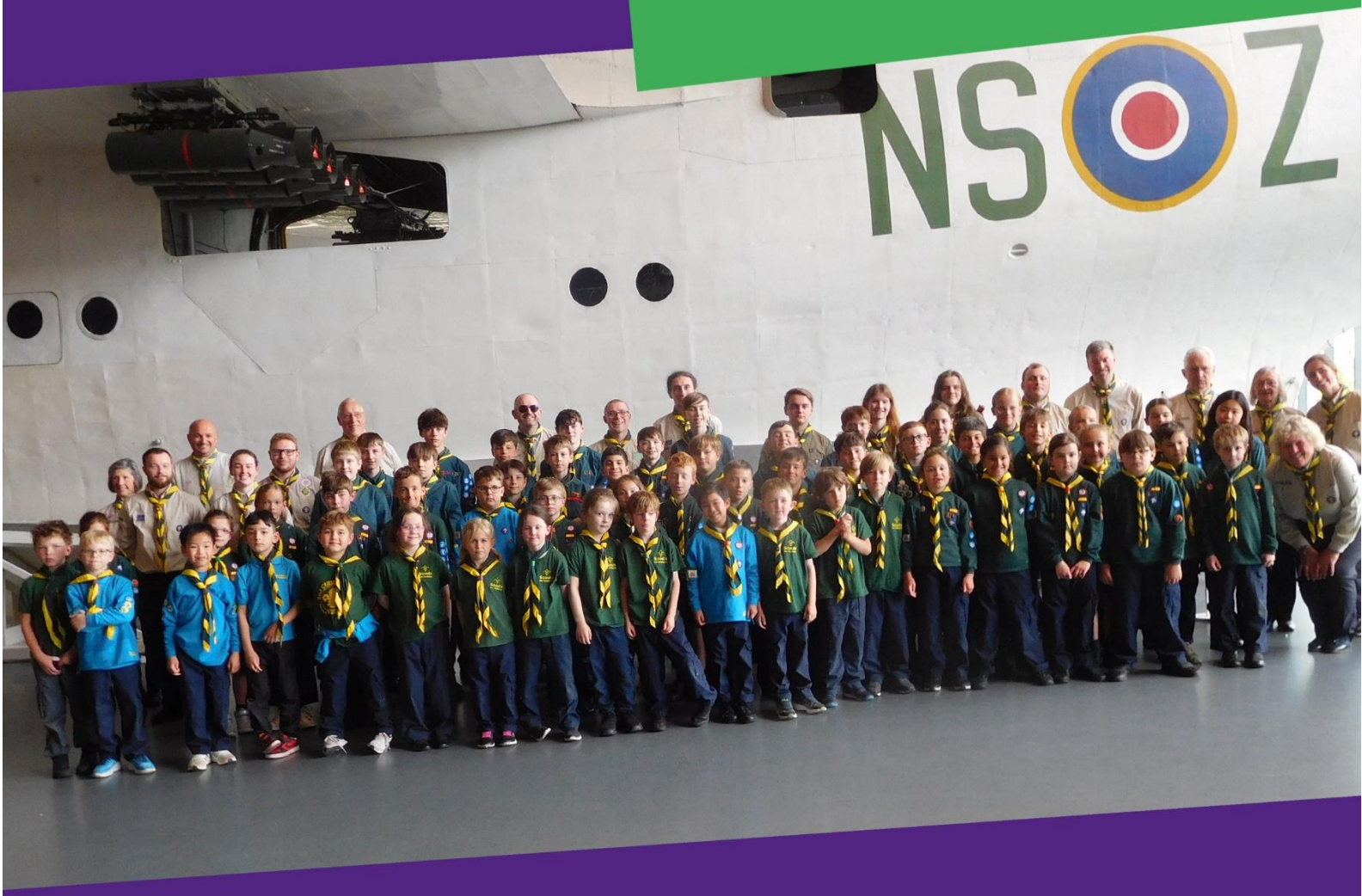
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annual report and accounts 2025-2026



2nd Cuddington (Rowe) Scout Group

Trustees' Annual Report & Accounts for the year ended 31st March 2026

Section A Reference and Administrative Details

2nd CUDDINGTON (ROWE) SCOUT GROUP

Charity Registration Number 297571

Group Registration Number with The Scout Association 154 082 2575

Contact Name and Address: Rodney Clarke, 147 Seaforth Gardens, EPSOM, Surrey KT19 0LW

CURRENT TRUSTEES

Martin Gerrard	Ex Officio	Group Lead Volunteer
Paul Nowak	Appointed	Chairman
Tim Rogers	Appointed	Treasurer
Rodney Clarke	Appointed	Board Administrator
Sam Featherstone	Appointed	From 28th June 2025
Shelley Hutton	Appointed	
Callum Mitchell	Appointed	
Dave Pfeiffer	Appointed	
Richard Pinch	Appointed	
David Roberts	Appointed	

CUSTODIAN TRUSTEES (if any) None

OTHER ADVISORS None

BANKERS: Barclays Bank, Sutton Branch
PO Box No 283, SUTTON, Surrey SM1 1TB

Section B Structure, Governance and Management

The Group's governing documents are those of The Scout Association. They consist of a Royal Charter, which in turn gives authority to the Bye Laws of the Scout Association and The Policy, Organisation and Rules of The Scout Association.

The Group is a trust established under its rules which are common to all Scouts.

