

**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:



Name:

CATHERINE SLATER

Relevant professional qualification or membership of professional bodies (if any):

Address:

GARRYLAURENCE, DUNGOURNEY, CO CORK, P25CC90 IRELAND

Date



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

**Annual Accounts
1st April 2023 - 31st March 2024**

**3rd Weston super Mare Scout Group
Account and Asset Summary**

Account Name	Opening Balance	Income	Expenditure	Closing Balance	
Group Accounts	Group Account	£5,934.47	£25,046.62	-£29,163.47	£1,817.62
	Petty Cash	£124.68	£1,280.60	-£852.76	£552.52
	Jamboree Account	£1,286.75	£21,266.02	-£10,600.00	£11,952.77
	Building Account	£64,514.23	£61,517.21	-£54,735.00	£71,296.44
Sectional Accounts	Squirrel Account	£0.00	£2,380.00	-£1,454.86	£925.14
	Beaver Account	£727.13	£3,208.00	-£2,624.74	£1,310.39
	Cub Account	£2,239.82	£2,506.50	-£2,600.29	£2,146.03
	Scout Account	£733.69	£2,885.78	-£2,999.16	£620.31
Totals	£75,560.77	£120,090.73	-£105,030.28	£90,621.22	

**Total Assets
as of 31st March 2024**

Total money held in all accounts	£90,621.22
Stock and Shares (held in the groups name)	3420 investment shares with foreign and colonial investment trust

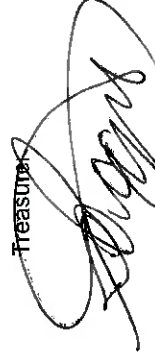
The above accounts were approved by the Groups Trustees on 3rd September 2024, and Signed on their behalf by

Chairman



Bruce Badman

Treasurer



Alan Piggott

Group Lead Volunteer



Nigel Needs

**3rd Weston-super-Mare Scout Group
(Charity no. 305640)**

Receipts and Payments Account

	Year start date		Year end date
For the year from	1st April 2023	T o	31st March 2024

Receipts and Payments

2023/24	2022/23
Unrestricted funds	Unrestricted funds
£	£

Receipts

Donations, legacies and similar income		
Membership Subscriptions (Squirrels)	£802.00	£0.00
Membership subscriptions (Beavers)	£1,894.00	£1,707.00
Membership subscriptions (Cubs)	£1,722.00	£1,956.00
Membership subscriptions (Scouts)	£1,426.00	£1,208.00
Donations	£205.00	£165.67
Activities Income	£3,284.00	£2,858.50
Gift Aid	£682.90	£1,299.15
Transfers (from sectional A/c to General A/c)	£1,942.00	£2,231.85
Transfers (from Group A/c to group A/c)	£41,205.00	£23,252.03
Transfers (Section to Section)	£500.00	£1,159.00
Other similar income	£296.10	£0.00
Sub total	£53,959.00	£35,837.20
Grants		
North Somerset Council Grants	£0.00	£0.00
Other grants	£62,533.78	£35,455.71
Sub total	£62,533.78	£35,455.71

Fundraising events (gross)		
No Fundraising Events held in this Financial Period	£111.23	£0.00
Sub total	£111.23	£0.00
Scout hut income		
Hire of building	£3,004.50	£3,237.95
Hire of equipment	£0.00	£0.00
Other Scout hut income	£0.00	£0.00
Sub total	£3,004.50	£3,237.95
Investment income		
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)	£482.22	£458.28
Sub total	£482.22	£458.28
Total Gross Income	£120,090.73	£74,989.14
Asset and investment sales, etc.	£0.00	£0.00
Total receipts	£120,090.73	£74,989.14

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(Charity no. 305640)**

Receipts and Payments Account

	Year start date	To	Year end date
For the year from	1st April 2023	o	31st March 2024

