



THE SCOUT ASSOCIATION'S ANNUAL REPORT & ACCOUNTS

74th Oak Street Scout Group Year Ending 31 March 2025

Registered Charity No: 524801



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Welcome

At 74th Oak Street, we encourage our young people to do more, learn more and be more.

Each week, hundred's of young people enjoy fun and adventure while developing the essential skills they need to succeed. And, as well as supporting our scouting family, we have a rich history of bringing the S8 community together and contributing to society.

Helen Damon

On behalf of the Group Trustee Board

74th Oak Street Scouting





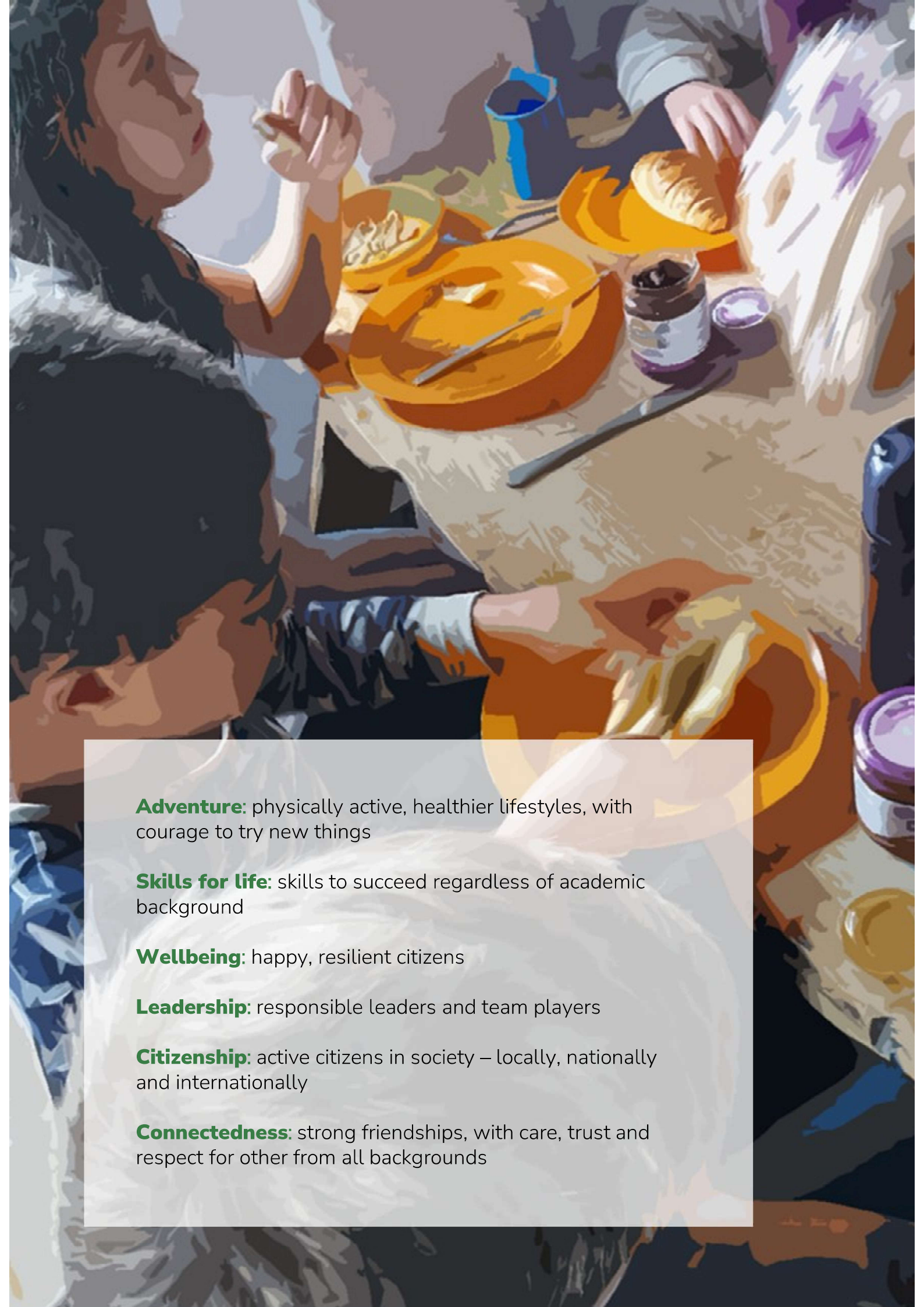
Why we do what we do

To actively engage and support young people in their development, giving them a powerful sense of belonging and empowering them to make a positive contribution to society.