The Trustees are appointed in accordance with the Policy, Organisation and Rules of The Scout Association.

The Group is managed by the Group Trustee Board, the members of which are the Charity Trustees of the Scout Group which is an educational charity. As Charity Trustees they are responsible for complying with legislation applicable to charities. This includes registration, keeping proper accounts and making returns to the Charity Commission as appropriate.

The Board consists of the Chairman, Treasurer and Administrator together with the Group Lead Volunteer and 6 other Appointed Trustees, and it meets 5 times a year.

Members of the Group Trustee Board complete *'Trustee Introduction'* training within the first 5 months of joining the Board.

This Group Trustee Board exists to support the Group Lead Volunteer in meeting the responsibilities of the appointments and is responsible for:

Governance: Ensuring the Group's activities align with its purpose, legal requirements, and the organisation's rules (POR).

Finance: Managing the Group's finances, including budgeting, fundraising, and ensuring proper accounting practices.

Risk Management: Identifying and mitigating potential risks to the Group and its members.

Resource Management: Ensuring the Group has adequate resources, including funding, personnel, and equipment.

Compliance: Adhering to relevant laws, regulations, and the organisation's policies.

Strategic Planning: Developing and implementing strategies to support the Group's long-term goals.

Support for Volunteers: Supporting the work of other volunteers, such as Leaders, by providing resources and guidance.

Community Engagement: Representing the Group within the wider community and building relationships with stakeholders.

Risk and Internal Control

The Group Trustee Board has identified the major risks to which they believe the Group is exposed, these have been reviewed and systems have been established to mitigate against them. The main areas of concern that have been identified are:

Damage to the building, property and equipment. The Group would request the use of buildings, property and equipment from neighbouring organisations such as the Church and other Scout Groups. Similar reciprocal arrangements exist with these organisations. The Group has sufficient buildings and contents insurance in place to mitigate against permanent loss.

Injury to leaders, helpers, supporters and members. The Group through the capitation fees contributes to the Scout Association's national accident insurance policy. Risk Assessments are undertaken before all activities.

Reduced income from fundraising. The Group is primarily reliant upon income from subscriptions and fundraising. The Group does hold a reserve to ensure the continuity of activities should there be a major reduction in income. The Board could raise the level of subscriptions to increase the income to the Group on an ongoing basis, either temporarily or permanently.

Reduction or loss of leaders. The Group is totally reliant upon volunteers to run and administer the activities of the Group. If there was a reduction in the number of leaders to an unacceptable level in a particular Section or the Group as a whole, then there would have to be a contraction, consolidation or closure of a Section. In the worst-case scenario, the complete closure of the Group is possible.

Reduction or loss of members. The Group provides activities for all young people aged 6 to 25. If there was a reduction in membership in a particular Section or the Group as whole, then there would have to be a contraction, consolidation or closure of a Section. In the worst-case scenario, the complete closure of the Group is possible.

Section C Objectives and Activities

The Purpose of Scouting Scouting exists to actively engage and support young people in their personal development, empowering them to make a positive contribution to society.

The Values of Scouting As Scouts we are guided by these values:

Integrity - We act with integrity; we are honest, trustworthy and loyal.
Respect - We have self-respect and respect for others.
Care - We support others and take care of the world in which we live.
Belief - We explore our faiths, beliefs and attitudes.
Co-operation - We make a positive difference; we co-operate with others and make friends.

The Scout Method Scouting takes place when young people, in partnership with adults, work together based on the values of Scouting and:

- enjoy what they are doing and have fun
- take part in activities indoors and outdoors
- learn by doing
- share in spiritual reflection
- take responsibility and make choices
- undertake new and challenging activities
- make and live by their Promise.

Our main activities in relation to these objects The object of the Group is to provide a Scouting training programme for young people in the Worcester Park, Stoneleigh and Cuddington areas. Through the Scout Method, young people develop towards their full potential and there is a clear link between the benefits for young people and the purpose of Scouting. The safety of young people is taken very seriously, and the benefits that Scouting activities provide far outweigh the risks.

Public Benefit The Group meets the Charity Commission's public benefit criteria under both the advancement of education and the advancement of citizenship or community development headings.

Section D Achievements and Performance

See Attached - 2nd Cuddington (Rowe) Scout Group Annual Report 2025-26.

Section E Financial Review

The accounts have been drawn up on the receipts and payments basis which is consistent with the previous year.

Subscriptions are charged for membership to cover immediate running costs of the Group, and these do not unduly restrict membership. The Group follows the principle that no-one should be excluded because of their inability to pay membership subscriptions.

Reserves Policy

The Group's policy on reserves is to hold sufficient resources to continue the Group's activities for Beaver Scouts, Cub Scouts, Scouts, and Explorer Scouts should income and fundraising

activities fall short. The Group Trustee Board considers that the Group should hold a sum equivalent to 6 months running costs, circa £25,000.

The Group held reserves of £48,603 against this at year end. This is well above the level required for operating expenses. In addition to the Group general reserve and the funds held by Sections, the Trustees have a designated fund for transport.

Investment Policy

Funds to cover operating costs are held in cash using only mainstream banks or building societies. A significant proportion of the Group's additional funds are invested in an ethical fund holding UK and overseas equities. This has the advantage of instant access and should generate income against future expenditure and enable subscriptions to be kept as low as possible. This is seen as a medium to long term investment which should mitigate against short term market fluctuations.

