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19th Wimbledon

# 2022 Annual Report



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## AGENDA for 2022 Annual General Meeting

1. Apologies for Absence
2. Minutes of the 2021 AGM
3. Matters Arising from the Minutes
4. Presentation of the Annual Report
5. Presentation of the Annual Statement of Accounts
6. Group Scout Leader’s nomination of
  - the Group Chair
  - certain members of the Executive Committee
7. Election of Group Secretary & Group Treasurer
8. Election of remaining members of the Executive Committee
9. Appointment of Independent Examiner
10. Presentations
11. Any Other Business



## GROUP CHAIR'S INTRODUCTION

I am pleased to be able to introduce our 2022 Annual Report, which summarises the activities of each of the sections within the Group over the last year. I hope that you will read the report and enjoy it.

It has been another busy year, with our programmes returning to a near normal state after the Covid restricted years. And it has been joyful to see our young people once again enjoying the activities and challenges of the Scout programme with the help of our great leadership team. Importantly we have been able to start taking children across all sections away for days, camps and residential activities again, building their skills, resilience and independence and allowing them to have an awful lot of fun with their friends.

I hope that we are able to further build on last year's return to normal events during the coming year. We have noticed that some of the residential events have not been as fully subscribed as prior to the pandemic. It would be wonderful if parents and carers could encourage children to take up the opportunities on offer so that they do not miss important parts of the programme.

I'd like to thank all of our warranted leaders, section helpers, volunteers and young leaders for their efforts during the last year, we are so lucky to have you all! I'd also like to thank our Executive Committee members who work throughout the year to make sure the Group operates effectively and efficiently. We have some vacancies for parent representatives on the committee, if you would like to find out more, please contact us.

I would also like to thank James Roe, a parent representative, who has been running our 100 club for some years, but now has to stand down. He has managed the club very efficiently and has everything in good order. If you would like to take on this role, please let us know.

We are still urgently in need of more adult volunteers to strengthen our sections' leadership teams. We remain reliant upon the existing leaders' goodwill to keep some of our sections going and it would be wonderful to find them some more help. Do you know anyone who could help us? No experience is necessary as full training and support is available and we are happy to talk to anyone who may be interested to a "no commitment" basis to explore how we may be able to use their skills to help the Group. The Scout's adult leadership training is free and most of it is accessible online and can be



completed in your own time. Our District has a dedicated training support officer who will work with individuals to develop a suitable training plan. The training is extremely useful in general life as well as Scouting. If you are interested or can signpost these opportunities to friends and family, we would love to hear from you. More information is available on our website, but please feel free to talk to any of our leaders or myself if you want more information.

We are lucky to have a fantastic site for our activities and, because we have income from our lettings, we can provide great resources for our sections to use. However, we really need someone to help us keep our equipment tidy and in good order. If you can help, please let us know!

As well as our own extensive use of the site, we have other youth groups regularly meeting in the buildings, the local Brownies and Guides are based there along with Polish Brownies and Cubs. We also let the hall to organisations running exercise classes or children's activities as well as a forest school nursery and the Raynes Park Community Church. All of these activities create a lot of wear and tear on the site and I would like to thank Paul and Denise Wilkins for their consistent efforts to keep the site clean and tidy. I'd also like to thank Dave Godden who has transformed the far corner of the woodland area into a really useful meeting place, taking out a pond and levelling the area single handed. We held a few working parties during the year, including a joint one with the Polish Brownies and Cubs and I would like to thank all those who attended these. We will be holding more working parties in the coming year and your support would be appreciated.



I realise that this brief report is full of requests for help! As a voluntary organisation working with young people, we can only operate with sufficient adult help (both directly working with the children and back room roles). If you talk to any of our existing leaders, they will tell you that volunteering with Scouts is great fun and enhances their life. Please think about joining us or encouraging others to do so, we are a friendly bunch of people from all walks of life and we would make you very welcome.

Thank you for your continuing support, which is always appreciated.

*Ros Barnes (Group Chair)*

# GROUP SCOUT LEADER'S REPORT

The past year has been challenging for many volunteer based organisations and our Group has been no exception. However due to careful organisation and planning we have collectively weathered the storms and are now delivering a safe and exciting program of Scouting.

The leaders and supporters have done a great job in getting the Group as whole to this point from which we can flourish and extend our Group activities in delivering Scouting to young people.

Youngsters are appreciating once again the joys of physically being with their friends, camping or being outdoors, learning new skills and putting those skills to the test with the friendships Scouting brings to their lives. The experiences outside of schooling and family are very important and help young people to connect in society and show resilience with a healthy outlook in life.

My heartfelt thanks go to all of the Group's warranted leaders, section helpers, volunteers and young leaders who have given their time freely over the past year. The Executive led by Ros our Chair plan the strategy and finances of the Group, and my thanks to them for their support.

We take nothing for granted and we continually reappraise the way we work and organise our affairs, Our core costs are subsidised by our income from the HQ. Your subscriptions actually include some £35 that goes for National HQ and County fees, so you can see what good value we provide.

Part of that push to reduce the burden of administration, costs and communicating efficiently is the continued use of Online Scout Manager (OSM) and collection of camp money and membership subscription. This is a really easy way for you to keep in touch and pay any dues owed promptly.