Our mission

74th Oak Street actively engage and support young people in their development, empowering them to make a positive contribution. But we also support our wider volunteers with an environment in which to grow.



Adventure: physically active, healthier lifestyles, with courage to try new things

Skills for life: skills to succeed regardless of academic background

Wellbeing: happy, resilient citizens

Leadership: responsible leaders and team players

Citizenship: active citizens in society – locally, nationally and internationally

Connectedness: strong friendships, with care, trust and respect for other from all backgrounds

Leaders' Reports: Group Leader

Membership

Once again scouting at Oak Street is as popular as ever with our member lists full to bursting and our waiting list so long we could run three new sections. Every week we help around 80 young people from our community aged 6-14 develop skills for life.

Programs

Our youth members have had unforgettable experiences throughout this year. Our dedicated team of volunteers have organised a wide range of exciting programs for our Beavers, Cubs, and Scouts. From adventurous Beaver and Cub sleepovers to engaging activities like Freezer Camp, our very popular Alton Towers barn trip and Aqua Splash at Rother Valley. We have also had the privilege of hosting guest speakers who have shared their knowledge and insights across all sections. Our participation in District Camp and joint meetings with other scout groups have further enriched our scouting journey.

Community Engagement

Throughout the year, we have organised several events that have brought the community together. Among them, our annual bonfire night proved to be yet again our biggest fundraiser, captivating people with its mesmerising fireworks display and warm ambience. Our summer fun day has now become an annual event and is growing in popularity. These events have strengthened community bonds and provided unforgettable experiences for all who participated.

The Team

Our team of volunteers work tirelessly to plan action packed and exciting programs, not only for our weekly meetings but for camps and day trips too. They all give generous amounts of time and have done a fantastic job and made this year another phenomenal success.

We give thanks not only to our team of leaders and volunteers but to their families who support them and usually get roped in too.

Thank you for being the driving force behind our achievements and we look forward to continuing this journey together in the coming years.

Group Trustee Board

Our Board of Trustees play a pivotal role in the continued success of our group. They convene bimonthly, often in a local pub, to delve into every aspect, ensuring the seamless operation of our group. From diligently applying for grants, coordinating

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fundraising events, managing hut bookings, handling insurance matters and maintaining the group's finances. We owe them a debt of gratitude for their tireless efforts.

Make a Difference!

Running a group like this, with our own hut, grounds, equipment and minibus, is a massive job and to keep the levels of volunteer support healthy and this Group's future bright, we are looking for your help.

Whether you have loads of free time or can only spare an hour a month. Whether you can come to the Scout Hut or are stuck at home or whether you would like to work with young people, with activities, or with administration – there's something that you can do to help!

Please don't wait to be asked personally – just drop us an email and we can arrange a chat – or speak to any of the leaders on meeting nights – no strings attached (really – if you end up not volunteering that's fine – it will be good to chat anyway).

OSM

To use our volunteers time more efficiently and to reduce the burden of charity governance, costs and communicating effectively we continue to use Online Scout Manager (OSM) to manage the badge work, camps and administration. This is also a really easy way of staying connected with our parents.

Don't Miss Out

Times are financially tough for some in our community; no young person should go without Scouting for the lack of money. This is a principle that we strongly uphold. Please contact me in complete confidence, if you have or foresee problems paying the monthly subscription fees or for camps. We can contribute or assist in other ways to enable scouting for your child.

The last year has been filled with remarkable achievements, memorable experiences and valuable sessions for our members. I extend my thanks to everyone involved and look forward to another year of exciting adventures and growth.

Martyn Foster

Group Lead Volunteer

Leaders' Reports: Beavers

Numbers and Waiting List

Our numbers continue to be healthy, averaging between 20 – 24 beavers per session and our waiting list continues to grow.

Adults in the Section

Beavers is being run by Leslie Rochester with the assistance of Sara Howell, Jill Endean, Ellie Morrison. In May 2024, Claudia Richards joined us, she had previously been a young leader with us but moved away to go to university. Welcome back Claudia. We also welcome Newfield students (some are our scouts) and support them doing the volunteer section of Duke of Edinburgh Bronze award. A big thank you to all parents who support us when we need extra support.