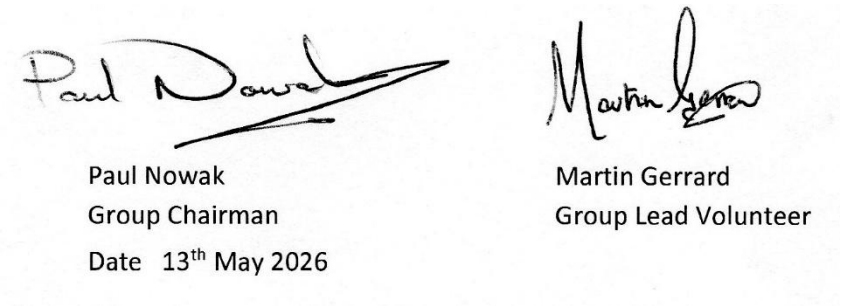
Section F Other Information

The Group maintains a Development Plan for the next few years. Funds are being kept in reserve to cover any currently unforeseen expenses in relation to our land swap with Surrey County Council and their development on the former Auriol School playing field behind our headquarters.

Section G Declaration

The trustees declare that they have approved the Trustees' Report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees



Paul Nowak
Group Chairman
Date 13th May 2026

Martin Gerrard
Group Lead Volunteer

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Group Chairman's Report

This year has been another one of high achievement for the young members of the Group with the award of 24 Chief Scout's Silver and Bronze Awards, 4 Chief Scout's Gold Awards and one Chief Scout's Platinum Award. The Group continued to provide high quality activities at Section meetings, and summer camps were held in Kent, Suffolk and the Netherlands. Group membership has also remained at a high level, generally in the range 180 – 190 over the year.

The 2025 Beer Festival turned a profit of £16,045 which was on par with the year before. Planning is well underway for the 2026 event on 10th and 11th July with the same level of enthusiasm maintained in the Committee from when they started in 2023.

This last year also saw the continuation of the Spring Fair and Christmas Fair together with their Raffles. These allowed the Supporters Team to present the Group with cheques totalling £4,500. Both events are in need of more helpers, so please consider giving up a few hours of your time on a couple of days a year.

My thanks go to both the Supporters' and Beer Festival Teams for their organisation of these events which pull in a large part of our turnover and without which the current surplus of Group Funds would soon be depleted. Additionally, the health of the Group Funds is such that we have been able to freeze subscriptions for the last six years.

The development of the field behind the Headquarters has continued to move forward very slowly. A sub-committee of Martin, Dave, Rod and Paul have had a number of cordial meetings with representatives of Surrey County Council and, latterly, the site developer. Final legal contract documentation is now being produced.

I would like to thank a number of adult members who received Chief Scout's Awards for distinguished long service, particularly Cliff Abbott for 40 years, David White for 30 years and Janet Brown, Simon Digweed and Mark Pitcher for 25 years. I would particularly like to congratulate Sandra Gosden for her award of the Silver Wolf in recognition of services of the most exceptional nature. Their service and those of other long serving adult members provides a notable strength to the Group structure.

I would also like to thank all members of the Trustee Board for their considerable efforts over the year. Additionally, I would like to thank the Section Leaders and Teams for the time and effort that they put in on a regular basis to organise all the activities that benefit the development of our young members.

Finally, at the 2027 AGM most of the trustees will come to the end of their 3-year terms and there will need to be the process of filling those places for a new 3-year term. Whilst I hope that most Board members will be willing to commit to another three years it is an opportunity for other willing candidates to stand for election to the Board. If you are interested, please get in touch with me.

Paul Nowak, Group Chairman

Congratulations

It is a pleasure to record the following outstanding achievements during the year ended 31st March 2026

Duke of Edinburgh's Silver Award

Isabella Matson Dylan North Will Rogers

Duke of Edinburgh's Bronze Award

Mathieu Glover Dylan North Luke Russell

Chief Scout's Platinum Award

Hannah Martin

Chief Scout's Gold Award

Mathieu Glover Amelia Holmes Alex Huckle Dexter Pinch

Chief Scout's Silver Award

Joe Allan John Bone Cian Cooney Archie Emerson Dominic Eppel
Thilo Kann Dylan Jones Chloe Fourie Elodie Huckle Beatrice O'Leary
Alice Passmore Toby Snell Emily Wilkes

Chief Scout's Bronze Award

Arthur Aldred Persephone-Rose Cameron Olly Comber Ezra Collis
Alice Delves Delilah Eppel Emily Fourie Ethan Jones
Mason McCready Williams Ryan McIntyre Hattie Scott

Group Membership

As at the 31st March each year, the Group membership comprised:

Section	2026	2025	2024	2023	2022
Beaver Scouts	24	27	26	22	25
Cub Scouts	38	42	35	35	33
Scouts	41	32	38	44	35
Explorer Scouts	22	21	13	15	18
Active Support Team*	31	26	33	32	32
Leader Team*	36	41	33	33	34
Total	**192**	**189**	**178**	**181**	**177**

* National changes to titles and how adult roles in Scouting are recorded were introduced in 2024

The following awards were made by the Chief Scout
in recognition of outstanding adult service to Scouting

The Silver Wolf

in recognition of services of the most exceptional nature

Sandra Gosden

Chief Scout's Service Awards

in recognition of good services in an adult role over the period shown

Chief Scout's 40 Year Service Award

Clifford Abbott

Chief Scout's 30 Year Service Award

David White

Chief Scout's 25 Year Service Award

Janet Brown Simon Digweed Mark Pitcher

Chief Scout's 10 Year Service Award

Lawrence Carslake Ellie Hodgson

Chief Scout's 5 Year Service Award

Louis Kift Tom de Whalley



Group Lead Volunteer's Report

Yet another brilliantly successful year at 2nd Cuddington thanks to the drive, enthusiasm and commitment of the amazing adult team that make it all happen. Amazing because everyone involved at 2nd Cuddington is a volunteer and yet the Group provides a fantastic Scouting programme for nearly 200 members throughout the year, together with all the resources to make it happen.

