then given to a Care home, we made some spooky looking creations for Halloween and looked brilliant in Fancy Dress. We then took part in planting 107 trees at the Millennium Woods as part of our late Queen's Green Canopy. We got creative again by making firework pictures, took part in the Village Remembrance Day Parade. The Squirrels then enjoyed toasting marshmallows to make smores. All this work covered parts of the All About Adventure Challenge, Get creative Activity, All About Me Challenge, All Around Us Challenge, All Together Challenge.

December 2022, we covered part of the Get Creative Activity, Let's Celebrate and All Around Us Challenge by learning Christmas songs and then joining up with our Beavers Section for a concert at Birchmere House Care Home.

January 2023, we did parts of the All About Me Challenge, Be Active Activity, Get Creative Activity, All Around Us Challenge and Feel-Good Activity by making pinecone squirrels and Celebrated Chinese New Year.

February 2023, we started the month of by listening to stories for National Story Telling Week, looked at pictures from our local area and got very creative by making some Giant Art pictures. All these covered parts of the Story Time Activity, All Around Us Challenge, All Together Challenge and Get Creative Activity.

March 2023, we covered parts of the Brilliant Builder Activity, Exciting Experiments Activity, Be Active Activity and Creative Activity by working in Nests and seeing who could build the strongest bridge, using Oreo biscuits created different phases of the moon, had a fun morning in the Play Barn at Ash End House Farm and then making Easter Cards.

I would like to take this opportunity to Thank Chil for joining us at Squirrels, my young leader Keego and parents Zsolt and Adam for helping out each week.

Finally, I would like to thank the Squirrels and Parents for your commitment and support.

Joanne (Baloo)
Squirrel Scout Leader

1ST MARSTON GREEN WILDWOOD BEAVER COLONY REPORT April 2022 – March 2023

In April 2022 and May 2022, we covered parts of the World Challenge, Skills Challenge, Creative Activity, Outdoors Challenge, by learning the story of St. George, writing good luck letters to the Athletes of the Commonwealth Games, Decorating Bunting, making paper bag Beavers and learnt how to do some basic first aid.

In June 2022, we started the month off by learning about the Countryside code, making and taking part in an obstacle course, taking part in our Annual Gala with some wonderful fancy-dress creations and knowing what to pack in your bag ready for camping. By doing all this, we covered parts of the World Challenge, Adventure Challenge and Teamwork Challenge.

In July 2022, we covered parts of the Adventure Challenge, Camp Craft Activity, Safety Activity and Health and Fitness Activity by going on a camp at Beaudesert Scout Campsite, learning the rules of the Green Cross Code and then finishing the term off on a very hot night at Inflatation in Stechford.

In September 2022, we did some problem-solving activities, did a one-night camp at the Solihull County Discovery Camp in Dorridge and made some yummy biscuits. In October 2022 we learnt how to tie shoelaces, had a go at lighting candles, we had a special visit from Siobhan Fitzpatrick who is a Paralympian and took part in the Commonwealth Games and finished with creating some spooky Halloween crafts. All this work covered parts of the Outdoors Challenge, Skills Challenge, Teamwork Challenge, World Challenge, Disability Awareness Activity and Creative Activity.

November and December 2022, we took part in planting 107 trees at the Millenium Woods as part of our late Queen's Green Canopy, had a Martial Arts Taster Session with a visit from Laura Drayton – ATMA Karate, took part in the Village Remembrance Sunday Parade, learnt how to fingerspell our names by using Makaton, created some wonderful Christmas crafts and did a Christmas Concert with the Squirrels at Birchmere House Care Home to sing for the residents. We also finished the year off by taking part in our Annual Christmas Carol Service at St. Leonard's Church. Doing all this we covered parts of the World Challenge, Skills Challenge, Gardener Activity, Health and Fitness Activity and Disability Awareness Activity.

January 2023, we did part of the Camp Craft Activity by doing mini pioneering using skewers and mini marshmallows, learning how to tie reef knots with lace sweets. The Book Reader Activity by learning how to look after books, and designing a cover, Cook Activity and Safety Activity by learning what a balanced diet is, having a go at washing up and seeing if they could spot the dangers in the kitchen. To cover another part of the Cook Activity we made some delicious Sausage rolls.

February 2023, we started the month off by learning how to use the phonetic alphabet. We then had an exciting night Bowling in Acocks Green and then learning how to send an email and how to make a phone call. All this covered parts of the Adventure Challenge, Skills Challenge, and the Communicator Activity.

March 2023, we continued the Communicator Activity sending more emails and making more phone calls. Had a Space themed sleepover in the Scout Hut where we blasted off to planet Flipgreen and had lots of adventures. We finished parts of the Faith Activity by doing our best, the Creative Activity by using our building skills and then finishing the term off with an Easter Activity.

I would like to take this opportunity to again thank Clippy for all your help over the last 12 months. We have had lots of fun and adventures. I would also like to thank Chil, Jacala and Ko for your commitment with helping each week.

Finally, I would like to thank the Beavers and Parents for your commitment and support.

Joanne (Baloo)
Beaver Scout Leader

1ST MARSTON GREEN CUB PACK REPORT April 2022 – March 2023

After two years plus of disruption we finally we able to be Cub Scouts doing scout things and the cubs made up for that missed time.

In April we started the new term off with our annual St George's Day Parade and service in Knowle with our group and the whole County showing up to show we were back.

In May we joined the rest of the country and Commonwealth to celebrate Queen Elizabeth II's 70 years on the throne with her Platinum Jubilee, we made our own homemade individually designed bunting. We linked up with The Marston Green District Lions to litter pick in one of our local parks and then had a sleepover at the hut enabling the cubs to tick off more badge work including the new YouShape Award and Community Impact Badge. The Cubs also handmade their own pizzas making use of you brand new kitchen.

June is our busy month preparing for the annual Scout Gala. Taking First place in the judged fancy dress. The Cubs made a nod to the queen by dressing right royally!

July was Camp month with the cubs off to Beaudesert Campsite for a back-to-basics camp crossing off more badges.

Starting back in September saw us getting ready for Camp again. This time it was County Discovery Camp back at Solihull Riding School. A weekend of fun with other scouts from across the County. More badges crossed off!

October, our AGM, and annual Pumpkin Carving Competition. So many of the cubs making a fantastic effort. More badges!

November, started with tree planting for the Queens Green Canopy. 100 plus trees planted by every member of our group at Millennium Wood. Our annual Remembrance Parade in the village joined by our band and Squirrel Scouts showing the local community that we are still growing. Our Christmas fare sees plenty of making and rivalry between the sections. More badges!!

December is about Christmas with our Carole Service at St Leonards Church.

January was a celebration of Robert Burns. The cubs learnt all about Robbie Burns and some of the Scottish traditions celebrated on January 25th, including Haggis, Neeps and Tatties. We were surprised at how many cubs ate the Haggis.

For the month of March, the Cubs worked on their Disability Awareness badge, learning who deaf people navigate our world along with blind people and we had special visitors to help demonstrate this.

Over the year 2022 to 2023 the cubs worked on over 23+ different badges and earned a total of 211 badges. We had one super hard-working Cub who earned her Chief Scout Silver award, Bravo Lacey.

I would like to say an absolutely massive thanks to all the leaders who have over the year stepped up to help out at Cubs whilst I was ill, especially our explorer leader Tony for stepping in and supporting Rachel, AKA "Riki" (Riki Tiki Tavi), Karen AKA "Warbeck" and James AKA "Myssa". Our amazing Scouting Family.

I would also like to say a special Thank You to our two young leaders Ben and Anthony who have such a great rapport with our cubs and entertaining them well and for the badges you enabled the cubs to gain and they in turn gaining you badges towards your young Leaders Modules. We gained a new young leader in the form of Emma whom I'm sure will learn a lot from the boys on her journey. As well as their schoolwork and their own section nights, they continue to give up their personal time to attend Young Leaders sessions gaining skills to help lead and deliver safe programmes for our young people and then to come to Cubs each week. Thank You all you are "Amazing" and valued members of our Scouting Family.

Zoe - Akela
Cub Scout Leader

1ST MARSTON GREEN SCOUT TROOP REPORT April 2022 – March 2023

As well as the usual troop evenings & badge work, we've had a busy year away from the hut! It started with some indoor climbing sessions, then in May we dipped our toes back into camping with a one-night survival skills bivi camp where the scouts created their own shelters from tarps, cooked on open fires & learnt backwoods skills from Bass & Starfish as well as choreographing their exercise routine with the help of Rikki!

We carried on camping (oooo matron!) with a patrol camp in July at Beaudesert where we shared the site & a campfire with the other sections but undertook our own programme. This included an incident hike around Cannock Chase, abseiling & learning the importance of good knots & lashings to build rafts, which gave us the opportunity to carry out some investitures whilst precariously bobbing around in the lake on barrels!

In September we attended Discovery County Camp which was a fun camp packed with all sorts of activities across 3 zones of adventure, discovery & craft which included everything from challenges to inflatables to stilt walking to silent discos!

Of course, September also saw the sad passing of our Patron Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II & during the national period of mourning the Scouts lit candles & made entries in the book of remembrance at the Church & were commended for their polite & respectful behaviour.

Throughout the rest of Autumn, we planted trees in memory of Her Majesty at Millenium Woods, we went on day & night hikes around the local area & took part in Remembrance Parade, Operation Chameleon & the County Cooking competition.

After Christmas we took part in the County Night Hike & entered a team in the scout Chase Walk (13miles) whilst Bass completed the full 40-mile event! Throughout the last year we've also done regular shooting sessions which stood us in good stead to win the District Target Shooting Competition for the second time!

To round everything off the Scouts embraced their need for speed when we went go karting! It brought out everyone's fiercely competitive natures & saw some lap records set as well as some dubious tactics from some...!

At the end of this year, I have taken over as section leader from Steve (Bass!) who has decided to step down. His are big shoes to fill in more ways than one, & I thank him for everything he's done for the Troop & myself over the years. I would also like to thank Pat, Zoe & Rachel for everything they continue to do, not forgetting Becca who made the transition from young leader to leader in April 2023. Massive thankyou to parents, grandparents & everyone else who continue to support the Troop 😊

Andy (Jambo)
Scout Leader

1ST MARSTON GREEN SCOUT BAND REPORT April 2022 – March 2023

Band has had good year and started to build for the future. A strategy of building membership has been successful with visits to both Scouts and Cubs meeting nights to promote and recruit new members.

We have been able to strengthen the brass section with this recruitment plus add to drummers and re-start the glockenspiel section. Our new members settled in well and have made really good progress.

Meeting on Tuesday Evenings from 19:30 -20:30, we are always looking to build our membership by recruiting new members from the Scouting movement.

Events Attended

- Band played at the Annual Gala on a very wet day, with a nod to the late Queens Jubilee.
- The arena event took place in St Leonard's Church Hall on the stage, due to the inclement weather.
- Band attended the Parade for Remembrance Sunday.
- St Leonard's Church to the Garden of Memory.
- Playing Last Post, Reveille and the National Anthem as part of a tradition for Marston Green.
- Band played for The Carol concert in St Leonard's Church.
- Band organised an outing to watch the Birmingham Tattoo at the NEC in February.

Band funds started the Year at £757.31. Spending: £13.95 on Drumheads, £4.00 On Christmas section boxes, £219.99 On a Parade Drum. No monies were added this year.

The growing membership has increased the need for us to invest in instruments and uniform, maintenance costs have also increased.

A major purchase of a parade drum has been an excellent investment, in line with providing all members to have a good quality instrument to play. Instruments are very expensive, with no increase in our funds this year, we need to come up with a strategy to raise funds.

Plans for the future

1. Band will be celebrating 50 years of continuous operation next year, one of only 41 registered Scout bands Band's in the country
2. Look to network with other Scout Bands to help our development
3. We would like to put on a small concert for parents and others next year
4. An inventory of our instruments and condition, for insurance and future needs
5. We have been asked to play at St George's day parade in Knowle next year
6. Gala Day
7. Christmas Carol concert
8. Visits to other musical events

I would like to express my thanks to the dedicated volunteers that support band in a fantastic way with their time and commitment, to which they have done for many years. A shout out to support we have from behind the scenes, members parents who have helped with our music development. Band has been lucky enough to have fantastic parent support in the past and this has continued and grown with our new members, supporting the Band including photo's, recordings, and posts on our closed Facebook page, plus WhatsApp group. We are lucky enough to have a large number of parents who support our practice night's week in week out, which has clearly played a large part in the fantastic progress Band has made.

Thank you all.

Keith Ballington
Band Leader

ORION MARSTON GREEN (OMG) EXPLORER UNIT REPORT April 2022 – March 2023

Although Orion Explorer Unit doesn't report into 1st Marston Green Scout Group (the unit reports directly into Solihull District), the Unit has a joint partnership agreement with 1st Marston Green, and therefore very much part of the group.

The Explorer Unit continues to be strong with an average of 16 members, with many taking on the Young Leader roles and helping at the younger section nights, building their skills and experience.

