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**Annual  
Report  
2023-24**



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# A message from our Chairman

It's been another fun filled year for the 22<sup>nd</sup> Wimbledon Scout Group for both the Trustee Board and it's members – lots of which you will hear about throughout this annual report.

There was also a large contingent who took part in the County Gang Show, Souwest 2024, on-stage, helping backstage, make-up, dressing rooms – thank you to all who took part, it was another great show.

As I usually do, I want to take this opportunity to thank our wonderful team of leaders, assistant leaders, Young Leaders, helpers, and parents who put in so much time and effort to ensure our Beavers, Cubs, and Scouts have a great time.

I particularly want to thank Graham for everything he does for the 22<sup>nd</sup> Wimbledon Scout Group and the wider Scouting family.

I also want to thank everyone involved with the West Barnes Explorer Scout Unit who meet at the 22<sup>nd</sup> Wimbledon HQ. Some of them are looking forward to an international adventure to Kandersteg, Switzerland this year so we hope that they have a great time. The Explorers support the Group at events and some help at weekly section meetings doing their Young Leader Award training.

With so many events that happen throughout the year, this report should remind you what our young people and the Group as a whole have been doing. We held our main fundraising event of the year - our fireworks evening which was, as usual very popular. Thank you to everyone who helped to ensure that the event ran so smoothly both before, during and after the display.

We are about to embark on a major project for the Group – the replacement of the stores and 2 back rooms at the HQ which were originally built over 50 years ago. Following our suspicion of damp, we have had a professional survey undertaken which has indicated that, whilst the foundations are solid, the walls aren't in the best of condition and therefore the Trustee Board have agreed that we should demolish the rear extension to the HQ back to the foundations with an opportunity to reconfigure the area to make it more useable for our current needs. If anyone has any suggestions of potential grant or funding opportunities that we could apply for, then please do let us know!

Hopefully, you will be reading this report in advance of our AGM which is being held on 19 May 2024. At the AGM we elect the Trustee Board. It is their role to work together, as charity trustees to make sure that the Group is run safely and legally with a focus on strategy, performance and assurance. We are also looking for people to support the Group and raise funds so we can maintain our buildings and equipment so that our young people can enjoy their time with the 22<sup>nd</sup> Wimbledon Scout Group.

If you want to get involved, then I am sure that we can find a role for you to suit your skills and availability – please let us know how you can help!

This year we also welcomed new members to the Leadership Team. Once again, I want to thank all who are involved with the 22<sup>nd</sup> Wimbledon Scout Group and West Barnes Explorer Scout Unit for another great year.

Enjoy reading the Annual Report and I look forward to seeing you at the AGM on 19 May 2024.

**Ann Fellowes**  
**Group Chairman**

# Group Report 2023-24

The last year has been another fantastic one for the Group. As always, each of our sections have delivered a wide and varied range of activities, badges and camps for our young people which will give them stories to tell (as you will no doubt have had first hand if you have picked them up from a residential weekend!)

We had a good turnout for the District St Georges Day parade in Wimbledon village and all sections were well turned out (it might well have been the Krispy Kreme incentive). Date for your diaries – the Sunday nearest to 23<sup>rd</sup> April 2025 should be the year when we finally get to the front of the parade and walk immediately behind the band. It has only taken us around 20 years, so a fantastic turnout would be appreciated. Thank you also to the parents who volunteer to help marshal the parade to keep everyone safe.

The sun shone again for our Group AGM and family picnic in the field. As usual, the 65' inflatable adventure course was popular with the children (and adults!) and has been booked again for this year!

In December, we held our first Celebration of Christmas event with a Christingle theme. Firstly, thank you to the team of volunteers who came along to help make the Christingles. We returned to St James' Church, New Malden for the occasion and was lovely to see the event being supported by the young people and their families. One highlight being when all of the young people stood around the church with their lit Christingles with the lights off singing Away in a Manger. During the service, we were able to present several Chief Scout Awards, Josh Fawcett was presented with his Wood Badge for completing his leader training. Alison Edwards (Raksha) was presented with a Good Service Award - The Silver Acorn for all of the additional outstanding work that she does in the District and County to support the adults with their training – congratulations and long overdue! Thank you also to the Cubs for making the hundreds of mince pies and to Ann and her team for organising the catering.

As would appear to be tradition, we finished off the year with our visit to The New Wimbledon Theatre to see Cinderella – in total, we had 387 seats which must be a record! If you want to bring your family and friends this year, then pop Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> Dec in the diary to see Jack and the Beanstalk.

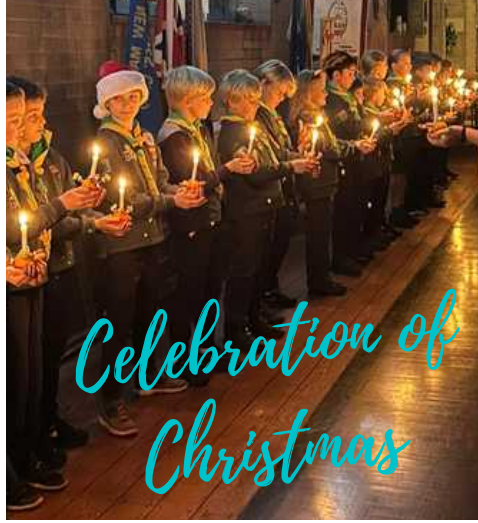
I have just seen the annual census for the District and I am very proud to see that, this year, the 22<sup>nd</sup> Wimbledon has the most members of any Group in the District with a total of 156 members (young people and adults). I am pleased to see that numbers have increased in all sections and our largest increase has been in the growth of our leader numbers – more adults wanting to join in the fun that we offer!

