

**The 1st Broomfield Scout Group annual report  
and accounts for the financial year ended 31st  
December 2024**



**AGM  
12<sup>th</sup> May 2025 7.30pm  
Scout HQ, School Lane, Broomfield, Chelmsford CM1 7DR**

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## 1<sup>st</sup> Broomfield Scout Group Contacts

Chair	Malcolm Taylor
Group Scout Leader	Linda O'Riordan
Group Treasurer	John Wallis
Monday Scout Leader	Adam Taylor
Jötnar Scout Leaders	Charlotte Moore & John Wallis
Weds. Cub Leader	Steff Smith
Weds. Beaver Leader	Charlotte Moore
Thurs. Beaver Leader	Sarah Mott
Thurs. Cub Leader	Ruth Reed
Kraken Explorer Scouts	Ruth Reed
Waiting List	Steff Smith

## Welcome to our 2025 AGM & Review

Firstly, I would like to thank everyone within the group from Leaders, Assistants and the Trustee Board for all their hard work this year. The volunteers have led a fun, fantastic and full program for all the young people this year and without these imaginative amazing people 1<sup>st</sup> Broomfield wouldn't exist.

The Leaders continue to provide me with quarterly reports which I put together and submit to the Broomfield Times. There have been some great articles that the sections have submitted and I'm sure you'll recognise some of the photos of the young people that are there to demonstrate what the sections have been up to. The Book Sale in February was yet another great success and I must thank Roger and Sue Cole whose time and effort over the year continues to amaze me. Also, Steff Smith, Linda MacInnes and John Wallis need a mention as they to spend many an hour throughout the year getting ready for the next one. It really is fascinating to see the set up and progress over the week at the scout hut, from a chaotic jumble at the beginning to a truly amazing and well organised sale. Those relatives and young people who come and help can see the transformation over that time.

The book sale along with the skip collection have made it possible to keep our fees low and help subsidise the activities the groups offer.

New from April this year – we have a new Scout section on a Tuesday called Jötnar which has welcomed 14 new scouts which would otherwise have had to sit on a waiting list.

With the funds raised as well as subsidising camps and activities we have purchased 3 new flags. One each for Jötnar, Dinizulu, and Riverside Colony, new first aid kits, 8 new tents for scouts, 4 LED lanterns just to name a small sample.

This year we lost Shane from Mondays scouts to retirement and Amy who has moved onto being the admin for the trustee's board. But she will also be around to attend camps and help as and when she can. So, a big thank you to them.

We have welcomed lots of new helps from Millie and Fiona on Tuesdays Beavers, Matthew to Wednesday Cubs and lots of parent helpers who have been amazing and thank you for stepping up and helping. I'd also like to congratulate Steff Smith who was awarded the Award of Merit, Cerian Barrell and Paddy Passfield who were awarded the Chief Scouts Commendation.

Finally, I would like to thank Malcolm for all his hard work over the many numbers of years volunteering here at 1<sup>st</sup> Broomfield and the support he has given me as Group Lead Volunteer for the last 18 months. I'm sure the Trustees and volunteers wish him well with his District Role and all the other things he continues to do locally. I'm hoping he'll still be around to help with the car park during the book sale etc.

**Linda O'Riordan - Group Lead Volunteer**

# Agenda

## 1<sup>st</sup> BROOMFIELD SCOUT GROUP

### ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING & AWARDS PRESENTATION

Monday 12<sup>th</sup> May 2025

7.30 pm

#### AGENDA

- Introduction and welcome
- Apologies for absence
- Governance Topics
  - a. To approve the minutes of the Annual General Meeting held via Zoom on 18<sup>th</sup> June 2024
  - b. Adopt the model constitution from Policy, Organisation and Rules – agreed by the Trust Board at their meeting of 21<sup>st</sup> January 2025
  - c. Note the Group's financial year
  - d. Agree the number of members that may be appointed to the Trustee Board
  - e. Agree the quorum for future meetings of the Group Scout Council (excluding this AGM)
- Review of the previous year
  - a. The Group Lead Volunteer's review of Scouts during the past 12 months in the 1<sup>st</sup> Broomfield
  - b. To receive and consider the Annual Report of the Group Trustee Board, including the annual Statement of the Accounts
- Making Appointments (NB: Members of the Trust Board were appointed for 3-years (until 2027))
  - a. Appoint the Group Chair, following recommendations from the Group Trustee Board (3-years until 2028)
  - b. Appoint the Independent Examiner
- Closing Remarks

# MINUTES OF THE AGM HELD 18th June 2024

## 1. Introduction & Welcome

Trust Board Chair Malcolm Taylor (MT) welcomed everyone to the meeting and apologised that it was via video-conferencing. This was as a consequence of a lack of participation at the intended AGM, Activity & Awards Afternoon.

He particularly welcomed District Chair Roger Cole (RC), who was attending on behalf of the DC Suzanne Ball, who was on holiday.

MT explained that as a consequence of governance changes the AGM would have a different format to previous years as the Trust Board (previously the Group Executive) was required to advise the AGM attendees of certain financial & governance requirements.

He went on to thank John Wallis (JW), Group Treasurer, for his careful compilation of the Annual Review & Accounts and his fellow Trustees; two of whom, Dawn Butcher & Linda MacInnes had retired at the AGM (Linda however would remain a member of the Book Sale Team).