The five Sections of the Scout Group, Beavers, Cubs, Scouts, Explorers and the Active Support Team (AST) are the coalface of the Scout Group and, quite rightly, the most important thing that we do. They offer an exciting, adventurous programme throughout the year, providing our young people with skills for life and making Scouting "the place to belong". So, let's take a brief look at what everyone was doing during our 83rd year.

Everyone knows our Sections have weekly meetings, but they don't all take place at the Headquarters and there is an awful lot that happens outside those weekday evenings.



Annually we celebrate St George's Day and 2025 was no exception with some 80 members of the Group spending the day at the RAF Museum at Hendon experiencing all sorts of aircrafty activities and simulators. As usual we took the opportunity to complete the annual renewal of our Scout promises against the backdrop of the museum.

Around the same time the Troop were off to their May camp at Phasels Wood in Hertfordshire, the Explorers went off on a night hike, returning at 2am, and they also went dry-slope skiing. Our Duke of Edinburgh Award teams were on practice hikes on the South Downs. Almost all the Beaver Scouts went to Bazzaz, a County activity day for over 3,000 Surrey Beavers. They followed it by sleeping overnight at the Headquarters. Meanwhile the Cubs were off on a water activity evening kayaking with our friends from 1st Cuddington. 28 of our Cubs took part in the District Cub Challenge and went horticultural by also potting plants to be sold at the Group Spring Fair.





With the warm weather last summer, the Beavers had 50% of their meetings 'out and about'. They included three visits to Walton Firs Activity Centre at Cobham, an evening hike on Reigate Hill, and another as litter pickers helping to clean up Auriol Park. The Scout Troop programme included covering VE Day complete with a shelter evening and 1940s food. The brave leaders even allowed the Scouts to change the wheels on their cars on a mechanics themed evening.



The summer holidays saw the Explorer Unit off to Holland where they stayed at the Scout Centre near Rotterdam with a programme that included paddleboarding, canoeing and cycling as well as doing the tourist bit in Rotterdam, Amsterdam and the famous windmills at Kinderdijk. They had an equally active time in their summer camp in Suffolk on the banks of the River Orwell, whilst the Cubs were in camp at Adamswell in Kent using a Harry Potter theme.

The Beavers continued the strong outdoor element in their programme, despite the season, with an evening walk and quiz along the Hogsmill, a stargazing hike on Epsom Downs and a visit to the Cockney Museum in Stoneleigh. A sleepover in October included a day spent at Birdworld. Other evenings included a visit by Epsom Beekeepers, Diwali, sparklers and doing the Communicator badge. The Cubs had an equally active time including an autumn Halloween camp, a backwoods morning, and the District Cub Night Hike. Other meetings included soft archery and crossbows, and bowling at Tolworth. The Troop were away on a Backwoods weekend at Boidier Hurst camp site where they also covered our regular warden duty (Epsom Groups take it in turn to provide the warden for the camp site). Indoor meetings for the Troop included model making, 'parliament evenings' learning about local government, money skills, and pioneering. The Scouts also ran a very successful monopoly run in London for a day with planning at the meeting the evening before.





Beavers, Cubs and Scouts had 'bonfire evenings' with sparklers. The Explorer Unit had a weekend in Bristol taking part in an Explorer Scout activity weekend, and their weekly meetings included a Mexican evening, ropes, a challenge evening, investitures on The Mount (overlooking Guildford Cathedral) at night and a Halloween evening.

Pre-Christmas all the Sections had the usual manic programme of Christmas activities, making decorations, Christmas parties, Christmas Light trips, and, for the older Sections, Christmas meals (which were very well attended!). In amongst all this we had young members of the Group completing the District Emergency Aid Course at various levels, part of the course being run at our HQ.





Post-Christmas the Beavers took part in the District bowling competition, completed the Safety badge, and were out caving with a wide game at Walton Firs. They did an overnight sleepover at the HQ following a day at Brooklands.



The Cubs also went bowling, visited the Hindu temple, came fourth in the District Quiz, took part in the District Swimming Gala, learnt emergency aid, and had a campcraft evening as well as a Sixers' Teach a Skill evening.

The Scouts were away very early in 2026 with an indoor Frost Camp at the start of the year. 20 Scouts took part in a London Monopoly Run, 20 went skating (not necessarily the same 20!) and 8 completed the Chief Scout's Gold Expedition training weekend. Indoor meetings included the DIY badge with a host of new skills, including tiling and plumbing, being learnt.

