6th Beeston Scout Group

Registered Charity Number: 522426

Annual Report & AGM Booklet

1st April 2025 – 31st March 2026

Presented at the Annual General Meeting

Monday 28th September 2026 - 6.45pm

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Cub Camp 2026 – Some of our amazing volunteers

Annual General Meeting Agenda

6th Beeston Group Scout Council

Monday 28th September 2026 - 6.45pm - 6th Beeston Scout HQ, 5 Middle Street, Beeston, NG9 1GA

1. Introduction and welcome (EP)

2. Apologies for absence (EP)

3. Governance topics (EP)

a. Approve the minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 29 September 2025.

b. Adopt the model constitution from Policy, Organisation and Rules (POR).

c. Note the Group's financial year – 1st April to 31st March.

d. Agree the maximum number of members of the Group Trustee Board – 12

e. Agree the quorum for future meetings of the Group Scout Council (excluding this AGM) – 15 members.

4. Review of the previous year (EP)

a. The Group Lead Volunteers' review of Scouts during the past 12 months at 6th Beeston Scout Group.

b. Note that the District Lead Volunteer role is currently vacant and invite a representative from South West Nottinghamshire District to make any remarks.

c. Receive and consider the Annual Report of the Group Trustee Board, including the annual Statement of Accounts.

5. Making appointments and noting Trustee Board membership (EP)

a. Note that Ed Hewes, Joint Group Lead Volunteer (Operations & Governance), is the ex-officio member of the Group Trustee Board.

b. Note that Hefin Taylor-Goram, Joint Group Lead Volunteer (People & Programme), is an appointed Trustee and continues to serve his existing term until 2028.

c. Note the continuing Trustee Board membership and existing terms:

1. Emma Price – Group Chair – appointed Trustee until 2028
2. Gabby Lynch – Group Treasurer – appointed Treasurer and ex-officio trustee until 2028
3. Ed Hewes – Joint Group Lead Volunteer (Operations & Governance) – ex-officio Trustee
4. Hefin Taylor-Goram – Joint Group Lead Volunteer (People & Programme) – appointed Trustee until 2028
5. Colyn Kemp – appointed Trustee until 2028
6. Lucy Kemp – appointed Trustee until 2028
7. Dean Skrabania – appointed Trustee until 2028
8. Jo Simmonds – appointed Trustee until 2028
9. David Preece – appointed Trustee until 2028
10. Matthew Willshee – appointed Trustee until 2028

d. Note that Issie McElhone resigned as a Trustee in April 2026 and that Susanna Atassi steps down from the Trustee Board at this AGM.

e. Appoint up to two additional member of the Group Trustee Board, following recommendation from the open selection process initiative by the Group Trustee Board.

f. Appoint the Independent Examiner – Mr Robin Longstaff.

6. Closing remarks (EP)

Minutes of the 2025 Annual General Meeting

Approval record: The minutes of the AGM held on 29 September 2025 were approved by the Trustee Board on Thursday 13 November 2025. Proposed by Jo Simmonds; seconded by Colyn Kemp.

The approved minutes are reproduced below without alteration to their wording. Current governance positions are reflected in the 2026 agenda.

6TH BEESTON GROUP SCOUT COUNCIL

Annual General Meeting

29TH SEPTEMBER 2025

5 MIDDLE STREET, BEESTON, NG9 1GA

MINUTES

1. Introduction and welcome

- Ed Hewes (EH) opening remarks and welcome. Confirmed that he has now stepped down from DLV role and is solely GLV at 6th Beeston now.
- Fire alarm and health and safety notices given by EH.

2. Apologies for absence

- Apologies received from: Susanna Atassi

3. Governance topics

- EH spoke about how we need to ensure that we are governed by the Charity Commission's foundations.
- The minutes of the AGM held on 1/7/2024 were circulated before the meeting, and the Board of Trustees had already been elected pre-meeting. Unanimously approved at the meeting. No objections or abstentions.

