

Scouts

22nd Wimbledon
Scout Group

Annual Report 2025-26

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A message from our Chairman

Another year has gone by and the rebuilding of the rear of the HQ is near completion.

We have set up two sub teams of the Trustee Board which are the fundraising and premises teams.

The first is a small group of people who get together and plan Group events. The second deals with maintenance and development of the building and grounds. Whilst I know everyone is very busy and not everyone has time to commit to helping with weekly activities. But if you feel you could offer something however small in any way to either of these teams or if there is anything else you would be willing to do then please speak to Graham or myself to offer what you can.

The sections within the Scout Group continue to grow and run a full list of events from one day outings to week long camps alongside their normal meetings. Without the great leadership team running these events, they would not be able to offer so many opportunities to so many of our young people.

I would like to finish by thanking all the Trustees, Leaders, helpers and young people for making this one of the best groups in the country and hope that with your support we can continue to be on top.

Thank you

Tim Kerridge
Group Chairman











Group Report 2025-26

Welcome to another Group Report from the 22nd Wimbledon. It has proven to be another busy one for the Group. Both in terms of section activities and our exciting redevelopment project at the HQ!

The sections have been busy with their weekly meetings, camps and outings which have been documented in the section reports in this document. If I touch on them in this report too, then I apologise!

As usual, our year started off with the District St Georges Day parade, but this one was special – we were finally at the front of the parade – just behind the Kingston &Malden Scout & Guide band. Not only this, but it meant that the Group were then also responsible for the service inside the church too. After months of preparation and liaising with various people (thanks to Alison for your help with this too), the day arrived. We were met at the church by several of our wonderful parents and leaders who showed people to their seats, helped with the flags and to tidy up afterwards. We also had the debut (and only) performance of the 22nd Wimbledon Choir who had been practising the songs and helped to lead the singing. A huge well done too to our young people who did a reading in front of the whole District – you all did yourselves proud. I was also very pleased with our attendance from the young people and adults and would like to thank everyone who was involved in whatever capacity for your help on the day.

Our Group AGM and family fun day was once again well supported with the addition of the County Climbing wall which had also been used by the sections the week before! Thank you to the adults who undertook the training to allow us to run the wall for the day.

We took part in the District Sports Day and did really well in the Cub, Scout and Group events winning many medals and trophies! – well done to all who took part.

It was with great sadness that we heard that one of our Scouts, James Peck passed away in May following a battle with a brain tumour. James had been a member of the 22nd Wimbledon since he joined us as a Beaver and had progressed through the sections. Despite his treatment, James would still attend the Troop meetings and partake in whatever activities he could or just to come for a chat. James was awarded The Cornwall Scout Badge which is the highest gallantry award that can be presented by The Scout Association for his great courage. This was presented to his brother Oliver by the County Lead Volunteer in July. Oliver is permitted to wear James' award in his memory. Rest in peace James.

After the summer break, we held a couple of fundraising events – a Race Night and our Fireworks night. Both of which raised a good amount for the group so thank you to everyone who came to help or support the events.

The Group came together again for our bi-annual visit to St James' Church, New Malden for our Christingle and Celebration of Christmas event. It was lovely to see so many people there – especially when we lined the church with our lit Christingles. Again, well done to our young people who read so beautifully during the service.

It wouldn't be the end of the year without our 'small' visit to Wimbledon Theatre to see Robin Hood. We had a record of 475 seats taken by members and friends of the Group. Date for your diary – Thursday 17th December – Peter Pan… who will be joining us this year?!

The New Year was the start of the rebuild at the 22nd. We ordered a new shipping container in order that the contents of the back rooms and stores could be emptied in preparation for the demolition work to commence. A huge thank you to the leaders, parents and Scouts who lent a hand to move it all. We hadn't realised just how much 'stuff' we had, so we will need to have a big sort out before some of it goes back into the new stores. I would like to thank Declan for all his project management to get the plans where we needed them and for overseeing the works which will be a great investment for the Group.

During February half term, some of the adults and young people from the Group took part in the annual County Scout and Guide Gang Show. Well done to all those who took part and especially to the members and their families who came to watch us – it's always nice to have a friendly face in the audience – even better when they decide to join the cast next year! Congratulations to Elizabeth who was awarded her 20-year long service award on stage and to Tim who was awarded a thank you for being involved in the show for the past 40 years!

I am pleased that we have gained two new team section members in the last year – welcome to Hannah Johnston who has joined the Beaver Team and to Jeremy Burnett who has joined the Cub Team.

I am also pleased to announce that during the last year, Dominic Moore has been awarded the Award for Merit for his continuous service to Scouting and that the following have received the following service awards – well done and thank you for all that you do:

5 years – Annie Gleeson and Josh Fawcett

15 years – Ann Fellowes

30 years – Alison Edwards, Graham Fairclough, and Veronica Kerridge

40 years – Tim Kerridge

We should also take the opportunity to remember the other past members of the Group who have passed away in the last year - Colin Mutimer who was with the group between approx. 1968 – 1980 and to Ivy Kerridge who was a supporter of the Group for many years and looked after our hall bookings. Our thoughts are with their friends and families.

Before I finish, I would like to thank all our amazing section teams who ensure that our young people can get the best Scouting experience possible – whether that is during the weekly meetings or taking them on residential experiences and outings. Without your support, we could not offer those experiences. Thanks too to their families for allowing them to support us in the way that they do.

