



Scouts

1st Chineham



Annual Report 2024-2025

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It's been a fantastic year for 1st Chineham Scout Group, and this annual review really highlights the incredible opportunities we offer to young people across all our sections. From exciting weekly programmes to camps, community activities, and adventures, the energy and dedication of our volunteers shines through every report.

I stepped into the Group Chair role during the past year following Jamie's decision to step down, and I'd like to thank him for his commitment and leadership. As we look ahead, we'll also be recruiting a new Chair to lead our Trustee Board and help guide the group's continued growth and success.

Thank you to all our volunteers, young people, and supporters who make 1st Chineham such a thriving and inspiring place to be.

Helen Jones

Acting 1st Chineham Scout Group Chair
Basingstoke East Scout District Chair

Group Report

Tim Gibbons

Group Lead Volunteer

As a Group we have seen some growth during the year. It is great that we have opened our second Squirrel Drey which allows more young people to experience scouting from a younger age. Of course, it would be great to have a couple more leaders that could help with the running of the Tuesday Drey.

This period has been about consolidation of our position with nursery and working on some key aspects that make the building and grounds safer for all users. We are still looking to try and replace some of our ageing parts of the building but need to be on firm footings before this can occur.

Of course all of this scouting can not take place without the commitment of the leadership team. At the group we have a fantastic team of both adult leaders and young leaders. They all give up their time without pay to run the programme every week. Without this team we could not run the programme so I would like to say a massive thank you to the leaders and young leaders.

We also have the Board of Trustee's that help ensure that we run the charity in accordance with charity rules. I would like to thank the Trustee's for their efforts during the period.

If anyone is interested in getting more involved with either leadership of Trustee please contact me and I am more than willing to discuss.

In the last year the squirrels have done so much. We have even opened a second Drey at Easter as Squirrel Section in Chineham grows.

We have been lucky to have a local lady that allows us a regular trip to the allotments. We have also joined the other sections at 1st Chineham when they attended the Pantomime at the Anvil. It was even commented by others in the audience how well behaved the Squirrels were during the performance.

We have joined District Squirrels at Wellington Country Park and joined over a 1500 Local Scouters at the annual Beastly event.

We have done a hike to the chip shop, hike to the hub and had an ice cream. Bug hunts made bird feeders, posted 110 seed bomb envelopes. We have had game nights, Science nights, superhero nights.

Race night Polaris 4x4 racing buggy's visit. We also look forward to our annual sleepover at the end of the term. With lots of other activities during the year.

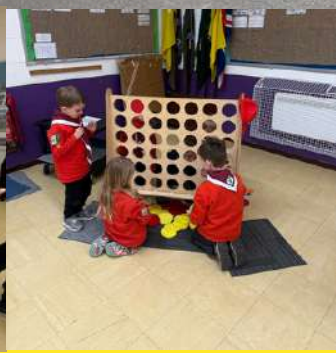
One of the highlights was a trip to see the Chinooks at Odiham.

Taken part in the opening parade of the Basingstoke Arts festival (over 600) participants and have been asked if we would like to make this a yearly event.

Of course, we can't forget the volunteers who week in, week out give up their time to come and provide scouting to young people, we also want to recognise several young leaders who have had to balance scouting and their GCSEs, so from the Section Leaders we thank all the Leaders and Young Leaders for their hard work and dedication to scouting!

Chip Squirrel Drey has 19 members and has awarded 341 Badges during the last year with 13 of these being the Chief Scouts Acorn.

The newer Sandy Drey has 11 members and has awarded 41 badges.



We run a wide range of activities throughout the year, some relate to the attainment of Activity badges and some count towards the different elements of the Challenge badges that take a long time to earn and lead towards earning the Bronze Award. Other activities are just for fun because we enjoy them. Please find below an overview of just some of the things we have been doing since June 2024.

We finished the Summer term in 2024 by playing some water games and holding a Silly Olympics evening in tribute the real Olympics that were to take place in Paris during the summer. During the Autumn term we learned about the excellent work of the Food Bank. We also completed our Gardener and Space badges plus we undertook our Digital Maker badge for the first time. We went on an exciting visit to Lush in the town centre where we were able to make our own Bath Bombs. We hiked to the chip shop in Chineham and once again got to use the climbing wall in the hall with many of the beavers climbing for the first time.

As we enjoyed our Christmas lights tour of Chineham so much in 2023, we decided to do it again to end the term (this could easily become an annual event!). The Beavers admired the wonderful light displays and posted appreciation cards through the doors of the houses with their favourites displays! During the Spring term we learned to use a compass and read a map for our Navigator badge and we had fun scripting and acting out nursery rhymes using a variety of props. During our Water Awareness evening we had to use our problem solving (and plumbing) skills to work out how to supply water to a

range of buildings by constructing miniature network of pipes. We earned our Faith Badge as we went on a visit to All Saints Church. Our Beavers also had lots of fun making and eating pancakes for Pancake Day (we had to wash up our own plates and cutlery too!)

