

109th Leicester (Countesthorpe St. Andrews) Scout Council

Annual General Meeting

Wednesday 25th June 2025 at 7.00pm

1. Introduction and Welcome

Louise Topley opened the meeting and thanked everyone for attending, with special welcome to Rob Row, Lead Volunteer for South Leicestershire.

Present;

Louise Topley

Nick Topley

Jack Barber

Matt Riley

Abbie Hunter

Malc Barber

Lucy Freeman

John Cook

Marianne Berry

Leanne Upton

Susan Jelves

Holly Lawrence

James Henson

Ellena Holdridge

Rob Row

Jill Barber

Ross Lyon

Clara Smith (on Teams)

Debs Perkins (Minutes Clerk)

2. Apologies for Absence;

Barbara Boyer

Rob Denton

Nalini Appadoo

Nisha Trivedi

Joanne Hamman

Kathryn Cook

Rachel Manton

Alistair Freeman

Michelle Stanley

Anupa Roper

Josh Riley

Daniel Cosby

Jim Carter

Laura Christy-Hall

Jackie Jenkins

Eve Jelves

Cat Phillips

Abbie Hunter

Declarations of interest;
LT, NT, JC, LF, CP & CS are all paying parents

3. Governance Topics

- a) The minutes of the previous AGM held on 26/06/2024 were proposed by LT as fair and true record – this was passed unanimously with no objections.
- b) LT proposed to the meeting that the Group Constitution be adopted for the following year – this was passed unanimously with no objections.
- c) LT noted the Group's financial year ran from 01/03/2024 to 28/02/2025.
- d) Number of members to be appointed to the Trustee Board – passed unanimously with no objections.
- e) Quorum for future Trustee meetings passed unanimously with no objections.

4. Review of the Previous Year

- **LT made her Chair's report as follows;**

I am now in my fourth year as chair for the trustee board. We have had another great year within Countesthorpe Scouts' group.

The Trustee board has continued to be stable with all posts covered and bimonthly meetings with good attendance, allowing us to continue to make positive decisions about the group and the way things are ran. This year we will lose Ross from the trustee board, but he will remain with the group as a leader, thanks for all your support, Ross over the past 8 years. Abbie has also decided to step away from the trustee board, but will remain a leader in squirrels, thanks for your support, Abbie. Tom Hill has also stepped down from the Trustee board and as Scout leader, thank you Tom for all you have done for the group over the past few years. We are very pleased to welcome Jimmy and Leanne to the Trustee board, who nominated themselves prior to today's meeting.

The group has continued to grow in numbers, with us at 169 young people at the last census across the four sections. This has meant that we have been able to continue to offer all of the young people involved lots of amazing opportunities in Scouting. Our two Squirrel drays are now well established and have been part of lots of group activities! We also have 52 adult volunteers which is essential in supporting all of our young people across all of the sections and getting involved in all areas for the group.

We have continued to hold off any work on the hut with ongoing complications with the ceiling which we are still addressing. We have felt that until this is resolved we are unable to do any other work we would like to as this might have an impact on other areas. We will endeavour to get this resolved as soon as possible so we can continue with the plans that we have for the hut for the future. However, we have been able to do some work in the garage, with John our quartermaster, supporting with this making sure everything has a place, and we also have a clear inventory of what equipment we have as this continues to be a challenge with an ever-growing group! We have continued to

maintain the relevant areas of the hut as it required throughout the year to ensure that we are up to date with all safety and security procedures.

We have been able to continue to do what Scouting does best meeting up and having lots of fun and opportunities for all of the young people involved, we have been able to offer wide range of activities for all involved, which you will hear more about throughout the meeting. The trustee board have continued to ensure that all health and safety standards are adhered to in the hut and also support to the sections to be able to run with this all-in place as required.

We have been able to continue to hire the hut to regular and ad hoc hirers which supports us with ongoing hut costs. Lucy has very kindly been managing this for us and communicating with the hirers to ensure things are running smoothly. Thanks Lucy!

Cherry Lane bonfire went ahead as planned November 2024 which was a huge success and Cherry Lane very generously donated £2,500 to the group for our support with this event, which we want to give our heartfelt thanks for. We continue to seek opportunities to fund raise for the group with our annual gala and other local events.

