1st Marston Green Scout Group

Annual Report 2025-2026

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1ST MARSTON GREEN SCOUT COUNCIL

Annual General Meeting for April 2025 – March 2026

Wednesday 30th September 2026 ~ 6.30pm til 7.30pm

1st Marston Green Scout Hut

Whilst the AGM takes place, the judging of the mini scarecrows will take place.

AGENDA

1. **Introduction and welcome**
2. **Apologies for absence**
3. **Governance topics**
   a. Approve the minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 22nd October 2025
   b. Adopt the model constitution from Policy, Organisation and Rules (POR)
   c. Note the Group's financial year
   d. Approve appointed and community members of the Group Scout Council
   e. Agree the 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**
   a. The Group Lead Volunteer's review of Scouts during the past 12 months at 1st Marston Green
   b. Receive and consider the Annual Report of the Group Trustee Board, including the annual Statement of the Accounts
5. **Making appointments**
   a. Appoint the Group Chair, following recommendation from the open selection process initiated by the Group Trustee Board
   b. Appoint the Group Treasurer, following recommendation from the open selection process initiated by the Group Trustee Board
   c. Appoint members of the Group Trustee Board, following recommendations from the open selection process initiated by the Group Trustee Board
   d. Appoint the Scrutineer
6. **Closing remarks**

Following the AGM

- Awards and Presentations
- Winners of the mini scarecrow will be announced: Squirrels, Beavers, Cubs, Scouts, Explorers & Adults
- Refreshments will available afterwards free of charge.

Minutes of previous AGM 2024 / 2025

1st Marston Green Scout Group AGM 22nd October 2025

Introductions and welcome

Introductions were done. Richard welcomed everyone to the AGM.

Apologies for absence

Andrea Wynn, Helen Wright, James Ward

Governance topics

a. Approve the minutes of the AGM held on 23 October 2024
   Richard shared about the minutes and that the Trustee Board had approved them. He asked for a show of hands to approve the minutes. **Result - approved**
b. Adopt the model constitution from Policy, Organisation and Rules (POR)
   Richard explained and asked for show of hands to adopt. **Result – approved**
c. Note the Group's financial year. 1st April to 31 March.
d. Approve appointed and community members of the Group Scout Council
   Trustee Board supports leaders/sections and do fundraising. Asked for show of hands of members. **Result - approved**
e. Agree the number of members that may be appointed to the Trustee Board
   12 maximum in group. Asked for a show of hands for 12 on board. **Result – approved**
f. Agree the quorum for future meetings of the Group Scout Council (excluding this AGM)
   Minimum quorate – 15. Asked for a show of hands. **Result – approved.**

Review of the previous year

a. The Group Lead Volunteer's review of Scouts during the last 12 months at 1st Marston Green
   Trips
   Amanda congratulated the whole group – 18 months - talked about International Trip to Croatia (37) including water activities, a trip to Venice, paddleboarding, feeding fish etc and about Cubs' trip to Disney for four days. Also some members attended Australian Jamboree (9) – a mix of sunshine and bad weather. Next international 2028 in Switzerland. Will give out more information on this in the next 6 – 12 months. Poland World Camp – have bid to attend.
   Sections
   Amazing activities – we started with 100 Years badge. March had Little/Large Harry Potter Day. Amanda went through The Chief Scout's Acorn Awards.
   OSM – Amanda asked if you parents could reply yes or no asap. If need help on how to use let us know.
   Reminded the group about Remembrance Parade, Xmas Carol and asked for donations for Xmas Fayre.
   Amanda also reminded the group about Easy Fundraising and picking 1st Marston Green as it helps us to keep subs down. See signs for details.
b. Receive and consider the Annual Report of the Group Trustee Board, including the annual Statement of Accounts
   Despite best efforts these have been delayed. Will distribute electronically. Healthy accounts with good reserves.

Making Appointments

a. Appoint the Group Chair, following recommendation from the open selection process initiated by the Group Trustee Board
   All in middle of term. Amy our treasurer has stepped down due to work commitments – we give thanks for her contribution.
   Steve stepping back but helping with catering – stepping back to allow a young person on board.
   Asked for hands to confirm. **Result - approved**
b. Appoint the Group Treasurer, following recommendation from the open selection process initiated by the Group Trustee Board.
   Advertised. Have recruited Claire Beresford – son is in one of sections. Asked for her to be appointed for 12 months. **Result – approved.**
c. Appoint members of the Group Trustee Board, following recommendation from the open selection process initiated by the Group Trustee Board.
   Young person on the committee – Abbie Spencer. Asked for her to be appointed. **Result – approved.**
d. Appoint the Scrutineer.
   Jude Wilde for Scrutineer. **Result – approved**

Closing Remarks

Thank you and over to Amanda.

Awards

Chief Scout Silver

Hazel and Koast

10 Years' Service

Jambo.

20 Years' Service

Steve Harris

Nick from Solihull

Commendation Award

Ben our County Youth Lead gave this award to Amanda for her unwavering dedication and said a few words about her vast and worthy contributions.

