

**Scouts**

38th Rossendale

# ANNUAL REPORT – 2023/24



# Our Values

As Scouts, we're proud to live by our values:

**Integrity**

**Respect**

**Care**

**Belief**

**Co-operation**

Talk to a Team Leader today to start your volunteering journey with us.

## Group Lead Volunteer (Group Scout Leader)

In May 1984, a fresh-faced Leader straight out of Venture Scouts joined with two former Seat Naze Venture Scouts, Vanessa and Joanna Fisher to form one of the first Beaver Scout Colonies in the UK.

Here I am 40-years later, not quite doing the same job, but still holding a leadership role with the 38th Rossendale.

My links go back much further. 52-years if you consider I joined the Group as an 8-year-old Cub Scout.

You can imagine I have seen many changes in that time.

As well as the introduction of Beavers in 1984, the Group quickly adopted the entry of girls in 1990 when mixed gender Sections was introduced by the Scout Association. Prior to this only the Venture Scouts accepted girls. I still talk today to people outside of Scouting that do not know that girls can join Scouts. Approximately 50% of our current membership is female.

In 2007 we opened our purpose built and current Warren building. This had taken over 20-years to raise the funds to replace the existing buildings which when built were designed for nothing more than storage. Cubs and Scouts met in the school at the bottom of Peel Street, and it was only when the Beavers started did the buildings become a place to hold meetings. When the council started charging rent at the school, all Sections moved into the old Warren and a need to replace the building became our number one priority.

When the building was opened by Coronation Street star Sam Aston (aka Chesney), we had approximately 100 Members in the Group. For the first time this year we have topped 200 Members.

Ideas have been drawn up for an extension, but we are still a long way from that becoming a reality.

In April this year we held a special sleepover at Blackpool Tower to mark the occasion of 40-years of Beaver Scouts at the 38th Rossendale. The Beavers stayed overnight in the Circus ring. Things did not go quite to plan with the Circus performance when one of the performers fell from the Wheel of Death. He had minor injuries, but the show was stopped. As a result of this a return trip was organised for September which included a trip up Tower and through the Blackpool Illuminations.

In July this year, we held our 8th international camp since 2011.

50 young people accompanied by 10 Leaders went to Belgium for a week. We made use of the facilities in the local area including a Water Park, a Go-ape style adventure park and touring the area around the campsite on BMX bikes. The trip also included a day at Disneyland Paris and a cultural day looking at areas of historical significance from the First World War which culminated in two young people and myself laying a wreath at the Last Post Ceremony at the Menin Gate Memorial.

In 2026 the Group will celebrate its 75th Anniversary.

No formal discussion has taken place at this time on how we mark this occasion, although I have made tentative enquiries about a UK based camp that I am hoping will be open to all Members of the Group bar the Squirrels.

I am forever grateful to our team of volunteer Leaders who week in week out come up with an amazing programme for the young people.

More than any other year I can remember, we have seen around a dozen new Leaders join the 38th Rossendale. We have sadly said goodbye to others, but on average our Leader numbers have increased.

I am always interested in talking to potential new volunteers  
#GoodForYou

The demand for places in the Group never diminishes, especially in the younger Sections like Squirrels and Beavers. We constantly have a large waiting list which will soon extend to the Cub and Scout Sections if the demand for places persists.

We will do our best for all those wanting places, but we are restricted with our facilities on how many young people we can accept in the Group.

Thank you to those that have supported our fundraising efforts this year, whether it was helping Bag Packing at Tesco, saving 10-pence pieces for the Chocolate Roll or donating bottles for the Tombola at the Relay for Life event. All this makes a difference and whilst we need to take a close look at our finances for the next year, we hope these events enable us to maintain our current subscription rates to make Scouting accessible to as many young people as possible.

For anyone who would like to support the Group on a regular basis, why not join our 100 Club. For as little as £5 per month you can make a difference and who knows you may win our monthly prize of over £100.00. Speak to me or any Leader for more information.

It is time for me to congratulate the Young People who have recently received their Chief Scout Awards. Also, to the Scouters of the Year from each Section and the overall winner who went on to win the "Jean Smith Award" for the outstanding Scouter of the year in memory of our late Group President.