Times will be financially tough ahead for some in our community and I would like to say that no young person should go without Scouting for the lack of money. This is a principle that we hold dear to our collective hearts. Please contact me in **complete confidence** if you may have or foresee problems. We can contribute or assist in other ways to enable scouting for your child.

To keep the levels of volunteer support high, I would urge any parent or family member to come along and feel free to join in and help for whatever amount of time you have available.

*Paul Wilkins (Group Scout Leader)*

# OAKWOOD BEAVER COLONY REPORT



Oakwood Beavers have loved getting back to normality over the course of the year, although a very welcome shift from normality was dry, sunny Monday evenings throughout the summer term!

Looking back to the autumn term we tried low tech communication with string/can telephones and learnt the phonetic alphabet for the Communicator Badge. We followed this with some amazing paper airplanes and helicopters to gain Air Activities Badge. Scary Halloween Spiders provided a creative end to the half term and the customary Beaver Hand Bells Performance a musical Christmas finale.

During the darker evenings we designed and built useful machines out of Lego, had an Experiment evening, making batteries out of lemons and messily investigated non-Newtonian fluids (leaving evidence of our very enthusiastic volcano on the HQ roof! ) The shift to normality allowed a return to our traditional culinary interest with Haggis for Burns Night, noodles for Chinese New Year and pancakes to celebrate Shrove Tuesday.

We were happy that the summer term allowed this interest to continue outside as we toasted marshmallows and cooked damper bread 'snakes' on open fires. Further camp craft skills were gained through an evening building shelters and hammocks, learning to tie reef knots and marshmallow/spaghetti pioneering. The lovely summer evenings also allowed us to do a treasure hunt around Morley Park where we were enthusiastically joined by parents and siblings.

We had a fantastic day at the District Beaver Fun Day at Walton Firs, a chance to hone some of our camp skills (more marshmallows!) as well as trying out activities including bouldering, archery, the maze and adventure course. The Beavers were also introduced to the fun that is the Walton Firs ravine, almost certain to be continued as they progress through the 19<sup>th</sup>.

It's been great to see how far we've come over the year in getting back to normal with several Beavers gaining their Chief Scout Bronze award and moving onto Cubs. We've also welcomed lots of new Beavers, enjoying getting to know new



families as well as a number of siblings who have been keen to join our evenings. Thanks to Pauline (Squirrel), Ben (Panther), our Duke of Edinburgh helper Andrew, as well as all the parents for their help and support. Looking forward to the next year including a welcome return to the Beaver and Cub Sleepover.

*Suzanne Clark (Robin)*

# MAYHEW BEAVER COLONY AND CUB PACK REPORT



Given that we run similar programmes for the Mayhew Beavers and Cubs we have again combined our annual reports - thinking of our readers of course!

Over the past year we have welcomed new members into both sections and said cheerio to others. Being as we are essentially the same leadership team covering two sections, we never really say goodbye to our youngsters except to those that don't simply move up to Scouts but go further afield to Costa Rica, for example, or the Czech Republic as one of our Beavers and one of our Cubs have done respectively! To others it is an au revoir and see you at the next Group event!

If there is such a thing in Scouting, the autumn term of 2021 brought us back some 'normality'. No more social distancing (for the youngsters or adults) and no restrictions on sharing equipment etc. Both the Mayhew Beavers and Cubs remained on an outside programme until the October half term when we had to concede and return inside, but not before lighting fires (and toasting marshmallows of course), learning about recycling and in particular the Walkers crisp packet scheme that the District Beavers participated in whereby a charity on the south coast recycled our empty crisp packets into thermal blankets for the homeless. Apparently the cheese and onion packets were the best for this! We collected nature's autumn bounty and made beautiful autumn wreaths, learnt about road safety and had a go at bell ringing. Thanks go to the Oakwood Beaver leaders for stepping in to cover our sections on this occasion when Ros, Denise and I were all away during the same week - one of the pitfalls of having the same leadership team covering two sections!

Always given the opportunity, both sections celebrated Halloween with toilet roll mummies and extremely effective (but made from not so environmentally friendly cotton wool buds) skeletons. In the long run in to Christmas we looked at constellations, sang songs around the campfire with the rest of the Group and became spy agents with the Beavers and Cubs setting their very own spy codes and messages under their personalised spy guises, as demonstrated by their secret agent identification badges. The term was rounded off as usual with a good party, which ended with a large snowball (newspaper) fight.



Everything we do is geared towards badge requirements and so it was with pleasure that we were able to award Nicholas his Bronze Chief Scout award



before he moved up to Cubs. Well done Nicholas!

With the birth of 2022 came a fresh new term. We jumped straight into the Skills challenge badge which included sewing, ironing, lighting matches and window cleaning - the Scout hut windows have never sparkled so much! The Beavers and Cubs have also completed their Money badge, a relatively new badge released by the Scout Association. It was fascinating to learn that the new designs on the rear of each coin denomination all combine to make the royal shield of arms. But perhaps more interesting

were the menus, based on a £5 per person per day budget! Needless to say there would be some hungry Cubs at the end of the day! We also looked at fire safety in the home (and Scout hut) and dusted off the soft archery sets.