Pumpkin Winners

The winning pumpkins were brought in one by one. The section winners are listed below

Squirrels – Theo
Beavers – Scarlet
Cubs – Oscar and Oliver
Scouts – Lacey
Explorers – Alex
Adult – Zoe and Sam

Amanda thanked everyone for their hard work, pumpkin creations and for attending.

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATION DETAILS

Charity Name:	1st Marston Green Scout Group
Registered Number:	524591
Charity's principal address:	Village Mews (off Elmdon Road), Marston Green, Birmingham B37 7WP
Advisor:	The Scout Association
Accounting period:	1st April – 31st March
Scrutineer:	Mrs J Wilde, 4 Bickenhill Road, Marston Green, B37 7EL

Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity 2025/2026

(Published in the charity commission register as reporting for a Registered Charity)

Trustee Name	Office	Role	Start of Term *	Period (if not full year)
Amanda Turnbull	Ex officio Trustee	Group Lead Volunteer	Not applicable	
Richard Forbes	Appointed Trustee	Group Chair	October 2024	
Claire Beresford	Appointed Trustee	Group Treasurer	October 2025	
Andrea Wynn	Appointed Trustee		October 2024	
Jacqueline Altham	Appointed Trustee		October 2024	
David Hobbs	Appointed Trustee		October 2024	
Angela Jones	Appointed Trustee		October 2024	
Robert Swindell	Appointed Trustee		October 2024	
Daphne Carter	Appointed Trustee		October 2024	
Caroline Hemus	Appointed Trustee		October 2024	
Samantha Georgiou-Milloshas	Appointed Trustee		October 2024	
Abbie Spencer	Appointed Trustee		October 2025	Jul 2026

Trustee term limits *

Appointed Trustees are appointed for up to three years and can be re-appointed (by the Scout Council at the AGM).

Co-opted Trustees are appointed for an initial period of one year (by the Trustee Board). They can stay on longer if agreed by the Trustee Board, but it's a good idea for co-opted Trustees to move onto being appointed Trustees at the next AGM. Co-opted Trustees may be chosen to do a particular task, or to bring new skills to the mix.

Trustees may only be on the same Trustee Board for a maximum of nine years, before taking a break of at least three years. This applies to any role, but not ex officio Trustees (Lead Volunteers or Youth Leads).

Structure, Governance and Management

Type of governing document

The Group's governing documents are those of The Scout Association. They consist of a Royal Charter, which in turn gives authority to the Bye Laws of the Association and The Policy, Organisation and Rules of The Scout Association

How the charity is constituted

The Group is a trust established under its rules which are common to all Scouts.

Trustee selection methods

The Trustees are appointed in accordance with the Policy, Organisation and Rules of The Scout Association.

Additional governance issues

The Group is managed by the Group Trustee Board, the members of which are the 'Charity Trustees' of the Scout Group which is an educational charity. As charity trustees they are responsible for complying with legislation applicable to charities. This includes the registration, keeping proper accounts and making

returns to the Charity Commission as appropriate. The Trustee Board consists of the Chair, Treasurer and 6 Trustees (including 2 Ex Officio Trustees, and 2 co-opted Trustees) and meets every # months. Members of the Trustee Board complete Being a Scouts Trustee learning within the first 6 months of joining the Board. This Group Trustee Board exists to make sure the charity is well-managed, risks are assessed and mitigated, buildings and equipment are in good working order, and everyone follows legal requirements and the organisation's policies and rules. Their support helps other volunteers run high quality and safe programmes that gives young people skills for life.

Risk and Internal Control
The Group has internal controls in place designed to provide reasonable assurance against material mismanagement or loss, including two signatories for all payments and comprehensive insurance to ensure insurable risks are covered.

Objectives and Activities

The Purpose of Scouting
Scouting exists to actively engage and support young people in their personal development, empowering them to make a positive contribution to society.

The Values of Scouting
As Scouts we are guided by these values:
Integrity - We act with integrity; we are honest, trustworthy and loyal.
Respect - We have self-respect and respect for others.
Care - We support others and take care of the world in which we live.
Belief - We explore our faiths, beliefs and attitudes.
Co-operation - We make a positive difference; we cooperate with others and make friends.

The Scout Method
Scouting takes place when young people, in partnership with adults, work together based on the values of Scouting and:
- enjoy what they are doing and have fun
- take part in activities indoors and outdoors
- learn by doing - share in spiritual reflection
- take responsibility and make choices
- undertake new and challenging activities
- make and live by their Promise.

Public benefit statement
The Group meets the Charity Commission's public benefit criteria under both the advancement of education and the advancement of citizenship or community development headings.