My thanks go to the Explorers for taking part each week, and to leadership team Ed and Dan, and Matt in the background.

We are looking for another adult member to join our team. Ideally someone who enjoys the outdoors, that can help weekly and with occasional weekend camps. Don't worry if you don't think you have the skills, there's a team of experienced leaders around you. If you'd like more info or try it for 3 weeks, let's have a chat.

Tony
Explorer Leader

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATION DETAILS

Charity Name: 1st Marston Green Scout Group

Registered Number: 524591

Location: Village Mews (off Elmdon Road), Marston Green, Birmingham B37 7WP

Principal address: c/o 104 Coleshill Road, Marston Green, Birmingham B37 7HW

Advisor: The Scout Association

Scrutineer: Mrs J Wilde, 4 Bickenhill Road, Marston Green, B37 7EL

Trustees: Trustee Name Office Period (if not a full year)

Trustee Name	Office	Period (if not a full year)
Steven Harris	Chair	
Amanda Turnbull	Group Scout Leader	
Patricia Glynn	Treasurer	
Andrea Wynn	Secretary	
Jacqueline Altham	Member	
Lisa Ollis	Member	
David Hobbs	Member	
Peter Jones	Member	
Robert Swindell	Member	
Daphne Carter	Member	
Helen Sale-Wilkes	Member	
Caroline Hemus	Member	
Samantha Georgiou-Milloshas	Member	
Wendy Glynn	Member	

Structure, Governance and Management

Our governing documents are those of The Scout Association consisting of a Royal Charter which in turn gives authority to the Bye Laws of the Association and its 'Policy, Organisation and Rules'.

Our Scout Group is managed by a Group Trustee Board. Its members are charity trustees responsible for complying with legislation applicable to charities and for managing Group business, including keeping proper accounts, making returns to the Charity Commission, issuing an annual report, ensuring property and land is well maintained, ensuring leaders and trustees are trained, observing health and safety, and safeguarding responsibilities, including risk assessment.

To confirm the outcome of the following votes carried out in advance: (i) the number of persons to be elected at the Group is usually between four and six (ii) a resolution that the quorum for a meeting of the Group Trustee Board is four members to include either the Group Chairman or Group Scout Leader The Ex-Officio members of the Committee as being: Group Chair, Group Secretary, Group Treasurer, Group Scout Leader. The District Commissioner and District Chair have a right of attendance. The number of persons nominated must not exceed that of the elected members of the Group Trustee Board.

The number of persons co-opted by the Group Trustee Board must not exceed the number of members who may be elected.

Risk and Internal Control

The Group has internal controls in place designed to provide reasonable reassurance against material mismanagement or loss, including two signatories for all payments and comprehensive insurance to ensure insurable risks are covered.

Objectives and Activities, Vision, Values and Priorities

The objectives of the Group are to act as a unit of The Scout Association. The Aim is to promote development of young people in achieving their full physical, intellectual, social and spiritual potentials, as individuals, as responsible citizens and as members of their local national and international communities. The Method is by providing an enjoyable and attractive scheme of progressive training, based on the Promise and Law and guided by adult leadership. Our trustees operate in line with these aims and objectives and in accordance with the Charity Commission's published guidance on the Public Benefit requirement under the Charities Act 2011.

We pursue The Scout Association's Vision for 2018-2023 'Skills for Life' to prepare more young people with skills for life, supported by amazing leaders delivering an inspiring programme, growing, more inclusive, shaped by young people and making a bigger impact in our community, with emphasis on values:

Care: We support others and take care of the world in which we live.

Respect: We have self-respect and respect for others

Integrity: We act with integrity: we are honest, trustworthy, and loyal.

Cooperation: We make a positive difference; we cooperate with others and make friends.

Belief: We explore our faiths, beliefs, and attitudes.

We endeavour to give opportunities to enjoy fun and adventure while developing skills such as teamwork, leadership, and resilience. Our main priorities are:

Membership	To reach out to more Young People
Adults	To attract, engage with and retain more adults through delivering exciting volunteering opportunities
Youth Shaped	To involve our young members in the way we shape our programme and activities
Relationships & Partnerships	To work with others creating sound partnerships to serve our young people better
Unity	To pursue a common purpose at all levels, and work as a team and not individually
Planning	To demonstrate sound strategic planning and efficient and effective financial planning and budgeting across our operations
Risk Management	To manage our activities in accordance with The Scout Association requirements

Achievements and performance

Individual reports by officers and section leaders within this Group set out achievements and performance during 1 April 2022 to 31 March 2023.

Reserves and Investment Policy

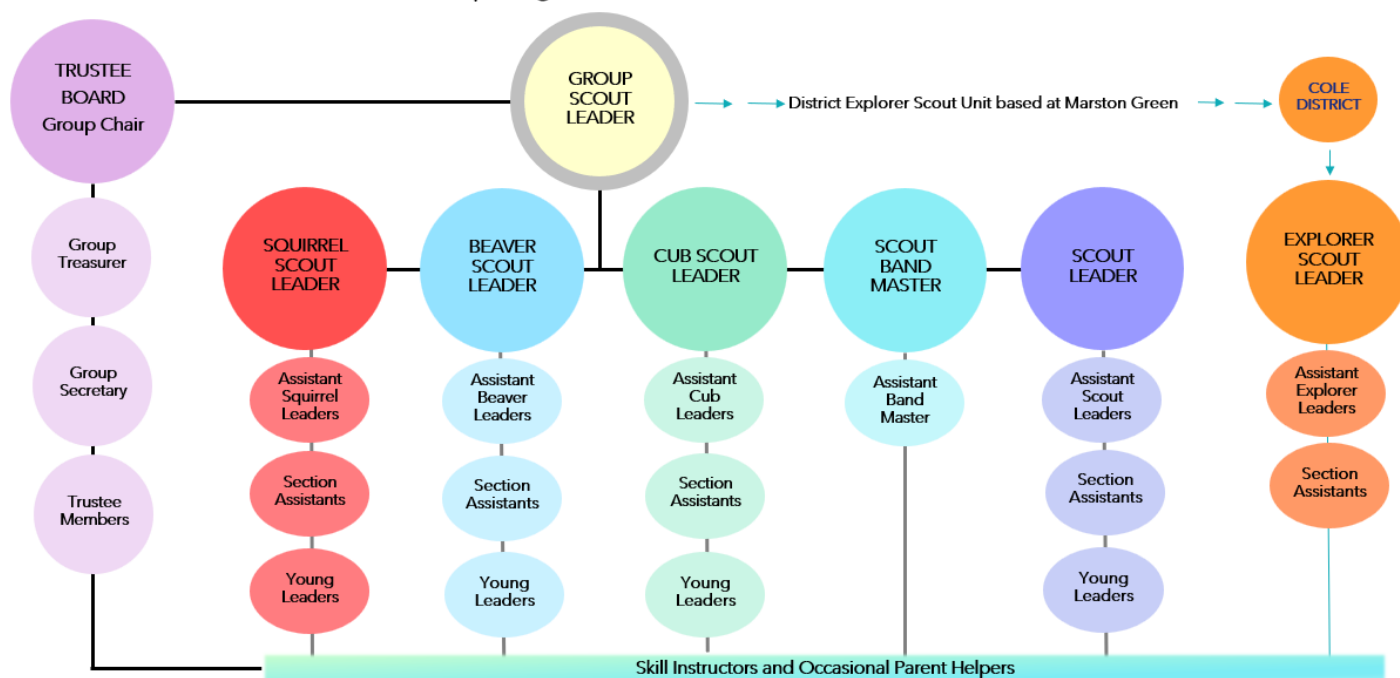
The trustees have determined Group policy on reserves is to hold sufficient resources to continue the charitable activities of the Group should income and fundraising activities fall short. This amount is currently equivalent to £10k, held in reserve. The Group does not have sufficient funds given its planned expenditure, to invest in longer term investments and has therefore adopted a risk averse strategy to investment of funds.

Section Meetings and Leadership

1 st Marston Green Scout Group sections as of October 2023					Orion Explorer Unit*
Squirrel Scouts	Beaver Scouts	Cub Scouts	Scouts	Scout Band	
Mondays	Mondays	Wednesdays	Thursdays	Tuesdays	Mondays
Jo Groves	Jo Groves	Zoe Campbell	Andrew Glynn	Keith Ballington	Tony Head
Lewis Chamberlain	Amanda Turnbull	James Ward	Patrick Lambert	Tony Whitehouse	Ed Wallace
Helen Sale-Wilkes	Lewis Chamberlain	Karen Grice	Rebecca Hardwick	Robert Swindell	Daniel Perks
Adam Dozsa	Abbie Forbes	Rachel Pearce	Rachel Pearce	James Llewellyn-Charlton	
	Abbie Cook		Zoe Campbell		
	Zsolt Csizmadia			Richard Forbes	
	Chloe Scott-Taggart				

* Orion Explorer Unit is the natural unit for our Scouts to progress to. Like other Units, it reports directly to the local Scout District, though it has use of 1st MG Group’s headquarters and facilities in line with a partnership agreement between both parties.

1st Marston Green Scout Group Organisation Chart Part of Solihull County Scouts and Cole District Scouts



Note: Aligning with the Charity Commission, our Executive Committee is now known as Trustee Boards. This came into effect from April 2023

Appendix 1: 1st Marston Green Scout Group CONSOLIDATED ACCOUNTS - Year Ending 31 March 2023

1st Marston Green Scout Group - CONSOLIDATED ACCOUNTS - Year Ending 31st March 2023										2021/2022
INCOME	Scouts	Cubs	Beavers	Squirells	Band	Group	Total		Prior Year	
Subscriptions	2,150.00	2,196.00	2,195.00	1,587.50			8,128.50		6,450.00	
less paid to Scout HQ	-711.00	-829.50	-671.50	-513.50			-2,725.50		-3,112.50	
Refund						34.50	34.50		65.50	
Donations						144.75	144.75		100.00	
Activities/Outings	2,530.00	2,458.00	1,280.00	478.00		5,603.32	12,349.32		1,747.97	
Orion re Water bill							0.00		186.15	
Christmas Fayre 22						1,073.26	1,073.26		0.00	
Other Fund Raising				13.50		1,345.43	1,358.93		804.89	
Necker/Badges/Uniform			52.00	72.00		158.00	282.00		383.72	
Contribution Orion						460.00	460.00		330.00	
Contribution Brownies 21/22						260.00	260.00		0.00	
Amazon Funding						67.37	67.37		79.31	
Easy Funding						149.71	149.71		136.09	
Benevity/ UK on line						24.38	24.38		2.44	
Misc						214.63	214.63		0.00	
Gala 22						2,979.95	2,979.95		0.00	
Grants						0.00	0.00		21,253.00	
Gift Aid						3,175.16	3,175.16		1,107.04	
EXPENDITURE						15,690.46	£27,976.96		£29,533.61	
Sections Contributions	600.00	620.00	590.00	400.00		-2,210.00	0.00		0.00	
Ground rent 22/23 &23/24						2.00	2.00		0.00	
Gala 2022						344.00	344.00		87.00	
Activities/Outings	2,623.05	2437.91	1,710.36	617.98		6,217.65	13,606.95		5,866.40	
Necker/Badges/Uniform	105.05	280.66	296.63	137.79		326.00	1,146.13		740.22	
Kitchen Extension						1,347.05	1,347.05		23,741.32	
Equipment	7.50					1,195.57	1,203.07		872.28	
Stationery/Craft/Postage/Admin		34.99				32.58	67.57		349.88	
Food & Drink	162.97	169.85	7.22	7.22			347.26		201.07	
Insurance						1,786.05	1,786.05		1,873.97	
Utilities						1,290.43	1,290.43		997.51	
Repairs & Replacements						260.91	260.91		2,860.54	
HQ Maintenance/Refurbs.						3,016.20	3,016.20		694.83	
Presentations/Wreaths						25.00	25.00		18.50	
Gala 23						96.00	96.00		0.00	
Training						80.00	80.00		79.36	
Other Water bill owed by Orion bids						111.26	111.26		0.00	
Misc					237.94	186.15	424.09		507.29	
Fees Go Cardless/OSM	176.48	132.83	120.10	103.00			532.41		321.63	
Squirrels H/Hire						73.50	73.50		199.50	
Total	3,675.05	3,676.24	2,724.31	1,265.99	237.94	14,180.35	£25,759.88		£39,411.30	
Surplus/Deficit	293.95	148.26	131.19	371.51	-237.94	1,510.11	£2,217.08		-£9,877.69	

Appendix 2: 1st Marston Green Scout Group – CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEET As at 31st March 2023

1st Marston Green Scout Group - CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEET - As at 31st March 2023						
BALANCE SHEET						
	Scouts	Cubs	Beavers	Squirells	Band	Group Total
Brought Forward						
Cash at Bank	162.90	408.25	653.51	300.00	757.31	20,165.02
Cash in Hand						24.05
Total	162.90	408.25	653.51	300.00	757.31	20,189.07
Year's Surplus/Deficit						
	293.95	148.26	131.19	371.51	-237.94	1,510.11
Carried Forward						
Cash at Bank	456.85	556.51	784.70	671.51	519.37	21,677.13
Cash in Hand						22.05
Total	456.85	556.51	784.70	671.51	519.37	21,699.18
NOTES						
1	Bank Statements from every Section support the Cash at Bank balances as at 31st March 2023 and as shown in the above Balance Sheet					
2	It has been agreed that 1st Marston Green Scout Group continue to monitor the joint account - Solihull North International Camp Bank Account, as previously agreed in 2015. An updated summary for 2022/2023 is attached to these accounts.					
3	Income Group					
	Misc includes £200 returned deposit re Climbing Wall Gala 22					
	Fundraisind includes £507.60 proceeds of Clothes sale					
4	Expenditure Group					
	HQM includes Cost of new Gates £2395.20 and £560.52 Cost of Alarm System					
	Other Water Plus bill owed by Orion Bidrs £111.26					
	Misc Re £186.15 Eon D/D April 23 / D/C received from Orion Bids March 22 shown in 21/22 accounts					
5	Beavers and Squirells Share one Bank Account Income and expenditure are shown separately					
	Group Surplus at 31/03/2023	21,699.18				
	General Reserve	10,000.00				
	Kitchen Extension Reserve	2,049.73				
	Trailer Refurbishment	500.00				
		9,149.45				
SIGNED						DATE
P E Glynn, Group Treasurer						

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2021 – 2022 Annual Report



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AGENDA

Annual General Meeting for April 2021 – March 2022

Wednesday 19th October 2022

6.30pm til 7.30pm

Arrive between 6.30-6.35pm and place your carved pumpkin on the relevant table, ready for judging

View all the carved pumpkins, then take a seat for a short AGM. Whilst the AGM takes place, the judging of the pumpkins will take place.