A highlight of the spring term for the Cubs was a weekend at the Marchants Hill PGL facility. Whilst it was quite chilly across the weekend and somewhat damp, a good time was had by all there with the giant swing, archery, sensory trail, zip wire climbing and raft building being the activities completed. It was great to get some nights away under the Cubs' belts, particularly those for whom it was their first night away from home.

The summer brought outside opportunities once again and on election night (when we are evicted from the Scout Hut as it becomes a polling station) we ventured out into Morley Park to complete the cycle section of our Cyclist badge. Both sections had fun and we rounded the evening off talking about safety equipment - helmets,

lights, hi vis, etc. Whilst the Cubs continued their cyclist badge the week after, learning about punctures and pumping up tyres, the Beavers headed back into Morley Park in search of tadpoles and general nature in the pond. After that they enjoyed a nature scavenger hunt back on site. We got messy in May, tie dying tshirts and pillow cases, and practised putting up tents.



The Cubs enjoyed a more traditional Cub Camp at Walton Firs, which gives the older Cubs the opportunity to sleep in tents. The Cubs again enjoyed lots of activities, including shelter building, low ropes, caving and orienteering,



tent pitching and pioneering. They joined with the campfire of a group from Cobham and cooked their own lunch (burgers) on open fires. A huge thanks go to Akela (Mike Mayhew) of the Oakwood pack for organising it.

Not to be outdone, the Beavers enjoyed a District Funday at Walton Firs - an event postponed twice due to Covid. The Beavers enjoyed fire lighting, soft archery, mini pioneering, an assault course and, of course, had great fun running backwards and forwards up the sides of the natural ravine.

As we approached a well earned summer break, the Beavers completed their Builders badge. Their task was to design a robot out of junk materials. The design had to identify what materials would be used for what part, then they collected said materials and built their robots the following week. We were extremely impressed with all the finished robots. The Cubs meanwhile made camp tripods to hang a pan of water to cook pasta and hotdogs in. Both sections rounded off their years with a slightly damp water games evening.

Back in 2021, Christopher joined us at Beavers as part of his DofE volunteering. Christopher has moved up through each section in the group and we are lucky that having completed the Bronze stage of his DofE requirements he is continuing on with us to complete his Silver and hopefully Gold awards as well! At Cubs we have welcomed some new young leaders Dimitry (an elder sibling of an existing Cub) plus Tony and Kai, former Mayhew and Oakwood Cubs respectively. All are completing their DofE and their presence has been most welcomed. We hope they will continue with us long after their DofE challenge is completed.

Of course I say this each year, but none of the above would be possible without a strong and dedicated leadership team. Huge thanks to Rebecca, Denise and Ros (Group Chair) for their time and efforts. Thanks must go to Christopher, Dimitry, Tony and Kai too. We should also acknowledge other leaders in the Group who very quickly offer up to step in and help run not one but two sections back to back when we are stuck on a Thursday. The 19<sup>th</sup> truly has a 'team' of leaders. As always further thanks go to our parents for their ongoing support and for their help at our

weekly meetings, either as a one off (marshalling our cyclists around the park) or stepping up to help out on a more regular basis. If any of our other parents would like to give volunteering a go, perhaps a week per month, then please speak to any of us - we can accommodate any time you are able to offer!

We look forward to another fun year at the Mayhew Beavers and Cubs!

Liz Strutt (Beaver Leader and Raksha)

## OAKWOOD CUB PACK REPORT

**cubs** Hurrah! A whole year of face-to-face meetings. How good it is to feel things are getting back to normal. It has been a very busy year at Cubs as we have tried to make up for lost time and have had a focus on completing the Cub programme in record time. This saw 3 Cubs gain their Chief Scout Silver Award in May just before going up to Scouts. This is the highest award in Cubs so well done to Henry, Miguel and Zidane.

Without doubt the highlights of the year have been the trip to PGL in March and Cub Camp to Walton Firs in May. PGL was the first time away from home for many of the Cubs and concentrated on adventurous activities like climbing, zip wire, giant swing, archery, sensory trail and raft building. It was great to see the children have fun, challenging themselves and working as a team. As a result, most of the pack gained their 'Adventure' Challenge Award. Bad luck to the three boys who had Covid and couldn't come with us. Cub Camp gave the children another opportunity to be away from home for the weekend and this concentrated on more traditional skills like lighting and cooking on fires, putting up tents, building shelters and learning how to make gadgets and follow a trail using a compass. All the Cubs had a go at caving (a man-made structure) which was great fun, and the older Cubs had the opportunity to sleep outside in tents. On both occasions we were lucky with the weather and many children gained their 'Outdoor' Challenge Award.

In the autumn term, after our Covid break, we once again held our Group Campfire. It was great to be joined by so many parents and children, and the cocoa and



biscuits also went down well afterwards. In November, we were also pleased to welcome back 'Shooting Stars Circus Skills' where Cubs and leaders had an opportunity to learn how to juggle using a diabolo and some children were surprisingly good at cycling on miniature bikes, but the leaders gave this a miss! We finished the term by making bath bombs but it all ended abruptly because Covid cases had risen sharply and no one wanted to catch it just before Christmas, so we broke up a week earlier than expected.