The Explorer Unit participated in the HQ trials for a new STEM badge and were also involved with Parliament Week. They had an (excellent) aeroplane evening (powered flight), went to Laser Quest, hiked up Box Hill to carry out investitures at the top, and held a (very long) night hike and sleepover at the HQ. The Unit have plans for Switzerland in 2027 and they held a briefing evening for parents at the HQ.



17 members of the Active Support Team are leaders either with our own younger Sections or with other local Scout Groups. They also have their own weekly programme and spend a lot of time at White Spider climbing. During the year they rebuilt the outdoor learning area at the side of the Headquarters, provided leaders to help run Bazzaz, acted as shadows at the District Challenge Hike, helped on camp sites, had their own hikes, ran meetings for our Sections (and other local Groups), had some really clever craft evenings, and provided loads of help for the Beer Festival.

My sincere thanks to the brilliant Section Leader Teams who make this all happen, week in, week out, throughout the year; they really are fantastic – they are listed elsewhere in this report.

We also run the Duke of Edinburgh's Award scheme……..

2nd Cuddington is also registered at the Duke of Edinburgh Award where we deliver the Bronze, Silver and Gold programmes. Significantly cheaper than trying to do the Award through a school, we also like to think we make a much better job of the expedition section! Currently we have some 40 Scouts, Explorers and AST members in the Group registered for the award and we also provide the training for other local Explorer Scouts.



On the expedition front we ran training expeditions on the South Downs in the Spring of 2025 with qualifying expeditions in the more challenging terrain of the Wye Valley and Forest of Dean. My thanks to Tracey de Whalley and Mark Lemmon who not only keep everyone on track for the awards but are also excellent company when we are supervising expeditions!



Leadership

During the year we sadly said goodbye to Corinne Snell and George King as they stood down from the Troop Leadership Team to allow more time for family and work commitments. There were major changes in the Beaver Team as Suzanna Abbott and Isabella Matson headed off to university and Frances Cummins moved to Ireland. The good news is that Frances splits her time between Epsom and Ireland and is still helping when she can. Likewise, we have Suzanna and Isabella on a long piece of string and will hopefully pull them back in due course – university doesn't last for ever!

As important as the adults are, our Young Leader Team – Explorer Scouts who are in the Young Leader training programme – are a great help running our younger Sections. They undertake a special training programme but inevitably as time marches on they turn 18. Sadly, the Beaver Team said goodbye to Will Rogers, the Pack to Tom and Dan Keers, and the Troop to Ben Lewis and Oliver Holmes, as they either reached the magic age or needed to focus on schoolwork. I'm delighted to say that Ben has stayed with the Troop as an adult leader although he is also away at university during term time.

On the plus side we welcomed Gabriella Poleviou, Ethan Cerny and Josephine Millyard to the Beaver YL Team, and Anna Vairamoorthy, Alex Huckle, Mathieu Glover and Matthew Ayling to the Cub YL Team. Together with Scout YL Team of Dylan and Tegan North and Amelia Holmes they form a fantastic set of YLs and make a tremendous difference to the running of the Sections.



All our adult and Young Leaders undergo an ongoing training programme with some modules – Safeguarding, Safety and First Aid – to be renewed every three years. 2nd Cuddington had a 100% compliance rate with that requirement throughout the reporting year. To make life simpler, we utilise our friendship with St John Ambulance to run our own First Aid courses for our leaders. Led by Hazel Shirley from SJA, 30 of our leaders renewed their qualifications in January 2026.

Adult training covers a multitude of subjects and is ongoing throughout the time adults are involved in Scouting. Sandra Gosden kindly oversees training in the Group with our number of adults maintaining such an excellent record of compliance across all training.

HQ Team

As a Scout Group we are extremely fortunate to own the freehold of our Headquarters and even more so to have a magnificent team of volunteers, led by Dave Pfeiffer, who maintain both the building and grounds. Most people will know about the planned development in the field behind the Headquarters which will involve construction of a new road across part of the land we own and use for outdoor activities. We have been in amicable discussions with Surrey County Council for over two years on the proposal which includes the Group undertaking a

'land swap' with SCC whereby we inherit a similar area of grassland alongside the Headquarters in exchange for that which we currently use.



We are now in discussion with the developers and although they think the main build on the field is still some 2 years hence, it is likely the land swap will take place in the fairly near future. The important thing for the Group is that the whole process is a 'zero cost' option and is something the Council have been keen to support. It is very much work in progress and Dave has been doing a tremendous amount of work leading in the negotiations and discussions for the Group.

Meanwhile there is very much an estate to maintain, and Dave and his team have met at least once a month to keep everything up to scratch. The grass doesn't cut itself, vegetation doesn't stop growing, and in a building used weekly by 200, mainly young, people, things get broken and damaged (frequently!).

The main hall floor is stripped, cleaned and polished annually, a task which takes the team several days, and this year the outdoor learning area was completely rebuilt by the Active Support Team under the guidance of the HQ Team.





Trustee Board

As it is an independent charity, the Scout Group has a Board of Trustees led by our Chairman, Board Administrator and Treasurer – Paul Nowak, Rod Clarke and Tim Rogers respectively. The Board oversees our strategy, governance and budget, and ensures compliance with both Scouting rules and external legislation whilst ensuring the Leader Team has the means to deliver the programme.



Thanks to the indefatigable Carol Priddy, the Group continues to produce a Newsletter, with the bulk of the copies now being distributed by email. Whilst the distribution might be online, the material still has to be written, and Carol Priddy does a great job chasing and editing contributions to ensure that we not only tell people what we are doing but also have a tangible record of the Group. Our website and Facebook presence continue, although we recognise that these need constant review to stay relevant.