Also, to our Trustee Board who ensure that the Group is working within the Constitution and the policies of The Scout Association. Also thank you to Joan Pearson who looks after all our hall bookings and Andrew Pearson who looks after our garage rentals. Both of these provide a significant income for the Group.

Lastly, a mention to the leaders from the Group who have additional roles within the District and County to support the adult volunteers and sections. Alison Edwards, Volunteering Development and County Training Team; Dominic Moore, District Beaver Team Leader; Tim Kerridge, County Programme Team (Archery) and Veronica Kerridge, Training Team Member. Thank you for the additional time that you give up helping others.

Graham Fairclough
Group Lead Volunteer





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Beaver Colony Report

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Beaver Colony Report

Welcome to this year's annual Beaver report, a tale of what the Beavers have been getting up to for the past year. Sit back with a cup of tea or coffee and let's take ourselves back to April 2025.

As part of the celebrations of Motspur Park Station's 100th birthday, the Beavers helped to design and create bunting which was displayed around the local area for the weekend's celebrations. This bunting now hangs around the Hall and the Jubilee Building.

Next up was a new activity for all – rock climbing! We borrowed the County mobile climbing wall, and the Beavers got the opportunity to climb to the top of the tower and ring the bell. This was a-new activity that we have never done with the Beavers. And I'm pleased to say they all made it to the top (which was better than some of the Beaver leaders achieved!).

Continuing our Outdoor and Adventure Challenge badges, our next couple of weeks saw mini hawk throwing and soft archery evenings. Given the quality of some of the shots we saw, there are some budding archers amongst the Beavers! To complete the badges, we had a tent and camp skills evening in which everyone got the chance to help put up and take down tents, along with learning how to pack up their sleeping bags (which proved exceptionally helpful for the outdoor camp in later in the term.

For Outdoor Camp 2025, we tested out a new site – Little Acres Campsite in Epsom. With the van packed with everything, the leaders headed down on what turned out to be quite a windy Friday to set up the tents. Fortunately, Tim showed up just in time to help us with getting everything set up.

The Beavers arrived bright and early Saturday morning, and we got their kit unpacked and headed down to Hobbledown Farm for the day. We got the chance to get up close with a whole variety of animals from rabbits to peacocks to capybaras! We finished our day off at Hobbledown by letting the Beavers loose in the indoor play barn – in an effort to wear them out before bedtime!

The next morning, they put their newly acquired sleeping bag and tent-packing skills to the test! We are pleased to say everyone managed to get their own sleeping bags packed away and the tents down and packed (in a much quicker time than the leaders managed on Friday!).

With the hot weather arriving in July, there was only one way to finish the summer term – our always popular Annual Water Games Night. As expected, everyone got completely soaked – including the adults!

When the summer holidays were over, the Beavers returned and we started off our Communicator badge. Learning about different types of communication including the phonetic alphabet and learning our home phone numbers.

Next up the Beavers embarked on the final camp for the year – a day out at Chessington World of Adventures. We are pretty sure we experienced most types of weather – from warm and dry to wet and cold! But we didn't let that stop us and made it all the way around the park, going on loads of different rides and even enjoying hot fresh doughnuts while huddled under cover from the rain before we left!

Sunday morning saw the Beavers having a go with the newly acquired junior crossbows. The Beavers had great fun trying to get a bullseye or knock down the cans. Thank you to Akela and Rikki for running this for us!

Once the nights got colder, we had to pause all our outdoor adventure plans and retreat inside, but to no less fun. Halloween saw the Beavers dressing up in their spookiest costumes for an evening of spooky games including wrapping each other up as mummies!

Beaver Colony Report (cont)

Our last badge of the year was the Emergency Aid Level 2 badge. The leaders decided to challenge the Beavers to the next level of the Emergency Aid badge, and everyone managed to tick off all the requirements. They were also able to demonstrate their new skills to Akela and answer his first aid questions.

The new year saw us working through our Space badge. For this the Beavers learnt about all the planets in the Solar System and designed their own rockets to take them to a planet they also designed. They had to decide what supplies they would need to bring for their mission and what fuel would be propelling their rocket through space to this new planet. The Beavers came up with some very creative methods for fuelling their rockets and supplies they would take.

The Beavers have also been working on their Health and Fitness badge, learning how to take their heart rates and seeing how exercise increases them. They have also looked at balanced meals and created their own fruit kebabs where they all had a chance to cut up different types of fruit and try new fruit (including pomegranate!).

And that brings us to April 2026! This year, the Beaver section is celebrating its 40th anniversary with the District Beaver Programme Team arranging lots of great activities for them to celebrate the year, including a District Beaver Camp (but you will need to tune in next year to hear about this one!).

Finally, a huge thank you to all the parents for their continued support in bringing their children along each week and encouraging them to take part in all our activities (no matter how unusual they may sound!). A final thank you also goes to the Beaver leadership team, our group volunteers, and the parents who have supported us throughout the year. Without you, none of this would be possible.

Dominic Moore
Beaver Section Team Leader
















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Cub Pack Report

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Cub Pack Report

Welcome to this year's report from the Cub Pack… unsurprisingly, it has been another busy one, so apologies in advance, but hope that you enjoy the read!...

We started off the year with the District St Georges Day parade. After waiting many years, we were finally the lead Group which meant that we were first in the parade. We had a good turnout from the Cub Pack – thank you to all those who attended and claimed their Krispy Kreme!

We entered the District Sports Day in May, and the team did very well coming first in the Cub Section, 1st Cub Relay and 1st Place Group and 2nd Place Tug of War. A huge congratulations to the team and a big thank you to those who came to support the team.