Achievements

We have invested 12 beavers into the Oak Street Scouting family. 4 beavers gained their Bronze Chief Scouts award, well done Dexter, Norah, Tom A & Sam. They have moved on to cubs. In total 181 badges were presented to beavers, what an achievement. Well done to all the beavers that have gained badges.

Programme throughout the year!

April 2024 – July 2024:

Since April, beavers have enjoyed a varied program, covering various badges.

Beavers were let loose in Meersbrook with phones and could take photos of what they wanted. There were some excellent photos. The highlight of the evening was playing in the skate bowl. It was interesting to watch the beavers challenge their own boundaries. We continued the photography theme into the following week by making a stop start motion picture. The following week we were back in the park taking part in a wide game with the cubs.

The next week was making Easter egg nests and decorating them. I also introduced egg rolling to the beavers. Beavers had to roll hard boiled (decorated) eggs to see how far they would go.

This half term we had done activities around Road Safety Beep Beep Day, St George's day, skills night, decorating biscuits, tying shoelaces, mini pioneering and imaginative Lego building. One highlight was Mudlarking through the Meersbrook, the beavers loved wading through the water and finding treasures. When the weather was kind to us, we were able to make s'mores and cook popcorn on open fires.

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It's always a sad time when beavers move up to cubs and we said goodbye to Tom H, Jess, Frankie, and Hamish. These children had achieved the bronze chief scout award, and it was presented to them by JP, part of the Sheaf district team.

It was also an exciting time as we welcomed 6 new children into the colony. These children were invested on 15/05/24.

District Camp 2024 – 3rd May 2024 to 6th May 2024:

Most of Oak Street packed bags, sleeping bags, roll mats & camp beds and headed out to Hesley Wood for the annual district camp, I had 8 beavers stay as campers and another 2 visited for the day. Children took part in activities to gain points and points mean prizes. Everybody had a wonderful time, even though we were shattered.



On behalf of the leadership team, we would like to say a big thank you to all the children and an even bigger thank you to the parental support crew.

September 2024 – December 2024:

It's always nice to welcome back my blue ninjas, after the summer break. I couldn't run the evenings without the Sarah, Jill, Claudia, Ellie, Luke, Ozzy. We also have 2 students who are doing their DofE volunteering with 74th Oak Street.



In our meetings we have made teeny tiny rafts, but we still need to sail them, rain keeps spoiling our fun.

Leaders' Reports: Beavers

5 Beavers started linking with cubs and moved up on 1st October.

We have also discussed our favourite books with some children bringing in their favourite. Claudia ran activity where the children designed and coloured in land animals, sea animals and air animals, ready for our lending library. Claudia spotted that, although there lots of community libraries, those libraries didn't have many children's books. Watch this space for our children's lending library.

My favourite evening is always all about fire, cooking camp bread over glowing embers. Andre brought an apple press, and all the beavers had a go at chopping apples, crushing apples and then squeezing all the juice. The apple juice was refreshing.



At the AGM, 70 badges were presented to the beavers including Chief Scouts Bronze, well done to Norah & Dexter for earning the highest award in beavers.

January 2025 – March 2025:

This term we did a round robin and over a 4-week period everyone got a chance to bake some jam thumbprint biscuits, practice carving on bars of soap, do some crafts and break secret codes. We also completed the international badge with a trip around the world in one night; playing a game from Brazil, painting some Japanese cherry blossom trees and competing in chop stick noodle races. Learning how to say hello and the flags at each stop.

We also contributed to the group's mosaic art. We were lucky to receive funding from LAC for this project. This project is being run across all 3 sections. The children drew pictures of their favourite outdoor activity and Christie Young created the design from the children's input.



Leaders' Reports: Beavers

We have made vegimals from vegetables, Ellie one of our volunteers made a vegicar.



We made pancakes for pancake day (and ate them!) Then, the following week, the beavers brought in Teddy bears, and they practised their first aid skills. We also planted some sunflower seeds and decorated butterflies to stick in them! There were some promising sprouts beginning to grow!



Our latest session was bouldering at the depot; children overcame their fears about doing a new activity and had a brilliant time.

February 2025 – Sleepover at the Hut:

We also had a sleepover at the scout hut. On the Saturday we got the train to Halifax and spent the day at Eureka. The next day we walked to top jump and had a great time on the bouncy obstacles!