We want to thank you for your continued contribution with payments of subs, during these difficult times and please remember we have a hardship policy that can support any families who would need some extra help in paying to be part of Scouting.

I want to take this opportunity to say a huge thank you to all of our volunteers, which have increased in numbers again this year, who have continued to support us throughout this year, to provide amazing opportunities to all of the young people involved in the group. On a personal note I have again thoroughly enjoyed being part of the group and joining in with activities such as the panto, fundraising for the group and group camp too. We as a family all get so much out of being in Scouting so I would encourage anyone who is thinking of volunteering to please get involved as there are many rewards. There are lots of jobs big and small and all of us working together as a team make Countesthorpe Scouts what it is today!

- JB made his Group Lead Volunteer's report, beginning with a presentation by 4 Scout Patrol Leaders (Isaac, Ben, George & Evan) who ran through the significant events in the group over the past 12 months.
- **Group Lead Volunteer's Report by Jack Barber**

As ever, I'd like to hand over to our Patrol Leaders first of all to give you their perspective of the past year: (PATROL LEADERS)

And now to look at a few highlights in a photo slideshow: (PHOTO SLIDESHOW)

So 5 years ago yesterday I caved in and agreed to be Group Scout Leader – at a time of such uncertainty, attempting to meet a bit on Zoom and wondering whether all of our Young People would come back or not. It's been tough at times – and despite the rosy picture I'm about to paint, the role and everything involved in the Group can at times be a real headache. But I continue to be amazed and inspired by our young people and volunteers as we continue to go from strength to strength. In the Spring of 2021, as we started to come out of lockdown, James and I sat down to think about where we wanted the Group to go, as we had finally broken the 100 young people mark for the first time. We made a rough plan of how we would open 2 Squirrel Dreys, expand and fill our Cub

and Scout Sections, recruit a ton of volunteers and end up in 4 or 5 years with somewhere around 180 young people – which we said would be our maximum capacity. Everyone knows I'm a planner, and stupidly ambitious to go with it. But given where we were at the time and everything the Group had gone through before and during Covid, even I was thinking I was being a bit hopeful...

Another year has flown by and we're back here at the AGM celebrating another year of success for the Group. Growth – more on that later, opening Monday Squirrels, which has been fantastic, 3rd place in the County Rambling Fox hiking challenge (we can gloat about winning the 2025 one this time next year), but also 3rd and 5th place in the national Borderhike competition, meaning after 16 years we finally got another shield to put up with mine on the wall! Lots of excellent work in our local community raising our profile – including on Remembrance Day and for the 80th Anniversary of D-Day celebrations, as well as work supporting others less fortunate or in need of our help. A record breaking Gala, an award winning Panto, the biggest ever Group Camp, a trip to Drayton Manor, Squirrels staying away from the hut for the very first time, camping outdoors at Fox Covert, I can keep on going – once again we have managed to pull off some amazing achievements with so many personal goals achieved, new skills and experiences gained and always lots of fun.

Of course, it wouldn't be us without some madness on the way, whether it be insisting Squirrels and Beavers were going to get s'mores in the torrential rain on camp in September, blowing up 650 balloons the night before the Gala, or making it so our Fairy could fly 3.5m in the air to save the day – of course we did it. (Even if we did break the ramp on to the theatre stage on the morning of the show and only have 3 hours to fix it). It's never dull in this Group, there is always so much going on – it feels like every week there is something different, unusual, but hopefully brilliant, going on for one or more of our Sections.

It's also been a year of huge change for Scouting nationally – as the Transformation programme has come into force. This has meant a change in all of our role titles as the Volunteer Journey has changed, moving into teams-based volunteering – though in reality this mostly reflects what we were already doing in the Group. It has also meant a change in our online database and digital tools, some of which has been distinctly bumpy. While this is out of our control locally, I just want to thank everyone for your cooperation and support while we have gone through the change, as well as the hard work of lots of our volunteers in completing new and mandatory learning modules. (Just 9 of you to go to complete the new Safety module!)