1. Welcome from Group Chair
2. To receive apologies for any absence
3. To approve the minutes of the 2020/2021 AGM held on 6th July 2021 (Appendix 1)
4. Matters arising – any questions submitted to the Group Secretary will be replied to
5. To receive and consider the Annual Report and Accounts
 - a. Presentation of the Annual Report by the Chair and Group Scout Leader
 - b. Presentation of the Accounts by the Group Treasurer
 - c. Seek approval of the Annual Report and Accounts
6. Approval of the Group Scout Leader's nomination of the Group Chair
7. Election of the Group Secretary & Treasurer
8. Election of remaining members of the Group Executive Committee
9. Appointment of independent scrutineer
10. Jamboree 2023 – Ben Jones
11. Any other business
12. Close AGM

Winners of the pumpkin carving will take place.

Squirrels

Beavers

Cubs

Scouts

Explorers

Adults

Refreshments will available afterwards free of charge, however any donation will be gratefully received.

GROUP CHAIR'S REPORT 2021/22

I was appointed as the new Chairman part way through the financial year, in August 2021. As my 3 children are members, I've been involved with various Scouting events over the years, but completely new to the role of Group Chair.

With Covid restrictions still in place during 2021/2022, this once again caused continuous challenges, especially when having to decide whether to go ahead with our fundraising events. The Executive Committee decided for both Gala 2021 and Christmas Fayre 2021 not to go ahead. Despite not holding our annual events, we still managed to fundraise £804.89, thanks to Jackie and Lisa for inventive ways of selling anything! We were delighted to hold Gala again this June and the plans are in motion for the Christmas Fayre on 29th November. These events help raise funds for the upkeep of the building, pay the utility bills and provide funds for equipment for the many Scouting activities that our Leader Team organise every year.

During 2021/2022 the Executive Committee decided to keep the Termly Subs to the reduced price of £30, mainly due to Covid restrictions still affecting some of the Scouting programme, and also with the restricted access to our Scout Hut whilst the housing development progressed.

The Executive Committee have worked closely with the housing developers, Orion Developments and formed a good working relationship. This enabled us to access the Scout Hut during the build with very limited disruption. They have also given us support and advice during all the work we have undertaken at the Scout Hut. We are delighted that the housing development is now complete, and we welcome our new neighbours to our new road, the Village Mews.

Over the past 4 years, a team of volunteers have been working hard on improving the facilities at our Scout Hut. It all started because we found we had a major woodworm issue. However, turning a bad thing into a positive, means the main hall has had a facelift, storage has been dramatically improved, a new heating system has been installed and we secured funding from HS2 to build an amazing kitchen extension which means our young members can learn and development greater #skillsforlife. A special thanks to everyone that has contributed their time to the renovations over the past 4 years, you know who you are. But an extra special thankyou to one of our parents and past GSL, Richard Forbes. Without his help and guidance, we would never have completed all of these projects and on such a budget. And finally, a special mention to our committee member, Caroline and Young Leader (now a leader) Jacala for painting the wonderful camp mural on our cupboard doors, bringing the outdoors indoors and brightening up the main hall.

We are always in need of tea makers, fundraising event planners, tidy-uppers and helpers for as little or as much time as you can spare. Please put your name down on our adult helpers list in the main entrance and we'll get in touch with ways that you could help and see what suits you.

I look forward to meeting you all at our forthcoming events.

Steve Harris, Group Chairman

GROUP SCOUT LEADER'S REPORT 2021/22

Following a year of holding section nights on Zoom, in April 2021 it was so good to finally start getting back to normal. It started with meeting outdoors, but as we were unable to access our Scout Hut due to the new housing development, we are extremely grateful to St Leonards Church for allowing all the sections to meet on the church lawn, and to have access to the toilets and storage of basic equipment.

In September, we returned to the Scout Hut and held meetings inside with a handful of restrictions. Our leaders did an amazing job to continuously adapt the Scouting programme around all the restrictions, and was greatly helped by the understanding of our young members and parents. With money we received from Solihull MBC relating to Covid, we decided to give something back to our young members, especially as they had missed out on so much since March 2020, so we subsidised a Thrillseekers day at Ackers Trust. Thanks to the support of leaders and parents, 74 of our members all had go at Canoeing, Archery, Climbing, Skiing and the Tower Drop! It was a fantastic day.

We know our members have missed out on vital Scout camping experiences due to Covid, with no camps taking place within April 2021 – March 2022. However, the leaders still continued to teach the skills needed, and we are delighted that all sections have had a couple of opportunities to camp in the past 6 months.

In September 2021, national Scouting launched the new section for children aged 4 and 5: Squirrels, and we were delighted when Baloo offered to start a Drey at 1st Marston Green. We were the first in Solihull to start and it's been an amazing journey, as you will read in Baloo's Annual Report. We have offered support and encouragement to other groups, with a Drey recently opening in at Chelmsley Wood Group.

It was also great to see our Scout Marching Band members blow the dust from their instruments, attract new members and come back strong after Covid.

We have a great team of leaders and committee members at 1st Marston Green, and together we support each other and give our young members some amazing #skillsforlife. My passion for Scouting and what it represents, is always accelerated with the commitment of our volunteers. We don't get paid for doing Scouting, but what we do get is:

- ✓ The enjoyment of seeing our members grow and develop as they learn more skills.
- ✓ Awarding badges. Did you know our leaders awarded 441 badges from April 21 to March 22 !
- ✓ 116 young people each week attending a section meeting at our Scout Hut
- ✓ The satisfaction of running a fun and successful fundraising event or activity
- ✓ The friendships we make.
- ✓ A severe lack of sleep when away camping, and once back home after that needed shower or soak in the bath, a nice glass of wine and sharing all the photos of the amazing weekend we have all had.

I am looking forward to our sections making use of on new fantastic kitchen facilities, although I'm hoping I won't be asked to judge too many baking competitions!! And also looking forward to more nights away experiences, whether local or further afield.

Thank you to everyone involved with 1st Marston Green Scout Group – leaders, committee, young members, parents and our local community. And to my wonderful husband for all his support.

Amanda Turnbull (Clippy), Group Scout Leader

GROUP TREASURER'S REPORT 2021/22

At the year end 31st March 2022, the Group's finances remained in a healthy position, the Balance Sheet showing £2,471 carried forward (to 2022/2023), albeit a deficit of £9,877.69 occurred, due mainly to a spend of £23,741.32 on the kitchen extension.

The Consolidated Accounts show how total income of £29,533.61 and total expenditure of £39,411.30 is made up.

Grant income of £21,253 included £10k from HS2, £8k from the government via Solihull MBC re Covid and £2,573 from Bickenhill and Marston Green Parish Council. An Early Years Grant of £500 was received from TSA Charity Account to help start up our new Squirrels Section. Over the last two years, the Group is fortunately to have received over £20k in government (Covid) grant support due to it owning its own premises.

Income from members subscriptions was £6,450 and £3,112.50 was paid in membership fees to The Scout Association. A further £5,866.40 went on activities and outings for our young people.

Repairs and replacements accounted for a spend of £2,860.54 and annual insurance cost the Group £1,873.97. 2021/2022 and 2020/2021 have shown the importance of building in resilience to the Group's finances.

The Group's trustees in compliance with good accounting practice previously agreed to continue a policy of maintaining a reserve of £10k, which they considered sufficient to continue the charitable activities of the Scout Group, in normal circumstances should income and fundraising fall short, as can happen for example as evidenced by the major impact of Covid-19 over the last two years.

Patricia Glynn, Group Treasurer

Scrutineer's Report to the Trustees of the 1st Marston Green Scout Group April 2021 – March 2022

I report on the accounts of the Group for the year ended 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 the audit nor independent examination 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 constitution, I have scrutinised the records and the accounts set out on pages 1 to 4 and also the report sheets of 1st Marston Green Beavers, Cubs and Scouts, Squirrels, The 1st Marston Green Band and Solihull North International Camp.

Scrutineer's Statement

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

Name: Judith Wilde

Address: 4 Bickenhill Rd, B37 7EL

Date 22/08/2022

Signature: J Wilde (A master copy of the Scrutineer's report is available for inspection)

1ST MARSTON GREEN SQUIRREL DREY REPORT 2021/22

Welcome to our new section Squirrels. We have had lots of fun since we started on 27th September 2021 with 11 young members joining. Due to the housing development, we had to hold our Drey meetings at the Parish Hall.

In September and October 2021, we covered parts of the All Together Challenge, Be Active Activity, Exciting Experiments Activity by playing lots of games, making Noughts and Crosses using twigs and natural items from the garden and making yummy fruit kebabs.

In November 2021 we had a celebration by investing all our members with flags, balloons and a delicious cake to eat. We made our own Poppies, went on our very first Parade by attending our Village Remembrance Parade, building den's, showing our feelings and building Bridges. All this work covered parts of the All About Me Challenge, Brilliant Builder Activity, Feel Good Activity, Let's Celebrate Activity and Get Creative Activity.

December 2021, we covered part of the Get Creative Activity by learning a Christmas song and then recording it for our virtual Christmas Carole Service and then joining up with our Beavers Section for an exciting Christmas Party.

January 2022, we did parts of the All Together Challenge, Feel Good Activity, Brilliant Builder Activity and Let's Celebrate Activity by trying out some Yoga poses, making models, being Detective Squirrels and then celebrating Chinese New Year.

February 2022, we started the month of by making fruit hedgehogs, learning where food comes from, tasting and eating pancakes and making bookmarks for World Book Day. All these covered parts of the Get Creative Activity, Super Chef Activity and Story Time Activity.

March 2022, we covered parts of the All Around Us Challenge, Local Superhero Activity, Get Creative by designing a Superhero with Powers, making Mother's Day Cards, learning how we are all different and a visit to Marston Green Library where we had story time.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Clippy for all her help in setting up this brand new Section in Marston Green and in fact in Solihull County, as we were the only Group to do this. I would not have been able to do it all without your help. I would also like to thank Kaa for coming back to Scouting and joining us at Squirrels. Thank you to Kym (Maggie) and my young leaders Keego, Ko and April for helping out each week.

Finally, I would like to thank the Squirrels and parents for your commitment and support.

Joanne (Baloo), Squirrel Scout Leader



1ST MARSTON GREEN WILDWOOD BEAVER COLONY REPORT 2021/22

It was finally great to see everyone face-to-face even though it was outside meetings.

In April 2021 and May 2021, we started our meetings off outside of St. Leonards Church and finished it off with the last couple of meetings on Zoom, we covered parts of the World Challenge, Outdoors Challenge, Skills Challenge and Camp Craft Activity by learning the story of St. George, doing a Nature Scavenger Hunt, Learning Knots, doing Palm Art and doing a Quiz and Memory Game.

In June 2021, we started the month off by bubble making, fire lighting, planting and finished it off by Tobogganing at Ackers Adventure. By doing all this, we covered parts of the Skills Challenge, Adventure Challenge, Camp Craft Activity and Gardener Activity.

In July 2021, we covered parts of the Teamwork Challenge, Adventure Challenge and Skills Challenge by playing lot's of team games and then learning how to play Tennis at Marston Green Tennis Club.

