

# Sale Central Scout Group

## Trustees Annual Report and Annual Return

for financial year 01/01/2024 - 31/12/2024



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## AGM Agenda

- 1) Introduction and Welcome
- 2) Apologies for absence
- 3) Governance Items
  - a) Approval of the minutes of the previous AGM
  - b) Adopt the model constitution for a Group in POR chapter 5
  - c) Note the Group's Financial year is 1st January to 31st December.
  - d) Approve appointed and community members of the Group Scout Council
  - e) Agree the maximum number of members that may be appointed to the Trustee Board
  - f) Agree the quorum for future meetings of the Group Scout Council (excluding this AGM)
- 4) Review of the Previous Year
  - g) Group Lead Volunteer's review of the past 12 months
  - h) District Lead Volunteer's remarks
  - i) Receive and consider the Annual Report of the Group Trustee Board, including the annual statement of accounts
- 5) Make Appointments
  - j) [If required] Appoint the Group Chair, following recommendation from the open selection process initiated by the Group Trustee Board
  - k) [If required] Appoint the Group Treasurer, following recommendation from the open selection process initiated by the Group Trustee Board
  - l) [If required] Appoint members of the Group Trustee Board, following recommendations from the open selection process initiated by the Group Trustee Board
  - m) [If required] (Re-)appoint Group President and/or Vice Presidents
  - n) Appoint the Independent Examiner
- 6) District Lead Volunteer – Presentations
- 7) Closing Remarks

## Group Chair's Report

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In a world of technological change, economic challenges and political uncertainties, Sale Central Scout Group remains reassuringly familiar. The Scout camps, the ever changing weekly activities and the hundreds of badges earned by all the Beavers, Cubs and Scouts act as a great counter to the endless screen time and other issues that young people face on a daily basis. The famous Scout motto “Be Prepared” is certainly needed as much now as it has ever been.

Our leaders have done an outstanding job in 2024 in planning and delivering a varied programme. Some of the highlights were the Olympics themed group camp for all sections, the Remembrance Day parade and the St. George's Day event. A special thanks to everyone who took part.

On the financial side, our new treasurer, Pete, joined half way through the year and has made an immediate contribution by making some important process changes to keep the finances in excellent order. Thanks for your diligence and commitment.

With two scout huts to look after, there is always a longlist of maintenance jobs to be completed. We're lucky to have Colin as our Quartermaster who has again done a tremendous job on keeping our supplies and buildings well maintained to serve us in the future.

Thinking about our volunteers - both leaders and trustees - the chance to give back to young people in the local area, undergo free training, make new friends and be an active part of the local community are some of the benefits to taking part in Scouts. A recent study also found that volunteering can add years to your life. It can even be useful in your working life, as you can use the skills and experiences from scouting to advance your own career.

We're urgently looking for new people to get involved - not just leaders - but people who can help with administration, fundraising and maintenance too. Scouting is a real team effort and every role has a part to play. The trustee board meets around 4 times per year and we need some new members, and the leader/parent helper roles are term time based for 1-2 hours per week.

Can you spare some time to make a change? Speak to any of the leaders or trustees at Sale Central to find out more.

Finally, I'd like to thank Dave for the exceptional leadership and support that he has shown over the last year. The support from the local District is also very much appreciated in helping to manage risks and provide opportunities for our Scouts such as the Gang Show. Also, my thanks to all our section leaders, young leaders, Trustee Board members, parent helpers and not forgetting the Scouts themselves - whose energy and enthusiasm are the reason we exist.

**Gavin Stark**

**Group Chair**

## Group Scout Leader's Report

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### Thank You

It is with immense pleasure that I present the Group Scout Leader's Annual Report for the Scouting year 2024. As I reflect on another incredibly busy and rewarding year, my overriding feeling is one of profound gratitude. Therefore, I want to begin this report by extending several massive thank you's, in no particular order, to the individuals and groups who are the very backbone of our Scouting community.

