

2021 to 2022



Prepared by Executive Committee

24th Medway (Borstal) Scout Group Registered
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**24th Borstal Scout Group Annual General Meeting
25th September 2022
Scout Hall, Warwick Crescent, Borstal, ME1 3LE**

AGENDA

Item

Welcome and Introductions	GSL
Apologies for Absence	Secretary
Minutes of previous AGM	Chair
Annual Reports	GSL and Chair
Presentation of Annual Reports and Accounts	Treasurer
GSL's nominations for Chair and Group Executive Committee	GSL
Approval of nominations	All
Elections of members of the Group Executive Committee	GSL
Any Other Business	Chair

24th Borstal Scout Group
Minutes of the Annual General Meeting for the year 2020-21
Thursday 21st October 2021, 7.30pm, Borstal Scout Hut.

1 Attendance:

Michael Clark – Chair
Graeme Pryke – Group Scout Leader
Sam Richardson – Explorer Section Leader
Brian Stroud – Executive Committee Member
Maurice Coombs – Executive Committee Member
Adrian Porter – Executive Committee Member
Ian Leicester – Executive Committee Member
Pauline Clark – Executive Committee Member
Mark Adams – Executive Committee Member
Mark Noble – Parent/Assistant Scout Leader
Kate Bradley – Parent
Emily Hill – Parent
Jessica Packman – Parent & Assistant Beaver Leader
John Brisley – District Commissioner
Sophie Collins – Assistant Explorer Leader

2 Apologies:

-Bev Pryke, Clive Richardson, Emma Townsend, Kerrie Ward, Helen Fuller, Steve Crooks, Jo Delree, Fred Delree, Amanda Dean, Sarah Swain and Jodie Elwin.

3 Welcome and Introductions:

Michael Clark welcomed everyone to the AGM, he was encouraged by the turn out and pleased to see some parents among the attendees. He also particularly thanked Adrian Porter for his assistance with minute taking during the previous two years of meetings whilst the Executive committee has been without a secretary.

4 Minutes of Annual General Meeting 2019-2020 (held on 13/03/21):

The minutes had been circulated prior to the meeting. The minutes recorded that Bev Pryke wasn't cub leader at the time of the writing of the report, this is inaccurate as the statement should have referred to the Beaver report not the Cub report.

It was agreed that the minutes represented an accurate record of the meeting. Voted by Brian Stroud and seconded by Mark Noble.

5 Treasurer's Report and Annual Accounts:

Clive Richardson was unable to attend the meeting, but the annual accounts were circulated prior to the meeting. Maurice Coombs questioned the lack of fundraising income in the yearly accounts, but as discussed, owing to COVID 19 restrictions and lack of the usual fundraising events, any fundraising done during this period, did not hit the accounts until the current financial year.

Sam Richardson proposed the acceptance of the Treasurer's Report and Accounts, which was seconded by Pauline Clark and agreed upon unanimously.

6 Group Section Reports:

Reports were circulated prior to the meeting. No amends were required. Pauline Clark made special mention of how impressed she was, particularly with the Beaver and Cub activity, during this period of uncertainty. Graeme Pryke seconded this praise by mentioning how well the group leaders had adapted to virtual Scouting and maintained all groups throughout the turbulent year.

The reports were accepted as being an accurate portrait of the previous years' activity, as voted by Sofie Collins, seconded by John Brisley and agreed unanimously.

7 Nominations for Chair and Group Executive Committee:

Chair – Michael Clark, proposed by Graeme Pryke, seconded unanimously.

Group Executive – Brian Stroud, Mark Adams and Ian Leicester; voted by Sam Richardson and seconded by Adrian Porter. Pauline Clark, Maurice Coombs and Adrian Porter, nominated by Mark Noble and seconded by Brian Stroud.

8 Approval of Section Leader nominations:

Section Leaders are automatically part of the Group Executive Committee, should they be happy to sit as a trustee.

Sam Richardson – in position as ESL

Bev Pryke unable to stand as a trustee owing to the logistics of attending meetings.

BSL -Role currently unfilled

9 Election of Group Secretary and Treasurer:

Treasurer - Clive Richardson, nominated by Graeme Pryke and seconded unanimously.

Secretary – Emily Hill, nominated by Maurice Coombs, seconded by Ian Leicester.