Receipts and payments

2023/24	2022/23
Unrestricted funds	Unrestricted funds
£	£

Payments

Charitable Payments		
Membership subscriptions paid on (National/County/Area/District)	£3,420.00	£2,640.00
Youth programme and activities (Squirrels)	£1,144.86	£0.00
Youth programme and activities (Beavers)	£2,624.74	£2,200.61
Youth programme and activities (Cubs)	£1,767.29	£2,429.08
Youth programme and activities (Scouts)	£1,695.16	£1,077.95
Adult support and training	£40.00	£80.00
Water and Sewerage	£250.00	£214.00
Electricity and Gas	£3,143.83	£1,286.65
Insurance	£1,341.24	£1,174.72
Repairs and Renewals	£44,150.98	£1,312.81
Accountant	£0.00	£50.00
Maintenance/Servicing	£387.40	£488.50
Legal Fees	£880.00	£0.00
Misc Payments	£12.00	£0.00
Materials and equipment	£391.06	£164.89
Printing and photocopying	£48.84	£48.74
Contribution to camp/activity costs	£36.76	£15.00
Uniforms	£0.00	£0.00
AGM and trustee expenses	£49.12	£28.33
Transfers (From General A/c To Buildings A/c)	£41,200.00	£23,252.03
Transfers (From Sectional accounts to General A/c)	£1,947.00	£2,231.86
Transfers (Section to Section)	£500.00	£1,159.00
Sub total	£105,030.28	£39,854.17

Fundraising expenses		
No Fundraising Events held in this Financial Period	£0.00	£0.00
Sub total	£0.00	£0.00
Total Gross Expenditure	£105,030.28	£39,854.17
Asset and investment purchases, etc.	£0.00	£0.00
Total payments	£105,030.28	£39,854.17
Net of receipts/(payments)	£15,060.45	£35,134.97
Cash funds last year end	£75,560.77	£40,425.80
Cash funds this year end	£90,621.22	£75,560.77

**3rd Weston-super-Mare Scout Group
(Charity no. 305640)**

Receipts and Payments Account




	Year start date		Year end date
For the year from	1st April 2023	T o	31st March 2024

Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the year

	31st March 2023	31st March 2022
	Unrestricted funds	Unrestricted funds
	£	£
Cash funds		
General Account	£1,817.62	£5,934.47
Squirrel Account	£925.14	£0.00
Beaver Account	£1,310.39	£727.13
Cub Account	£2,146.03	£2,239.82
Scout Account	£620.31	£733.69
Building Account	£71,296.44	£64,514.23
Jamboree Account	£11,952.77	£1,286.75
Cash/Floats	£552.52	£124.68
Total cash funds	£90,621.22	£75,560.77
Other monetary assets		
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	£0.00	£0.00
Investment assets		
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)	£34,063.20	£31,122.00
Other investments - No Other Investments	£0.00	£0.00
Sub total	£469,063.20	£466,122.00

Non monetary assets for charity's own use		
Squirrel Badge Stock	£261.89	£0.00
Beaver Badge Stock	£154.83	£212.89
Cub Badge Stock	£489.58	£484.47
Scout Badge Stock	£218.80	£220.05
Group Badge Stock	£106.00	£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	£1,231.10	£1,025.41
Liabilities		
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	£0.00	£0.00
Total net assets	£560,915.52	£542,708.18

The above receipts and payments account and statement of assets and liabilities were approved by the Board of Trustees on 3rd September 2024.

Signature	Print Name	
	Bruce Badman	Chair
	Allan Piggott	Treasurer
	Nigel Needs	GSL



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

Annual Reports

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 15th September 2023)
4. **Governance topics**
 - a. Adopt the Groups constitution from (Based on the model Constitution in POR, July 23)
 - 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

Annual General Meeting

Minutes 15th september

1. Introduction and welcome

Bruce and Nigel opened the meeting at 19.20,

Bruce welcomed everyone and thanked everyone for their attendance. - 17 people attended the meeting

2. Apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Adam Cashmore, Dani Stopford, John Wheatley and Barbara Murlis

3. To approve the minutes of the Annual General Meeting (held on 21st September 2022)

The minutes of the 2022 AGM were taken as a true record, These were proposed by Bruce Badman and Seconded by John Moon.

4. Governance topics

Bruce introduced this section of the meeting, explaining that the next part of the meeting is necessary to make sure the Groups foundation (from a charity point of view) is in good order.

note the dates of charity's financial year

4a agree the number of members that may be elected to the Trustee Board

In line with the recommendation from POR, Bruce proposed that the Scout Group adopt the model constitution from chapter 5 of POR.

Nigel Explained to the meeting how the group has used the model constitution and tweaked it make it relevant to the group

Nigel Mentioned that the following POR points were removed due to them district specific- 5.4.2.7 / 5.4.3.3 / 5.4.4.5 / 5.4.5.8,

The following POR points were removed due to them being county specific - 5.4.2.3 C / 5.4.2.8 / 5.4.3.4 / 5.4.4.6 / 5.4.5.7D / 5.4.5.9

The Following POR points were removed as the group does not have a sponsoring authority - 5.4.2.5.F

The Following POR points were removed as the group does not have any paid employees - 5.4.4.3L

The following POR points were removed due to the group not having an explorer unit - 5.4.2.5.D / 5.4.3.5.E

In point 5.4.6.4 / 5.4.7.7 / 5.4.4.4A - We added the Building Trustee sub committee

in point 5.4.2.5 - We expanded the point that the District Commissioner may send his/Her Rep in their place.

in point 5.4.4.4 A a, We refer to the disposal of assets to the 1932 trust deed.