A further congratulations to my son Oliver and future daughter in law Hattie on the birth of their son Ernie on the 5th July. I am sure he will follow in his grandads and dad's footsteps by joining the 38th.

Finally, a thank you to you the parents and carers for your continued support.

The purpose of Scouting is to encourage the physical, intellectual, social, emotional, and spiritual development of young people so that they take a constructive place in society as responsible citizens, and as members of their local, national, and international communities.

Being part of the 38th Rossendale gives them that opportunity.

### Andrew Cooper

Group Lead Volunteer (Group Scout Leader)



# Squirrels

Just shy of two years ago we opened the doors to Squirrels, to date we are the only

Squirrel section in the District. We are in great demand with a very healthy waiting list. We have 16 Squirrels and for the first time ever this is an even split with boys and girls.

During the last 12-months the Squirrels have completed the Air Activities Stage 1, Musician Badge stage 1, Feel Good, Go Wild and Story Time badges. The Squirrels have enjoyed a visit to the Fire Station and Grip and Go. We had lots of fun celebrating Christmas, Chinese New Year, Burns Nights and Easter. Our Mother's Day and Father's Day celebrations saw the Squirrels parents join us for various activities.

May 2024 saw 9 Squirrels take part in our annual sleepover at the Warren. The Squirrels created place settings, campfire blankets and did various summer crafts. The Squirrels enjoyed a light snack before heading out on a 1.5-mile hike to gain their Hike Staged Activity Badge. On their return to the Warren tea was ready to eat. S'mores and hot chocolate around the campfire were enjoyed before settling into pj's to watch Secret Life of Pets. Our nights' accommodation was under event shelters on

blow up beds, for some Squirrels this was their first time away from their parents and first time under canvas. After a good night's sleep and some breakfast, the Squirrels enjoyed a treasure hunt, played board games and tried soft archery before packing up for home time. During the sleepover the Squirrels worked on their All About Me and All About Adventure Challenge badges towards their Acorn badge and gained their Nights Away Staged Activity Badge.

The Squirrels have enjoyed creating a bird feeder and a bug hotel, we've also enjoyed going on an animal safari, meditation and yoga not forgetting about writing our own story books. The summer ended with a water fight at the Warren.

12 Squirrels have completed their Acorn Award and moved onto Beavers in the last 12 months.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the Squirrel team for all their help and support.

## Lisa Fletcher (Willow)

Section Lead Volunteer – Squirrels



## Grey (Monday) Colony Beavers

We have 25 Beavers in our Section currently with 8 Young Leaders.

**Badges completed over the last year have been the following:**

- World Challenge Badge
- Teamwork Challenge Badge
- International Activity Badge
- Explore Activity Badge
- Cook Activity Badge
- Experiment Activity Badge
- Camp Craft Activity Badge
- Digital Maker Staged Activity Badge

We hiked to the Halo. Once we reached the Halo, we ate a well-deserved bag of chips from the local chippy.

We did the Cook Activity Badge where we learnt about food hygiene, choose what to cook, designed an invitation to our guests for the meal, we invited all mums as a Mother's Day treat. Then we cooked the 3-course meal and played games. Our mums had a great night.

We did a treasure hunt for Father's Day where dads and Beavers had to follow clues on a walk around the local streets to get the correct answer. It was fun, but we were all tired after this.

We did the Digital Maker Staged Activity Badge where we learnt about computers and how they work. We even learnt how to plug in a printer, mouse and keyboard. We are now experts on this.

In April we had a fantastic joint camp with Wednesday Beavers at Blackpool Tower for our 40th Anniversary. We went around the Sea Life Centre and watched the sharks, and the turtle get fed. We even got to touch the starfish.

While at Blackpool we went around the Gruffalo Playhouse where we had lots of fun burning off energy running around. We also went to the Tower Circus which didn't quite go as planned due to an accident with one of the performers.

We played games in the Tower Ballroom and went to the Dino Golf. We all had lots of fun.

We returned to the Tower in September, went up the Tower Eye, saw the full Circus performance and drove through some of the Blackpool Illuminations.

We have completed more of the Challenge Badges this term so more Beavers could achieve the Chief Scout Bronze Award.

We will also took part in the District Akeema Shield Competition where we came 4th. The Beavers really enjoyed it.