In the Beaver section, we have welcomed Josh Fawcett as Assistant Beaver Scout Leader and, in the Cubs, Rob Braun as Assistant Cub Scout Leader. In the Scout Section, Gavin Hayhurst and Elias Kairouz have become Section Assistants and Dan Shaw and Dec Gleeson have agreed to 'upgrade' to Assistant Scout Leaders. It has been so pleasing to see the Scout Team come together to successfully run the Troop in Keira's absence from weekly meetings so that she can concentrate on her studies at university.

Of course, I must thank all of our amazing volunteers who help with the running of the Group – firstly to our fabulous teams who run our sections for us. The number of hours that they put into planning and running the activities and camps for your young people is outstanding and is demonstrated by the fun and skills that the young people gain from the activities. Secondly, to our Trustee Board who ensure that the group has a governance structure to check that we are operating safely and legally. Thank you also to Joan Pearson who co-ordinates our hall bookings and the income that this generates for the Group and Andrew Pearson who makes sure that the garages are fully occupied!

Before I finish my report, I would also like to mention the leaders in the Group who have extra roles to support the District in addition to the volunteering that they give to the Group – Dominic Moore, Assistant District Commissioner, Beaver Scouts; Alison Edwards, Assistant District Commissioner, Training and County Safeguarding Adviser; Tim Kerridge, Assistant District Commissioner, Scouts; Alan Maloney, District Store Manager and Training Adviser and Veronica Kerridge, District Adviser – Special Needs and County Trainer. Thank you to you all for the work that you do to support the other leaders and young people in the District and County.

**Graham Fairclough**  
**Group Scout Leader**



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**Beaver Colony Report**

**BEAVERS**

# Beaver Colony Report

Welcome to this year's annual report, as I sit here writing this from our first Beaver camp of the year (more on this later!) I realised how much we have done over this past year. So, sit back, grab a cup of tea and your favourite biscuits and get ready to dive into the world of Beavers over the last year.

We started the year with our first camp at Bentley Copse in Shere. Over the weekend, the Beavers manoeuvred their way around the go kart track, learnt how to light fires using a flint and steel, got muddy on the adventure course and as a first for them got to try out Mini Hawks (the acrylic version into foam targets!). They also designed their own T-shirts and mugs.

In May we took 15 of the Beavers to RAF Hendon. Over the day they got to learn all about the different aircrafts and took part in a 4D Red Arrows Flight Experience.

To celebrate the King's Coronation, we had a Coronation craft evening which had the Beavers using a photo of themselves as part of their craft – check out our notice board for photos of these.

For our second camp of the year, we joined forces with the 8th Wimbledon Beavers for a packed weekend of activities and giving the opportunity for the Beavers to sleep outside in tents! Each of the Colonies were mixed up to allow them to meet new Beavers and help promote teamwork between them all. The Beavers got to build their own shelters (which given the weather proved very helpful!), made their own candles and sandcastles along with making ice cream in a bag! For some of the Beavers this was their first night away and sleeping outside in a tent, well done to all those who attended.

With the summer starting to heat up, we decided to make use of the weather and introduce the Beavers to backwoods cooking. The Beavers all got to have a go and lighting a small fire and then toasting their own marshmallows.

After the summer break, the Beavers worked on their Animal Friend Badge, as part of this we took them to Pets at Home in New Malden for a tour around and learnt about all the animals. They also got the opportunity to hold a snake, lizard and guinea pig.

October saw several of the Beavers joining the rest of the Wimbledon and Wandle Beavers at Frylands Wood for the District Campfire. They had an afternoon of classic campfire songs including Tic Tac providing a rendition of "Heads, shoulders, knees & toes"!

As part of the Money Skills badge (and Teamwork Challenge Badge!) the Beavers undertook the trading post. As part of this they were given a list of challenges and "Beaver Pounds" to buy objects from the shop to complete the list of challenges and then sell them back to the shop for a profit. Given the wide variety of challenges to complete the Beavers used some great ingenuity to solve the challenges – the leaders were really impressed!

In December we did some Christmas biscuit decorating and crafts. We also joined the rest of the Group for our Celebration of Christmas in which four of the Beavers were awarded their Chief Scout Bronze Awards, the highest award that a Beaver can get - well done to them all.

After the Christmas break, we embarked on our International Badge. Over the course of the month the Beavers learnt all about countries around the world along with tasting world cuisine! including – pizza, croissants, tortilla chips with salsa and curry. Following a journey around the world for their International Badge, the Beaver Leaders only saw one logical next step – time for the 22nd Beavers to conquer Space! The Beavers learnt all about space travel and the various planets in our solar system, including designing their own planet and what life might be like on it.

The Beavers also got to attend the first District event of the new year – Laser Tag. Despite the A3 road closure, the Beavers, all made it to Cobham and had a great afternoon running around in the woods.

# Beaver Colony Report (cont)

And so, we come to present day. We have returned to Bentley Copse for this year's camp, over the weekend the Beavers have been exploring the Cave Maze – as voted for by them! Designing their own aircraft and bird boxes along with the rather muddy adventure course. We also set a record on this Beaver camp – all the Beavers asleep by 9.30pm on the Saturday night!

I must finish this report with a huge thank you to all of the leaders at the 22nd who have helped the Beavers out for the past year, our parents who volunteered to be part of a Parent Rota and to leaders from other groups who have helped as well. I would also like to welcome Josh (Griffin) to our Colony.

Well that concludes another action-packed year at the 22nd Wimbledon Beavers, over the next year we have more Beaver camps planned, District Sports Day and District Beaver Camp – but you will have to tune in next year to hear all about them.