## 2. Apologies for Absence

Apologies had been given by Linda O'Riordan (Group Lead Volunteer), Suzanne Ball (DC), Steff & Jason Smith – all on holiday.

## 3. Approval of Minutes of 2023 AGM

MT indicated that for ease he would assume approval unless there was a show of hands in dissent. The Minutes for the 2023 AGM were **AGREED**.

## 4. Governance

The Trust Board is required to advise the Meeting of the adoption of various processes. In the past it had been sufficient to advise Scout HQ and the Charity Commission of such practices but we must now pass the information to you so that you can be assured that the Group is properly managed.

**a.** Adopt the model constitution from Policy, Organisation and Rules The model constitution as outlined in POR was updated once again in March this year. The updated version was **agreed** at the Trust Board's Meeting held on 16th April 2024.

**b.** Note the Group's financial year The Group's financial year continues to run from 1<sup>st</sup> Jan. to 31<sup>st</sup> Dec,

**c.** Agree the number of members elected to the Trust Board. The current number of members (including ex-officio and officers) is 10. The Board's proposal is that this number be retained. **AGREED**

**d.** Agree the quorum for the AGM and meetings of the Trust Board. The recommendation is that a quorum for the AGM, as last year, should be 11. **AGREED**

The recommendation is that the quorum for Trust Board Meetings should follow the advice of the Charity Commission - one third of Board members plus one (5) **AGREED**

## 5. Review of the previous year

**a.** The Group Lead Volunteer's review of Broomfield Scouts MT explained that regrettably Linda had been unable to connect to the AGM. He therefore recommended the reports detailed in the Annual Review, which gave a wide summation of activities.

**b.** To receive and consider the Statement of Accounts for the year ended 31st December 2023. JW gave an overview of the accounts which were **AGREED**. Concern was expressed that the additional skip was costing £2,500 pa, wastepaper credits were down yet subs had not increased for a number of years. JW explained that second skip was needed as whilst paper was down cardboard had increased and this took up more space, but weighed less. Without the second skip there would be substantial “wind blow” around the site; additionally, it had become difficult to recruit parents to “skip-jump” – thus there had been no other option. Subs had shown an increase as fewer parents had taken advantage of the yearly subscription with most parents opting for the termly solution. JW advised that from next year there would only be a termly offering. MT indicated that the Trust Board would discuss potential subscription increases at a future meeting. Allied to this discussion was that the Group’s income was (currently) reliant on two cash flow sources – wastepaper & the book sale (with allied activities). JW explained this was the reason why the reserves policy had been adopted to ensure that we held the minimum in reserve to cover the loss of either or both of these revenue streams.

Discussion on hire of HQ for outside functions took place as an alternative source of fundraising, JW has confirmed this is within the scope of our insurance policy, but the bathroom and kitchen facilities would need upgrading and a caretaker would be needed to manage the bookings.

## 6. Appointments

**a.** Appointment Group/Trust Board Chair MT advised that at this point it was the norm to hand over to the Group Lead Volunteer, however Linda had been unable to attend the call. As of this year applicants for various Trust Board appointments were required to submit their interest and following due process the successful candidates would be presented to AGM for approval. Following the process only one name had been submitted. It was therefore proposed that Malcolm Taylor be appointed Trust Board Chair. **AGREED**

**b.** Appointment of Group Treasurer Following a similar process to that above the only candidate was John Wallis. It was proposed he be appointed Group Treasurer. **AGREED**

**c.** Appointment of Members to the Group Trust Board Following similar processes to those outlined above the following individuals were appointed to the Trust Board:

- Sanjay Andersen (2027)                      Martin Chapman (2027)
- Hasad Khan (2027)                              Ruth Reed (2027)
- Megan Janse van Rensburg (2027)      Jason Smith (2027)
- Rachel Wilshire (2027)                      All **AGREED**
- plus, Group Lead Volunteer, Chairman (2027) and Group Treasurer (2027)

**d.** To appoint the Independent Examiner JW advised that once again Alun Powell was proposed as the Group’s Independent Examiner. **AGREED**

## 7. Closure

MT invited RC to say a few words on behalf of the District. RC congratulated the Board on managing to steer its way through the Transformation process and went on to outline that as a consequence of ‘Transformation’ the Board was now solely concerned with the finances and governance of the Group. It’s Leadership, Section Management/Activities and fund-raising were no longer their responsibility – these rested with the Group’s Support functions.

He went on as to how much the Group had achieved over the years and how it had always been one of the District’s premier Groups.

## TRUST BOARD REPORT 2024

In last year's report I mentioned the introduction of the Scout Association's "Transformation Programme". The intention was to remove what seemed to be archaic and outdated concepts, and titles, and to introduce a simplified team-based structure. The intention – to clarify responsibilities. This process changed what had been a Group Executive Committee into a Trust Board with the responsibility for the financial wellbeing of the Group and its premises. We are also responsible for the safety of all those who participate in all the activities of the Group. In this regard I am pleased to report that no serious incidents or concerns were reported to the Trustees at our termly meetings.

John, our excellent Treasurer, continues to guide us in maintaining the best financial outcome for our investments and I have no doubt he will expand on this in his report. Whilst our aim is to continue to be self-supporting - our majority sources of income continue to be the bi-weekly collections of paper and cardboard, plus the annual Great Broomfield Book Sale (as usual managed and maintained by our hard-working Fundraising Team).

