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1st North Watford

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Annual General Meeting

24th June 2026
Scout Group Headquarters
107, Leggatts Way, Watford, Hertfordshire

Registered Charity Number: 302595
Scout Association Registration Number: 02005

Annual Reports and Accounts for the year ending
31st December 2025

Agenda

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1. Introduction and Chair's Welcome
2. Apologies for Absence
3. Approve the Minutes of the 2025 Annual General Meeting
4. Adopting Model Constitution from PORs

5. Report from Group Chair
6. Report on Accounts from 2025
7. Report from Group Scout Leader
8. Report from Beaver Leader
9. Report from Cub Leader
10. Report from Scout Leader

11. District Representative
12. Awards and Presentations

13. Appointment of Group Chair
14. Appointment of Group Treasurer and Secretary
15. Appointment of Group Trustee Board Members

16. Any Other Business

Trustee Board

Chair: Claire Humphreys
Secretary: Charlie Rogers
Treasurer: Marie Benedict
Member: Alison Andrews

Group Scout Leader: Iain Brunt
Beaver Leader: Zoe Brunt
Cub Leader: Christina Quinlan
Scout Leader: Anthony Quinlan

Group Chair

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Our Scout Group has enjoyed another year of significant activity and achievement. Participation levels remain consistent across the Beavers, Cubs, and Scouts, all of whom have participated in a diverse array of events, camps, and activities. This success is a direct result of our leaders' commitment to delivering engaging programs, and I wish to thank them for their tireless efforts. The vitality of our group depends on our volunteers, and we are deeply appreciative of the energy and time they contribute.

From a financial perspective, the group is stable and healthy. This has allowed us to invest in modern equipment and upkeep our facilities, ensuring a high-quality and safe Scouting experience for our youth. We remain active in seeking fundraising opportunities to support our programming while keeping membership costs accessible.

Throughout the past year, we successfully navigated transitions within the new Scouting structure and focused on delivering varied, inspiring events for every section. As we look to the future, we intend to expand our program with new, challenging opportunities. Our priorities include staying current with the new training platform and maintaining a resilient leadership team to provide a safe, enjoyable, and inclusive environment for everyone.

I would like to conclude by offering my heartfelt thanks to all who contribute to the 1st North Watford Scout Group. To our volunteers, leaders, parents, and young members—thank you for your enthusiasm and support. It has been an honour to be part of this community, and I anticipate another year of growth and adventure for you all.

Claire Humphreys
Group Chair

Accounts 2025 Overview

Account balances	**2025**	**2024**
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GLV Report

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It gives me great pleasure to present my report for 2025. It has been another busy, rewarding, and successful year for our Scout Group, and I'd like to take this opportunity to reflect on our achievements, highlight a few challenges, and look ahead to our plans for the coming year.

1. Membership & Growth

We have remained at the same number of young people across all sections – Beavers, Cubs, and Scouts. Our total membership stands at 63, which includes 50 young people and 13 adult volunteers. It's encouraging to see so many young people engaging with Scouting and the values it promotes.

Two of our Scouts were selected for the World Scout Jamboree and are on their journey in Scouting to attend Poland in the summer of 2027.

2. Programme & Activities

Each section has delivered a vibrant and varied programme, including outdoor adventures, community service, badge work, and camping. Highlights from this year include:

· The Group Camp at Tolmers Activity centre (Water activity camp)

· St Albans Gang Show

The enthusiasm of our young people and the dedication of our leaders have made these experiences memorable and meaningful.

3. Leader Development & Training

Leader training remains a top priority. We're committed to supporting our volunteers in their development, and I thank them for their time, effort, and passion.

We were also pleased to welcome a new Scout Leader and a new Cub Scout leader to the team, strengthening leadership capacity and supporting the delivery of a consistent programme.

4. Challenges

Like many groups, we continue to face challenges in recruiting new adult volunteers. Sustaining our current programmes and maintaining safe adult-to-young person ratios is

only possible thanks to the commitment of our existing team. We are actively looking for ways to attract and retain more support from parents and the local community.

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The Group faces a notable challenge. Due to ongoing volunteer shortages, the Beaver section is at risk of closing in July 2026 unless additional adult support can be secured. This is a key priority, and we continue to seek new volunteers to sustain provision for our youngest members.