Through our sixers' forum we learned what Cubs like to do best and no surprises that lighting fires came out on top including cooking on them especially chocolate in bananas and toasting marshmallows. As a result, one of the first badges children achieve is Backwoods Cooking. Over the year other badges have included Hiker with a trip to Wimbledon Common, Disability Awareness, Home Help and Nautical Skills. All the children who attended the District Science Day also achieved their Scientist Badge and had a great time trying out lots of different experiments. Well done also to our team of children who attended the District Chess Competition. Their excellent playing skills saw them come second overall in the District as well as earning themselves the Hobbies Badge.

Part of the Scouting movement's philosophy is to think about and help others. With this in mind, after discussion, the Cubs raised £50 for Crisis to help homeless people at Christmas and in July brought items to donate to a local Foodbank. Thank you to everyone for your generosity. For the 'World ' Challenge we took part in games from around the world, celebrated Diwali by making lamps from clay and Chinese New Year by making tiger masks. We also checked the services available in Raynes Park with a walk to the high street and played activity games to learn about our environment and how to protect it.

We had a special celebration this year because of the Queen's Platinum Jubilee and held our own street party at the Group HQ. The children have also been given a special badge to wear on their uniform to mark this unique occasion. We are very fortunate that our site has grounds where we can play wide games, build shelters, observe and draw things from nature as well as traditional fun activities like our Easter Egg Hunt. We finished the year with rounders out on the field next to our site.

Of course, all this would not be possible without a great set of leaders who give up a substantial amount of time throughout the year to ensure we have a busy and fun packed programme to suit all tastes and ability. There's always room on our

team for additional support so if anyone fancies it, or you know of anyone, then please come and speak to me. A big thank you to Chris, Helen, Laura and Kiki who have supported me throughout the year in offering the children so many experiences. Finally, I would also like to thank all our Cub parents for your support as together we make such a great team.

Mike Mayhew (Akela)

# SCOUTS

## SCOUT TROOP REPORT

This last year has given us the opportunity to get back to many of the Scouting activities that we missed so much during the pandemic.

In September 2021, the year started off with a water sports session with our friends at Wimbledon Park lake. It was good fun kayaking (in the rain) and an opportunity to try something new for some of our Scouts and develop skills for others.

In October, a group of Scouts took on an Expedition into Surrey. Travelling out by train and minibus into the Surrey Hills, they then successfully navigated to Bentley Copse in Shere, where they set up camp. Fajitas for dinner were cooked on the fire, followed by some evening games and entertainment.

In November, we were able to join the Beavers and Cubs for our Group Campfire and to end the term for Christmas, the Patrol Leaders took over and ran a Christmas Quiz for us all to enjoy.

In the New Year, we started the Creative Challenge badge, one of the nine challenge badges needed for the Gold Chief Scout award. The 'Creative' theme led us to rope making from toilet paper, performances using shadows, clay faces, food art and trash fashion. Scouts managed to complete their model maker activity badge by using their imagination and artistic skills to create Warhammer figures.



In March, the Scouts were very fortunate to have sunshine for their weekend camp at HQ. After tents were set up, patrols were tasked with solving the clues of the Wimbledon Common challenge hike. The clues then lead them to the padlock code releasing some tasty treats for our dessert.



Moving into the summer term, the lighter evenings returned which allowed us to develop some camp and outdoor skills. After learning about the principles and safety of fire at camp, we then put this into practice. Scouts were challenged to light a fire and cook campfire bread twists one week and a fire that floats on water another week. Scouts explored camp equipment, set up various types of tents and built their own shelters. Using the knots we learnt, we were then able to build a bridge with logs that we could walk over. We finished off the term with something a little different - a vertical log climb.



Over the summer, we were excited to be able to have a week long Camp at Lyons Copse campsite, near Southampton. For many, this was the first time away from home in a while so it was great to see the Scouts working so well together in patrols and really getting involved in all the activities. It was a busy week but we did manage to jump on a Hovercraft to the Isle of Wight for the day.

Well done to Evie and Edward who have been nominated for the Jack Petchey achievement award. Congratulations to Xander, who has been selected to represent UK Scouting at the World Scout Jamboree in Korea next year.

Currently we have 36 Scouts and are looking forward to meeting the 13 new members who will be moving up from Cubs to the Troop this term.

Thank you to our volunteers (leaders, young leaders, helpers and parents) for their support over the year.

**Dave Godden (Scout Leader)**

# RAYNES PARK EXPLORER SCOUT UNIT REPORT



This year was a return to normality for the Raynes Park Explorer Scout Unit. After the Covid restrictions that prevented us from meeting, we rapidly set about making up for lost time. In summer 2021, our intrepid leaders, in coordination with colleagues from Wimbledon & Wandle and Royal Kingston Districts, planned and delivered a stellar summer camp, becoming the first campers to return to Gilwell Park. Even more impressive, the entire camp was planned online by leaders who, in many cases, had not met one another in person.

From there, we returned to the usual rhythm of weekly meetings and District activities. Highlights of the year include Red Flare, go karting (twice!), paintball, water sports (three times!), Go Ape, climbing the O2, ice skating at Hampton Court and a 13,000 calorie 'earn and burn' challenge, plus the usual fun of fire lighting, cooking, bowling and generally larking about.

