

**3rd Sudbury Scout Group**  
**Report & Accounts for the**  
**year ended 31st March 2025**

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TRUSTEES: Ex-Officio - Appointment                      Name

Group Lead Volunteer	Steve Challis
Group Lead Volunteer	Cathy Challis

TRUSTEES: Elected    Name

Treasurer	Giles Hume
Trustee	Chris Beddowes
Trustee	Lindsay Harding-Payne (Resigned)
Trustee	Brian Clampin
Trustee	John Wiseman
Trustee	Guy Hume
Trustee	Rob Crawford

TRUSTEES: Nominated - Appointment                      Name

Chairman	Graham Toy
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#### LEADERS

Beaver Leader (Wednesday)	Ann Fairey
Beaver Leader (Friday)	Andy & Yvonne Hawkes
C Pack Leader	Kate Stiff
D Pack Leader	Megan Harding Payne
Scout ASL Leader	Dee Gardner & Tom Hurst
Sea Scout ASL Leader	Graeme Munro, Tom , Issy & Anna

#### BANKERS

Barclays Bank plc  
Market Hill  
Sudbury  
Suffolk

Group Registration Number	5260
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Charity Registration Number	303 528
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### **3<sup>rd</sup> Sudbury Group Chairmans' Report**

I am delighted to be able to report another successful year for the Group. We have ended the financial year with a surplus. This is important because having money in the bank enables us to fund many elements of scouting, confident in the knowledge that it is affordable. In addition, a reasonable level of reserves means that we are well placed to meet the variety of financial challenges that will inevitably come our way.

I recently took a long look at the archive pictures of when the HQ was constructed in the late 1980's. A herculean task of fund raising and physical labour. The project cost around £250k which is equivalent to £650k in today's money. The Members involved at the time had a vision, and it is to their credit that the Group continues to prosper in a facility which delivers so well. That said, we should not rest on our laurels. It is vital to keep the building and assets in prime condition so that current and future generations of young people can reap the benefits of scouting in Sudbury.

In my last report I started a conversation about our project to replace the climbing wall. We have made excellent progress. We have raised all the money required from a range of grant making bodies, local organisations, as well as some excellent donations from our members. The new walls – main wall and traverse wall, will be installed in August so that we are ready to climb when we return to scouting in September. This project demonstrates what is possible, and whilst nothing like as challenging as the new HQ, it shows that this Group has a passion to keep driving forward and deliver the best scouting experiences that they can.

It just remains for me to thank everyone involved in making 3<sup>rd</sup> Sudbury such a successful and vibrant group. It is inspiring to be around such a dedicated team of volunteers either delivering scouting on the front line or working in the background to keep the Group safe, secure and financially resilient.

Graham Toy

### **3<sup>rd</sup> Sudbury Beavers B Colony**

Here we are again at the end of another year as our Colony celebrates its second birthday. During that time, we have been very busy Beavers working towards many badges and challenge awards resulting in no less than 9 Bronze awards since our last presentation night!

Our programmes have been many and varied, including visits (metaphorically) to China and India, amongst others. We also had an evening organised by the Explorers who went on the jamboree to South Korea, thank you lads.

We have had visits to the fire station and fire fighters visiting us. Also, the Beavers have been cooking, cake making for charity, doing craft and have celebrated VE Day.

We have also had a day camp at Bradfield with the Wednesday Colony as well as 2 sleepovers including a Christmas one.

The Beavers have also been canoeing and been out on Kingfisher, thanks to the Sea Scout Leaders and of course archery.

We could not do this alone so we would like to take this opportunity to thank Mary and Kate for their ongoing help on a Friday, to our young Leaders Grace and Tom who show maturity beyond their years, to Ann for filling in while we are away and to Cathy for her continued support and advice. But, most of all to the parents who bring their children along week after week and to the Beavers themselves without whom we would have nothing to do on a Friday evening.

Yvonne (Otter) and Andy

Oops, nearly forgot, huge thanks to the Trustees for our flag which was dedicated at this year's Saint George's Day Parade.