As part of our ongoing Development Programme we have an IT team, led by Dave Pfeiffer, with a lot of the techy stuff being dealt with by Si Digweed and Tom de Whalley. During the year they introduced new systems to the Group, including much improved Wi-Fi in the building, corporate email addresses, shared drives for Group and Sectional use, and the ability to recover important documents etc. They even ran a training evening to bring the leaders up to speed. Work continues and it is one of the areas prioritised at our Development Day.

Parents will be familiar with the subscription emails from Mike Gravatt, a volunteer parent who has looked after the collection of membership fees for a significant number of years - and does it extremely well. Despite the membership fees being kept at a low level, there are a surprisingly high number of families who really have to be chased. This is not only unfair on all those who do pay on time, but also wastes the time of volunteers who would much rather be busy running and supporting activities. Mike's volunteering extends into sorting our Gift Aid application with HMRC which itself generates around £2,000 a year.

Only a minor proportion of the Group expenditure is covered by the membership fees though. Almost half of the membership fee paid by parents goes direct to our National, County and District Scout Headquarters to cover services such as Insurance, Safeguarding, Safety, etc. The remainder of our income comes from funds raising by our brilliant Supporters and Beer Festival Teams. Without their help the membership fees would probably be three times higher. Because of their hard work the Board has managed to avoid an increase in membership fees since before Covid, and I know of no other organisation that can say that. At the same time, they abolished all transport costs for Group activities, so families get more for less.

Supporters





The work of Shelley Hutton and her hard-working Supporters Team continues unabated. They work tremendously hard organising both the Group Spring and Christmas Fairs and the associated prize draws, all of which were successfully held during the last year.

Beer Festival

Coupled with the fund raising of the Supporters is that of the Beer Festival Team. This has always been an event with three aims and whilst fund raising might seem the obvious one, it also aims to be the major community event that highlights and publicises the Scout Group, as well as being a 'team builder' bringing all the Sections and Support Teams of the Group together. Under the leadership of Karl Nicholas, the Team did another fantastic job in 2025 with an event that gets bigger and better each year. Not only does the event raise funds for the Group, it also supports our chosen charity, Kingston Samaritans, many of whose members now also come as 'customers' as a result of having manned their stand at the Beer Festival.



Transport

One of our major assets is our vehicle fleet and we own two minibuses, a coach and two trailers. These are very well managed by Dee Willis and Ruth Louch, our volunteer Transport Managers who, despite living in Gloucestershire, manage to keep track of things, very ably assisted by folk like Rob Baker, David Roberts, Paul Nicholas and Karl who do the important bits of getting vehicles to and from garages.



Driver licensing remains a challenge and during the year the Board approved the purchase of a replacement for the large minibus by a slightly smaller vehicle capable of being driven by those with a different driving licence qualification. All the leaders who drive for the Group are MIDAS trained by an outside organisation.

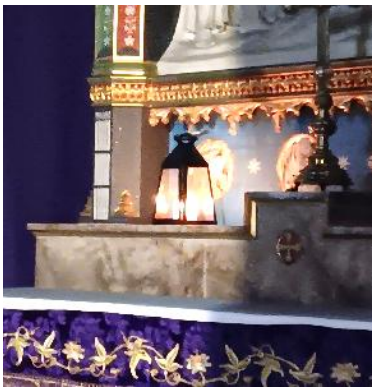
Equipment

A Group the size of 2nd Cuddington needs a tremendous amount of equipment to maintain the programme that we do, and I suspect few parents have been inside the major equipment store, the building to the left of the Headquarters. Our joint Quartermasters, Rob Baker and Paul Nicholas do a great job keeping everything on track and in good order, but it is a task requiring a weekly input. We are fortunate to have a significant store of tentage, and Rob and Paul are always on the lookout for opportune bargains, which resulted in two almost new 'party' tents being acquired during the year. Another significant, and perhaps more unusual, piece of equipment purchased during the year was a solar inverter which allows the running of a fridge at camp (much better than trying to use cool boxes) so it's not just to charge the leader's mobile phones!

St Mary's Church



2nd Cuddington has links with St Mary's Church which go back to the formation of the Group in 1943, and we strongly value that relationship. We shared in the induction service of our new Vicar, Joshva, and we have been pleased to welcome him to a couple of our Section meetings already. Joshva was a Scout himself and his father a Scout Leader, so he is definitely 'onside'. The Group attended three services during the year, Mothering Sunday, Harvest Festival and Remembrance Day with our young people playing leading roles in each. Once again, we were privileged to have the use of the Church for our Group Carol Service which saw a capacity attendance with a service led by young people, and with the Beavers forming the traditional nativity scene.



Each year in December a candle is lit in the Grotto of the Nativity in Bethlehem with a Christian, Jewish and Moslem Scout. That flame is flown to Austria where it is passed, candle to candle, across the world. It is received by world leaders, the Pope, and at Ground Zero, but it is mainly passed as a symbol of peace to local communities. The flame arrives in England close to Christmas and a team from 2nd Cuddington have traditionally collected the flame and brought it back to St Mary's, from where it is collected by other local churches, and in 2025 this was done once again.