We were also thrilled to support more than a dozen members in completing their Duke of Edinburgh bronze expedition on the South Downs. We look forward to a silver expedition sometime in the autumn, perhaps on the Isle of Wight.

Building on the success of the joint District summer camp in 2021, we returned for a second instalment, this time in the New Forest. Highlights of this camp included a visit to the Royal Navy dockyards in Portsmouth and loads of wet-and-wild fun.

Perhaps most notable is that the Raynes Park Explorer Scout Unit remains a growing and active home for our young people. We have a solid core of active young people who return week after week, engage and support one another in their growth and seem to have a blast doing it. Two of our number will be attending the next World Scout Jamboree in South Korea and we look forward to supporting them in so doing.

Many thanks to my fellow leaders, Neil, Nicky, Nic, Jamie, James (all four of them!), Lucy, Bella and Harry, for their outstanding supporting. I was honoured to take on the role of unit leader this year, but it would have been absolutely impossible to delivery any of the above without such a strong team!

**Eric de Regnacourt (Explorer Scout Leader)**



## GROUP HQ - A SITE FOR THE COMMUNITY

We are really pleased that both the hall and the outside areas are used so well by the community. Our Scout Group is firmly embedded into the life of so many people who use the hall every week. We are now fully booked with long term; regular bookings and we are not currently able to offer the hall for children's parties at weekends.

The income from the rent paid by users provides us with reliable and regular funds to invest in Scouting, improve the site and pay for cleaning. This year we were able to upgrade the wifi system to enable access to the internet across the site as well as buying more equipment for the sections to use. This coming year we will pay the last instalment of our repayment of the loan that we used to enable our new hall to be built.

Our users are happy to co-operate with us to enable the exclusive use of the site for Scout use when we need it. We are very grateful for their continuing support.

Information on the various activities available in the hall is posted on our notice board in the hall lobby, please take a look and see if anything is of interest to you and your family.

Ros Barnes (Lettings)

**We need tea makers, activity planners, tidy-uppers and helpers for as little or as much time as you can spare.**

We meet on Tuesday or Thursday evenings to help our 8 to 11-year olds get going, get thinking and stuck into all kinds of things to give them skills for life. Every now and then that may well mean using a compass, but more often than not it's about confidence, speaking up, thinking on their feet and going for it. Can you help?

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# MEMBERS OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

## 2021-2022

Group Chair	Ros Barnes
Group Secretary	Ian Haynes
Group Treasurer	Adrian Chapman
Group Scout Leader (G.S.L.)	Paul Wilkins
Assistant Group Scout Leader (A.G.S.L.)	Richard Bowyer
Assistant Group Scout Leader (A.G.S.L.)	Mike Mayhew
Beaver Scout Leader (Fawn) - Oakwood	Suzanne Clark
Beaver Scout Leader (Raksha) - Mayhew	Liz Strutt
Cub Scout Leader (Akela) - Oakwood	Mike Mayhew (interim)
Cub Scout Leader (Akela) - Mayhew	Rebecca Gregg
Scout Leader (S.L.)	Dave Godden
Explorer Scout Leader	Eric de Regnaucourt
GSL nominated member	<b>vacant</b>
Oakwood Beaver parent	<b>vacant</b>
Mayhew Beaver parent	<b>vacant</b>
Oakwood Cub parent	<b>vacant</b>
Mayhew Cub parent	Matthew Debnam
Scout Troop parent	Anne Khan
Quartermaster	<b>vacant</b>

## '100 CLUB' WINNERS IN 2021

Jan	£15	Barbara Chapman	Jul	£15	Rhys Beynon
	£15	Susanna King-Christopher		£15	Suzanne Clark
Feb	£15	Howard Rochford	Aug	£15	Gem Wilkins
	£15	Claire Henderson		£15	Jim Brook
Mar	£15	Marina Bowyer	Sep	£15	Adrian Chapman
	£15	John Kitchener		£15	Chris Chapman
Apr	£15	Charlie Mowbray	Oct	£15	Nigel Bishop
	£15	Barbara Lunn		£15	Kath McLaughlan
May	£15	Ian Haynes	Nov	£100	Rosemary Matters
	£15	Tony Rochford		£15	Erica Bishop
Jun	£15	Pam McLaughlan	Dec	£50	William Tolmie
	£15	Catherine Williams		£15	Chris Godden

## GROUP TREASURER'S REPORT

The accounts for the Group show that income exceeded expenditure by more than £22,000 in the financial year to 31 March 2022. Full accounts for the whole Group will be presented at the AGM.

Following the easing of Covid restrictions our income has greatly recovered since the previous financial year. Other users of our premises have been able to return resulting in income of £42,969, compared to £15,130 in the previous year. Membership subscriptions rose to £12,445, compared to £5,377 in the previous year. As our premises are subject to business rates we qualified for another government small business covid grant of £2,667. We repaid £10,000 from our loan taken from District to finance our new buildings, leaving a balance of £20,000 to repay. We anticipate repaying this in full in the next financial year.

We continued to raise money from The Giving Machine as commission donated from online purchases of goods, insurance, theatre tickets etc. We are also raising donations from AmazonSmile as a percentage of purchases made through their website. It costs the buyer nothing so we'd like a lot more people to use these schemes. Details of them can be found in this booklet and under Fundraising on our Group website.

