Scouts

9th Ormskirk
(3rd Aughton)

AGM 2026

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It is a separate charity for the purposes of charity law but is part of the Scouts' Federation of charities.

The Group is registered with the 'Charity Commission' – (registration no. 503343).

Agenda

Welcome & Apologies

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Squirrels

Squirrels fluctuated between 10, 12 and then 10 members throughout the year.

We have two permanent leaders Sarah and Karen, as we said goodbye to lovely Mandy and Sam. We have one student leader from Edge Hill University Molly, who has got two more years studying in Ormskirk however travels home to North Wales in holidays.

Squirrels have taken part in all scout parades, St George's Day parade, Squirrels 5th Birthday Party at Bibby's Farm, with other squirrels from the County. Day visits at the 9th Group Camp at Bispham Hall, the Gathering at Tawd Vale in September and we're going to St Michael's for the yearly teddy bears picnic in July.
Three Squirrels have completed their Acorn Awards and have moved on to Beavers.
The Squirrels have taken part in first aid and community badges with Acting Inspector Bob, from Merseyside Police, and the local Ormskirk Fire Brigade Service visited.

We have two Young Leaders who actively take part in leading games, setting up obstacle courses, and play and help all the Squirrels in their active games and creativity tasks.

The Squirrels have been completing their level 1 swimming, first aid and music badges. They have especially enjoyed their adventurous outdoor challenges building dens and litter picking!

Well done Team Squirrels, what a wonderful year! Thank you Squirrel Leaders and thank you to all our parent helpers for their support too.

Sarah Morris
Team Lead Squirrels

Wednesday and Thursday Beaver Colonies

Both Beaver Colonies have had another highly successful and active year. We are delighted to have 27 enthusiastic Beavers currently enjoying activities across both of our colonies.

We have had a Beaver sleepover in the HQ and a sleepover at our annual Group Camp in March where the Beavers enjoyed many outdoor activities.

The Beavers enjoyed their visit to The Gathering Camp last September and a trip to the Fire Station in Ormskirk in November.

A lot of badges have been achieved such as the Money Skills, Communicator, Cyclist, Cook, Nights Away and Challenge Badges. Five of the Beavers have gained their Chief Scout's Bronze Awards which is the top award in Beavers and one Beaver also managed to complete all the Beaver badges available.

All of this is only possible thanks to our amazing team of adult volunteers. However, to keep offering the best experiences, we really could do with some extra help. Whether you can spare an hour a week or help once a month, we would love to have you on board.

Finally, a big Thank You to everyone for their help and support this year, especially when Pauline was unable to attend.

Team Lead Wednesday Beavers Pauline Taylor

Team Lead Thursday Beavers Annette Marshall

9th Ormskirk Operate Two Cub packs Wednesday and Thursday nights.

Hello from Wednesday Cubs,

Wednesday Cubs are having a great time. They are working hard but playing hard too!

It has been great to get back out onto the field as we head into the summery weather.

We completed the athletics badge while enjoying the sunshine! We have also worked hard indoors on other badges, including having Molly visit us to help the Cubs complete the International badge.

Using the council's gift of litter pickers, we were able to tidy up our local area, which was great for us, but also helped the Cubs work towards the Environmental Conservation badge. Now we are busy working on the Local Knowledge badge.

A good number of our Cubs have taken part in camps and sleepovers this year, having a great time while accruing nights away for their Nights Away badges and canoeing for Time on the Water badges also. We are all looking forward to the next year of fun!

Toni Skirenco
Team Lead Wednesday Cubs

Hello from Thursday Cubs

Our Thursday Cub Pack currently has 12 Cubs and 4 Cub Leaders. Over the last 12 months we have had seven Cubs complete their Chief Scout's Silver Award. Two Explorers have been volunteering as part of their Duke of Edinburgh's Award.

Activity Badges

Artist, Chef, 1st Aid, Athletics, Home & Fire Safety, International, Road Safety and Environmental Conservation

All the above badges go towards the Cubs Challenge Awards and ultimately the Chief Scout's Silver Award.

Camps & Day Trips

Group Camp

District Cub Camp

Water Day

Sleepover with time canoeing on the canal.

The Cubs attended the District St. George's Day Parade.

The Cubs programme offers a variety of indoor and outdoor activities to enable Cubs to develop life skills by having fun, adventures, working together and building friendships. Being part of the 9th Ormskirk Group is like an extended family for both Cubs and Leaders.

I would like to give a BIG Thank You to Becca, Sam, Andrew and Phil (you would look good in a beige shirt 😊) for all their time, contributions and support in providing the Thursday Cubs with a variety of activities and skills that they can develop in the future.

I look forward with the other leaders to providing the Cubs with a fun programme whilst developing life skills that they can build upon.

Lesley Andrews
Team Lead Thursday Cub

SCOUTS

“A week of camp life is worth six months of theoretical teaching.” This is a quote by Baden-Powell; therefore, we should have twelve months off for having had two weeklong Scout Camps in the past year!