Leslie Rochester
Beaver Lead Volunteer (with lots of help from Claudia Richards)

Leaders' Reports: Cubs

This year has been nothing short of extraordinary, packed with adventure, learning and unforgettable experiences. Cubs and leaders alike embraced new challenges, welcomed fresh faces and created lasting memories.

We were delighted to welcome several new Cus into the pack, with 11 dedicated members earning the Chief Scout Silver Awards – a fantastic achievement! From creative challenges to outdoor adventures, this year has truly showcased the spirit of Scouting.

Under Christie's expert guidance, the Cubs transformed recyclables – boxes, newspapers and anything they could find – into jaw-dropping outfits, culminating in a fashion show to remember. We also revisited essential Scouting skills, honing our knot-tying, shelter-building and fire-lighting expertise.

Beyond the basics, we explored a range of exciting activities. We got our hands dirty with gardening, raced through Meersbrook Park in our own mini-Olympics, and had insightful sessions on mental health and first aid. A fascinating walk through Sheffield with Adrian brought the city's history, local celebrities, and the stars outside Town Hall to life.

Creativity and innovation were at the heart of many of our endeavours—building and racing chariots, experimenting with Raspberry Pi, and even having a go at pickling! Our Cubs also contributed to Oak Street's gorgeous mosaic project.



Leaders' Reports: Cubs

Alongside the weekly meeting, we attended several camps starting with district camp in May, where Cubs took on thrilling activities like zip-lining and whittling. We finally made our long-awaited trip to Calderdrift, which included a visit to the Miners' Museum and a much-enjoyed slip-and-slide session. Some Cubs also embarked on the Sixer/Seconder camp, earning fixed badges in skills such as science, DIY, backwoods cooking, and astronomy.

Winter brought its own excitement with our annual sleepover, featuring the highly anticipated Bug Ball, where we danced the night away before heading to Magna for a day of rockets, volcanoes, and hands-on science experiments

None of this would be possible without the unwavering support of our incredible leaders, parents, and volunteers. Whether running meetings, organizing special events, or stepping in at the last minute to save the day, their dedication ensures our Cubs experience a diverse and engaging programme. We also extend our thanks to those working tirelessly behind the scenes—wrapping, chopping, coordinating, and handling the vital tasks that keep everything running smoothly.

Together, we've built a year filled with adventure, learning, and camaraderie. Thank you all for making it so special!

Yvette Lavelle

Cub Team Leader



Leaders' Reports: Scouts



The Scout section has continued to grow, with up to 40 scouts being on our books now. We've tried to maintain a lively programme, balancing developing skills, creative crafts, fun and plenty of outdoor action: hiking, camping and playing in the woods.

The activities needing greater supervision have relied on parent volunteers coming along for the evenings, as well as on camps – and we are grateful for all the support that everyone has put in to make scouts at Oak Street what it is.

On some nights we've needed to split the troop, such as a set of 3 evenings in the Autumn when each week, one group went bouldering at the Climbing Works, one group went model building at the Warhammer Store in town, and one group practiced cooking a delicious meal, which was then given a score (as was the cleaning up) in our own mini-Masterchef tournament.



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More recently we split the troop to enable them to go kayaking. Our usual spot at Whirlow Pond wasn't possible this year, so we employed the skills of Pleasely Canoe Club, who put on a great session of paddleboarding, kayaking and canoeing. Seeing how many scouts can fit in an open canoe was brilliant (more than you think – with Alex balanced cross-legged on one end) and you probably can guess how this ended. Also fun was seeing the scouts launched off a point near a canal lock – giving the kayaks some airtime before they hit the water.



Skill building, we've had a set of sessions of kickboxing, led by Mr Joel from Pride Gym. The scouts started out practising kicks and punches in the air, then to my surprise, were paired up to practise on each other. Mr Joel talked about control and respect and the scouts did us proud in demonstrating all of this.

Other skill nights this year have included a guest speaker teaching us some British Sign Language, and of course what's scouts without a night at some point doing some knots?

That was back in September when we borrowed some chariot making kit from the Explorer unit and the scouts square-lashed together their chariots prior to racing each other around the grounds of the scout hut. Some of the chariots held together perfectly.

Linking up with Explorers, we visited the unit in October for a night of archery and rifle shooting. They have lots of great kit up there, and it'll be something our older scouts will be able to benefit from as they move up next September.

