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**AGM 2025**

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**1st Sedgley Scout Group  
AGM Pack  
including  
Trustees Annual Report & Accounts  
for the year ended 31 March 2025**

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# Minutes of Annual General Meeting

## 1<sup>ST</sup> SEDGLEY SCOUT COUNCIL

5pm Saturday 22 June 2024 at Jubilee Hall Sedgley

### Attendees:

Mandy Todd (GSL), David Baugh (Group Chair) Saul Burton Dep. Group Chair (DGC), Leaders, Trustees, Group Council Members (approx. 60 adults), Invited Guests.

The Chair made Health & Safety and domestic announcements.

### 1. Introduction and welcome

The Chair welcomed members of the Group Scout Council and guests and asked every one to refer to the 'AGM Report Pack' which was printed for today's attendees and electronically circulated to all Group Council Members well in advance.

### 2. Apologies for absence

Apologies from persons for their absence today, and their names will be included in the minutes of this meeting. Nigel Stone, Ian Foster, Debra Baugh, Annette Mitchel, Clare Ford, Jayne Bickford, Alison Checketts, Ted Batham (District Lead Volunteer)

### 3. Presentations

Mandy Todd (Group Lead Volunteer) handed out the following awards:

Beavers: Bronze Chief Scout Awards: Xavier Lowe, Freya Hayes, Jacob Leddy, Samuel Johnson (not in attendance), Tilda Banks, George Cooper

Cubs: Silver Chief Scout Awards: Phoebe Leddy, Chloe Mitchell

### 4. Governance topics

#### 4a. Approve the minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 7/7/2023.

On behalf of the Trustee Board the Chair confirmed that the minutes of the previous AGM at their meeting held on 7 July 2023 have been reviewed and put forward these minutes in the AGM report Pack circulated to all Group Council Members, are taken as read and asked the Group Scout Council to agree they are a true record of that meeting.

Seconder: Richard Powell

#### 4b. Adopt the model constitution from Policy, Organisation and Rules (POR)

In line with the recommendation from Scout Headquarters, on behalf of the Trustee Board the Chair proposed we adopt the model constitution from Chapter 5 of Policy, Organisation and Rules. Available for review and inspection online on the Scout Association website.

Seconder: Rob Barlow

#### 4c. Note the quorum for a meeting of a Group Trustee Board,

In accordance with Policy, Organisation and Rules is one third of the Trustees (ex officio plus appointed plus co-opted) plus one.

#### **4d. Note the Group's financial year**

The Chair invited the Group Scout Council to note our charity's financial year is 1 April to 31 March.

#### **4e. Approve appointed and community members of the Group Scout Council**

The Chair advised the Group Scout Council can admit other people to its membership. The Chair advised that: Alison Checketts, Jayne Bickford, Satwat Khan are nominated as Group Scout Council members.

These are to be admitted as members of the Group Scout Council as well as the ex officio list in  
Seconder: Richard Powell.

#### **4f. Agree the number of members that may be appointed to the Trustee Board**

The Chair advised that following the good practice recommendations from the Charity Governance Code, POR states Trustee Boards should have a minimum of 5, and no more than 12, Trustees in total and that the outgoing Trustee Board recommends that 12 people are appointed.

The Chair propose the Group Scout Council approves that recommendation.  
Seconder: Paul Todd.

#### **4g. Agree the quorum for future meetings of the Group Scout Council (excluding this AGM)**

The Chair advised that the Group Scout Council must agree its quorum – the minimum number of Group Scout Council members that must be present at Group Scout Council meetings. The outgoing Trustee Board recommends the quorum should be set at 19 people.

The Chair propose the Group Scout Council approves that recommendation  
Seconder: Kaliegh Lowe

### **5. Review of the previous year**

#### **5a Chairs review**

The Chair used this part of the meeting to reflect on the activities of the past year. His full report is contained on page 3 of the Trustee Report in the AGM Repot Pack 2024. Summary remarks:

**Stark Reality** - The Chair reported that 1st Sedgley continues to thrive amid a growing Scout movement but highlighted the urgent need for more regular volunteers due to increasing demand and shortages. Volunteering, even in small ways, has a lasting impact and is now easier than ever with accessible online training. Help secure the future of the group by stepping forward today.

**Members' and Section Accomplishments** - The Board is proud of our members' achievements, reflecting our volunteers' dedication. Thanks especially to Rebecca and Kayley, our new Squirrel section for 4–6-year-olds is thriving.

**Strong Governance & Finances** - The trustees ensured compliance, inclusivity, and risk management, improved facilities, and maintained financial stability. Although no grants were secured, efforts are underway to strengthen the Funding Team.

**Fundraising Highlights** - Hall hire, the Charity Beer Festival, and the Bedding Plant Sale collectively raised a fantastic £19,000! Huge thanks to the Porter family for managing hall hire, generating £6,000 this year alone, and to the Beer Festival Team for repeating their record-breaking £10,000 profit.

**Group Structure Transition**- The Group is shifting to separate governance from operations. The Trustee Board will handle governance, ensuring compliance, finances, and property management, while the

Leadership Team manages operations. Volunteer roles are available in sub-teams: Maintenance, Funding, Finance, Hall Hire, Projects, and Beer Festival. Details are in the AGM Report Pack.

**Looking Ahead** - Progress on the hall extension has been slower than expected, but we remain dedicated to meeting future needs, increasing rental income, and integrating solar energy to reduce costs and emissions. With Nigel Stone's expertise, we aim to strengthen the Project Team soon. We also plan an international camp for Cubs, Scouts, and Young Leaders in 2025.

#### **5b. The Group Lead Volunteer's review of Uniformed Sections**

**Chair** asks the Group Lead Volunteer to present their Annual Review.

**Group Lead Volunteer** referred to her report which is published within the AGM Report Pack.

**Chair** thanks Group Lead Volunteer for their review.

#### **5c. Receive and consider the Annual Report of the Group Trustee Board including the annual Statement of Accounts**

The Chair said the Group Trustee Board has approved the Annual Report and Statement of Accounts and has received the report on the accounts from the Independent Examiner.

The Chair asks the Paul Todd to give their explanation of the Statement of Accounts. The accounts were summarised as per the report within the AGM Report Pack.

The Chair invited questions from the floor regarding the Trustee Annual Report, and the Annual Accounts. No questions asked.

The Chair thanks Bev Wakeman and Paul Todd for their work on the finances of the Scout Group

#### **6. Making appointments**

The Chair used this part of the meeting to organise the setup of the charity until the next AGM. We'll appoint a Trustee Board to oversee good governance for the charity over the 3 years.

The chair explained the open selection process had been undertaken by the Trustee Board into the Scout Group as a whole and local community.

#### **6a. Appoint the Group Chair, following recommendations from the open selection process initiated by the Group Trustee Board**

The Chair handed the chairmanship of this meeting over to the Group Lead Volunteer.

The Group Lead Volunteer recommended to the Group Scout Council is that David Baugh should be appointed as Group Chair. Please show your hands as approval.

A show of hands approved the recommendation.

Group Lead Volunteer hands the chairmanship of this meeting back to Group Chair.

#### **6b. Appoint the Group Treasurer, following recommendations from the open selection process initiated by the Group Trustee Board**

**The Chair** recommended to the Group Scout Council is that Paul Todd should be acting Treasurer Group Treasurer until a suitable replacement can be found. Please show your hands as approval.

A show of hands approved the recommendation.

**6c. Appoint members of the Group Trustee Board, following recommendations from the open selection process initiated by the Group Trustee Board**

The recommendation to the Group Scout Council is that:

1. David Baugh (Chair)
2. Jayne Bickford
3. Saul Burton
4. Alison Checketts
5. Rachel Clarke
6. Phil Hardisty
7. Satwat Khan
8. Kaliegh Lowe
9. Paul Todd (Treasurer)
10. Mandy Todd (Ex-officio)
11. Helen Whitehouse
12. Vacant: Young Trustee

should be appointed as members of the Group Trustee Board. The Chair invited a show of hands for approval. A show of hands approved the recommendation.

The Chair thanked the Trustees for their work during the year, and particularly those members who are standing down – Clare Ford, Bev Wakelam, Phil Bate, Neil Porter, Louise Porter  
Bev Wakelam, Neil Porter, Louise Porter will join our Leadership Sub teams.

**6d. Appoint the Independent Examiner**

The Treasurer proposed Neal & Co Business Services Limited, Cradley Heath

The Chair confirmed that Neal & Co Business Services Limited, Cradley Heath has been proposed, seconded, and is qualified for the role, and asked for a show of hands to approve the nomination.

A show of hand approved the nomination.

**7. Any Other Business**

- John Moss has photographs available of the Group Scout Camp from 2023.
- The Chair advised that plans for the proposed extension are on the tables, for everyone to review and ask questions.

**8. Closing Remarks**

The Chair closed the AGM, thanking everyone for attending and outlines any arrangements for the rest of the event.

- The BBQ (thanks to Scout Section)
- Music

# Trustees' Annual Report

For the period

From: 01/04/2024

To: 31/03/2025

## Section A - Reference and Administration details

Charity name	1st Sedgley Scout Group
Registered charity number	524621
HQ registration number	14268
Charity's principal address	Jubilee Hall, Ladies Walk, Sedgley, DUDLEY, West Midlands DY3 3UA

### Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity.

(These will be published in the annual report of the charity and the Charity Register if reporting for a Registered Charity with a charity regulator)

	Trustee Name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for full year	
1	David Baugh	Chair		
2	Paul Todd	Treasurer		
3	Alison Checketts	Trustee	22/06/2024	
4	Saul Burton	Trustee		
5	Jayne Bickford	Trustee	22/06/2024	31/03/2025
6	Kalieghe Lowe	Trustee		
7	Rachel Clarke	Trustee		
8	Phil Hardisty	Trustee	22/06/2024	
9	Satwat Khan	Trustee	22/06/2024	31/03/2025
10	Mandy Todd	Ex Officio / Group Scout Leader		
11	Helen Whitehouse	Ex Officio / Cub Scout Leader		
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## Section B - Structure, governance, and management

### Trusts:

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.

### Constitution:

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.

Trustee Board members complete trustee learning within the first 6 months of joining the Board.

This Group Trustee Board exists to make sure the charity is well-managed, the charity's resources are responsibly, 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.

The Group Custodian Trustees for the leasehold of the building and grounds are the Scout Association Trust Corporation (SATC)

## **Section B - Structure, governance, and management (continued)**

### **Risk and Internal Control**

The Group Trustee Board has identified the major risks to which they believe the Group is exposed, these have been reviewed, and systems have been established to mitigate against them. The main risks are:

Damage to the building, property, and equipment. The Group has sufficient buildings and contents insurance in place to mitigate against permanent loss.

Injury to leaders, helpers, supporters, and members. The Group through the capitation fees contributes to the Scout Associations national accident insurance policy. Risk Assessments are undertaken before all activities and for the buildings and grounds.

Reduced income from fund raising. The Group is primarily reliant upon income from subscriptions and hall hire and fundraising. The Group does hold a reserve to ensure the continuity of activities should there be a major reduction in income. The Board could raise the value of subscriptions and/or hall hire rates to increase the income to the Group on an ongoing basis, either temporarily or permanently.

Reduction or loss of adult volunteers or members. The Group is totally reliant upon adult volunteers to run and administer the activities of the Group. If there was a reduction in the number of adult volunteers or members to an unacceptable level in a particular Section or the Group then there would be a recruitment campaign, if unsuccessful there would have to be a contraction, consolidation, or closure of a Section. In the worst-case scenario the closure of the Group.

## **Section C - Objectives and activities**

### **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.

### **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 co-operate with others and make friends.

### **Scout Method**

Young people, in partnership with adults, working together based on the values of Scouting.

### **Summary of the main activities in relation to these objectives:**

Indoor and outdoor activities: Skill learning, first aid, cooking, pioneering, orienteering, survival, health, personal welfare, community, and educational tasks etc.. Integrated into meeting nights, adventure activities, games sleepovers, camps, and expeditions.

### **Grant making:**

The Trustee Board make donations on behalf of the Group to other charitable causes where funds allow, from time to time, where it is in the interests of the Group to do so.

### **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.



## **Section D - Achievements and performance**

### **Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year**

We developed further the Squirrel Dray Section for 4–6-year-olds and subsidised successful camps and activities for all sections. Fundraising events and hall hire hit new record highs. Gift Aid claims are now almost fully automated for quick processing. We redesigned our building extension plans to ease our planning application., We started to give our grounds a wonderful makeover for everyone to enjoy and kept our premises safe and well presented for use by the Group, Explorers, and the community.

## **Section E - Financial Review**

### **Reserves Policy**

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 Trustee Board considers that the Group should hold a sum equivalent to 18 months running costs, circa £22,000.

The Group held reserves of approximately £25,000 against this at year end. This is above the level required for operating expenses. However this can be explained by our intention to extend the building, to meet current and future needs and to subsidise activities to increase the affordability of scouting.

### **The charity's principal sources of funds:**

The Trustee Board does not consider the Group have sufficient funds to invest in longer-term investments. The Group has therefore adopted a low-risk strategy. All funds are held in cash using mainstream banks.

## **Section F - Chair of Trustees Report**

### **The Importance of Volunteers in Scouting**

The 1st Sedgley Scouts has proudly thrived since its founding in 1910, offering young people opportunities to grow, lead, and shine. However, like many other groups, we now face a critical challenge: a shortage of regular volunteers. Despite high demand to join, this shortage threatens our ability to sustain the life-changing experiences Scouting offers.

We urgently need your help. By committing even a small amount of your time, you can make a profound difference in the lives of our young Scouts and help preserve this invaluable movement. But volunteering is about gaining too - joy, satisfaction, and the knowledge that you are shaping futures.

We understand life is busy, which is why we've made it easier than ever to get involved. You don't need to be an expert outdoorsperson to contribute—it's your time and enthusiasm that matter most.

### **Members' and Section Accomplishments**

We are extremely proud of the accomplishments of our members, achieving chief scout awards in all sections.. Their progress highlights the dedication and excellence of our remarkable volunteer and young leader teams. We kindly ask you to extend your personal thanks to them for their time and commitment.

We're thrilled to be running an international scout camp for the Scout section members to Switzerland in February 2026.

### **Strong Governance & Finances**

We have focused on compliance and risk management; facilities and resources have been maintained and improved. Financial stability is strong. Although no grants have been secured yet, efforts are underway to strengthen the Funding Team and tools for the job. Your 'parental' help is needed in this team.

### **Fundraising Highlights**

Hall hire and the Charity Beer Festival collectively raised a fantastic £22,400! Huge thanks to the Porter family for managing hall hire, generating nearly £10,800 this year alone, and to the Beer Festival Team for generating a record-breaking £11,600 profit.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'David Baugh'. The signature is stylized with a large, sweeping initial 'D' and a long, horizontal stroke at the end.

Full name(s)

David Baugh

Position (Trustee)

Chair

Date

25/06/2025

## 1st SEDGLEY SCOUT GROUP

### RECEIPTS & PAYMENTS SUMMARY for the year ended 31 March 2025

	General Funds				Previous Year £
	Executive Committee £	Building Fund	International Camp	Total £	
Total Receipts	49,956		5,736	55,692	42,455
Total Payments	48,436		1,219	49,655	32,440
	1,520		4,517	6,037	10,015
Cash/Bank balances b/fwd	37,444	5,000	1,521	43,965	33,950
Transfers between Funds					
Cash/Bank balances c/fwd	38,964	5,000	6,038	50,002	43,965

The above account and accompanying statements of assets  
and liabilities were approved by the Trustees on 30th June 2025  
and signed on their behalf by :

David Baugh (Chairman)

# 1st SEDGLEY SCOUT GROUP

## DETAILED RECEIPTS

for the year ended 31 March 2025

	General Funds				Previous Year £
	Executive Committee £	Building Fund £	International Camp £	Total £	
Membership Subscriptions	11,670		3,866	15,536	10,935
Less Paid	(5,544)			(5,544)	(5,520)
	<u>6,126</u>		<u>3,866</u>	<u>9,992</u>	<u>5,415</u>
 DONATIONS/GRANTS					
Donations	1,020			1,020	550
 ACTIVITIES					
Camps	10,242			10,242	9,936
International Camp			1,870	1,870	1,521
 FUND RAISING					
Beer Festival Profit	14,859			14,859	9,767
Bedding Plant Profit	-			-	3,125
District Raffle share	179			179	163
Gift Aid	6,407			6,407	
Other	344			344	336
 SUNDRY RECEIPTS					
Hire of Hall	10,779			10,779	5,949
Insurance Claim	-			-	5,413
Website clothing	-			-	280
 TOTAL RECEIPTS	<u>49,956</u>		<u>5,736</u>	<u>55,692</u>	<u>42,455</u>

# 1st SEDGLEY SCOUT GROUP

## DETAILED PAYMENTS for the year ended 31 March 2025

General Funds					
	Executive Committee £	Building Fund £	International Camp £	Total £	Previous Year £
PREMISES					
Rent	20			20	21
Water Rates	-			-	170
Light and Heat	4,647			4,647	2,970
Insurance	1,963			1,963	1,888
Broadband	522			522	
Repairs and Renewals	3,201			3,201	3,923
Grass Cutting	365			365	350
Cleaning	2,335			2,335	2,630
Fire Extinguishers				-	-
	<u>13,053</u>			<u>13,053</u>	<u>11,952</u>
DONATIONS/GIFTS				-	-
ACTIVITIES					
Camps & activities	17,683		1,219	18,902	10,532
Section Nights	6,189			6,189	4,082
Training Courses	96			96	236
FUND RAISING					
Other	437			437	-
ADMIN/ESTABLISHMENT EXPENSES					
Insurance Claim	6,304			6,304	
Books, Stationery etc.	1,358			1,358	1,687
AGM Expenses	-			-	460
Bank Charges	827			827	531
Other	- 23			- 23	68
OTHER EXPENSES					
Uniform Grants	-			-	126
CAPITAL EXPENDITURE					
Equipment	1,349			1,349	1,980
Headquarters				-	-
PURCHASE OF BADGES	1,163			1,163	786
TOTAL PAYMENTS	<u>48,436</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,219</u>	<u>49,655</u>	<u>32,440</u>

## 1st SEDGLEY SCOUT GROUP

### STATEMENTS OF ASSETS & LIABILITIES at 31 March 2025

	General Funds				Previous Year
	Executive Committee £	Building Fund £	International Camp £	Total £	£
MONETARY ASSETS					
Bank Current Accounts	35,662	5,000	6,038	46,700	40,794
Expense Cards	3,302			3,302	3,170
Cash in Hand	-			0	1
	<u>38,964</u>	<u>5,000</u>	<u>6,038</u>	<u>50,002</u>	<u>43,965</u>

#### NON-MONETARY ASSETS

Land and Buildings	
Group Headquarters	Insured Value £364470
Scouting Equipment ,Furniture	Insured Value £26514

#### CONTINGENT LIABILITIES

There are no contingent liabilities.



**Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of the  
1st Sedgley Scout Group**

I report on the accounts of the Group for the year ended 31 March 2025 which are set out on pages 10 to 13.

**Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner**

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

1. examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act;
2. to follow the procedures laid down in the general directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act; and
3. to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

**Basis of examiner's report**

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently we do not express an audit opinion on the view given by the accounts.

**Independent Examiner's statement**

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention;

1. which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements

- to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act and
- to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and
- to comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 Act

have not been met, or

2. to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached,

3. which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the accounting rules of the Group's constitution have not been met.



Name: Kerry Fellows                      Qualification: FCCA

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Date: 30<sup>th</sup> June 2025

## Group Lead Volunteer Annual Report 2025



It has been a busy and exciting year. I would like to give Rob Barlow a special mention. While I am now living between UK and Fuerteventura, Rob has been a massive support as Assistant GLV to myself and the Group as a whole. We still have a waiting list and try our best to offer as many places to children as possible. It is all electronic, so this has made it much easier.

I do believe we work well as a team – well not sure if Rob would agree - LOL

My thanks also to the Section Leaders, Assistants & Helpers and Trustee Board for providing the children with a safe and exciting program that keeps them coming back every week. We are currently at full capacity in all sections.

### **Squirrels:**

Here are some of the activities squirrels have done this year - they have been remarkably busy! Well done, Squirrels.

Chef Badge and Chinese New Year - Tasting food from different countries, Chinese Lanterns and Dragon Dance.

Feel-good badge including free session with yoga teacher. Celebrated bird week and made bird feeders.

Invested 5 new squirrels.

Spring crafts, sunflower seed planting, egg and spoon racing, Easter crafts and activities.

Pirate night made our own boats and tested them on some water. Pirate games, fancy dress and lots of fun!

Outdoor Water play with the sunny and warm weather! Mini Olympics with gold medals

Local Superhero badge - visit from Police Man Joe - the squirrels tried some helmets and hats on.

Biggest surprise - Joe brought a real Police van to HQ, the squirrels LOVED this They sat in all parts of the van, including the mini cell in the back!

Mini sports day races and ice cream

A big thank you to Rebecca, Kayley and the Occasional Helpers for creating a fantastic programme.

### **Beavers:**

Deb and the leaders continue to provide a fun, educational and varied program. Christmas sleepover and working towards their challenge and activity badges.

I would also like to thank Deb for her continued support she gives to the Squirrel leaders.

In the last 12 months Deb has awarded 8 Bronze Chief Scout Awards.

Easter sleepover April 24 at the HQ with a visit from The Animal Man. Everyone really enjoyed it.

Dec. 24 Christmas Sleepover with a trip to see a Panto, again a massive success.

April 25, sleepover at HQ, with a trip to Ingenuity at Telford.

5 Bronze Chief Scout Awards will be presented at the AGM this year, there will also be a few investitures for the new Beavers.

## **Group Lead Volunteer Annual Report 2025 continued...**

### **Cubs:**

At present we have no dedicated Akela, however the section has been running successfully as usual. All leaders, occasional helpers & YL's have all been contributing to the program. Great team work.

I am very pleased to say Helen's health has improved, and she is getting more involved with the Cubs. We missed you, welcome back.

Since last AGM Cubs have done a camp at Patshull, another highly successful Christmas camp and a camp at Rhydd with a trip to the Safari Park.

They have covered lots of badges such as Disability Awareness, Communication, Astronomy, Money Skills, Pioneering and Science as well as parts of the Challenge badges.

Other activities include Bowling, Halloween party, Remembrance Day with trip to Memorial Arboretum, a District event St George's Day at the Zoo and a Wizard evening.

Just some of our activities, so we've had a very full and varied year which the Cubs have enjoyed.

5 Silver Chief Scout awards will be presented at the AGM this year.

### **Scouts:**

The Scout section is thriving. Alex and Phil have taken on the dual role of Scout leader, due to Alex's work commitments. As always, they offer an exciting program, with input from all Scout Leaders and YL's.

During the past year, there have been 4 scouts presented with their Gold Chief Scout Awards, George, Olly, Harry and Eliza.

In February 2026 there are 28 going to the Internal Scout Camp in Kandersteg in Switzerland 6 leaders, 3 YL and 19 scouts.

This is the first International Camp that we have attended outside the UK. Throughout the year, they will be organising fund raising events to help with the cost.

I would also like to thank, The Trustees who ensure we have the infrastructure that enable the sections to function and provide the means for them to do what they do best.

### **Awards:**

I would also like to congratulate Rob Barlow for achieving his 30 years' service award, and Dave Baugh for achieving his 50 years award. Fantastic well deserved.

Once again, thank you for your support in whatever form it comes. It has shown that we have an excellent Scout Group which can get us through anything.

Yours in Scouting,

Mandy Todd,

Group Lead Volunteer.