### **3<sup>rd</sup> Sudbury C Pack**

C Pack Cubs have enjoyed another year of Scouting activities, building on earlier experiences and gaining confidence in themselves whilst learning new skills. Beavers have moved into the Pack and Cubs have moved onto Scouts or Sea Scouts throughout the year, but the size of the Pack has remained at 28 Cubs.

We have been working on a range of badges such as the Personal Safety Badge and followed this up with a visit to the Sudbury police station where the Cubs were able to sit in the police vehicles, see the prison cells and see how fingerprints are taken. The Air Activities badge was popular with Cubs learning how to make paper aeroplanes and working out ways that they could be adapted to increase the aero dynamics and improve flight length. We attended the Quay Theatre's Christmas production of Scrooge's Christmas Carol where the Cubs enjoyed some audience participation. We learnt about the Chinese New Year and had a go at eating with chopsticks, tried climbing and archery, visited the fire station and worked towards the Fire Safety badge, enjoyed cooking and eating pancakes, learnt about DIY tools, their uses and used some of them to make a key holder to achieve the DIY badge and finished the Spring term with an Easter egg hunt. Camps have been enjoyed with D Pack Cubs where the Cubs have had the opportunity to enjoy new and adventurous activities and work on team building.

We are now looking forward to the better weather for our summer programme of fire lighting, backwoods cooking, canoeing, pioneering, tent pitching, hiking and learning about India from Harry, one of our leaders, who recently visited the country.

We have been very pleased to award several Cubs with their Silver Chief Scout Award which is the highest award a Cub can achieve.

A big thank you to the leadership team – Lewis, Harry, Rosie, Dorothy, Mark, Liam, John, Sally, without whom the Cubs would not be able to experience such a wide and varied programme. Also, thank you to all the parents who come and help us with various activities when we need that little bit of extra help. THANK YOU SO MUCH.

Akela - Kate

### **3<sup>rd</sup> Sudbury D Pack**

We currently have 20 paid up Cub members and 2 Beavers moving up this month. Megan and myself are the section leaders, along with Gavin, Jim and Simon as section assistants. Issy and Will often turn up to provide additional help with activities. Evie is helping when back from Uni and our Young leader Emily HP is helping regularly and is a great help when running games and activities. Having a consistent, reliable team has been great this year and means the responsibility and organization can be shared out.

As you can see by our Accounts, they continue to look healthy and balanced. As cost have risen when running Camps etc we have had to pass this the Cubs which may affect the numbers that can attend. Leading up to Christmas 2024 we did have a parent comment on how many activities that had an additional payment such as attending the Panto and a winter Cub camp. We have taken this on board and decided not to arrange activities that will incur additional payments for a while.

We have had a full year providing lots of activities for the Cubs in the Pack. Last spring we made bird feeders which was a hit and going to be repeated this May. We spent an evening teaching the Cubs to light fires and worked on the Safety awareness badge. The annual Bike ride was another success, and we provided refreshments at Rodbridge so the Cubs had the energy for the return trip.

In June Nick gave the Cubs the opportunity to travel up the river on the Safety boat, Kingfisher while the other half of the group did Archery in the Scout hut, swapping over the following week. We did another 2 weeks of water activity in July when Issy and Will took Cubs in the canoes, and I took the half on a trail and again swapping over a couple of weeks later. We appreciate other Section Leaders giving up their free evening to give the Cubs the opportunities to use the facilities 3<sup>rd</sup> Sudbury have.

In July there was the District Cub camp at Hallowtrees, Ipswich. We teamed up with C Pack to share the facilities. I organised the food and you can see payments from C Pack into the account for this. The camp was expensive but there was a lot of activities available such as Air rifle shooting, obstacle course and circus skills. Despite the weather we had a good time.

Leading up to Christmas we did some baking, crafts and cookie decorations along with the annual trip to the Panto at the Quay theatre along with C Pack.