Thanks also to those who made other donations totalling over £1,552. The Gift Aid scheme continues to provide additional income. I would urge all parents to sign up if possible.



The 100 Club is an easy & fun way to raise money for the Group. It costs £1 a month (payable annually) to belong and 50% of all money received is given out in prizes. Many thanks to James Roe for running the Club in the recent years, he now has to stand down, so if you can help with this role please contact us. If you would like to join the 100 Club please email [100club@19thwimbledonscouts.co.uk](mailto:100club@19thwimbledonscouts.co.uk).

Adrian Chapman (Group Treasurer)

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## GROUP INFORMATION

The Headquarters Site of the 19<sup>th</sup> Wimbledon Scout Group and the Raynes Park Explorer Scout Unit is at 106 Cottenham Park Road, SW20 0SZ (at the junction with Oakwood Road).

The Group has links with St Matthew's (C. of E.) Church and the Sacred Heart (R.C.) Parish.

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<b>Mayhew Beaver Scout Colony</b> Thursdays, 5.30 – 6.30	<b>Liz Strutt (Raksha)</b> <a href="mailto:mayhewbeavers@19thwimbletonscouts.co.uk">mayhewbeavers@19thwimbletonscouts.co.uk</a>
<b>Oakwood Beaver Scout Colony</b> Mondays, 6.15 – 7.15	<b>Suzanne Clark (Fawn)</b> <a href="mailto:oakwoodbeavers@19thwimbletonscouts.co.uk">oakwoodbeavers@19thwimbletonscouts.co.uk</a>
<b>Mayhew Cub Scout Pack</b> Thursdays, 6.30 – 8.00	<b>Rebecca Gregg (Akela)</b> <a href="mailto:akelamayhew@19thwimbletonscouts.co.uk">akelamayhew@19thwimbletonscouts.co.uk</a>
<b>Oakwood Cub Scout Pack</b> Tuesdays, 6.30 – 8.00	<b>Mike Mayhew (Akela) (Interim)</b> <a href="mailto:akelaoakwood@19thwimbletonscouts.co.uk">akelaoakwood@19thwimbletonscouts.co.uk</a>
<b>Scout Troop</b> Wednesdays, 7.30 – 9.00	<b>Dave Godden</b> <a href="mailto:scoutleader@19thwimbletonscouts.co.uk">scoutleader@19thwimbletonscouts.co.uk</a>
<b>Raynes Park Explorer Scout Unit</b> Thursdays, 7.30 – 9.15	<b>Eric de Regnaucourt</b> <a href="mailto:leaders@raynesparkesu.org">leaders@raynesparkesu.org</a>



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# VOLUNTEERING - IT COULD BE YOU!

**Would you like to be part of a successful team, make a real difference to young people's lives and have a positive impact on society?**

The 19th Wimbledon Scout Group is one of the largest and most successful Scout Groups in Merton with great facilities and a strong and dedicated leadership team. We want to build on that success and provide greater Scouting for more young people for years to come.



**We are recruiting now at all sections in the Group to strengthen our adult leadership team.**

No previous experience or skills are required. There is a range of roles to choose from; depending on where you and we feel you would fit in best. Any necessary training will be provided.

All you need is an enthusiasm to help Scouting 'actively engage and support young people in their personal development, empowering them to make a positive contribution to society.' We do this through adults working in partnership with young people (boys and girls, aged 6 to 18).

Being a leader in Scouting is hugely rewarding and is great fun - most of the time! It will give you the chance to try new activities and experiences and develop your own confidence and skills such as leadership, team working and planning, which will be of value to you and employers.

**For further information on the 19th Wimbledon Scout Group visit our website at [www.19thwimbletonscouts.co.uk](http://www.19thwimbletonscouts.co.uk) and for more general information about Scouting visit [www.scouts.org.uk](http://www.scouts.org.uk).**

If you think you might be interested and would like a completely non-committal chat about our volunteering opportunities, then email the Chair at [chair@19thwimbletonscouts.co.uk](mailto:chair@19thwimbletonscouts.co.uk). After that, you can come along and try it out. And in the meantime, there is a safeguarding process to go through, including criminal record checks and a couple of references. All being well, you'll soon be joining the adventure and sharing in the rewards that Scouting has to offer.

Paul Wilkins (G.S.L.)

Ros Barnes (Chair)

# Minutes of the Nineteenth Annual General Meeting of the 19<sup>th</sup> Wimbledon Scout Group, held by video conference on 1st November 2021

**Present:** There were approximately 20 people present, including leaders, parents, friends and members of the Group Executive.

**Welcome:** The Group Chair, Ros Barnes, welcomed everyone and thanked them for attending by video on Zoom due to the COVID-19 precautions.