Firstly, to **our members** – the fantastic boys and girls who consistently turn up each week, usually smart, almost always polite, and often bubbling with enthusiasm. You are, quite simply, the fundamental reason why we Scout. Your energy, your curiosity, and your willingness to give it a go ... that is what inspires us all.

To **our members' parents and guardians**, your trust, your support, and your commitment to getting your children to meetings and events is invaluable. Without your partnership, much of what we achieve would simply not be possible.

We are also incredibly grateful to **our supporters outside of the group**. Foremost of which are those (also volunteers) at District and County level who are rarely seen in daylight, they provide a higher level of governance in order to keep groups like ours on the straight and narrow. Whether you've helped with fundraising, provided resources, or offered your expertise, your contributions, often unseen, have made a significant difference to our ability to deliver a vibrant Scouting programme.

A huge thank you goes to **our Board of Trustees**, again, often unseen and un-thanked but it is your dedication to the governance and strategic direction of our Group, ensuring we operate effectively and responsibly, providing the essential framework for all our activities.

And finally, but by no means least, to **our Frontline Volunteers** – our dedicated leaders, assistant leaders, section assistants, and occasional helpers. Your tireless efforts, creativity, and passion are what truly bring Scouting to life for our young people every single week. You are the heart and soul of our Group and yet you are so few in number, I really cannot stress to all Parents out there, just how much these people do. Due to a lack of adult volunteers, many of our existing volunteers hold multiple roles, doubling or even tripling their volunteering workload.

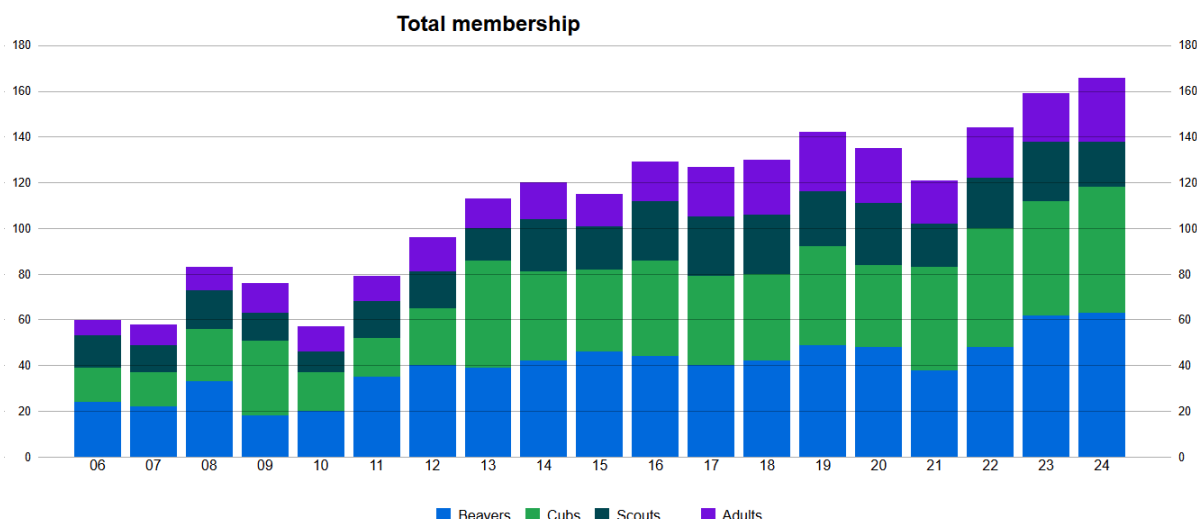
### Appeal

This brings me quite nicely onto my regular appeal, as you've seen, our Group thrives on the dedication of our volunteers, and the vibrant programme we offer your children is a direct result of their commitment. However, like all voluntary organisations, we are constantly seeking new energy and ideas to keep pace with the growing enthusiasm of our young people. We understand that everyone has busy lives, but we genuinely

believe that a little help from many hands can make a huge difference. By parents offering even a small amount of their time – whether it's an hour a month helping at a meeting, assisting with an event, or sharing a particular skill – we can distribute the workload more effectively, ensuring no single individual feels overwhelmed and that the burden on our core leadership team is lessened.