At the start of 2025 we worked on the Science badge, running several experiments, making the equivalent to larva lamps, corn flour gloop and cleaning coins with lemon juice. Andy and Yvonne have very kindly run 2 archery sessions for us along with Jim. Simon has run an evening working on map skills and making compasses. We have tried a new sport where I was able to borrow soft tennis equipment from the Tennis Club next door and run an introductory session. There was ball everywhere!

We have just run a 1 night 'Space' themed camp at Bradfield where the weather was very kind to us. We had 12 Cubs attend and plenty of Leaders camping under canvas. Magan arranged some onsite activities Climbing, Cresta run and the Maze, we also had a campfire and walk.

This concludes our report on the Accounts for our Cub Pack. I am happy to answer any further questions if you have any.

Yours Scouting Julie Woodward on behalf of D Pack Cubs.

### **3<sup>rd</sup> Sudbury Scout Troup**

It's been another busy year for Sudbury Scouts, with the troop still growing in numbers and an amazing team of leaders making it all happen.

With the help and skill of many leaders the Scouts have had the opportunity to enjoy such activities as archery, climbing, fire lighting, cooking, kayaking, canoeing, rafting, navigation, first aid, bell boating and so many more.

The Scouts have been set many challenges along the way and have approached them with great enthusiasm and fun. With blindfolded tent pitching, shop and cook challenge, making catapults, accessibility challenge and a recycling fashion show.

Scouts have also had the opportunity to enjoy many camps through the year with the Bures to Sudbury hike camp, Thriftwood camp which was full of activities. Bushcraft camp involving sleeping in hammocks and cooking over fires. Also, our recent Bradfield Combust Camp with a hike and sharing a campfire with American Scouts and seeing their campfire traditions.

The list of activities goes on from Tobogganing, wide games, water trampoline, science experiments, making tent pegs and fire lighting kits.

From all these activities it has been great seeing the Scouts build their skills and confidence along the way, with many achieving many badges and one Scout proudly achieving The Chief Scout Gold Award.

The leader team and Scouts are looking forward to the next lot of adventures with our June canoe camp and peak District camp coming up where more opportunities will be on offer.

Thank you to the Team and support from the Young Leaders who make this all happen.

### 3<sup>rd</sup> Sudbury Sea Scouts

It was a busy year for our section, with many weekend activities & meeting every week except around Christmas & Easter

Our numbers in the troop have been around 25 all year and troop nights are usually well attended.

We have an excellent core leadership team comprising Isobel Harding-Payne, Will Champken, Ben Turner & Graeme Munro.

We have many other helpers who assist us when required, particularly for water activities (Vincent Dreau, Josh Finbow, Nick Powell) and 2 new young leaders, Alex Davie & Will Greenley.

After the summer, there should be scope to increase our numbers towards 30.

Our water season was from May to Aug in 2024. We were able to offer a mix of Canoeing, Kayaking and Sailing most weeks during this period.

Since April 2024 we have put on the following camps and activities:

- Apr 2024: Expedition Camp at Boxford
- Jun 2024: Canoe Camp on the Stour
- Jun-Jul 2024: Sailing weekends at Walton
- Jul 2024: Camp at HQ after County Wet Weekend was cancelled
- Aug 2024: Summer Camp at Hallowtrees
- Oct 2024: Hammock Camp at Boxford
- Oct 2024: Weekend aboard sailing smack, Pioneer off Brightlingsea
- Feb 2025: Winter Camp at Boxford
- Mar 2025: PL-APL Camp at HQ

For 2025-26 we should be able to put on these camps and activities:

Night Hike, Canoe Camp, County Wet Weekend, sailing at Alton Water, Summer Camp, Weekend on Sailing Smack Pioneer, Bushcraft Camp

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**Receipts and Payments Account Summary  
for the year ended 31st March 2025**

General Fund

	This Year £	Previous Year £
Total receipts for the year	£ 55,452.05	£ 35,401.91
Total payments for the year	£ 46,986.10	£ 30,225.36
Net receipts/(payments)	<u>£ 8,465.95</u>	<u>£ 5,176.55</u>
Cash at Bank brought forward	<u>£ 46,138.44</u>	<u>£ 40,961.89</u>
Cash at Bank carried forward	<u>£ 54,604.39</u>	<u>£ 46,138.44</u>