1. **Apologies:** Apologies for absence were received from Chris Chapman.
2. **Minutes:** The Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of 16th October, 2020 were taken as read. Approval was proposed by Mike Mayhew, seconded by Eric de Regnacourt and agreed by the meeting.
3. **Matters Arising from the Minutes:** There were no matters arising.
4. **Annual Report:** The Group Chair presented the Annual Report. It was another unusual year with a lot of time spent outdoors which is not what we are used to but fortunate that we have such good grounds to be able to do this. The children really enjoyed themselves but did miss out on the residential activities, although Scouts & Explorers did manage short trips in the summer. Membership numbers have been maintained, with limits still in place in the Beaver & Cub sections to protect the Scout Troop size. Ros took the opportunity to thank Mark Steed for being a fantastic member of the team over the years, with Cubs & Scouts and other contributions such as the films etc. She wished him well in his new endeavours. Ros also thanked Mike Mayhew for coming out of retirement to be Akela of Oakwood Cub Pack. Our challenge next year is to recruit a Cub Leader to relieve Mike and a Beaver Leader to relieve Rebecca & Liz from running a double shift on a Thursday evening. Finally Ros thanked all the Leaders and Executive for all their efforts, not just at section meetings but also helping around the site and other events. She ended her report with condolences for the sad loss of John Kitchener, who was associated with the Group for many years in various leadership positions, and noted there will be a memorial celebration this weekend. Approval of the report was proposed by Neil McLauchlan and seconded by Eric de Regnacourt.
5. **Annual Statement of Accounts:** The Treasurer, Adrian Chapman, presented the Annual Statement of Accounts for year ending 31st March. He noted there was still a reasonable lettings income despite Covid of £21,000, plus a £10,000 Covid grant from Merton. A further £10,000 has been paid from the original District Loan leaving £30,000 remaining.

Approval of the Accounts was proposed by Mark Steed, seconded by Mike Mayhew, who also thanked Adrian, and agreed by the meeting.

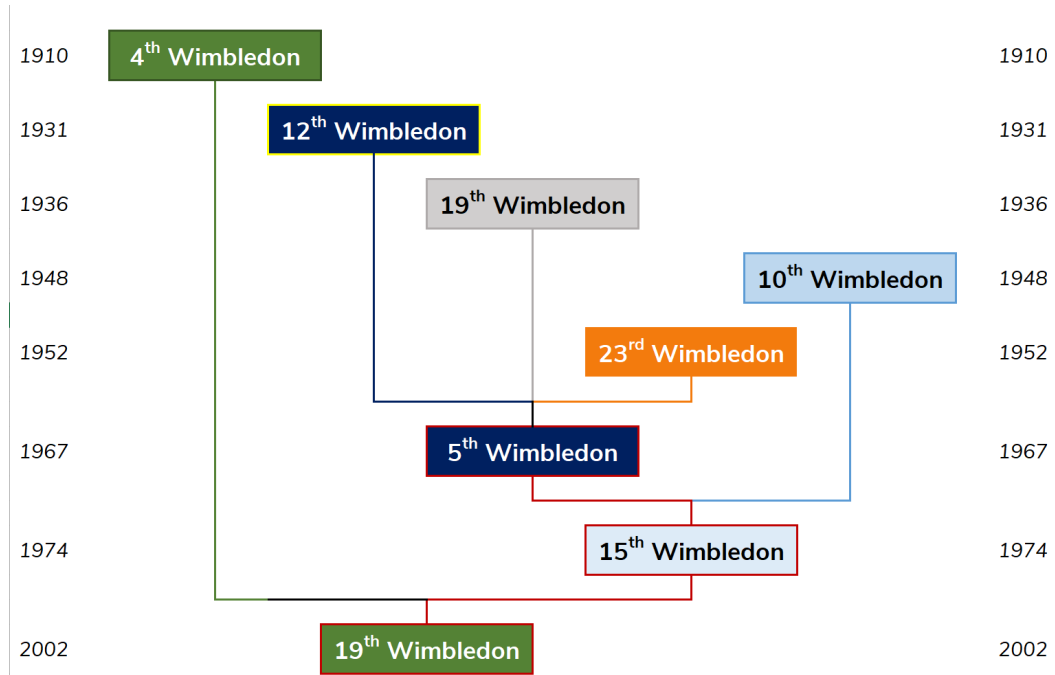
6. **GSL's Nominations of Group Chair and Executive Committee:** The Group Scout Leader thanked Ros for her expertise as Chair and nominated her to continue for another year. Also, he nominated Dick Bowyer to be a GSL's nominated member of the Executive, because now he is an ASL he is no longer a standing member. He finished by also giving his thanks to all the leaders and executive for the past year.
7. **Group Secretary and Group Treasurer:** The Chair advised that Ian Haynes was willing to continue as Secretary and Adrian Chapman to continue as Treasurer. This was proposed by Dick Bowyer, seconded by Dave Godden and agreed by the meeting.
8. **Election of Remaining Members of the Group Executive Committee:** The section leaders all agreed to be standing members of the Executive. Two parents have volunteered to be on the Executive, Matthew Debnam for Mayhew Cubs and Michael Green for Oakwood Beavers. Finally Explorer Leader, Eric de Regnaucourt, was nominated to serve on the Executive Committee. Their election was proposed by Rebecca Gregg and seconded by Mike Mayhew and approved by the meeting.
9. **Appointment of Independent Examiner:** The Treasurer reported that Michael Barnes was willing to continue as Independent Examiner. This was proposed by Mike Mayhew, seconded by Rebecca Gregg and agreed by the meeting.
10. **Presentations:** There were no formal presentations at this meeting. Dick noted that we have not proposed a Ron Day Shield winner this year due to the unusual circumstances. He will get a small permanent shield for last year's winner Immy Henderson. Other presentations will be done by the District Commissioner at a later event, possibly the Group Camp Fire. The Chair thanked James Roe for running the 100 Club and noted that the grand annual draw will be done at the Group Camp Fire this year.
11. **Any Other Business:** Matthew asked whether there would be a Remembrance Day Parade this year, and Paul & Dave explained there would be one which Explorers & Scouts have been invited to attend. Also Matthew mentioned that there had been a few sightings of rats, which Paul agreed and noted that bait has been put down which has reduced the problem but it will not be eliminated entirely given the rural surroundings at the site.