5. Financial & Equipment Update

Thanks to a successful gift aid application, the solar panels, easy fundraising, Watford Council lottery and support from our Group Executive Committee, we have been able to maintain our equipment and facilities. We've invested in new camping gear and continue to improve our meeting space.

We purchased some new equipment, and we were also given some new air beam tents. Hall Hire began and continues with a SEND provider using the hall during school hours during the week. A full financial report will be presented separately.

6. Scout HQ

Significant effort has been invested in building maintenance and improvements, including starting to refresh the hall with new colours and ensuring the space remains safe, welcoming, and fit for purpose.

7. Looking Ahead

Our goals for the coming year include: Enhancing the quality and variety of our programme, recruiting more adult volunteers and maintaining and improving our HQ.

8. Thanks & Acknowledgements

None of this would be possible without the fantastic team of Leaders, Assistants, Young Leaders, Executive Committee members, and parents. A huge thank you to each of you. Your support and dedication are the backbone of this group.

Overall, the Group remains committed to delivering high-quality Scouting and supporting the development of all young people, while recognising the need to strengthen our volunteer base to ensure long-term sustainability.

Let's continue working together to give our young people the best Scouting experience possible.

Yours in Scouting,

Iain Brunt
Group Scout Leader

Beavers - Canal

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As we look back on 2025, it has been another fantastic year for our Beaver Scout section, full of energy, learning, and fun. It has been a privilege to see our young people grow in confidence, develop new skills, and build lasting friendships through a varied and engaging programme and then move on up to the Cub section.

Throughout the year, our Beavers have taken part in a wide range of activities designed to inspire curiosity and encourage teamwork. From creative craft evenings and outdoor adventures to community-focused projects, every session has offered opportunities for learning through doing. We have particularly enjoyed our outdoor activities, where the Beavers have embraced nature, developed practical skills, and shown great enthusiasm for trying something new. The s'mores went down incredibly well!

Our programme has continued to support the core values of Scouting, helping Beavers to be kind, respectful, and supportive of one another. It has been wonderful to see how they have developed as individuals—whether gaining badges, overcoming new challenges, or simply growing in confidence week by week. Their enthusiasm and willingness to get involved has been a credit to them all.

We have also been proud to take part in wider group events during the year, which have provided valuable opportunities for Beavers to meet the older sections, experience new activities, and feel part of the wider Scouting community. These events are always highlights of the calendar and create lasting memories. This year the highlight was Group Camp at Tolmers Scout Campsite, the beavers were kayaking alongside the cubs.

None of this would be possible without the continued support of our dedicated leadership team and the parents and carers who encourage their children to take part fully. The commitment and teamwork shown behind the scenes make sure the section continues to thrive.

On a personal note, this report marks the end of my 26 years of running the Beaver Scout section at the 1st. It has been an incredibly rewarding journey, and I feel very proud to have been part of so many young people's early Scouting experiences. Watching generations of Beavers grow, achieve, and move on through Scouting has been truly special. I would like to personally thank the late Norman Brandon (Cub's), who was an incredible role model throughout, and Michelle Jenkins, who, although listed as Assistant, took on many of the section's front-line responsibilities over the years. Along with Iain and Howard who stood by us both and assisted with anything and everything of the crazy ideas we sometimes came up with!

I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who has been part of that journey—fellow leaders past and present, volunteers, parents, and of course the Beavers themselves. It has been a pleasure and a privilege. I will continue my Scouting Journey with the 1st in another role.

Thank you for 26 fantastic years.

Greenfinch
Beaver Scout Leader

Cubs - Brook

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Since the last AGM, Brook Pack have welcomed 11 new members 7 of which have been invested and stayed. Six of our cubs achieved their CSSA. We welcome back Hatti who has returned from university and also welcome our 2 young leaders from a local explorer group.

During the year, Brook Pack have attended 2 group camps: Tolmers last year when we enjoyed a good mix of activities as well as fluctuations in the temperature - it really does help to be prepared. The resident foxes managed to keep leaders awake and when they finally quieted, the birds took over. The second camp in early May this year was more adventurous at Lego Land where our cubs truly let their daredevil sides take over resulting in some leaders being pushed into challenges which they enjoyed. Our thrill-seeking cubs enjoyed multiple goes on their favourite rides and didn't even seem to mind queuing. Shere Khan slept on a Lego brick (table).