We invite you to consider how you might be able to contribute to the success of our Scout Group. Perhaps you have a specific skill you could share for a one-off session, or you might be able to help with administrative tasks, fundraising, or even just setting up or packing away equipment occasionally. The more parents who feel able to step forward and offer their services, the less will be needed from each individual, and the more robust and exciting our programme will become for all our young people. If you're curious about how you might get involved, please don't hesitate to speak to any of our leaders; we'd be delighted to chat about the various ways you could help enrich the Scouting experience for your children and their friends.

The graph below clearly illustrates the evolution of our group, there is rarely attrition between Beavers and Cubs and though some typically exists as young people move into Key Stage 3 education, it is clear that we are on the cusp of needing an additional Scout Troop.



Our Beaver Colonies and our Cub packs are running at capacity, and we are now being forced to close our waiting lists as there is simply no chance of a young person reaching the top and finding their way into Scouting at Sale Central.

The simple reason why we cannot accommodate a new Troop, or a new Pack is the number of adult volunteers has hardly changed in a decade, people move on, and new people step forward but that has only enabled us to maintain the status quo.

Another growing concern is what happens to our Scouts when they reach the age of 14? Our District desperately needs more Explorer Units to accommodate our 14–18-year-olds, Explorers are often the Adult Volunteers of tomorrow ... yet in the current climate, we have just 3 Explorer units being fed by 8 Scout Troops across the District, Sale Central no longer sponsors an Explorer Unit as we previously did because ... you guessed it ... a lack of Adult Volunteers, therefore, when it comes time for our

Scouts to move on to Explorers, they are joining waiting lists for Explorer Units sponsored by other groups.

## 2024 ... a year of variety

### Winter 2024

Whilst reviewing the year, one thing that struck me was the variety of activities our Leaders delivered from educational and developmental games, health and fitness, traditional celebrations, scientific activities, night hikes, cooking, painting, knot skills, birdbox construction, making sock puppets, litter picking, international celebrations, candle making, first aid, reptile study, navigation, communications, and problem solving ... and that was just in the Winter term.

### Spring/Summer 2024

Add to this camping skills, engineering, bike rides, canoeing, recycling, football, gardening, astronomy, music, meditation, performing, DIY, Animal Care, Nature walks, making damper and toasting marshmallows, backwoods cooking, supermarket sweep, Household skills, Knife, Axe and Saw skills, Trapping & Snaring (survival), shelter building, pioneering, pulleys and gear, building and then launching cardboard canoes, and my personal favourite was taking our Scouts Scuba Diving in the Spring/Summer Term. Mix in various camps by all sections and of course, who can forget our famous Olympic Family Camp at Dunham Park Scout Camp.

### Autumn 2024

The variety of activities didn't stop when we returned after the summer holidays with endangered species, kite making, computer skills, green-cross code, photography, Ice-cream, fire safety, book reading, money skills, sledging at Chill FactorE, disability awareness, local knowledge, Christmas crafts, Roman armour, Expedition planning, Balearic slingshots, fire starting, foodbank shopping, Chariot racing, Warhammer painting and gaming ...

Unbelievable year run by incredible leaders for amazing young people ... come and join the fun, it really is as much fun for adult volunteers as it is for the young people ... honest ... Scouts Honour 🍀