In September 2021, we finally moved our weekly meetings back into our Scout HQ. We kicked the month off with a Thrillseekers Group Activity Day at Ackers Adventure then learnt about 5 animals, and made catapults. In October 2021 we did a Cooking Quiz and learnt about Dangers in the kitchen, made Fruit Hedgehogs. All this work covered parts of the Adventure Challenge, Outdoors Challenge, Skills Challenge and Cook Activity.

November and December 2021, we made our own Poppies, attended our Village Remembrance Parade, did Pioneering, learnt the Value of Money, practiced our Carol Service song and recorded it for our virtual Christmas Carole Service and had a joint Christmas Party with our new section Squirrels. Doing all this we covered parts of the Skill Challenge, World Challenge, Teamwork Challenge, Faith Activity, Camp Craft Activity and Money Skills Activity.

January 2022, we did part of the Skills Challenge by learning how to look after your teeth, Teamwork Challenge by being a Good Friend, World Challenge by making Bird Feeders, Celebrating Chinese New Year.

February 2022, we started the month of by learning how to express yourself then learning how to wash up. We then made our very own pancakes which were very yummy and went down a treat. All this covered parts of the World Challenge, Skills Challenge and Cook Activity.

March 2022, we covered parts of the Air Activities Activity by making Bird Kites, the Skills Challenge and Creative Activity by making Mother's Day Cards, Teamwork Challenge and Adventure Challenge by practicing Tracking Signs and following a trail and having a games night.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Clippy for all her help over the last 12 months. I would not have been able to do it all without your help. I would also like to Thank Wawbeck, Bagheera, Chil and my young leaders Jacala and Ko for helping out each week

Finally, I would like to thank the Beavers and parents for your commitment and support.

Joanne (Baloo), Beaver Scout Leader



1ST MARSTON GREEN CUB PACK REPORT 2021/22

A year on the one of the most challenging times in scouting history we continued to see some ups and downs but thankfully mostly up.

In April we started back to face to face meetings making use of the outside grounds at St Leonards Church. We did fire safety, the theory of fire and managed to safely start fires within the church grounds and even managed to toast marshmallows before safely extinguishing the fires.

May saw the cubs learning about hike equipment and navigation in preparation for some walking activities. We also had an activity packed evening at Rough Close where they managed to work towards and complete a range of outdoor based badges.

June was another action packed month with many of the cubs joining us for walk around the village to find their little minions which they had already made with the help of our young leaders. Plenty of fun outdoor games including the cubs very own version of Operation Chameleon at Millennium Wood. We ended the month with a Canoeing session at Ackers where the Cubs gained there very first Time on The Water badge, hopefully the first of many times for water activities.

In July the cubs had fun learning knots and lashing tied into games and challenges. We had another evening at Rough Close where their new found knowledge was put to use making bridges for the moving on ceremony for cubs ageing out to Scouts.

Starting back in September the whole group had the opportunity to challenge themselves at an adventure filled day at our "Thrillseekers Day" at Ackers. Every one of the young people in all sections showed great resilience and "did their best" on water, and at heights and everything inbetween.

October we managed to get back into our HQ and completed our pioneering badge and started to look at the usefulness of the tiny mighty creatures around us, Mini Beasts. November saw us back to our annual Remembrance Parade in the village joined by our brand new Squirrel Scouts showing the local community that we thrived and survived through the pandemic.

December is about Christmas with a virtual Carol Service.

With the launch of a new activity badge January and February saw the cubs embraced the challenge of complete it and gaining their new Money Wise Activity badge, we also celebrated Chinese New Year.

For March the Cubs within their Pack Forum identified a community project for them to work on. They talked about and formulated a path to completing their Community Impact badge. Teaming up with our Local Lions group they completed a litter pick collecting all the rubbish they could find in the local Marston Green park. It was teamed up with a sleepover back at HQ and a movie night, making pizzas with homemade fresh dough prepared by our Chairman, cooking in our brand new kitchen.

Over the year 2021 to 2022 the cubs worked on over 17 different badges and earned a total of 177, 4 Chief Scout Silver awards and 8 Cubs moved on to the Scout section and are still there.

We gained two new cub leaders, Rachel who is for ever now known as "Riki" (Riki Tiki Tavi) and Karen AKA "Warbeck". Thank You both for stepping up and joining our amazing Scouting Family. I would also like to say a Thank You to James AKA "Mysa" for all of your help too. And a special Thank You to our two young leaders Ben and Anthony who have such a great rapport with our cubs and entertain them well. As well as their school work and their own section nights, they continue to give up their personal time to attend

Young Leaders sessions gaining skills to help lead and deliver safe programmes for our young people and then to come to Cubs each week. Thank You both you are “Amazing” and valued members of our Scouting Family.

Lastly the end of the spring term meant that I was handed the reins of Akela for the Cub Pack as Paul decided that it was time to pursue new adventures in his personal life away from scouting. Thank you for your guidance over the last 5 years and we ALL wish you well in the next stage of your life.

Zoe (Akela), Cub Scout Leader



1ST MARSTON GREEN SCOUT TROOP REPORT 2021/22

We’re starting to get back to some... “normality”?

With some restrictions we were able to have face to face meetings outside of the hut and limited numbers inside. Starting off with basing our programme around the Six Summits Challenge. We made one pot meals, practiced our route planning and climbing the stairs to the heights of the Shropshire hills.

Still not able to camp, we did a day camp at Rough Close where the scouts walked to the site avoiding HS2, cooked meals on hike stoves and had some downtime playing in the woods.

We tried out hike tents and also the art of tarpology (different shelters using tarps). Other activities we did on our Thursday nights outside the hut:- Kayaking at Ackers Trust, Indoor climbing, bike ride to Babbs Mill and back and a train journey to the Malvern Hills.

Thrill Seekers day at Ackers trust: Scouts took the leap of faith, Rock climbed, Archery and Canoeing.

We’ve also been pretty crafty. Creating silouhette soldiers, Crosses and poppies for Remembrance Day.

Took part in Operation Chameleon and County Camp Cooking Competition.

If anyone reading this report would like to be part of the activities or have ideas for new experiences for our scouts please drop us a line 😊

Huge thankyou to everyone who has supported the Troop over the year!!

Steve (BASS!) Curwood, Scout Leader



1ST MARSTON GREEN SCOUT BAND REPORT 2021/22

Due to COVID restrictions no Band activity was able to take place for six months of this reporting year.

Band met back in September 2021, having not being able to meet for about eighteen months.

Having just four members return, a determination to continue and prepare for potentially playing for Remembrance was set.

A plea to two former members to help us out enabled us to put out a small Band, which was very welcome by the village, to get back to leading the parade to the garden of memory.

From that outing we had four new members wishing to join us, plus the very welcome return of Richard Forbes who adds a great strength to our team.

The new members settled in well and have made fantastic progress.

With indoor restrictions in place Band prepared for their slot at the Christmas Carol concert. Thanks to Steve for filming this, we had great fun doing what was something new for the Band.

In March Band had a visit from Jill Bowman who is Manager National Performing Arts looking after all Scout Bands in England, Scotland and Wales. Marston Green is one of only thirty registered Scout Bands in the country. She was very impressed with the progress of our new recruits, and although we are a small band make a good sound.

Meeting on Tuesday Evenings from 19:15 -20:30. We are always looking to build our membership by recruiting new members from the Scouting movement

Events Attended:

Band attended Parade for Remembrance Sunday from St Leonard's Church to Garden of Memory, Playing Last Post, Reveille and the National Anthem as part of a tradition for the village

Produced a film clip for the Christmas Carol Concert

Band funds started the Year at £790.11, spending £13.95 on an end of year celebration, £18.85 on Bow ties and hats for Gala. Balance of £757.31. No monies were added this year

I would like to express my thanks to the dedicated volunteers that support band in a fantastic way with their time and commitment, to which they have done for many years.

Band has been lucky enough to have fantastic parent support in the past and this has continued with our new members supporting the Band including photo's, recordings and posts on our closed Facebook page, plus whatsapp group.

Band looks forward to building on this success and growing our membership, with visits to Cubs and Scouts meeting nights

Monies on maintenance for instruments, plus a new parade drum are projected spends for the next year

Keith Ballington, Band Leader



ORION MARSTON GREEN (OMG) EXPLORER UNIT REPORT 2021/22

Although Orion Explorer Unit doesn't report into 1st Marston Green Scout Group (the unit reports directly into Solihull District), the Unit has a joint partnership agreement with 1st Marston Green, and therefore very much part of the group.

The Explorer Unit continues to strong with an average of 16 members, with many taking on the Young Leader role and helping at the young section nights, building their skills and experience.

Several of our members applied to attend the 25th World Scout Jamboree 2023, whom all deserved a place. However, with only 18 places from within Solihull County, their was a selection process which they each had to attend. We were delighted that one of members, Ben Jones, was accepted to go to Korea. Ben aka Keego, is also one of our Young Leaders at Squirrels and Cubs. The World Jamboree is an amazing experience for any young person. The Jamboree Team will join 50,000 other Scouts from every corner of the globe to develop leadership skills, share their skills and learn from others.

We can't wait to hear all about Ben's trip next year. He and the Jamboree team have been busy fundraising, as the cost between them is £72,000. If you can, and would like to show your support to Ben, there is a justgiving page where donations can be made: <https://justgiving.com/campaign/soljam23>

My thanks go to the Explorers for taking part each week, and to leadership team Ed and Dan, and Matt in the background.

Tony Head, Orion Explorer Leader



REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATION DETAILS

Charity Name: 1st Marston Green Scout Group

Registered Number: 524591

Location: Village Mews (off Elmdon Road), Marston Green, Birmingham B37 7WP

Principal address: c/o 104 Coleshill Road, Marston Green, Birmingham B37 7HW

Advisor: The Scout Association

Scrutineer: Mrs J Wilde, 4 Bickenhill Road, Marston Green, B37 7EL

Trustees:

Trustee Name	Office	Period (if not a full year)
Stephen Harris	Chair	From: August 2021
Amanda Turnbull	Group Scout Leader	
Patricia Glynn	Treasurer	
Andrea Wynn	Secretary	
Jacqueline Altham	Member	
Lisa Ollis	Member	
David Hobbs	Member	
Peter Jones	Member	
Robert Swindell	Member	
Daphne Carter	Member	
Helen Sale-Wilkes	Member	
Sarah Coleman	Member	
Caroline Hemus	Member	From: February 2022

Structure, Governance and Management

Our governing documents are those of The Scout Association consisting of a Royal Charter which in turn gives authority to the Bye Laws of the Association and its 'Policy, Organisation and Rules'.

Our Scout Group is managed by a Group Executive Committee. Its members are charity trustees responsible for complying with legislation applicable to charities and for managing Group business, including keeping proper accounts, making returns to the Charity Commission, issuing an annual report, ensuring property and land is well maintained, ensuring leaders and trustees are trained, observing health and safety, and safeguarding responsibilities, including risk assessment.

To confirm the outcome of the following votes carried out in advance: (i) the number of persons to be elected at the Group is usually between four and six (ii) a resolution that the quorum for a meeting of the Group Executive Committee is four members to include either the Group Chairman or Group Scout Leader

The Ex-Officio members of the Committee as being: Group Chair, Group Secretary, Group Treasurer, Group Scout Leader. The District Commissioner and District Chair have a right of attendance.

The number of persons nominated must not exceed that of the elected members of the Group Executive Committee.

The number of persons co-opted by the Group Executive Committee must not exceed the number of members who may be elected.

Risk and Internal Control

The Group has internal controls in place designed to provide reasonable reassurance against material mismanagement or loss, including two signatories for all payments and comprehensive insurance to ensure insurable risks are covered.

Objectives and Activities, Vision, Values and Priorities

The objectives of the Group are to act as a unit of The Scout Association. The Aim is to promote development of young people in achieving their full physical, intellectual, social and spiritual potentials, as individuals, as responsible citizens and as members of their local national and international communities. The Method is by providing an enjoyable and attractive scheme of progressive training, based on the Promise and Law and guided by adult leadership. Our trustees operate in line with these aims and objectives and in accordance with the Charity Commission’s published guidance on the Public Benefit requirement under the Charities Act 2011.

We pursue The Scout Association’s Vision for 2018-2023 ‘Skills for Life’ to prepare more young people with skills for life, supported by amazing leaders delivering an inspiring programme, growing, more inclusive, shaped by young people and making a bigger impact in our community, with emphasis on values:

Care: We support others and take care of the world in which we live.

Respect: We have self-respect and respect for others

Integrity: We act with integrity: we are honest, trustworthy, and loyal.

Cooperation: We make a positive difference; we cooperate with others and make friends.

Belief: We explore our faiths, beliefs, and attitudes.