It's also been a time of change within the Group across several of our Sections, particularly in the Scout Section, where Tom and Shona have stepped back in recent months and as ever we thank them for their contribution to the Group in recent years. Matt continues as Team Leader with a growing team, but we continue to look to recruit new volunteers into this Section as a priority – please speak to us if you can support! Scouts will be supported by various members of the Group Leadership Team into next term as we continue to adjust and manage the ever-growing numbers in that Section. I'm also thrilled to say that Leanne has agreed to join Laura as a Team Leader in Monday Squirrels to help support with the tasks of running that Section and we're really pleased to welcome Jim and Leanne to our Trustee Board today.

In terms of Trustees, as well as Tom stepping back, Abbie leaves the Trustee Board today but I'd like to thank her for her contributions over the last couple of years, working to ensure everything we do has Squirrels on the front of our minds. After 8 years as a

Trustee, Ross also steps back from the Board today (but will continue in both his leadership roles). This will lead to some changes; no longer will every meeting be derailed by mention of his conker tree and his kind offer to donate it to us, knocking the hut down won't be the answer to every issue we face and I would say that talk of cake won't dominate the start of every meeting – but I think that's rubbed off on everyone else now! In all seriousness Ross joined the Board at a time of real difficulty for the Group and was instrumental in helping to ensure that changes that needed to happen were made, speaking out when he needed to and making it so we can be in the entirely different situation that we are today – which I will personally always be very grateful for. He's also continued to make very valuable contributions in recent years, including as Covid broke out and in our current building challenges. Thankyou Ross – but I still don't want your tree...

Time for my annual ceiling update – and the fact that I've let Ross step off the Board after 2 years of trying tells you that there is progress at last. Following independent expert reports overwhelmingly in our favour, we have now had permission from our legal team to gain quotes for repair works, which are ongoing and although it will still be a slow process before you see any action, we are finally heading in a more positive direction. This issue continues to eat up an awful lot of Trustee time, we have all become experts in a number of things we would rather not have ever known about – and continue to be indebted to Rich Coppock, a County Trustee, who's expert advice – free of charge, has been invaluable in helping us move this issue forward this year.

At our annual census, we had the largest number of regular adult volunteers in Leicestershire, (52 and counting), which enables us to do so many crazy things and for our young people to experience so much. Whatever it is you do to help this thing keep moving – thank you, you make a real difference to young people's lives. It's harder than ever to juggle volunteering, particularly the huge amount of hours some of us give – and that comes amidst a really significant amount of illness, difficulty and challenge in a lot of our team's personal lives. The strength of the team allows us to all pull through and keep delivering for the young people – never underestimate the commitment and time you are giving and the difference that makes.

We always want more volunteers though to allow us to continue offering our Skills for Life and amazing opportunities – so if you could get involved, in a Section, at weekend events, behind the scenes, with hut maintenance or countless other things, please get in touch. As I hope you'll see tonight we are a friendly team and all a bit daft really – but we have a lot of fun and would love you to join us.

Although not an official statistic, my other hat in Scouting means I can tell you that since census, we have grown to be currently the largest Group in Leicestershire in terms of young people numbers as well – having trebled in size over the last 8 years. (Which is quite handy for the County Growth Lead to be able to say!). The fact that we have been able to offer so many young people the chances we have, so much so that many are now old enough to be contributing and giving that back to others, is something very special. We are now at our peak in terms of numbers – we've ran out of room and actually I spend an awful lot of time at the moment trying to find places for young people in other local Groups. But I don't think we've quite reached our peak in terms of the output we're offering yet and I'm excited to see where the coming years take us.

We have so many challenges, difficulties and things we can improve – of course we do, it's impossible for something so big to always go perfectly. But there's an awful lot to be proud of.

Update on that mad growth plan we had – 4 years on we have 177 young people, 36 on the waiting list and should hit the 180 by the end of the year. I don't think we did too badly... Thank you all of you, for being the best team we could wish for and providing so much for so many.