So far this year we have started on the Animal Friends Badge where the Beavers have to care for their pet and keep a log of the activity.

We also did the Money Skills Activity Badge learning about different types of money. The Beavers asked lots of questions and learnt lots of different skills and enjoyed the money game where they had to buy different items from our shop using real money.

We have just done the Explore Activity Badge where the Beavers had to follow clues around the town centre in Rawtenstall.

We took part in the St Georges Day parade which was a fantastic turn out and 4 Beavers received their Chief Scout Bronze Award.

We had an international evening which the Beavers wore American colours and had Hot Dogs pretzels and pancakes the Beavers enjoyed the food. We also had a special visitor from American who talked about Volleyball.

Our last meeting before the summer holidays we held a Family fun night and a BBQ. We played lots of games and made s'mores, tried nettle crisps and had lots of fun.

At the time of writing, we are planning for our second sleepover of the year in Lancaster.

All this would not be possible without our team of fabulous volunteers. Thank you everyone.

**Mark Guest (Harrier) /  
Louise Cooper (Merlin)**

Section Lead Volunteers - Grey Colony Beavers



# Purple (Wednesday) Colony Beavers

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It's been an exciting past 12 months for Beavers as we celebrated our 40th Anniversary!

Up until Christmas our main badges to complete were our Skills and Personal Challenge. The Personal Activity Badge involved the Beavers taking on new challenges both at Beavers and at home, such as keeping their room tidy or remembering their uniform.

The Skills badge is a long challenge that involves completing several different tasks including learning a song and to perform - which the Beavers did at our family campfire for Bonfire Night. We also visited the Council Chambers with the Mayor to learn all about his role.

Another badge was our Disability Awareness Badge that included inviting Scout Aggie to come down and teach us all about her disability. Thank you, Aggie! Towards the end of 2023 we enjoyed our traditional Halloween party and lots of Christmas Activities to complete our Creative Badge, including a Nativity play with puppets!

2024 started with our World Badge and Community Impact Badge that included a trip to Asda to donate money to a local food bank. The Beavers also took part in the Akeema Shield against all the other Beavers in the area. We won the competition in 2023... and won it again in 2024!

We completed the Cook Badge as part of Mother's Day, providing mums with a lovely 3-course meal. Other badges completed were the Air Activities, Experiment, a Hike and the Animal Friend badge that involved all the Beavers pets coming in to say hello. We ended May with a trip to the Fire Station.

To celebrate our 40th Anniversary we had a sleepover inside the Circus Ring at Blackpool Tower! This involved a trip to the Sealife Centre, watching the Circus Show and visiting the Gruffalo. It was a fantastic weekend and continued when we returned in September to go up the tower, watch the full circus show and go through the Illuminations.

I'd like to say a massive thank you to the amazing leadership team, who have stepped up even more so this year with my many life changes! We now have Louise joint running the Section with myself so thank you to her for everything. Thanks also to the fantastic leaders Pippa, Bev, Rebecca, Andrew and Hattie. As well as this our brilliant Young Beavers Evie, Grace, Millie, Emily and newcomer Issy!

Finally, I'd like to mention the latest edition to the Scout Family - mine and Hattie's son Ernie! Ernie was born in July and has already attended two Beaver meetings. We are excited for him to grow up with everything that Scouting has to offer, and I am so thankful for all the kind messages from parents over recent months.

## Oliver Cooper (Hawk)

Section Lead Volunteer - Purple Colony Beavers



## Purple (Tuesday) Pack Cubs

The last year for Purple Pack has been filled with lots of adventures and fun.

Over the last year the Cubs have worked hard towards their badges. We did plenty of activity badges including Fire Safety Activity badge, Environmental Conservation activity badge, International activity badge and the Artist Activity badge. We also made plenty of use of the outdoors. We have been on several hikes and fire lighting and even den building. We learned some Emergency Aid skills and helped the community by Litter Picking. We also tested our abilities by climbing at Grip N Go!

In the last year we have taken part in 2 camps! First, we had a Bushcraft Themed Winter camp at the Warren where the Cubs took part in lots of activities. Unfortunately, it rained super hard and lots of the outdoor elements of the camp were unable to be done! We didn't have a summer camp but instead had an Autumn camp at a campsite in Lancaster where the Cubs took part in a number of activities such as go-karting, mini golf and abseiling. These camps were so much fun and we can't wait for the next one.