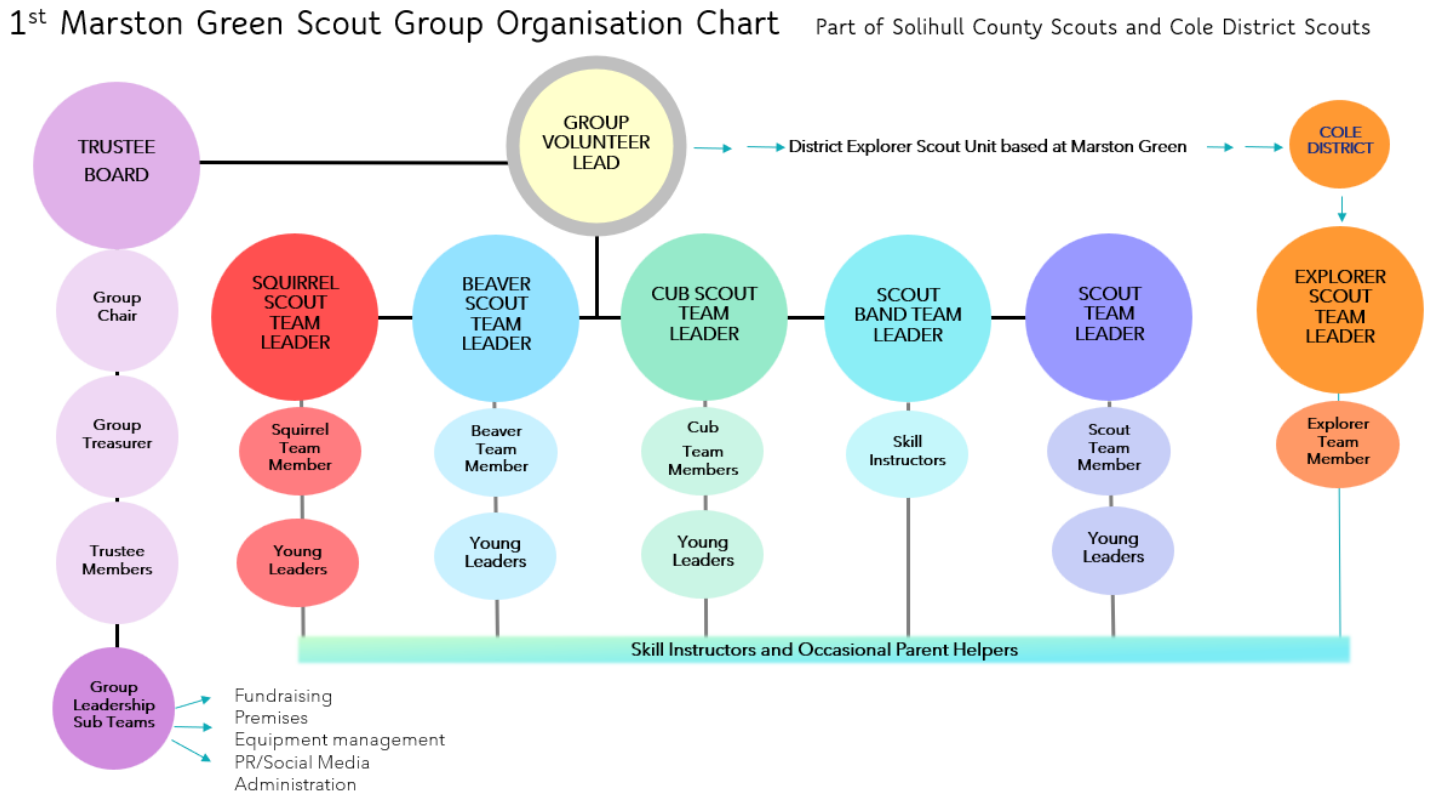
Reserves Policy and Investment
The Group's policy on reserves is to hold sufficient resources to continue the charitable activities of the group should income and fundraising activities fall short. The Group Trustee Board considers that the group should hold a sum £10k held in reserve.

The Group does not have sufficient funds to invest in longer term investments. The Group has therefore adopted a risk averse strategy to the investment of its funds. All funds are held in cash using only mainstream banks or building societies.

Section Meetings and Leadership

1st Marston Green Scout Group sections as of October 2025					Orion Explorer Unit*
Squirrel Scouts	Beaver Scouts	Cub Scouts	Scouts	Scout Band	
Mondays	Mondays	Wednesdays	Thursdays	Tuesdays	Mondays
Jo Groves	Jo Groves	Zoe Campbell	Andrew Glynn	Keith Ballington	Tony Head
Lewis Chamberlain	Lewis Chamberlain	Karen Grice	Patrick Lambert	Tony Whitehouse	Ed Wallace
Adam Dozsa	Abbie Forbes	Rachel Pearce	Rachel Pearce	Robert Swindell	Daniel Perks
	Zsolt Csizmadia	Antony Harris	Jasmine Waite	James Llewellyn-Charlton	Helen Wright
			Anthony Harris		Rob Wallace
				Richard Forbes	
				Steve Curwood	

* Orion Explorer Unit is the section for our Scouts to progress to. Like other Units, it reports directly to the Solihull District Scouts, though it has use of 1st MG Group's headquarters and facilities in line with a partnership agreement between both parties.



Group Volunteer Lead

Each Scout Group is led by a Group Lead Volunteer whose role it is to provide direction and support to develop the Scout Group.

The Section teams: Team Leader and Team Members

The Section Team is a team of volunteers who plans, delivers, and runs quality programmes safely. They make sure all young people can take part in the programme and gain skills for life. They also help young people work towards their Top Awards.

The Trustee Board:

The Trustee Board is a team of volunteers who work together, as charity trustees, to make sure Scouts is run safely and legally. At the heart of their role is a focus on strategy, performance and assurance. Effective Trustee Board governance helps our volunteers deliver fantastic programmes that give young people skills for life.