3b. Adopt the model constitution from Policy, Organisation and Rules (POR)

- Model Constitution for a Scout Group from Chapter 5c of Policy, Organisation and Rules adopted by all present.

3c. Note the Group's financial year

- Charity's financial year is noted as 1st April to 31st March. The financial year for these accounts is 1st April 2024 to 31st March 2025.

3d. Agree the number of members that may be appointed to the Trustee Board

- Proposed Trustee Board of 12 members. No objections, approved unanimously.
- Dean asked if we had 8 and needed 4 more. EH explained that GLV, Chair and Treasurer are ex officio, so we have a 12 maximum. Board of 12 Trustees approved unanimously by those present.

3e. Agree the quorum for future meetings of the Group Scout Council (excluding this AGM)

- Minimum of 15 members at AGM approved, no objections. Comparable to 20 in the district.

4. Review of the previous year

4a. The Group Lead Volunteer's review of Scouts in the 6th Beeston Scout Group

- Update from section leaders present, EH gave a brief overview of Beavers, as there were no leaders present.
- All sections had a successful year with multiple camps, badges and activities. It was noted that Beavers are struggling for leaders and are looking for more volunteers.
- 20 solar panels on the roof now, and have been successfully off-grid, which has been great for both environmental and financial stability.
- Strong trustee board, EH noted thanks to trustees and volunteers for the love they have for the group, and the hard work that they put in.
- JS thanked Dean for his hard work with the solar panels and garden.

4b. Receive and consider the Group Trustees' Annual Report including the annual Statement of Accounts

- Subscriptions same as last year around £13k, deficit around £500. Solar was large investment split across financial year 2024/25 and 2025/26. Building age starting to show with increased maintenance costs. Defibrillator a cost but has helped towards charity and community objectives. 345 is biggest renter, but now have more 1 off hire such as parties and scout weekends. Has helped us to embed in community as well.
- Trustee board reviewed account at last meeting, and have done the necessary processes to approve them, they are happy with them. Change in constitution means that we just receive the accounts at this meeting, any questions to raise with EM after the meeting.
- Dean confirmed 9-year payback on investment, solar panels should last 25 years. No benefit in current accounts, but in the year we are in now we should see benefits from financial accounts.

5. Making appointments

5a. Appoint the Group Chair, following recommendations from the open selection process conducted under arrangements made by the Group Trustee Board

- Emma Price was introduced as the new Chair of Trustees. Currently school business manager and previously a Guide. She stated she was happy to help out, with lots of experience with Long Eaton Carnival and fundraising.
- EH recommended EP as Chair, no objections or abstentions, approved by multiple members.
- EH agreed to carry on chairing this meeting as agreed prior to the AGM.

5b. Appoint the Group Treasurer, following recommendations from the open selection process by the Group Trustee Board

- EM stepping down as Treasurer this AGM. Gabby Lynch was introduced as the new Treasurer, with experience with District DofE and helping at another Scout Group, and she is also an accountant.
- Appointment of Gabby Lynch approved unanimously by members.
- Slight crossover period using expertise in room to cover bases but GL to lead through next year.

5c. Appoint members of the Group Trustee Board, following recommendations from the open selection process conducted under arrangements made by the Group Trustee Board

- No community members as part of the board, have ex-officio as well.
- Matthew Willshee is now joining as a representative of Beavers.

- EH explains the open selection process agreed by the Trustee Board. The recommendation to the Group Scout Council is that the following should be appointed as members of the Group Trustee Board for the specified terms:
    - 1. Colyn Kemp – until 2028
    - 2. Lucy Kemp – Until 2028
    - 3. Dean Skrabania – until 2028
    - 4. Issie McElhone – until 2028
    - 5. Jo Simmonds – until 2028
    - 6. David Preece- until 2028
    - 7. Susanna Atassi– until 2028
    - 8. Matthew Willshee – until 2028
    - 9. Hefin Taylor-Gorham - until 2028
- Approved by members, no objections or abstentions.
- Confirmed that Hefin Gorham is also ex-officio.
- EH thanks the Trustees, and the Trustee Board Administrator, for their work during the year and, in particular, those members who are standing down – Katie Hosker.
- Also thanks to Emma MacLeod (outgoing treasurer), Carmel Gummett-Kemp (GLT), Katharina Meyer-Ohle (trustee) who are all leaving the trustee board.