*(Whoops ... I have rambled on a bit)*

Yours in Scouting

**Dave Hannigan**

**Proud Group Scout Leader**

**Sale Central Amazing Scout Group**

## Group Treasurer’s Report

<b>Sale Central Scout Group Income and Expenditure Account</b>		
<b>Year to 31 December</b>	<b>2024</b>	<b>2023</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
<b>Income</b>		
Donation	5,700.00	200.00
Events	4,985.54	5,244.80
Events - Beavers	1,440.00	1,183.57
Events - Cubs	885.00	632.70
Events - Scouts	40.00	0.00
Fundraising	1,391.99	170.97
Grant	6,740.67	0.00
Hut Hire - Raglan Road	4,925.00	10,048.20
Hut Hire - Woodbourne Road	5,590.00	5,201.50
Membership Fees	18,160.94	14,740.40
Refund	186.38	0.00
	<b>50,045.52</b>	<b>37,422.14</b>
<b>Expense</b>		
Activity Equipment	193.53	354.83
Admin	116.37	80.00
Badges	2,793.74	2,000.74
Bank Fees	196.32	738.44
Bursary Payment	17.00	0.00
Camping Equipment	479.85	360.35
Charitable Donation	10.00	0.00
Events	6,374.36	5,140.65
Events - Beavers	583.78	2,404.03
Events - Cubs	108.95	1,303.17
Events - Scouts	276.50	438.28
Group Equipment	139.00	0.00
Insurance	2,548.79	3,893.99
Meetings	0.00	42.02
Meetings - Beavers	732.11	1,079.48
Meetings - Cubs	940.38	1,225.48
Meetings - Scouts	454.70	120.08
Membership Costs	7,853.50	7,649.04
Refund	0.00	114.92
Rent	975.00	0.00
Training	543.62	218.30
Utilities	23,711.06	22,368.33
Venue Maintenance	4,272.10	4,609.43
	<b>53,320.66</b>	<b>54,141.56</b>
Operating Surplus/(Deficit)	-3,275.14	-16,719.42
Depreciation	0.00	0.00
Surplus/(Deficit) for the year	-3,275.14	-16,719.42



## SALE CENTRAL SCOUT GROUP

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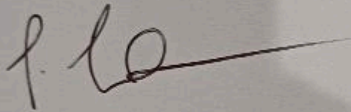
ACCOUNTS FOR THE PERIOD ENDING 31 DECEMBER 2024

Total Income for Period: £50,045.52

Total Expenditure for Period: £53,320.66

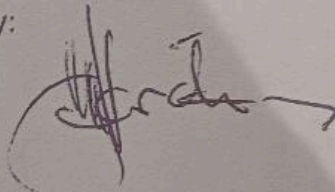
Operating Deficit: -£3,275.14

Prepared by:



Peter Tranter, Group Treasurer

Review/Scrutinised by:



Michael Harding, District Treasurer

I have examined and confirmed the above figures from the bank accounts, working documents and other records of payments that were made available.

## Chetham Beaver Colony Section Report

First, I would like to say a huge Thank you to Chethams Leader team and the parents who signed up on the Rota. Without them your child wouldn't have been able to have the fun packed programme we did and earn the badges that you all love sewing on.

So, what did 2024 look like for Chethams?

Looking back at OSM, we had a busy year.

We worked on lots of activity badges, Health and fitness, Cooking, Camp craft, International, Space are just a few of them. We made sure we had some staged badges in there as well like our Hikes, Time on Water.

We worked on our Challenge badges such as World, Skills, Teamwork, and Personal challenge. These badges gave Chethams the opportunity to go and visit some different places. Such as our nights at Grip Adventure for a paddle, or a hike round sale water park or scaling the walls at Rock over Climb.

There were a couple of group events that we took part in, Gang show, St Georges day, Remembrance Day as well as Our Family Camp.

We joined up with Howard and Pankhurst for a joint Beaver camp at Dunham. A chance for us to come together, have fun, make memories and get extremely wet!

It's only when you look back you realize how much you have done, the fun that they have had, and hopefully memories made. All the above goes towards them earning their Chief Scout Bronze award, the highest badge a Beaver can achieve. This year we had 4 Beavers presented with it. BRAVO to them.

