



## **1<sup>st</sup> Shipley Scout Group**

Scout Regn. No. 17550 Charity No. 305903

### **2022 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

#### **NOTICE & AGENDA**

and

### **2021/2022 ANNUAL REPORT**

**FRIDAY 7<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER 2022**

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## **Forward**

The Trustees of 1<sup>st</sup> Shipley Scout Group are pleased to present their Annual Report for the year ending 31<sup>st</sup> March 2022. The Annual Report details the activities undertaken by 1<sup>st</sup> Shipley Scout Beavers, Cubs and Scout Sections and the annual accounts that have been independently examined in accordance with the general directions given by the Charities Commission.

Adrian Marshall  
Group Scout Leader

Peter Sutton  
Group Chairman

## **List of Trustees**

Ex-Officio:  
Adrian Marshall GSL

GSL's nomination:  
Peter Sutton Group Chairman

## **1<sup>st</sup> Shipley Scout Group Executive Committee & Trustees Nominated by the GSL:**

Lord Lytton – President of 1<sup>st</sup> Shipley Scout Group  
Peter Sutton – Group Chairman  
Julian Peters  
Bob Phillips  
Jose Phillips

## **Executive Committee & Trustees elected at the 2021 AGM by the Scout Council:**

Paul Cooper – Treasurer  
Sandra Sutton – Secretary  
Tim Phillips  
Sarah Hall  
Debbie Boyd

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### **Notice & Agenda**

The 1<sup>st</sup> Shipley Scout Group is holding its Annual General Meeting at the Scout Group Headquarters, Bakers Lane, Dragons Green, Shipley, on Friday 7<sup>th</sup> October 2022.

### **Agenda**

1. Welcome by Peter Sutton – Group Chairman
  2. Apologies received
  3. Receive and approve Minutes of last Annual General Meeting
  4. Matters arising
  5. Section Leaders' Reports
  6. Group Scout Leader & Chairman's Report
  7. Treasurer's Report & Accounts 2021/2022
  8. Adoption of the Annual Reports and Accounts
  9. Election of Officers
  10. AOB
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## 1<sup>st</sup> Shipley Scout Group

### Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of the 1<sup>st</sup> Shipley Scout Group 2021

Held at Scout H/Q on Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> September 2022

#### Those Present

P. Sutton, J. Peters, K. Cooper, A. Marshall, P. Cooper, M. Woods, C. Sutton, L. Moyse, S. Sutton, B. Phillips, J. Phillips, T. Phillips

Welcome by P. Sutton.

Apologies received from D. Cannons, J. Ingram-Marriott, D. Boyd, K. Hudson

Minutes of the last AGM were agreed, proposed by P. Cooper and seconded by M. Woods.

No matters arising from the previous minutes.

#### Leaders' Reports

##### Beavers

M. Woods reported on some of the highlights over the last year. Full colony, 50/50 mix of boys and girls. Thanks given to everyone for their help.

##### Cubs

K. Cooper gave her report on the group and the support given to them, despite the Covid lockdown etc.

##### Scouts

Welcomed Carol to the group. Lots of members invested. Thanks given for everyone's help.

##### Paladin

Good amount of members with numbers due to increase. Full programme planned, thanks given for help and support.

##### P. Sutton/A. Marshall

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Nobody was prepared for what happened but P. Sutton proud that everyone pulled together during the last year and provided good memories and stability for the young people.

P. Sutton thanked a. Marshall and P. Tilley for their work on the Woggle and Compass.

Work on the shower block progressing.

P. Cooper

Financially the group is in a good place, some grants have been obtained.

J. Peters given Silver Wolf award for outstanding contribution to scouting.

The future is bright for us and for other groups in the district who will benefit from using our facilities.

Adrian Marshall passed on his thanks to everyone who has helped and supported.

P. Sutton surrendered the Chair and handed over to A. Marshall. Everyone re-elected on mass. The Exec was nominated by A. Marshall and seconded by C. Sutton. Chair was handed back to P. Sutton.

Special Projects – J. Peters was put forward, proposed by M. Woods and seconded by K. Cooper.

