

**11th NORWICH
SEA SCOUT GROUP**

**ANNUAL
GENERAL
MEETING**

Tuesday 21st May 2024

Helford Street

Norwich

NR2 4LA

Present

District Members:	District Commissioner	Jon Killow Lisa Wright Neville Jarvis
Executive Committee:	Chairperson Treasurer Secretary Officers	Karl Tutt Simon Dingle Toni Mayher Danny Burns Fiona Painz
	Administrator Officer	Graham Don
Leaders:	Group Scout Leader Beaver Leaders Cub Leaders Health & Safety 2 Parents	Marc Middleton Ella Sister Colin Steward Paula Grancourt Paul Frary
Apologies:		Rebecca Blanch Linda Reynolds

Graham Don & Karl Ward approved AGM Minutes 2023.

There were no matters arising.

Chairman's Report

- The chairman welcomed Jon Killow, Lisa Wright, Neville Jarvis, and everyone else to the AGM.
- Karl then introduced Marc Middleton. GSL.

Karl Tutt, Chairperson.

Group Scout Leaders Report

- The GSL welcomed all the parents and the district team.
- Marc introduced the board of trustees.
- The group is going through a transformation period which is progressing slowly.
- There has been a consistency of members going through the sections although the beaver section is a little low on numbers as five members have just moved up to cubs. Apart from that, the other sections are quite healthy in terms of the numbers of members.
- Four new adult leaders have joined us since the last AGM, Ruth Woolley, assistant section leader, in the beaver's colony, Catherine Cossey, an occasional helper, in the cub section, Alex Tutt and George Painz, assistant scout leaders with the troop.
- Also, we have two young leaders, Flo Williment in the cubs and Millie Shorten in the beaver's colony.
- Joel Blanch, who is a young leader, has moved from the beaver's section to the troop.
- Nick Williment has stepped down from the scout leader role and has now become an assistant and Rebecca Blanch has become the scout leader of the troop.
- It is great to see that several members are getting their top awards in their sections over the past year –

Beavers - Zachary, Wilfred, Albert, Phoenix and Issac.

Cubs - Parker and Jack.

Troop - Thomas, Noah and Zoe.

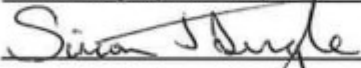
- Finally, A big thank you to our leadership team for giving up their spare time to come to their meetings each week to deliver an amazing program across all sections of the group.
- Also, another big thank you to our board of trustees for their continued support and, of course, the parents for supporting us this year.

Marc Middleton, Group Scout Leader.

11th NORWICH SEA SCOUTS

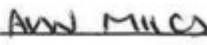

2023 - 2024 Accounts

	2023 - 2024		2022 - 2023	
	Income	Expenditure	Income	Expenditure
Balance Brought Forward				
Current Account (NATWEST)	23339.57		25529.68	
Cash	137.67		90.47	
Capitations	10732.00	2712.00	9250.00	3456.00
Donations	940.00	50.00	180.00	0.00
Interest	0.00	493.98	0.00	394.23
Gift Aid	1002.58	0.00	2350.59	0.00
Loans	0.00	0.00	0.00	2100.00
Fundraising	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Hall Hire	2730.00	0.00	3034.50	0.00
Group Activities	0.00	1955.69	0.00	365.00
Section Activity	0.00	2918.30	112.00	918.02
T-Shirts / Uniform	89.50	392.49	882.20	825.16
Badge	0.00	543.41	0.00	712.87
Training	0.00	160.00	0.00	132.00
Admin/ Stationary	0.00	217.79	0.00	96.20
Equipment	0.00	2722.87	0.00	564.00
Catering	0.00	17.02	0.00	29.10
Boat Maintenance	0.00	107.26	0.00	33.85
Building Maintenance	0.00	2219.18	0.00	4015.94
Rent	0.00	70.00	0.00	70.00
Rates	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Water	0.00	323.38	0.00	249.26
Gas	0.00	637.24	0.00	575.68
Electric	0.00	1050.73	0.00	548.66
Insurances	0.00	3800.61	0.00	3088.23
Camps	2636.73	2374.96	1965.00	1742.40
Grants	11315.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Balance Carried Forward				
Current Account (NATWEST)		30156.14		23339.57
Cash		0		137.67
	52923.05	52923.05	43394.44	43394.44

Prepared Simon Dingle (Treasurer)
 Signed 
 22-04-24

I have checked the above accounts and find them to be accurate.