5d. Note Presidents

- No presidents or life members. Apologies that there is a slight error in reports or accounts; there had been an oversight that Phil Peck was a registered life member but passed away in 2023. This will be corrected before anything is submitted to the charity commission.
- Hefin Gorham appointed as GLV, approved.

5e. Appoint the Scrutineer

- Robin Longstaff, proposed as scrutineer, helps with the district as well. Approved by members, no objections or abstentions

6. Closing remarks

- HTG stated his excitement to take on this role and support volunteers and young people. EH explained that HTG will be the forward-facing role. EP seconded everything that HG said, and thanked everyone for welcoming.
- EH closed AGM at 7pm.

Group Lead Volunteers' Report

It has been another very positive year for 6th Beeston Scout Group, and one in which we have continued to invest in the things that matter most: our young people, our volunteers, our programme and the future of our headquarters. Reading through the five section reports, there is a huge amount to celebrate across the Group.

Our Squirrels have continued to grow in confidence and celebrated Squirrels turning five, with 11 Chief Scout's Acorn Awards achieved. Beavers have enjoyed a varied programme of skills, activities and events. Cubs have had an exceptional year, awarding more than 400 badges including 11 Chief Scout's Silver Awards. Scouts have continued to develop a varied, practical programme through a period of leadership change, while our Explorers have taken part in a broad range of adventurous activities, events and camps. These reports show the scale of what our volunteers make possible every week.

This year has also brought some changes within our volunteer teams. We would like to give a very sincere thank you to **Issie McElhone** for everything she has given to 6th Beeston. As Cubs Team Lead, she has helped build a thriving section with a strong team culture around it. Issie has also previously served as a Group Trustee and has contributed a great deal behind the scenes, including supporting Jo with the management of our waiting list. We are extremely grateful for all the time and energy she has given to the Group, and we hope she will stay in touch as she gets stuck into her new job.

Matthew Willshee has also stepped back from his role as Beavers Team Lead because of work commitments. We are grateful for the time and commitment he has given to Beavers, and he leaves the section confident that the existing team can carry it forward. A particular thank you must also go to **Drew**, who has been instrumental in organising the current Beaver programme. We now need more people to get behind Drew and the wider team so that responsibility is shared and Beavers continues to have the support it needs.

At Scouts, **Charlotte Fern is also stepping away from the section this September**. Charlotte has led the Scout Troop for the past year, developing the programme and helping the section to grow during that time. We are very grateful for everything she has put into the Troop and wish her all the very best as she moves on to her new job following her university studies.

Changes like these are a reminder of just how much our sections rely on volunteers giving their time, skills and energy. We are fortunate to have strong teams across the Group, but continuing to recruit and support new volunteers remains an important priority for the year ahead.

Away from the weekly programme, there has been significant investment in our headquarters and resources. Through our partnership with Volunteer It Yourself (VIY) and Broxtowe Borough Council, improvements have included a new sensory and regulation space and a

traverse climbing wall, combining improvements to our building with opportunities for young people to develop practical skills. We have also invested in technology, including a set of Chromebooks, which is opening up new opportunities for section programmes.

Our solar project has continued to be a major investment in the long-term sustainability of 6th Beeston. The second significant payment for the installation fell within this financial year, and the Trustee Board had deliberately planned to use reserves to complete the project. The benefits are now beginning to be seen through reduced energy use and a more sustainable headquarters for the future.

We are also celebrating a very special milestone: 90 years of 6th Beeston. It is a privilege to be part of a Group with such a long history in the local community, while still looking firmly to the future. There is plenty more to come during our 90th year, and we are also working on one particularly exciting development which we hope will create even more opportunities for our young people and volunteers. For now, watch this space!