- **Squirrels Report by Abbie Hunter**

It has been a great year for Thursday Squirrels. We have had great fun with our 18 Squirrels, 7 regular leaders and 3 young leaders. Highlights have included going on a wildlife hunt, eating chippy chips, planting seeds, visiting the fire station, making helicopters and boats, finding beautiful Christmas decorations and best of all soaking the leaders at a water fight. We have learnt lots of important skills including first aid, how to make a fire, how to put up a tent and how to budget and shop for food. We have been on great trips to the Sealife centre, Legoland, Drayton Manor, Santa's Grotto and LCFC. We have earned so many badges including many of our Squirrels earning their first night away badge by sleeping overnight at our Squirrel Sleepover and the Beaver & Squirrel camp. Most importantly our Squirrels have developed so much over the past year. It has been wonderful to see them grow in confidence, making friendships and being kind to each other. I have seen so many brilliant examples of teamwork from both our Squirrels and our Leaders who all support each other to make sure that we all have fun on a Thursday night. Thank you to everyone who has supported us and enabled me to lead this brilliant, fun and loud section. I will be stepping down from the Trustee Board but thank the current board for welcoming me and hearing out my many questions and comments. I know that you will continue with the excellent work to make the group as good as possible for our young people. I look forward to the many exciting plans for the year ahead.

- **Beavers Report by Jack Barber**

This has been another busy year for both Beaver colonies which are both full on 24 members each with a considerable waiting list, added to by the fact that most places are now taken by Squirrels moving up..

We've been very lucky this year to have a lot of our programme ran and organised by an excellent team of young leaders. Both nights have incredible young Leaders which adds a fantastic energy to our sessions which both Beavers and Adults has really benefited from but we've also seen our young leaders grow in confidence to which is great to see. We're thrilled that our Tuesdays cohort are all now adult leaders within the Group – and as they are set to go to Uni this September, I want to just give a huge thankyou to Alfie, Daniel and Eve for their amazing work with our Beavers over 4 years as Young Leaders. You all epitomise everything that is good about Scouting and I know you will all have so much to contribute to the movement going forward – and very much hope that at least some of that will be here!

The reporting year began with a Drumming workshop with the fantastic Simon Stokes, plus an annual favourite Easter Egg Hunt, where we actually found a decent number of the eggs! Another big focus of the Spring and Summer terms was our annual Community Impact project; this year, we focussed on the 80th Anniversary of D-Day and helping our elderly community celebrate and remember this. We visited Cherrytree Residential Home to speak to some of their community about memories of World War 2

and D-Day, including one resident who was part of the assault on France! This also linked with work on understanding dementia and how we can support people living with this.

Lots of activity badges have been earned across the year, including Disability Awareness, Explore, International and Builder, as well as working towards our YouShape Awards. The vast majority of Beavers moving up to Cubs have also managed to complete their Challenge badges and Gold Awards.

Summer saw us travel to Fosse Meadows to explore the wildlife and have fun on the play park, as well as finishing the academic year with a water fight at Ullesthorpe. Wednesdays also enjoyed a foam fencing taster session with the County Activity team. Into the Autumn term and we were busy making catapults, spaghetti and marshmallow towers and trying some basic pioneering. As ever we made a Guy for the Bonfire, as well as enjoying sparklers and hotdogs on Bonfire Night itself.

We had a 'caving' experience using tables and chairs in the hut while Christmas saw a trip to play Laser Quest which was very popular once again! 2025 started with an evening trying our hands at Ukeleles, as well as making marble runs.

Beavers have also taken a full part in all of the Group events this year.

Thanks to everyone who has supported Beavers across the year and looking forward to much more fun in the coming year.

- **Monday Night Cubs report by Cat Phillips**

We thought we'd kick off the year with a clever idea. We challenged the Cubs to iron name badges onto their neckers—great for their skills badge and a sneaky win for us leaders: Cubs who wouldn't lose their neckers. Genius, right? Wrong. Turns out cheap irons and bargain name badges from Temu don't mix. Fast forward a few months, and yep—most Cubs have lost at least one necker. So much for clever.

Our brilliant planning didn't stop there. We powered through a few more sessions, confidently teaching the Cubs how to make wool using a wool machine that not one of the leaders could figure out how to use, luckily the session was saved by Karens expert pencil making wool. Then came the armpit fudge—yes, it's a thing—which exploded so dramatically under someone's arm that it managed to redecorate the hut ceiling. We're calling it "creative chaos." I'm sure the Cubs called it "awesome."