Checked by trustees
 Signed 
 22-4-24

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Section Reports

Beaver Colony

- Currently, there are 10 members in the colony, and are looking to increase our membership.
- Since the last AGM, we have issued 183 badges, including 6 Chief Scout Bronze Awards, the top award in the beavers.
- We have welcomed Ruth Woolley back to the 11th Norwich as a beaver leader following her return to Norfolk. We have a new young leader, Millie Shorten.
- Held a sleep over at the HQ which included a trip to Pettit's Animal Adventure Park and taking the beavers on the river for the first time since I've been with the section. I'd like to thank Colin Steward and Marc Middleton for their support on that weekend, also, Paula for putting together a brilliant cinema night and also, the trustees for the funding of the minibus hire.
- Took part in a litter pick at Train Wood.
- Spent the evening at Seething Observatory, thanks to Ruth Woolley and the Norwich Astronomical Society for laying on the event.
- Enjoyed tubing at Norfolk Snowsports, Whitlingham.
- Laughed our way through the Spixworth Pantomime.
- Visited the Apple Store to complete the digital creator badge.
- Went to the library.
- Completed an early evening 'night' hike in the city.
- Held a joint meeting with the Cubs for Halloween and Fireworks Night.
- Celebrated St. George's Day, our patron saint together in April.
- In December, we said goodbye to Joel Blanch, one of our young leaders who returned to the scout section. Thank you to Joel for everything you did to entertain our energetic members!
- In April, we said goodbye to Helen Ryan, who had been our beaver leader with us for over 5 years, we would like to thank her for her huge contribution to the 11th Norwich.
- We are looking forward to our camp this year which will be in late June and we are hoping to take the beavers on a day trip to a museum plus taking everyone out on the water again.
- I would like to thank the beaver team, Ruth Woolley, Jean Grancourt, Heather Grancourt and Millie Shorten. Also, to the wider 11th 'Family' – Marc Middleton, Colin Steward, Paula Grancourt, Nick Williment and anyone else who has helped our littlest members have a brilliant time at Scouts this year.

Ella Sistern, Beaver Leader.

Cub Section

2023

- Currently, 22 members are in the pack, five new cubs who joined the pack from beaver colony, and another child who joined us from outside the group.
- Two of our members have moved up into the troop. Unfortunately, two members decided to leave the group and didn't move up into the troop.
- Alex Tutt has joined our leadership team, along with Cathrine Cossey who became a helper within the pack.
- Noah Welton has also joined the pack as young leader, and he is currently completing his Duke of Edinburgh Award.
- We enjoyed a visit to the Fire Station.
- Attended our Group Camp at Drayton HQ.
- One evening, we went for a hike.
- Had fun bowling at Namco,
- One evening, we had a go at some backwards cooking.
- Had our regular rowing on the river, four evenings.
- At another meeting, we showed the cubs how to read a map.
- A murder mystery night.
- Had a sleepover at the HQ.
- A few of our leaders who served in the forces gave a talk on the military.
- Made Christmas crafts.
- Attended our Group Carol Service at St Barnabas Church.
- Made yule logs.
- Finished off the year with our annual Christmas party.

2024

- Had a fortnight learning about emergency aid.
- Celebrated the Chinese New Year.
- Had a problem-solving night.
- Experienced the martial art of Jujitsu.
- Had an Easter craft evening.
- An Easter egg hunt.
- Spent a joint meeting with the beavers celebrating St Georges Day, by making pizzas and we renewed our promise & law.
- To top off a great year, we awarded two Silver Awards, which is the top award in cubs, well done to Jack and Parker.
- In July this year, the pack will be attending the 'Cubs on the Water' day at the Mike Thurston Water Centre with the district.