We too suffer from the same market forces as all households - utility increases (water, gas, electric, waste/rubbish disposal charges) as well as increases in subscription/capitation from Headquarters, County and District (who are also facing increased costs).

Once again John has undertaken an excellent job in negotiating new contracts, to reduce our exposure to risk/rate rises, where he is able.

The income from our major income sources not only enable us to subsidise the costs of our activities but also enabled us, at long last over the summer break to have a heavy reinforced concrete car park laid adjacent to the HQ. For many years we have relied on the reinforced concrete pad upon which to place the waste paper/card skip with the rest of us parking on the mix of soil and road chippings that made up the bulk of the area. The demand to have the skips replaced twice weekly took its toll on the car park and what had been planned for some time at last took place.

Linda, in her report, will advise of the activities undertaken by our young people but it is important to remember that all the leader team, as with our Trustees, are all volunteers and give their time freely.

Once again, last but by no means least, I would like to thank my fellow Trustees for their time and dedication over the past year as we have transformed from the Group Executive to a Trust Board. But sadly, as a consequence of commitments elsewhere, Sanjay Andersen & Rachel Wiltshire had to leave us during the year. I thank them both for the time they been able to freely give to Scouting in Broomfield. I am also pleased to welcome Amy Campbell who joins us as Secretary to the Trust Board.

**Malcolm Taylor**

**Group Chair/Trust Board Chair**

# Treasurers Report 2024

## Reserves Policy of 1st Broomfield Scout Group

It is the policy of the Group to hold one year's expenditure in reserve to cover loss of our two large income streams namely the Book Sale and Waste Paper recycling (approximately £15,000 in total). These form an exceptionally large part of our fund raising. This reserve policy is reviewed regularly by the Group Executive (Trustees) who are satisfied that sufficient reserves remain to carry on the daily running of the Group.

Following the completion of the new activities/storage building alongside the HQ further reserves will be established to enable provision for a refurbished kitchen area and improved disabled access with improvements to WC facilities. Long term we will also need to build reserves for the rebuilding of the (pre-fab) concrete walls built in 1974 and will not last for ever.

## 1st Broomfield Scout Group Reg. Charity 1016433

### Receipts and Payments Account

For the year ended 31st December 2024

#### Receipts and payments

Notes	2023	2024
	Unrestricted funds	Unrestricted funds
	£	£
<b>Receipts</b>		
<b>Donations, Legacies and similar Income</b>		
1 Membership Subscriptions	£8,185	£7,700
Donations Received	£40	£170
2 Gift Aid	£2,618	£2,143
3 Income for Youth programme and activities	£16,870	£19,611
4 Legacies	£0	£2,000
<b>Sub Total</b>	<b>27,713</b>	<b>31,624</b>
<b>Grants</b>		
5 Building Grant	£0	£1,500
<b>Sub Total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>1,500</b>
<b>Fundraising events (Gross)</b>		
6 Book Sale	£6,545	£7,014
7 Waste Paper income & Recycling Credits	£3,776	£13,421
General Fundraising	£285	£0
<b>Sub Total</b>	<b>10,607</b>	<b>20,436</b>
<b>Scout Hut Income</b>		
8 Hire of Building	£250	£500
<b>Sub Total</b>	<b>250</b>	<b>500</b>
<b>Investment income</b>		
9 Bank Interest	£369	£1,095
<b>Sub Total</b>	<b>369</b>	<b>1,095</b>
<b>Total Gross Income</b>	<b>38,939</b>	<b>55,154</b>
Asset and investment sales, etc.	£0	£0
<b>Total receipts</b>	<b>38,939</b>	<b>55,154</b>

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For the year ended 31st December 2024

### Receipts and payments

Notes	2023		2024	
	Unrestricted funds	Unrestricted funds	Unrestricted funds	Unrestricted funds
	£	£	£	£
<b>Payments</b>				
<b>Charitable Payments</b>				
10	Membership Fees paid to District	-£4,731	✓	-£5,808
11	Youth programme and activities	-£20,806	✓	-£21,328
12	Refunds Issued on Activities	£0	✓	-£2,651
	Adult Support & Training	-£80	✓	£0
	Wastepaper Skip Charges	-£2,290	✓	-£2,298
	Waste Disposal	-£395	✓	-£401
	Water & Sewerage	-£432	✓	-£442
13	Electricity & Gas	-£1,032	✓	-£1,788
14	Insurance	-£2,105	✓	-£992
15	Repairs & Renewals	-£519	✓	-£1,259
16	Materials & Equipment	-£522	✓	-£4,084
	Printing & Photocopying	-£242	✓	-£54
17	Uniforms	-£443	✓	-£536
18	AGM & Trustee Expenses	-£353	✓	-£352
19	OSM Bank Charges	-£1,032	✓	-£999
20	Cleaning	-£1,763	✓	-£1,116
21	Donations made	-£107	✓	-£108
22	Badges	-£1,506	✓	-£1,638
	<b>Sub Total</b>	<b>- 38,358</b>		<b>- 45,855</b>
	Fund Raising Expenses	-£167	✓	-£286
	<b>Total Gross Expenditure</b>	<b>- 38,525</b>		<b>- 46,141</b>
<b>Asset and investment purchases etc.</b>				
	Major Building costs	-£1,660	✓	-£25,064
	<b>Total payments</b>	<b>- 40,185</b>		<b>- 71,206</b>
	<b>Net Receipts/(Payments)</b>	<b>-£1,246</b>	✓	<b>-£16,052</b>
	<b>Cash funds last year end</b>	<b>£53,524</b>		<b>£52,278</b>
	<b>Cash funds this year end</b>	<b>52,278</b>		<b>36,226</b>