YiS

**Rainbow (Emma) on behalf of the Chethams Leader team**

## Howard Beaver Colony Section Report

2024 saw the newly invested Leaders (Willow, Badger, Ratty & Toad) go it alone with Howard Beavers, following the amazing support they had from Rainbow before Christmas. The year kicked off with Beavers working towards their Cook Activity badge, with the highlight being making some yummy Welsh Cakes. Before the half term was over, they also did a night hike and some pottery painting at Bean & Brush.

After half term, cold and wet evenings saw us spend time indoors making up fun games and getting a visit from Stuart of SAMES at Walton Park Trains with his beautiful model steam engine. After the Easter weekend the sun was shining so the Beavers brought in their bikes and scooters to learn about how to perform maintenance on them, before a quick spin around Walton Park. And Walton Park was also the location for a litter pick one evening. We finished the term with a fantastic trip to Grip Adventure's Cave and a paddle down the canal.

Summer term moved our focus to completing their Space Activity badge, we learnt lots about our solar system and star constellations, but the highlight was building and launching our own bottle rockets in Walton Park – with the pressurised water rockets working better than vinegar and bicarb. Before we headed off for the summer break, we took a trip to Dunham Scout camp to learn all about camping and have lots of fun!



In September, Dunham Scout camp also became the location of our Beaver Camp, which was attended by all the Sale Central Scout Group Beaver Colonies. It was a great weekend of camp skills, cooking and laughter – with our young members enjoying every moment and doing a great job sleeping in tents together.

When we returned to Raglan Road Scout Hut in the Autumn, we became very creative - building hotels for bugs and designing and constructing our own kites. But it was the Beavers Got Talent Show

in October that really allowed our colony to show off all their hidden talents... from magic to karate, football skills to comedy, and of course a lot of singing! It was an amazing night and perfect end before half term. After half term we had a visit from John to learn all about photography - taking us through everything from a pin-hole camera to the latest tech - and showing us some incredible snaps. Christmas time saw us build some more great crafts, before joining with Pankhurst and Chetham for the end of year Beavers Christmas party!!

Reflecting on my “first whole year” as a Beaver Scout Leader, it has truly been amazing. It has been great fun each week to look at new skills and knowledge with our young members – and play lots of challenging games. I also enjoy spending time with my fellow volunteer leaders too – Matt, Steve & Bev – we couldn’t ask for a better team.

Although I have a busy career and family life, it turns out that I do have the time to help nearly every week, and it’s very rewarding to be supporting the Scouting movement and our local community. The Sale Central Scout group is made up of an incredible bunch of people, all very supportive and lots of fun. Thank you to them all for everything they do. And a massive thank you to all the parents who have helped out over the year at our meetings!

Regards

**James Cottle - Toad**

**Howard Beaver Leader**

## Pankhurst Beaver Colony Section Report

Pankhurst welcomed five new Beavers in January 2024. We worked on a variety of badges – Skills, Adventure and Outdoors challenge badges plus Faith and Safety badges. These saw us learn about the Green Cross Code and we built and painted bird houses. We supported members of Sale Central in February when we went to watch the 60th Sale Gang Show. We had our own show at Beavers when everyone made sock puppets and then performed for us, also ticking off some of our Creative badge. As part of our Faith badge, we visited the Buddhist Temple in Old Trafford as well. In March we completed a litter pick at Worthington Park, covering parts of our World, Adventure and Explore badges and finished the term with an Easter themed evening.

April saw us gain Tom as a new Young Leader and our existing Young Leader Caitlin ran a Space themed night. We worked on our Gardener and Book Reader badges and also had a number of Beavers attending the St George's Day Parade. Gwyn, a Safety Educational Officer from the RNLI, visited us in May to talk about water safety and the Beavers enjoyed trying on the safety outfits and posing for photos.



