

**Independent examiner's report to the trustees of  
3rd Weston-super-Mare (St. Paul's) Scout Council**

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the 3rd Weston-super-Mare (St. Paul's) Scout Group for the year ended 31st March 2023

**Responsibilities and basis of report**

As the charity trustees of the 3rd Weston super Mare (St. Pauls) 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 3rd Weston super Mare (St. Pauls) 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 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.

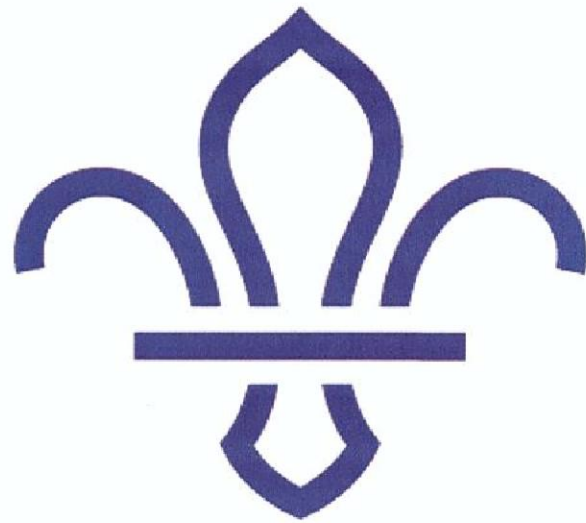
Signed: 

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# Scouts

**3rd (St. Paul's)  
Weston-super-Mare**

*Annual General Meeting*

*Accounts*

*2022-23*

**3<sup>rd</sup> Weston super Mare Scout Group  
Account and Asset Summary**

	Account Name	Opening Balance	Income	Expenditure	Closing balance
<b>Group Accounts</b>	Group Account	£7,015.44	£29,294.73	-£30,375.70	£5,934.47
	Petty Cash	£142.15	£1,487.50	-£1,504.97	£124.68
	Jamboree Account	£1,286.75	£0.00	£0.00	£1,286.75
	Building Account	£28,176.88	£36,337.35	£0.00	£64,514.23
<b>Sectional Accounts</b>	Beaver Account	£621.64	£2,932.00	-£2,826.51	£727.13
	Cub Account	£2,130.90	£3,242.50	-£3,133.58	£2,239.82
	Scout Account	£1,052.04	£1,695.06	-£2,013.41	£733.69
	<b>Total</b>	<b>£40,425.80</b>	<b>£74,989.14</b>	<b>-£39,854.17</b>	<b>£75,560.77</b>

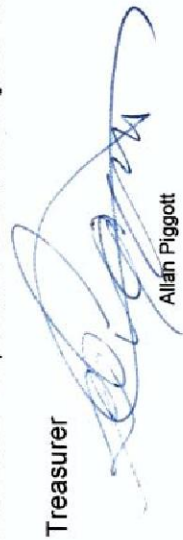
**Total Assets  
as of 31<sup>st</sup> March 2023**

Total Money held in all Accounts	£75,560.77
Stocks and shares (held in the Groups name)	3420 investment shares with Foreign and Colonial Investments Trust

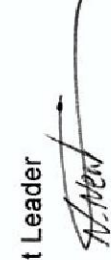
The above accounts were approved by the Group trustees on 15<sup>th</sup> September 2023, and signed on their behalf by

Chairman 

Bruce Badman

Treasurer 

Allan Piggott

Group Scout Leader 

Nigel Needs

The above accounts were independently examined and verified by



Clare Biddulph

**3rd Weston-super-Mare Scout Group**  
**(Charity no. 305640)**  
**Receipts and payments account**

For the year from	1st April 2022	T o	31st March 2023
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**Receipts and payments**

<b>2022/23</b>	<b>2021/22</b>
Unrestricted funds	Unrestricted funds
£	£

**Receipts**

	2022/23	2021/22
<b>Donations, legacies and similar income</b>		
Membership subscriptions (Beavers)	£1,707.00	£1,536.00
Membership subscriptions (Cubs)	£1,956.00	£1,870.00
Membership subscriptions (Scouts)	£1,208.00	£862.00
Donations	£165.67	£1,248.00
Activities Income	£2,858.50	£921.00
Gift Aid	£1,299.15	£390.32
Transfers (from sectional A/c to General A/c)	£2,231.85	£1,722.64
Transfers (from General A/c to Buildings A/c)	£23,252.03	£25,000.00
Transfers (Section to Section)	£1,159.00	£0.00
Other similar income	£0.00	£51.81
Sub total	£35,837.20	£33,601.77
<b>Grants</b>		
North Somerset Council Grants	£0.00	£10,667.00
Other grants	£35,455.71	£1,000.00
Sub total	£35,455.71	£11,667.00
<b>Fundraising events (gross)</b>		
No Fundraising Events held in this Financial Period	£0.00	£0.00
Sub total	£0.00	£0.00