The Cubs launched into space (sort of) with our very own space-themed night. We kicked things off outside with a dramatic "rocket launch" and a bit of stargazing, before splitting into space bases for a series of intergalactic challenges. These included building the International Space Station, moonwalking in zero gravity using grabbers to move mysterious space objects, and even communicating in Russian using the Cyrillic alphabet

We followed it up with a day trip to the National Space Centre, which the Cubs absolutely loved. Top tip: If a Cub tells you, "We don't need the lift, there aren't many stairs," don't believe them. Your legs will never forgive you

We've flexed our green thumbs this year with a bit of gardening fun! Each Cub created their very own mini greenhouse and grew pinto beans—and to everyone's surprise, it was a huge success! Most of the beans actually sprouted, sparking loads of excitement.

We also began construction on our bug hotel. And no, that pile of pallets and twigs outside isn't junk—it's a very sophisticated work in progress. The bugs just haven't checked in yet.

The Cubs showed off their musical talents in style! They brought in instruments from home to perform for us, crafted their own "drumbo drums," and kept perfectly in time with Karen's rhythm sticks—well, mostly! It was noisy, enthusiastic, and absolutely brilliant.

Throughout the year, the Cubs have unleashed their creative side with arts and crafts celebrating a variety of festivals. They've designed Diwali henna patterns, crafted explosive firework pictures, made festive Christmas wreaths and delicate glass baubles, and even created slithery snakes for Chinese New Year. And let's not forget the fantastic alien—a true masterpiece that, in case anyone's forgotten, proudly took home the win last year!

We've been out and about on some amazing adventures this year! From Seconder and Sixer Camp to night walks, Laserforce battles, and a trip to the Science Museum in London, the Cubs have been busy exploring and learning. We've cheered at the King Power Stadium for the LCFC Women's team, skated at Midland Roller Arena, visited a synagogue and heritage centre, and even tried our hand at cricket at Countesthorpe Cricket Club.

A few lucky Cubs were also selected to represent us at the Rambling Fox event—and wherever we've gone, they've been absolutely fantastic. Well-behaved, enthusiastic, and a credit to us all—we couldn't be prouder!

We kicked off the year with 22 Cubs, and we're now up to 25—with plans in motion to launch a new pack and grow to 30! Between them, the Cubs have earned an incredible 240 badges—a true testament to their hard work and enthusiasm. And we're especially proud to celebrate three Cubs who achieved the prestigious Chief Scout's Silver Award—a fantastic accomplishment!

We truly couldn't have done any of this without our incredible team. A heartfelt thank you to Karen, Ross, Helen, Steve, Debs, Holly and Ria —for helping shape such a brilliant plan and for diving headfirst into all the wild ideas to make them a reality. Your energy, creativity, and commitment have made this year unforgettable.

We're also so grateful to our wonderfully supportive parents—thank you for always being there and helping make everything run smoothly.

This year has been filled with laughter, learning, and countless unforgettable moments. I've genuinely loved every second of being part of this team. It's been more than just fun—it's been inspiring, heartwarming, and a real privilege to be part of something so special.

And yes... I'm already getting excited and full of ideas for when we start again in September!

- **Tuesday Night Cubs report by James Henson**

During the reporting period Tuesday Cubs started with 16 moving to 22 by the end of the year cubs and supported by many leaders and young leaders.

The year started off busy with lots of teamwork, scouting skills and developing our sixes and peer leadership skills.

As always, the cubs enjoyed putting these skills to the test at the rambling fox competition.

Another high light was the annual group camp and attending the county cub camp and took part in a variety of new activity with lots of new cubs. We have also been exploring local parks and practicing map navigation and wildlife spotting joined by lots of friendly dogs.

Cubs then turned their hand to diy and developed their drilling and whittling skills by making their very own pencils.

Cubs then became chefs and made a variety of dishes towards their chefs' badge and practicing peeling veg for the goats to enjoy.

We then went to space with a visit to the space centre with a particular highlight being the leaders making the best rocket, (with two astronauts)

The annual panto was another success with many cubs trying performing for the first time. The cubs had their first 6r and 2nd camp at the hut and enjoyed building ball runs, fires and lots of games.