We endeavour to give opportunities to enjoy fun and adventure while developing skills such as teamwork, leadership and resilience. Our main priorities are:

<i>Membership</i>	To reach out to more Young People
<i>Adults</i>	To attract, engage with and retain more adults though delivering exciting volunteering opportunities
<i>Relationships & partnerships</i>	To work with others creating sound partnerships to serve young people better
<i>Unity</i>	To pursue a common purpose at all levels
<i>Planning</i>	To demonstrate sound strategic planning and efficient and effective financial planning and budgeting across our operations
<i>Risk Management</i>	To manage our activities in accordance with The Scout Association requirements

Achievements and performance

Individual reports by officers and section leaders within this Group set out achievements and performance during 1 April 2021 to 31 March 2022.

Reserves and Investment Policy

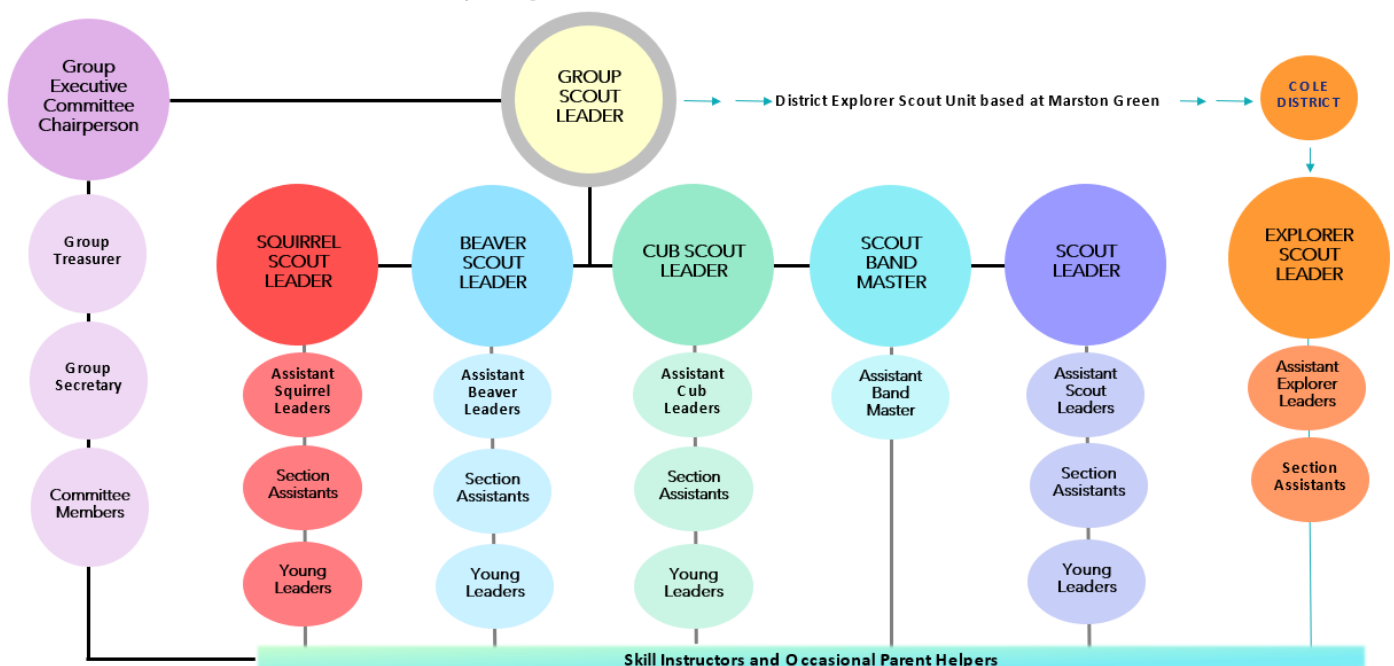
The trustees have determined Group policy on reserves is to hold sufficient resources to continue the charitable activities of the Group should income and fundraising activities fall short. This amount is currently equivalent to £10k, held in reserve. The Group does not have sufficient funds given its planned expenditure, to invest in longer term investments and has therefore adopted a risk averse strategy to investment of funds.

Section Meetings and Leadership

1st Marston Green Scout Group sections					Orion Explorer Unit*
Squirrel Scouts	Beaver Scouts	Cub Scouts	Scouts	Scout Band	Orion Explorer Unit*
<i>Mondays</i>	<i>Mondays</i>	<i>Wednesdays</i>	<i>Thursdays</i>	<i>Tuesdays</i>	<i>Mondays</i>
Jo Groves	Jo Groves	Zoe Campbell	Steve Curwood	Keith Ballington	Tony Head
Helen Sale-Wilkes	Amanda Turnbull	James Ward	Andy Glynn	Tony Whitehouse	Ed Wallace
Lewis Chamberlain	Lewis Chamberlain	Karen Grice	Pat Lambert	Steve Curwood	Daniel Perks
	Abbie Forbes	Rachel Pearce	Rachel Pearce	Robert Swindell	
	Chloe Scott-Taggart	Nick Carter	Zoe Campbell		
	Zoe Campbell				

*Orion Explorer Unit is the natural unit for our Scouts to progress to. Like other Units, it reports directly to the local Scout District, though it has use of 1st MG Group's headquarters and facilities in line with a partnership agreement between both parties.

1st Marston Green Scout Group Organisation Chart Part of Solihull County Scouts and Cole District Scouts



3 ways to help raise money for our Scout Group and not cost you a penny!

#1 Scrap Metal

#2 Amazon Smile

#3 Easyfundraising.org.uk

#1 Scrap Metal

Simply take along any scrap metal to Court Auto Mantlers and asking for it to go onto 1st Marston Green Scout account. Please get in contact with us if you are not able to get to them.

Items include: Household wire including kettle and computer leads, Copper and Lead, Microwaves, Washing machines, Batteries, Aluminium, Drinks cans, Old metal tools/Garden tools, Lawn mowers, Cookers, Old car parts, Old bikes, Radiators, Metal window frames, Tumble dryers, Dishwashers, Pots, Pans, Knives and forks.....

Court Auto Mantlers on Mackadown Lane B33 OJD, just next to the railway bridge (Lovely friendly people)
Normally open 9am-6pm Mon-Fri and 9am-3pm Saturdays. Tel: 0121 779 4157

#2 Amazon Smile

Do you buy from Amazon? If so, please consider using AmazonSmile.

Amazon donates 0.5% of the net purchase price (excluding VAT, returns and shipping fees) of eligible purchases to the charitable organisation of your choice

Here's our unique charity link: <https://smile.amazon.co.uk/ch/524591-0> or search **1st Marston Green Scout Group**

#3 Easyfundraising.org.uk

Raise donations for our Scout Group when shopping online. From entertainment offers to fitness equipment, to grocery and clothes shopping and more.....

Here's our unique link: <https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/1stmarstongreenscouts> or search 1st Marston Green Scout Group or download the easyfundraising app

This short video explains how simple it is and it doesn't cost you anything: <http://efraising.org/cv1Wj5Bman>.

Never miss out on a donation. The Donation Reminder helps you remember to use easyfundraising:

<https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/donation-reminder/>

Did you know that you could be making huge savings on your bills? Search for a better deal with #easyfundraising, you could save money on your household bills and raise BIG donations for 1st Marston Green Scout Group.

Visit <http://efraising.org/I5DGF01sYP> to get started

Minutes of AGM held on 6th July 2021, held on-line via Zoom

Present.

Amanda Turnbull, Andrea Wynn, Rob Swindell, Zoe, Ben and Angela Jones, Stephen Curwood, James Ward, Lisa Ollis, Andy Glynn, Jacqueline Altham, Pat Glynn, Pat Lambert, Daphne Carter.

Apologies.

Anna Hawthorn (parent), Paul Wood, David Hobbs, Pete Jones.

Welcome.

Amanda welcomed all for attending and read out the apology and message that the parent Anna Hawthorn sent, stating how well everyone had done and thanking the leaders for their hard work over the last year. Amanda emphasized how all the leaders have kept going over the trying times this past year and gave a massive well done to all.

AGM.

The minutes of the last meeting was proposed as correct by Rob and seconded by James. There were no questions and matters arising from these.

The reports and accounts had already been distributed for everyone to look through. In summary, a lot has taken place within the sections and badges have been gained, including a chief scouts award, despite the circumstances endured with the pandemic.

The executive committee have met every month and ensured that the finance is in order, aided by the very capable Pat Glynn. They have looked at the building maintenance and applied for grants. We await the refurbishment and new build of the kitchen and look forward to the day that we can return to the scout hut.

The accounts were presented and a big thanks go to Pat for her hard work. The report was included in the AGM pack already distributed. Thanks were also given to Rob for making the report so concise. Currently the financial state is healthy. We were grateful for the £10,000 given to us by Solihull council. We were also given some extra money that was used to help the young people and the hut. We have a healthy surplus at the end of March 2021 of £29,00 in the bank but this has been set aside for £14,000 for the kitchen, £10,000 in general reserves, £4,500 for the storage shed and the security gates as well as £3000 for equipment. There were no questions raised. The annual report was proposed as correct by Zoe and seconded by Stephen Curwood.

The governance information is also included in the packs.

We need to approve the new offices. Rob has unfortunately stepped down as group chair and a big thanks was extended to him for taking on the role over the last few years and for all the help he has provided. However, it does mean that this role is now vacant and help would be appreciated to find someone that would like to take this on so please ask around.

Andrea is the current secretary and is happy to continue this role. Pat proposed this and it was seconded by James.

Pat is the current treasurer and is happy to continue this role. This was proposed by Zoe and seconded Stephen.

The executive committee is Jacqueline, Daphne, Lisa, Helen, Rob and Pete. This was proposed by Zoe and seconded by Andy.

The co-opted members of the committee are Sarah and David. This was proposed by Rob and seconded by Andy.

The independent scrutineer is Jude Wilde who has kindly agreed to continue the role. This was proposed by Andy and seconded by Pat.

Closing remarks.

Although it has been a challenging year everyone has done an amazing job in continuing with scouting. We are lucky to have amazing leaders, committee, parents and children. New skills and ways of working have been learnt. Presentations are due but this will take place when face to face meetings can recommence. This will include bronze, silver and gold chief scout awards. There is also a chief scout commendation to be awarded to Keith, Baloo and Tony and an award for merit to Amanda which is amazing.

Update on Village Hall.

The 5 names for the road that were most popular have been submitted to the developer and we await to see what has been chosen. The groundwork is going ahead, and we have been told it can take 3-4 months so August/September time. We hope to have access to the hut by the beginning of September. However, Amanda has spoken to Olly and there are huge delays with concrete and bricks that the majority of the building trade are currently being affected with, so this could affect out access too. We need to wait for further information but the developers are very supportive of us, which is thankful.

The kitchen extension will hopefully be underway by the end of the year.

This year also marks 50 years of the scout hut which we hope to be able to celebrate.

Questions.

Angela asked about children going back before the school holidays end as restrictions should be lifted. However, we are governed by the scouting regulations so will depend upon them. Explorers are planning some activities over the summer holidays but other sections usually break up for the summer anyway.

Angela also enquired about plans for further big trips. Haarlem are due to meet in August or September to discuss international trips but the next one is likely to be 2023. Plans will probably be made to a certain extent so as soon as restrictions allow then international trips can take place. The original plan was to go to Switzerland but everything has been pushed back 2 years now unfortunately.

End of meeting.