<b>Scout hut income</b>		
Hire of building	£3,237.95	£1,553.39
Hire of equipment	£0.00	£0.00
Other Scout hut income	£0.00	£0.00
Sub total	<b>£3,237.95</b>	<b>£1,553.39</b>
<b>Investment income</b>		
Bank interest	£0.00	£0.00
Building Society interest	£0.00	£0.00
The Scout Association Short Term Investment Service	£0.00	£0.00
Other investment income (Dividends)	£458.28	£424.08
Sub total	<b>£458.28</b>	<b>£424.08</b>
<b>Total Gross Income</b>	<b>£74,989.14</b>	<b>£47,246.24</b>
Asset and investment sales, etc.	£0.00	£0.00
<b>Total receipts</b>	<b>£74,989.14</b>	<b>£47,246.24</b>

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**Receipts and payments**

<b>2022/23</b>	<b>2021/22</b>
Unrestricted funds	Unrestricted funds
£	£

**Payments**

Charitable Payments	2022/23	2021/22
Membership subscriptions paid on (National/County/Area/District)	£2,640.00	£1,944.00
Youth programme and activities (Beavers)	£2,200.61	£1,280.31
Youth programme and activities (Cubs)	£2,429.08	£1,012.88
Youth programme and activities (Scouts)	£1,077.95	£494.00
Adult support and training	£80.00	£88.00
Water and Sewerage	£214.00	£102.70
Electricity and Gas	£1,286.65	£1,051.56
Insurance	£1,174.72	£1,202.88
Repairs and Renewals	£1,312.81	£0.00
Accountant	£50.00	£50.00
Maintenance/Serviceing	£488.50	£342.42
Misc Payments	£0.00	£41.22
Materials and equipment	£164.89	£0.00
Printing and photocopying	£48.74	£0.00
Contribution to camp/activity costs	£15.00	£0.00
Uniforms	£0.00	£0.00
AGM and trustee expenses	£28.33	£0.00
Transfers (From General A/c To Buildings A/c)	£23,252.03	£25,000.00
Transfers (From Sectional accounts to General A/c)	£2,231.86	£1,722.64
Transfers (Section to Section)	£1,159.00	£0.00
Sub total	£39,854.17	£34,332.61

<b>Fundraising expenses</b>		
No Fundraising Events held in this Financial Period	£0.00	£0.00
Sub total	£0.00	£0.00
Total Gross Expenditure	£39,854.17	£34,332.61
<b>Asset and investment purchases, etc.</b>	£0.00	£0.00
<b>Total payments</b>	£39,854.17	£34,332.61
<b>Net of receipts/(payments)</b>	£35,134.97	£12,913.63
Cash funds last year end	£40,425.80	£27,512.17
<b>Cash funds this year end</b>	£75,560.77	£40,425.80

**3rd Weston-super-Mare Scout Group**  
**(Charity no. 305640)**  
**Receipts and payments account**




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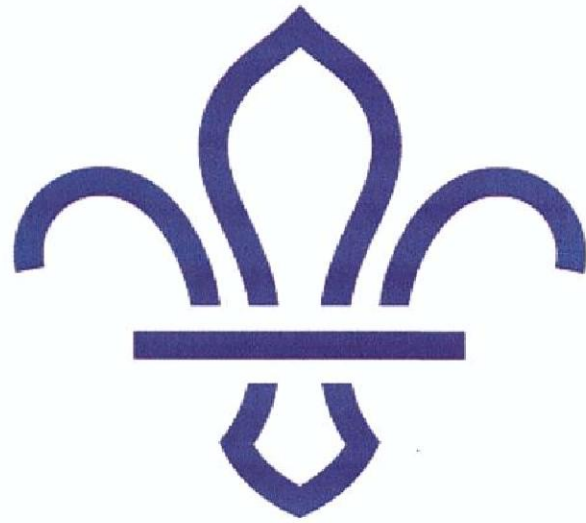
**Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the year**