It has been a productive and busy year. Activities have included taking part in the District Orienteering Competition and ‘Moonlight’ where one team of novices successfully completed the event, one team came second and one team competed as a solo team for the first time. Camps have included two week-long camps to the Lake District where Scouts canoed on Coniston, hiked, hammocked out, learnt survival skills, and met Scouts from around the world, as well as attending ‘The Gathering’ District Camp, our Group Camp to Bispham Hall and six Scouts completing an overnight expedition to Tawd Vale. The Scouts have built bird boxes, bug houses, volunteered at Gorse Hill Nature Reserve as well as enjoying all the usual Tuesday evening meetings and games that results in over 30 Scouts regularly attending each week.

Three Scouts have recently completed their Chief Scout’s Gold Award which is the highest award in the Scout Section and is a testimony to their determination.

A huge thank you to the Scout Volunteer Team – Bob, Tim, Andrew, Sam, Harrison and Beth for your dedication and commitment to the 9th and for being such a talented team.

Annette Marshall
Group Lead Volunteer

Nomads

It's been a cracking year for Nomads with our numbers now at 25 with a core set of leaders Joe, Elliott and Jenny running Nomads with Quirky.

We have had 4 Nomads turn 18 and leave us which, as the final part of Scouting before adulthood, is always a special moment. Especially as it marks the end of a lifetime of development under the 9th umbrella of Scouting.

This year we've certainly packed a lot in… we've done golf, paddle boarding, laser tag, ice skating, bowling, airsoft, The Great Nomad Bake Off, Christmas Karaoke, backwoods cooking and Nomads very own version of The Traitors to name but a few activities. We had an exemplary turnout at both St George's Day Parade and Remembrance Sunday.

It's been a great year for camps too with Mersey Moot, County Camp, 9th Family Camp and the inaugural year of Wildfire - with special thanks to Colin, Annette, Frazer and Bob from the 9th for their support that weekend.

Matthew Quirk
Team Lead Nomads ESU

Finance

9th Ormskirk Scout Group -21534							
(registered charity no 503343)							
Receipts and Payments 01.04.25 - 31.03.2026							
		Receipts				**Payments**	
Item	**Notes**	**2025-26**		**Item**	**Notes**	**2025-26**	
Camps/Activities		£ 9,714.12		Camps/Activities		£ 11,546.11	
D of E		£ 201.00		Capitation		£ 5,130.00	
Donation/Rebates		£ 7,677.04		D of E		£ 126.00	
Subscriptions		£ 14,400.13		Equipment		£ 7,978.01	
Uniforms/Badges		£ 136.00		Fundraising	**1**	£ 1,536.45	
Equipment		£ 100.78		Insurance		£ 624.85	
				Maintenance	**2**	£ 1,034.33	
				Sundries		£ 423.18	
				Uniforms/Badges		£ 600.00	
Total receipts		**£ 32,229.07**		**Total payments**		**£ 28,998.93**	
Balance B/F		**£ 18,813.49**					
Total		**£ 51,042.56**					
Bank balance at 31.03.26	**£**	**22,043.63**		**Grand total Yr End**		**£ 22,043.63**	
Balance at Bank				validation		£ -	
A/c No 31165291							
Note 1	£1,479.45 sent to Headquarters account to support building maintenance						
Note 2	Due to banking issues, unable to pay from HQ account -						
Note 3	Transfer of annual rent to HQ account happened in April 26 so will show as double payment in FY26/27						
SIGNED							
Treasurer	Date						
Mrs V Howarth	15.06.26						
Chairperson							
Mr C Marshall	16.06.26						
Independent Examiner							
Mrs Anne Marie Boyle	17.06.26						

Group Chair notes

Well, what a year we have had at 9th Ormskirk.

For me it is great to pop into meeting nights and events, seeing all those children and leaders with big smiles on their faces.

It has been wonderful to see so many outdoor activities taking place, including Group camps, section camps and sleepovers. These are experiences that the young people—and some of the leaders—will remember for years to come.

9th Ormskirk has a wonderful team of leaders and helpers in the background making all this happen.

Our role as leaders is not to create followers, but to develop confident, capable people who will lead the future. All you at the 9th Ormskirk do that.

Finances are all in exceptionally good shape due to our Treasurer “ask for a pay rise 😊 ”.

The Group has kept steady with numbers, and our young people keep achieving loads of badges and top awards, so well done to you all.

Colin Marshall
Group Chair

Looking forward to 2026/27

Board of Trustees

Group Lead Volunteer – Annette Marshall

Proposed 2026

Group Chair – Colin Marshall

Secretary – Steve Hull

Treasurer – Vicky Howarth

Dave White

Pauline Taylor

Beth Andrews

Phil Roberts

Paul Burnhill (Technology guru)

Meeting to approve.