In May, we made use of the County Climbing wall which the Group had borrowed in preparation for the AGM.48 Cubs had a go up many of the faces of the wall. Including different challenges for the confident climbers including being blindfolded whilst climbing! Thank you to the adults who ran the wall for the Cubs.

In preparation for the one hundred years of Motspur Park Station, we were invited to make bunting that would be displayed around the area. We are very thankful to Sarah McAlister for all her help in making this happen.

In June, we took thirty members of the Pack to the Box hill area for our outdoor weekend camp. After pitching their own tents, they had time to explore the campsite before bed. Alas, some Cubs decided that they didn't need much sleep and were happily 'talking' around 5.30am! Despite this, they spent the morning working towards their Outdoors Challenge with some shelter building and preparing their lunch for a short hike.

We hiked for around four miles to High Ashurst Activity Centre where they took part in the High Ropes Challenge Course and a Team Building activity before hiking back to site for a dinner of chicken fajitas.

Fortunately, the Cubs were a little more tired the next day and woke up at a more reasonable time before devouring their breakfast. The morning was spent taking down their tents and making fires ready to cook their own burgers for lunch.

Thank you to Baloo for organising the camp and to those leaders who came to help.

In July, we were out and about in the local community to do some litter picking around the streets of Motspur Park. We were staggered by the amount collected in just a short period of time. Thank you to Merton Council who arranged the litter pickers and for collecting the rubbish and to those parents who came to help out to ensure that we kept within our required ratios.

We entered two teams into the District Cub Football Competition at Goals. Both teams played very well, and we came away with first place barely conceding any goals! Thank you to those parents and siblings who came to support and to Kaa and Shere Khan for training and running the teams. Thanks also to Raksha who was in charge of scoring (no, that wasn't the reason that we won!)

We finished off the term by taking the Cubs Orienteering at Horton Country Park with each group going off with a couple of adults to see how much of the course they could complete. There were some promising map skills being demonstrated by the Cubs – one team did get a little lost, but all returned safely to the meeting point in the end!

We finished off the term with our ever-popular event at Wimbledon Park Water sports Centre where the Cubs were able to take to the water in canoes. Despite the very windy conditions, they all mastered the skill of going in a straightish line and most loved jumping off the jetty at the end!

Cub Pack Report (cont)

Pack holiday report 2025

So as has become tradition over the years, I would like to provide you with a Leader's eye perspective on our adventures on Cub pack holiday. This is written from the perspective of one of the leadership team. Who bravely (and some would say foolishly) give up a week of their summer holiday to take your youngsters away to exotic locations like Essex, Hampshire, and Dorset. Who needs the pyramids of Giza, or the Hanging Gardens of Babylon when you've got Southend or the Solent?

So, to begin. This year for our pack holiday we went to Hampshire. To a place we know well, not far from Southampton called Lyons Copse. A quiet, tranquil location near the Hamble estuary. Well, it is until the 22nd Wimbledon get there! On this occasion most of the kit and equipment had gone ahead of us. Because the ever-resourceful Akela had been drafted in to pick up kit and equipment from the same site the day before our arrival following the district Explorer camp. So, he took ours and collected theirs. Why make one trip to Hampshire in 24 hours when you can do two?

On a sun dappled Sunday morning we gathered up our 23 Cubs into 2 minibuses, hired from the Scout County and Kings College School, and set off to the strains of 'are we nearly there yet?' and 'how far away is it?' pretty much before we got to the A3. But after about 90 minutes we arrived at the site. After lunch in the sun (the very HOT sun) we set about allocating cubs to rooms, unpacking the games kits and most importantly pitching a large fete tent to house the table tennis and snooker table. All very much essential for a week in Hampshire.

Dinner was prepared by Bagheera and I before we set off for an evening crabbing in the Hamble estuary. For those of you unfamiliar with this activity, it involves a fishing line and net, a spring clip, and some BACON. Which is then dropped into the water to attract crabs. Simple really. Now for those of you concerned by this 'sport' I do need to reassure you that no crabs are harmed. Or worse 'consumed.' But the competition is to catch the largest and greatest number of crabs in your bucket of water. It brings out the competitive streak in the Cubs somewhat. But it was greatly enjoyed and indeed was repeated later in the week. We do put the crabs back again.

On the Monday we did a bit of science. At the Winchester science centre. There is a lot to do there. Learning about sound, space and 'physics' stuff. The highlight however was being enclosed in a big bubble! It was a nice cool way to spend a very warm day. Bagheera and I even got to listen in to story time from one of the staff there. Most relaxing.

Tuesday was spent in Romsey. The morning was splashing about in the Romsey Rapids swimming pool. And then in the afternoon some 'crazy golf.' Including the tournament between the Leaders. It will not entirely surprise you to know we are a bit competitive as a leader team. And having quite surprisingly won it 4 years ago, it was time for a rematch. In a close fought competition, this year's winner was Rikki. I think she had been practising a lot before our time away. But she won the prestigious trophy, and I am sure she will place it on her mantelpiece for the next 4 years! The leaders also got to try out the junior crossbow kits that evening. Unfortunately, some of them were quite loud and had some of the Cubs getting out of bed to watch us from a safe distance (sorry Cubs).

On the Wednesday we swapped tournaments for some history. We went to Bursledon Brickworks to learn about the history of brick making in the Hamble area. We even made some bricks and built some structures. We sadly said 'bye bye' to Jacala later that day as he had to return home for work. And the Cubs went crabbing again (their choice!).