# 1st Broomfield Scout Group Reg. Charity 1016433

## Receipts and Payments Account

### Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the year

Notes	2023	2024
	Unrestricted funds	Unrestricted funds
<b>Cash funds</b>	£	£
Bank current account	£2,429	£482
Bank deposit accounts	£24,849	£15,014
Bank Notice Account	£25,000	£20,730
<b>Total cash funds</b>	<b>52,278</b>	<b>36,226</b>
(agree balances with receipts and payments account) ok	ok	ok
<b>Non-Monetary assets for charity's own use</b>		
Badge stock	£450	£450
Uniform Stock	£495	£495
Land and buildings	£389,000	£389,000
Scouting equipment, furniture etc (depreciated at 5% p.a.)	£40,903	£42,738
Other		
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>430,848</b>	<b>432,683</b>
<b>Liabilities</b>		
Expenses incurred but not invoiced	£0	£0
<b>Sub total</b>	£0	£0
<b>Total Group Assets</b>	<b>483,126</b>	<b>468,909</b>

The financial wellbeing of the Group continues to be strong. The accounts are prepared on a receipts and payments basis

The Group continues to grow and flourish with record numbers of young people.

I remain eternally grateful to everyone that helps with the successful annual book sale and to Essex Reclamation Ltd for their strong support of the group with subsidised waste paper collection.

Whilst 2024 shows a deficit position of £16,143, after allowing for a net spend of £23,500 on a new (reinforced) concrete base for the car park, there would have been an adjusted of £7,357.

I am also extremely grateful for the many hours willingly given for free by our fantastic volunteer team, it can be relentless at times, but also and always extremely rewarding.

Notes to the accounts

- 1) **Subs** – This is lower in 2024, despite higher numbers due to a significant reduction in parents paying annually at Easter, this effect will be replicated in 2025 as we cease the annual payments option. Subs payments continued to be waived for Uniformed Leaders' children. No payment has been waived for any trustee,
- 2) **Gift Aid** – The 2023 claim included £1,348 from prior years. The 2024 claim includes £547 from previous years, following a major push to ask parents to complete the Declaration

- 3) **Income for activities and events** – Parents' contributions to camping and other activities. This shows a further increase as expected in line with increased activity,
- 4) **Legacies** – A single £2000 legacy received from Tony Clarke – a former Scout Leader and respected member of the Group
- 5) **Building Grants** – WE are grateful for £1000 from Broomfield Parish Council and £500 from Essex County Scout Council towards the cost of the car park concreting.
- 6) **Book Sale** – Another fantastic result and another record amount – includes £1850 from sale of higher value books online – Thanks to Roger & Sue Cole and Steff Smith for their sterling efforts throughout the year and not least to all our Book Sale helpers.
- 7) **Waste Paper Income** - Our income from the waste paper skip (value of paper and Recycling Credits) was lower in 2023 due to (1) a delay in receipt of £3,412 from Chelmsford City Council and (2) £500 drop in amount of paper, Conversely the 2024 monies were higher than normal due to CCC processing Recycling Credit claims within 1-2 months (previously average was 6-7 months). Thank you again to Essex Reclamation Ltd for their continued support, without which we would not be able to continue this facility. Normal annual income is circa £8,000 before skip costs (shown under expenses).
- 8) **Hire of Building** – This is the annual (subsidised) rent paid by Broomfield Brownies and Kraken Explorers
- 9) **Bank Interest** – increased following new bank accounts to obtain higher rates, some on a 95-day notice)
- 10) **Membership Fees** - were paid as normal to district at £44 per child (£41.50 in 2023).
- 11) **Youth programme and activities** – This is the amount we pay for all camping and hut-based activities before income received from parents.
- 12) **Refunds Issued on Activities** – during 2024 there was an unusually high number of members who cancelled places at camps – in the main their places were taken by other members so the group did not lose out (which also accounts for higher income – see note 3).
- 13) **Utility costs** - both showed large rises, due to 3-year fixed contract ending in July 2023, (the most expensive months are Jan – March, so 2024 was the first full year of these costs. A new Hive thermostat has been fitted to reduced heat wastage by allowing remote access
- 14) **Insurance** – Following a large cost increase, we renegotiated terms to achieve an excellent reduction, without loss of cover.
- 15) **Repairs & Renewals** – The increase reflects replacement (auto shut off) taps (to reduce wasted water) £250 and £346 for combined gas safety checks and the new Hive thermostat system. We also paid £201 for a 2-year website hosting agreement for the group.
- 16) **Materials and Equipment** – This includes – 2 x Gas fridges £716, replacement projector £280, 16 new tents £2471, £240 for new compasses.
- 17) **Uniforms** - basic uniform is provided free to leaders, with replacements when required.
- 18) **AGM & Trustee Expenses** – Include awards presented at the AGM and small gifts to leaders at Christmas.
- 19) **Bank Charges** - These relates to around 3% of income collected by Direct Debit which is split between database management (Online Scout Manager) and a merchant charge (Go Cardless). Also includes Barclaycard merchant charges for card payments (e.g. at Book Sale). There is also a n annual cost of the database system which is crucial in managing data correctly
- 20) **Cleaning** – Lower by around £250 due to non-receipt of invoice for final half term period.
- 21) **Donations** mainly represent joint fundraising for RABI as part of Open Farm Sunday (Archery)
- 22) **Badges** – all badges are supplied to the young people for joining in or achievement – free of charge.