GROUP CHAIR'S Annual Report 2025/2026

25/26 has been another fantastic year for 1st MG! As 2025 drew to a close, we completed our Centenary celebrations. I'm sure the next 100 years will bring a whole new set of challenges for the Scouters of 1st MG to overcome and I'm equally sure we will be up to the task.

We are fortunate to own our HQ which grants so much freedom to the sections in delivering the program for the young people. It is not a luxury that all groups have, therefore over the past year we have strived to maintain and improve this fantastic asset.

As equipment has come to the end of its life, this has been replaced to ensure the sections have what they need to support the young people. The Board of Trustees has once again delivered some fantastic (sometimes hard work) fundraising over the year (including our best ever Gala Day result) to ensure the group's finances remain in a very healthy condition. Good financial stewardship is the backbone of the BOT and along with fundraising this means challenging costs, getting the best value for money we can, to try and off-set the standard of living increases we all see.

Scouting continues to change and evolve (as it quite rightly should, for change is the only constant!) in order to meet the needs of new generations of Scouts of all ages. As Scouting changes, then we in turn also need to change and to embrace the new challenges we meet.

The BOT meets once a month, with a focus on fundraising, maintenance, compliance, providing the best environment we can for our young people and of course supporting our fabulous leader team. If you think you could become a trustee or help in any way we would love to hear from you!

Please continue to support our section volunteers as they do an amazing job for all the young people. Last but by no means least I must say a huge, huge thank you to our GLV Amanda (aka Clippy) who gives so much time to the Group.

I look forward to another tremendous year of Scouting at 1st Marston Green.

Richard Forbes

Chair of the Board of Trustees

GROUP TREASURER'S Annual Report 2025/206

At the yearend 31st March 2026, the groups finances remained in a healthy position. After a successful year of Scouting, we are able to carry forward a balance of £24,932.45 to 2026/2027. See appendices 1-10.

The consolidated Accounts show how the income of £38,277.09 and total expenditure of £38,491.27 is made up. Income from member subscriptions was £8659.39, £4543.00 of which was paid in membership fees to the Scout Association, a further £11678.24 was spent on Activities/Events including camps and outings for our young people. We also celebrated our centenary with Fest 100 Camp and a reunion of old and present leaders and Trustees.

HQ maintenance and Repairs and Replacement accounted for a further £15644.85. This included 4 new sets of external wooden doors, new entrance flooring and replacement tents and gazebos. The annual Insurance cost was £1860.69.

The Groups Trustees in compliance with good accounting practice previously agreed to continue a policy of maintaining a reserve of £10,000, which they consider sufficient to continue the charitable activities of the Scout Group should Income and Fundraising fall short.

Claire

Group Treasurer

SCRUTINEER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF THE 1ST MARSTON GREEN SCOUT GROUP

I report on the accounts of the Group for the year ended 31st March 2026.

Respective responsibilities of Trustees and Scrutineer

As the Group's trustees you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts; you consider that neither the audit nor independent examination of the Charities Act 2011 apply. It is my responsibility without carrying out an audit or independent examination to scrutinise the accounts and to report to you.

Basis of Scrutineer's Statement

In accordance with the directions given in the Group's constitution, I have scrutinised the records and the accounts set out on pages 18 & 19 and the detailed accounts of Squirrels, Beavers, Cubs, Scouts, International Camp and Band.

Scrutineer's Statement

In my opinion the accounts are in accordance with the records produced to me and comply with the constitution.

Name: Judith Wilde

Date 03/9/2026

A master copy of the Scrutineer's report is available for inspection

GROUP LEAD VOLUNTEER Annual Report 2025/2026

A very special Scout year for 1st Marston Green

As Group Lead Volunteer, I am proud to share a year that has celebrated our history, strengthened our sections and shown the energy, commitment and kindness that make 1st Marston Green Scouts such a special group. Thank you to every young person, volunteer, parent, trustee and supporter who helped make this centenary year possible.

In 2025, we celebrated our 100th birthday by designing a special badge and organising a Little and Large Harry Potter Day, bringing children and adults together. Camp Fest 100 was a great success, and in August we brought together dear friends who have been part of the 1st Marston Green journey. It was wonderful to see old photos, remember our own days in Scouting as youngsters and catch up with old friends.

In June, Camp Fest 100 brought together traditional Scouting activities by day with a silent disco and mocktails by night. Our band joined us on Sunday morning for a special Scouts' Own, and we invested our very first Network members.

Network is our older section for 18 to 25-year-olds. Although many Network members continue to support the group through weekly section meetings, the section also encourages them to work towards top awards and continue enjoying Scouting, fun and friendships.

Our leaders work incredibly hard throughout the year to deliver a well-balanced programme, giving our members the opportunity to learn new skills, have new experiences and to earn a wide range of badges. We are also supported by our Young Leaders, who are members of our Explorer section. They work towards their Duke of Edinburgh's Award while getting fully involved with the sections each week.

Over the 12-month period, the sections have awarded an amazing 786 badges!

Scouts: 178 badges – Adventure, Creative, Expedition, Outdoors, Personal, Skills, Team Leader, Teamwork, World, Chef, Craft, Master at Arms, Emergency Aid, Model Maker, Hikes and Nights Away.