The AGM concluded at 20.05 held on 6th July 2021, held on-line via Zoom

1st Marston Green Scout Group 1st Marston Green Scout Group

CONSOLIDATED ACCOUNTS - Year Ending 31 March 2022

1st Marston Green Scout Group - CONSOLIDATED ACCOUNTS - Year Ending 31st March 2022								2020/2021
INCOME	Scouts	Cubs	Beavers	Band	Group	Total	Prior Year	
Subscriptions	1,890.00	1,920.00	2,640.00			6,450.00	4,449.00	
less paid to Scout HQ	-996.00	-788.50	-1,328.00			-3,112.50	-2,412.25	
Refund					65.50	65.50	0.00	
Donations					100.00	100.00	99.25	
Activities/Outings	858.88	220.00	180.00		489.09	1,747.97	250.00	
Orion re Water bill					186.15	186.15	0.00	
Christmas Fayre 21						0.00	0.00	
Other Fund Raising					804.89	804.89	845.14	
Necker/Badges/Uniform			286.00		97.72	383.72	12.00	
Contribution Orion					330.00	330.00	0.00	
Contribution Brownies 20/21						0.00	300.00	
Amazon Funding					79.31	79.31	61.52	
Easy Funding					136.09	136.09	109.33	
Benevity Funding					2.44	2.44	0.00	
Grants			500.00		20,753.00	21,253.00	21,787.00	
Gift Aid					1,107.04	1,107.04	2,915.84	
Total	1,752.88	1,351.50	2,278.00	0.00	24,151.23	£29,533.61	£28,416.83	
EXPENDITURE								
Sections Contributions	684.00	728.00	677.00		-2,089.00	0.00	0.00	
Ground rent						0.00	1.00	
Gala 2022					87.00	87.00	0.00	
Activities/Outings	1,396.76	641.84	519.81		3,307.99	5,866.40	457.56	
Necker/Badges/Uniform	101.09	127.27	266.36		245.50	740.22	338.96	
Donations(to Charities)						0.00	0.00	
Kitchen Extension					23,741.32	23,741.32	0.00	
Equipment	149.36		36.89		686.03	872.28	0.00	
Stationery/Craft/Postage/Admin	64.79		98.17		186.92	349.88	99.38	
Food & Drink	34.90		166.17			201.07	25.78	
Insurance					1,873.97	1,873.97	1,784.84	
Utilities					997.51	997.51	941.52	
Repairs & Replacements					2,860.54	2,860.54	174.80	
HQ Maintenance/Refurbs.					694.83	694.83	18.50	
Presentations/Wreaths					18.50	18.50	0.00	
Training					79.36	79.36	0.00	
Misc				32.80	474.49	507.29	216.79	
Fees Go Cardless/OSM	109.40	79.15	133.08			321.63	0.00	
Squirrels H/Hire					199.50	199.50	0.00	
Easy Funding							0.00	
Total	2,540.30	1,576.26	1,897.48	32.80	33,364.46	£39,411.30	£4,059.13	
Surplus/Deficit	-787.42	-224.76	380.52	-32.80	-9,213.23	-£9,877.69	£24,357.70	

1st Marston Green Scout Group – CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEET

As at 31st March 2022

		Scouts	Cubs	Beavers	Band	Group	Total		
Brought Forward									
	Cash at Bank	950.32	633.01	423.23	790.11	29,370.33	£32,167.00		
	Cash in Hand			149.76		31.97	£181.73		
	Total	950.32	633.01	572.99	790.11	29,402.30	£32,348.73		
Year's Surplus/Deficit		-787.42	-224.76	380.52	-32.80	-9,213.23	-9,877.69		
Carried Forward									
	Cash at Bank	162.90	408.25	953.51	757.31	20,165.02	22,446.99		
	Cash in Hand					24.05	24.05		
	Total	162.90	408.25	953.51	757.31	20,189.07	22,471.04		
NOTES									
1	Bank Statements from every Section support the Cash at Bank balances as at 31st March 2022 and as shown in the above Balance Sheet								
2	It has been agreed that 1st Marston Green Scout Group continue to monitor the joint account - Solihull North International Camp Bank Account, as previously agreed in 2015. An updated summary for 2021/2022 is attached to these accounts.								
3	Income Group Grants Received are as follows SMBC - £8000 , HS2 - £10000 ,Bickenhill Council - £2753 - Total Grants £20753								
4	Income Beavers / Squirrels Early Years Grant £500 received from Tsa Charity Account								
5	Expenditure Group Admin Includes £172 Planning App for Kitchen Extension Misc. includes £200 Hire of Climbing Wall (cancelled) to be refunded in 22/23								
	Group Surplus at 31/03/2022			20,189.07					
	General Reserve			10,000.00					
	Kitchen Extension Reserve			3,396.78					
	Oak tree Maintenance			580.00					
	Security Gates			2,395.20					
	Trailer / Band store			600.00					
	Set up Squirrels			200.00					
				3,017.09					

Signed: P E Glynn, Group Treasurer Date: 5 August 2022

Solihull North International Camp - Bank Account Summary 2021/2022

Haarlem 2019 International scout camp was attended by a joint party from 1st Water Orton Scout Group (Warwickshire), 1st Marston Green Scout Group and Orion Marston Green Explorer Unit (both Solihull). A joint committee of some leaders attending the Camp organised the trip. A bank account 'Solihull North International Camp Bank Account' was set up by the party's committee. 1st Marston Green Scout Group's Executive Committee were asked to exercise governance over the accounts. The Scout Group is hoping that the next International Camp will take place in 2024.

INCOME	
PARTICIPANTS FEES	£ -
FUNDRAISING	£ -
EXPENSES	£ -
TRAVEL COSTS	£ -
INCOME TOTAL	£ -
OUTGOING	
PARTICIPANTS FEES	£ -
FUNDRAISING	£ -
GENERAL EXPENSES	£ -
CAMP COSTS	£ -
TRAVEL COSTS	£ -
OUTGOING TOTAL	£ -
EXCESS OF INCOME OVER OUTGOING	£ -
BALANCE BROUGHT FORWARD FROM LAST YEAR	£ 1,248.76
TOTAL BALANCE AS AT 1ST APRIL 2020	£ 1,248.76

Current balance

Bank	£ 1,248.76
Cash	£ -
Total	£ 1,248.76

Notes: No income nor spend this financial year

1ST MARSTON GREEN SCOUT GROUP

England & Wales - Charity number 524591

Accounts

1st Marston Green Scout Group

Registered Charity Number 524591



Annual General Meeting 2020-2021

A virtual AGM by Zoom

6th July 2021

7.30 pm

BEAVERS

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Scouts 

EXPLORERS

Band

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Agenda

Tuesday, 6 July 2021 at 7.30pm

Online via Zoom

1. Chairman's Welcome
2. To receive apologies for any absence.
3. To approve the minutes of the AGM held on 22 September 2020
4. Matters arising : any questions submitted to the Group Secretary will be replied to.

REPORTS & ACCOUNTS

5. Presentation of Annual Report
6. Presentation of Accounts by the Group Treasurer
7. Acceptance of Annual Report and Accounts
8. Any other questions or business raised by members of the Group Scout Council

GOVERNANCE

9. To confirm the outcome of the following votes carried out in advance:
 - (i) the number of persons to be elected at the Group is usually between four and six
 - (ii) a resolution that the quorum for a meeting of the Group Executive Committee is four members to include either the Group Chairman or Group Scout Leader
10. To note the Ex-Officio members of the Committee as being: Group Chair, Group Secretary, Group Treasurer, Group Scout Leader. The District Commissioner and District Chair have a right of attendance.
11. To note the number of persons nominated must not exceed that of the elected members of the Group Executive Committee.
12. To note the number of persons co-opted by the Group Executive Committee

must not exceed the number of members who may be elected.

APPOINTMENTS & ELECTION

13. To approve the Group Scout Leader's nomination for Group Chairman
14. To confirm the election of a Group Secretary
15. To confirm the election of a Group Treasurer
16. To confirm the election of certain members of the Group Executive Committee
17. To confirm the co-opting of certain members of the Group Executive Committee
18. To appoint an Independent Scrutineer of the Accounts.
19. Chairman's closing remarks

1st Marston Green Scout Group Annual Report & Accounts 2019/20

Reference and Administration Details

Charity Name: 1st Marston Green Scout Group
Registered Number: 524591
Location: Rear of 38 Elmdon Road, Marston Green, B37 7BT
Principal address: c/o 104 Coleshill Road, Marston Green, Birmingham B37 7HW
Advisor: The Scout Association
Scrutineer: Mrs J Wilde, 4 Bickenhill Road, Marston Green, B37 7EL
Trustees:

Trustee Name	Office	Period (if not a full year)
Jacqueline Altham	Member	
Daphne Carter	Member	
Sarah Coleman	Member	
Pat Glynn	Treasurer	
David Hobbs	Vice Chair	
Lisa Ollis	Member	
Peter Jones	Member	
Robert Swindell	Chair Member	Resigned 14.2.21 From 15.2.21
Amanda Turnbull	Group Scout Leader	
Helen Sale-Wilkes	Member	
Andrea Wynn	Secretary	

Structure, Governance and Management

Our governing documents are those of The Scout Association consisting of a Royal Charter which in turn gives authority to the Bye Laws of the Association and its 'Policy, Organisation and Rules'.

Our Scout Group is managed by a Group Executive Committee whose members are charity trustees responsible for complying with legislation applicable to charities and for managing Group business, including keeping proper accounts, making returns to the Charity Commission, issuing an annual report, ensuring property and land is well maintained, ensuring leaders and trustees are trained, observing health and safety and safeguarding responsibilities, including risk assessment.

Risk and Internal Control

The Group has internal controls in place designed to provide reasonable reassurance against material mismanagement or loss, including two signatories for all payments and comprehensive insurance to ensure insurable risks are covered.

Objectives and Activities, Vision, Values and Priorities

The objectives of the Group are to act as a unit of The Scout Association. The Aim is to promote development of young people in achieving their full physical, intellectual, social and spiritual potentials, as individuals, as responsible citizens and as members of their local national and international communities. The Method is by providing an enjoyable and attractive scheme of progressive training, based on the Promise and Law and guided by adult leadership. Our trustees operate in line with these aims and objectives and in accordance with the Charity Commission's published guidance on the Public Benefit requirement under the Charities Act 2011.

We pursue The Scout Association's **Vision** for 2018-2023 'Skills for Life' to prepare more young people with **skills for life**, supported by amazing leaders delivering an inspiring programme, growing, more inclusive, shaped by young people and making a bigger impact in our community, with emphasis on **values**:

Care: We support others and take care of the world in which we live.

Respect: We have self-respect and respect for others

Integrity: We act with integrity: we are honest, trustworthy and loyal.

Cooperation: We make a positive difference; we cooperate with others and make friends.

Belief: We explore our faiths, beliefs and attitudes.

We endeavour to give opportunities to enjoy fun and adventure while developing skills such as teamwork, leadership and resilience. Our main **priorities** are:

<i>Membership</i>	To reach out to more Young People
<i>Adults</i>	To attract, engage with and retain more adults through delivering exciting volunteering opportunities
<i>Relationships & partnerships</i>	To work with others creating sound partnerships to serve young people better
<i>Unity</i>	To pursue a common purpose at all levels
<i>Planning</i>	To demonstrate sound strategic planning and efficient and effective financial planning and budgeting across our operations
<i>Risk Management</i>	To manage our activities in accordance with The Scout Association requirements

Achievements and performance

Individual reports by officers and section leaders within this Group set out achievements and performance during 1 April 2020 to 31 March 2021.

Reserves and Investment Policy

The trustees have determined Group policy on reserves is to hold sufficient resources to continue the charitable activities of the Group should income and fundraising activities fall short. This amount is currently equivalent to £10k, held in reserve. The Group does not have sufficient funds given its planned expenditure, to invest in longer term investments and has therefore adopted a risk averse strategy to investment of funds.

Meetings and Leadership

Our normal meeting times, shown below, were amended as necessary during 2020/21 to comply with The Scout Association's requirements concerning Covid-19.

1 st Marston Green Scouts Sections				Orion Explorer Unit*
Beaver Scouts	Cub Scouts	Scouts	Band	
Mondays	Wednesdays	Thursdays	Tuesdays	Mondays
Joanne Groves Chloe Scott-Taggart Lewis Chamberlain	Paul Wood Zoe Campbell James Ward	Steve Curwood Andy Glynn Pat Lambert Zoe Campbell	Keith Ballington Tony Whitehouse Steve Curwood Rob Swindell	Tony Head Matthew Allen Ed Wallace Daniel Perks

*Orion Explorer Unit is the natural unit for our Scouts to progress to. Like other Units, it reports directly to the local Scout District, though uses 1st MG Group's headquarters and facilities in line with a partnership agreement between both parties.

Minutes of AGM held on 22nd September 2020, held on-line via Zoom

Chairman's welcome.

Rob Swindell reminded us of the pumpkin event last year which was great fun. However, little did we know then that a virus could affect so much this year and the motto 'Be Prepared' is so relevant within the current circumstances. He said that we are required to give annual reports which have been sent out to all and that the reports are from April 2019 - April 2020.

A welcome was sent to Deputy Commissioner Alison Lowe for joining the AGM too.

Present.

Amanda Turnbull, Rob Swindell, Andrea Wynn, Pat Glynn, Tony Head, Zoe, Steve Curwood, Paul Wood, Pete Jones, Alison Lowe (Deputy District Commissioner), Daphne Carter, David Hobbs, Andy Glynn, Patrick Lambert, James Ward, Lisa Ollis, Sarah Coleman.

Apologies.

Joanne Groves, Anna Horan (beaver parent), Liz Rashvand (District Commissioner).

To approve AGM minutes of 23/10/19

The minutes had previously been circulated with the annual reports and all were asked to approve. This was proposed by Paul Wood and seconded by Zoe.

Matters arising.

No matters were raised.

Presentation of the annual reports by the chair and GSL.

The Chairs report is presented in the AGM documents for all to see. Rob gave a huge thank you to all the leaders and the committee for supporting the group over the last 12 months.

Amanda's report is also included but she emphasized the amazing activities and badge work that the leaders had achieved and also gave a massive thank you to leaders and committee. It is much appreciated.

Presentation of the accounts by the group treasurer.

These have been circulated and Pat stated that we have had a good year. The accounts have been scrutinized by Jude Wilde who raised no concerns herself. Rob asked if there were any questions but none were raised.

It was noted that we had set aside 10K for reserves.

Thanks were given to pat for her hard work.

Acceptance of Treasurer's accounts including the 10K reserves.

Rob asked for a proposer and seconder for the accounts. They were proposed by Sarah Coleman and seconded by David Hobbs. All were in favor.

Opportunity for other questions.

Rob asked if there were and other questions or business to be raised. No one had anything to bring up.

Governance.

Rob outlined the legal aspects of the committee which are already shown in the AGM report distributed.