The above account and accompanying statement of assets and liabilities were approved by the Trustees on 23rd June 2025 and signed on their behalf by



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**Receipts for the year  
ended 31st March 2025**

	This Year		Previous Year	
	£	£	£	£
<b>MEMBERSHIP SUBSCRIPTIONS</b>	£ 20,371.83		£ 18,602.19	
<b>GIFT AID REFUND</b>	£ 3,479.23		£ 2,933.54	
<b>Less Paid</b>	£ 6,664.00	£ 17,187.06	£ 5,500.00	£ 16,035.73
<b>INVESTMENT INCOME RECEIVED</b>				
Bank Interest	£ 309.92		£ 186.01	
Building Society Interest	£ 615.11		£ 98.17	
Sections Bank Interest	£ -	£ 925.03	£ -	£ 284.18
<b>DONATIONS</b>				
Quay Explorers	£ 2,000.00		£ 1,900.00	
Group	£ 7,060.00		£ 5,355.00	
Climbing Wall	£ 9,491.35		£ -	
Albert Hunt Trust	£ -		£ -	
Sudbury Town Council	£ -		£ -	
Training	£ -		£ -	
Grant - Covid	£ -	£ 18,551.35	£ -	£ 7,255.00
<b>SECTIONS OTHER INCOME &amp; DONATIONS</b>				
Beavers	£ 20.00		£ -	
C Pack	£ -		£ -	
Scouts	£ 14.00		£ 191.19	
Sea Scouts	£ 272.30		£ 224.74	
Boathouse	£ 350.00	£ 656.30	£ 795.00	£ 1,210.93
<b>FUND RAISING</b>				
Car Parking & Gates	£ -		£ 500.00	
Sainsbury - Bag Pack	£ 496.15			
Waitrose - Bag Packing	£ 529.75		£ 584.27	
Race Night	£ 1,092.53		£ 1,308.00	
Presentation Night	£ -		£ 82.00	
Paypal Giving Fund	£ -		£ 18.67	
Quiz Night	£ 230.00	£ 2,348.43	£ -	£ 2,492.94
<b>OTHER INCOME</b>				
Sections Camps & Activities	£ 15,783.88	£ 15,783.88	£ 8,123.13	£ 8,123.13
		<u>£ 55,452.05</u>		<u>£ 35,401.91</u>

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**Payments for the year  
ended 31st March 2025**

	This Year		Previous Year	
	£	£	£	£
<b>PREMISES</b>				
Water Rates	£ 684.07		£ 1,034.81	
Rates	£ 85.01		£ 79.72	
Refuse Collection	£ 448.50		£ 427.00	
Insurance	£ 3,406.60		£ 3,170.25	
Light & Heat	£ 3,798.61		£ 2,691.15	
Telephone	£ 691.20		£ 810.44	
Quay Lane Management	£ 150.00		£ 150.00	
Cleaning & Materials	£ 3,748.88		£ 3,525.44	
Repairs To Premises	£ 5,559.84	£ 18,572.71	£ 4,086.35	£ 15,975.16
<b>ACTIVITIES</b>				
Sections Camps & Activities	£ 14,889.21	£ 14,889.21	£ 8,981.02	£ 8,981.02
<b>FUND RAISING</b>				
	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -
<b>SECTIONAL EXPENSES</b>				
Beavers	£ 736.43		£ 1,067.34	
C Pack	£ 657.98		£ 411.12	
D Pack	£ 471.32		£ 87.96	
Scouts	£ 905.15		£ 607.00	
Sea Scouts	£ 1,326.48		£ 1,001.14	
Explorers	£	£ 4,097.36	£ -	£ 3,174.56
<b>PURCHASE OF EQUIPMENT</b>		£ 1,428.87		£ 1,072.88
<b>BOAT REPAIRS</b>		£ 172.55		£ 973.73
<b>CLIMBING WALL</b>		£ 7,522.86		
<b>OTHER EXPENSES</b>				
Stripe Fees	£ 90.00		£ -	
AGM Expenses	£ -		£ -	
Quiz Night	£ -		£ -	
Race Night	£ -		£ -	
Group BBQ	£ -		£ -	
Printing , Stationery & Advertising	£ 39.31		£ -	
Sundries	£ 173.23		£ 48.01	
Leader Training	£ -		£ -	
Recruitment Expenses	£ -	£ 302.54	£ -	£ 48.01
<b>TOTAL PAYMENTS</b>		<u>£ 46,986.10</u>		<u>£ 30,225.36</u>