What's next? We are going on a Bonfire Night Hike to the Halo to try and spot some fireworks, we're visiting Rossendale Ski Slope to try skiing and tubing, tackling yet more Challenge and Activity badges and continuing to do our best trying new adventures every week.

Our Purple Pack team has had quite a lot of changes over the last year. Our adult leader team now consists of myself, Grace, Dave, Tom, Helen, Jo and Vicki. Our Young Leader team is Emilia, Halli, Summer and Dot, all of which are huge assets to the team. We sadly said goodbye to Michael as a regular member of the leader team after nearly 30 years' service to the Section, it's safe to say we would never have got this far without his support all this time. We are incredibly lucky to have the fun, caring and crazy team we have. I would like to say a huge thank you to our amazing team and the consistent support from our Group Lead Volunteer, Andrew. Here is to another brilliant year of Scouting with Purple Pack!

### Emma Cooper (Akela)

Section Lead Volunteer - Purple Pack Cubs



# Grey (Friday) Pack Cubs

Friday Cubs Annual Report 2023-2024

This year has been an incredible journey of fun, learning, and adventure for our Cubs at Friday Cubs! With each term bringing new experiences, we've seen our Cubs grow in confidence, skills, and teamwork. Let's take a look back at the highlights of our fantastic year.

## Autumn Term

The Autumn Term was filled with excitement as we welcomed back our Cubs after the summer break. We dived straight into earning our Cooking, Athletics, and Science Badges, where the Cubs got hands-on with various activities like cooking delicious treats, engaging in energetic athletic challenges, and exploring the wonders of science through fun experiments.

One of the term's highlights was an evening led by Leonie that focused on South Africa, helping the Cubs earn their World Badge. They enjoyed crafts and activities that allowed them to learn about a different culture in an interactive way. We also celebrated Bonfire Night and Halloween, creating unforgettable memories with festive games and activities. Our young leader, Abbie, led a 'Cubs got Talent' night where we showed off the excellent singing, dancing and talents from our Cubs!

During this term, we took the opportunity to reflect on history by focusing on how Scouts supported the effort in World War II to honour Remembrance Day. To cap off 2023, we had a fantastic sleepover at The Warren, packed with festive activities and a memorable hike. The Cubs bonded over the experience, showing tremendous spirit and camaraderie.

## Spring Term

The Spring Term marked the arrival of our new Akela, Emily Williams. We kicked things off by taking advantage of the dark skies to complete the Astronomer Badge, where the Cubs learned about stars, constellations, and the wonders of space.

We then explored various cultural activities, including a mini-Highland Games that brought out the competitive spirit in our Cubs, and celebrated the Chinese New Year with crafts and traditions led by our excellent young leader, Ethan. The Cubs also honed their traditional Scouting skills with a session on pioneering, learning how to build and create with ropes and poles.

The term also saw us have a fun-filled session at All-Stars Academy, where the Cubs participated in various sports and games, developing their physical skills and teamwork.

## Summer Term

As the weather warmed up, the Summer Term was all about outdoor fun and adventure. We kicked off with camp craft sessions, completing the Environmental and International Badges. The Cubs then attended a jam-packed and sunny summer camp at Bowley Scout Camp, which was a true highlight of the year. They took part in a range of outdoor activities, from challenging themselves on obstacle courses to a memorable evening around the campfire, complete with face glitter and toasted marshmallows.

The Cubs practiced essential skills for going away, such as packing their bags, keeping their bedspaces tidy, and supporting each other. These experiences not only taught them practical skills but also fostered a strong sense of teamwork and responsibility. I was particularly proud of our Cubs who came second in the Akela Shield competition, they showed exemplary support to one another, team cohesion and positive attitude.

We wrapped up the term with a thrilling tubing session at The Hill, which was an absolute blast! We also completed the Backwoods Cooking Badge and finished the term with a refreshing hike that culminated in a huge water fight – a perfect way to end the year on a high note!