Thursday was out trip to Paulton's Park. No pack holiday is ever complete without a trip to a theme park. And Paulton's never disappoints. They always have new rides for us to try. Either soaking us to the skin or spinning us upside down at great speed. The prize goes to Akela for having to go on one of the more 'stomach upsetting rides' about ten times. Because the Cubs loved it much more than most of the Leaders. We then went out for dinner. Again, something of a tradition is the dinner in a carvery. It is a treat for the Leaders from having to cook. And I have to say the Cubs were all very well behaved. We did however manage to break the ice cream machine. I think the strain of producing soft ice cream for thirty people was too much for its innards sadly. It is a good job we do not go there regularly. I think we would get booted out by the management.

However, in every pack holiday there are moments which are not really part of the programme and often unobserved by the Cubs. And this year's star attraction was a DISHWASHER in the kitchen. Having spent many years trying to explain to Cubs how to wash up and use tea towels, all my wisdom was wasted by an appliance in the kitchen which did it all for us. So, the Cubs

Cub Pack Report (cont)

were excused washing up all week. And certain of the leaders treated it with devotion like adoration. (Tic Tac) It did save a lot of damp tea towels, however.

There is also the battle of the toast and bacon. At every camp there is a certain degree of dissent around how 'brown' toast should be. And whether bacon should 'snap' or bend. And how it is served to the Cubs is entirely down to who is on cooking duty. It is good natured for the most part I assure you. But one day there will doubtless be a place on OSM to select if you like 'Tic Tac toast' or 'Akela bacon.'

There is a lot of cooking and preparing food which goes on every pack holiday. Roughly 220 packs of crisps are consumed in a week. Blocks of cheese that look like doorstops and nearly two hundred fish fingers neatly piled onto tray for cooking. There is also the seemingly endless array of sandwich options. The rule being, if you make it, you eat it. But the combinations are quite mind blowing at times. Ham, jam, cheese, and chocolate spread. All in the same wrap. Salad, rice, pasta… choice of fruit. Would you like salad AND a sandwich. Never let it be said they go hungry. And about twenty litres of squash concentrate is bought and used. Huge bags of pasta are cooked and eaten. This is catering on a grand scale.

And before all this happens, we choose the colour of the pack holiday t shirt. This year we had a lovely lilac colour. Very soothing after certain years of bright pink and day glo orange. This is chosen very democratically. The one and only time where we can overrule Akela.

So well done to our valiant team of Akela, Rikki, Jacala, Tic Tac, Tim, and Bagheera for giving up their time once again. To their assistance with endless sandwich making, cub shepherding and dishwasher wrangling. I feel they were rather spoilt with the dishwasher. And foresee that demands for buildings with a dishwasher as standard will now be made for 2026. Or will we be back to the tea towels?

Next year… Hertfordshire. Different dates. Different t shirts. Will your cub be there?

Raksha

When we returned in September, the older Cubs took charge by running games for the rest of the Pack before we said goodbye to them as they moved up to Scouts.

Throughout the term, we focussed the programme around their Skills Challenge badge. We started with the Egg Drop Challenge – using junk products like cereal boxes and egg cartons. The challenge was whether they make a contraption that would keep a raw egg intact when dropped from a height? Needless to say, there were some that made it, and others that didn't but nonetheless, they all had an eggciting evening!

We also had some healthy eating by creating monsters out of fruit. In their sixes, the Cubs were given a range of fruit, from which they needed to create a monster/creature. They all came up with some great characters before eating them!

We took 23 Cubs to join other Cubs from the District to take part in paintballing at Campaign, Cobham using some lower impact equipment. The Cubs (and leaders) all had a good time and are looking forward to next year already!

As part of their Skills Challenge, they also took part in some sand art, making fold-over stories and learning a dance which was led by Hannah from the Beaver section – thanks Hannah!

We also had a carousel of activities including many skills – shoe tying, scarf ironing, cleaning silverware and windows, peeling carrots and making hot chocolate – all of which I am sure that the Cubs have tried at home too?!

We finished off the term by making over 150 mince pies ready for the Group Christingle service at St James' Church.

Cub Pack Report (cont)

We held our last meeting at Inner Golf in New Malden which is an interactive golf centre where the Cubs would hit real golf balls at a screen to take part in games or virtual courses. Thank you to Shere Khan for suggesting this as a new venue to try – it was certainly different but thoroughly enjoyed!

The New Year started off with a board games night organised by the sixers and seconders who brought down their favourite board game to teach and play with the other Cubs – some of which were new to us too!

We entered three teams into the District Cub Chess Competition. Despite not coming away with any medals this year, the cubs all played very well and with great sportsmanship. Thank you to Rikki and Liz for supervising them during the afternoon.

Most of the term was focussed on the Scientist Badge which involved making rockets with alka seltzer tablets and film canisters, trying simple circuits, making, and planting herb gardens and making zip wire cable cars out of lego – some of which were more successful than others!!

During the term, we also enjoyed two cooking evenings – our traditional pancake night with the cubs making their own mixture from scratch in their sixes before cooking their own pancakes. Fortunately, leaders served the toppings to ensure that there wasn't too much sugar involved – and at least one piece of fruit per pancake!

We were also treated to a Spanish omelette cooking evening – with oversight from Maria, the cubs chopped their potatoes and onion before making their omelette – they all turned out really well and some Cubs enjoying omelette for their first time! Thank you to Maria for your help with the evening.