This Spring saw the launch of the Scout Association's strategy for the next 5 years with the strap line of 'A place to belong'. 2nd Cuddington really is an amazing Scout Group, providing 'a place to belong' for



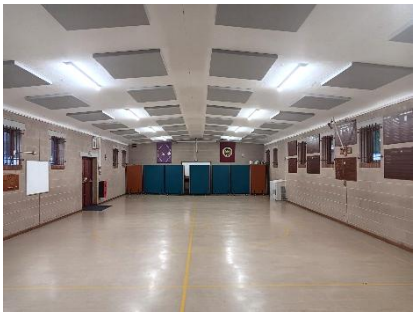
nearly 200 members of Scouting and run entirely by unpaid volunteers. Over the 83 years of the Group's existence the challenge has become increasingly demanding, and that the Group provides so much so well, is a tribute to the absolutely brilliant adult team and family support that we have at 2nd Cuddington.

On a personal note, my very special thanks to our two Deputy Group Lead Volunteers – Sandra Gosden and Dave Pfeiffer – whose support and encouragement I find invaluable, but I would echo that sentiment for every member of our team – all stars!

Thank you to everyone who helped make 2025/26 such a great year.

Martin Gerrard
Group Lead Volunteer













Group Leader Team as at 31 March 2026

Group Lead Volunteer	Martin Gerrard
Deputy Group Lead Volunteers	
(Leader Training)	Sandra Gosden
(Headquarters and Events)	Dave Pfeiffer
Beaver Scout Colony	
Beaver Scout Team Leader	Group Lead Volunteer Team
Beaver Scout Leader Team	Suzanna Abbott, Brogan Aldred, Diana Baker, Sue Blackgrove, Frances Cummins
Young Leaders	George Hookey, Gabriella Polivou, Ethan Cerny, Josephine Millyard
Cub Scout Pack	
Cub Scout Team Leader	Julie Roberts
Cub Scout Leader Team	Jane Carter, Rod Clarke, Ryan Hooper, Tom Hutton, David Millyard, Alistair Laidman-Milne, Paul Nicholas, Chris Phillips, Carol Priddy, Anthony Pires da Silva, Roy Turner, Emma de Whalley
Young Leaders	Mathieu Glover, Alex Huckle, Hannah Martin
Scout Troop	
Scout Team Leader (shared)	Simon Digweed, Mark Pitcher, Jane Weller
Scout Leader Team	Philippa Carslake, Ellie Hodgson, Sam Hodgson, Ben Lewis, Karl Nicholas, James Turner
Young Leaders	Amelia Holmes, Dylan North, Tegan North
Explorer Unit	
Explorer Scout Team Leader	Jo Blackgrove
Explorer Scout Leader Team	Lawrence Carslake, Paul Digweed, Stuart Duffell, Adrian Murphy, Dave Simms, Tom de Whalley
Active Support Team Leader	Alex O'Sullivan
Duke of Edinburgh's Award Team	Mark Lemmon, Tracey de Whalley
Quartermasters	Robert Baker, Paul Nicholas
Group Trustee Board	
Chairman	Paul Nowak
Treasurer	Tim Rogers
Board Administrator	Rod Clarke
Appointed Members	Sam Featherstone, Shelley Hutton, Callum Mitchell, Dave Pfeiffer, Richard Pinch, David Roberts
Ex-Officio Member	Group Leader Volunteer
Supporters Team Leader	Shelley Hutton
HQ Maintenance Team Leader	Dave Pfeiffer
Beer Festival Team Leader	Karl Nicholas
Subscriptions Administrator	Mike Gravatt
Newsletter Editor	Carol Priddy

THEY ARE ALL VOLUNTEERS!

Receipts and payments

Receipts	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Designated funds	2025/26 Total funds	2024/25 Total funds
Donations, legacies and similar income					
Membership subscriptions	15,917	-	-	15,917	15,514
Less: Membership subscriptions paid on(National/County/Area/District)	(6,441)	-	-	(6,441)	(6,215)
Less: Transferred to sections (Beavers/Cubs/Scouts/Explorers)	-	-	-	-	(2,000)
Net membership subscriptions retained	9,476	-	-	9,476	7,299
Donations	-	-	-	-	217
Gift Aid	2,819	-	-	2,819	4,679
Transport income	756	-	-	756	568
Sub total	**13,050**	**-**	**-**	**13,050**	**12,763**
Activities					
Beavers	-	-	1,623	1,623	1,785
Cubs	-	-	6,161	6,161	7,200
Scouts	-	-	6,056	6,056	8,475
Explorers	-	-	12,431	12,431	10,398
SASU	-	-	-	-	-
Group	559	-	-	559	1,680
Euro Disney	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	**559**	**-**	**26,271**	**26,830**	**29,538**
Fundraising (gross)					
Supporters	5,818	-	-	5,818	5,396
Beer Festival	37,677	-	-	37,677	37,159
Sub total	**43,495**	**-**	**-**	**43,495**	**42,555**
Investment income					
Bank interest	(600)	-	-	(600)	(543)
Hall Hire	1,030	-	-	1,030	2,029
Other income	100	-	-	100	111
Sub total	**530**	**-**	**-**	**530**	**1,596**
Total Gross Income	**57,634**	**-**	**26,271**	**83,904**	**86,453**