Quartermaster – P. Tilley will take over this role, proposed by M. Woods and seconded by K. Cooper.

Bob Phillips was presented with his 60 year award.

District Commissioner commendation awarded to P. Sutton.

Meeting closed 7.45 pm



### Beavers Leader's Report

We started the year with a full colony of beavers and enjoyed the last of the light evenings by walking at Knepp, playing cricket and litter picking at Sumners ponds. We all sang out loud at the district campfire, learning new songs and seeing friends from other colonies.

The traditional Shipley bonfire night was a great success, the beavers enjoyed making popcorn and biscuits to sell. We all snuggled down in the hut after half term making vegetable soup, Christmas cakes and sewing poppies for remembrance, the colony looked very smart in church and I am very proud of all of those who turned out, special mention to Amelie for carrying the flag. We finished the year with a trip to Colgate tunnelling around the fabulous man made cave system, I am sure they all came out, maybe with a few bruises but definitely with lots of smiles and laughter.

Christmas is always magical at Shipley, the Christingle was a huge success, seeing all of the candles flickering in a dark church is very special. Carol singing warms the heart and fills our tummies with delicious treats as well as raising funds for the group.

Spring arrived and we got stuck into our international badge, learning about Australia and celebrating Chinese New Year. We worked towards our builders and experiments badges, celebrated our Mums, making them cups of tea and handing out hanging baskets lovingly put together by the beavers.

We had a fantastic sleepover, visiting the WWT in Arundel during the day, we had a boat trip, saw some ducklings and enjoyed being outside. Well done to all the beavers who joined us, many for the first time away from home.

During the summer term we completed our builders badge by making junk model boats and taking them to Southwater country park to sail them, the weather was hot and we definitely only paddled!

The beavers were keen to return to Sumners so we did another litter pick and were rewarded with juice and biscuits, Simon was very grateful for our hard work and many of the beavers earned their community impact badge.

We celebrated the Queen with games and dressing up, enjoyed a walk looking at the history of Coolham airfield and catching grasshoppers. Before we knew it the

holidays were upon us and the beavers had a great evening soaking their leaders whilst playing games.

I would like to thank my wonderful leaders Katherine and Lee as without them we wouldn't have such a great program of opportunity, adventure and fun and I would have hung up my woggle by now! The amazing executive team lead by Pete and our fabulous GSLs Ade and Julian for supporting our program, maintaining our beautiful hut and grounds, putting up marquees and being there to organise us all.



### Cubs Leader's Report

We have 24 Cubs on the register with an average weekly attendance of 18 to 20 Cubs.

Since the start of the year we have looked at several badges including the Entertainer, Digital Citizens, International and Personal Achievement. These have involved lots of eating, something the Cubs really enjoy, craft as well as pond dipping, camping, hiking, and learning to light fires using flints and steels.

The camp held in June this year was the first since returning to Scouting after Covid and the Cubs as well as the leaders all enjoyed the activities. This was a tech free camp and it was surprising to hear that most of the Cubs did not miss their phones and games stations, so one for parents to consider in future, even just 24 hours brings you all together. Although this was just for one night, we packed the Cubs home again on the Saturday evening so they could get a good night sleep before returning to the Hut on the Sunday for the group visit to Chatham Docks.

At the end of the Summer term we said goodbye to several of our older Cubs and we hope they are doing well in Scouts. We have welcomed several new Cubs from Beavers and they are settling in well with the group. This term we have already begun working on the disability and first aid badges with your D of E assistant being a very useful manikin for bandage practice - thank you Jack.

Coming up over the coming weeks, we will have more cooking outside on the fire, if the Cubs can get it lit. Looking at some home help, so the Cubs will be able to sew on all their badges and help with the washing and ironing, and with the night's drawing in, we shall be out and about looking at road safety.

The Cubs have also been set a challenge to read at least 6 books and discuss their favourite with a leader or the group. This will then form part of their Book Reader challenge Badge and we are looking at visiting Horsham Library towards the end of the year.

Lastly, I would like to thank the Cub team for all their hard work and the wider scouting community for their support during the last 12 months. Here's to another successful 12 months with more adventures.