Appointments.

Amanda stated that as GSL it was up to her to nominate and choose a chair for the next 12 months as it is a role that works closely with the GSL and therefore needs to be compatible. Rob has done a very good job over the last year and has

agreed to continue. So Amanda nominated Rob and looks forward to carrying on working with him.

Andrea Wynn is currently the group secretary and is happy to continue with the role. No other nominations came forward so she was proposed by Pat Glynn and seconded by Pete Jones. Thanks were given for her work.

Pat Glynn is doing a great job as treasurer providing timely and informative information. There were again no other nominations and she is happy to continue with the role. This was proposed by David Hobbs and seconded by Lisa Ollis.

The current elected members of the group executive committee are Jacqueline Altham, Daphne Carter, Pete Jones, Lisa Ollis and Helen Sale-Wilkes who are all happy to continue. This was proposed by Paul Wood and seconded by Steve Curwood. Thanks were given for their work.

There are two co-opted trustees. These are Sarah Coleman and David Hobbs. Thanks were given to them and they were happy to continue. This was proposed by Pete Jones and seconded by Daphne Carter.

We are fortunate to have Jude Wilde as our independent scrutineer and she is also happy to continue in this role so was nominated by Rob for this. This was then proposed by Pete Jones and seconded by Patrick Lambert.

Chairman's closing remarks.

Before closing Rob invited Alison Lowe, the Deputy District Commissioner to say a few words. This is only one of a couple of groups she has visited and wanted to say a few words after hearing stories from Amanda about all that has been achieved. She said that the work done on zoom has inspired others and on behalf of the entire district wanted to say thank you as it has proven that we can achieve despite the obstacles we have had. She said she was very impressed with what was done for St George's day. It has not been easy but she thanked everyone for showing what can be done.

Rob had 2 videos to show as part of the AGM but unfortunately they could not load so these will be put on Facebook later for all to see. He said it was a shame that we could not all be in the room together but obviously circumstances will not allow that. We will need to continue with virtual scouting for the time being but achievements can be made this way. He said thanks to all and appreciated their time and looks forward to seeing everyone in the scout hut face to face when able.

Termination of meeting.

The meeting concluded at 20.05

Annual Reports of the Group Chairman, Group Treasurer and Scrutineer

Group Chairman's Annual Report, April 2020 - March 2021

Mr Robert Swindell sadly stepped down from the Group Chair role in February. Robert had been in this role since 2018 and we are extremely grateful for his support and engagement during this period. Thank you from us all. We are pleased that Robert remains on our Executive Committee. We have a great team of volunteers, who have different skills and strengths, and all have different functions. Just like the sections, the Executive Committee has continued to meet via Zoom since the start of the pandemic, and much has been achieved. Thank you to you all.

The Group Chair role is currently vacant, and we need your help to find a suitable person. No previous experience of Scouting is necessary, just good communication skills are needed and empathy with our mission and values.

Below is a link to details about the role. Please have a chat with me or one of the leaders or committee members, and ask as many questions as you need and hear how you can make a huge difference to all our members.

<https://www.scouts.org.uk/volunteers/running-things-locally/executive-committees/support-for-group-executive-members/a-guide-for-the-group-chair/about-the-role/>

Our Group Executive Committee supports me in my role as Group Scout Leader and act as charity trustees in the best interest of our members: meeting most months, considering finance, fundraising, insurance, resources for scouting to run well, health and safety, risk management, safeguarding and building maintenance. The past 12 months has been busy with plans for our new kitchen extension and liaising with the Developer who is building the new housing estate on the site of the old Village Hall adjacent to our Scout Hut.

To ensure Scouting continues to flourish in Marston Green, ideally, we need additional committee members who represent our Beaver and Cub sections. Volunteering can be very rewarding, and you can make a difference. Please come and talk to us.

We are hoping to have our kitchen extension built towards the end of the year. We know all our members love cooking and this will give us a great space and much improved cooking facilities for everyone to use. During the past 12 months, a small group of volunteers have spent many days rebuilding our storage area, making it a much safer space, completing the roof insulation, improving the electrics and installing a new gas boiler. Just the new radiators still to be installed. We can't wait to have everyone back at the Scout Hut.

A special thanks to:

Our Group Treasurer, Pat Glynn, our Group Secretary, Andrea Wynn and past Group Chair, Robert Swindell for all their hard work.

Jackie Altham and Lisa Ollis who have been superstars and found ways to still fundraise during the pandemic.

Richard Forbes, Tony Head, Ed Wallace, Richard Heapey and all the other volunteers who have done amazing work at the Scout Hut completing the roof insulation, electrics and rebuilding our storage areas.

Caroline Hemus and Abbie Forbes for brightening up the inside of our Scout Hut with an amazing mural, bringing the outside indoors.

Everyone who has helped and supported us this year.

We still have an interesting 12 months ahead of us, not only with the pandemic restrictions but with the housing development. We thank all our members and families for working with us through all the changes as we manage each new challenge.

Amanda Turnbull

Group Scout Leader

Group Treasurer's Annual Report, April 2020 - March 2021

The statement of financial activities and balance sheet for the year ending 31st March 2021 have been approved by the Executive Committee and approved by Mrs Judith Wilde, our independent examiner. With the suspension of much face-to-face Scouting and cancellation of key events such as Annual Gala and the Christmas Fayre, it is little surprise the Group's income and expenditure is rather different this year.

Given the pandemic and conversion to Scouting being via Zoom for much of the year, the Group Executive Committee took a decision to lower membership subscription fees. Unsurprisingly therefore, income from subscriptions reduced by just over a third, over £2,000, compared to 2019/20. Co-op funding which raised £2,387 last year did not carry on into this year.

The Scout Group was fortunate to qualify for some Covid-19 government grants and received in total over the year via Solihull MBC, the sum of £21,537 which has helped buttress lost income that was anticipated from other sources during the year, to be allocated especially to ongoing headquarters improvements and the development of a kitchen extension which will happen in summer 2021.

With Gift Aid income of £2,915, total income for the year 2020/21 amounted to £28,416.63.

Unsurprisingly, overall expenditure reduced this year, with HQ maintenance and refurbishment of £6,188, plus insurance and utilities costs accounting for much of the annual expenditure.

The Balance Sheet shows an overall surplus of £18,168.78 carried forward into 2021/22, giving an overall Group surplus of £29,402 at 31 March 2021 of which all but £2,236 is currently committed expenditure to support planned improvements at the Headquarters. Without the support of government grants received during the year, the overall position would otherwise have been a financial deficit at 31st March 2021. As it is, the Group Executive's plans to refurbish the Headquarters will proceed in to 2021/22, when the great majority of the planned work should be completed.

Mrs Pat Glynn

Group Treasurer

Scrutineer's Report to the Trustees of the 1st Marston Green Scout Group

I refer to the accounts of the Group for the year ended March 2021.

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 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 constitution, I have scrutinised the records and the accounts set out on pages one to three and also the report sheets of 1st Marston Green Beavers, Cubs and Scouts.

Scrutineer's Statement

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

Name: *Judith Wilde*

Address: 4 Bickenhill Rd, B37 7EL

Date 19.05.2021

Signature: *J Wilde* (A master copy of the Scrutineer's report is available for inspection).

Group Scout Leader's (GSL) Report, April 2020 - March 2021

On Tuesday 17th March 2020, all face-to-face scouting activities were suspended following the Prime Minister's Covid-19 briefing - the first time ever in the UK.

Many Scout & Guide groups just came to a stop and some still haven't returned to any kind of meetings. Monday 23rd March 2020 was the start of our Beaver, Cub, Scout and Explorer sections running online Zoom sessions. Daunting for many of leaders, as some not IT savvy and no experience of virtual meetings and how do you keep members entertained for an hour? Thanks to Akela and his work we were able to access Zoom to test drive virtual meetings. We all knew it wouldn't be the same as meeting face-to-face, but we all felt it was so important to keep Scouting going and keep some form of normality and still "see" each other every week.

As you will read from the Section reports, at 1st Marston Green, we managed to get virtual meetings to work by talking and sharing ideas, not just with each other but other leaders across the Globe thanks to social media. Once we gained experience of using Zoom, we soon realised that there was so much that we could do:

We held our first virtual St Georges Day celebration

In June we held a Family Camp at Home, a full weekend of activities including camping in the garden or making a den indoors, star gazing, a very entertaining quiz by Pete & Ben, drum workshop, creating own T-shirts, Pizza lunch, highly creative marble run competition, campfire and learning to juggle!

We joined with the Parish Council and our local churches to deliver a pre-recorded Remembrance Day Service.

In November was our Autumn Lockdown Family camp which comprised of various Taskmaster Challenges, re-creating a works of Art, Christmas Scavenger Hunt, making fake snow and then making a snowman!

We even managed to hold our annual Christmas Carol Service (virtually) with Penny the vicar at St Leonards joining us and guests from Solihull County Scouts. Each of the sections still managed to entertain and bring joy to us all.

In the background our Executive Committee didn't stop either, as they continued their monthly meetings via Zoom too. Bills still needed to be paid, projects in progress, money still needed to be raised. Like everyone we had no idea how long this situation was/is going to continue for, and our Executive Committee have ensured that we have kept our head above water.

We know and understand that Virtual Scouting is not for everyone. It is wonderful to see most of our members returning to face-to-face activities, but I would like to say a huge thank you to our amazing leaders, to our parents for supporting Zoom sessions and to our young members for adapting and embracing the new ways of Scouting, and to our Executive members working hard in the background. Without you all, 1st Marston Green Scout Group would have come to a standstill and it would have been even harder to restart face-to-face activities.

With the easing of restrictions since Easter, and the return of face-to-face Scouting, our sections are making the most of the outdoors. With the added restraints of the housing development in front of our Scout Hut, we would like to say a huge thank you to Penny and St Leonards Church for giving us access to use the church grounds for our activities and to the Parish Council for access to Millennium Woods. Without this support, it would have been extremely difficult for us to run face-to-face Scouting. Thank you!

I would like to end my report with some other fantastic news. A few weeks ago, five of our adult members were recognised for their incredible voluntary service to Scouting. Whilst not everyone can be recognised every year, it's wonderful for some of our members to have been nominated and recognised for their commitment and hard work. These are richly deserved and on behalf of the Group, congratulations. We look forward to the time when Shirley, our County Commissioner, will be able to formally present these badges and certificates.

The Chief Scout's Commendation for Good Service Award:

Baloo (Jo Groves) our Beaver Leader. With over 15 years running Beavers, embracing nights away with our 6 & 7 year olds and like everyone embracing zoom.

Keith Ballington our Band Leader, and Tony Whitehouse our Assistant Band Leader, for their commitment to our Scout Band with 40 years' service.

Tony Head our Explorer Leader. Recognition for 14 years of scouting, taking on the Explorer section, assisting with Young Leader training and for the many hours maintaining and improving facilities at our Scout Hut.

The Award for Merit:

Amanda Turnbull – like everyone else, I'm quite speechless and so happy at the same time to receive this award, but its an award for all of us at 1st Marston Green, for engaging and supporting Scouting and its values.

BRAVO!

Amanda aka Clippy

Amanda Turnbull ~ Group Scout Leader

1st Marston Green Wildwood Beavers Report, April 2020 - March 2021

This last year has been a different kind of Scouting for Beavers and the Leaders.

In April 2020, we covered parts of the Outdoors Challenge, World Challenge, Skills Challenge, Creative Activity, Teamwork Challenge and Adventure Challenge. We did all this by Naming the Birds, Biscuit challenge, Kim's game, Charades, Bingo and The Big Camp Out. The Beavers got highly creative with decorating their toilets with some amazing pictures. We saw videos of why Beaver like Scouting and we saw the video of St. George.

In May 2020, we started the month off by the Beavers taking part in The Great Beavers Bake off. We set them a basic list of ingredients and then they had to add something they have at home. This covered some of the Cook activity. They then went on and covered some of the Animal Friend Activity by Beavers showing their pets at home, tell us something about them and what food they feed them. We then covered some of the Craft Activity, Outdoors Challenge, Skills Challenge and World Challenge with the Beavers making pictures. We then did part of the Faith Activity badge by writing a reflection and reading it out. The last thing we did for this month was to cover part of the Creative Challenge and Skills Challenge by doing Mini pioneering using either Spaghetti or cocktail sticks with either marshmallows or peas. Beavers managed to do this very well.

In June 2020, we started the Disability Awareness Activity by playing an impaired game and then we had a lovely time meeting a speaker online and seeing the puppies used for the Guide Dogs for the Blind. We had a great laugh with Fred in the Shed Magic show. We then covered part of the Cook Activity and Skills Challenge by Beavers making a Cake in a mug. We held a family camp and finished the month by covering more of the Outdoors Challenge, Skills Challenge and World Challenge.

In July 2020, we covered parts of the Great Indoors badge by making Chinese lanterns and playing a Chinese game. We ended the term off by having a games night with lots of fun and games.

