



AGM

Saturday 21st September 2024 4.30pm

Agenda

1. Introduction and welcome
2. Apologies for absence
3. Governance topics
 - a. Approve the minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 16th September 2023
 - b. Adopt the model constitution from Policy, Organisation and Rules (POR)
 - c. Note the Group's financial year
 - d. Approve appointed and community members of the Group Scout Council
 - e. Agree the number of members that may be appointed to the Trustee Board
 - f. Agree the quorum for future meetings of the Group Scout Council (excluding this AGM)
4. Review of the previous year
 - a. The Group Lead Volunteer's review of Scouts in 1st Wallington
 - b. Receive and consider the Annual Report of the Group Trustee Board, including the annual Statement of the Accounts
5. Making appointments
 - a. Appoint the Group Chair, following recommendation from the open selection process initiated by the Group Trustee Board
 - b. Appoint the Group Treasurer, following recommendation from the open selection process initiated by the Group Trustee Board
 - c. Appoint members of the Group Trustee Board, following recommendations from the open selection process initiated by the Group Trustee Board
6. Awards
 - Hunters Award
 - Beavers- [Max Keenan](#)
 - Cubs-
 - Scouts-
 - Invest new leaders?
 - Closing remarks



**Minutes of the Annual General Meeting
September 16th 2023 at 2.45pm**

1. The Chairman James O’Kane welcomed everyone to the meeting James thanked all the Leaders for the fantastic work they have done this year and every year and for keeping the sections going
2. Janet Drinkall made the nomination of Chairman, James O’Kane – this was approved
3. Apologies for absence:
Pam Norton, Maureen Taylor
4. Minutes of the 2022 Annual General Meeting were agreed.
5. The Annual Report of the Group Executive Committee, including the annual statement of accounts was received and considered
Proposer: Christine Robinson Seconder: John Allen Approved
6. Election of Group Secretary – Julia Coward
Proposer: Christine Robinson Seconder: John Allen Approved
7. Election of Group Treasurer- Chris Robinson
Proposer: Julia Coward Seconder: John Allen Approved
8. Election of the members of the Executive Committee

John Allen
Andy Wadman
Pam Norton
Joanne Luck
Proposer: David Percy Seconder: Graham James Approved
9. Election of the members of the Executive Committee nominated by the Group Scout Leader
10. Approve Section Leader from each of Beavers, Cubs & Scouts

Selam, Mark & David were approved



Janet welcomed everybody and made comment on the huge turnout. She thanked everyone for coming and supporting 1st Wallington on their 115th anniversary.

She advised it had been a very successful year with all sections doing lots of amazing things indoors and out. Squirrels have now completed a year and are doing well.

She thanked all the people who give up so much of their time for the benefit of the children, the section leaders and assistants, parents and the young leaders who help across the groups.

She thanked Jon Slade from Croydon District for running the archery, Dave Batten from Kingston District for running the Climbing. She also thanked Sam Linley from Croydon and to David James and his team for manning the BBQ. She said it showed the full spirit of Scouting and the wider Scouting family and shows that we are much bigger than 1st Wallington and spread to all corners of the world.

Janet welcomed back two scouts who attended the World Jamboree in South Korea in August.

Whilst it may not have gone to plan she has been assured they had a marvellous time.

She asked for help and hoped that with such a lot of parents in attendance there must be some who can spare a little time for the benefit of our young people.

She advised that we need a couple more people to join the Board of Trustees which meets regularly to make sure the nuts and bolts of the group are kept up to scratch.

She advised the group desperately needs a fundraising committee of 3 or 4 people. A huge amount of money has been spent over the last couple of years on the minibus, cooker and new roof. The costs have run into many thousands of pounds and depleted the bank balance. The money needs to be replaced and responsibility cannot be down to the leaders who already give so much time volunteering. She asked if anyone was willing, to come forward and offer their services.

Janet also advised that the group needs a few people to join a maintenance team which currently consists of just David our Scout leaders. He can't be expected to do cover maintenance on his own when he has so much to do running his section. For this, you do not need to be part of the Board of Trustees. She asked anyone willing to talk to any of the Board of Trustee members or group leaders.

Finally she advised everyone to enjoy the BBQ and any donations towards food would be gratefully accepted.