In June we were putting up tents in our lodges and after an extremely loud meeting where we worked on our musician badge, we ended the month with a meditation evening. Some members of Pankhurst and their parents attended Family Camp at Dunham, and all showed how very competitive they are. The results of our planting seeds back in April for our Gardener badge were brought in and shown in July and we also went canoeing and had a trip to Sale Water Park. As we finished for the Summer, we said goodbye to our original Hawkeye as he hung up his Scouting shirt as a leader to concentrate on his role as Group Treasurer, although we know we can count on him when we need an extra pair of hands. Lightning has also stepped back a little due to other commitments but again, we know she's there if we need her.

A joint Beaver Camp in September was the start of the new term, where the rain ended the fun unfortunately. Rusty and Hawkeye (the new one) became leaders and were thrown in at the deep end with the camp and thankfully it hasn't put them off. Back at our weekly meetings we worked on our Skills, Outdoors and Teamwork challenge badges and also the Cook, Safety and Creative badges. The Beavers painted some large wall art with a Halloween theme, and it was used at the Halloween event at Raglan Road. Again, Pankhurst were well represented at the Remembrance Parade in November and were so

respectful and quiet which made all the leaders very proud. Later in November everyone had an amazing evening at the Chill Factor and worked towards their Snowsports badge. They finished this and other badges in December before finishing the term with a Christmas Movie Night. Some members of Pankhurst also helped out at poppy selling and the Tesco fundraising bag pack during this term as well.

Six Beavers achieved their Chief Scout's Bronze Award in 2024, a great achievement showing all the effort they have put into their journey through Beavers.

I would like to take the opportunity now to thank the rest of the leader team, past and present – Hawkeye (Pete), Lightning, Echo, Rusty, Hawkeye (Iraklis), Caitlin and Tom for everything they do. Can I also say a huge thank you to the parents who regularly help at Beaver meetings and camps, and I would encourage any other parents who would like to help to let us know. Pankhurst Beavers, as always, remains full, with a lengthy waiting list so we're obviously doing something right.

**Ros Bryan {Bobtail}, Beaver Scout Leader**

## Kilvert Cub Pack Section Report

The Cubs started 2024 with a games night and went on to work on their Scientist and Emergency Aid badges. We all enjoyed an art night at Bean & Brush in Sale, as requested by the Cubs at a pack forum. In February some of the Cubs and leaders went to watch the Sale Gang Show at the Waterside in Sale, with our very own Jacob being one of the amazing performers. We covered Chinese New Year with the International badge and also worked on our Personal Safety badge. Candle making had also been a request at a pack forum, so we did that activity in March. We finished the term with a film night.



In April the Cubs performed a Talent Show, with parents coming to watch – we saw jokes, magic, a variety of instruments played and also some mind reading! A number of Kilvert Cubs took part in the St George's Day Parade in Worthington Park again too. We worked on our Outdoors badge in May, putting the tents up over at the park and made holders for our Playstation and Xbox controllers in our DIY badge. In June we went on a nature walk and a hike round Sale Water Park and also did some backwoods cooking at the hut, making dampers and marshmallows.

A number of the Cubs and their families attended the Family Camp at Dunham as well. July was a very active month covering some of our challenge badges with our sports day, canoeing and cycling for our Cyclist badge. At the end of the summer term, we said goodbye and good luck to Shere Khan (Saorsa) as she was off to university in the September and King Louis also had to step back due to college taking up a lot of her time. Mowgli also decided it was time for her to concentrate on other things and escaped a big goodbye by

telling us during the summer holidays. Toad, from Howard Beavers, joined us this term and he's been a fantastic addition to the leader team at Cubs.

September started with a pack forum and games, and we completed our Disability Awareness badge – writing our names in Braille and also by finger spelling, plus some great artwork made by using only our feet. Cub Mudder was in October and Kilvert entered a team again this year – they finished an amazing 9th out of 48 teams.