9 Any Other Business:

Graeme Pryke relayed an e-mail communication from Sarah Swain (a parent of 2 in the section), congratulating the Group on their support, engagement and

enthusiasm throughout the previous 18 months. She made special mention of Bev but wanted to thank all the leaders and assistants involved.

Michael Clark stated how positive it was to have such enthusiastic praise from parents and reiterated how important it is to have the support and engagement of current parents in making the experience a successful one for members of the section. As of this meeting, there are only two members of the Executive committee who are parents of current children. Ideally, we should aim to have at least one parent from each section. Feedback from families ensues that the experience of current members is listened to by the leaders and that we are delivering the best experience possible.

10 Message from the District Commissioner:

John Brisley thanked everyone for their attendance, and echoed Michael's words regarding the importance of getting parents onboard in assisting with the Executive Committee and leadership opportunities. He commended the current committee members for years of service, but also highlighted the fact that new members are essential.

John commented that it was always good to be invited to the 24th, he is well informed of the current state of the group. It is clearly doing very well and huge praise should go to the leaders for the work done over the previous years, under highly difficult circumstances.

It is great to see such an active group and good to be in such a healthy financial position.

Thank you to all the leaders and to the Executive committee.

John also referenced the current head count (just under 100 active members), according to the recent census, despite a small drop in numbers in January this year, numbers have increased again.

John Brisley was also able to make presentation of some significant awards:

Maurice Coombs – 50 years of service to the group

Ian Leicester – 30 (currently 32) years of service to the group (Graeme Pryke also mentioned Ian's invaluable assistance in and around the premises and grounds and the recent work on the climbing wall)

Hannah Costa – 10 years of service (Hannah unable to attend the meeting)

10 Closing Comments:

Michael Clark thanked everyone for their attendance and called the meeting to an end.

Next Group Executive Meeting to be scheduled in November.

Description of the charity's trusts

Type of governing document

The Group's/~~District's/Area's/County's~~ (delete as appropriate) governing documents are those of the The Scout Association. They consist of a Royal Charter, which in turn gives authority to the Bye Laws of the Association and The Policy, Organisation and Rules of The Scout Association.

(e.g. trust deed, constitution)

How the charity is constituted

The Group/~~District/Area/County~~ (delete as appropriate) is a trust established under its rules which are common to all Scouts.

(e.g. trust, association, company)

Trustee selection methods

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

(e.g. appointed by, elected by)

Additional governance issues (optional information but encouraged as best practice)

You may choose to include additional information, where relevant, about:

The Group is managed by the Group Executive Committee, 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 the registration, keeping proper accounts and making returns to the Charity Commission as appropriate.

Policies and procedures adopted for:
a) the induction and training of trustees;
b) trustee' consideration of major risks and the systems and procedures to manage them

The Committee consists of 3 independent representatives, Chair, Treasurer and Secretary together with the Group Scout Leaders, individual section leaders (if opted to take on the responsibility) and parent's representation and meets every # months.

Members of the Executive Committee complete '*Essential Information for Executive Committee*' training within the first 5 months of joining the committee.

This Group Executive Committee exists to support the Group Scout Leader in meeting the responsibilities of the appointments and is responsible for:
The maintenance of Group property;
The raising of funds and the administration of Group finance;
The insurance of persons, property and equipment;
Group public occasions;
Assisting in the recruitment of leaders and other adult support;
Appointing any sub committees that may be required;
Appointing Group Administrators and Advisors other than the

Risk and Internal Control (Specimen 1)

The Group Executive Committee 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, community centre 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 Associations national accident insurance policy. Risk Assessments are undertaken before all activities.

Reduced income from fund raising. 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 C

Reduction or loss of leaders. The group is totally reliant upon

Reduction or loss of members. The Group provides activities

Risk and Internal Control (Specimen 2)

The group has in place systems of internal controls that are

Section C

Objectives and activities

The Purpose of Scouting

Summary of the objects of the charity set out in its governing document

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

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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.