A real highlight of the term was when we had a surprise visitor – we were lucky enough to get to see a grit spreading lorry in our car park, complete with a full load full of salt and yellow flashing lights. We got to sit in the cab and to ask lots of questions about the important work of the grit spreaders in the winter and how the lorries work. They are a lot bigger than you think when you get close to them! As an extra surprise we were given the opportunity to name one of the gritters. Many of the beavers and their families submitted suggestions and we are hoping to announce the name that was selected soon – we will then look forward to seeing the name painted on the side!

Finally, we are now in the Summer term. We have practiced our First Aid Skills by undertaking our Emergency Aid badge and we have earned our communicator badge. We have been on a nature walk at Crabtree Plantation, and we've completed our hike to Old Basing. After building boats using recycled materials during one of our meetings, we then took them to Eastrop park to sail them in the paddling pool the following week. We are pleased to report that all boats successfully floated...well, for a while, at least! We have learned how to cook bread and popcorn on an open fire.

Badges Awarded

Here is a summary of the Activity and Challenge badges awarded during this past year (from 13th June 2024 – 30th June 2025), with c. 160 more that should have been awarded by the time you read this.

Activity Badges			
Cook	45	Emergency Aid	1
Creative	9	Hikes	1
Faith	32	Navigator	31
Gardener	44	Nights Away	17
Space	28		
Digital Maker	39		
			TOTAL 247

Challenge Badges			
Adventure	21	Skills	14
Outdoors	21	Teamwork	23
Personal	18	World	34
			TOTAL 131

During this period we were delighted to awarded 16 Chief Scout Bronze Awards – again, there are a few more to award by the end of this term!

Group, District and County Events

As always, we have attended a variety of events arranged by our District and County teams. These events are optional for Beavers to attend in addition to our weekly programme.

In June 2024 we attended the District Beaver Camp at the Gordon Brown Centre. For this year only, the Monday and Wednesday beavers attended on different weekends. We took a total of 28 beavers to take part in instructor led activities such as den building, undertaking a low ropes course

and a trim trail and fire building and lighting which included cooking popcorn in large cans over the open fire they had made themselves. There is always a traditional campfire before the Beavers head off to sleep in their tents.

At the start of the new term in September, 20 Beavers again joined with other Beaver colonies in the District for another visit to the walled garden at Down Grange for the annual Teddy Bears' picnic and outdoor games afternoon.

In October we boarded the coaches for the annual visit to Paultons Park to yet again try to go on as many rides as we possibly can within the time we have there! As leaders, it always great to see the 29 Beavers enjoying themselves and in many cases, bravely trying the rides for the first time.

December saw us visit the panto (oh yes, we did!) with all the other sections of 1st Chineham. 24 beavers attended and happily booed and cheered the cast of Sleeping Beauty at the Anvil.

In March we attended the second annual Beavers Around the World with 18 1st Chineham Beavers joining other Beavers from the district to take a trip around five countries armed with a passport, learning some few facts, and completing an activity for each country. This year we visited Canada, China, Italy, Mexico and South Africa.

We again visited 4Kingdoms in April and our 27 Beavers spent the day seeing the animals (some even got to feed the baby lambs), trying pedal karts, the donut slide and scaling the huge climbing frame.

BEASTLY25 was even bigger than last year and this year 41 of our Beavers joined the other sections of 1st Chineham plus Scout and Guide groups from across Basingstoke to experience a huge range of activities that are too numerous to list here - there is an excellent video on the BEASTLY Facebook page where you can see what we got up to! A special thank you goes out to all of the leaders and parents who helped on the day as without them volunteering their time, this event wouldn't happen.

To round off the year, last month, we again took 23 beavers to the 2025 annual District Beaver Camp to enjoy the same activities that you have already read about at the start of this section. Despite the torrential rain on the Saturday afternoon the beavers all had a brilliant time.

As we come to the end of another year of Scouting, we hope that this report has given you an idea of the wide range of activities and experiences we have extended to the Beavers of 1st Chineham. We would both like to take this opportunity once again to say a big thank you to all of the Leaders who give up their time to create and deliver exciting weekly plans that are both fun and challenging. We may say the same thing every year, but it is still 100% true - none of this could take place without their exceptional dedication, support and hard work.