Brook Pack took part in District Cub Camp last July, our theme was Paddington. The cubs attending rose to the challenge of creating a gate which depicted Darkest Peru on one side and Paddington Station on the other resulting in victory for Brook Pack, winning the best gate competition. Brook Pack cubs were also the overall winners on this camp and proudly took back the trophy for the first time since 2018.

We enjoyed our annual night hike to Cassiobury Park in November to watch the fireworks, returning to our indoor camp in hall for hot chocolate and a game of the ever-popular Ibbly Dibbly. The hall this year was strung with hundreds of fairy lights which shone through the tents like stars.

Cubs were encouraged to explore their debating skills during Parliament Week in December which resulted in a few interesting discussions on topics such as theme parks, for and against. This year's District trip to the Science Museum was successfully attended by some of Brook Pack cubs.

We held out first ever Chip Shop Hike which involved a hike around our local area sampling chips from various chip shops and voting for the best – Monday evening does not seem a poplar evening for chips as we had to wait for them to be cooked at some of the shops.

Cubs from Brook Pack also took part in District Skills Day which was successfully held for the first time this year. Amongst other activities during this event the cubs learnt to make rope, honed their fire lighting skills, peeled and chopped vegetables to cook a delicious casserole in tin foil on an open fire.

Brook Pack leaders celebrated with our group's Scout leaders when the last of "Norman's Cubs" achieved their Gold Award which included a personal message from Dwayne Fields, Chief Scout.

We are now looking forward to the rest of the term outside (weather permitting) where we will take part in activities such as archery, shooting and of course the Cresta Run.

Rikki
Cub Scout Leader

Scout Troop

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Post-AGM, we attended Group camp at Tolmers, successfully building rafts, pioneering a Da Vinci bridge, and climbing. We ended the summer term with 20 Scouts, having completed orienteering, kayaking, fire lighting, and helping Cubs pitch tents. A highlight was a Scout receiving their Gold Award whilst descending the Cresta Run.

In September, we cleaned up Phasels Wood before an expedition where Scouts hiked in two teams back to the Hut. We were delayed two hours after one group mysteriously ended up on the wrong side of a fence – we still have no clue how they got there.

Some of the Troop attended the County selection weekend for the next World Scout Jamboree, and we are delighted that Andrew and Martha were chosen to represent the UK in Poland.

We then began our Green Beret preparation, which certainly paid off. One of our teams came 3rd overall in the County for the orienteering course, putting us in first place for the District sub-competition. The Scouts proudly took home the Watford North Green Beret Champions' trophy. Also in November, we joined the Cubs for their annual fireworks hike and sleepover.

We ended the year on a massive high, with County Commissioner Ian Tycer awarding 11 Scouts their Chief Scout's Gold Award—an achievement earning a personal video message from Chief Scout Dwayne Fields. We also surprised our GSL, Iain, with the Silver Acorn. Huge thanks to all who support the Scouts, especially Ben and Charlie for their years of volunteering on Thursdays and weekends.

In the New Year, we joined the 5th North Watford for the Pedal Car Olympics again. Thankfully, it was not as cold this time (12°C, up from -6°C last time), and my back didn't go as soon as we arrived. Having lost many Scouts to Explorers, we started off with what felt like a very empty Troop. After running some very engaging sessions on the You Shape badge at the start of the term, Charlie stepped back from her role with us. We are incredibly grateful for all her hard work.

Our Spring term saw Akela come down to judge Pancake Night again, and we took part in our first-ever chip shop hike. We were delighted to welcome Laurence to the section as a new volunteer and to have him with us on his first camp for Night Owls. We once again camped for two nights, this time joined by the 5th North Watford. Amazingly, the 1st North Watford also won this District competition.

As we entered the summer, our numbers started to climb again, and we currently sit at 16 Scouts. We joined the Group for a camp over at Legoland and spent a couple of weeks learning survival skills. In May, we joined the District Wide Game competition and, luckily, did not win this one—because then we'd have to organise it next year.

A massive thank you to Laurence, Ben, Iain, and everyone who continues to support the Troop.

Anthony
Scout Leader

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