**Dominic Moore**  
**Beaver Scout Leader**







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Cub Pack Report**

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# Cub Pack Report

Our year started off with our Indoor camp which was run by Rikki and Baloo as part of their training to obtain a Nights Away permit. We went to a new campsite, PACCAR in Hertfordshire and stayed in dormitories. During the course of the weekend, the Cubs undertook their Artist Badge with model making and tie-dye t-shirts (some of which have been spotted being worn on other camps during the year!) They also took part in team building games, pedal go karts and a 170m zip wire through the trees – needless to say, lots of fears were overcome!

We entered a full team into the District Sports Day at the David Weir Centre in Sutton in May. All those who took part did very well in the track, field and novelty events. Overall, we came first in the Cub event which was a tremendous result. Thank you again to the parents who came to cheer on the team.

In May, the Cubs had the opportunity to gain either their Hobbies or Collectors badges by bringing in and talking to the rest of their Six about their chosen subject. There were lots of variations from football cards to dance!

In preparation for our outdoor camp, the Cubs practised putting up tents in the field – primarily so that we could check that they were complete and undamaged but also so that they knew how to put them up when they got to camp!

We also had 'Beyond Blocks' come in to complete the Digital Maker badge with the Cubs. This involved making models out of lego and then programming the ipad to make the model follow various commands – safe to say these were very enjoyable evenings.

We took around 24 Cubs to our Outdoor camp at Polyapes near Cobham. Again, this was run by Baloo and Rikki, during which they were assessed for their permits and I am pleased to say that they passed which now means that they can organise residential events for our young people! Well done to you both! During the weekend, the Cubs put up their own sleeping tents, cooked their own lunch on open fires and we went on a hike to Oxshott Common. They also completed their Emergency Aid Badge Stage 2 which involved bandaging, knowing when and how to get help and some fake wounds! They also took part in archery – thanks to Keira from Scouts who came to run this for them and they went on the cavebus – a single decker bus which has been converted inside to a caving complex!

We had a couple of evenings working on their Backwoods Cooking badge so they learnt how to light a fire and we cooked shmores, welsh cakes and, something new to us all, garlic bread in a pringles tube – of course, the Cubs had to eat the pringles before we could use the tubes! These all turned out really well and were eagerly devoured by the Cubs!

We entered 3 teams into the Cub Football Competition. For the first time in District Cub history, we entered a girls only team as they were eager to play but didn't want to be in a team with the boys 'because the boys never pass!!'. Throughout the competition, their team spirit was amazing and never gave up – they certainly gave the other teams a run for their money! The other 2 teams went on to win both the Cub Football Trophy (after the game going to nail-biting penalties) and also the Plate competition – congratulations to everyone who took part and, again, to the supporters for your encouragement throughout.

We finished off the term with our annual trip to Wimbledon Lake where the Cubs took part in Kayaking on the lake whilst working towards their Time on the Water staged badges. Needless to say, most got very wet – especially those who jumped off the jetty at the end!!

## Pack holiday report

For our cubbing adventures in 2023 we took ourselves to a new venue for us, Butchers Coppice. A Scout site just outside Bournemouth. With what has become a well-established format (!) the Cub team set off on a sunny Sunday in August with 23 cubs and a bunch of keen, eager, and willing adults (well willing...ish). 2 minibuses and a van driven by Ann (yes, I know it rhymes).

Loaded down with cakes and the contents of the first night's meal we braved the roads of southeast England, the traffic and headed westward.

# Cub Pack Report (cont)

We picked up Bagheera and Tim on route at Rownhams service station near Southampton and arrived just after lunch ready for 5 days of fun and excitement (or so Akela said).

Our holiday destination was a large building on the site itself. And we set about the usual setting up. Now for the uninitiated, this usually means me and a few of the other leaders moving things round and out of the kitchen to make space for the food and equipment needed for the week ahead. Because we don't travel light. Not for us the joys of lightweight camping. Akela has NOT read that manual. And the quantities of food needed for around 30 people are vast. Once set up and having cleared a Sainsburys van of its contents we set about dinner. Pasta, meatballs...a traditional Pack Holiday dinner.

On the Monday we went to one of our favourite places, Moors Valley Country Park. This day involved a lot of walking. An Akela hike from a park local to Moors Valley. Then after we had been on the steam train, more walking round the play trails, and yet more walking back to the park. We certainly got our steps in that day. Though we were rewarded with an ice cream! Tic Tac joined us at dinner time. He had been 'missing in action.' Having gone on an awfully grand trip the week before with the County Commissioner to South Korea. Anything to get out of setting up camp, eh?!

Tuesday was spent onsite in the morning and swimming in the afternoon. Mainly because we knew the weather was going to be rubbish. Ah the joys of weather apps! Tic Tac, Bagheera, Rikki and I spent our time wisely preparing dinners for the evening and the next day whilst the Cubs enjoyed the high wires and the cave bus. We then went for a swim to wash off some of the mud the cubs had picked up in the morning. Baloo and I got to swim lengths for a change!

Wednesday, we said goodbye to Tim and Bagheera as they were going to Devon for a wedding. And the morning's adventures were a mud trail. As if we needed more of that! Yes, a trail designed to get everyone really muddy. And smelly. It must be said that most, but not all, of the cubs enjoyed it. The leaders ... maybe less so! But washing everything off again probably did little for the planet. And I dare say none of the clothes worn are ever going to be used again. We then went back to the site for a 'proper' lunch of lasagne before heading off to the beach in the afternoon. That was much nicer. Sun, sand, sea. No smells. Packed tea on the beach followed by catching crabs at Mudeford Quay. It is a 'competition' to see who can catch the most. But don't worry dear reader, we let them all go again afterwards!