Summary of the main activities in relation to these objects

Additional details of the objectives and activities (optional information but encouraged as best practice)

You **may choose** to include further statements, where relevant, about:

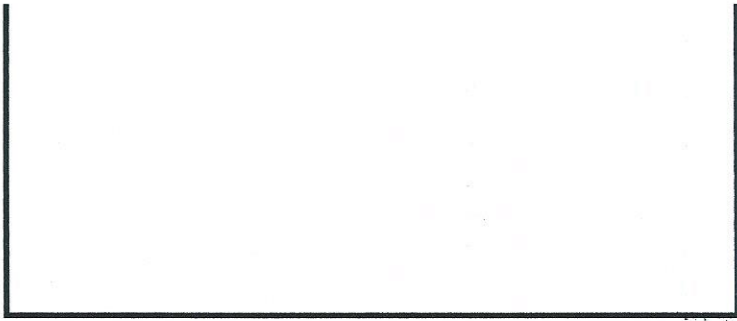
- policy on grantmaking;
- contribution made by volunteers;
- policy on investments.

Public benefit statement

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

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year



Section E Financial Review

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

Reserves Policy

The Group's policy on reserves is to hold sufficient resources to continue the charitable activities of the group should income and fundraising activities fall short. The Group Executive Committee considers that the group should hold a sum equivalent to 12 months running costs, circa £5,500

The Group held reserves of approximately £5,700 against this at year end. This is above the level required for operating expenses. However this can be explained by annual price increase of a replacement boiler.

Quantify and explain any designations

Details of any funds materially in deficit (circumstances plus steps to eliminate)



Further financial review details (optional information)

You may choose to include additional information, where relevant, about:

- the charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising);

Investment Policy (Specimen 1)

The Group's Income and Expenditure is very small and as a consequence does not have sufficient funds to invest in longer-term investments such as stocks and shares. The Group has therefore adopted a low risk strategy to the investment of its funds. All funds are held in cash using only mainstream banks or building societies or The Scout Association's Short Term Investment Service.

- how expenditure has supported the key objectives of the charity;

The Group Executive regularly monitors the levels of bank balances and the interest rates received to ensure the group obtains maximum value and income from its banking arrangements. Occasionally this may involve using an account that requires a period of notice before funds may be withdrawn, before doing so the Group Executive considers the cash flow requirements.

- investment policy and objectives;

Investment Policy (Specimen 2)

The Group does not have sufficient funds to invest in longer term investments. The Group has therefore adopted a risk averse strategy to the investment of its funds. All funds are held in cash using only mainstream banks or building societies.

Section F

Other Optional Information

Plans for future periods (details of any significant activities planned to achieve them)

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Section G

Declaration

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)

	
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Full name(s)

MICHAEL GEORGE CLARK	CLIVE EDWARD RICHARDSON
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Position (eg Secretary, Chair)

CHAIR	TREASURER
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Date

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24th Medway (Borstal) Scout Group Receipts and Payments Account

Year start date

Year end date

For the year from	01/04/2021	To	31/03/2022
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Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds £	Unrestricted funds £
Receipts		
Donations, legacies and similar income		
Membership subscriptions	16,035	5,416
Less: Membership subscriptions paid on (National/County/Area/District)	4,441	2,681
Net membership subscriptions retained	11,594	2,735
Donations & Scap Metal	262	4,978
Census Rebate	28	-
Gift Aid	-	-
Beaver Badges repaid to Group BS41	-	53
Beavers Cash £16 not included 2019 / 20	-	16
Sub total	11,884	7,782
Grants		
Maintenence grant	-	-
Other grants: Government Covid Pandemic	8,000	20,193
Sub total	8,000	20,193
Fundraising (gross)		
Group Fees (Paper)	840	-
Jumble Sales	1,370	-
Refreshment Tent	3,376	-
Other fundraising activities	830	-
Sub total	6,416	-
Investment income		
Bank interest	1	3
Sub total	1	3
Total Gross Income	26,301	27,978
Asset and investment sales, etc.	-	-
Total receipts	26,301	27,978