Finally, thank you to every volunteer, Trustee, parent, supporter and young person who makes 6th Beeston what it is. Scouting only happens because people choose to give their time, skills and enthusiasm, often quietly and behind the scenes. We are enormously grateful for that contribution and excited about what the next year will bring.

Ed Hewes

Joint Group Lead Volunteer (Operations & Governance)

Hefin Taylor-Gorham

Joint Group Lead Volunteer (People & Programme)

Chair's Report

It has been a real privilege to serve my first year as Chair of 6th Beeston Scout Group. Since joining the Trustee Board at last year's AGM, I have been struck by both the scale of what happens across the Group each week and the enormous commitment of the volunteers who make it possible.

This year has seen the Trustee Board continue to strengthen the governance and long-term sustainability of the Group. Alongside the day-to-day responsibilities of running the charity, we have reviewed our financial arrangements, continued to develop our policies and processes and maintained oversight of our building, finances and activities.

Our Scout Headquarters continues to be one of the Group's greatest assets, but maintaining a busy community building also brings significant responsibility. During the year we have undertaken a considerable programme of maintenance and safety work, including responding to the recommendations of our Legionella assessment, improvements to lighting and security, work to the building and grounds and continued management of our lift and fire-safety arrangements.

We have also seen some particularly exciting improvements. Through our partnership with Volunteer It Yourself (VIY) and Broxtowe Borough Council, work has taken place to improve the environment at HQ while also giving young people opportunities to develop practical skills. This has included the creation of a new sensory and regulation space and the installation of a traverse climbing wall. It is a fantastic example of partnership working delivering something tangible for our young people without placing the full financial burden on the Group.

Our investment in solar energy has also continued into this financial year. This was a deliberate decision to use some of the Group's reserves for a project which should benefit 6th Beeston for many years, both through reduced running costs and by making our building more environmentally sustainable. The accounts show a planned deficit for the year, but careful budgeting and grant income meant the final position was better than originally forecast.

The Trustee Board has also supported investment directly into the programme. New technology, including a set of Chromebooks, is opening up further opportunities for sections, while our leaders continue to make excellent use of the wider equipment and facilities available to them.

This has also been a year of change within our Trustee team. I would particularly like to thank Issie McElhone, who resigned as a Trustee in April 2026, for her contribution to the Board, and Susanna Atassi, who steps down at this AGM, for the time and expertise she has given to

the Group. Trustee roles often happen quietly behind the scenes, but the work undertaken there is essential to ensuring our volunteers can concentrate on delivering great Scouting.

As we celebrate 90 years of 6th Beeston, there is plenty to be excited about. We will continue to invest carefully in the Group so that it remains strong, sustainable and able to offer great opportunities to future generations of young people. There may also be one particularly exciting development on the horizon which could make an enormous difference to what we can offer – but for now, watch this space!

Finally, thank you to my fellow Trustees, our Group Lead Volunteers, every member of our volunteer team, our parents and supporters and, most importantly, our young people. The strength of 6th Beeston comes from the people who give their time, enthusiasm and support to it, and I look forward to seeing what we achieve together over the coming year.

Emma Price

Group Chair

Treasurer's Report

The accounts for the year ending 31st March 2026 show total income of £59,968.17 and total expenditure of £65,881.06, resulting in a deficit for the year of -£5,912.89. The Group ended the financial year with funds of £96,725.22.

It is important to put this deficit into context. This was a planned and intentional use of the Group's reserves. When setting the budget for the year, the Trustee Board anticipated a deficit of approximately £10,000, primarily because the final significant element of our investment in solar energy fell within the 2025/26 financial year. A payment of £10,450 for the solar installation was made on 6th May 2025, with the overall project cost having been deliberately spread across the 2024/25 and 2025/26 accounts.

Through careful management of expenditure during the year, together with grant and other income received, the eventual deficit was considerably lower than originally budgeted. This represents responsible use of the Group's reserves to fund a substantial long-term improvement to Scout Headquarters, rather than an unplanned operating loss.