	31st March 2023 Unrestricted funds £	31st March 2022 Unrestricted funds £
<b>Cash funds</b>		
General Account	£5,934.47	£7,157.59
Beaver Account	£727.13	£621.64
Cub Account	£2,239.82	£2,130.90
Scout Account	£733.69	£1,052.04
Building Account	£64,514.23	£28,176.88
Jamboree Account	£1,286.75	£1,286.75
Cash/Floats	£124.68	£0.00
	<b>£75,560.77</b>	<b>£40,425.80</b>
<b>Other monetary assets</b>		
Tax claim	£0.00	£0.00
Debts due from the County/Area/District/Group	£0.00	£0.00
Insurance claim	£0.00	£0.00
Sub total	<b>£0.00</b>	<b>£0.00</b>
<b>Investment assets</b>		
Scout Property, The Gilcraft Den, Totterdown Road (insurance Value)	£435,000.00	£435,000.00
3420 Shares held in F&C Investment Trust (Value of Shares on 31st March)	£31,122.00	£29,719.80
Other investments - No Other Investments	£0.00	£0.00
Sub total	<b>£466,122.00</b>	<b>£464,719.80</b>

<b>Non monetary assets for charity's own use</b>		
Beaver Badge Stock	£212.89	£136.14
Cub Badge Stock	£484.47	£407.92
Scout Badge Stock	£220.05	£150.72
Group Badge Stock	£108.00	£108.00
Shop stock	£0.00	£0.00
Other stock	£0.00	£0.00
Land and buildings	£0.00	£0.00
Motor vehicles	£0.00	£0.00
Scouting equipment, furniture etc	£0.00	£0.00
Other	£0.00	£0.00
Sub total	<b>£1,025.41</b>	<b>£802.78</b>
<b>Liabilities</b>		
Accounts not yet paid	£0.00	£0.00
Expenses incurred but not invoiced	£0.00	£0.00
Subscriptions not yet paid	£0.00	£0.00
Loan - detail	£0.00	£0.00
Other liabilities	£0.00	£0.00
Sub total	<b>£0.00</b>	<b>£0.00</b>
<b>Total net assets</b>	<b>£542,708.18</b>	<b>£505,948.38</b>

The above receipts and payments account and statement of assets and liabilities were approved by the Trustees on 15th September 2023 and signed on their behalf by

Signature	Print Name	
	Bruce Badman	Chair
	Allan Piggott	Treasurer
	Nigel Needs	Group Scout Leader



# Scouts

**3rd (St. Paul's)  
Weston-super-Mare**

*Annual General Meeting*

*Report Pack*

*2023*

## **3rd Weston super Mare Scout Group**

### **Annual General Meeting**

### **AGENDA**

1. Introduction and welcome
2. Apologies for absence
3. To approve the minutes of the Annual General Meeting (held on 21st September 2022)
4. **Governance topics**
  - a. Adopt the Groups constitution from (Based on the model Constitution in POR July 21)
  - b. Note the Group's financial year
5. **Review of the previous year**
  - a. The Group Scout Leader's review of Scouting.
  - b. To receive and consider the Annual Report of the Group Trustee Board including the annual Statement of the Accounts
6. **Making appointments**
  - a. To approve the Group Scout Leader's nomination of the Group Chair
  - b. Election of the Group Secretary
  - c. Election of the Group Treasurer
  - d. Elections of members to the Group Trustee Board
  - e. To approve the Group Scout Leader's nominations to the Group Trustee Board
  - f. To appoint the Scrutineer / Independent Examiner / Auditor for the Current Financial year
7. **Awards**
  - a. Young People Awards
  - b. Adult Awards
8. District Rep
9. Close

**3rd Weston super Mare Scout Group  
Minutes of the Annual General Meeting  
Wednesday 21st September 2022**

Bruce Opened the meeting at 20.02

**Welcome**

Bruce Welcomed everyone to the meeting, and thanked them for their attendance.

**Apologies of Absence**

Ann Coombes, Barbara Murliss, Emma Welch, Gary White, District Rep.

**Minutes of the Last Meeting.**

The minutes of the 2021 meeting were taken as a true record, these were proposed by as a true record by Bruce Badman and Seconded by Christopher Batten.

**Accounts**

The accounts for the year 21-22 were audited by C. Biddulph.

The accounts were available for all to see, and no questions, comments or concerns were raised about the accounts.

The accounts were proposed to the Scout council by Allan (treasurer) and were seconded by Adam Cashmore.