13. Presentation of awards



2024 Reports

"A Year of Growth and Impact"

I am thrilled to present the Annual Report for 1st Wallington, marking our 116th year. This year has been a remarkable journey, filled with exciting activities and achievements across all sections. I extend my heartfelt gratitude to our dedicated leaders and their assistants for their tireless efforts in creating inspiring and challenging programs for our young people.

Please explore the individual section reports for a detailed account of our year's accomplishments.

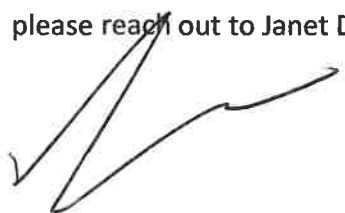
I would also like to acknowledge the invaluable contributions of my fellow Executive Committee members, whose hard work behind the scenes has ensured the smooth functioning of our Group.

Once again, I humbly request your support. Consider volunteering your time or encouraging others to join us. Volunteering can be incredibly rewarding, offering opportunities for personal growth and making a positive impact on the lives of young people.

Scouting can also provide numerous benefits for you:

- **Build lasting friendships**
- **Step outside your comfort zone**
- **Embrace the great outdoors**
- **Make a difference in your community**
- **Create unforgettable memories**

Whether you can commit to regular involvement or occasional assistance, we welcome your support. If you're interested in joining our team as a leader, activity planner, or volunteer, please reach out to Janet Drinkall, our Group Scout Leader.



James O'Kane (Group Chair)



GROUP SCOUT VOLUNTEER REPORT 2023-2024

Well we have had a very good year here at 1 st Wallington.

All sections are full and we have a waiting list for all sections, so we must be doing something right.

Sadly we have had to say goodbye to Linda Joiner – Penguin - who has hung up her woggle after 18 years in the Beaver Section. Linda was renowned for her craft ideas and will be sorely missed. Linda was also key to Jumble Sales and other fund raising activities and was very much part of the 1 st Wallington Team. We wish her very best wishes and hope to see her from time to time

As you can see from the reports all sections have been busy with inside and outside activities, giving all our young people as many different experiences as they can. I am glad to report that that three parents have come on board as Leaders mainly for Squirrels but if anyone out there would like to join as a Leader on a regular basis we will welcome you with open arms! We do need another Leader in Beavers now that Linda has gone.

Meanwhile I would like to thank all our current Leaders and assistants along with Explorer Scouts as \Young Leaders throughout the sections who give so much of their time for the benefit of your children. Also the Trustee Board Members who assist in the background running the Group and the premises, making sure we have enough money to keep everything running smoothly. This too could do with a couple more parents, as new ideas and input are vital for future projects.

We also need quite urgently someone with some maintenance experience to help out with repairs and general assistance with the fabric of the building. Fund raising is at being carried out by Jo Luck who is trying to set up a Fund Raising Committee to raise funds for various projects such as hall redecoration, new basement doors etc. These two jobs do not require you to be a member of the Trustee Board.

There are many changes afoot within Scouting and you will notice that all Leaders will have

a change of name. Section Leaders will be called Lead Volunteer and then the section name. I will be called Group Lead Volunteer (GLV) and all Assistant and Section Assistants will be called Team members then Section. There are also changes to the Trustee Board and how the AGM is run. We will all get used to it in time, but certain things won't change, Akela is still Akela, Rainbow is still Rainbow for example and I am still Janet !
So over to you parents for help and support of 1 st Wallington Volunteers!

Janet Drinkall
Group Lead Volunteer



Squirrels

SQUIRRELS SECTION ANNUAL REPORT 2023-2024

1st Wallington Squirrels

AGM REPORT 2024

In a nutshell

Here we go.....



where it all began October 2022

Squirrels: the newest branch on our family tree



Our Mammet
Emma Marshall

New recruits

Assistant Leaders
Emil
Marcelo
Amy

Young Leaders
Oliver
Maggie

Taking the leap



Hi there, I am Hannah a warranted Leader, I have worked with children of all ages. I decided to start a Squirrels group in Oct 2022 and Squirrels is still expanding and going strong in the Sutton district. From parent helpers to now having an official leadership team to provide safe environment and skills for life for young people aged 4 – 8 yrs to be ready to leap into Beavers.

I would like to say a big thank to Janet, parents, and young leaders who have all played their part to make Squirrels successful and bring the family of scouting to life.