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We've often got the scouts working in patrols or small groups – such as on our Task Master challenge night, practising putting up the canvas patrol tents or a games night at the hut.



We've been out and about, walking/hiking a few times over the year. The Burbage Night Hike in January was given a wilder feel as the cloud and fog rolled in to come close to a white-out. It was dark and our torches would light up a few metres of the Peak District around us before everything was swirling fog. It was great!

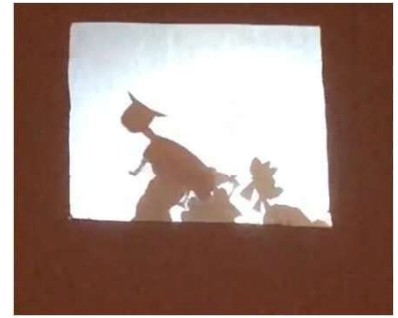
Another nice walk was a planned sunset walk in April around Surprise View, Millstone Edge and Owler Tor. The sunset never happened, but again, it's nice to be out. We scrambled up and down the path beneath Millstone, and got a lovely group photo on a wide ledge with other photos looking like future band album cover shots.



My favourite and most edifying walk was Alex's Local Knowledge Hike. Starting and finishing at the hut, the scouts were given a number of locations to find and questions to answer. The scouts were tasked with finding the founder of modern football, a historic sweet factory, a horse-drawn tram shed, a historic poop-powered street lamp and the remaining cornerstone of the burnt-down church that used to house a scout group on a road called Oak Street: and all of these within a short walk of the hut.

Leaders' Reports: Scouts

We've had a healthy sprinkling of creativity throughout the year, from the scouts putting on some hilarious shadow-puppet theatre back in December, to a craft night that spanned 2 sessions offering needle-felting (sheep and eyeballs, mostly), wood carving (spoons and gnomes, obvs), soap sculping and mosaic-making. The Oak Street mosaic is a thing of beauty and will be on display once grouted and framed).



And of course, camps. We did Survival Camp in September. The scouts built and slept in their shelters in a woodland near Holmesfield. They gathered wood, cooked for themselves on open fires and played amongst the trees.

In October we went to Waterslacks camping barn for Scarefest Weekend, which included a full-day at Alton Towers, and rained off intention to visit Thor's Cave.



Leaders' Reports: Scouts

Freezer Camp was at Hesley Woods, as always, in February. The weather was glorious this year. We camped jointly with our Meersbrook friends, St Paul's Scouts. It was really nice, relaxed camp but with all the activities on offer: quad bikes, segway, laserquest, inflatables, games, the cube maze and more.

District Camp was in May with a spy school theme, is year at Bradley wood near Huddersfield. Whilst there were lots of activities on offer, I think the draw for a lot of our scouts remains chilling out by the fire and whittling sticks... or 2 foot tall wooden bears. Once again, thanks to all the parents who come and volunteer - from the chefs to the washing up queen, and the marquee pack-downers – you help to make it what it is.

Finally coming up on the horizon soon is a new one for us, Hesfest which promises a weekend of camping with live music, paddleboarding, dodgems and a burger bar. We'll let you know how it goes!



Hugh Baker

Scout Lead Volunteer

Section A: References and Administration

Charity Name	74 th Oak Street Scout Group
Registered Charity No.	524801
Charity's Principle Address	74th Oak Street Scout Group Canterbury Road Sheffield South Yorkshire S8 9QD

Trustees

Trustee Name	
Martyn Foster	
Helen Damon	Appointed 7 March 2024
Leslie Rochester	
Volunteers	
Yvette Lavelle	
Hugh Baker	
Keith Endean	
Christie Young	
Jill Endean	
Michelle Black	
Laura Pascoe	
Claudia Richards	
Matthew Mullin	

Section B: Structure Governance and Management

Description of the Charity's Trusts

Type of governing document

The Group's governing documents are those of the The Scout Association. They consist of a Royal Charter, which in turn gives authority to the Bye Laws of the Association and The Policy, Organization 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. (e.g. trust, association, company)

Trustee selection methods

The Trustees are appointed in accordance with the Policy, Organization 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 Chair, Treasurer and Trustees including two Ex Officio Trustees and meets every two months.

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.

Section B: Structure Governance and Management

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 areas of concern that have been identified are:

- Damage to the building, property and equipment. The Group would request the use of buildings, property and equipment from neighbouring organisations such as the church, community centre and other Scout Groups. Similar reciprocal arrangements exist with these organisations. 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.
- Reduced income from fundraising. The Group is primarily reliant upon income from subscriptions 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 to increase the income to the group on an ongoing basis, either temporarily or permanently.
- Reduction or loss of leaders. The group is totally reliant upon volunteers to run and administer the activities of the group. If there was a reduction in the number of leaders to an unacceptable level in a particular section or the group as a whole then there would have to be a contraction, consolidation or closure of a section. In the worst case scenario the complete closure of the Group.
- Reduction or loss of members. The Group provides activities for all young people aged 6 to 14. If there was a reduction in membership in a particular section or the group as whole then there would have to be a contraction, consolidation or closure of a section. In the worst case scenario the complete closure of the Group.

Section C: Structure Governance and Management

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 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.

The Scout Method

Scouting takes place when young people, in partnership with adults, work together 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

Activities of the group

Leaders, parents and other members of the community provide support at meetings, events and nights away, along with financial support at fundraising events.

We believe in bringing people together. We celebrate diversity and take a stand against intolerance, always. We're a worldwide movement, creating stronger communities and inspiring positive futures.

Section C: Structure Governance and Management

Public Benefit Criteria

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.

The benefits of Scouting are further demonstrated throughout this report.

Achievements and Performance

Beavers, Cubs and Scouts continue to operate a wide range and varied programme offering exciting and adventurous activities for young people. Adult and young leaders are enthusiastic and display a wide range of skills. The Group is well supported by parents and other members of the community.


Accounts: Receipts and Payments

Receipts and Payments Accounts		
	Year start date	Year end date
For the year from	1st April 2024 to	31 March 2025
	2024-2025	2023-2024
	Unrestricted Funds	Unrestricted Funds
	£	£
Income		
Donations, legacies and similar income		
Membership subscriptions	11,737.00	10,921.00
Less: Membership subscriptions paid on National/County/Area/District	5,074.00	4,536.00
Net membership subscriptions retained	6,663.00	6,385.00
Donations	1,233.50	100.00
Activities	2,885.00	2,088.45
Gift Aid	0.00	8,169.65
Camps	8,066.00	7,766.50
Sub total	18,847.50	24,509.60
Grants	545.00	
Other Grants	0.00	1,000.00
Sub total	545.00	1,000.00
Fundraising (Gross)		
Bonfire event	6,234.54	4,721.14
Other fundraising activities	3,850.74	2,034.53
Co-op Fund	0.00	0.00
Sub total	10,085.28	6,755.67
Investment Income		
Bank Interest	115.78	121.51
Property Rent Income	17,234.30	14,125.00
Sub total	17,350.08	14,246.51
Total Gross Income	46,827.86	46,511.78
Asset and investment sales etc	0.00	0.00
Total receipts	46,827.86	46,511.78

Accounts: Receipts and Payments

	Year start date	Year end date
For the year from	1st April 2024 to	31 March 2025
	2024-2025	2023-2024
	Unrestricted Funds	Unrestricted Funds
	£	£
Expenditure		
Charitable Payments		
Programme and Activities	4,508.92	3,094.96
Water and Sewage	529.43	417.21
Electricity and Gas	3,007.46	4,037.09
Insurance	815.75	746.80
Repairs and Renewals	13,573.11	6,681.16
Materials and Equipment	380.39	786.15
Printing and Photocopying		344.75
Camps (Fees, Food and Activities)	8,954.49	6,763.34
Camping equipment		
Uniforms (Scout Shop) and Activity Uniforms	1,017.37	1,994.74
AGM and Trustee Expenses	0.00	895.28
Council Bins	246.20	233.60
Gardener Fees	848.00	391.00
Cleaner	1,204.00	1,200.00
IT software	684.04	595.86
Website Fees	264.00	244.80
Motor vehicle expenses	2,801.27	2,926.23
Motor Vehicle Insurance	995.04	964.65
Payment transaction fees	237.77	265.12
Rentals	0.00	0.00
Phone and Broadband	757.68	704.40
Sub total	40,824.92	33,287.14
Fundraising expenses		
Bonfire Night Event	3,331.48	1,924.54
Other fundraising activities	994.96	298.35
Sub total	4,326.44	2,222.89
Total Gross Expenditure	45,151.36	35,510.03
Asset and investment purchases	5,012.38	1,578.96
Total payments	50,163.74	37,088.99
Net receipts / (payments)	-3,335.88	9,422.79
Cash funds last year end	13,585.87	4,163.08
Cash funds this year end	10,249.99	13,585.87