Income

Membership Fees: £15,242.42 was received in membership fees during the year. This was offset by £7,345.00 paid in membership costs to HQ – our census bill.

Rental Income: Scout Headquarters continued to provide an important source of income for the Group, generating £19,586.12 during the year, largely from Preschool 345.

Gift Aid: The Group received £1,252.24 through Gift Aid. Families are encouraged to ensure their Gift Aid information remains up to date within Online Scout Manager, as this provides valuable additional income to support Scouting at no additional cost to them.

Donations: Donations during the year totaled £5,177.35 – this was largely the Tesco Golden Grant (£5k) that we received for the defibrillator install, as well as our digital maker investment.

Events and Activities: Income was received across Group and section events, helping to fund the wide range of activities, camps and opportunities offered to our young people.

Expenditure

Building Improvements: The Group spent £10,450.00 on the second and final payment of the solar panels which were explained and installed in the 24-25 AGM financial year. We continue to benefit from healthy payments for the solar that we generate and export back to the grid daily. This is increasing the sustainability of our HQ and reducing bills.

Venue Maintenance: £11,086.63 was spent during the year. This includes the ongoing costs of maintaining an ageing and well-used community building, including scheduled cleaning, repairs and replacing cleaning/toilet consumables.

Equipment: The Group spent £3,690.65 on activity equipment and £1,457.95 on camping equipment, continuing to invest directly in resources available to sections and young people.

Other Running Costs: Significant costs included £5,159.61 for utilities, £2,103.11 for insurance, £1,860.13 for badges and £1,505.69 for administration.

Year-end position

The Group brought forward funds of £102,638.11 and closed the year with £96,725.22. Although reserves reduced during the year, this was anticipated and formed part of the Trustee Board's agreed financial plan. The Group remains in a strong financial position while having made a significant investment in the future sustainability of its headquarters.

Gabby Lynch

Group Treasurer

Annual Statement of Accounts

Financial year: 1 April 2025 – 31 March 2026.

Comparative figures for 2024–25 are shown as per accounts.

Total income	Total expenditure	Net income	Closing funds
£59,968.17	**£65,881.06**	**(£5,912.89)**	**£96,725.22**

Income

Description	2025–26	2024–25
Bank Interest	£606.10	£1,858.83
Donation	£5,177.35	£340.00
Events	£3,876.60	£2,340.50
Events - Beavers	£572.00	£575.50
Events - Cubs	£2,411.55	£1,303.00
Events - Explorers	£10,168.00	£316.00
Events - Scouts	£195.00	£917.00
Events - Squirrels	£96.00	£150.00
Fundraising	£3.00	£0.00
Gift Aid	£1,252.24	£2,446.66
Membership Fees	£15,242.42	£13,042.50
Rent	£19,586.12	£19,619.22

Expenditure

Description	2025–26	2024–25
Activity Equipment	£3,690.65	£1,274.40
Admin	£1,505.69	£1,528.65

Description	2025–26	2024–25
Badges	£1,860.13	£1,394.57
Bank Fees	£814.01	£343.80
Building Improvements (Solar Installation)	£10,450.00	£11,809.64
Camping Equipment	£1,457.95	£837.47
Events – Group-wide (Multiple Sections)	£4,668.85	£3,947.34
Events - Beavers	£1,076.77	£741.40
Events - Cubs	£2,086.05	£1,846.13
Events - Explorers	£9,766.06	£300.14
Events - Scouts	£345.80	£498.19
Events - Squirrels	£72.00	£161.00
Insurance	£2,103.11	£2,029.18
Meetings	£142.64	£0.00
Meetings - Beavers	£146.64	£247.23
Meetings - Cubs	£273.10	£171.17
Meetings - Explorers	£439.10	£155.47
Meetings - Scouts	£243.33	£284.92
Meetings - Squirrels	£18.48	£144.27
Membership Costs	£7,345.00	£7,796.00
Uniform	£1,139.93	£0.00
Utilities	£5,159.61	£6,646.11
Venue Maintenance	£11,086.63	£11,750.72
Volunteer appreciation	£60.48	£0.00