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**Statement of Assets and Liabilities  
at 31st March 2025**

	This Year		Previous Year	
	£	£	£	£
<b>MONETARY ASSETS</b>				
<u>Group Accounts</u>				
Barclay Current Account 40847399	£ 3,721.27		£ 3,621.76	
Barclay Deposit Account 00128228	£ 15,109.09		£ 11,889.17	
Barclay Current Account 60847402	£ 7,644.03	£ 26,474.39	£ 6,552.92	£ 22,063.85
<u>Building Reserves</u>				
Virgin Money Account 40044850 <b>General</b>	£ 20,722.78		£ 20,107.67	
Virgin Money Account 52125J-05907 <b>Wall</b>	£ 1,939.24	£ 22,662.02	£ -	£ 20,107.67
<b>TOTAL GROUP MONETARY ASSETS</b>		<u>£ 49,136.41</u>		<u>£ 42,171.52</u>
 <u>Sections Accounts</u>				
<b>BEAVERS</b>				
Barclay Current Account 50707996	£ 382.83		£ 237.26	
Cash in Hand	£ 4.77	£ 387.60	£ 4.77	£ 242.03
<b>C PACK</b>				
Lloyds Current Account 38027960	£ 492.87		£ 167.35	
Cash In Hand/Uniforms	£ -	£ 492.87	£ -	£ 167.35
<b>D PACK</b>				
Lloyds Current Account 18949263	£ 465.75	£ 465.75	£ 612.54	£ 612.54
<b>SCOUTS</b>				
Lloyds Current Account 74447162	£ 2,427.79	£ 2,427.79	£ 584.99	£ 584.99
<b>SEA SCOUTS</b>				
Barclays Current Account 03395626	£ 509.93	£ 509.93	£ 1,353.42	£ 1,353.42
<b>BOATHOUSE</b>				
Barclays Account 33086534	£ 1,184.04		£ 1,006.59	
Cash in Hand	£ -	£ 1,184.04	£ -	£ 1,006.59
<b>TOTAL SECTION MONETARY ASSETS</b>		<u>£ 5,467.98</u>		<u>£ 3,966.92</u>
<b>TOTAL MONETARY ASSETS</b>		<u>£ 54,604.39</u>		<u>£ 46,138.44</u>
 <b>NON MONETARY ASSETS</b>				
Building		<u>£1,071,502.00</u>		<u>£ 931,740.73</u>
Boats & Canoes		<u>£ 47,899.00</u>		<u>£ 44,599.00</u>
Equipment and Furniture		<u>£ 78,466.00</u>		<u>£ 72,654.03</u>

The Building, Boats & Canoes and Equipment & Furniture are shown at their respective insured values.  
The Building Reserve of £22662.02 is put aside for any major Building Repair and the Climbing Wall.

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**Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees**

I report on the accounts of the Group for the year ended 31st March 2025.

**Respective responsibilities of Trustees and Examiner**

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed

It is my responsibility to:

- . examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act
- . To follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act
- . To state whether particular matters have come to my attention

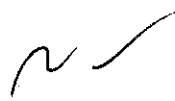
**Basis of Independent Examiner's Report**

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 charity and a 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 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 next statement.

**Independent Examiner's statement**

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

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 2011 Act and
  - . to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 Acthave 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 or,



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