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Receipts and payments

	0 Unrestricted funds £	0 Unrestricted funds £
Payments		
Charitable Payments Just a Drop & North Kent Mind	2,000	
Youth programme and activities	184	197
Adult support and training - Minibus Assessment	140	-
Rent	480	480
Water and Sewerage	231	236
Electricity and Gas	785	786
Insurance	748	652
Repairs and Renewals	6,188	5,233
Materials and equipment	-	-
Litter Pickers	504	
Bridge Fund Reimbursement to Cubs Section Equipment	307	-
Bank Charges	15	
Contribution to camp costs	-	-
Uniforms	-	-
AGM and trustee expenses	-	-
HQ Cleaning	42	159
Alarm System	244	100
Beaver Badges paid in error from Group BS41	-	53
Sub total	11,868	7,896
Fundraising expenses: Refreshment Tent	1,301	
Jumble Sales Adverts	128	-
Section Expenses		
Beaver Running Expenses	2,364	330
Cubs Running Expenses	6,435	1,161
Scouts Running Expenses	1,723	462
Explorers Running Expenses	155	4
Sub total	12,106	1,957
Total Gross Expenditure	23,974	9,853
Asset and investment purchases, etc.	-	-
Total payments	23,974	9,853
Net of receipts/(payments)	2,327	18,125
Cash funds last year end	42,644	24,519
Cash funds this year end	44,971	42,644


Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the year

	0 Unrestricted funds £	0 Unrestricted funds £
Cash funds		
Bank current account	38,635	36,837
Bank deposit account	5,762	5,761
Building society account		-
The Scout Association Short Term Investment Service	-	-
Cash/Floats	574	46
Total cash funds	44,971	42,644
Other monetary assets		
Tax claim	-	-
Debts due from the County/Area/District/Group	-	-
Insurance claim	-	-
Sub total		
Investment assets		
Investment property - detail	-	-
Quoted investments	-	-
Other investments - detail	-	-
Sub total		
Non monetary assets for charity's own use		
Badge stock	-	-
Shop stock	-	-
Other stock	-	-
Land and buildings	-	-
Motor vehicles	-	-
Scouting equipment, furniture etc	-	-
Other	-	-
Sub total		
Liabilities		
Accounts not yet paid	-	-
Expenses incurred but not invoiced	-	-
Subscriptions not yet paid	-	-
Loan - detail	-	-
Other liabilities	-	-
Sub total		

Contingent liabilities and future obligations

The above receipts and payments account and statement of assets and liabilities were approved by the Trustees on Xth X 200X (the date of the Executive Committee meeting that approved the accounts) and signed on their behalf by

Signature



Print Name

MICHAEL GEORGE CLARK	Chair
CE RICHARDSON	Treasurer

**Scrutineer's Report to the Trustees of the
24th Medway (Borstal) Scout Council**

I report on the accounts of the Group/District for the year ended **31st March 2022**
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Respective responsibilities of Trustees and Scrutineer

As the Group's/District's trustees you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts; you consider that neither the audit nor independent examination requirements of the Charities Act 2011 apply. It is my responsibility without carrying out an audit or independent examination to scrutinise the accounts and to report to you.

Basis of Scrutineer's Statement

In accordance with the directions given in the Group's/District's constitution, I have scrutinised the records and the accounts set out on pages1..... to 3.....

Scrutineer's Statement

In my opinion the accounts are in accordance with the records produced to me and comply with the constitution.

Name: **NICHOLAS MACKETT**
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MAFISTONE, KENT ME16 0GT
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Date: **5th August 2022**
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N. C. Mackett

24th Medway (Borstal) Scout Group Exec A/c's

Statement of income and expenditure - Year ending 31st March 2022

<u>Income</u>	<u>2022</u>	<u>2021</u>
Deposit A/C B'fwd	£ 5,761.01	£ 5,757.91
Current A/C B'fwd	£ 31,867.79	£ 17,220.50
Jumble Sales	£ 1,369.68	£ -
Group Fees (Waste Paper)	£ 840.00	£ -
Census	£ 4,441.25	£ -
Census rebate	£ 27.50	£ -
HMRC Gift Aid	£ -	£ -
Co-op	£ -	£ 4,928.28
Government Grants	£ 8,000.00	£ 20,193.29
Fund raising (Includes Amazon)	£ 830.42	£ -
Donations & Scrap	£ 261.68	£ 50.00
Heavy Horse Show	£ 3,376.25	£ -
Beaver Badge Refund to Group January*	£ -	£ 53.10
Deposit A/C Interest	£ 0.57	£ 3.10
Total Income		
<u>£19,147.35</u>	£ <u>56,776.15</u>	£ <u>48,206.18</u>