Receipts and payments

Payments	2025/26 Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Designated funds	Total funds	2024/25 Total funds
Charitable payments					
Beavers	-	-	2,252	2,252	1,978
Cubs	-	-	5,564	5,564	6,416
Scouts	-	-	1,105	1,105	9,079
Explorers	-	-	8,493	8,493	12,465
SASU	-	-	-	-	212
Group	2,051	-	-	2,051	3,121
Euro Disney	-	-	-	-	-
Adult support and training	922	-	-	922	495
Badges	2,006	-	-	2,006	1,827
Water and Sewerage	471	-	-	471	433
Electricity and Gas	3,322	-	-	3,322	2,627
Insurance	2,090	-	-	2,090	2,053
Repairs and Renewals	12,227	-	-	12,227	3,097
Materials and equipment	2,950	-	-	2,950	1,732
Printing and photocopying	1,167	-	-	1,167	1,902
Telecoms	1,176	-	-	1,176	1,159
T-Shirts & Sweatshirts	(136)	-	-	(136)	12
Transport	12,406	-	-	12,406	15,390
Other Expenditure	635	300	-	935	549
Sub total	**41,286**	**300**	**17,414**	**59,000**	**64,547**
Fundraising expenses					
Supporters	1,487	-	-	1,487	1,461
Beer Festival	21,223	-	-	21,223	19,923
Sub total	**22,710**	**-**	**-**	**22,710**	**21,384**
Total Gross Expenditure	**63,997**	**300**	**17,414**	**81,711**	**85,931**
Net of receipts/(payments)	**(6,363)**	**(300)**	**8,857**	**2,194**	**522**
Transfers between funds	(3,000)	-	3,000	-	-
Cash funds last year end	57,966	300	28,626	86,892	86,371
Cash funds this year end	**48,603**	**-**	**40,483**	**89,086**	**86,892**

Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the year

	31 March 2026				31 Mar 2025
	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Designated funds	Total funds	Total funds
Cash funds					
Sectional bank accounts (Beavers/ Cubs/Scouts/Explorers/SASU)	-	-	19,956	19,956	9,477
Supporters bank account	1,357	-	-	1,357	969
Scout Shop	241	-	-	241	416
Beer Festival bank account	4,995	-	-	4,995	4,587
Bank current account	4,250	-	-	4,250	12,481
Bank deposit account	13,898	-	-	13,898	14,130
COIF accounts	25,972	-	20,497	46,469	47,237
Petty cash and uncleared receipts	-	-	30	30	30
Prepayments	(2,110)	-	-	(2,110)	(2,435)
Total cash funds	**48,603**	**-**	**40,483**	**89,086**	**86,892**
Non-monetary assets for charity's own use					
T-Shirt stock	144	-	-	144	2,280
Beer Festival stock	-	-	-	-	-
Land and buildings	1,086,710	-	-	1,086,710	1,050,977
Motor vehicles	-	-	11,070	11,070	11,070
Scouting equipment, furniture, etc.	64,855	-	-	64,855	64,149
Sub total	**1,151,709**	**-**	**11,070**	**1,162,779**	**1,128,476**
Liabilities					
Uncleared cheques	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	**-**	**-**	**-**	**-**	**-**

The above receipts and payments account and statement of assets and liabilities were approved by the Trustees on 13 May 2026 and signed on their behalf by

Signature	Print Name	
Paul Nowak	Paul Nowak	Chair
Tim D Rogers	Tim Rogers	Treasurer

Notes to Accounts

1 Notes to Cash Funds

General Fund (unrestricted funds; balance at 31 March 2026 of £48,602.87)

The general fund is the main reserve of the charity and can be used for any approved charitable purpose.

Sectional Funds (designated; balance at 31 March 2026 of £18,513.26)

The sectional funds represent money held to cover the cost of forthcoming activities, meetings and camps.

Transport Fund (designated; balance at 31 March 2026 of £21,969.69)

In 2015, a designated transport fund was created to accumulate funding required to replace vehicles.

Forster Fund (restricted; balance at 31 March 2026 of £0.00)

This fund was created from a grant from the Forster Trust to pay for one-to-one care of a member of one of the sections and is now extinguished.

2 Breakdown of bank interest

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Interest earned on Barclays deposit account	167.89
Interest earned on COIF deposit account	1,223.75
Unrealised investment gains/losses	-1,992.06
Total	**-600.42**

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of the

.....2nd CUDDINGTON (ROWE) SCOUT GROUP/DISTRICT/COUNTY/AREA SCOUT COUNCIL

I report on the accounts of the Group/District/County/Area for the year ended 31/03/2026

which comprise the Statement of Financial Activities, the Balance Sheet and related notes set out on pages.....

This report is made solely to the trustees in accordance with Section 145 of the Charities Act 2011. My work has been undertaken so that I might state to the charity's trustees those matters I am required to state to them in an Independent Examiner's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, I do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the charity and the charity's trustees for my examination work.

Respective responsibilities of Trustees and Examiner

The Group's/District's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. They consider that an audit is not required for this year (under Section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 (the Charities Act)) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- Examine the accounts (under Section 145 of the Charities Act);
- To follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners (under Section 145(5)(b) of the Charities Act); and
- To state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of Independent Examiner's report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the Group/District and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair' view and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent Examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention (other than that disclosed below *):

1. which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements
   - to keep accounting records in accordance with Section 130 of the Charities Act ;and
   - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Act

   have not been met; or
2. to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

* *Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply*

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SEVENOAKS, KENT

Date: 19/06/2026

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