**John Wallis**  
Group Treasurer

## SECTION REPORTS

### Monday Scout Troop



What a year it's been for 1st Broomfield Scouts! From global adventures to local triumphs, our Scouts have truly embraced every challenge and opportunity thrown their way.

We kicked off with a bang at the **Essex International Jamboree 2024**. This incredible camp brought together Scouts from all over the world for a week of fun, friendship, and non-stop adventure. Our young people got stuck into a huge variety of activities, everything from paddleboarding, climbing, and caving to creative workshops, team challenges, and cultural exchanges. It was an unforgettable experience, and the atmosphere was nothing short of electric. We left feeling inspired, united, and proud to be part of something so big.

Not long after, the spooky spirit took over at **Scarefest** at Gilwell Park. This Halloween-themed weekend was packed with thrilling activities and plenty of eerie excitement. From high ropes to horror trails, and our Scouts even had the chance to talk live on Scout Radio, showing off their confidence and presenting skills to a wider audience.

December brought our **Christmas Hut Sleepover**, packed with festive fun. Scouts took part in a photo scavenger hunt from Hyland's Park to the Hut, decorated our troop Christmas tree, played games, and enjoyed a cheerful evening together. with just the right amount of hot chocolate!

March saw our Scouts rise to the challenge of **County Backpack 2025**, and they didn't just participate—they triumphed! We're proud to say our team placed 1st in the Novice category, a huge achievement and testament to their teamwork, determination, and navigation skills. A massive well done to all Scouts involved—you did 1st Broomfield proud!

Also in March, let's not forget our success at the **Swimming Gala 2025**, where our incredible teams brought home not one but two trophies: Overall Scout Winners and Over Unit Winners! Their determination and team spirit shone through, and we couldn't be prouder of their efforts both in and out of the pool.

In April, we ran our **Survival Camp**, where Scouts embraced the wild and learned vital outdoor skills. From building shelters and chopping wood to mastering axe techniques, fire cooking,

whittling, tracking, signaling, and even launching catapults, our Scouts truly got to grips with survival skills in the great outdoors.

All in all, it's been a year to remember! packed with fun, growth, and unforgettable moments. A huge thank you to all the leaders, volunteers, parents, and most importantly, our amazing Scouts. We can't wait to see what next year has in store!

**Scout Leaders, Adam, Kirstie, Paddy, Shirin.**

### Jötnar Scout Troop (Tuesdays)

The logo for Scouts, featuring the word "SCOUTS" in a bold, dark teal, sans-serif font.

Possibly the shortest section report ever... we have been running for 3 weeks. I am immensely grateful to Charlotte for doing all the admin to set us up. We have had an amazing start to the term with this new group and everyone has fitted in fantastically well. **John & Charlotte**

## Wednesday Beavers



The last year has seen Wednesday beavers running with below average numbers due to the bottleneck at scout intake. However, numbers are now heading back up and we have 17 beavers currently enjoying activities with us.

We took advantage of the lovely September weather starting with parachute activities, fencing and making use of our indoor bouldering wall.

We had a great visit from the local community police officer and the children thoroughly enjoyed dressing up in the uniform and exploring the patrol car.

Our autumn investitures were held outdoors in Great Baddow as we undertook the tree trail identifying lots of different species that grow there.

After half term we celebrated the humble apple, making apple pie tarts – yum! We had a fantastic evening at the cinema watching Paddington in Peru; 5 star reviews all round. We were warmly welcomed to St Andrew's Church and we managed to earn our faith badges during our visit.

Then it was Christmas! Crafts, lights, party! Lots of Christmassy fun.

The Spring term started with us learning about being a scout. This was followed by a Burns Night special, including neeps and tatties and the star of the show the haggis. Most tried it, not all enjoyed it!!!!

We managed to enjoy some time around the campfire toasting marshmallows and singing some campfire songs. We earned our builder badge by designing and building miniature gardens. We spent a couple of weeks crafting, working hard to make competition entries for the district craft competition.

We had some successes and came second in the colony challenge. We also have earned our Earth Tribe Award; this is a new badge that encourages us to think about how we can make a difference in our community. We spent time thinking about the rubbish that we see and the problems it causes to wildlife. We then went and spent a session litter picking at Angel Park, collecting several bags of waste.

We have joined with Thursday Beavers to enjoy two camps. The first was at Thriftwood where we enjoyed many of the activities that the scout centre has to offer including cresta run and water zorbing. We also had a sleepover at the museum in Braintree learning about the local naturalist John Ray.