Cubs: 227 badges – Adventure, Outdoors, Personal, Skills, Teamwork, Team Leader, Animal Carer, Artist, Entertainer, International, Astronomer, Money Skills and Community Impact.

Beavers: 249 badges – Adventure, Outdoors, Personal, Skills, Teamwork, Book Reader, Builder, Camp Craft, Cook, Creative, Explore, Faith, Experiment, Health and Fitness, and Air Activities.

Squirrels: 132 badges – All About Adventure, All About Me, All Around Us, All Together, Brilliant Builder, Explore Outdoors, Feel Good, Get Creative, Go Wild, Story Time and Air Activities.

This total also includes the **top awards** for each section: 4 Chief Scout's Gold Awards, 4 Chief Scout's Bronze Awards and 5 Chief Scout's Acorn Awards. BRAVO!

Our Scout Band has grown in confidence, especially after being chosen as one of nine bands to play at the first UK Scout Band gathering in November. Many members join with very little musical experience, but with dedication and the guidance and support of our adult volunteers, great things can be achieved.

We have struggled on occasions, with adult support over the year and have had to introduce a parent helper rota at some sections. We are extremely grateful to the parents who have volunteered their time, alongside our volunteer leaders and trustees, to ensure Scouting can continue. Even if you cannot support every week, please let us know if you could help with a specific activity, such as camps, hikes or outdoor skills.

The Trustees have supported me over the year, and together we have reviewed policies, carried out maintenance on the Scout hut and raised an amazing amount of money for the group through our various fundraising events.

As we look ahead, our focus will be on continuing to grow our sections, support our volunteers and offer memorable Scouting experiences for every young person.

Finally, I would like to thank our volunteers, trustees, young leaders, parents and carers for everything they do to keep Scouting thriving at 1st Marston Green. Whether you help every week, support an activity, join us on camp or encourage your young person from the sidelines, your contribution matters. A special thank you must go to my husband who supports me in the background, and to Tony, Jackie and Thomas for all their extra support they give me. Together, we have marked an unforgettable centenary year and built strong foundations for the years ahead.

Amanda aka Clippy
Group Lead Volunteer (GLV)



1ST MARSTON GREEN SQUIRREL DREY Annual Report 2025/2026

In April 2025, we covered part of the Super Chef and Let's Celebrate activity badges by making Chocolate Easter nests. There was then an Easter Trail at Millennium Wood for everyone to have Easter fun. When we returned, we took part in the St Georges Day Parade where the Squirrels looked very smart and did well. At the end of this month, we made Indoor campfires and we sang campfire songs. This completed the All About Adventure Challenge and Get Creative activity badges.

In May 2025, there was a Family Fun Day which was very exciting. Next, we covered part of the All Around Us challenge badge by having a visit from our very own Rob Swindell by showing the Squirrels some items of Scouting History, our Groups history and his own history of being in Scouting. The next week we had a Traditional Skittles night where the Squirrels had great fun and this covered part of the All Together challenge and Be Active activity badges.

In June 2025, our Young Leader Emma held a Forum with the Squirrels, the next week we had some delicious fun by making edible reef knots and this covered part of the All About Me challenge badge. Squirrels then had a great day visit to Scout Fest 100 Group Camp. We then covered some of Be Active, Get Creative and Story Time activity badges by making a patchwork of Elmer the Elephant and then had a great time in taking part in soft archery. The Squirrels then took part in the Gala Day Fancy Dress and Parade by dressing up as 'Pensioners'. I have to say that you looked amazing. We then covered the Exciting Experiments activity badge by having a visit from one of our Explorer leaders Helen who did some very interesting experiments. The Squirrels really enjoyed it and were fascinated with them.

July 2025, saw us making paper planes and then taking part in a paper plane derby where the Squirrels had lots of fun. Next, we had our very first Squirrel Sleepover. They did well and we had lots of fun. For our last night of the Term, we went and had great time at Hollywood Bowling at Resorts World.

In September2025, we completed the Air Activities activity badge by learning about various aircrafts. The week after, the Squirrels went on a walk, and they were able to see various aircrafts taking off from the airport runway. The next week they built dens for themselves and then made dens for teddies. This covered the Brilliant Builder activity badge.

October 2025, our Young Leader Emma ran the next activity by getting the Squirrels to make some pretty nature jars which covered some of the Get Creative activity. For part of the Super Chef Activity, the next week the Squirrels made cakes in a mug which looked delicious!! We then covered Let's Celebrate and Get Creative activity and All Around Us challenge by learning about Diwali which is the Festival of Light. We held the Pumpkin Carving Contest where there were some fantastic designs which ended this term.

In November 2025, saw the Squirrels making firework pictures using glue, salt and paint. They were very colourful. They then enjoyed making chocolate sparklers. They then took part in the Remembrance Day Service and Parade. Next, they made some delicious Poppy cup-cakes. We then learned how to do Reef knots, learned how to skip and played some new games which was exciting. To finish this month, we held our Annual Christmas Fayre where Santa had a very busy day.