Account balances

Description	2025–26	2024–25
Expense Account	£4,337.69	£2,701.79
CAF Bank Current Account	£6,326.07	£15,250.01
CAF Bank Deposit Account	£23,832.14	£23,238.78
Virgin Money - Deposit Account	£62,145.44	£61,363.65
Cash in Hand - Treasurer Float	£83.88	£83.88

Summary

Description	2025–26	2024–25
Account balance brought forward	£102,638.11	£113,601.81
Total income	£59,968.17	£42,909.21
Total expenditure	£65,881.06	£53,907.80
Net income	(£5,912.89)	(£10,998.59)
Account balance carried forward	£96,725.22	£102,638.11

Financial context: the 2025–26 year included a £10,450 payment for the solar installation on 6 May 2025. The Group had budgeted for an approximately £10,000 deficit as part of the planned use of reserves for this long-term investment. The group received a £5,000 grant from Tesco Community Fund to improve services to the community.

Independent Examiner's Report

CHARITY COMMISSION FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Independent examiner's report on the accounts

Section A Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/ members of	Charity Name: 6th Beeston Scout Group		
On accounts for the year ended	31/03/2026	**Charity no (if any)**	522426
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 31/03/2026

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:	[signature]	**Date:**	28/09/2026
Name:	Robin Longstaff		
Relevant professional qualification(s) or body (if any):	N/A		
Address:	15 Orpean Way, Toton Nottingham NG9 6LE		

IER 1 October 2018

Section B	Disclosure
	Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight 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.	No matters of concern.

Squirrel Section Report

It has been another busy year for Squirrels, with lots of different activities, badges and opportunities for the children to try something new.

Throughout the year we have worked towards a range of activity badges. Our Let It Grow sessions helped the Squirrels learn more about nature and growing, while Brilliant Builder and Space Explorer gave them opportunities to be creative and explore how things work. We also completed Navigator activities to develop practical skills, and during Super Chef the Squirrels learned how to make snacks for their adventures. Alongside our badge work, we marked events including Bonfire Night and Remembrance Day, as well as enjoying Christmas crafts and taking part in the Group Carol Concert. We also celebrated Squirrels turning five with a special birthday event.

At the end of the year, we were very pleased to award 11 Chief Scout's Acorn Awards, recognising the commitment and achievements of those Squirrels who had completed the highest award in the section. At our Easter party we also said goodbye to five Squirrels as they moved on to Beavers, which was a lovely opportunity to celebrate how much they had grown during their time with us.

Thank you to all of the Squirrel leaders who continue to give their time to planning and running the programme each week. Their support means we are able to provide activities that are fun, varied and engaging, while helping the Squirrels develop new skills and friendships.

Thank you also to our parents for their continued support and, most importantly, to the Squirrels themselves for bringing so much enthusiasm to every session. We are looking forward to another year of adventures together.

Lucy Kemp

Squirrels Team Lead

Beaver Section Report

Another busy year for the 6th Beeston Beavers. We have enjoyed a wide range of activities during our weekly meetings, including soft archery, firelighting and S'mores, the Great Beaver Bake Off, bubbles, navigation and learning about the Green Cross Code. We have also welcomed visitors including the police, and spent time looking at health and fitness, our community and wider global issues.

Away from our usual meetings, the Beavers have had the opportunity to take part in The Big Weekend, visit White Post Farm and enjoy a bouldering evening. These have given the Beavers the chance to try something different, build confidence and spend time together outside our normal programme.

After leading the section, I have now taken the decision to step back from the Beavers Team Lead role due to work commitments. I have really enjoyed my time with the section and am confident that the existing Beaver team can continue to build on what we have achieved and take the section forward.

A particular thank you must go to Drew, who has been instrumental in organising the programme for this term and helping to keep things moving. We do, however, need more people to get behind Drew and the wider Beaver team so that responsibility is shared and the section continues to have the support it needs.