We have had some team member changes this term. John has stepped down after MANY years to open and run our new scout group with me. I too had planned to step down and concentrate solely on scouts, but a lack of recruitment has meant that I am staying at Beavers until a replacement comes forward. So, for a while

I will be doubling up! I would like to thank John for all that he has done for Beavers over the years, he will be missed, especially the silly handshakes!

We also said a sad farewell to Amy. She has decided to step away from front line volunteering and will now be helping behind the scenes. She will be missed at Beavers, and I would like to thank her for her help over her time with us.

Thankfully we have two new volunteers who have come forward. Millie and Fiona joined us last term and are now fully fledged team members! I would like to thank them for stepping up and helping Wednesday beavers to continue running.

I would also like to thank Isla, our young leader. She is a great example to the beavers and is always happy and cheerful, lending help wherever it is needed.

**Charlotte Moore**

**Wednesday Beaver Team Leader**

## Kantankye Cub Pack Report 2024-25



As I write this report we are once more in the midst of preparation for camp – in fact two camps – our Spring Camp at Thriftwood and then only weeks later, Mega Camp in June. Camps and other nights away events are a big part of the Cub experience, these really develop independence and self-reliance, provide the opportunity to learn new skills, and of course, are a lot of fun!

We held a Viking themed camp in May last year, Cubs made Viking axes, helmets, shields and longships. Some of them even made their own beards! They took part in tomahawk throwing, wide games and exploration of the site, fire lighting and campfire games and songs.

We had such a busy summer! Cubs created fantastic machines from junk, we held a mystery evening on International Sherlock Holmes Day, Cubs achieved their First Aid level 2, learned some map skills and enjoyed doing archery. We visited Skreens Park Scout Activity Centre for climbing, paddleboarding and campfires. Cubs also litter picked around the site.

At the end of June, we were back to Thriftwood for a weekend of activities. Cubs enjoyed a session on the demolition inflatables, conquered the assault course, and splashed around on the peddlarz (little paddle boats). The big site campfire in the evening was great! Cubs found their way through the cave bus and finished up with the cresta run, Leaders too!

Autumn saw us back at Riffhams for an Ancient Greece themed camp in the woods. Some Greek food, some mythical based activities - with a twist of course... the leaders have certainly learned a lot about the Labours of Hercules! It was an awesome camp, it's so great to see how the Cubs throw themselves into all the activities, really increasing their independence, skills and confidence, and showing really good teamwork.

Even though the nights were drawing in, Cubs still got out and about. We did our regular delivery of the Broomfield Times (if you live in Longshots, you may have heard us!), Cubs brightened up an area behind the Railway Station by planting up some big pots, and we had an evening playing outside games in the dark. Back at the Scout HQ Cubs worked on getting the last few activities completed to earn the Essex Challenge badge, including creating some great recruitment posters, learning about Diwali, inventing some interesting new team games, growing cress and eating doughnuts without licking their lips! Cubs also competed in their Sixes in a "minute to win it" evening.

In November Cubs participated in Parliament Week with quizzes, games and a debate and vote on the theme for our camp in January. "Lord of the Rings" was the winning suggestion, this might have been helped by the Leaders voting too! The following week Cubs learned some useful skills; polishing their shoes, ironing neckers (scarves), cleaning windows and practising some useful knots. We returned to Chelmsford Railway Station for a very interesting Rail Safety talk, thanks to Jayne the Rail Engagement Manager for organising this and Darren for a great talk. Cubs then walked into the town centre to see all the Christmas lights and do a "run around" quiz.

Our last week of term we again did our Broomfield Times delivery, we zoomed round very quickly then back to the HQ for a campfire outside and of course, some marshmallow toasting and campfire songs.

We finished the term with a Christmas Sleepover at the Scout HQ, Cubs went out on a night hike, following a map, all made it back to the HQ for pizza and a film. The hike must have worn them out, all slept very well! An interesting start to the Spring Term. Cubs made an egg fly and hunted the wild haggis! The Sixers also organised a games evening, including challenges on the bouldering wall.

Lord of the Rings camp was very successful – great suggestion Noah! Cubs took part in various activities and challenges and earned points to help them in their journey from the Shire to Mordor... Lots of team work and strategy involved. They went through the caving simulator (Mines of Moria), did some air rifle shooting (Gandalf's fireworks), had a go at archery, and finally, the indoor climbing (Mount Doom). Fire lighting was very challenging, sadly only one of the beacons of Gondor was lit... but at least the rings (one per team) were finally cast into the flames of Mount Doom. Certain members of the leader team were VERY keen on this theme and the Cubs really enjoyed the weekend, what a great camp.

At our evening meetings, Cubs did some more map work, they showed a surprising amount of enthusiasm for six figure grid references! They clearly enjoyed representing contours with jam sandwiches, and then eating them...

Cubs completed their digital maker badge, producing some excellent stop frame animations.

Lots of our Cubs and parents helped out at the book sale, helping to make it such a successful event, thanks to all who gave their time!

We had a fun swimming evening, thanks to Andy at Asgard for organising this for us. This set us up nicely for the District Swimming Gala, once again we brought home the Cub trophy! Well done to all who competed! We worked towards the Chef's badge, learning all about food hygiene and then making some tasty food on a couple of evenings. The Easter hike was a lot of fun, in preparation Cubs had to find locations (yes, those six figure grid references again) plot them on a map and then plan a route. They then set out and were rewarded with Easter goodies at each stop.