December 2025, we continued the Christmas spirit by making some Christmas pictures, the week after, the pictures were used to make Christmas cards for Squirrels to take home. The next week, we joined up with the Beavers and did a visit to Birchmere House Care Home and sang songs to the residents who enjoyed this very much. To finish of the Term, we took part in our Group Carol Service at St. Leonards Church.

For January 2026, we covered Emergency Aid Level 1 by Squirrels bringing in their teddies where they did some very good bandaging. They did part of the All About Me challenge by taking part in a Gratitude Scavenger Hunt and the week after talking about all the things that they con do independently.

February 2026, we finished the All About Me challenge by finding out the Squirrels favourite colours and what food they like. As the week after was World Pizza Day, we couldn't resist the temptation by making our very own pizza's. They smelt so yummy!! To finish the month off, we covered the Go Wild activity badge by having a visit from Claire who is from Animal Encounters, and she brought along some very interesting insects and animals for the Squirrels to hold.

Finally in March 2026, the Squirrels made some bird feeders to finish off the Go Wild activity, made Hearts for a Mother's Day activity, made rainbows for St. Patricks Day and then finished the month off with an Easter activity by making cotton wool Easter bunnies.

I would like to take this opportunity to Thank Chil, Jacala, Leela, Alex, Grampus and Grey Brother for your continued support and help.

Finally, I would like to thank the Squirrels and Parents for your commitment and support.

Joanne (Baloo)
Squirrel Team Leader



1ST MARSTON GREEN WILDWOOD BEAVER COLONY Annual Report 2025/2026

In April and May 2025, we were very creative and made Easter egg baskets, there was an Easter Trail at Millennium Woods and then we took part in the St. Georges Day Parade in Knowle. After Easter we covered parts of the Cook, Health and Fitness activity badges by learning about a balanced diet. There was a Family Fun Day which was great fun. For the Camp Craft and Safety activity and Outdoors Challenge badges we learned how to pack a sleeping bag away, what to pack in a bag for a camping trip, pitching a tent and then the safety around fires. Following this we had our Sleepover to which the Beavers had a great time sleeping in tents inside the Scout Hut. Last of all we held a Traditional skittles night which was a challenge for some.

In June 2025, we covered the Builder and the Creative activity by making models from recycled items. Next, we had a lovely walk over Sheldon Country Park where the Beavers ended playing on the park. Along the way, we stopped to watch a few planes taking off from the airport. We then had a fantastic weekend for our Scout Fest 100 Group Camp where we took part in lots of brilliant activities. We then made hats for the fancy dress and then we took part in the Gala Day Parade and looked fantastic. To end the month, our leader Helen from Explorers came and did experiments which the Beavers had a great time.

In July 2025, we had a visit from Animal Encounters to which Claire came along with a mixture of insects and animals for the Beavers to hold. We ended the term off at Hollywood Bowling at Resorts World. We all had a great time.

In September 2025, we covered the Emergency Aid and learned what to do in an emergency, know when to call 999, how to put on a bandage and how to do the recovery position. Next, we learned the importance of exercise by taking part in various activities and finished off with making some yummy fruit kebabs.

October 2025, we covered the Air Activities badge by learning about different aircrafts, did a flight simulation and ended up with paper plane competition. We then learned about Diwali by doing candle craft and making some sweets. Finally finished the month with the Pumpkin Carving contest to which there were some excellent entries.

In November 2025, we did a visit to Birchmere House Care Home where the Beavers sang some songs, took part in a quiz and then with the residents made some Harvest Wreaths. The residents loved having the Beavers visit. We then took part in the Remembrance Parade and then made some cupcake poppies. Next, we did pioneering with poles and rope and then did mini pioneering using dried spaghetti, cocktail sticks and using mini marshmallows to hold them together. Next, we learned how to do 3 simple knots by covering part of the Camp Craft, Outdoors and Skills challenge badges. To end the month Santa made a visit to our Christmas Fayre.

In December 2025, we covered Home Safety and Outdoor safety by learning the different types of dangers, then did some craft by making bell shakers. We then joined up with the Squirrels and did our Christmas visit to Birchmere House Care Home and sang songs to the residents. We then finished the term off by taking part in the Carol Service at St. Leonards Church.

In January and February 2026, we did part of the Outdoors Challenge by learning about different animals and what food that they eat. Next, they made models to represent their favourite films. We then did part of the Skill Challenge badge by finding out if the Beavers knew their home addresses. The next part of the Skill Challenge was to find out if the Beavers knew how to look after their teeth by having their teeth change to a different colour and then to see if they could brush them properly. Thank you to Zoe who

works at a Dental practice for coming to visit. Next, we celebrated World Pizza Day by making our very own pizza's. To end the month, we covered part of the Book Reader activity badge by designing a book cover.

Finally in March 2026, we did another part of the Bood Reader activity by making bookmarks. We then made some lovely hearts for the Mother's Day activity. Covered part of the international activity badge by matching flags and their countries. We finished the month off by making some very yummy chocolate nests for Easter.

I would like to take this opportunity to Thank Chil, Jacala, Ko, Grey Brother, Leela and Young Leaders - Katie and Kody for your commitment with helping each week.

Finally, I would like to thank the Beavers and Parents for your commitment and support.

