1st Abram Scout Group Scout Council

Annual General Meeting

Annual report

June 2026

Group Lead Volunteers report

Firstly I would like to welcome you all to our AGM and presentation night.

The leaders work very hard to put a program together that will enable them to get their top awards as long as the children come to most meetings and camps etc.

All the children work very hard to earn their badges though we try to make it as much fun as possible to learn new skills.

Again we welcomed a few new leaders into the group and we are always looking out for help in the sections

The sections have had a busy year both on doing badge work in the hut, attending camps and outings and entering district competitions. A massive thank you goes to all the leaders for helping to give the children such fantastic experiences.

The number of children in the group has continued to grow and we have a waiting list for all sections now

We went through some big changes regarding the structure of scouting and the software we use to manage the administration of groups which everyone countrywide is still trying to get to grips with. It does make life easier in some respects but let's just say it is a work in progress and we will manage.

We are currently going through some team changes in Squirrels and Cubs so we will need some help from parents to keep the sections going.

If anyone else is interested in helping please let us know. We can never have too much help. There are lots of things you can get involved in, not just with the children. After last years AGM we did get some parents join us on the trustee board so thank you. If you are remotely interested in doing anything with the group, please come and have a chat with us this evening

Finally we hope you have a great evening and continue to give us your support at these events which help to subsidise trips and camps for all sections as well as for the upkeep of the hut.

1st Abram Scout Group Statement of Accounts 01.01.2025 - 31.12.2025

Income		£	£
	B/f balance from Bank	11643.1	
	Cash in Hand	552.41	**12195.5**
	Subscriptions		**8117.76**
	Membership Fees		**4566.24**
	Camps & Trips	11286.28	
	Hut Hire	1000	
	HMRC - Gift Aid	2148.78	
	Donations	594	
	Fundraising	1672.23	
	Grants	620	
	Other		
			17321.3
			42200.8
Expenditure			
	Ground Rent	10	
	Electricity	840.08	
	Gas	1490.03	
	Water	414.09	
	Membership Fees	4234	
	Building Insurance	621.25	
	Building Maintenance	83.53	
	Cleaning	170.6	
	Internet	407.88	
	Banking Charges	547.14	
	Group Activities	2542.03	
	Camps & Trips	14725.59	
	Equipment	1917.18	
	Fundraising Merchandise	762.1	
	Scout Shop	1295.79	
	Donations		
	Other	228.53	
			30289.8
	Closing balance from Bank	11555.92	
	Cash in Hand	355.06	**11911**
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Squirrels Team Lead report

During 2025, the Squirrels at 1st Abram scout group have had lots of fun, gained many new skills and earned many different challenge & activity badges. We have explored our local area, and helped our community by completing a local litter pick, enjoyed learning new skills such as fire lighting, and cooked tasty snacks on the open fires. We have learned about knife safety and taken part in soap carving. We have had the opportunity to take part in axe throwing and archery, which is always lots of fun.

It was lovely to see many faces looking very smart at both the St George's Day Parade in Wigan town centre, and the Remembrance Parade in Abram, both very important dates in the scouting calendar, and we appreciate the families who support these by attending with squirrels.

In June, we were very lucky to be invited to the Mayors parlour at the town all to visit our new mayor of Wigan.

We learned all about the town hall, and enjoyed juice and biscuits in the Mayors Parlour, a place most people don't get to visit! We loved looking at the golden chains they wore around their necks and asked lots and lots of questions!

During the summer, a brave group of squirrels had an excellent time on the water on the rafted canoes at Scotmans flash, it's always a very enjoyable session for squirrels and leaders alike!

In September, we took part in the Wigan Running Festivals family mile. The weather was less than favourable, but between us we raised a little over £500 for our scout group. It was a fantastic effort and we thank you all for your support!

In November, we enjoyed a thanksgiving themed sleepover in the hut. For some of us, it was the first time sleeping away from home, but everyone was absolutely brilliant. We completed crafts, ate tasty food, played games and slept inside pop up tents in the hut.

To celebrate Christmas, the squirrels took a trip to the local bowling alley. We were visited by Santa at the end of the party and everyone received a Christmas gift.

As always, we thank you all for the support in making our Squirrel Drey what it is today. We might be the youngest of the scouting sections, but we are also some of the most adventurous, inquisitive and enthusiastic!

Beavers Team Lead report

We have had a fantastic year packed with fun filled activities and trips in Beavers.

We have worked very hard working towards our badges including Air Activities, Creative, Communicator, Cook, Explore, Experiment, and Safety Activity badges and all the Challenge awards. We have also worked on a brand-new badge – Builder badge where we built the tallest Lego tower to hold an egg, the designs for which included knights to guard the egg and egg trampolines in case it rolled off the tower.