Thursday was our final day and, as is tradition we went to a theme park. Paulton's Park. Now, I have been doing Pack Holidays for 25 years now. And I am sure that when we first used to go there were fewer of the 'turn you upside down an bring your breakfast back into view' rides. However, being a well trained and experienced leader, there are very few of the rides I won't attempt. Apart from the teacups. Really not a fan of the teacups. However, we also seemed to have taken a lot of dare devil Cubs this time. So, the leaders were fully occupied taking turns to take some of the smaller Cubs on the rides as there are minimum height restrictions on a number of the rides. Having said that Kaa spent most of his time in Peppa Pig world with some of the 'timider' Cubs. Far scarier!

After 5 days of adventures, we packed up again on the Friday. We were slightly hampered by Ann's van. The one she had been given by the company we hire from that is. It developed clutch problems near Basingstoke, and she had to be rescued by them getting another van to her to allow her to carry on with her journey. So slightly later than billed, we got home. Hot, tired, and full of memories. With lots of exhausted cubs.

2024... Essex! More adventures. Different colour t shirt. What else? Well, you'll just have to wait and see, won't you?

When we returned to Cubs in September, we focussed on 2 badges; the Skills Challenge, for which the Cubs took part in a teambuilding exercise, they made animals out of fruit and learnt how to make a hot drink, wire a plug and iron their scarf!

# Cub Pack Report (cont)

We took 25 Cubs to the District Paintballing Day at Campaign, Cobham – everyone had a fantastic day and I am pleased to say that there weren't that many bruises as a result! A huge thank you to the additional adults who came along to help (and take part!) on the day.

At the end of September, we 'officially' welcomed Rob (aka Mowgli) as an Assistant Cub Leader into the Pack who had been looking for a new Group in which to continue his Scouting – he and his family have fitted in well and we welcome them all into the Group.

We also did our International Badge for which the Cubs had to find out and present various facts about a particular country, including finding out about Scouts in those countries. We also had a Spanish Evening – huge thanks to Maria and Helen who came down to show the Cubs how to make their own Spanish Omelette – they must have enjoyed the evening as many asked for the recipe so that they could make it at home!

We also celebrated Diwali by decorating our own tea light holders which were used as the light for our closing ceremony and Raksha told them the story of Diwali.

Our International Badge was finished off by various parents of the Cub Pack from either Zimbabwe or South Africa who ran a superb evening for the Cubs including Gum Boot Dancing, making bracelets, painting a mural and tasting several traditional foods – congratulations and thanks to the parents who ran the evening.

The end of term saw the Cubs making over 150 mince pies ready for the Group Celebration of Christmas event the following week.

We finished off the term with a Christmas Party with traditional party games and a delivery of Papa John pizzas for everyone!

At the start of the New Year, we decided to do the Scientist Badge which included many different experiments including making lollypop catapults, measuring our pulse rate using oximeters, seeing how celery absorbs water (although we wouldn't recommend trying that one again!), making PH indicators with red cabbage water and Alka Seltzer rockets! We also had a go making some simple circuits and making ice cream in a bag! Needless to say, we had a great deal of fun with this badge, and hopefully the Cubs learnt something too!

We joined up with the Scout Troop and took 57 members to join in the Wobstacle fun at the Malden Centre. We were treated to an hour's fun on 2 different inflatables – well done to everyone who attended.

We also held our traditional night of pancake making where, in their sixes, the Cubs need to make and cook their own pancakes. Fortunately for the parents, the toppings are closely monitored and dished out by some willing adult volunteers to ensure that you can still see the pancake through the various toppings on offer (including fruit, of course!).

For Mother's Day, the Cubs made Rocky Road in 2 different varieties which were then boxed and decorated. Hopefully they actually made it home for the day itself and, more importantly, for the intended recipient?!

We entered 3 teams into the District Cub Chess Competition in March. Although we were unable to retain the trophy, we did really well with one of our team's coming 3<sup>rd</sup> who were only 17 points behind the winners. A particular mention to Henry who won all of his games with maximum points! Thanks also to the parents and helpers who stayed to help score the games – your help was much appreciated.

We finished off the term with a visit to the New Malden Fire Station to start off our Fire Safety badge where the Cubs were shown around the station and fire engine and were all allowed to have a go on one of the hoses!

And there we have it! Another fun packed year with the Cubs. Of course, it would be amiss of me to conclude this report without some thankyou's... Firstly, to the Cubs and their parents for their continued enthusiasm and support throughout the year – especially to those parents who have offered (sometimes at short notice) to come and help us on Cub nights! Secondly, I would like to thank the Young People who have done their service part of their Duke of

# Cub Pack Report (cont)

Edinburgh awards with us – your help has been much appreciated and we hope to see you back as leaders in the future! Finally, I must say a huge thankyou to the team of leaders and helpers with the Cub Pack who give up both their weekday evenings and weekends to help me deliver an amazing and varied range of activities for the Cubs – it would not be possible without their help.

## Graham Fairclough Acting Cub Scout Leader





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Scout Troop Report**

**SCOUTS**



# Scout Troop Report



2023 was another exciting year for the Troop. A mix of visitors and residential trips made for a memorable year of memories. We had some cold-blooded friends come to visit us. Our Scouts were given a talk on the importance of suitable animal care followed by an opportunity to handle a variety of reptilian creatures. This was met with some squeals and questioning frowns, but many of the Scouts quickly made new friends!

With an increased number of camping experiences, our Scouts are finally getting the hang of putting up tents.. well, sort of! We started off with our APL & PL camp in which the older ones were subject to vicious rain and

broken altar fires, but we eventually saw the sun on our summer camp! The Troop went to Phasels Wood Campsite in Hemel Hempstead where they completed the hike for their expedition challenge. All our Scouts made use of the navigation skills that they have been practising - the final mile was a bit of a stretch but they made it!, ice cream was a bit of an incentive!