Thank you to all of the volunteers and parent helpers who have supported Beavers throughout the year, and of course to the Beavers themselves for continuing to throw themselves into everything we offer. I wish the team all the very best for the year ahead.

Matthew Willshee

Former Beavers Team Lead

Cubs Annual Report 2026

It's been another amazing year at 6th Beeston Cubs, and we've loved every second of it. We've had an incredibly successful year with over 400 badges being awarded, including 11 Chief Scouts Silver Awards! This is an amazing achievement, the highest award that a Cub can earn, and we are really proud of every single Cub and their efforts.

Outside of badges, we've had lots of other opportunities this year too. We had a sixer and seconder weekend, where our oldest Cubs learned new leadership and communication skills. We then had these put into action at our annual summer camp, this year at The Oaks campsite! We followed this up with a winter camp where we became secret agents and located the stolen teddy bear (we're looking at you Chef Owl!). It's been a busy year of camping, and we have lots more planned for next year too!

In terms of activities, we've been bowling, lit plenty of fires, thrown axes, shot arrows, fired laser tag guns, pitched tents, tied knots, experimented with science, written codes, observed space, shared our collections, performed talent shows and so much more. Every week is different and brings new and exciting things for us to explore.

The leadership team this year have been fantastic as always, and we've been really grateful to welcome a multitude of new leaders to the team in various roles and capacities. Without these wonderful people, it would not be possible to run Cubs every week! So a big thanks to:

Tigger (Colyn), Hathi (Jo), Shere Khan (Peter), Rikki (Chris), Kaa (Dan), Baloo (Hefin), Raksha (Katharina), Mowgli (Molly), Panda Bear (Ali), Taz, Grey Wolf (Alex), Ikki (Emma), Maddy and Eleanor for all their efforts and support. Also a huge shout out to the young leaders who support us every week, we've had five throughout this last year and currently have three active young leaders who help support every week.

Cubs is thriving, and we've come through a quite busy time for the section out to the other side with a little bit more breathing space and slightly shorter waiting list numbers which is always lovely! We've had a fantastic year, and can't wait to see what 2026-27 brings us!

Issie McElhone

Former Cubs Team Lead

Scouts Section Report

This year the Scout section has been very busy while also experiencing some big changes. We've had camps like Jota-Joti, an online jamboree event, teaming up with the Chilwell and Attenborough Scout section, coupled with the Nottingham Oligopoly event, then the Christmas Carol concert featured the Scouts' '12 Days of Scout-mas'. Beginning 2026, I took on the role of section team lead but I wasn't the only change to the team: James joined us as a new team member and has been a welcome addition, jumping straight in and joining us for the Big Weekend. The Scouts' programme has included first aid, fire lighting, den building, participating in the district quiz and learning skills for camping. We've got quite a few working towards their Chief Gold Award at the top end and a good collection just moved up from Cubs, ready to get stuck in so overall it's been a really positive year and we're looking forward to another year building on that.

Charlotte Fern

Former Scouts Team Lead

Explorer Section Report

This year has been another busy year for the unit. On Thursday evenings we have run a wide variety of activities including Pizza and Planning, Laser Tag at Hemlock Scout Campsite, a Chip Shop Survey, making edible faces and our Christmas Do, to name but a few.

We have also run and attended a number of events and activities away from our regular meetings. Highlights have included our Water Activities Weekend, the End of Term event at Spring Lakes, ice skating and The Big Weekend in May, where the Explorers camped and took part in a wide range of activities. We also took part in the annual Group Carol Concert.

Looking ahead, we are planning to take part in the Oligopoly event in October and hope to continue offering the Explorers a wide range of activities, outings and adventurous opportunities.

Thanks must go to all of the volunteers who have contributed to the success of the unit this year. Their time and commitment make everything we do possible. Thanks also to everyone who supports the unit behind the scenes.

Finally, thanks must go to all of the Explorers themselves, whose energy and enthusiasm make Thursday evenings what they are. We are looking forward to another busy year ahead.

David Preece

Magellan ESU Lead Volunteer

Thank you

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