## Scouts Leaders' Report

What a great year we have had, giving our Young People some great opportunities, memories and new skills for life.

Our winter program started this time last year, with 25 – 30 scouts attending most nights. September started the term with a Knepp hikes, 1<sup>st</sup> Aid Stage 4 emergency training, pen-pals to Australia with Badge exchange, rocket designs and launching from the Shipley HQ, Southwater hike to the chippie, collectors night with the sharing of our collections from football shirts to fossils and caving for a first time at Colgate. Badges working towards or gained the international badge, Adventure Challenge and collectors Badge.

Spring term gave us our spring camp waking up to ice on the tents. Whittling sticks, camp gadget building, quartermaster skills, disability night with sign language. Using the What 3 Word app, pebble hunting. I was able to receive my Camp and Green field permit in April. Memories made taking Photographs around Horsham, passing our cycle maintenance and working towards our World Challenge badge, Personnel Challenge badge, Creative challenge, Outdoor Challenge badge and Expedition Badge.

Our summer term gave our scouts new experiences, archery, car maintenance, orienteering, gutting fish & open fire cooking. Expedition Hike with camp from Bramber to Slinfold in May. Geo caching, axe throwing, finishing the term with our annual BBQ and water fight.

Our Autumn term we have been Air rifle shooting and Ready Steady Cooking a three course meal, just come back from camp with a day trip to Chessington, a first for many of our scouts. We have been lucky to take part in a group trip to Chatham Docks and a proud moment for me to present four Chief Scout Gold Award to four of our scouts just before they moved up to Explorers.

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A big thankyou to Oathall community school, for thinking of us, donating D of E tents, cooking equipment and 1<sup>st</sup> aid kits, ruck sacks and survival bags.

A thankyou to Perry Collingwood one of our parents stepping in to help out on our cycling and car maintenance night.

Thank you to Shelly and Nick for the amazing games night entertaining our scouts.

Thank you to our parents for supporting the scout group through last year.

Plus a big amazing thank you to our leaders planning, supporting and delivering fantastic troop nights for our scouts. A Brilliant dedicated team.

Thank you to Ade Marshal, Julian Peters and Pete Sutton for all their support and advice.

I can't wait to see what the coming year brings.

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## Paladin Leader's Report

It's been another great year for Paladin ESU and we really do seem to be going from strength to strength. Not only is our programme growing as we branch into new avenues, so is our section, as last week we had the group's all-time record of 13 members attending.

We pride ourselves on the fact that when someone joins or moves up from Scouts they are treated with a new level of respect and given a real sense of ownership of their group which they can now plan out and shape for themselves, we hope that we can give our members some of the first taste of freedom over the choices they can have in their lives as they are getting older and beginning to gain more life experiences.

As Leaders we really love to see over time the younger members become more and more accustomed to the way we do things, and you can see a genuine sense of pride develop in them as they gain more influence and responsibility within Paladin.

It's hard to pin down just a few sessions that sum up the experiences we've had this year, but some that spring to mind during our weekly meetings are kayaking at Southwater Country Park, indoor caving at Beacon hill campsite, metal detecting at an old Canadian Army Camp and a fantastic summer beach trip which cooled everyone down during the heatwave. Some of our most exciting activities are the ones that take place 'out of hours' such as the London Monopoly Run and a summer wild camp where we slept in the open air in hammocks.

We are pleased to say that Mia from our group has been selected to attend the Scout Jamboree to South Korea and she is working incredibly hard to fundraise for this.

We are excited to see what the future has in store for Paladin as we continue to grow and thrive, we will soon be making the new pizza ovens outside which should benefit the whole group.

Thanks to all the committee for their support and most importantly to our members themselves for providing so much fun and enthusiasm, which makes Lizzie and myself feel the time and effort we put in so worthwhile.



### Joint Summary Report from the Group Chairman and Group Scout Leader

After a very strange couple of years, it felt like normality finally descended over 1<sup>st</sup> Shipley, meetings and plans went unhindered and lots of great Scouting experiences ensued. We were back and intended to make up for lost time with ambitious plans not only within each section but also with our HQ.