April 2023 to 2024 has also been a year of success. We started off strong at sports day! Our sprinters didn't fail in representing us at the District event. Also, for the first time in three years, they completed the night hike circuit through all the bases. Well done to you all!

Our Scouts have seen three Chief Scout Gold awards as well as two Jack Petchey awards with more to come. These are big achievements for our young people as they take dedication and independence to reach. I couldn't be more proud of you all!

As per usual, we didn't fail to make a mess. From scrubbing pans after cooking to arts and crafts, although our Halloween celebrations really were the cherry on top of the mess cake. The scouts were met with ring doughnuts, apple bobbing and Haribos buried in flour - a brutal combination. They didn't shy away from the challenge! I think Leon might have needed a wipe however...



As we can see, leadership takes gestured conversations over cups of tea!

A big thank you to the Scout leadership team and all those that support us in our endeavours. The Troop are truly lucky to have you!

**Keira Pearson**  
**Scout Leader**



# Leadership Team

## Group Scout Leader Graham Fairclough

### Beaver Colony

|                     |                   |
|---------------------|-------------------|
| Beaver Scout Leader | Dominic Moore     |
| Assistant BSL       | Elizabeth Maloney |
| Assistant BSL       | Jack Sheffield    |
| Assistant BSL       | Josh Fawcett      |
| Section Assistant   | Jackie Roux       |
| Section Assistant   | Gemma Kerridge    |
| Section Assistant   | Dan Paris         |

### Byron Cub Pack

|                         |                    |
|-------------------------|--------------------|
| Acting Cub Scout Leader | Graham Fairclough  |
| Assistant CSL           | Alison Edwards     |
| Assistant CSL           | Keith Elston       |
| Assistant CSL           | Chris Gagen        |
| Assistant CSL           | Lizzie Strachan    |
| Assistant CSL           | Rob Braun          |
| Section Assistant       | Veronica Kerridge  |
| Section Assistant       | Peter Brown        |
| Section Assistant       | Charlotte Johnston |

### Scout Troop

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|-------------------|-----------------|
| Scout Leader      | Keira Pearson   |
| Assistant SL      | Alice Sheffield |
| Assistant SL      | Daniel Shaw     |
| Assistant SL      | Declan Gleeson  |
| Section Assistant | Tim Kerridge    |
| Section Assistant | Oliver Foster   |
| Section Assistant | Gavin Hayhurst  |
| Section Assistant | Elias Kairouz   |

The leadership team as at 31 March 2024.

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## **Group Information**



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# Minutes of the 2023 AGM

**Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of the Group Scout Council held on Saturday 20 May 2023 at the 22<sup>nd</sup> Wimbledon Scout Group Headquarters commencing at 1.45pm**

A list of those present is included at Appendix 1 to these minutes

## **1.The Chair of the Group**

(Ann Fellowes) opened the proceedings by introducing herself and welcomed everyone to the 2023 Annual General Meeting of the Group Scout Council. In particular she welcomed our new District Commissioner, Michelle Baker who had agreed to say a few words later in the meeting. Following details of the emergency, domestic and signing in arrangements, she drew attention to her comments in the Annual Report and congratulated all those who had contributed to a highly successful year in which the 22<sup>nd</sup> had celebrated its 95<sup>th</sup> birthday.

## **2.Apologies for absence**

Were received from Rob Brumwell (District Chairman) Dave Bixby (District Commissioner) Lizzie Strachan, Sally Pusey, Dan Shaw, Ivy and Gemma Kerridge, Dan Fellowes and Liam Washford-Bent

## **3.Minutes of the AGM held on 24 April 2022**

The minutes had been circulated by email at the beginning of May 2023 in the annual report. There being no questions from the floor, the minutes were agreed.

## **4.Receive and Consider the Annual Reports from the Sections**

The reports had been circulated by email at the beginning of May 2023. Graham Fairclough (Group Scout Leader) said he hoped everyone had found an opportunity to read the reports. The Group had made great strides since a return to a full and expanded Scouting programme following the Covid 19 Pandemic. He was especially proud of the Troop which had grown both in number and in their programme of activities. The Group membership had increased to 147, making the 22<sup>nd</sup> the second largest Group in the District.

One of the highlights of the year had been taking 130 young people to PGL at Marchants Hill for a weekend of activities to celebrate the 95<sup>th</sup> birthday of the Group. This was a logistical nightmare but well worth the effort as everyone had a memorable time. This included watching three coaches trying to park and load luggage on a Friday evening in Motspur Park which caused some amusement!

He also wanted to draw attention to the contribution that the 22<sup>nd</sup> had at District and County Level, above and beyond Group activity. A list appeared in the Group annual report but is reproduced in Appendix 2 of these minutes.

In conclusion he said he was very proud to be the Group Scout Leader of the 22<sup>nd</sup> and he commended the report to the AGM.

The Chair invited the meeting to ask any questions arising from the report. There being none the Chair moved to the next item.

## **5.Presentation and adoption of the accounts 2022/2023**

The Treasurer (Andrew Pearson) presented the accounts for the year ended 31 March 2023. These had been signed off by the Independent Examiner and published in the annual report.

Andrew went on to say that fundraising opportunities has been restricted in some respects due to the impact of the Covid 19 Pandemic but garages continued to be fully booked and hall bookings were back to the pre-Covid level.

# Minutes of the 2023 AGM (cont)

Andrew wished to publicly acknowledge a generous bequest to the Group from the late Robert Conrad who was a scouter with the Group between 1968 and 1997. The Executive had agreed to ring fence this money until it could be used for a specific project.