Expenditure

Group expenses	£ 1,292.32	£ 586.90
HQ cleaning	£ 42.36	£ 158.68
Census	£ 4,441.25	£ 2,681.25
Jumble sale advert	£ 128.20	£ -
Insurance	£ 748.19	£ 652.10
Electricity	£ 357.91	£ 279.61
Gas	£ 427.51	£ 506.58
Water rates	£ 231.12	£ 235.51
Ground rent	£ 480.00	£ 480.00
HQ expenses	£ 1,069.98	£ 4,816.39
Boiler Installation	£ 2,141.00	£ -
Concrete	£ 1,950.00	£ -
Tree Cutting	£ 950.00	£ -
Alarm system	£ 243.83	£ 99.83
Heavy Horse Show expenses	£ 1,301.00	£ -
Beaver Badge Subsidy*	£ -	£ 80.53
Donations**	£ 2,000.00	£ -
Deposit A/C C'fwd	£ 5,761.58	£ 5,761.01
Current A/C C'fwd	£ 32,756.63	£ 31,867.79
Cash in Hand	£ 453.27	£ -
Total Expenditure		
<u>£17,804.67</u>	£ <u>56,776.15</u>	£ <u>48,206.18</u>

** Just A Drop & North Kent Mind leaving £3,761.01 in Charity Fund

Beavers AGM Report September 2022

The beavers started the year with a very active first term – they completed JoTT, sports, wide games and tracking all at Buckmore Park

The autumn term included working towards several badges and a sleepover with a trip to RAF Hendon and other aeroplane themed activities.

After Christmas, beavers had a night with marshmallows, baking cakes and an evening with tie dye. They made their pirate headscarves ready for the district day at the Dockyard which was so much fun.

The term also ended with an animal themed camp where they went to Wildwood and completed other activities on their return, such as making bird feeders.

The numbers have been consistently high and the section was supported by the cub scout leader with programme planning. The parents must also be thanked for their help when requested via the parent rota.

Despite requesting more leaders, the section is still low in adults and does need more help.

Cub AGM Report September 2022

Following our previous year of challenging scouting, this year was very nearly normal.

We spent a lot of time outside in the spring term - a hike and a quiz in Rochester, JoTT, wide games, navigating, erecting tents and air rifle.

In the autumn term we managed to have 2 overnight experiences – one was a camp at Buckmore with sixers and seconders which also incorporated Mote Park water sports and the second was a sleepover at the hut. It was possibly the best sleepover ever – Harry Potter themed. We roped in beaver leaders, scout leaders and even leaders from other districts to support. In a 24-hour period, the cubs completed 11 different activities and we all went home exhausted. One of the young leaders from scouts comment that cub sleepovers should never be this much fun!

We worked on several badges – environmental, international and world challenge badge and rounded off the year with a Christmas BBQ – the beavers chose this!

Between Christmas and Easter, the cubs took part in a winter walk, Chinese New Year and winter Olympics, emergency aid and also went on a hunt for animals coming out of hibernation. We saw a badger set at Buckmore Park.

Our numbers have been consistently high since covid with regular attendance from the cubs and their hard work during pack nights was rewarded when we handed out 495 badges which included 3 Chief Scout Silver awards.

The section is still requiring support from other sections when camping due to leader commitments; and parental support when we are away from the hut. We would always welcome the offer of a regular commitment to the pack nights from other adults.

Scouts AGM Report September 2022

The scout section has done Lots of work on core skills, knots, map reading cooking over gas and over open fires

Polishing up on rusty skills like putting up tents and putting them away again. Many scouts attended the group winter walk and also JoTT at Buckmore Park

Camping has been difficult to achieve. mainly due to leader availability we missed a summer camp and also had to cancel our Christmas sleepover due to another tightening of Covid restrictions so only managed a PL and APL camp which tied in the Cub Sixer and Seconder camp and a watersports day at Mote Park which was open to all of the young people in the group. The camp was a great success with us learning lots about our patrol leadership team.

We managed another camp in October where we set the scouts the challenge of surviving in their patrols. They had to start and maintain their fires, cook their breakfast, lunch and dinner on them and work on some of their scouting skills. They achieved all they were set and also really enjoyed carving through the afternoon and a sing song with Dan in the evening we even had one of our scouts share some poetry that he loved. We managed only 4 nights away in this year.