So, this year's been another fun filled eclectic mix of activities for the Cubs. Everything from Guy making and burning to Junk Modelling to Budget meal planning and cooking, numerous forums, more cooking, learning knots and building shelters, map reading and of course hikes, whether that's to a local Fish and Chip shop, or out and about around Chineham. Of course, we can't forget about the annual soaking dished out during the recent Water Games evening! We've hosted cubs at two camps this scouting year, once in October for a fun filled 24 hours cramming in as much as possible and then our annual May Cub Camp where we packed up and visited Youlbury for 4 days of fun, activities, food, laughter, and a lack of sleep, oh, and CAKE!

We've welcome lots of new cubs into our packs, said goodbye to cubs who've moved up to Scouts, we've also said goodbye to some Cubs who've left scouting altogether.

This year the Cubs have managed to achieve more than 600 badges as a reward for their hard work and 10 of our Cubs reached up to achieve the highest Cub accolade, the Chief Scout Silver award. A number of these badges were achieved outside of Scouting, but that doesn't stop us recognising their hard work.

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Akela's we thank all the Leaders and Young Leaders for their hard work and dedication to scouting! We hope everyone has a great summer break and we look forward to seeing everyone refreshed for the Autumn term.



1st Chineham Scouts have had another great year. We have run three of our own camps, taken part in two District/County camps (Survival and PL/APL) and other day events (including Beastly, Remembrance Parade and Chessington).

Summer Scout Camp July 2024 was at Youlbury, Oxford, and the weather was kind to us this time. The Scouts took part in lots of activities, and we had a great off-site day where we visited 22nd Oxford Sea Scouts and spent the day Canoeing and Raft Building on the river. In February this year, we ran a 'Master at Arms' camp with Shooting and Archery, the Scouts also learnt some Circus Skills. Our 'May-on-the-Water' camp was our most attended camp so far with 28 Scouts, 3 Young Leaders and 8 Leaders. We had a fun day at Horseshoe Lakes where we took part in Paddleboarding, Kayaking, Katananus and Raft Building, the Scouts and Leaders all slept well that night! We are again off on our Summer Camp at the end of July, this year we are going to a new site (for us), Paccar Scout Camp near Gerrard's Cross, fingers crossed for a repeat of last year's weather and not the year before!

This year we have increased the number of Scouts to 49 and we also now have 3 helpful Young Leaders. It is looking like our numbers are set to increase even further over the next year with lots of Cubs moving up to join us and only a few Scouts moving to Explorers. We have awarded over 360 badges this year, including 2 Gold Awards.

A big thank you to all the leaders who give up their time to

make all the activities and camps happen. We hope all Leaders and Scouts have a great summer and look forward to welcoming everyone back in September.



**1ST CHINEHAM SCOUT GROUP - Squirrels, Beavers, Cubs & Scouts
INCOME & EXPENDITURE - 2024**

	2024	2023
Income		
Subs	£18,830	£18,253
Covenants	£0	£0
Activities	£23,818	£22,802
Hall Rents	£16,629	£16,267
Other	£8,510	£400
Fund Raising	£629	£4,573
Branded Clothing	£76	£0
Investiture and Badges	£26	£0
Bank Interest	£725	£594
Total Income	£69,242	£62,889
Expenditure		
Fund Raising / Projects	£9,582	£4,447
Membership Fees	£12,236	£10,447
Hall Expenses	£22,340	£11,641
Badges	£1,807	£1,150
Uniforms	£1,085	£1,595
Equipment	£2,439	£4,007
Training	£533	£245
Insurance	£94	£94
Activities	£25,584	£23,131
Transport	£0	£0
Sundry	£560	£394
Total Expenditure	£76,260	£57,149
Surplus / (Deficit)	-£7,018	£5,740
Opening Cash	£48,546	£42,807
Add Surplus / (Deficit)	-£7,018	£5,740
Minus Prior Year	£0	£0
Closing Cash	£41,528	£48,546



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/ members of	Charity Name 1 st Chineham Scout Group		
On accounts for the year ended	31 st December 2024	Charity no (if any)	1048634
	Set out on pages 1 - 2		

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31/12/23

**Responsibilities and
basis of report**

As the charity trustees of the Trust, 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 Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed 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 which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act or
- the accounts do not accord with the accounting records

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

Signed:  **Date:** 08/05/25

Name: Ancuska Lisle

**Relevant professional
qualification(s) or body
(if any):** AAT Licensed Accountant

Address: 2 De Port Gardens, Chineham, Basingstoke, Hants, RG24 8EW

Section B

Disclosure

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight matters of concern (see CC32, Independent examination of charity accounts: directions and guidance for examiners).

Give here brief details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose.

No items to disclose.

CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