## Looking Ahead

Reflecting on the past year, it's clear that Friday Cubs has provided a wealth of engaging, educational, and fun experiences for our Cubs. From exploring the wonders of science and space to embracing different cultures and mastering traditional Scouting skills, our Cubs have thrived in a positive and supportive environment. We look forward to another exciting year ahead, filled with more adventures, challenges, and, most importantly, lots of fun!

Thank you to all our leaders, helpers, and parents for their continued support, and most importantly, to our fantastic Cubs, who make Friday Cubs such a vibrant and special group!

Here's to another great year of Scouting!

## Emily Williams (Akela)

Section Lead Volunteer - Grey Pack Cubs



# Purple (Wednesday) Troop Scouts

Purple Troop currently has 27 Scouts, 11 Boys, 16 Girls.

Purple troop has been running independently from the other Troops for 2-years and the leadership team have become more established, with two new adult leaders expected to join us in September.

There has been one joint event with the other Troops: The Christmas party at MFA Bowl in Burnley which was attended by members of Purple Troop.

This year we have been focussing on completing the Challenge Awards as well as completing activity badges. We have been running badges at the rate of about one per half term

Over the last year we have run; Skills, Creative, World, Outdoor and Adventure Challenge Badges; Hobbies, Fire Safety and DIY activity badges, also taking the opportunity to finish badgework that was missed due to poor weather, or other restrictions on the time available.

The Scouts also visited Burnley Fire Station to learn about fire safety and how the station and the Fire & Rescue Service run.

Two camps were held this last year, a one-night camp at The Warren in late March, and a second, two-night camp in late April at Little Bowley. Both were well attended, and everybody appeared to have had a great time.

The focus for the coming year is to complete Challenge Awards in preparation for the Chief Scouts Gold for the older members of the Troop, integrating the new and younger members who have just moved up from Cub or from other sections.

We'll be holding another one-night camp for JOTI / JOTA (Jamboree over the Internet / Airwaves) in October and have expressed interest in the planned Bowley camp in May 2025.

## Nick Lowe

Section Lead Volunteer - Purple Troop



# Grey (Thursday) Troop Scouts

In Grey Troop we now have 27 members, 13 of them girls and 14 boys.

When we returned after summer last year we started with the skills badge, learning about diet, sleep, gender and disabilities. We then moved on to the Air Activities Badge. The Scouts got to meet a trainee pilot and listened to how much training they need to become a pilot. They also had a go at flight simulators learnt about the phonetic alphabet and had a go at making their own paper planes.

In the middle of September some of the Scouts joined the Leaders to take part in a sponsored walk to raise money for the Group.

At the end of September on a weekend we had a joint expedition with Red Troop. 7 Scouts set off on a wet Saturday morning from Bleakholt and headed towards Ashworth Valley. Notwithstanding the weather conditions the Scouts did well and, despite the complaining the Leaders received about the rain, we know deep down the Scouts had fun.

The Scouts made kites going into October, but we didn't get a chance to try them out with the weather. Then we tried to teach the Scouts about skills around the house.

Fire lighting one evening in November is always enjoyed by the Scouts with S'mores to fill their stomachs.

This was followed by the Scouts learning about Thanksgiving Day in USA. They got to try candied yams and pumpkin pie whilst finding out why Americans celebrate the day.

In December we got started with the Craft badge. This needs the Scouts to take part in making something that takes 6=hours. We decided to make snowmen using balloons and toilet paper. We ran this activity up until our Xmas party. For the Xmas party all three Scout Troops went ten pin bowling. Over 80 young people took part and enjoyed food along with the bowling.

When we returned after the Xmas break, we carried on with making the snowmen. This craft took longer than the estimated 6 hours and we don't think the Scouts will want to see a snowman any time soon.

Burns night was celebrated with some Ceilidh dancing, learning why Scottish people celebrate it, and got to enjoy some haggis with neeps and tatties.

After this week we all wrote letters about ourselves and our hobbies. These were sent to an American Troop we are awaiting a reply.

Then the Scouts tackled the Pioneering badge, learning about knots, splicing, whipping and sealing ropes. This was over a few weeks and will hopefully come in use.

The Scouts learnt about accidents and international issues over a couple of weeks along with a lovely hike from Whittaker Park to the Halo and back.