In the next few weeks, the pack will have the opportunity to earn their International badge, road safety badge, fire safety badge and the personal safety badge.

Before I finish, I would like to thank Paula Grancourt, Catherine Cossey, Flo Williment, Alex Tutt, and Noah Welton, also to Marc, Middleton Nick Williment, for their help over the past year, and making 2023-2024 a great year!

Colin Steward, Cub Scout Leader.

Troop Section Report

- Rebecca Blanch became the Scout Leader in July of last year.
- During the past year, we have had an average of twenty scouts at any one time, which is consistent with the previous year.
- The troop has been working hard on their badges with five members achieving their Gold Awards. Four more scouts are on target to achieve their gold award in the next 6 months.
- All but one of our current scouts have at least one challenge badge awarded to them.
- We enjoyed a weekend at Decoy in April.
- From 1st July 2023 until present, the scouts have made us duly proud by achieving 308 badges.
- In addition to our water activities, the troop has achieved their activity badges, which included the artist, chef, D.I.Y. master arms, my faith, scientist, musician, and navigator badges.
- Attended the district WAM weekend.
- Competed in the district's archery competition.
- Enjoyed a week's long summer camp at Decoy, where our members made great progress in their sailing skills.
- A September camp at Decoy.
- Had a weekend away hiking in Derbyshire.
- Had fun in the district's shooting competition.
- Enjoyed a weekend at Decoy in April.
- We were very thankful to have the support of an additional 2 young leaders last summer, as Lucy and Alex joined us for a short period.
- George Painz has remained a steadfast, committed young leader with his input and work for the troop. George has grown in confidence and really stepped up and is now running meetings. He has recently turned 18 so we are in the process of recruiting him as an adult leader.
- Joel Blanch also joined us in January 2024 as a young leader.
- We are also grateful for the support of other section leaders who have supported us on our camps.

- Ella Sistern and Ruth Woolley joined us for a day on our September camp to assist with the hike. Ella will also be delivering a craft activity at our forthcoming summer camp.
- Colin Steward and Paula Grancourt will also be assisting us on summer camp for the whole week.

Our program has been youth lead. Our patrol leaders and the assistant patrol leaders have asked their patrol for their views on badge choices, activities, camp menus, and more.

We have had a wonderful year, which would not have been possible without the leaders who give up their time every Tuesday and at weekends to build skills and memories for our scouts. It is fair to say each leader has had things cropping up in their personal lives at times throughout the year and so we have had to be flexible, understanding and supportive, allowing each other to take time away as required. I am keen that 11th Norwich will continue to have a positive, family culture and look after each other so our volunteers do not get burnt out and end up deciding to leave us. I am so grateful to all the trustees who do so much behind the scenes to allow us to continue giving our scouts a fun and varied program. Thank you.

Here's to another fun year ahead.

Rebecca Blanch
11th Norwich Sea Scouts Leader

Election of Officers

Marc Middleton, GSL, nominated Karl Tutt as Chairman
Approved by: Colin Steward

Karl Tutt, Chairman, nominated the following:

Treasurer – Toni Mayher Approved by Karl Tutt & Marc Middleton
Auditor - Alan Miles Approved by Graham Don & Karl Tutt
Secretary - Danny Burns Approved by Karl Tutt & Marc Middleton

Officers - Linda Reynolds, Fiona Painz.
Approved by Ella Sintern & Karl Tutt

Paul Frary was co-opted onto the executive committee.
Approved by Karl Tutt & Graham Don

Administrator Officer: Graham Don Approved by Karl Tutt & Marc Middleton

Leader Representative: Ella Sintern Rebecca Blanch
 Paula Grancourt
Approved by Karl Tuttt & Graham Don

Chairman's:
Signature

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