In the new year the cubs completed an environmental challenge and learn some first aid skills.

Thank you to all the volunteers and young leaders who have supported the section in many ways over the year and into the next. With a special thanks to Holly and Jim for joining the leadership team and to all for all the amazing ideas and trips.

- **Scouts report by Matt Riley**

Thursday evening Scouts continues to see more growth in numbers with us now being well on the way to 40 Scouts at the end of the period (and in fact have done following the year end). We've welcomed a number from cubs and it's good to see the vast majority of those that have left have carried on with Explorers and or young leaders with the group. Volunteer wise we've seen a fair bit of change in the core team with Rupert continuing to provide valuable support as a Young Leader alongside a number of more casual helpers who have helped throughout the year. Over the year in question, Tom and Matt continued to be Lead Volunteers although Tom has subsequently moved on. Thanks Tom for the scouting skills support that you've provided. We've continued to split evenings between the Hut and the Bridge particularly over the Winter with everybody returning to the Hut for flag break and are moving to more of a focus on patrols to get the age and skills mix appropriate for evenings. We continue to run with four patrols and aim to ensure where possible friendship groups are maintained although can't always get it right given the number of people that we have to try and keep happy which hopefully we are doing on the whole. Given the number of scouts that we have, the need for volunteers is more pressing than it has been in the past. If you feel that you fancy helping out with what is a fantastic group of young people, no matter how much or little you can help, I'm always happy to have a chat and welcome you to the group! Turning to particular events that have taken place during the period, we've run everything from snorkelling to survival skills (with some great dens being built at Ullesthorpe), created our own political party and completed orienteering. We've also put a code of conduct in place and tried to encourage sewing (although how many badges have been added by Scouts is possibly questionable) and have run events for Halloween and the normal putting up Christmas decorations at Brook Court. We've also seen a number of scouts fundraising for the Kandersteg trip that is taking place in August 2025. I've been really proud of the efforts that they've put in to raise money by samosa sales, a very entertaining quiz night and a successful Halloween evening which went down really well

with the community as a whole. Scouts represented the Group at a number of events over the period including Remembrance Sunday, at the Gala, the carol concert in December and at Active Arts where a number of positive comments were again received from stall holders as to how helpful the Scouts had been. Scouts decided to put the money raised from helping with Active Arts to have an overnight camp at Ullesthorpe with a mixture of fires and karaoke taking place on the Friday night before the car park at Ullesthorpe campsite was relaid by the Scouts. Thanks to everybody's help with their cars to crush the gravel that was laid out by the Scouts since it was laid! Whilst we did not attend St Georges in 2024, Scouts have taken part in a number of outdoor events over the period including Rambling Fox and the Expedition Hike being run again. A successful time was had again in Derbyshire at the Borderhike with thanks again to Liere and Dunton team for support at the Borderhike. Group camp at Oaks was well attended with great activities being completed by the Scouts. Skits continue to be a favourite for campfire and I see that my request that I don't see the lawnmower sketch this year fell on deaf ears! Thanks again to all those that have and continue to support the Scouts be that volunteers, parents or outside helpers that help us to continue to provide a varied and enjoyable program. Let's see what this year brings! I confirm that I am happy to continue in my roles on the Trustee board and as Scout Lead Volunteer for the forthcoming year.

- Rob Row then commented on how amazing it was to hear of the wide range and scope of activities being offered by the group. He thanked all of the volunteers and Trustees, and particularly JB as the Group Lead Volunteer. At the time of the meeting Countesthorpe was confirmed as the largest group in Leicestershire which is a phenomenal achievement.

b) Receive & Consider the Annual Report of the Group Trustee Board, including the Statement of Accounts

Accounts Statement by NT (Treasurer)

Well, yet again we have had another busy year. A second Squirrel's section and continued strong membership has led to financial growth across the group. Total income from subs of £12989.46 has led to a total capitation (the amount paid to national, county and District Scouts for each young person on our books) amount of £7995.84

Ongoing financial challenges continue to put pressure on the group but despite this, we have maintained the price of subs making us the cheapest in the district.