**Election of the Exec Committee**

Chairman - Nigel Asked Bruce to continue his role for another year, This was Seconded by Angus Donald

Treasurer - Nomination Allan Piggot - Proposed by Bruce Badman and Seconded by John Moon

Secretary - Nomination Dani Stopford - Proposed by Bruce Badman and Seconded by Nigel Neads

**Elected Members**

Rob Hase, Gary White, Adam Cashmore, Angus Donald, John Moon.

Proposed by Nigel and Bruce, Seconded by Allan Piggot

**Nominated members**

Ann Coombes, Christopher Batten

Nominated by Nigel and Bruce, Seconded by Rob Hase and Adam Cashmore.

## **Awards and presentations**

The Following Awards were presented at the AGM

### **Young people Awards**

Chief Scouts Awards, these awards have all been earned in the past 12 months and have been presented with a certificate at the AGM for recognition by the group for their efforts

#### **Bronze Awards (Beavers)**

Indio Slater, Grace Dando, Rudi Ferris, Jaxon Plowman, Kaden Plowman, Elana Brayton, Ceejay Densley-Harris, Nicholas Meek, Kaysie Mayes, Kyla Bolitho, Hugo Drake

#### **Silver Awards (Cubs)**

Douglas Heather, Florence Heather, Lillie Hayrows, Elijah Brayton, Jasmine Ditch, Safyre Meek.

#### **Gold Awards (Scouts)**

Dylan Collins

### **Young person of the year Awards**

<b>Beaver of the year</b>	-	Hugo Drake
<b>Cub of the Year</b>	-	Saul Hacker
<b>Scout of the Year</b>	-	Joshua Woodfield

### **Adult Awards**

#### **The Dick and Betty Abraham Award**

The award was presented to John Moon for his efforts to the group over the years,  
The award was presented to John by the Abraham Brothers .

<b>15 years Service</b>	-	Martin Nazer
<b>Award of Merit (Group recognition certificates)</b>	-	Adam Cashmore and Nigel Neads
<b>Easy fundraising Recognition</b>	-	Pat Hase and Jackie Neads

### **District update**

No district update.

### **AOB**

No AOB raised

Bruce Closed the meeting at 20.20

## Group Report.

The Group has had a busy year. As you will read in the sectional reports there has been a lot of active programmes happening throughout all the sections. Nigel has had the pleasure this year in attending sectional meetings, talking to the young people, listening to their stories of what they love about being in scouting. This means that the leadership teams are doing a fantastic job in running the sections. This is evident from the amounts of chief scout awards Bronze silver and Gold that have been presented over the past 12 months.

At the census this year, the group recorded a 30% increase in young people in the group Year on year, and has been our highest figure since 2012, and we are on track to increasing this number at the next census.

Just over a year ago, Nigel was approached by a parent who wanted to know about starting a squirrel section, Originally I wasn't sure if it was right for the group, but after talking to others (both in the group and externally), I took the idea to the Exec committee (and district) and it was agreed earlier this year that we should start our Squirrel Drey.

The Drey officially started in June, and they have grown, and are already full! This is a great achievement by the squirrel team.

This means now that we are able to deliver scouting opportunities for young people aged from 4 years old, all the way up till their 14th birthday.

In the past 12 months, We have been trying to get our heads around the ongoing 'transformation' project that the scout association is going through, and like all things relating to change, we have gone through a journey. Some things have been easy, and others things have had a lot of work attached (and a lot of emails back and forth to different people).

Whilst things in the background are changing, the programme that gets delivered to the young people will not be affected.

What is changing?

The Exec. Committee will become a trustee board. Why? So terminology used by external organizations fits better with the management committee. Currently the terminology used by external organizations is different to that used by the Exec committee.

The backend Database (where we host the details of our adult members) will be changing to a new platform, making it easier for our volunteers to control their training, permits and reducing some of the admin required behind the scenes, which will give the teams more time to focus on the young people in the group.

The Training scheme is also being reviewed, and will be referred to as learning. The new scheme will mean that if a member has done some training/learning externally to scouting (ie in the workplace) then these could be used in the scouting, rather than having to re-do similar training in a scouting environment.

Some Roles within the organization will be renamed. The logic behind this is so people outside of our movement will have a clearer idea of the roles. For example, The Group Scout Leader role will be re-named Lead Volunteer. The scout association believes people outside of the movement will understand what a lead volunteer is, compared to Group Scout Leader.