We've begun the Summer Term with a great team building evening, plans for the rest of the term include high ropes and paddleboarding at Skreens, gaining the athletics, environmental conservation and air activities badges and some pioneering.

We've packed so much in over the last year. We've held four weekend camps and a sleepover, Cubs have had the opportunity to take part in exciting activities such as climbing, archery, air rifles, tomahawk throwing, bouldering, and paddleboarding. We've practised skills such as fire lighting, pioneering, map reading, first aid and tent pitching. A huge total of 229 badges awarded!

We were very pleased to welcome two new leaders to the team in September, Jayne who moved up from Beavers and Seetha who is completely new to Scouting, we hope they are enjoying their time with Cubs. Our thanks go to everyone who have helped us over the year, a special mention to Jerome who has transported our equipment to every camp, much appreciated.

**Steff, Andrea, Cerian, Megan, Matthew, Jayne & Seetha,  
The Kantankye Cub Leader Team**

## Riverside Beaver Colony (Thursday Beavers)



Since our last AGM we have been very busy as a colony. We have awarded 5 Chief Scout Bronze Awards which are the highest award a Beaver can achieve. We have awarded a grand total of 263 badges to the Beavers, these range from the County 'Essex 2024' badges to the newer 'You Shaped' badges and our usual Challenge, Staged and Activity badges. We have hosted a few Guests over the last year, from Rick and his training Guide Dog Pup 'Valiant' who came to talk to us about how the puppies get trained and what happens to the dogs once they leave his care, to Diane a retired Science teacher who came in to help the Beavers perform several different experiments (they particularly enjoyed the vinegar Volcanoes!)

We have also been out and about exploring our local area with last terms litter pick around Andrews Park, Cricket with Simon down at the Broomfield Cricket Club and we also visited St Andrews Church and had some of their ministers help the Beavers explore the different areas of the Church and even try on some of the robes that they use throughout the year (this also meant that most of the Beavers were able to achieve their Faith badges)

We went to Gilwell Park, the home of Scouting for Funday with Wednesday Beavers and Dinizulu Cubs – it was as blast! So much to do...

We entered the District 'Beavers Get Busy' competition, we gained 3<sup>rd</sup> place for our Colony challenge and several of our Beavers walked away with 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> or 3<sup>rd</sup> places in some of the categories.

We also entered a team into the District Swimming Gala and our super swimmers came 1<sup>st</sup> overall and collected the Beaver Swimming Trophy.

We had a few joint sleepovers with the Wednesday Colony, one at Thriftwood last October which involved many fun activities and one over at the Braintree Museum where the Beavers got to do some archaeology (this gained them at least two different badges!)

We also had an afternoon River dipping to see what can be found in a small stretch of the River Roding, this always amazes the Beavers with what they can find!

As a pre-Christmas treat, we met over at Cineworld in Braintree to go and watch the third Paddington film, the Beavers absolutely loved this and we had several parents and siblings stay to watch the film too so as not to miss out on the fun!

If you would like to join in the fun we have at Beavers – get in touch, it's very rewarding.

**Riverside Beaver Colony**  
**Otter, Heron & Kingfisher**

## Dinizulu Cub Pack Report (Thursdays)



This year we have awarded one Chief Scout Silver award, with several more outgoing Cubs extremely close to completing their awards when they get up to Scouts. We have awarded an amazing number of badges, a total of 385, ranging from the You Shaped badges, the County 'Essex 2024' challenge badge and we focused on the normal Challenge, Staged and Activity Badges.

We have had several Nights Away with a fun summer camp over at Skreens Park where we tried our hands to many activities, we joined the district organised sleepover at Ninja Warrior which many of our Cubs enjoyed and our Spring 'Around the UK in 42 Hours' down in Benfleet which saw the Cubs take on many different national activities and foods, including our own unique take on the Highland Games with 'Haggis racing' that proved most entertaining! The Cubs even got to go swimming so we could see who would make our team for the District Swimming Gala.

We have worked hard on our map reading skills, our knots and on Road Safety over the year. Like the Thursday Beavers we also visited St Andrews Church and got to explore the Christian faith. We welcomed Diane for a fun night of science experiments, how hot air raises and how our pulse/heart rate changes following exercise. We also had a visit from Rick and Valiant and tried to think how much more complicated our lives would be if we had a physical disability to deal with. We too went to see the third Paddington film over at Braintree and had an evening of Cricket with Simon.

We helped to create a wonderful window display of Poppies for the front doors to HQ in honour of Remembrance Day, took part in the Great British Bird Count week for the RSPB. We took time out to work on some calming activities and exercises to enable us to be mindful and aware of how some actions can affect our mental health and wellbeing alongside 'Children's Mental Health Week,' this has led to the discovery of a new "favourite" game for many of the Cubs aptly named the 'Quiet Game' it has also proved very popular with us adults!

The Cubs have done lots of cooking over the year, from pancakes for 'Pancake Day', to stir fry for Chinese New Year and bread on 'Homemade Bread Day'. As well as lots of cooking at camp. Well done, Cubs, we hope you've all had loads of fun?

With lots of extra parent support from Rosie, Julie, Megan, Siobhan, Martin & Hasad – Thank you!