In preparation for camp the Scouts made lanterns for a camp gadget. They used bamboo sticks, paper and LED lights to create shapes then attached to a bamboo stick to use on camp.

When it came to camp, we took 18 Scouts to Bowley Scout Campsite. We separated them into 3 groups and set them teamwork tasks throughout the weekend. They were scored on how well kept their event shelter was, their tents and how they worked together. The Scouts took part in air rifle shooting and crate stacking. They also did a scavenger hunt and made dough twists. At the end of the weekend the winning team were awarded prizes.

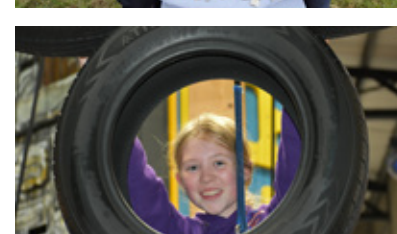
After camp the Scouts dried and cleaned the tents and event shelters then started to learn about the local knowledge. This involved us setting a quiz which the Scouts had to complete whilst walking around the local area. On polling day as we couldn't use the Warren, we took the Scouts to Grip and Go to have a go at climbing. The Scouts really enjoyed this activity.

To end the year the Scouts had tasks set to gain water balloons for the water fight after. We ended the evening by letting the Scouts loose with water balloons and water pistols. The Leaders and Scouts all ended up soaked but had a lot of fun.

This has been a busy year but lots of fun also. I would like to thank all my leaders for helping me to keep it fun for the Scouts.

## Tim Feather

Section Lead Volunteer - Grey Troop



# Red (Friday) Troop Scouts

Another year gone like a flash and here what we've been up to in the last 12 months.

At the time of the last AGM, we had just gotten back from our Autumn Camp at Bowley which had included activities like tomahawk throwing, the low ropes course and crossbow shooting. Twenty-three Scouts attended along with seven of the leadership team and after a damp start the weather came out on our side and we had a great weekend. From here we moved on to reflecting on our values as individuals and as members of an organisation both within the UK and across the world with international based themes and the act of Remembrance along with the rest of the Group on the annual Remembrance parade. We had a night as mad scientists mainly making a mess with purpose, turning milk into plastic, creating snow fluff and racing 'hovercraft' with varying degrees of success although excelling in the mess category.

With Christmas fast approaching we launched our support for Kids in Rossendale, at the request of our young leaders, with donations to their Christmas appeal. With Christmas comes craft and we made salt dough decorations, a mess with chocolate and paracord figures. We joined the rest of Rossendale District at the carol service, handily held on a Friday night, for festive activities and song with some awards too. The end of saw us join with our compatriots from Purple and Grey Troops for our Christmas party at AMF Bowling Burnley with thirty-two Scouts from Red Troop attending.

Into 2024 we leapt, and we traditionally start the term with a fire and food, a chance to catch up on what happened to us all over the Christmas break. Following that we celebrated Burns night with traditional Scottish style porridge and a freshly caught Haggis or two, both of which went down well (honest, we have the pictures to prove it). From the Scottish we moved to the Chinese and Chinese New Year and pancake night, any night that includes food always seems to be a winner in this Troop.

For a night away from the Warren we went to Grip n Go at the Adrenaline centre, Haslingden. Nineteen Scouts zipped up and down the climbing walls in an evening of fun and personal challenge. More Science fun followed with chromatography and magnetic compasses for the Scientist Badge. The Patrol Leaders and their assistants got their own camp at the Warren in March, a bit nippy. The weekend was based around teamwork and leadership, the Scouts were set various tasks to test their ability to interpret and follow instructions, then pass them on to their teams, run their own activities and come up plans for the section's future. Back on the Friday night the Scouts wrote and performed their own 'adverts' for scouting, after watching their performances can't understand why anyone wouldn't join scouting. Finally, before the end of term we joined in with the remainder of the Group in the annual chocolate roll fundraiser.

Easter break over and after a campfire session we joined the Rossendale District Scouts celebrating St George's day and supporting those who gained awards. Back in the Warren we decorated plant pots, did some pioneering building camp chairs, went for a wander up on the hills, joined the Friday Cubs for wide games in the dark at Bowley and finally before the break for half term the Scouts experienced attempting everyday tasks but with restrictions on their vision, dexterity and hearing. With the break over we got ourselves in a twist making rope in two different ways.