The Beavers work really hard to gain badges especially challenge badges and those who complete all 6 Challenge badges (quite a feat!) and 4 Activity badges and complete a night away are awarded the Chief Scout Bronze Award. During the last 12 months we have awarded 201 badges consisting of 149 Activity badges, 42 Challenge Awards and 10 Chief Scout Awards! Well Done, Beavers!! In addition to this, tonight we have several Beavers who will be awarded their Chief Scout Bronze Award, so we hope you give them an extra big cheer!

We have had some exciting events too this year; we joined other beavers from across Wigan in a Dodgeball competition, had an activity evening grass sledging and racing pedal karts. We had a magical time at Harry Potter Camp in April, learning potions, turning cards to frogs, carving owls from Soap and flying around camp in our homemade nimbus 2001's.

We hunted for butterflies, tadpoles, and all sorts of bugs at our walks around the Three Sisters, and Low Hall, and had an amazing time at Gulliver's World.

We are looking forward to more badges, fun and adventures in 2026 including a Group Camp, a District Outing, sleepover and hopefully a water day at Scotsman's flash.

Finally, we would like to say well done to our Beavers for all their hard work this year and a big thank you to the parents for your support.

Cubs Team Lead report

It has been another busy and successful year for the Cub Scout section. Throughout the year, our Cubs have taken part in a wide range of activities designed to develop their confidence, skills, teamwork, and sense of adventure while having fun.

Membership

At the close of 2025 we have 29 Cub Scouts registered within the section, supported by a dedicated team of volunteer leaders and helpers. We are pleased to have welcomed several new members during the year and have also seen many Cubs progress successfully to the Scout section.

Programme Highlights

Over the past year, the Cubs have enjoyed a varied programme that has included:

Outdoor and adventurous activities

Camping and overnight experiences

Community projects

Badge work and challenge awards

Team-building games and competitions

Participation in district and county events

Some of the highlights included:

Linnet Clough Activity

Camp Wildcraft

Camp Sleepovers

Cub Mudder

These activities have enabled our young people to learn new skills, build friendships, and create lasting memories.

During the year, Cubs have worked hard to achieve a wide variety of activity badges and challenge awards. We are particularly proud of those who have achieved:

7 Chief Scout's Silver Awards

These achievements reflect the enthusiasm, commitment, and effort shown by our Cubs throughout the year.

Community Involvement

The Cub section has continued to support our local community through participation in events such as:

- **Remembrance Parade**
- **Community clean-up project**
- **St George's Day Parade**

These opportunities help our young people understand the importance of service and citizenship.

I would like to thank all of our volunteer leaders, team members, young leaders, trustees, and parents for their continued support. Without their time, commitment, and encouragement, the Cub Scout programme would not be possible. Special thanks also go to our Cubs, whose energy, enthusiasm, and willingness to take on new challenges make the section such a rewarding place to volunteer.

Looking Ahead

As we move into the coming year, we look forward to continuing to provide exciting opportunities for our Cubs, including camps, adventurous activities, badge work, and community projects. We are committed to delivering a programme that helps every young person develop skills for life.

Scouts Team Lead report

2025 saw the scout section gain 2 new leaders Nikki (Shere khan) and Carla (Rikki) we also have Bekah (Raven) helping us when she is available.

Over the past year we have participated in district competitions, these include:

District Backwoods cooking competition.

District Richardson Trophy.

BST hiking competition

Chariot Race.

Shooting competition.

Some of the activities that the scouts have undertaken this year are:

A trial Scuba dive.

A visit to the world museum in Liverpool.

Shooting day at the hut.

The scouts have also been on various camps which included:

A trip to Disneyland Paris.

A Dungeons and Dragons camp.

Summer Camp at Great Tower

Terror at Great Tower, we managed to win the best dressed group and one of our scouts won best overall costume.

Remembrance sleepover.

During our weekly sessions the scouts have had the opportunity to gain various badges and have put a lot of effort into them. Alongside gaining the badges they have also gained some valuable skills and hopefully had fun at the same time.

2025 has been a great year for the Scouts and leaders and we have lots of plans for the coming year including more camps, entering district competitions and hopefully being able to camp for chariot race this time. We are also hoping to get a couple of days in over the summer to do some shooting and archery for those that are interested.

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Scrutineers Statement:

the books, bank statements, invoices and corespondance produced to me, and any information and explanations required have been obtained.

Signed: ..... **(Scrutineer)**

CHARITY COMMISSIO
FOR ENGLAND AND WAL

Independent examiner's report on the accounts

Section A Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/ members of	Charity Name 1st Abram Scout Group		
On accounts for the year ended	31st December 2025	**Charity no (if any)**	521552
Set out on pages	3 (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 31/12/2025.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees of the Trust, 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 the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent examiner's statement

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

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act or
- the accounts do not accord with the accounting records

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn 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:		**Date:**	31/8/2026
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