There has been lots of activities of which are shown in the photographs, but the young people have completed and achieved so much more.

Leader Team Meeting



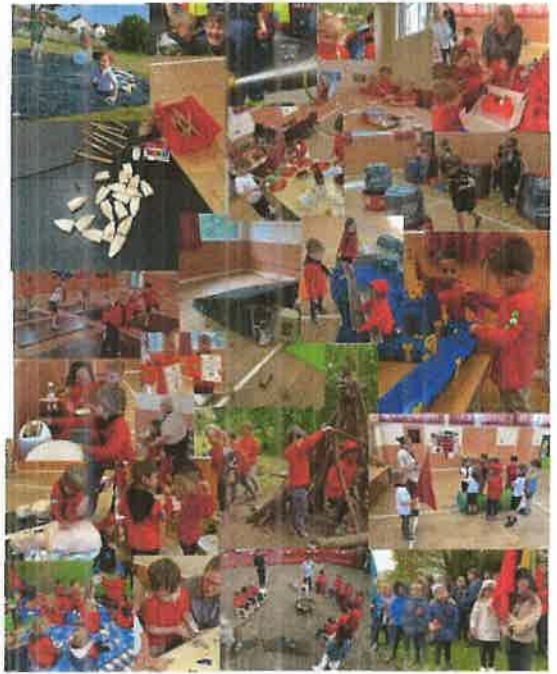
Bright eyed and bushy tailed achieving their highest award



Well done
Charlie, Bea, Cody and Jimmy

#SkillForLife

Tree, two, one... go!





BEAVERS SECTION ANNUAL REPORT 2023-2024

We try to diversify the activities to incorporate seasonal and topical subjects in order to empower the Beavers with the latest goings on.

Encourage and promote regional and county activities to show inclusiveness like the Remembrance Day Parade, District campfire and the Pantomime. All these events were well attended .

A mini–St George's Day Parade happened in Carshalton Park with another local Scout Group. We marched around the park and then renewed the promise.

Activities to achieve the badges are all performed over a period of weeks.

A visit to the Ecology Centre is always a fun event whereby there is a hike involved followed by trying to study the flora and fauna of the area.

We also managed to achieve the Builders Badge, for which they built models out of junk and cardboard boxes and the Experiment Badge.

The Cyclist badge was done in two stages whereby on the first week the children brought in their bicycles or scooters and helmets. They were guided through all the safety checks and correct procedures regards cycling on the roads and public safety.

The second week we had arranged an instructor to go out into the park and observe the cycling techniques, unfortunately the weather was not compliant. Therefore, plan B was initiated, and observations were made in the hall.

Individual techniques were observed.

Grass sledging is another favorite activity enjoyed by all.

Finally, I would like to thank Wayne, Debra. and Janet who has been called upon in SOS situations, and all the parents who gave up their time and helped us , I will be introducing the parent Rota again in the new term as we are short of helpers and leaders.

A massive thank you to Linda [Penquin] for all her support throughout the years , who has stepped aside for personal reasons. Although she will be helping us, if and when, but not on a regular basis as before.



CUBS SECTION ANNUAL REPORT 2023-2024

The Pack

The Cub section has had another good year and we have managed to retain good numbers again with 33 currently enjoying Cublife.

Summer Camp

What a difference a year makes. Last year we were washed away with rain and this year we all enjoyed a heatwave for the week. 9 Cubs joined in this year for Summer Camp to Woodhouse Park.



We spent some of the first day learning camp skills. Collecting fire wood and then cutting and preparing it for the fire.



They also had fun exploring the site doing Orienteering. Monday was a day of on-site activities, Adventure Course, Backward Cooking and Tomahawks.



On Tuesday morning while the Scouts were busy doing site service the Cubs went into the woods to put up hammocks and we also boiled the Ghillie Kettle to make our own hot chocolate.





In the afternoon we all left site to go for a walk at Leigh Woods which took us past the Clifton Suspension Bridge



Wednesday the Scouts were off site for activities and the Cubs all completed the Photographers Badge. They wandered around site taking pictures on a couple of different cameras learning about zoom and photo composition. They even took some in black and white.

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Scout Group – Re



The Cubs then made camp donuts for a treat.