Badge work in October included Local Knowledge and we also had a quiz night. Tiger Lily, one of our Young Leaders, ran an evening sewing Halloween craft with the Cubs – small soft pumpkin and ghost toys. Over the Autumn term Hathi, another Young Leader at Kilvert, covered the Chef badge with the Cubs as part of her Young Leader Award. A number of Kilvert Cubs took part in Remembrance Parade in November. We worked on several more badges over the rest of the term – Communicator, International and Astronomer and for the final two meetings of the term we made Christmas crafts and had a Christmas party. Baloo stepped down from weekly duties as a leader as we finished for the holidays but assured us that we could call on him if we needed extra help in the future.

Three Cubs achieved their Chief Scout's Silver Award this year, well done to all of them.

Now to say a massive thank you to all of the many leaders and Young Leaders we have/had at Cubs – Bobtail, Toad, Baloo, Mowgli, Shere Khan (Saorsa), Hathi, Tiger Lily and King Louis. Also, a big thank you to the parents that have helped at various events and evenings when we needed another pair of hands, your support is very much appreciated.

Kilvert Cubs remains full which is great to see. Another fantastic year.

**Ronnie Bryan (Bagheera), Cub Scout Leader**

## Parker Cub Pack Section Report

Another busy year for Parker cubs, 2024 started with Cubs having a visit from our 4-legged friends and learning about how dogs are trained as assistance dogs and how they are important to people's day to day life's. This was followed by a visit the following week from the reptiles which included snakes (so glad I was on the other side of the world that night) The cubs also learnt about lunar new year and tasted Chinese food, one of the Cub mums kindly came in and spoke with the Cubs and did some activities with them.

Other activities included Easter egg hunt and shelter building at Dunham, walks around Lymn dam, priory woods and sale water park. Night hike and conker picking. We held a skills night where the cubs learnt all about circuits, by making a circuit board, they also learnt how to measure and cut wood, how to iron their neckers and change a light bulb.

The Cubs also enjoyed visits to Sharston recycling centre, bean and brush, litter picking, they also had a visit to sale Tesco store where they worked with a £12 per Six budget and had to price up items, then buy items that could be put into the food bank at the end of the night.

Other activities included grip adventure, Halloween party, Christmas party, bonfire party and first aid.

Cubs also attended district and county activities such as St Georges day event, Remembrance Day parade, Gang show (1 Cub in the show), sadly we couldn't get a team together for Cub Mudder, although one Cub kindly stepped in to help 1<sup>st</sup> Buddha's Light Cub pack as they were one short.

I would like to thank Zoe for continued support throughout 2024 and so glad that you forgave me for leaving you for 3 weeks in January, the young leaders for all your help, kai for being a great help and being there week in, week out.

Also, Emma and Colin for helping with the parties and stepping in when I was away. Emma, I promise I will try not to make it 3 weeks next time

**Akela (Rachel)**

## Scout Troop Section Report

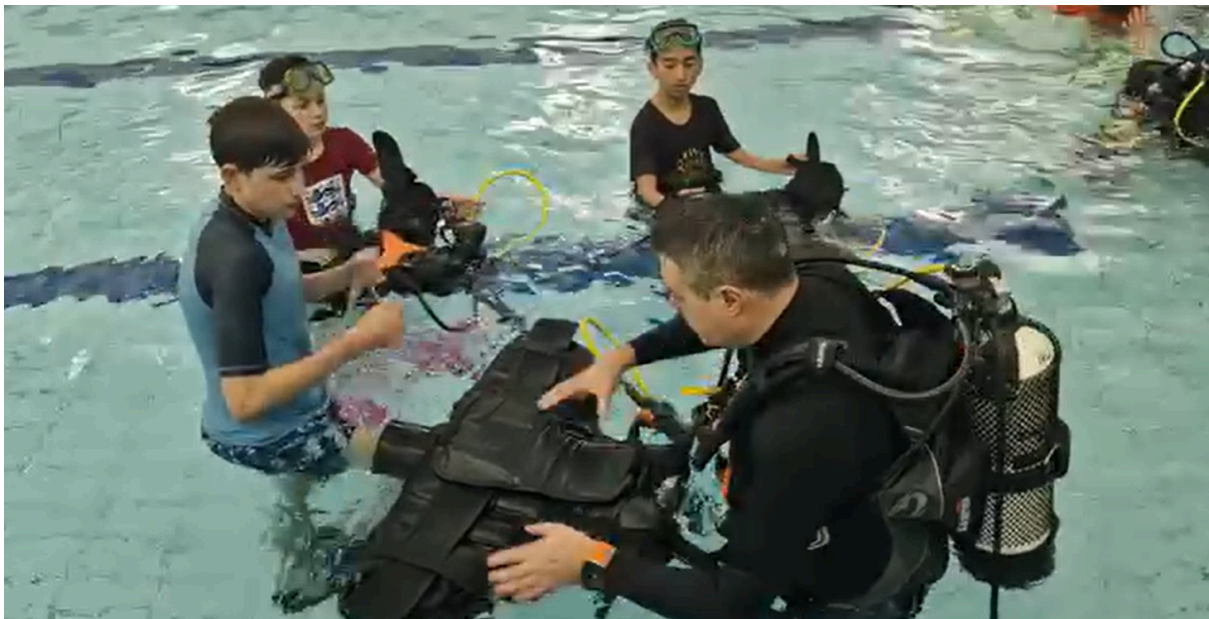
We started Jan '24 with our usual Troop Forum allowing the Scouts to have some input into the program and what was to be included.