He also wished to report successful discussions with the electric company in relation to an overcharge during the pandemic, a subsequent refund and now a revised amount paid each month.

Finally, he asked the AGM to note the budget for 2023/2024. He commended the report to the AGM.

The Chair invited the AGM to raise any questions arising from the report. There being none the Chair asked the AGM to adopt the finance report which it did unanimously.

## 6. Group Constitution

Graham reported that the Scout Association required each Group to have a written Constitution or Governing Document. Which documents what each Group as a separate charity is set up to do and how it should operate and be governed. Accordingly, we have put one together which will be shared with the Executive in the next few days. He therefore proposed "That the AGM agree that the new Executive should consider any drafts which may emerge and be formalised at its next meeting. In the meantime, the Group should operate on the basis of the rules contained within the Scout Association Policy Organisation and Rules"

Graham concluded by adding that later this year there are likely to be changes to titles and roles. The Executive will become Trustees on a Trustee Board. He assured the AGM that there will be full information as proposals emerge.

## 7.Appointments and Elections 2023/2024

The following were elected/appointed in accordance with the rules of the Scout Association.

(i) **Appointment of Independent Examiner**, Derek Holmes was nominated by the Treasurer and Tim Kerridge. Derek was appointed.

(ii) The Group Scout Leader (Graham Fairclough) took the Chair and as it was his responsibility **to nominate the Chair** he did so and nominated Ann Fellowes. The AGM approved the nomination.

Ann Fellowes resumed the Chair.

(iii) **Election of Group Secretary**. Alan Maloney was nominated and seconded by the Chair and Veronica Kerridge. There being no other nominations Alan was elected.

(iv) **Election of Treasurer**. Andrew Pearson was nominated by the Chair and seconded by the Secretary, there being no other nominations Andrew was elected.

(v) **GSL Nominations to the Executive**. Graham nominated Alison Edwards to represent the Cub Section as he was unable to do so whilst being Group Scout Leader on the Executive. Following discussions after the meeting Graham also nominated John Crighton

(vi) **Election of other members of the Executive**. It was noted that five of the current elected members had agreed to put their names forward to serve another term. The Chair and Secretary formally nominated and seconded Dominic Beecheno, Mark Cheetham, Suzanne Davis, Annie Gleeson and Rory Travers-Drapes. There being no further nominations from the floor the above were elected.

vii) **Appointment of Section leaders to the Executive**. Dominic Moore and Keira Pearson were appointed.

viii) **Appointment of Explorer Scout Leader to the Executive**. Liam Washford-Bent was appointed.

## 8.Other business

Graham was pleased to present a Chief Scout Silver Award, the top award in the Cub Scout Section, to Charlie Curtis.

There being no further business the Chair moved to the next item.

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## 9.The District Commissioner

The Chair was pleased to introduce our newly appointed District Commissioner, Michelle Baker. She was pleased to note that Michelle had already worked with our Beaver Section at a recent weekend camp and her help and support had been very much appreciated.

Michelle thanked the Group for its kind welcome to the AGM and said that she had enjoyed watching the young people enjoying themselves on the inflatable assault course on the field. She assured everyone, however, that she would not be trying it out for herself! She congratulated the Group on all its achievements during the past year and did however want to say "thank you" to all the adults in the Group who played such an important role in every aspect of the life of the 22<sup>nd</sup>. She referred to the annual report and Graham's reference to this but she felt it necessary to acknowledge this publicly. She invited those named to stand and be recognised.

She concluded by wishing the Group well in the forthcoming year.

The meeting closed at 2.30pm

## APPENDIX 1

Those present at the meeting were:

### Group Executive Committee

Ann Fellowes, Andrew Pearson, Alan Maloney, Rory Travers-Drapes, Annie Gleeson, Suzanne Davis, Mark Cheetham, Nicola Grant.

### District Guest

Michelle Baker (District Commissioner)

### Leaders, Section Assistants and Occasional Helpers

Graham Fairclough, Keira Pearson, Keith Elston, Dominic Moore, Elizabeth Maloney, Alison Edwards, Tim and Veronica Kerridge, Charlotte Johnston, Mark Elston and Elias Kairouz.

### Parents, friends and Group and Unit supporters

Iluska Beaton, Sonia Agriao-Tiedt, Abby Taylor, Andy Curtis, Katherine Curtis, Corne Rossouw, Nora Eccles, Will Tankard, Stuart Henderson, Liz Shanahan, John Crighton, Chris Bradbury, Andy Johnston, Liz Wingrove, Abbie Hanks, Fiona Perella-Henry, Robert Kameka and Natalie Cornelius.

## APPENDIX 2

### Leaders and others with additional roles

Dominic Moore.....Assistant District Commissioner (Beaver Scouts)

Alison Edwards.....Assistant District Commissioner (Training)  
County Safeguarding Adviser

Tim Kerridge..... Assistant District Commissioner (Scouts)

Alan Maloney..... District Store Manager  
District Training Adviser

Veronica Kerridge ... District Advisor Special Needs  
County Trainer

Keira Pearson .....District Network Commissioner

# Trustees

## Trustees Ex Officio :

|                                   |                               |
|-----------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| Group Chairman                    | Ann Fellowes                  |
| Group Secretary                   | Alan Maloney                  |
| Group Treasurer                   | Andrew Pearson                |
| Group Scout Leader                | Graham Fairclough             |
| Beaver Scout Leader               | Dominic Moore                 |
| Cub Scout Leader                  | Position filled by nomination |
| Scout Leader                      | Keira Pearson                 |
| West Barnes Explorer Scout Leader | Liam Washford-Bent            |

## Trustees: Elected:

Dominic Beecheno  
Rory Travers-Drapes  
Annie Gleeson  
Mark Cheetham  
Suzanne Davis

## Trustees: Nominated :

Alison Edwards  
John Crighton (from November 2023)



Bankers: Lloyds TSB Plc, London Road, East Grinstead. RH19 1AH

Custodian Trustee: The Scout Trust Corporation Ltd

Independent Examiner: Derek Holmes

Scout Association Registration No.: 6076

Charity Registration Number: 303795

The Group is a Trust established under its rules which are common to all Groups. Trustees are appointed in accordance with Policy, Organisation and Rules of The Scout Association.

The accounts have been drawn up on a receipts and payments basis.

Contact: Alan Maloney, 5 Aragon Road, Morden. Surrey. SM4 4QF Tel: 0208 337 5364.

Signed on behalf of the Executive Committee:

Ann Fellowes, Chairman

Andrew Pearson, Treasurer



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## Group Finances



**Scouts**

22nd Wimbledon  
Scout Group

# Group Assets

|                                  | 2023/24       | 2022/23       |
|----------------------------------|---------------|---------------|
|                                  | £             | £             |
| <u>Current Assets</u>            |               |               |
| Lloyds Bank Current Account      | 8356          | 8021          |
| HSBC 3 Month Fixed               | 170032        | 166041        |
| HSBC/Lloyds Bank Deposit Account | 22356         | 8394          |
| HSBC/Lloyds Deposit Account      | 13316         | 13176         |
| Treasurer cash in hand           | 3012          | 2165          |
| Sub Total                        | <u>217072</u> | <u>197797</u> |
| Beavers Bank Account             | 1794          | 2695          |
| Byron Pack Bank Account          | 5726          | 6719          |
| Scout Troop Bank Account         | 3380          | 1924          |
| Sub Total                        | <u>10900</u>  | <u>11338</u>  |
| Total                            | <u>227972</u> | <u>209135</u> |
| <u>Fixed Assets</u>              |               |               |
| Garages at Cost                  | 50500         | 50500         |
| Depreciation                     | <u>-40000</u> | <u>-35000</u> |
| Net Book Value                   | 10500         | 15500         |
| Total                            | <u>238472</u> | <u>224635</u> |
| <u>Liabilities</u>               |               |               |
| Garage Deposits                  | <u>-375</u>   | <u>-375</u>   |
| Total liabilities                | 375           | 375           |
| Total Net Assets                 | <u>238097</u> | <u>224260</u> |

# Group Payments

| Budget 2024/25                    | 2023/24      | 2022/23      |
|-----------------------------------|--------------|--------------|
| £                                 | £            | £            |
| <u>Grant Payments</u>             |              |              |
| 0 Magic (Gazebo)                  | 564          | 0            |
| 0 Arnold Clark (Gala Tent)        | 0            | 1015         |
| 0 Groundwork (Stores)             | 368          | 0            |
| 0 Total                           | <u>932</u>   | <u>1015</u>  |
| <u>Headquarters Costs</u>         |              |              |
| 750 Water Charges                 | 319          | 401          |
| 7500 Light & Heat                 | 9286         | 920          |
| 3300 Insurance                    | 3120         | 3090         |
| 3000 Hall Expenses                | 2315         | 2151         |
| 5000 Hall Maintenance             | 4066         | 3242         |
| 0 Toilets                         | 0            | 814          |
| 200000 Hall Development           | 1831         | 2404         |
| 350 AGM                           | 312          | 270          |
| 300 Wi Fi                         | 0            | 254          |
| 200 OSM                           | 7            | 43           |
| 50 Garage Expenses                | 0            | 0            |
| <u>220450 Total</u>               | <u>21256</u> | <u>13589</u> |
| 5000 Membership Fees              | 5166         | 4524         |
| 0 Explorers                       | 0            | 0            |
| <u>5000 Total</u>                 | <u>5166</u>  | <u>4524</u>  |
| <u>Scouting Activities</u>        |              |              |
| 20000 Section Activities          | 8445         | 12759        |
| 10000 Camps and Outings           | 15221        | 6377         |
| 0 PGL                             | 0            | 6915         |
| 0 End of Term Trampoline          | 0            | 0            |
| 250 Leader Uniform                | 28           | 67           |
| <u>30250 Total</u>                | <u>23694</u> | <u>26118</u> |
| <u>Fund Raising expenses</u>      |              |              |
| 2000 Firework night               | 1583         | 1432         |
| BBQ's                             | 159          | 0            |
|                                   | <u>1742</u>  | <u>1432</u>  |
| 3000 Camp/Activity Van Hire       | 1773         | 2154         |
| 500 Miscellaneous(Inc stationery) | 176          | 391          |
| 300 Uniform                       | 592          | 263          |
| 2000 Equipment                    | 769          | 14           |
| 0 Jack Petchey Award (Hammocks)   | 600          | 600          |
| <u>2800 Total</u>                 | <u>2137</u>  | <u>1268</u>  |
| <u>263500 Total Payments</u>      | <u>56700</u> | <u>50100</u> |