Summer Camp, for this one we decided a change of venue was in order. Twenty-five Scouts joined eight from the leadership team for a weekend a Bibby's Farm, Chorley. Activities included crawling around in the cave bus, mini bow and arrows, orienteering and shelter building. After a barbecue tea the troop settled down to watch Gnomeo and Juliet in the outdoor cinema then back to camp for camp cake and hot chocolate. The only real rain of the weekend caught us while striking camp, at first, I thought I'd become popular only to realise my event shelter was literally the only shelter from the sudden downpour and everyone was attempting to squish in out of the heavy rain. On camps you get to know a lot about your charges, which ones want to play football whenever you turn your back, which ones eat everything and more, who never seems to want to sleep and who never wants to wake up, we have many of each and more.

Back at the Warren we challenged the Scouts teamwork skills by presenting them with heavy canvas patrol tents and wooden poles with no instruction. It was definitely a challenge to start with but fairly quickly the teams worked out how to assemble a good approximation of a patrol tent and it also proved that age was no barrier to leadership. More tent construction followed as the troop set up the base camp for the Relay for Life team at Marl Pits with some of them joining us over the weekend as part of the relay team raising funds for Cancer Research with close to a thousand pounds raised by the teams' efforts. Fire building challenges the following week kept their skills up along with a little marshmallow burning, I mean toasting. And with that the term was almost over except for, what seems to be an inevitable end to the summer sessions, the water fight. We tried to bring a bit of class to the evening with mocktails and games, but it was clear from the start that the Scouts were there for one purpose alone, to drench each other and especially me!

As a tally to illustrate the effort put in by the both the Scouts and Leadership team in this year the Troop earned 176 badges including 4 Chief Gold Scouts Awards, 42 Challenge Awards and 69 Activity badges.

Thank you to all the Friday Night Volunteer Scout team in producing and delivering the fun and laughter we all experience. You're the Best!

## Pete West

Section Lead Volunteer - Red Troop





# 38th Rossendale (Open) Scout Group

# Meet The Team

## GROUP LEADERSHIP TEAM



Andrew  
Cooper  
(Eagle)



Lisa  
Feather-Fletcher  
(Willow)



Louise  
Cooper  
(Merlin)



Mark  
Guest  
(Harrier)



Oliver  
Cooper  
(Hawk)



Emma  
Cooper  
(Akela)



Emily  
Williams  
(Akela)



Nick  
Lowe

## Squirrels



Tim  
Feather-Fletcher  
(Oak)



Pete  
West  
(Shere Khan)



Lisa  
Feather-Fletcher  
(Willow)



Ann  
Maguire  
(Silver Birch)



Eliza  
Bayfield  
(Juniper)

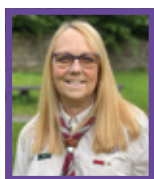


Nicola  
Kyme  
(Maple)



Sean  
Pritty  
(Ash)

## BEAVERS



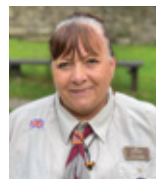
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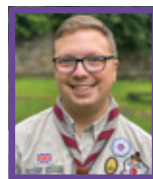
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Ward  
(Robin)



Tracey  
Dunn  
(Falcon)



Keira  
Howarth  
(Finch)



Oliver  
Cooper  
(Hawk)



Bev  
Ashworth  
(Kestrel)



Hattie  
Bell  
(Penguin)



Pippa  
Holland  
(Swift)



Rebecca  
Eves  
(Jay)

# cubs



Emma Cooper  
(Akela)



Dave Howarth  
(White Claw)



Grace Royle  
(Raksha)



Helen Haworth  
(Jacala)



Jo Finn  
(Bagheera)



Michael Hoyle  
(Baloo)



Tom Swinhoe  
(Kaa)



Vicki Bromley  
(Hathi)



Emily Williams  
(Akela)



Caroline Smith  
(Raksha)



Claire Shaw  
(Kaa)



Léonie Ford-Miah  
(Bagheera)



Mike Hough  
(Baloo)



Suzanne Wharton  
(Hathi)



Vanessa Widdop  
(Mowgli)