Thursday is possibly everyone's favourite day. Portishead open air swimming pool in the morning followed by Weston Super Mare pier and fish and chips on the beach for the afternoon



Friday was another site activity day while the job of packing up started. Abseiling, Low Ropes and Sumo suits were all enjoyed by the Cubs.





A great time was had by all including the Leaders though it was occasionally very tiring eh Baloo!!



A big thank you to the Scouts for letting us tag along again this year to camp. Also thank you to Leah for coming along to help out with the Cubs. And thanks to Paul Steph and Erin for keeping us so well fed through the week.

Activities & Badgework

Firstly, a special mention goes to Chloe, Zach, Jack, Kieran and Barney who all achieved their Chief Scout Silver Award over the last year. It shows a lot of hard work and effort and all of them fully deserved their achievement.

The last year has seen the Cubs working through a number of badges. They have completed Athletics Plus, Navigator up to Stage 3, Disability Awareness, Road Safety, Communicator, Astronomer, Naturalist and Chef.

For the Chef badge they prepared and cooked a 2-course meal, wraps and fruit with angel delight. We also made shortbread at Christmas which went down well.

We have continued to look after the Cub garden this year under the watchful eyes of Bagheera and Raksha who can be spotted during the week watering and keeping tidy (or just drinking tea and eating cake!).





Last October we added to our termly hikes by doing the Mole Gap Trail from Leatherhead to Dorking. 22 Cubs enjoyed a bright sunny day and a great walk.



At Christmas we made light up trees and the Cubs enjoyed dressing a couple of Leaders up as pantomime dames!





Leadership Team

As usual I need to give a massive thank you to the Leadership team without whom it would not be possible to offer the Cubs the programme that we strive for. Thanks to Bagheera (Graham), Raksha (Debra), Baloo (Wayne) and Kaa (Richard) for all their help. Thanks also to our Young Leaders. Jack, Hannah, Kai, Tudor and Dylan some of which will not be with us going into the next term but thanks for all your efforts.

Thank You

Thank you lastly to the Cubs for engaging in what we plan and provide and parents for joining in with us to help try and support all the young people with skills that they will carry with them not just through Scouting but also for the rest of their lives.

Mark Dennis

Akela

SCOUTS

SCOUTS SECTION ANNUAL REPORT 2023-2024

We kicked off the Autumn term for 2023 with a visit to Specialist Group International, where the Scouts learnt about all things search & rescue with diving kit to confined spaces, later in the term we had a visit from Reptile Events, who brought down their little friends for the Scouts to meet, they had snakes, lizards and all sorts of reptiles. We finished off the term with our annual visit to Hampton Court to test out the Scouts moves on the Ice, I don't think we will be auditioning for dancing on ice.



Spring term started off with 8 of our Scouts taking part in the district caving camp, closely followed by an old favourite of trash fash, over half term Chloe Kirton took part in the county gang show, and the Scouts went along to watch and cheer her on. After half term we completed the chef's badge where the Scouts did their own shopping and created some culinary master pieces.



Summer Term was a busy term with a visit from Beyond Bricks teaching the Scouts about all thing Lego Robotics, trips to oaks park, water fights, weekend camps at Broadstone Warren with the Northern lights giving us a little display.

We had 7 Scouts enjoy a weekend in Wales taking part in the district gorge walking weekend, we also entered two teams in to the district camping competition where the Scouts came in with an impressive 1st & 3rd place.



We finished the year off with a summer camp with the Cubs to Woodhouse Park, where the Scouts did White Water rafting in Cardiff and various site activities before finishing the week with a trip to Weston Super Mare seafront for fish and chips on the beach.



My thanks go to the other leaders and young leaders, without whom I wouldn't be able to run the section and the additional adults who supported the activities and summer camp. Their reliability and enthusiasm makes my job even more enjoyable.

Thank you also to the parents who support us, we hope your Scouts enjoy the sessions. We want to be able to inspire your young people to be confident, have lots of fun and be prepared with plenty of #skillsforlife.

David Percy

Scout Leader

EXPLORERS

EXPLORERS SECTION ANNUAL REPORT 2023-2024

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TREASURERS ANNUAL REPORT 2023-2024

1st Wallington Scout Group – Registered Charity 303847

General Purposes Fund

Receipts and payments account summary for the year ended 31 March 2024

	2023/2024	2022/2023
	£	£
Total receipts (from page 26)	37,831	33,852
Total payments (from page 27)	39,103	31,472
Net receipts/payments	(1,272)	2,380
Monetary balance at 1 April 2023	<u>32,201</u>	<u>29,821</u>
Monetary balance at 31 March 2024	<u>30,929</u>	<u>32,201</u>

Statement of assets and liabilities as at 31 March 2024

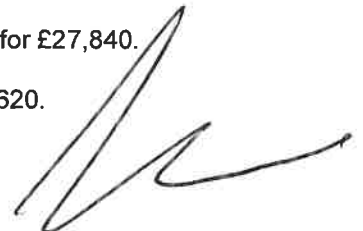
		2023/2024	2022/2023
		£	£
Monetary assets	TSB Treasurer's Account	30,122	31,841
	Equals card balance	807	360
Total as above		<u>30,929</u>	<u>32,201</u>

Non-monetary assets retained for the charity's own use.

Scout hall and land at 30 Ruskin Road. The hall is insured for £600,173 based on re-instatement as new.

Scout hall contents (furniture, fittings, kitchen and camping equipment), insured for £27,840.

The Ford Transit Minibus (SF16 WXO) was purchased on 30 July 2021 for £19,620.



Liabilities: £Nil

Approved on 18 October 2024 on behalf of the Trustees
 1st Wallington Scout Group – Registered Charity 303847

General Purposes Fund

Receipts for the year ended 31 March 2024

	2023/2024	2022/2023
	£	£
Membership subscriptions and joining fees	11,474	9,063
Less capitation (83 youth members) and motion picture licence	<u>(5,194)</u>	<u>(3,760)</u>
	6,280	5,303
Donations	-	3,900
Event contributions	10,703	6,923
Fund raising Jumble sale / Jamboree	6,195	1,815
Other income		
Hall letting	12,935	12,366
Other	1,718	3,545
	<u>37,831</u>	<u>33,852</u>
Total receipts	37,831	33,852



Draft scout accounts

1st Wallington Scout Group – Registered Charity 303847

General Purposes Fund

Payments for the year ended 31 March 2024

	2023/2024 £	2022/2023 £
Upkeep of hall		
Water rates	344	93
Rates	116	220
Cleaning	2,908	2,049
Gas and electricity	4,168	2,473
Insurance (hall and contents)	2,050	2,810
General maintenance	1,199	10,778
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	10,785	18,423
Activities	17,828	7,609
Minibus operating costs		
New minibus	-	-
Insurance	970	945
Other costs	3,006	2,074
Other expenditure		
Equipment	2,463	-
Scout hall broadband	403	403
Fundraising costs	176	727
Scarves, woggles and records books	2,842	691
Accountancy fees	630	600
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Total payments	39,103	31,472



1st Wallington Scout Group – Registered Charity 303847

Major Projects Fund

Receipts and payments account summary for the year ended 31 March 2024

	2023/2024	2022/2023
	£	£
Total receipts	-	-
Total payments – general maintenance	-	43,000
Net receipts/payments	-	(43,000)
Transfer form investment assets	-	43,000
Monetary balance at 1 April 2023	-	-
Monetary balance at 31 March 2024	-	-

Statement of assets and liabilities as at 31 March 2024

		2023/2024	2022/2023
		£	£
Monetary assets	TSB Treasurer's Account	-	-
Investment assets	FP CAF UK Equity Fund B - Accumulation Units 23,597.5526 units (2022/2023: 23,597.5526 units)	50,919	48,450
	M&G Equities Investment Fund for Charities - Accumulation Units 63,308 units (2022/2023: 63,308 units)	19,456	18,325
		<u>70,375</u>	<u>66,775</u>

Liabilities

Approved on 29 October 2024 on behalf of the Trustees



Report to the trustees of 1st Wallington Scout Group – Registered Charity 303847

Accounts for the year ended 31 March 2024

Set out on pages 14 to 23

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144 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 Commission (under section 145(5)(b) of the Charities Act, and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's statement My examination was carried out in accordance with general Directions given by the Charity Commission. 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 the 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 material matters have come to my attention which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act or
- the accounts do not accord with the accounting records

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

Signed



John V R Helps
Chartered Accountant
28 Southway
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28 October 2024

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