Note: Budget includes preliminary back room refurbishment -still to be confirmed

# Group Receipts

| Budget 2024/25<br>£ |                          | 2023/24<br>£ | 2022/23<br>£ |
|---------------------|--------------------------|--------------|--------------|
| 9000                | Membership Subscriptions | 9150         | 8560         |
| 3000                | Gift Aid 2023            | 2821         | 3010         |
| <u>12000</u>        | Total                    | <u>11971</u> | <u>11570</u> |
| 15000               | HQ Rents                 | 17716        | 16845        |
| 15000               | Garage Rents             | 14220        | 13400        |
| <u>30000</u>        | Total                    | <u>31936</u> | <u>30245</u> |
| 0                   | Donations                | 165          | 5000         |
| 3500                | Bank Interest            | 4206         | 1053         |
| <u>3500</u>         | Total                    | <u>4371</u>  | <u>6053</u>  |
| 15000               | Section Camps/Activities | 18407        | 15636        |
| 0                   | PGL                      | 0            | 3927         |
|                     |                          | <u>18407</u> | <u>19563</u> |
|                     | <u>Fund Raising</u>      |              |              |
| 3000                | Firework Night           | 5001         | 4556         |
| 250                 | BBQ's                    | 395          | 2655         |
| 0                   | Arnold Clark(Gala Tents) | 0            | 1000         |
| 0                   | Groundwork(Stoves)       | 500          | 0            |
| 0                   | BBQ Hire                 | 0            | 100          |
| 0                   | Magic(Gazebo)            | 500          | 0            |
| 0                   | Back Room Fund           | 435          | 0            |
| 0                   | Just Giving/Amazon       | 68           | 180          |
| 0                   | Race Night               | 0            | 966          |
| <u>3250</u>         | Total                    | <u>6899</u>  | <u>9457</u>  |
| 1000                | Uniform Sales            | 914          | 721          |
| 0                   | Scout shop               | 202          | 239          |
| 0                   | Misc                     | 237          | 180          |
| 0                   | Jack Petchey Award       | 600          | 1200         |
| <u>1000</u>         | Total                    | <u>1953</u>  | <u>2340</u>  |
| <u>64750</u>        | Total Receipts           | <u>75537</u> | <u>79228</u> |

# Section Accounts

|                         | Beavers | Byron Pack | Scout Troop | Total |
|-------------------------|---------|------------|-------------|-------|
| Cash in Bank 31.03.2023 | 3343    | 6719       | 1924        | 11338 |

## Receipts

|                          |      |       |       |       |
|--------------------------|------|-------|-------|-------|
| Subscriptions            | 3000 | 5532  | 5135  | 13667 |
| Scarves/T Shirts/Uniform |      | 446   | 375   | 821   |
| Interest                 |      | 45    | 0     | 45    |
| Donations                |      | 100   | 0     | 100   |
| Camp & Outings fees      | 2320 | 7893  | 8194  | 18407 |
| Miscellaneous            |      | 0     | 0     |       |
| Total                    | 5320 | 14016 | 13704 | 33040 |

## Payments

|                           |      |       |       |       |
|---------------------------|------|-------|-------|-------|
| Badges and equipment      | 277  | 450   | 0     | 727   |
| Uniform                   |      | 369   | 758   | 1127  |
| Activities                | 378  | 4014  | 4053  | 8445  |
| Camps and outings         | 4083 | 6801  | 4337  | 15221 |
| Contributions to HQ costs | 1925 | 3375  | 3100  | 8400  |
| Stationery                | 46   | 0     | 0     | 46    |
| Miscellaneous             | 158  | 0     | 0     | 158   |
| Total                     | 6868 | 15009 | 12248 | 34124 |

|     |       |      |      |       |
|-----|-------|------|------|-------|
| Net | -1548 | -993 | 1456 | -1085 |
|-----|-------|------|------|-------|

|                         |      |      |      |       |
|-------------------------|------|------|------|-------|
| Cash in Bank 31.03.2024 | 1795 | 5726 | 3380 | 10901 |
|-------------------------|------|------|------|-------|

Notes Funds held are for camps/activities in 2024

# Independent Examiners Report

## Independent examiner's report to the trustees of 22<sup>nd</sup> Wimbledon Scout Group Scout Council

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the **22<sup>nd</sup> Wimbledon Scout Group** for the year ended 31/03/24

### Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees of the **22<sup>nd</sup> Wimbledon 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 **22<sup>nd</sup> Wimbledon 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 **22<sup>nd</sup> Wimbledon Scout Group** as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

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.

Name: Derek Holmes

Relevant professional qualification or membership of professional bodies (if any): F.C.A

Address: 3 Larks Close, Ferndown, Dorset. BH22 9TF

Date: 15/4/2024

# We'd like to say

## Thank You!

**The 22nd Wimbledon Scout Group wishes to record its thanks to so many people, but, in particular we should acknowledge...**

**All of our amazing Leadership Teams for everything that they do to keep our Young People enthused and wanting to come back for more, whether that's weekly meetings, camps or activities. Thankyou so much (and also to their families for letting them join in the fun!)**

**The Group Trustee Board for their continued support throughout the year, especially to Andrew Pearson, Group Treasurer for everything that he does looking after the Group finances, including managing the garage rentals.**

**Special thanks are also recorded to Joan Pearson (Hall Bookings Manager), Gavin Hayhurst (Webmaster) and Vici Hoban, (Emergency HQ key holder) for their vital work in supporting the Group.**

**Thanks to Graham Fairclough for everything that he does in and around the HQ to keep it looking it's best... sweeping up leaves, keeping the grass trimmed and for his work with our successful grant applications.**

**Also to the adults and young people from the Nescot Horticulture Team who come in and do additional work around our HQ grounds.**

**Thankyou to Declan Gleeson for all his help and advice with various issues with the HQ and Mark Cheetham for looking after the Health and Safety side of the Group.**

**The Wimbledon and Wandle District Team and the GLSW County Support and Training Teams for their advice and support during the year.**

**Thanks also to Alison Edwards for proof reading the annual report!!**

**We acknowledge the following companies for their grant donations over the past year, towards various projects... The Jack Petchey Foundation, Tesco's and Magic Little Grants.**

**...and finally, to the parents and to the young people themselves who make Scouting so enjoyable!**

**“As a young boy, Scouting gave me a confidence and camaraderie that is hard to find in modern life.”**

**Bear Grylls**