We ended the term with a night at Laser Quest in Hook. The Cubs battled against each other (and the leaders) to see who could get the highest score. Mowgli seemed to get one of the highest scores in the world – although we are not sure if it was the highest score on that day – being a Monday, I guess that they weren't too busy!!

And there we have it! Another event-filled year in the Cub Pack!

Before I finish, I am so grateful to all the leaders from the Cub Pack who have supported both our weekly meetings, camps, and outings – without their help and support, this simply would not be possible.

I would also like to thank the leaders from other sections who have helped us out during the year and to those parents who have stepped forward to help when we have needed an extra pair of hands!

Finally, thank you to the Cubs and their parents for your support throughout the year whether that be ferrying them around, getting them to meetings on time (or near enough) or for supporting our activities – it is much appreciated!

Graham Fairclough
Cub Section Team Leader












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Scout Troop Report

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Scout Troop Report

It's been another busy fun-filled year at scouts with exciting meetings, excursions, camps, events and a number of our scouts receiving awards.

As is tradition, the summer term kicked off with the annual St George's Day parade through the streets of Wimbledon. Every year a different group from the district takes on the responsibility for running the event and leading the parade. This year was the turn of 22nd Wimbledon and it was great to be at the front of the parade just behind the marching band.

We took part in some other great events during the term. This included the district sports day, Group family picnic, where the mobile climbing wall was a great addition for this year. And the annual District raft race on the River Wandle, which is a great way to spend a sunny July afternoon.

Grace and Cara were awarded Jack Petchey awards for their positive contributions to Scouting and chose to spend the money they received on taking the whole troop for a trip to climb over the O2 in London. Which was a great experience.

With the longer hours of daylight over the Summer, we always try to get outside as much as possible. This saw us heading to the park for games, cooking bannock bread over an open fire, geocaching in Cannon Hill Common and building life size trebuchets for our pioneering project. We had a few meetings inside too. The highlight of which was designing and drawing bunting flags for the Motspur Park station's 100th birthday and then transferring them onto fabric.

Learning to safely use knives, saws and axes was a stressful meeting for the leaders. But we are happy to report all the scouts were responsible and mature. Everyone learnt some great skills and no injuries were incurred!

We ended the term with our traditional water fight and campfire with smores.

During the Summer holidays we took a group of Scouts to Skreens Park Activity Centre near Chelmsford for a brilliant week of activities. Including climbing, ziplining, rifle shooting, paddleboarding, raft building, hiking. And challenging each other to friendly games of Kubb. The scouts enjoyed cooking for themselves and being more independent than they are used being to in Beavers and Cubs. The highlight of the week for the leaders was the cooking competition where we got to be the judges. After a trip to the shops with a fixed budget to buy ingredients, the scouts prepared a two-course meal. We all agreed the food was of an exceptional standard and would be happy to receive it at a restaurant. We ended the trip with a day at Adventure Island and pizza for dinner before returning home for some much-needed rest.

The highlights of the summer term were sadly dampened by a significant lowlight. We lost a truly great scout, James Peck, after a long battle with illness. In recognition of his exceptional courage, endurance, and devotion to scouting throughout his illness, he was posthumously presented with the Cornwell Scout Badge by Scouts UK. We miss you every week James, rest in peace.

A few highlights of Tuesday evenings during the Autumn term, included a tent pitching challenge, building bridges with rolled up sheets of newspaper and then testing whose could hold the most weight, cooking burgers over a fire, a fantastic photography evening run by one of the parents, and a visit from the local community policing team who ran an interactive crime scene evening for us.

We took part in District events including the annual scout quiz, incident hike and swimming gala. As well as the annual County cooking competition which we won for the second year in a row.

Scout Troop Report (cont)

Adventures this term included a slightly delayed trip to Chessington World of Adventures which was funded by James and Becky's Jack Petchey awards from last year. An evening of bowling at Hollywood bowl in memory of James and a trip to explore the caves near Godstone in Surrey.

A weekend in September saw 7 of the older scouts taking on their Gold Award expedition. An expedition where they are self-sufficient, with leaders only checking up on them occasionally (and keeping an eye on the trackers in their rucksacks!). They travelled from Motspur Park to Boxhill and Westhumble by train and then hiked for 12km to Boidierhurst Scout Camp carrying all their equipment and food. They then camped overnight before walking back to Boxhill and Westhumble station the next day to catch the train back to Motspur Park. It was great to see them able to navigate, hike, camp, and feed themselves without any adult input and they all thoroughly enjoyed the trip. Completing the expedition meant Freya, Catrina, Caitlin, Cara, Emily and Charlie completed all 9 badges to achieve their Chief Scout's Gold Award. Well done to them all.

We ended the term with another wonderful Group celebration of Christmas with our fellow Beavers and Cubs.

After the Christmas break, we kicked off the Spring term learning some first aid, cooking pancakes for Pancake Day, and celebrated Chinese New Year by learning about Chinese history and traditions via a fun obstacle course devised by JV. There was also some learning to navigate with a map and compass and a trip to Cannon Hill Common to test our new navigation skills in preparation for the County night exercise.

We had great fun at the district paintball and Wobstacle events, and in an effort to defend the title we won last year, we narrowly lost a penalty shoot-out at the district 5-a-side football. We also had a great evening at Clue HQ escape rooms courtesy of Caitlin and Catrina's Jack Petchey awards.