These changes will start to come in over the next 6 months, the first change will be the change to the Exec. Committee, this change will happen at this year's AGM,

We are growing ever closer to our funding target of £115,000 to start the building works on the Gilcraft Den. We are thankful to those who have donated money to fund (businesses, Charitable foundations, and individuals), We would also like to thank those of you who use the easy fund-raising platform when shopping online, It doesn't cost you a penny more, but everytime you shop through them, we get a small donation, so thank you if you are helping us when you spend money.

We would like to Welcome John and Poppy who have agreed to run the Scout Section, and also to Trudy, Cathy, Anna and Ronnie, who have all agreed to launch our squirrel Section. We hope they all have a good time scouting in 3rd Weston super Mare Scout Group.

We would like to thank the Exec committee for their work behind the scenes ensuring that everything is kept running smoothly behind the scenes, and the Gilcraft Den is kept running.

Our thanks also go to the leadership teams across all sections for their hard work and dedication to keep the sections running week in and week out.

Regards

Bruce Badman  
Group Chair

Nigel Needs  
Lead Volunteer

## **Holding Trustee Report 2022/2023**

This evening we have heard about the Transformation of the Scout movement in the UK in particular changes of titles and names. Focussing on the changes from group executive committee to board of trustees I would like to remind the scout council we as a group have had Group trustees dating back to 1932 when the Gilcraft Den was obtained from a farm for the use of scouting, yes it was a cow shed and on occasions still smells like one!

Numbering four in total we the Holding Trustees are responsible for holding the title deeds of the Den and the share investments in trust for the good of the group. In the light of the changes we are now known as Holding Trustees to avoid any confusion with the new board of trustee titles. We also hold seats on the Board of Trustees.

The past year has seen some changes in our line up. Two new Trustees have been appointed to fill the vacant positions, both have been members of the group in the past and have remained interested in it since, both bring skills and knowledge which can only hold the group in good stead for the future. We welcome Gary White and Angus Donald and they replace John Moon who has retired after joining as a trustee in 1986 and Betty Abraham who passed in 2019 who also joined as trustee in 86. Adam Cashmore and myself remain in position since joining in 1996. All these personal changes have been formalized by a Deed of Appointment drawn up by Powells the Solicitor who also have a long connection with the Group. We with the assistance of Powells are currently undertaking a voluntary registration of the Den with the Land Registry. This is deemed necessary because the property has not changed hands or been subject to any conveyancing since 1932.

The shareholding remains unchanged and continues to provide the group with a steady income, please see the treasurer's report.

With the target funds almost raised for the improvements, both environmental and decorative of the building we see an exciting year ahead. We therefore consider that once refurbished the Den will again be a superb building to facilitate first class scouting at 3rd which seems to be achieving a growth phase and as such is greatly needed for the future.

Robert Hase  
(Senior Trustee)

## **Squirrel Drey Report 2023**

After lots of planning we held an information session in May prior to our Drey opening on 7th June 2023 which was a success.

We started with 12 squirrels, with 1 on the waiting list from our very first session in June, and 4 adult volunteers.

We have invested 12 Squirrels and 4 adult volunteers at Clarence Park in July.

We have since increased our Drey to have 16 Squirrels, and have 5 young people on our waiting list.

### **New Beginnings** **INFORMATION SESSION**

The young people took part in some activities and games, decorating an acorn to use when signing into the session, and working together to decorate our oak tree to sign in with.

We had information sheets for the parents and a welcome booklet with useful information to refer to.

#### **FIRST WEEK**

Our first session explored Scouting, the different sections, badges and our promise, why we make it and what it was. We played 4 corners and a badge identification and collection game which the squirrels enjoyed finding the hiding badges.

#### **FIRST TERM**

We have explored our emotions through games and stories, and drawing our own emotions to show how we were feeling. The squirrels were very brave trying fruits, some more familiar than others, they discovered they do not like dragon fruit at all!

Some games have been very successful such as shark infested custard and the bean game! The squirrels worked together in small teams to cross the hut, before all joining together and working together to reach the other end of the hall without getting caught by the sharks.

### **Next Term Aims** **INVESTMENTS**

We are hoping to invest our newest squirrels and volunteers into our Drey by the end of September, if they feel ready for it.

#### **OUTINGS**

We have an upcoming trip to the local fire station in September to meet some local heroes, and a hike to Clarence Park in October to do some badge work and hopefully enjoy some good weather.