# SCOUTS



Nick Lowe



Adam Hanson



Natasha Ready



Tim Feather-Fletcher  
(Oak)



Paul Finn



Chris Thornton



Helen Thornton



Lottie Lowe



Pete West  
(Shere Khan)



Di West  
(Phao)



Helen Cornfoot



Jake Cornfoot



Logan Law



Nathan Ashworth  
(Ziggy)

# EXPLORERS

Seat Naze



Olly White



Elli Watts



Chris Smith



Harry Ward



Ernie Bishop



Frank Hartley

# FOUNDERS



**THE 38TH ROSSENDALE (OPEN) SCOUT GROUP**

**RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT  
1ST APRIL 2023 - 31ST MARCH 2024**

RECEIPTS	£	£
<b>Balances brought forward:</b>		
Cash	1	
Trade Debtors	106	
Creditors	-4,725	
Fixed Assets	2,754	
Current Account	11,548	
Group Subscription Account	723	
Friends of 38th	3,770	
Group Trip Account	3,271	
National Savings Account	<u>32,235</u>	
	49,683	<u>49,683</u>
<b>Subscriptions</b>		
Monday Beavers	3,454	
Monday Squirrels	2,350	
Tuesday Cubs	3,427	
Wednesday Beavers	4,181	
Wednesday Scouts	2,563	
Thursday Scouts	3,945	
Friday Cubs	4,322	
Friday Scouts	<u>4,479</u>	
	28,720	<u>28,720</u>
<b>Other Income</b>		
Bank Interest	249	
Events Income	19,838	
YL	253	
Badges & Uniform	211	
Rental Income	1,003	
100 Club	469	
Easter Egg Roll	501	
Gift Aid	5,309	
Donations	<u>1,218</u>	
	29,051	<u>29,051</u>
Trip Account	<u>48,338</u>	
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		<u><u>155,791</u></u>

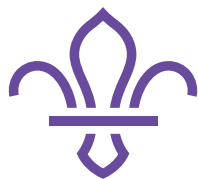
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<b>Warren H.Q.</b>		
Water	415	
Electricity	575	
Gas	3,733	
Telephone	222	
Internet & Web Hosting	534	
Admin & Accounts	2,690	
Charity Insurance	3,701	
Equipment Hire	141	
Cleaning	251	
Stationery	77	
Repairs	859	
Bank Charges	1	
Clothing Costs	<u>500</u>	
	13,698	<u>13,698</u>
<b>Other Expenditure</b>		
Events	13,380	
Sub-Contractors	1,405	
Group Expenses	6,566	
70th Anniversary Badges & Clothing		
Census Fee	10,962	
Badges	<u>1,447</u>	
	33,760	<u>33,760</u>
<b>Section Expenses</b>		
Monday Beavers	729	
Monday Squirrels	486	
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Trip Account	<u>48,338</u>	
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<b>Balances held at Year End.</b>		
Cash	1	
Trade Debtors	491	
Creditors	-47,151	
Fixed Assets	2,754	
Current Account	16,607	
Group Subscription Account	235	
Friends of 38th	4,185	
Group Trip Account	45,800	
National Savings Account	<u>32,483</u>	
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		<u><u>155,791</u></u>

Hon. Scrutineer..... *Elizabeth Watts*

Hon. Treasurer..... *[Signature]*



**Scouts**

**38th Rossendale**

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Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees

The 38th Rossendale (Open) Scout Group

On accounts for the year ended

31/03/24

Charity no (if any)

512617

Set out on pages

(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended DD / MM / YYYY.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity's trustees, 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 Trust's 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

[The charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 and I am qualified to undertake the examination by being a qualified member of [insert name of applicable listed body]]. Delete [ ] if not applicable.

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination (other than that disclosed below \*) which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or
the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
the accounts did not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

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.

\* Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.

Signed: Elizabeth Watt

Date: 11/12/2024

Name: ELIZABETH WATT

Relevant professional qualification(s) or body

(if any):

Address: 43 LINDON PARK ROAD  
EWOOD BRIDGE  
HASLINGDEN BB4 6LZ

**Section B Disclosure**

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight material matters of concern (see CC32, Independent examination of charity accounts: directions and guidance for examiners).

Give here brief details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose.