12th Andover (West) Awards & Annual Update

July 18

2026

A very busy year for the 12th. What a wonderful team of leaders, young leaders, parent helpers and of course, young people we have here – I am very proud of all of you. It's great to be able to celebrate this together at our AGM. Seán (Bagheera & GLV)

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Agenda

1. Welcome and update from the GLV.
2. Apologies for absence.
3. Approval of AGM 2025 minutes.
4. Governance items
5. GLV Review of the previous year (see below for sections).
6. Present the Treasurer's Report, note the group financial year and receive any questions.
7. Section Awards (by leaders).
8. Note that no election of new Trustee Board members required this year.
9. Final round-up.

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Notes From The GLV

Hello everyone and welcome to this year's Annual General Meeting (AGM) document.

I have been amazed and impressed by all our leaders and young leaders once again and the many ways they create exciting section evenings full of so many things for our young people to do and learn. Thank you to them and to their assistants and parent helpers who have once again done so much over the past 12 months and to all our amazing young people who help make the 12th the fantastic group that it is.

I want to again make a special mention of our group of young leaders too because we have quite a number of them within the group and it's wonderful to see young people who have either been at the 12th themselves and have returned to help or who are still at the 12th but are helping at younger sections. Thank you all.

Thank you too to all of you for supporting our group over the past year. We are very grateful to you because your help makes our job simpler; we could not do this as well as we do without you.

I would also like to let you all know that next year (2027) we will be holding a number of events to celebrate the 60th Anniversary of the 12th Andover (West) Scout Group so look out for upcoming information on those over the next few months.

I hope you enjoy reading this document. If you have any questions about any of the content, including the finances, then please speak to me or to one of the leaders and we will do our best to answer them.

Seán (Bagheera & Group Lead Volunteer).

Don't forget you can catch up with the latest news and info. from the 12th on:
www.12thandoverscouts.co.uk and on our closed Facebook group pages.

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Treasurer's Report

Over the past year we have once again been busy in and around the hut making improvements which we hope all will benefit from and you will hear more about that at today's meeting as more changes are planned.

Income.
Hopefully you can all see from the account information that we remain in a very healthy financial position which reflects a financially well-run charity and we are grateful to all of you for your monthly contributions which go a long way to making this possible. I am pleased to say that we do not need to increase the subs amount again for the 4th year running.

Expenditure.
Even though we built a firepit and seated area this past year and have done more work around the grounds, we have not had to use any of the Hut Fund money that we keep for large jobs which is great news as it means we can continue to improve the facilities with little financial impact. Over the summer we will be building store for the pioneering poles that have been sitting outside the front of the hut for some time and putting electricity and other cables to the outside kitchen, underground.

Conclusion.
We completed the 2025/26 financial year in a good place meaning that we will be able to continue improving our HQ and continue to run all sorts of events.

I am pleased to say that the accounts have been reviewed and approved by an independent scrutineer (Lynsay Scratchley) and that the accounts have been signed-off by the Trustees.

Sharon Boxall (Treasurer)

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Account Summary 2024/25

		2025 - 2026	2024 - 2025
Summary			
Account balance brought forward		£20,808.76	£19,262.65
Total income		£34,561.71	£20,440.42
Total expenditure		£26,277.47	£18,894.31
Net income		£8,284.24	£1,546.11
Account balance carried forward		£29,093.00	£20,808.76
Income			
Bank Interest		£97.41	£143.05
Donation		£1,326.37	£1,691.15
Events - Beavers		£147.00	£200.00
Events - Cubs		£2,393.50	£664.00
Events - Scouts		£16,581.00	£3,760.00
Gift Aid		£2,487.57	£2,694.36
Membership Fees		£10,425.00	£10,199.00
Rent		£545.00	£495.00
Uniform (All Sections)		£558.86	£285.46
Utilities		£0.00	£19.75
Venue Maintenance		£0.00	£288.65
	Total income	**£34,561.71**	**£20,440.42**
Expense			
Activity Equipment		£1,249.57	£0.00
Admin		£25.00	£197.16
Badges		£1,297.69	£1,608.47
Camping Equipment		£950.04	£0.00
Donation		£100.00	£500.00
Events - Beavers		£105.00	£120.00
Events - Cubs		£2,270.00	£898.58
Events - Scouts		£12,850.91	£2,328.60
Insurance		£282.67	£456.15
Meetings - Beavers		£58.76	£108.28
Meetings - Cubs		£354.90	£356.97
Meetings - Scouts		£194.62	£478.57
Meetings - Squirrels		£6.35	£0.00
Membership Costs		£0.00	£3,596.00
Membership Fees		£0.00	£25.00
Training		£270.00	£0.00
Uniform (All Sections)		£826.00	£854.49
Utilities		£1,206.52	£2,205.57
Venue Maintenance		£4,229.44	£5,160.47
	Total expenditure	**£26,277.47**	**£18,894.31**
	Net income	**£8,284.24**	**£1,546.11**
Account balances			
12th Andover Main Account		£15,852.41	£5,194.48
12th Andover Hut Fund		£13,240.59	£15,614.28
	Total account balance	**£29,093.00**	**£20,808.76**

Accounting Notes:

We'd like to thank Lynsay Scratchley who has scrutinised and approved our accounts for us this year and provided the Trustees with her sign-off. Here are some of the highlights:

Income:

- We received a gift-aid payment for 2025 of £2500.
- We also received over £1000 of donations including a £500 staff donation from the Lloyds Banking Group Foundation (thank you Paul Webster), over £100 from Easy Fundraising which is a way we can all earn money every time spend online – expect an email from us on this in the coming weeks. Lastly we were given money by the County and District teams to help us set up a Squirrel section which unfortunately did not get off the ground this time but we will try again.
- The Events entry for each section covers things like trips away from our HQ and camps reflect payments from parents for those events. The amount for Scouts is so high because of the summer camp to Jersey in a few weeks' time.
- Most of our rent comes from the Explorers use of the hut. The Explorers section is managed by the District and they meet weekly at our hut but are not physically part of the 12th .
- Membership fees (that you pay to us) account for around 33% of our total income.

Expense:

- We have bought quite a lot of new activity equipment this year to upgrade what we have.
- Admin costs reduced this year as website costs were paid for 1 year by the District.
- Insurance covers our buildings policy and our contents policy which are with different companies.
- Meetings costs are those incurred in running section evenings and cover things like food for cooking or craft items.
- Membership costs are what we pay to the National, County and District organisations each year to be part of the Scouting Association and represents around £55 per young person per year. Unfortunately the bill for this arrived 2 days after the financial year end this year so although the cost shows as £0 in fact we have now paid around £4500 for last year. It means that in the current financial year accounts (26/27) the figure will be 2 years added together.
- Utilities cover electricity, broadband, hut rent (from TVBC) etc. Our electricity bill was reduced to around £700 after switching to Octopus Energy Business and having a smart meter installed.
- Venue maintenance covers all the work we have done over the year including: acoustic panels, seats for the fire area, new fence posts and everyday items like cleaning materials, PAT testing etc.

Accounts:

- Our main account is the one we use for everyday expenses and for collecting monthly subscriptions.
- The Hut Fund is a holding account we use for large projects such as the wall cladding when required.

Approved by: Lynsay Scratchley (independent scrutineer) and
The Trustee Board (the Trustees)
on behalf of the 12th Andover (West) Scout Group
June 2026.

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Section Reports

Beavers

First off, before I say what the Beavers have been doing this year, I would just like to say a huge "thank you" to the Beaver leaders and parents for being so understanding and supportive to myself while my husband has had surgery - I have to say it was amazing. Thank you all for being so wonderful.

Back to our wonderful young people. As a group they have been doing some good things including gardening and sowing seeds which have grown and over the holidays will be looked after at my place so they get watered. We have also done a small hike and taken photos outside and also the Beavers took some inside. They have also made clay figures.

We are very lucky to have a young leader (Austin) who gave a talk about his time in Kenya and as it was hot (though not as hot as Kenya) we had some ice lollies. Thank you also to Mel, Joe and Collette without whom we could not do what we do.

Over the year the Beavers have grown (literally) and grown in confidence, which is what scouting is about and we as leaders are very proud of them all.

We look forward to having more fun and earning badges in the next 12 months.

Ruth (Keeo) & Mel (Tictac) and Rusty and Chip

Cubs

Another busy year of scouting for the Cub pack with weekly section meetings and a few special events along the way.

We would just like to take this opportunity to say a huge "thank you" to all the Cubs for their endless enthusiasm and energy and we would like to add a massive thank you to our team of young leaders: Oliver W, Bethan P, Dylan M and Lucas D for their continued contributions throughout the last year of scouting. All of the young leaders continue to be a great asset to our pack by running games, providing support and working as an effective link between the Cubs and the adult leadership team.

In the last scouting year we said "farewell" to Joe (Mowgli) who moved across to our Beaver colony to help run their sessions along with Ruth and Mel. However, in this term of scouting we welcomed a new adult leader to our pack, one who's come through the ranks. Tom (Dizzy), was a former Young Leader and it's wonderful to have him join our adult team continuing to share his years of scouting experience and knowledge with our Cubs. Tom joins an ever growing list of former group members who choose to continue their scouting adventures as leaders. It's reassuring to know that we continue to have a wealth of experience, knowledge and different leadership styles at our disposal.

A huge thank you to all the parents and guardians for their support throughout the year, especially those who have volunteered (sometimes at short notice) to help run sessions. It has been fantastic to share your Cubs adventures with you all.

As leaders we look forward to the year ahead, we'd also like to give a special thanks to Dan (the scout leader) who volunteered his time to attend the Cubs 'Ham Jam' camp during the first bank holiday

weekend in May, we couldn't have done it without you and all the parents that kindly carried some group kit in their cars.

It has been good to participate in Andover District organised events, they include:

- Remembrance Sunday
- District Cub day hike
- District Chess tournament
- J Millers Circus evening

Here is a list of other notable highlights and activities from the past year :

- Ham Jam 2026, a 3 day camping Hampshire County Cub Jamboree in the New Forest (too many badges to mention!)
- Mud Run 2026 at Ferny Crofts (Outdoors, Adventure, Teamwork badges)
- 'Sleep in a box' 2026 (Community Impact, Nights Away and Outdoor badge)
- Model Boat building and the creation of the annual sailing Regatta (Skills, Artist, Teamwork, Outdoors badges)
- Poppy problem solving (Teamwork and skills)
- Cubs got Talent, sixers teach a skill (Leadership)
- Code breaking and communications (Teamwork, problem solving and communications)
- Science badge
- The big bird quiz (Naturalist badge)
- Crafting (Artist badge)
- Cooks badge
- Chinese new year themed session (World badge)
- World book day (Book readers badge)
- Andover Mosque visit (World, and faith badges)
- Salvation army visit (World, my faith)
- Young leader evenings including: Local knowledge, Chip shop hike, Easter Egg Olympics and Environmental conservation
- First Aid and fire safety (Emergency aid, fire safety badges)
- Maps and navigation (Navigator badge)
- Whitchurch cycle track visit (Cyclist badge)
- Photography evening (Photography badge)
- Fire lighting and backwards cooking (Fire Safety and Backwards Cooking badges)

Ben (Chil), Mel (Baloo), Ruth (Raksha), Ben (Hathi), Craig (Kaa), Paul (Shere Khan), Michael (King Louie), Tom (Dizzy) and the Young leader team.

Scouts

Well what a packed year we have had as a Scout troop ! We currently have 33 the troop with a steady number coming up from Cubs. We have continued to provide a progressive training programme for the Scouts from basics skills (fire lighting etc.) to the more advanced activates like climbing and hill walking.

We have taken part in the following District run activities: night hike, football competition and trip to the circus. The Scouts have also attended the Remembrance Sunday service in the town.

The Scouts have had opportunity to take part in a number of camps over the last year as well. Thanks to the Cub leaders for organising the Regain Cycling event at Thruxton in June. Our Summer camp last year was at the Youlbury Scout Camp site near Oxford. The Scouts had a go at: climbing, high ropes, crate stacking, backwoods cooking and a visit to Oxford Natural History museum.

All in all a busy year.

Thank You,

Rob (Rama), Stuart (Skip), Richard (Badger), Dan (Kichi), Maddie (Winifred) & Kerry

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And Finally ….

The 12th Andover (West) Scout Group is a registered charity and as such is managed by a Trustee Board. Each member commits to a 3 year stint on the board and I wanted to introduce the current members to you. They are:

Myself (GLV – Group Lead Volunteer)
Jacky Pude (Secretary)
Sharon Boxall (Treasurer)
Simon Pay
Sue Wood
Richard Dunlop
James Day
Jon Neathey (website coordinator)
Rebecca Witcher

We meet around once per term to discuss the financial position of the group, to oversee the safeguarding and safety of the group through careful risk management ensuring that the charity is being run as it should be. We also ensure that good management of the premises is in place amongst other things. Members are Trustees of the 12th Andover (West) Scout Group charity and it is an important role. There is great satisfaction in being part of a well-run and happy group.

Regards,

Seán (Bagheera & GLV)