The Creative Badge and some First Aid re-cap kicked off the year along with our annual Pancake Evening.

This was followed by some Navigation Skills in preparation for the upcoming hike and the scouts learning about different forms of communication with all helped them prepare for our Task Master themed activity night.

After easter we covered our Skills badge, and then the Scouts got prepared in case there is ever a Zombie apocalypse, practicing Knife, Axe and Saw Safety leading us nicely into various evenings revolving around Camp Gadgets and tools, traps and snaring and the very important skills of erecting a tent and basic map reading and navigation. We also tried to make our own Balearic slings a very tricky process!

We were lucky enough to be able to have the opportunity to participate in a SCUBA Diving taster session. The Scouts were all excited to be able to experience something so different. They all enjoyed it so much so that two of the scouts ended up going on a PADI course!



We held a Saturday hike to Dunham from Sale where the scouts could put their navigation skills to the test. We also put our pioneering skills to the test by making our own trebuchets! The Scouts make their own cardboard canoes and then tested them on the water at Dunham. There were a lot of giggles and some rather wet scouts. We ended the evening with s'mores rounds the campfire.

After summer we revisited the cardboard skills by making roman armour in preparation for Chariot Camp. Chariot camp is an annual camp where Scouts from across the County get together to race each other around an assault course in homemade chariot at Bispham Hall Scout Estate, with one Scout getting the pleasure of being the jockey on the chariot. There was a lot of giggles, the Scouts came back very muddy and very tired! Seeing as it was the

first time for several years that we had participated the Scouts did Sale Central proud. We are hoping to build on this experience in 2025 when we hopefully attend again.

The older scouts also took this time to prepare for their upcoming expedition. Thinking about where their expedition would be, the type of transport they were going to us and their plan for food. More about this in the 2026 report!

We also thought of those people who may need extra help at Christmas time discussing a food bank and how it works and why people may need to make use of them, followed with a trip to Tesco's to buy items for the local food bank.

The last few weeks of the term were spent playing Warhammer and painting models for the game. We rounded off the year with a Bowling trip for our Christmas Outing.

Other major outings throughout the year included:

- Gang Show
- St Georges Day Parade
- Olympic Family Camp
- Canoeing with Grip Adventure
- Remembrance Parade

With regard to the members themselves, we have had an average attendance of about 20 scouts and a solid 4 Leaders most weeks.

We have seen some older scouts move on; new members move up from Cubs and even brand-new members fresh to Scouting altogether.

Overall, a great year and with the steady support of the Leader Team, I feel we have set a great foundation on which to build and continue what we do best!

**Report compiled by Matt and Jennie**