#### **BADGES**

We are aiming to get started on our challenge badges, some staged badges as well as some more activity badges.

We will also be supporting the young people to choose a project for our community impact challenge.

Trudy  
Squirrel Leader

## Beaver Colony Report 2023

We have 16 beavers in our group at the moment. These are 7 girls and 9 boys.

Throughout the year we did many activities that the children enjoyed and connected well with. These activities were implemented from the beavers badges that the beavers needed to work towards throughout this year. Some of these activities were attending the helicopter museum, learning and supporting our community by going to the food bank, litter picking and learning about recycling, tracking in the woods, laser tag in the woods, problem solving sessions, family den building, team building and many more activities.

Beavers participated in 3 camps this year. These were October camp which ended with a group Halloween party. Easter camp, which involved an Easter trail in the woods and axe throwing, which the children thrived in. District camp, which was held at woodhouse in Bristol and involved many adventures activities such as climbing wall, low ropes actively, archery, Laser tag, axe throwing. Beavers made new friends from other beavers colonies. This was the first district camp since Covid and it was nice for beavers and leaders from different colony's to come together for this camp.

We attended a few district and group activities through the year, These were Puxton park day trip, Halloween party, Christmas party at Puxton park, Christmas pantomime, family den building and this month we will be attending a district activity, where the beavers will go to Woodlands together and build new friendships with other beavers groups, from north Somerset.

We have awarded 14 bronze badge awards throughout the year. This is the highest award that beavers can earn through their journey as a beaver.

Sirrena Richardson

Beaver Scout Leader

## Cub Pack Report 2023

We currently have 16 Cubs in the pack. Despite the challenges of experiencing part of their time in Cubs during Covid lockdowns, seven of our oldest Cubs achieved their Chief Scout Silver Award, which is a fantastic achievement for them all.

As well as working towards a number of the Challenge Awards, we also completed several activity badges including Backwoods Cooking, Fire Safety, Scientist, Disability Awareness and Pioneer. We took part in a wide range of activities, such as fire lighting, science experiments, a Spy-themed evening, making photo frames and a water fight. We also were lucky enough to visit and help out at the Foodbank, go on a bike ride, and to have a visit from the RNLI. A joint trip with the Beavers and Scouts to Puxton Park was also a fun day out enjoyed by all.

In August 2022 we enjoyed a Summer Camp at Huish Woods, where we took part in a number of activities over 4 days, including artificial caving, orienteering and woodcraft. We also held sleepovers in October 22 and February 2023 where the Cubs also got to try archery and complete team challenges with the Scouts.

I am as always very grateful to both Nikki and Barbara for their commitment, support and dedication in everything they do for our Cubs. I am also grateful for the support of our parent helpers during the last year, who have provided us with the support we need to be able to deliver our programme, often stepping in at short notice, giving up their time to help us on a Tuesday evening when needed - Shelley, Astra and Kelly your help is invaluable.

We are very fortunate to have four Young Leaders who give up their time each week, and I have been delighted to see them develop in their leadership, and hopefully having fun too as they help us deliver our programme to the Cubs – a big thank you to Joshua, Imogen, Dylan and William.

As always, we are looking for more adult help and if anyone is interested in finding out more about joining our leadership team as a leader, or helping on an occasional basis, please let me know, or speak to our Group Scout Leader Nigel Neads. We have a fun, supportive team and it is a rewarding role!

Emma Welch  
Cub Scout Leader

## Scout Troop Report 2023

We currently have 18 young people in the troop, this is the highest number we have had for a few years.

This year the troop have been working toward several of their badges (they are working towards them simultaneously). They have been busy cooking, Learning navigation skills, team work, creating things and making some international contact.

We have had the privilege of awarding a chief scouts award gold this year to Josh, This was well deserved as he started in the scout troop during the lockdown when we were scouting on Zoom.

The scouts also took part in the districts Joti/Jota event in October, this was a great annual experience that enables the scouts to talk to other scouts from around the world as well as learning some international things, though a wide range of activities.

They also took part in the district quiz where although they didn't win, they did come high up the rankings - I am proud of where they finished!

The scouts Also had a great day out at Puxton park (organized by the Cub team)  
The Scouts had fun (as did the leaders).

This year the Scout Section Welcomed John and Poppy as leaders, and they are a great asset to the team.

Unfortunately we said goodbye to Martin from the team, as he moved to a group Closer to his home.

Regards

John, Poppy, Maria and Nigel  
The Scout Leadership team