Joanne (Baloo)
Beaver Team Leader



March - As the 1st Marston Green Scouts 100-year celebrations continue, the group came together to enjoy a Harry Potter themed day with all students sorted into houses and vying for the house cup. Learning to Wizard, make potions, preform spells and magic and a visit to the iconic 'Platform 9 3/4'.

April - Starting the new term with a community impact event the Cubs visited Orchard Blythe Care Home to entertain the residents with their beautiful singing voices and share some easter treats. May - Not all great games have to be high-tech and digital! Marston Green Scouts has is own wooden skittles ally, and all sections were given the opportunity to play the less mechanically technical game of tenpin bowling. I think it was a very successful event.

June - What can you do outdoor when the weather is so warm? Practice your tent pitching ready for camp! The next 100-year celebration was 'Scout 100 fest" a camp with a festival vibe. Then it was straight into the Annual Gala preparations. So much effort put into ALL the costumes by the young and older in making an amazing parade through the village. Who said cubs aren't adventurous? What would you like to do next Cubs? Can we go Ninja Warrior? Who knew they had so much spare energy? So, Walsall Ninja Warrior on the train it was followed with a little visit to an art gallery. Energetic and cultured by the end of the day. July - Ending a busy term with a bit of climbing.

Starting back in September sees the start of the busiest term of the year. Settling back in and welcoming new starters to our pack we get ready for Halloween and fireworks and the all-important busy busy Christmas. Settling back in gave the Cubs and others the opportunity to see how Scouting in Marston Green has developed over the 100 years of its existence. The hall was decked out over the summer holidays with 100 years of memories. Past cubs, scouts and ventures came together to reminisce of their time in our group. Friends reunited after many years talking as though they had just been on their summer holidays, just shows how you make friends for life and are always family.

October - Cubs tied themselves in knots trying to make structures. Games from around the world means learning how scouting is done around the world. We do science nights only cooler than school, when taught by a senior teacher!

November - Is getting ready for Christmas. Crafts made by the Cubs to sell at our annual Christmas fayre are always great sellers.

December - all about Christmas with our Carols in the church coming together with our other sections we entertain our community kicking off the Christmas celebrations.

January and February - Finishing off badges and working in the community and internationally, learn about money! Our own and international, looking at where we could find currency from around the world. We visited one of our local fire stations for a hands-on evening of being a firefighter and keeping ourselves safe at home. Then the cubs learnt how to keep themselves safe when out and about by learning about our countryside code whilst visiting our local beauty spots. Seeing how our local areas change as the year progresses as the seasons change.

Over the year 2025to 2026 the cubs worked on over 25 different badges and earned a total of 230 between them, including 5 Chief Scout Silver awards. I would like to thank my Cubs team but also the wider family and Committee because without them we cannot run these sections. I would also like to thank Parents and young people because without you we definitely don't have a section or a group.

Zoe - Akela Cub Team Leader

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Throughout April we completed the meteorologist badge & had a navigation challenge around the Shustoke area. During the Easter break we had our Easter Trail at Millenium Woods with lots of fun Easter challenges & egg hunting. After the Easter holiday we took part in the annual St Georges Day parade in Knowle with the rest of Solihull County Scouts.

In May our Chief Scout Gold Award team undertook their Expedition Challenge, travelling first by train to Kidderminster, then by steam train to Arley. From there they hiked with all their gear & equipment to camp at Kinver, meeting leaders at pre-arranged check points enroute. The following day they packed up & set off hiking again, re-planning their route on the go to negotiate closed footpaths, before arriving at Kidderminster for the return train journey to Marston Green. During this challenge the team was entirely self-sufficient, planning & undertaking everything themselves & then completed a presentation to the rest of the troop afterwards. We again hosted a Bank Holiday Family Fun Day/fund raiser at Marston Green Members Club, which was a very successful & enjoyable event. We played wide games at the Rec, learnt practical “real world” first aid & enjoyed a skittles night at the hut before finishing for half term with water challenges & games.

In June we celebrated 100 years of MG Scouts with a fantastic festival themed group camp at Rough Close & enjoyed outdoor activities at the Alfrey Centre. Later in June we took part in the annual Marston Green Gala Day where our fancy-dress theme embraced our centenary by building a replica scout trekking cart & dressing in replica uniforms from 1925 complete with lemon squeezer campaign hats & staves!

In July we did various outdoor challenges & exercises, including a night at Umberslade Adventure, cycled to Babbs Mill & built on our teamwork with an incident hike around Marston Green before running some stalls & joining the fun at the Parish Council Family Fun Day. Our last night was spent orienteering at Kingsbury Water Park, finishing the term with a patrol camp at the Alfrey Centre (Broadwater) where we built camp gadgets, did team challenges, axe throwing, archery & played wide games.

Returning in September we joined the rest of the county Scouts & Explorers camping on the banks of the Avon at Croft Farm Water Park for Quest, an outdoors & water themed camp, which will always be memorable for lots of tents being blown down during a freak period of high winds! For the rest of autumn, we polished up our rifle shooting, learnt about different disabilities, & worked on our knife, axe, fire & cooking skills which led to us coming first place in the annual County Cooking Competition in October! Our outdoor adventures included hiking, map reading & navigating, taking part in the annual Operation Chameleon event. We had a night of messy science experiments, took part in the village Remembrance Parade, Christmas carol concert & enjoyed a night of party games before breaking up for Christmas.