Throughout the colder and darker months we have tried keep outdoors as much as possible. We took a night hike to Buckmore from the hut and over the north downs, our Christmas night was a BBQ with all other sections, we've done fire lighting with a sausage sizzle, map work and orienteering. And when the supermarkets ran out of Haggis for burns night MK2 got the scouts to make Cullen Skink at the hut and it was a complete triumph with lots of the scouts taking the recipe home to try with their families.

Scout leadership remains stable with the addition of MK2 from January. Mark joins us with over 30 years scouting experience having previously been involved with 2nd Cliffe then moving to Seaton where he was a scout leader prior to moving back to Medway and joining us in Borstal. He is a great asset and we are capitalising on his love of walking and navigation.

Explorers AGM Report September 2022

The unit started with 8 invested members and ended with 9. Following the pandemic we had a couple of explorers leave and four scouts joining on their link. One of the scouts decided Explorers wasn't for them and sadly moved on. Over the last year we have benefitted from a range of ages. With the more senior scouts taking a lead and guiding some of the younger explorers. With the current age gap the more senior explorers will be missed when they move on. We are hoping to retail two of the explorers as leaders once they move on subject to their university commitments.

We currently have a strong leadership team of 6. Samantha is still taking a back seat but is undertaking some of the admin side of things. Hannah, Kerrie and Sophie still play a key role in delivering the programme on a weekly basis. We have also been joined by Max. Max scouted in the Medway towns area and wanted somewhere he could drop in and out work dependant. Max brings a wealth of knowledge and water sporting skills which we will certainly be looking to utilise going forward!

There has been no camping to report for the explorers as a unit. A number of the camps the explorers would normally attend (winter camp, Gilwell 24 and scare fest) have not been run post pandemic by the organisers. The explorers have however been fortunate enough to have to opportunity to camp with the scouts on a number of occasions over the past year.

As always, the explorers have experienced a varied programme. The explorers have enjoyed some back to basics scouting including a hike around Penenden Heath with basic map and route card reading skills. They have also enjoyed fire lighting, cooking on open fires and pioneering challenges.

Some of their favourite activities has been our adapted version of the TV show Taskmaster where they are set various challenges over the night. This could be delivering a cup of tea on one leg through an obstacle course to building the largest free-standing tower.

The explorers have also enjoyed a number of nights away from the hut including wide games at Buckmore Park, Gravity, Ninja Warrior and an escape room.

GSL Report

Having had the privilege of reading all the reports for this years AGM I am struck with the realisation that despite coming off the back of a couple of very challenging years the group as a whole has accomplished some amazing things and as Michael mentioned in his report although outside of the reporting year the transformation of the hut is incredible. It may have been completed outside the reporting year but the planning and preparation has been spread over the last couple of years as these things don't happen overnight. We have also had a new boiler fitted and is already proving its worth in its efficiency. For all things like that I'd like to thank our executive committee for continuing to look after the day to day running so that we have somewhere safe and warm to meet and their support of our young people is unwavering.

The activity across all sections has been amazing but I would like to single out cubs and beavers for some of the most exciting, interesting and fun activities that they have done. I have been lucky to have been able to attend the themed sleepovers and days out that have been arranged where we have had so much fun, from playing pirates at the dockyard to spotting bears at Wildwood. However, the Harry Potter camp will go down in legend, we had the sorting hat sorting cubs into teams, magical fires and exploding coke bottles, socks for Dobby and even owls flying in the hut!! Yes you read right we had owls flying in the hut... Bev has done an amazing job at holding the beaver colony and cub pack together with some significant challenges, she really does deserve a medal and our greatest thanks.

I would also like to thank all of our leaders for the commitment they show to the young people of our group because without them we wouldn't be able to run the sessions, events and camps that we do.

Also within this period we have received the amazing news that Josh, one of our scouts, has been successful in securing one of the 7 young people from Medway Towns District to attend the World Scout Jamboree in Summer 2023 in South Korea, There will be some opportunities in the near future to support Josh and his team mates with their fundraising efforts.

It's been a very interesting year! Thank you all for your continued support.

Graeme