The constitution was distributed before the meeting with copies available at the meeting.

Nigel and Bruce both proposed that we adopt the model constitution with the above adaptations in place,

This was seconded by Rob Hase.

4b. Financial Year

it was noted that the groups financial year is 1st April -31st March,

4c. To agree on the quorum for each meeting.

Bruce asked that the quorum for the meeting of the group Scout Council (AGM) be 12 people - This was seconded by Angus Donald

Bruce asked that the quorum for meetings of the Trustee Board (also known as the board of trustees) be 6 trustees. This was seconded by Nigel Needs

Bruce asked that the quorum of the Holding trustee Sub-committee be 3. Nigel Added at this point that although the quorum of these meetings will be 3, any decisions relating to the building/shares holdings/deeds would need approval from all 4 holding trustees. This was Seconded by Gary White and Angus Donald.

5. Review of the previous year

5a. The Group Scout Leader's review of Scouting.

Nigel Thanked all the leaders for their contribution over the past year. Nigel then showed a presentation showing what the group has got up to over the past 12 months,

b. To receive and consider the Annual Report of the Group Trustee Board including the annual Statement of the Accounts

Bruce said that the accounts for the previous year were prepared by the treasurer, and approved by the Group Trustee Board, and that the accounts had been independently examined.

Allan Piggott, Explained the accounts to the Group scout council.

Bruce then asked the floor if there were any questions in relation to the accounts. No questions were received.

6. Making appointments

Bruce Explained that the next part of the meeting sets the Group up to be well led during the period to the next AGM. in particular the Group scout council appoints a trustee board to ensure good governance for the charity over the next year.

a. To approve the Group Scout Leader's nomination of the Group Chair

Bruce handed control of the meeting to Nigel.

Nigel Nominated Bruce to stand as chairman for another year. This was supported and approved by all.

Nigel Handed control of the meeting back to Bruce.

b. Election of the Group Secretary

Bruce Proposed that the secretary for the next year - Scott Mchaddan

This was seconded by Ann Coombs

c. Election of the Group Treasurer

Bruce proposed that the Treasurer for the next year - Allan Piggott

This was seconded by Rob Hase,

d. Elections of members to the Group Trustee Board

Bruce proposed the following members be elected on to the Trustee board

Adam Cashmore, Gary White, Rob Hase, and Angus Donald.

This was seconded by Nigel.

e. To approve the Group Scout Leader's nominations to the Group Trustee Board

The following members were nominated to the board of trustees - Ann Coombs, John Moon, Chris Batten.

Nigel also asked that when a booking secretary is found, that they will also sit on the board of trustees as a nominated member.

This was accepted by all at the meeting.

f. To appoint the Scrutineer / Independent Examiner / Auditor for the Current Financial year

Bruce asked the Group Scout Council permission for the Trustee board to appoint a relevant person(s) once the financial year has ended. We will then know whether we need to appoint a examiner or auditor depending on the amount of money the group has turned over,

This was agreed by everyone at the meeting.

7. Awards

Bruce handed the meeting over to Nigel so we could recognize the efforts of the young people in the group

a. Young People Awards

Squirrel of the year. - Ivan Richardson.

Beavers of the year - Samantha Wheatley

Cub of the Year – Lucas Farrelly.

Scout of the year - Leah McNally and Nate Hutchison

In the past year the following young people have earned their Chief Scouts Award Bronze
Oliver Nyamunda, Hunter McCloud, Jenson John Loader, Hugo Drake, Ginevra Parker, Kyrie Shute, Aria Page, Mason Mayes, Zephyr John Barker, Samantha Wheatley

In the past year the following young people have earned their Chief Scouts Award Silver
Safyre Meek, Shannon Woodfield, Esther Brickley, Pearl Brickley, Ari Drake, Jude Clements, Noah Clements, Harold Barber, Saul Hucker

In the past year the following young people have earned their Chief Scouts Award Silver
Joshua Woodfield,

b. Adult Awards

Nigel had the pleasure of nominating John Wheatley for the Dick and Betty Abraham Award. This is traditionally presented by a member of the Abraham Family, but John was not present at the meeting, due to him running the Troop. Nigel asked Les Abraham if he could present it to John at the next Troop Meeting.