September 2020, we started off the term with a face-to-face meeting by doing a Green Cross Code walk around Marston Green. Unfortunately, we had to return to Zoom meetings as we went back into Lockdown. So, we did the big debate, a science experiment and cooking. This covered the Adventure Challenge, Safety Activity, Teamwork Challenge, Experiment Activity, Cook Activity and Skills Challenge.

October 2020, we did part of the Teamwork challenge by Teambuilding, we covered part of the World Challenge by looking at the Union Jack and other festivals. We had a spooky night by dressing up for Halloween and making Halloween spooky bottles. We also set a Pumpkin Online competition by everyone carving out a pumpkin.

November 2020, we started the month of with singing Campfire songs and looking at why Poppies are used for Remembrance. This covered part of the Outdoors Challenge and Skills Challenge. We did a virtual Remembrance Service, had a Spy kids' night with Beavers having to solve clues, a Christmas quiz, singing Jingle Bells, making Snowmen Biscuits, making an advent calendar and finishing off with the Autumn Lockdown Camp at Home. This month we covered more of the World Challenge, Teamwork Challenge, Creative Activity badges.

December 2020, we had a Christmas Fred in the Shed Magic Show, set a Santa's Christmas Village Cryptic Trail and finished with a Christmas Party. We also managed to fit in a Virtual Christmas Carol Service.

In January 2021, we continued the New Year on Zoom by playing lots of various games, Made some wonderful Mud Creations the Outdoors Challenge and Skills Challenge badges. Covered part of the Faith Activity with Beavers doing their best.

In February 2021, we covered the Experiment Activity, World Challenge, Gardener Activity, Skills and World Challenge. To do this we did a floating egg experiment, Fire Safety, Games night and planting sunflower seeds. We are looking forward to seeing who grows the biggest!!

Finally in March 2021, we covered the Emergency Aid level 1 and more of the Cook Activity, Outdoors and Skills Challenge, Gardener Activity by making an Armpit Rocky Road cake, then finally making Easter Nests.

I would like to take this opportunity to Thank Clippy for all your help over the last 12 months. It's been a new way of scouting and we took the challenge on and continued scouting journey. I would not have been able to do it all without your help. I would also like to Thank my young leaders Jacala and Ko for staying with us while we did our online meetings.

Finally, I would like to thank the Beavers and Parents for your commitment and support. I know it has been a difficult year for some struggling with weekly meetings online. I am proud of you all for joining in each week.

Joanne (Baloo)

Beaver Scout Leader.

1st Marston Green Cherokee Cub Pack Report, April 2020 - March 2021

This year was a learning curve and testament to the Scouting motto of being prepared and Cubs doing their best, as we learnt how to embrace zoom and virtual scouting. We continued to focus on shaping the program around badge work and encouraging the Cubs to use other activities that they might be doing as evidence for some of the requirements that are more challenging to complete via virtual meetings. As a result, we have awarded 196 Activity/Challenge badges and 1 Chief Scout Silver Award.

In April 2020 we took to zoom and brushed up on our navigation theory, playing battleships and other games to practice our 4 and 6 figure grid references. We then had our "Cub's Got Talent" show to help everyone get used to being on camera and talking over virtual meetings.

During May we continued with more Scouting theory in the hope that we could soon be back out and able to go on a hike or work around the village. We covered Road Safety, First Aid and camp safety earning our first set of virtually achieved badges. We also had our 1st virtual cook along with making mug cakes.

June was focused on using our new IT skills and confidence to complete our Air Activities and Digital citizen badges. The Cubs were very creative with their PowerPoint slides and presented them flawlessly.

July, we started to wind down for the summer and played virtual games and took part in our 1st virtual camp (using all the skills from previous weeks). As has become custom over the last few years we wanted to end the Scouting year with a Pack meal. Akela very bravely did a live cook along with 17 Cubs and we all made a Spaghetti Bolognese for our families. The cubs did a brilliant job and at the end we were all able to virtually sit down and start out meals together.

In September we kicked off still hoping face to face scouting might be just around the corner and brushed up our road safety and navigation.

October, we took to google street view to play a virtual Monopoly run. The Cubs had to answer clues based on locations and what they could find in the Street view photos. In preparation for the annual pumpkin carving competition, we had a Halloween party zoom.

In November the Cubs were able to meet face to face for the first time for a small group campfire and marshmallow toasting. We also took time to reflect on the Scouting role during the War as we were prepared to pay our respects on our 1st virtual Remembrance Parade.

Charlie and Lewis, our young leader and his brother from Scouts, helped create Minecraft world and Orienteering game for the cubs to play

December was all about preparing for our Christmas carol concert.

January 2021 brought a new year and a greater appreciation for the outdoors and local wildlife. Cubs made birdfeeders from recycled pop bottles to help feed the birds and take part in the great British bird watch.

February, we celebrated Chinese New Year by making lanterns and banners for our homes.

March, we took the opportunity to reflect on times during the Pandemic when the Cubs had “done their best” they might have helped a neighbour who was isolating, made uniform bags for the NHS, donated to the food bank to help struggling families.

We also dusted off our creative skills and make a bouquet of flowers card for Mother’s Day and planted our sunflower.

Bagheera and I are very proud at how well the Cubs adapted to this new way of Scouting and saw

huge leaps in confidence as the weeks went on.

Paul Wood

Cub Scout Leader.

1st Marston Green Scout Troop Report, April 2020 - March 2021

Well... what a year that has been? Covid-19 posed many new challenges which I thought we'd never pull off, but we did! ZOOM? I thought that was what rockets did when they shot off into outer space or Formula One racing cars around Silverstone but not a virtual meeting platform. Sitting in front of a screen as you may notice doesn't come naturally "A face for Radio not TV".

How do we make virtual meetings enjoyable and not like "Death by PowerPoint or YouTube". Looking back through OSM (Online Scout Manager) showed how much we managed to cram into the year.

Starting off games. Scavenger Hunts, Task Masker, virtual Monopoly around London and Birmingham, Map Bingo and MineCraft.

Cooking: Armpit fudge, doughnut in a mug, pan cakes and baked Alaska. All of which I hope family members also enjoyed.

Talks: Virtual tour around Star Fish's workshop and a visit from the CSI!

Other activities were 1st Aid scenarios, photography and story writing, recycling, mini pioneering and some YouTube.

November: We managed between Lockdowns a real Bonfire, something we all needed at the time.

The troop took part in the Virtual St Georges Day Parade and Remembrance Parade.

So... without the camps, County events and Gala we managed to fill a lot of time.

A BIG BRAVO to all the Scouts (and their families) for sticking with us and hoping to get back to some form of normality.

Oh... one last thing... We still hold the County Air Rifle trophy!!

Yours in Scouting

Stephen Curwood

Scout Leader.

1st Marston Green Scout Band Report, April 2020 - March 2021

Band has not been able to meet this year due to COVID restrictions. This has been disappointing for members, but safety is at the forefront of all activities in Scouting. Some clips from the Bands previous events were shown at on-line meetings. No funds were spent or taken in this year the balance of account remains at £790.11

In 2021/22, Tony and myself are delighted to have received notification of a Chief Scout's commendation in recognition of our service to Scouting.

Also, Band is looking forward in 2021/22 to regaining access to the Scout hut to resume our practice nights ready for a busy autumn programme to include the 50th Anniversary for opening of Scout hut, Remembrance parade, Christmas Carol concert, providing regulations allow.

Keith Ballington

Band Leader.

Orien Marston Green (OMG) Explorer Unit Report, April 2020 - March 2021

Although Orion Explorer Unit doesn't report into 1st Marston Green Scout Group (the unit reports directly into Solihull District), the Unit has a joint partnership agreement with 1st Marston Green, and therefore very much part of the group.

Like all the other sections, a core group of members joined the Zoom sessions, with new members joining as they moved up from the Scout Troop. The Explorers took control of the nights by creating their own quizzes and challenges.

Since returning face-to-face from Easter, our numbers have increased to 18, which is a great number.

Thank you to the leadership team Ed, Dan & Matt in the background.

Tony Head

Orion Explorer Leader

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1st Marston Green Scout Group - CONSOLIDATED ACCOUNTS - Year Ending 31
March 2021

	Scout s	Cubs	Beave rs	Band	Group	Total	2018/20 19 Prior Year
INCOME							
Subscriptions	1,120.00	1,769.00	1,560.00			4,449.00	6,760.00
less paid to Scout HQ	-	-	-			-	-
Refund	606.25	903.00	903.00			2,412.25	2,318.00
Donations					99.25	99.25	30.50
Activities/Outings					250.00	250.00	188.05
Gala 2020 (not held)						0.00	6,573.59
Christmas Fayre 20						0.00	2,740.17
Other Fund Raising					845.14	845.14	673.40
Necker/Badges/Uniform			12.00			12.00	1,656.57
Contribution Orion						0.00	209.50
Contribution Brownies					300.00	300.00	470.00
Amazon Funding					61.52	61.52	435.00
Co-op Funding						0.00	0.00
Easy Funding					109.33	109.33	2,387.23
Grants		19.00			21,787.00	21,787.00	40.32
Gift Aid					2,915.64	2,915.64	19.00
Total	513.75	866.00	669.00	0.00	26,367.88	28,416.63	£19,865.33
EXPENDITURE							
Sections					1,683.06	-	0.00
Contributions	477.95	628.75	576.36			0.00	0.00
Ground rent					1.00	1.00	1.00
Gala 2020						0.00	1.00
Activities/Outings	58.24	268.08	111.24		20.00	457.56	415.60
Necker/Badges/Uniform/ poppy woggles	20.80	150.93	167.23			338.96	5,984.97
Donations (to Charities)						0.00	0.00
Fireworks						0.00	0.00
Equipment						0.00	244.98
Stationery/Craft/Postage			13.04		86.34	99.38	1,338.55
Food & Drink	10.03		15.75			25.75	192.99
Insurance					1,784.8	1,784.8	542.40
							1,700.6

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					4	4	4
							1,778.3
Utilities					941.52	941.52	2
Repairs & Replacements					174.60	174.60	41.53
HQ Maintenance/Refurb					6,188.9	6,188.9	7,479.6
s. Presentations/Wreat					2	2	4
hs					18.50	18.50	18.50
Training						0.00	0.00
Other						0.00	59.19
Fees Go Cardless	59.10	80.59	77.10			216.79	486.44
Gala 2021							120.00
	626.1	1,128.	960.7		7,532.	10,247.	£21,109
Total	2	35	2	0.00	66	85	.44
	-	-	-				-
Surplus/Deficit	112.3	262.3	291.7	0.00	18,835	18,168.	£1,244.
	7	5	2	0.00	.22	78	11

Solihull North International Camp - Bank Account Summary 2020/2021

Haarlem international scout camp was attended by a joint party from 1st Water Orton Scout Group (Warwickshire), 1st Marston Green Scout Group and Orion Marston Green Explorer Unit (both Solihull). A joint committee of some leaders attending the Camp organised the trip. A bank account 'Solihull North International Camp Bank Account' was set up by the party's committee. 1st Marston Green Scout Group's Executive Committee were asked to exercise governance over the accounts.

<u>INCOME</u>	<u>2020/21</u>
	£
Fundraising	5.00
Expenses - Insurance claim	294.33
Travel costs - Insurance claim	274.00
Total	573.33

<u>EXPENDITURE</u>	£
Participant Fees	0.00
Fundraising	0.00
General Expenses	0.00
Camp Costs	0.00
Travel Costs	0.00
Total	0.00

Excess of Income over Expenditure	573.33
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Balance Brought Forward from Last Year	675.43
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Cash Position as at 31st March 2020	1,248.76
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Balances as of 01/04/2020

Cash in Bank	1,248.76
Cash in Hand	0.00
Total =	<u>1,248.76</u>

Note on Haarlem Accounts 2019/2020

Annual income and expenditure for the Haarlem international scout camp trip is summarised below.

	2019/20	2018/19	2017/18
	(£)	(£)	(£)
INCOME			
Participant fees	6,460.03	16,130.97	500.00
Fundraising	2918.10	8,285.49	0.00

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General expenses	691.96	0.00	400.00
Camp costs		0.00	0.00
Travel costs		0.00	0.00
Cash deposit		0.00	0.00
Total	10,070.09	24,416.46	900.00
EXPENDITURE			
Participant fees	6,441.00	50.00	
Fundraising	14.30	712.37	0.00
Expenses	3,677.48	45.27	0.00
Camp costs	0.00	13,521.96	0.00
Travel costs	10,278.54	391.00	0.00
Cash deposit		0.00	0.00
Total	20,411.32	14,720.60	0.00
Excess of income over expenditure	-10,341.23	9,695.86	900.00
Balance brought forward from last year	11,016.66	1,268.60	368.60
Balance at 1 April 2019	675.43	10,964.46	1,268.60
Balances at 1 April 2019			
Cash at bank	675.43	10,965.56	1,268.60
Cash in hand	0.00	51.10	0.00
Total	675.43	11,016.66	1,268.60
Discrepancy		-52.20	0.00