**Dinizulu Leader Team -Bagheera, Mowgli, Ikki, and Young Leaders - Libby, Ewan & Finn.**

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For the year ended 31st December 2024

**and payments**

Notes	2023	2024	
	Unrestricted funds	Unrestricted funds	
	£	£	
<b>Receipts</b>			
<b>Donations, Legacies and similar Income</b>			
1	Membership Subscriptions	£8,185	£7,700
	Donations Received	£40	£170
2	Gift Aid	£2,618	£2,143
3	Income for Youth programme and activities	£16,870	£19,611
4	Legacies	£0	£2,000
	<b>Sub Total</b>	<b>27,713</b>	<b>31,624</b>
<b>Grants</b>			
5	Building Grant	£0	£1,500
	<b>Sub Total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>1,500</b>
<b>Fundraising events (Gross)</b>			
6	Book Sale	£6,545	£7,014
7	Waste Paper income & Recycling Credits	£3,776	£13,421
	General Fundraising	£285	£0
	<b>Sub Total</b>	<b>10,607</b>	<b>20,436</b>
<b>Scout Hut Income</b>			
8	Hire of Building	£250	£500
	<b>Sub Total</b>	<b>250</b>	<b>500</b>
<b>Investment income</b>			
9	Bank Interest	£369	£1,095
	<b>Sub Total</b>	<b>369</b>	<b>1,095</b>
	<b>Total Gross Income</b>	<b>38,939</b>	<b>55,154</b>
	<b>Asset and investment sales, etc.</b>	<b>£0</b>	<b>£0</b>
	<b>Total receipts</b>	<b>38,939</b>	<b>55,154</b>

Net Receipts/(Payments)

£1,246

£15,852

Cash funds last year end

£53,824

£52,278

Cash funds this year end

£55,070

£68,130

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Notes	2023	2024	
	Unrestricted funds	Unrestricted funds	
	£	£	
<b>Payments</b>			
<b>Charitable Payments</b>			
10	Membership Fees paid to District	-£4,731	-£5,808
11	Youth programme and activities	-£20,806	-£21,328
12	Refunds Issued on Activities	£0	-£2,651
	Adult Support & Training	-£80	£0
	Wastepaper Skip Charges	-£2,290	-£2,298
	Waste Disposal	-£395	-£401
	Water & Sewerage	-£432	-£442
13	Electricity & Gas	-£1,032	-£1,788
14	Insurance	-£2,105	-£992
15	Repairs & Renewals	-£519	-£1,259
16	Materials & Equipment	-£522	-£4,084
	Printing & Photocopying	-£242	-£54
17	Uniforms	-£443	-£536
18	AGM & Trustee Expenses	-£353	-£352
19	OSM Bank Charges	-£1,032	-£999
20	Cleaning	-£1,763	-£1,116
21	Donations made	-£107	-£108
22	Badges	-£1,506	-£1,638
	<b>Sub Total</b>	<b>38,358</b>	<b>45,855</b>
	Fund Raising Expenses		
	Fund Raising Expenses	-£167	-£286
	<b>Total Gross Expenditure</b>	<b>38,525</b>	<b>46,141</b>
	<b>Asset and investment purchases etc.</b>		
	Major Building costs	-£1,660	-£25,064
	<b>Total payments</b>	<b>40,185</b>	<b>71,206</b>
	<b>Net Receipts/(Payments)</b>	<b>-£1,246</b>	<b>-£16,052</b>
	Cash funds last year end	£53,524	£52,278
	<b>Cash funds this year end</b>	<b>52,278</b>	<b>36,226</b>

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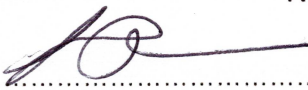

### Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the year

		2023		2024
Notes		Unrestricted funds		Unrestricted funds
		£		£
<b>Cash funds</b>				
	Bank current account	£2,429		£482
	Bank deposit accounts	£24,849		£15,014
	Bank Notice Account	£25,000		£20,730
	<b>Total cash funds</b>	<b>52,278</b>		<b>36,226</b>
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account)	ok		ok
<b>Non-Monetary assets for charity's own use</b>				
	Badge stock	£450		£450
	Uniform Stock	£495		£495
	Land and buildings	£389,000		£389,000
	Scouting equipment, furniture etc (depreciated at 5% p.a.)	£40,903		£42,738
	Other			
	<b>Sub total</b>	<b>430,848</b>		<b>432,683</b>
<b>Liabilities</b>				
15	Expenses incurred but not invoiced	£0		£0
	<b>Sub total</b>	£0		£0
	<b>Total Group Assets</b>	<b>483,126</b>		<b>468,909</b>

The above receipts and payments account and statement of assets and liabilities were approved by the Trustees on

16 July ..... 2025

(the date of the Executive Committee meeting that approved the accounts) and signed on their behalf by

	Signature	Name
Chair.....		
Treasurer.....		JOHN WALLIS

## Independent examiner's report to the trustees of 1<sup>st</sup> Broomfield Scout Group

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the 1<sup>st</sup> Broomfield Scout Group for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> December 2024.

### Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees of the [Insert Scout Group/District name] 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 [Insert Scout Group/District name] 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 [Insert Scout Group/District name] 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: Alun Powell

Relevant professional qualification or membership of professional bodies (if any): Economist

Address: 14 Butlers Close, Broomfield, Chelmsford CM1 1BE

Date:

5<sup>th</sup> March 2025