8. District Rep

Graham Meikle apologized for being late, as he was stuck in traffic.

Graham told the meeting that there are 57 million people across the world enjoying scouting, and that scouting today is as relevant as it was back in 1917 when BP held his experimental camp on Brownsea Island.

Graham explained that the district is now back to pre-pandemic numbers, and that this number has grown across all sections and thanks to the 'creation' of Squirrel Scouts.

Graham said he was proud to be a scout, and proud to be a scout in the district.

Graham also brought some awards with him, for some of the adults in the group.

Graham awarded The Chief Scouts Commendation for good service to Fiona Hayrows, Bruce Badman, and Maria Neads

Graham also mentioned that Rob Hase and Nigel Neads were invited to the District Awards evening in October for their long service awards, 40 years to Rob, and 20 years to Nigel. Graham also told the meeting that Nigel would be awarded the award for merit at the Districts award evening,

9. Close

No AOB raised

Bruce closed the meeting at 20.20 and invited everyone to take part in the quiz.

Group Report 2023-24

Over the past 12 months, We have managed to secure enough money so we could start the refurbishments to the Gilcraft Den. In December we engaged with our preferred contractor to start the ball rolling to order the materials and equipment so Phase 1 could be started in March.

In April The Den was handed back to us, and as I'm sure you will see the transformation, the exterior of the Den has gone though.

We have had cladding placed on all the exterior walls, to keep the warmth in (and the damp out!), we have had the entire roof replaced with a thermal efficient roof, with full width skylights, so we can make use of the natural light where possible (as well as retaining the heat and the water out).

Double glazing windows have been installed throughout the building, as well as new fire doors, and a complete rewire throughout to bring the building up to current specs.

Thank you to my Team of Helpers that joined me in 'The Big Clean up' after the works had finished to make sure the Den was ready to be used. Thank you Adam, Angus, Allan, and Helen

Since April, The team have been working quietly away in the background, to explore some more funding streams, and planning Phase 2 of the works.

Phase 2 will see the refurbishment of the kitchen and Toilet area. We are still working on the final plans for these areas, but hopefully they will be completed later in 2024 (or early 2025).

We have been slowly Filling holes, prepping the walls, and painting them to bring the interior decoration up to scratch. (Thank you Gary)

Later in this pack, you will see where some of our money has come from for the project, and without them we know the refurbishments wouldn't have happened, so Thank you to everyone who has supported us. We have also had some 'personal' donations, and grants from organizations that do not want to be named - We thank you for your generosity.

As we look to the Future, we would like to encourage you all to sign up to Gift Aid, this is a fantastic opportunity for us to claim back Gift Aid on everything you donate, providing you are a UK Taxpayer, we can claim back 20p for every £1 you donate. All you have to do is to fill in a form which will take most people under 30 seconds. Please scan the QR code (these are located around the hall, and at the end of this report) to take you straight to the online form, or if you prefer, please ask us for a traditional paper form.

I'm sure many of you like to shop online. If you do, please sign up to 'easy fundraising'. Once you have signed up (takes a few minutes to sign up) and then everytime you shop online, we get a donation (at no extra cost to you). Again there is a QR Code at the end of this report that will take you to the sign up page. Each time you shop, we get a small % of the value you spend at the retailer.

Since we started using 'easy fundrasing a couple of years ago our supporters have shopped 528 times, giving us a donation worth over £260.

Last year we spoke of Scouting Transformations by Scout Headquarters. These are still happening, but the launch has been delayed. We should be going live with the transformations by the end of this year.

Last year we reported that the group had grown Year on Year, Well We have done it again. The Group has had a 20% increase in youth membership between January 2023, and January 2024. Thank you to the amazing leadership teams that keep the sections running every week. We know how much time,effort and dedication that goes into organizing the activities that you run for the young people.

In the last year, we have presented 12 chief scouts awards (4 Acorn, 3 Bronze, 4 Silver, and 1 Gold). These awards are the highest awards that a young person can achieve in their sections, and it is always great to be able to present these awards to the young people.

This year, We had Helen come on board as Booking Secretary and she has done a great job in looking after the bookings, and keeping the Den Tidy. Thank you Helen.