**Close of meeting:** There being no other business, the meeting closed and the Chair invited everyone to stay for virtual chit chat!

# THE ORIGINS OF THE 19TH WIMBLEDON

This year the 19th Wimbledon Scout Group is 20 years old ! The Scout Association Certificate of Registration is dated 27th February 2002 and was signed by the first GSL, Kevin Quigley, with Chris Godden as Chairman and Adrian Chapman as Treasurer.

Our Group is the result of numerous amalgamations of Scout Groups. Although, as you will see below, it is almost like our Group badge (the Phoenix rising from the ashes) reflects our return to one of our earlier “names” from 36 years ago.



The 12<sup>th</sup> Wimbledon (St Matthews), the 19<sup>th</sup> Wimbledon (Raynes Park County Grammar School) and the 23<sup>rd</sup> Wimbledon (Sacred Heart School) merged in 1967 to form the 5<sup>th</sup> Wimbledon, which in turn merged with the 10<sup>th</sup> Wimbledon to form the 15<sup>th</sup> Wimbledon, and then in 2002 merging with the 4<sup>th</sup> Wimbledon to form the 19<sup>th</sup> Wimbledon.

It is amazing to think of all the young people who have passed through these Groups over the last 110 years, learning new skills, gaining new experiences and growing into fine young men and women. Here's to many more years of great Scouting at the 19th Wimbledon.

## FRIENDS OF THE 19TH (FON)

The 19<sup>th</sup> Wimbledon can trace its origins back over 110 years, and during that time many people have had an involvement one way or another with the Group or its predecessors. We realise that whilst people move away or move on, they may still like to keep in contact with us, receive occasional news of the Group's activities, renew old acquaintances and receive invitations to important Group events. For this we have the "Friends of the 19th". We also hold regular events for Friends, Leaders and Exec members at Group HQ.

If you would like to become a Friend, then please contact the secretary:

**Ian Haynes, Secretary, 19<sup>th</sup> Wimbledon Scout Group**

[secretary@19thwimbledonscouts.co.uk](mailto:secretary@19thwimbledonscouts.co.uk)

The Friends of the 19<sup>th</sup> are proud to support the efforts of the 19<sup>th</sup> Wimbledon Scout Group in providing another century of Scouting to local boys and girls.

### Raise funds for us while you shop!

**You can also raise money for our Scout Group without doing any fundraising or donating any money. How?**

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**19TH WIMBLEDON SCOUT GROUP**  
Statement of Assets & Liabilities for the year ended 31 March 2022

OPENING BALANCES		CLOSING BALANCES	
Group funds:		Group funds:	
Current account	22,237.71	Current account	34,875.27
100 club current account	1,195.00	100 club current account	622.00
Scout Association short term investment	1,005.38	Scout Association short term investment	1,017.15
Cash	168.25	Cash	144.49
100 club prizes payable	(640.00)	100 club prizes payable	(622.00)
Loan from Scout District	(30,000.00)	Loan from Scout District	(20,000.00)
	(6,033.66)		16,036.91
Oakwood Beaver funds:		Oakwood Beaver funds:	
Cash	0.00	Cash	0.00
	0.00		0.00
Mayhew Beaver/Cub funds:		Mayhew Beaver/Cub funds:	
Current account	0.00	Current account	0.00
Cash	0.00	Cash	0.00
	0.00		0.00
Oakwood Cub funds:		Oakwood Cub funds:	
Current account	2,176.90	Current account	1,671.18
Cash	0.00	Cash	0.00
	2,176.90		1,671.18
Scout Troop funds:		Scout Troop funds:	
Current account	1,314.92	Current account	4,678.69
Cash	0.00	Cash	0.00
	1,314.92		4,678.69
<b>TOTAL OPENING BALANCE</b>	<b>(2,541.84)</b>	<b>TOTAL CLOSING BALANCE</b>	<b>22,386.78</b>
Group surplus	22,070.57		
Sections surplus	2,858.05		
<b>NET SURPLUS</b>	<b>24,928.62</b>		
<b>TOTAL CLOSING BALANCE</b>	<b>22,386.78</b>		

The Group owns buildings with an insured value of £599,719.37 and equipment with an insured value of £51,136.25

**Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of The 19th Wimbledon Scout Group**

I report on the accounts of the Group for the year ended 31 March 2022.

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**

As the charity's trustees you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. You 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.

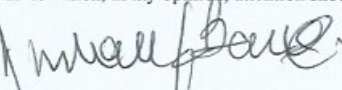
**Basis of examiner's statement**

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 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:

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.



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