Receipts and Payments Account

Statement of Assets and Liabilities at the end of the year		
	2024-2025	2023-2024
	Unrestricted Funds	Unrestricted Funds
	£	£
Cash Funds		
Bank Current Account	1,848.70	2,148.81
Bank Reserve Account	8,252.03	11,318.76
Electronic Transaction Account	149.26	118.30
Total Cash Funds	10,249.99	13,585.87
Other Monetary Assets		
Debts due	-119.00	-105.50
Sub total	-119.00	-105.50
Non-Monetary Assets for Charity's own Use		
Motor Vehicles	6,500.00	6,500.00
Camping Equipment	8,964.54	4,118.65
Computer Equipment	628.97	242.48
Sub total	16,093.51	10,861.13
Liabilities		
Accounts not yet paid	0.00	0.00
Other liabilities	0.00	0.00
Sub total	0.00	0.00
74th Oak Street had no contingent liabilities or future obligations at the 31 March 2025.		
The above receipts and payments account and statement of assets and liabilities were approved by the Trustees on the xx xxxxxxxx 2025 (the date of the Group Trustee Board meeting that approved the accounts)		
Signature	Name	
	Helen Damon (Chair)	

Section E: Financial Review

Treasurer's Report

Financially we have had another good year at Oak Street.. We have been able to afford the continuation of our ongoing hut renovations. Our hut rentals are still thriving with both regular and ad-hoc bookings.

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 Group Executive Committee considers that the Group should hold a sum equivalent to 2 months running costs, circa £1,500.

The Group held cash reserves of £10,250 at 2025 year end. This is above the level required for operating expenses, as we are currently saving to complete building renovations and the purchase of a second minibus.

Principal Sources of Income

These are monthly subscriptions from all members which covers most activities and some maintenance of the property. Fundraising activities events like bag packing and bonfire night also raise money to subsidise some activities and allow us to maintain and improve the building and the activities we offer. Renting the building to the community groups and parties allows us to collect further funds.

The Group Executive regularly monitors the levels of the bank balances and the interest rates received to ensure the group obtains maximum value and income from its banking arrangements.

Investment Policy

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 funds. All funds are held in cash using only mainstream banks or building societies.

Section E: Financial Review

Plans for the Future

The continuation of current activities and fundraising. Further fundraising will enable us to improve disabled access to the building and its facilities, to ensure our sustainable renting activities can be continued.

Basis of Accounting

The accounts have been drawn up on the receipts and payments basis which is consistent with the previous year. In line with the Charity Commission Statement of Recommended Practice and the Scout Association rules non-monetary assets do not need to be valued and shown within the accounts. 74th Oak Street's non-monetary assets predominantly consist of a large quantity of camping equipment, computer equipment, the minibus and other items used in providing activities for the Scouts, Cubs and Beavers. Items are replaced as and when they reach the end of their serviceable life. The current value of all items of equipment is in the region of £20000.00. All of these assets are fully insured with Unity Insurance Services on the basis of their current values (with the exception of tents which are insured on a new for old basis regardless of their ages).

Donations and Grants

During the last financial year, the Group received grants and donations totalling £1,779.00, including a grant of £545 from the Brian Sellars Fund, £800.00 from Creative Peaks and £75 from IPSOS Mori UK Limited.

Section E: Financial Review

Gift Aid

This Group is registered with HMRC as a Community Amateur Sports Club (CASC).

Where possible Gift Aid is gathered at source (e.g. via online payment of subscriptions).

Declaration

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above. Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees:

On behalf of the Group Trustee Board

Signed

HDamon

Name

Helen Damon

Date

7 July 2025

Independent Examiners' Report

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of 74th Oak Street

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the 74th Oak Street Scout Group for the year ended 31 March 2025.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees of the 74th Oak Street Scout Group you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').

I report in respect of my examination of the 74th Oak Street Scout Group accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent Examiner's Statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the 74th Oak Street as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed:



Name: Joanna Dobson

Professional Qualification: Chartered Accountant

Date: 22/08/2025



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