As we headed through Autumn 2021 and up to Christmas there was lots of exciting events to be part of, armistice day was wonderful as always, firework night went with a bang too. Maria and the Beaver team also raised valuable funds for the group during this period by holding a jumble sale at HQ, thanks guys.

As Christmas approached, we had big ambitions including our traditional Carol singing and raffle exploits, but this year we also decided to amplify our activity with two additional events. Firstly, during Covid we were unable to go carolling so a special socially distanced rendition of 'Do they know it's Christmas' had been filmed. This performance was enjoyed so much that a repeat performance was requested. Who could forget Julian's starring performance as Ebenezer Scrooge (an absolute natural) in our new 2021 video 'We wish it could be Christmas'. Thanks to Christopher, and Luke S for doing that, hilarious and a great fund raiser.

Secondly, we decided to have a Christmas fayre to coincide with the Christingle. Talk about a kick start to Christmas, we had mulled wine, minced pies, Christmas themed games and enough stocking fillers to make Santa jealous, wonderful. Big thanks must go to Mr Christmas himself Julian who was the driving force behind the fayre.

As Christmas came and went, we looked to do something special for the summer. This took the shape of a very ambitious summer fete. A committee was formed, and ambitious ideas started to take shape culminating in an amazing day with games and activities at HQ. Obviously being 1<sup>st</sup> Shipley our Fete coincided with one of the hottest days in recent history. Undeterred however we put up some tentage, got some cold drinks on ice and had the most magical day. Big thanks to the committee, Deb, Julian, Maria special thanks.

As far as our individual sections are concerned another triumphant year for 1<sup>st</sup> Shipley, each section creating brilliant and innovative programmes ensuring wonderful memories that will last a lifetime. Each section has thrived in the last year with the steady and motivated guidance of our wonderful leaders, thanks so much team, simply amazing.

Our Executive team also deserve our thanks too; these are the people who work behind the scenes to make this group a success, helping with fundraising and maintenance and a whole host of other things that make the group run efficiently; thanks all.

Thanks also goes to team Tilley, Cannons, to Pete for looking after and maintaining our stores and to Sarah for cleaning up after you mucky lot, invaluable.

Special mention must also go to Paul Cooper who has been looking after our finances over the last few years. Paul is standing down as our treasurer and will be handing over the baton to Erica if she's still keen. Thanks so much Paul for all the hard work you have put into the group, you will be missed greatly by all.

From a house keeping point of view, you will note that we have put subs up recently. To be brutally honest this was long overdue subs haven't seen an increase in 7 years, we are sure you understand.

In other matters you will appreciate because of our exceptional location upkeep is expensive, so our fundraising is key. In the last year to be honest we have struggled to get the numbers to help. I now have e mail addresses of all our parents and guardians and will be asking for a little help next year. Marquees, events, and catering are an ideal opportunity to raise funds for the group and just a little help goes a long way, I'll be in touch shortly.

Once again falls upon me to thank everyone once again for all the support that makes 1<sup>st</sup> Shipley Scouts possible. I think we have an oasis of Scout magic here and I remain so proud to part of it, thanks for coming tonight.

### **NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS 2020/2021**

We have had a good year with fund raising earning nearly £8000. Thanks largely goes to those who have helped with the events and marquee erections.

We have spent a lot of money on the improving the facilities at the Shipley Headquarters, which will enable us to rent them out to other groups as well as enjoying them ourselves.

Also we purchased a new Minibus, which is a very good asset for the group, to be utilised by all Sections for trips out.

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## Election of Officers and Executive Committee

The following are willing to re-stand for the following year, all nominated by Adrian Marshall GSL: -

**Group Chairman** Peter Sutton

**Executive Committee Members** Tim Phillips  
Jose Phillips  
Bob Phillips  
Sarah Hall  
Sandra Sutton  
Debbie Boyd

### **Scout Council Nominations to the Executive Committee:-**

<u>Position</u>	<u>Nominee</u>	<u>Proposed by</u>	<u>Seconded by</u>
Treasurer	Erica Norfolk		

**New Executive members**  
(To be added during meeting)