We have run the usual mix of activities for all sections including an amazing group trip to Drayton manor, various camps and sleep overs and our group camp at Oaks in Charnwood. Total income from activities has been £22180.12

The group continue to subsidise several activities, the most notable being the panto which cost roughly £800 despite strong ticket sales. This made total outlay for trips and activities £25584.37

There has been no significant outlay for hut maintenance mostly due to the ongoing issues we are having with the ceiling. However, the group have purchased new equipment including a new gas fridge.

The group also had a successful year of fundraising with record returns from the gala as well as a generous donation from Cherry Lane following a successful bonfire. In total we have raised £9683.01 with an additional £2687.71 from gift aid. Hut hire was down compared to last year. The group have a number of young people who are undertaking a Trip to Switzerland later this summer and have done some fantastic fundraising of their own. In total they have raised £3080.61. the majority of this has been paid out however some remains in the account at years end. This combined with some other sundries we have had a total income of £54351.10 The additional £24767.37 shown is an internal transfer between our old current account to our NatWest current account and savings account.

With expenditure increased for items such as insurance and utilities as well as the associated expenditure for capitation and activities we have a total outgoings of £50263.76

This has led to an overall surplus on the year of £4087.34 which helps the group be both financially healthy and resilient in a time of uncertain financial pressures.

There followed no questions regarding the accounts or financial situation.
LT thanked NT for all of his hard work on the accounts.

5. Appointments

- a) It was reported that 3 members of the Trustee Board have stepped down at this time. 2 nominations have been received – Leanne Upton and Jim Carter – who were duly elected to sit on the Trustee Board as there was no need for an election process. All nominees were unanimously approved. Thanks were given to all Trustees, those currently on the Board, as well as those stepping down and those newly appointed.
- b) Karen Linnett was proposed as the Independent Examiner for the Group accounts for another year. This was passed unanimously with no objections.

There being no further business, the meeting was closed by LT at 8.10pm.

109th Leicester Scouts accounts 01/03/24 – 28/02/25

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT (cash accounting basis)

	Income	Expenditure	Net	Comment
Subs Go Cardless	12934.46	0.00	12,934.46	
Subs Direct	55.00	0.00	55.00	
	12989.46	0.00	12,989.46	
Activities Go Cardless	17391.19	0.00	17,391.19	
Activities	4788.93	0.00	4,788.93	
	22180.12	0.00	22,180.12	
international	3080.61			
Interest Payments	553.52			
Hut hire	2630.22	0.00	2,630.22	
clothing	420.95			
Other grants/donations	9683.01	0.00	9,683.01	
Gift Aid	2587.71	0.00	2,587.71	
Internal bank transfer Hsbc to Natwest	24767.37		24,767.37	
Sundries	225.50		225.50	
Cleaning		2207.23	2,207.23	
Internal bank transfer Hsbc to Natwest		24767.37	24,767.37	
Utilities		3480.43	3,480.43	
Activities		25584.37	25,584.37	
Clothing		664.00		
Capitation		7995.84	7,995.84	
Equipment		4659.98	4,659.98	
Fundraising Expenses		1342.81	1,342.81	

Sundries		330.94	330.94
Donations		225.00	
Building Hire		150.00	150.00
International Grants		2272.80	2,272.80
Maintenance		1320.36	1,320.36
HSBC Bank charge		30.00	30.00
TOTAL	79118.47	75031.13	4,087.34

Bank reconciliation

Bank balance b/f at 1st March 2024

33,377.32

Net movement in year

4,087.34

Bank balance as at 28 February 2025

37,464.66

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Template 1: Unqualified report for a non-company charity preparing receipts and payments accounts with a gross income of £250,000 or less in the relevant financial year

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of **109th Countesthorpe Scouts Group**

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the **109th Countesthorpe Scouts Group** for the year ended **28 February 2025**.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees of the **109th Countesthorpe Scouts Group** 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 **109th Countesthorpe Scouts Group** 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

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the **109th Countesthorpe Scouts Group** as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records.

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.

Signed: 

Name: Karen Linnett

Relevant professional qualification or membership of professional bodies (if any): FCCA (number 0671864)

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Date: 23 June 2025