At the annual County Night Exercise, 7 of our scouts attempted to navigate a 10km course around Boxhill in the dark. It was a tough course and after over 7 hours of walking they eventually arrived at the finish line. They had the 'honour' of being the team to spend the longest out on the course. But the important thing was they persevered and chose to continue at every check point and made it to the finish when many other teams chose to give up.

We ended the term with a couple of food-based meetings which are always a hit with the scouts! The first was a chip shop survey where we sampled the chips from 7 establishments across Motspur Park and Worcester Park with Pavillion Fish and Chips in Worcester Park taking the top honours in the scoring. The second was an Easter themed meeting where we made chocolate cornflake nests filled with mini-eggs. We worried the scouts might think it a bit childish, but it was messy and chocolate so they were all for it!

And that brings us to the end of another year in scouting. The scout leadership team would like to thank all the parents who assisted throughout the year, as well as our young leaders who are a great help every week, the leaders from the other sections who also assisted us when we needed help and last but not least, all the scouts who brought their enthusiasm and positive attitudes every week and made scouting such great fun.

Gavin Hayhurst
Section Team Member



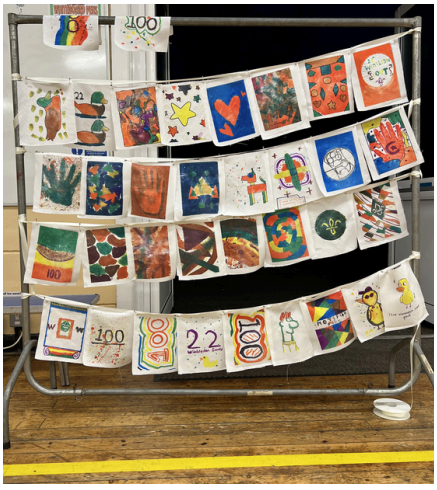
























Leadership Team

Group Lead Volunteer Graham Fairclough

Beaver Colony

Team Leader	Dominic Moore
Team Member	Cameron Moore
Team Member	Dan Paris
Team Member	Elizabeth Maloney
Team Member	Gemma Kerridge
Team Member	Hannah Johnston
Team Member	Jack Sheffield
Team Member	Josh Fawcett
Team Member	Liz Wingrove

Byron Cub Pack

Team Leader	Graham Fairclough
Team Member	Alison Edwards
Team Member	Charlotte Johnston
Team Member	Chris Gagen
Team Member	Jeremy Burnett
Team Member	Keith Elston
Team Member	Lizzie Strachan
Team Member	Peter Brown
Team Member	Rob Braun
Team Member	Veronica Kerridge

Scout Troop

Team Leader	Keira Pearson
Team Member	Dan Shaw
Team Member	Declan Gleeson
Team Member	Gavin Hayhurst
Team Member	Javan Mattei
Team Member	Sofia Oliveira
Team Member	Tim Kerridge

The leadership team as at 31 March 2026

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Group Information

Scouts

22nd Wimbledon Scout Group

Minutes of the 2025 AGM

Minutes of the 22nd Wimbledon Scout Group Council

AGM held on Saturday 17 May 2025.

In attendance

Graham Fairclough, Corne Rossouw, Josh Fawcett, Dominic Moore, Brett Walker, Robert Forbes, Dominic Forbes, Nora Eccles, Sofia Oliveira, Dan Shaw, Gavin Hayhurst, David Bourke, Declan Gleeson, Becky Gleeson, Grace Wild, Fiona Perella-Henry, Michelle Baker, Alison Edwards, Veronica Kerridge, Jasmin Kirkham, Joan Pearson, Derek Webb, James Marsh, Alistair McKinnon, Annie Gleeson, Abby Taylor, Nick Godwin, Lisa Flack, Anna Cave, Francois Capgras, Niall Marshall-Manifold, Jacob Proctor, Simon Kay, Mark Cheetham, Trevor Puttick, Jaime Timbrell, Alan Maloney, Elizabeth Maloney, Lizzie Strachan, Kathryn Curtis, Nicola Grant, Sonia Agriao-Tiedt, Maria Moore, Nick Rowley, Sandy Timbrell, Stuart Henderson, Tim Kerridge, Nina Churchill, Damian Finlayson, Malcolm Beaton, Amy Hill & Andrew Pearson.

1. Tim Kerridge as Chair of the Group Trustee Board opened the meeting and welcomed everyone. He advised of fire safety procedures and toilet arrangements. 'The meeting was quorate. The appropriate percentage required of the Group Scout Council to be in attendance having been achieved'

2. Tim welcomed Michelle Baker District Lead Volunteer.

3. Apologies were received from Ann Fellowes and Cameron Moore.

4. Tim asked that the minutes of the AGM held on 19 May 2024 be approved. The Trustee board had agreed them and copies had been circulated to all members via email. The Minutes were duly approved.

5. Tim then handed the meeting over to Graham Fairclough as GLV who spoke about what the Group had achieved over the last year. Full explanation of what the individual sections had been up to for the last year are set out in the Group report which had been circulated to all parents. He said that the 22nd for the second-year running was the largest group in the Wimbledon and Wandle district which was due to the leaders, young people and parents. Graham also spoke about the renovation works to the hall costs for which will be in the region of approximately £250,000.00 and once the final quote had been received it would be circulated to everyone. He is hoping to get as much of the funds via grants rather than dipping into the Group's reserves and asked that if anyone knew of any ideas or companies who may be willing to assist to please speak to him. A BBQ is also being organised on 12 July at St Joseph Hood park. He also asked for volunteers for the events team. Further events are being planned and will be emailed out once dates/events are known. Tim then spoke about the various sub teams that are

Minutes of the 2025 AGM (cont)

working in the background for the Group.

Andy Pearson then spoke about the finances for the group. Garage and HQ rentals remain strong. The fireworks night remains the Group's main fundraising event. He also reported that the energy supplier had been successfully changed to a much better rate. Tim then went on to thank both Andy Pearson and his wife Joan for dealing with the hall bookings and garage rentals. The independent examiner Derek Holmes has agreed to continue with this which was approved.

6. Vicky Morris-Marsham was approved to be a Trustee to the board.

7. Graham presented Jack Petchey awards to Grace Wild, Cara Cheetham and Becky Gleeson. Sports day medals were also presented and were collected by various Cubs/Scouts who were present. The group achieved 1st Place Cubs, 1st Place Scouts and 1st Place overall.

8. Michelle Baker (District Lead Volunteer) thanked the various Leaders for all their time and support and hard work for the group and everything they do for the young people and also the wider district. Particular thanks to Graham and Tim for organising the district swimming event. Michelle then went on to present Alison Edwards with her 30-year service award.

9. Derek Webb stood up and spoke to the group. His brother recently passed away and amongst his belongings was a stamp collection which Derek recently sold at auction and donated the proceeds of £350.00 to the Group.

There being nothing else the AGM was formally closed at 2:10pm.

Trustees

Trustee Ex Officio :	Graham Fairclough (Group Lead Volunteer)
Trustees: Appointed:	Tim Kerridge (Chairman) Andrew Pearson (Treasurer) Alan Maloney Alison Edwards Ann Fellowes Annie Gleeson Jasmin Kirkham John Crighton Mark Cheetham Suzanne Davis Victoria Morris-Marsham

Bankers: Lloyds TSB Plc, London Road, East Grinstead. RH19 1AH
Custodian Trustee: The Scout Trust Corporation Ltd
Independent Examiner: Derek Holmes FCA
Scout Association Registration No.: 6076
Charity Registration Number: 303795
Group Founded: 6 October 1927
The Group is a Trust established under it's rules which are common to all Groups. Trustees are appointed in accordance with Policy, Organisation and Rules of The Scout Association.
The accounts have been drawn up by the Board of Trustees on a receipts and payments basis.
Contact: Alan Maloney, 5 Aragon Road, Morden. Surrey. SM4 4QF Tel: 0208 337 5364.
Signed on behalf of the Board of Trustees by:

Tim Kerridge, Chairman

Andrew Pearson, Treasurer

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Group Finances

Scouts

22nd Wimbledon
Scout Group

Group Assets and Liabilities

	2025/26	2024/25
	£	£
Current Assets		
Lloyds Bank Current Account	15471	15866
Lloyds 3 Month Fixed	0	174243
Lloyds Bank Deposit Account	12615	37618
Lloyds Deposit Account	247711	13465
Treasurer cash in hand	2111	1875
Sub Total	277908	243065
Beavers Bank Account	2209	2207
Byron Pack Bank Account	7203	7406
Scout Troop Bank Account	3355	3470
Expense Account	67	98
Sub Total	12834	13181
Total	290742	256246
Fixed Assets		
Garages at Cost	50500	50500
Depreciation	50500	50500
Net Book Value	0	0
Total	290742	256426
Liabilities		
Garage Deposits	-465	-465
Total liabilities	-465	-465
Total Net Assets	290277	255961

Group Payments

Budget 2026/27 £		2025/26 £	2024/25 £
	Headquarters Costs		
750	Water Charges	487	340
6000	Light & Heat	4640	7665
3300	Insurance	3246	3279
5000	Hall Expenses	3495	2214
0	Hall Maintenance	0	683
200000	Hall Development	44020	6423
500	AGM	612	213
300	Wi Fi	20	274
2000	OSM Fees	993	1601
4000	Hall Booking Deposit Refunds	3937	0
221850	Total	61450	22692
6000	Membership Fees	5763	5820
1000	Explorers	816	0
7000	Total	6579	5820
	Scouting Activities		
10000	Section Activities	3241	4009
20000	Camps and Outings	20661	18373
0	End of Term Trampoline	12	1650
0	Archery	25	
1000	Camp/Activity Van Hire	290	686
1000	Badges	889	961
300	Uniform	276	722
250	Leader Uniform	84	0
32550	Total	25478	24032
	Fund Raising expenses		
2000	Firework night	572	1836
0	BBQ's	320	0
0	Panto	76	0
0	Race Night	90	0
2000		1058	1836
	Miscellanous and Grants		
500	Miscellaneous(Inc stationery)	976	278
0	Jack Petchey Award	575	575
2000	Equipment	0	336
0	Wimbledon Foundation (Crossbow)	1665	0
0	Groundwork/Tesco (Tents)	1043	0
2500	Total	4259	1189
265900	Total Payments	98824	58058

Notes: Budget includes ongoing Back Rooms refurbishment - Final Cost TBC

Group Receipts

Budget 2026/27 £		2025/26 £	2024/25 £
16000	Membership Subscriptions	15540	9960
5000	Gift Aid 2025	4222	3059
21000	Explorers	3427	0
		23089	13019
25000	HQ Rents	23423	21656
18000	Garage Rents	17205	15562
43000	Total	40628	37218
0	Donations	6091	285
500	Bank Interest	4711	4710
500	Total	10802	4995
22000	Section Camps/Activities	18876	20573
0	End of Term Trampoline	12	1105
		18888	21678
	Fund Raising		
5000	Firework Night	5303	5024
0	Panto	869	0
0	BBQ's	809	0
0	Race Night	498	0
0	Total	7479	5024
0	BBQ Hire	0	50
	Grants		
0	The Leslie Sell Charitable Trust	1000	0
0	CO OP	1557	500
0	Orbis Investments	4520	0
0	Groundwork	1000	0
0	The National Lottery	20000	525
0	Wimbledon Foundation	1250	0
0	Just Giving	1180	0
5000	Total	30507	6099
1000	Uniform Sales	727	905
0	Misc	0	402
0	Jack Petchey Award	1200	1200
1000	Total	1927	2507
92500	Total Receipts	133320	85516