Nigel Needs
Lead Volunteer

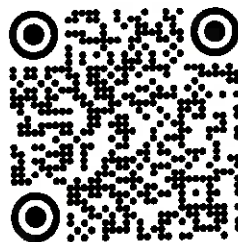
Bruce Badman
Group Chair

QR Codes

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Holding Trustee Report 2023/2024

This evening we have heard how the Transformation of the Scout movement in the UK is progressing in particular changes of titles and names. Focussing on the changes made last year 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 these 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 amazing changes to the Den with the long hoped and promised refurbishment of the property and we all hope the scout council will agree the overall appearance, abundant natural light filling the main hall has transformed the feel of this repurposed cow shed. The Holding Trustee line up remains the same and I would like to express my thanks for the work and input volunteered by Adam, Gary and Angus to achieve what you see in the Den tonight. It should also be noted that a good deal of thanks should be given to Nigel and the Board of Trustees for their support with the project.

We still have Powells our solicitors working on 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, which explains the length of time it is taking.

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

With the remaining funds raised for the improvements, both environmental and decorative of the building, we in the next year aim to concentrate on the inside namely the kitchen and WC areas as major projects. We therefore consider that once these areas are addressed the Den will again be a superb building to facilitate first class scouting at 3rd and be actively used by local community groups which helps to provide an income for the group, which all in turn achieves growth in the number of young people who enjoy all scouting has to offer at the Den.

Robert Hase

(Senior Holding Trustee)

Squirrel Drey Report

We have had an exciting year, exploring lots of different badges and activities.

We have had a mix of indoor and outdoor meetings, meeting at the Park, Bluebell woods and the Beach, not forgetting the community gardens, We have also done some fab activities at the Hut including a visit from the local police force

We celebrated our first birthday with our friends and family, playing some games and having snacks together.

The Squirrels have attended a nights away experience with the Beavers, for many of the squirrels this was the first time they have been away from their parents for the night. Having said that, they all had a fantastic time.

Trudy Meek
Squirrel Scout Leader

Beaver Colony Report

The beavers have completed many tasks through this year towards their badges. They have completed creative activities, cooking activities, beavers have tried to grow some seeds which some turned out amazing and had a campfire with smores.

The beavers have completed many hikes through the year counting a night hike through the woods, they attended a district and a group day out to Woodlands and Puxton park which where lovey days and game the beavers the opportunity to meet other beavers from other groups and spend time with leaders and children from our group from the different sections.

There were 2 camps this year that the beavers attended, which consisted of science activities, fun on the beach and a Halloween camp.

The end of term we managed to spend loads of time out of the hut and made the most of the weather. We went on a bike ride, pond dipping, archery in the hut and lazer tag in the woods to end our brilliant and engaging term.

Sirrena Richardson
Beaver Scout Leader

Cub Pack Report

We currently have 15 Cubs in the pack. Between April 2023 and March 2024, four of our oldest Cubs achieved their Chief Scout Silver Award, the highest award in Cubs, 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 Chef, Local Knowledge, Athletics, and Entertainer. We took part in a wide range of activities, such as fire lighting and Christmas craft, St David's Day and Mardi Gras themed evenings, learning magic tricks and planning and cooking meals. We also went ice skating, went on a bike ride, visited a church and took part in a group trip to Puxton Park.

We held sleepovers in May 2023 and December 2023, where the Cubs enjoyed sleeping at the Den, and taking part in activities including fire lighting, baking and shooting.

This year we have welcomed back Anthea to our leadership team after a break of a couple of years. We are also delighted to have welcomed Shelley to our leadership team. I am as always very grateful to Nikki and Barbara, as well as Shelley and Anthea for their commitment, support and dedication in everything they do for our Cubs.

We are very fortunate to have had four Young Leaders over the last year who have given 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.

We are always 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

This year, our troop has grown to a full roll of 24 scouts, with a balanced mix of ages and genders. We welcomed three new leaders: Poppy, Chloe, and Sarah, who have brought fresh energy and ideas.

Our activities were diverse and engaging, ranging from night hikes, kite flying, den building, map reading, fire lighting and survival skills, to more social activities like pizza making at the allotments, baking, and DIY skills. We also enjoyed outdoor cooking, shooting, wide games, and a beach walk.

We visited various locations including Uphill, Weston Woods, Weston Beach, Coleridge Road Allotments, and Sea Monster Garden. A highlight was our summer camp at Glenny Woods.

While our Den underwent refurbishment, we spent time at the Loxton Road Community Hub. We are delighted with our warmer, brighter, and smarter Den.

In October, we joined the district for their annual Jota Joti international event, which was a great experience for all.

Leah and Nate, our Scouts of the Year, continued to be excellent peer leaders. We are also grateful for Dylan, who has been a dedicated young leader throughout the year.

Looking forward to another exciting year ahead!

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