Section Accounts

	Beavers	Byron Pack	Scout Troop	Total
	£	£	£	£
Cash in Bank 31.03.2025	2206	7406	3461	13073
Receipts				
Subscriptions	3240	6660	5540	15440
Scarves/T Shirts/Uniform	118	364	147	629
Interest	0	31	0	31
Donations	0	0	0	0
Camp & Outings fees	2149	11628	5099	18876
Miscellaneous				
Total	5507	18683	10786	34976
Payments				
Badges and Uniform *	150	573	0	723
Uniform *	319	0	0	319
Activities	376	2102	763	3241
Camps and outings	2368	11892	6401	20661
Contributions to HQ costs	2112	3847	3404	9363
OSM Fees	179	472	324	975
Miscellaneous	0	0	0	0
Total	5504	18886	10892	35282
Net	3	-203	-106	-306
Cash in Bank 31.03.2026	2209	7203	3355	12767

* Payments for badges and uniforms where stated as '0' have been included in other categories

Independent Examiners Report

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of 22nd Wimbledon Scout Group Scout Council

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the 22nd Wimbledon Scout Group for the year ended 31/03/26

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees of the 22nd Wimbledon Scout Group you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').

I report in respect of my examination of the 22nd Wimbledon Scout Group accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the 22nd Wimbledon Scout Group] as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed: Derek Holmes

Name: DEREK HOLMES

Relevant professional qualification or membership of professional bodies (if any): F.C.A

Address: 3 LARKS CLOSE, FERNDOWN, DORSET, BH22 9TF

Date: 10th APRIL 2026

Backroom Redevelopment ...the story so far!

After many years of planning, designing and re-designing the layout to replace the existing equipment stores and back rooms, the Trustee Board signed off the plans to commence the rebuild project in January 2026. Work commenced in January, with the demolition of the existing structure down to it's foundations which were still solid. Unfortunately, the weather wasn't on our side (well, what can you expect in England!) which delayed the new walls being constructed.

Once these were in place, it was another waiting game as the wooden roof trusses needed to be made to measure and then, once those were in, the roof was made to measure to ensure that it aligned with the existing roof.

In April, both the trusses and roof were installed in order that the work could commence on the new floor.

Thanks to grants from The National Lottery and Garfield Weston, we have been able to secure enough money to install solar panels on the new roof, together with two batteries to store the energy. At the HQ, electricity is our only form of energy used, so the more carbon neutral we can be, the better for both the Group and the planet!



Thanks also to Brewers Decorator Centre and Dulux who have very kindly donated paint and equipment to allow us to repaint the interior and exterior of the existing building so that the whole building looks refreshed.

We are very grateful for the donations that you have been able to give via the Just Giving page. To date, we have raised over £2300 via this channel which will be put directly into the rebuild project. If you haven't yet donated, but feel that you would like to support us in this way, then please use the QR code to donate! Don't forget that we can claim Gift Aid too! Thanks



Backroom Redevelopment up to the end of April ...in photos!















We'd like to say Thank You!

We would like to express our thanks to the following who help to ensure that the Group runs so smoothly!

Firstly, to our amazing section team leaders and team members who ensure that we continue to offer our young people a challenging and fun programme, not just on a weekly basis, but also taking them on residential events and outings. Thanks also to their families for their continued support too.

The Group Trustee Board for their continued support throughout the year, especially with the backroom rebuild. Thanks to Andrew Pearson, Group Treasurer for everything that he does looking after our Group finances, especially over recent months with the rebuild project to help keep our finances on track and for managing our garage rentals.

Special thanks are also recorded to Joan Pearson who looks after our hall bookings, Gavin Hayhurst who ensures that our website is kept updated and to Vici Hoban Read, our emergency key holder.

Thanks to Graham Fairclough for everything that he does in and around the HQ to keep it looking it's best... sweeping up leaves, keeping the grass trimmed and for his work with our successful grant applications.

Thankyou to Declan Gleeson and Synergy for all their help and advice with the back room project - your knowledge has been invaluable.

The Wimbledon and Wandle District Team for their advice and support throughout the year.

Thanks also to Alison Edwards for her support in her capacity as District Training Team Leader and for proof reading the annual report!

We acknowledge the following companies for their grant donations over the past year, towards various projects... The National Lottery, The Wimbledon Foundation, The Jack Petchey Foundation, Tesco, Co-Op, Brewers Decorators Centres, The Leslie Sell Charitable Trust and to the Buchanan Programme and Morag Kay.

We would also like to mention Derek and Michael Webb for their kind donation towards the rebuild project and to those who have dontaed via Just Giving.

...and finally to the parents and to the young people themselves who make Scouting so enjoyable!

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“Try and leave this world a little better than you found it, and when your turn comes to die, you can be happy in feeling that at any rate, you have not wasted your time but have done your best.”

Robert Baden-Powell