After Christmas we had a night hike & sleepover at the hut ahead of the County Night Hike, continued with rifle shooting to prepare us for the annual District competition & learnt money skills. In March we covered first aid, had a great egg challenge & the patrol leaders chose to organise a fun evening of blind cooking! We also trained & entered a team in the Chase Walk, where the scouts navigate on their own around a 13 mile course on Cannock Chase.

I would like to say a big BRAVO to Aimee-Lyn, Megan, Emily, Jemima, Jacob & Alfie who achieved their Chief Scout Gold Awards this year! I would also like to thank Pat, Rachel, Anthony, Jasmine, Lewis & Emma for everything they do, not forgetting our young leaders Izzy & Hadley. As always, a massive thankyou to parents, grandparents & everyone else who continue to support the Troop

Jambo Scout Team Leader

1ST MARSTON GREEN SCOUT BAND REPORT

Band has had another busy year. Meeting on Tuesday evenings form 19:30 – 20:30, we are always looking to build our membership by recruiting new members from the Scouting movement.

A review of our instruments has taken place, to clear out any no longer suitable for our current needs, donating some drums to a Chelmsley Wood charity for children.

Our contact information has been reviewed with band email address set up, plus a public Facebook page to increase our reach and profile. We advertise for new members within the group and Solihull district.

An open evening for recruitment was held in January.
We received a visit from Jill Bowman, who looks after Scout bands in the country, who gave us very positive feedback on the progress we are making.

Band is preparing to attend a meet up of Socut Bands in Nottingham on 10th October. We are lucky to be selected to perform a ten-minute display slot along with eight other Bands out of many attending.

Events attended:
27th April 2025 We were asked to play at the Cole District parade at Knowle as the lead band. After what was a highly successful event for us we received this feedback from Liz Rashvand, Cole St George's Day Parade Coordinator. "…..a MASSIVE thank you to the band, you were all simply perfect!!!! Super smart, terrific music, and a wonderful sight to see leading the parade"
15th June Band played at Group Camp, helping celebrate 100 years of Scouting in Marston Green
23rd June Leading the Gala Day parade through the village plus a display in the arena.
19th July We were asked to paly for the annual Community Day at the recreation ground, on what was a very wet afternoon
9th November Band headed the Parade for Remembrance Sunday from St Leonards Church to the Garden of Memory. Playing Last Pos, Reveille and the National Anthem as part of the service. Feedback received "…So proud of the Marston Green uniformed organisations this morning and we are lucky to have such a talented band, it makes remembrance service special"
16th December The Carol Service in St Leonards Church, where we played the music for the carols and traditional pieces.
15th February Band took members to visit the NEC to watch "The Birmingham Tattoo" supporting with train fare and subsidy for younger members.

Band accounts: Started the year at £1170.50, spending on uniform/accessories, new silver bugle, new bass drum, practise pads, sticks, leather straps, spending £544.99 plus support for our visit to the Birmingham Tattoo.
Funds added: £250 donation for Cole District for St Georges Day, £100 for Community Day, £750 donation form The Grimmitt Trust (thanks to Karen for her continued work in securing funds for the band)

I would like to express my thanks to the dedicated volunteers who support the band in a fantastic way with their time and commitment (and done so over very many years), plus acknowledge our talented youngsters, who make it all worthwhile.

Keith
Band Team Leader

ORION MARSTON GREEN (OMG) EXPLORER UNIT REPORT April 2025 – March 2026

Although Orion Explorer Unit doesn't report into 1st Marston Green Scout Group (the unit reports directly into Solihull District), the Unit has a joint partnership agreement with 1st Marston Green, and therefore very much part of the group.

The Explorer Unit continues to be strong, with many taking on the Young Leader roles and helping at the younger section nights, building their skills and experience.

Here's some of our events: Easter Camp at Rhydd Convert, Beat the Takeaway, Lego Challenge, Debate night, Winter Olympics, as well as the annual County Night Hike, Operational Chameleon and WinterFest. Summer 2025 we did our first weeklong trip the beautiful Lochgoilhead in Scotland. We took the train and arrived at the most amazing view. Luckily, we didn't encounter many midges. Great activities including as paddling boarding and kayaking on the Loch, cycling, climbing, hiking and burn run.

My thanks go to the Explorers for their commitment each week, and to leadership team Ed, Dan, Rob, Helen and Matt.

Tony
Explorer Team Leader



Appendix 1: 1st Marston Green Scout Group CONSOLIDATED ACCOUNTS – Year Ending 31 March 2026

1st Marston Green Scout Group - CONSOLIDATED ACCOUNTS Year : 1st April 2025 - 31st March 2026

INCOME	**Scouts**	**Cubs**	**Beavers**	**Squirrels**	**Band**	**Group**	**TOTAL**	**Prior Year**
Membership Subs	2575.98	2473.38	2361.92	1248.11			**8659.39**	9679.36
External contributions						700.00	**700.00**	1140.00
Census paid to Scout HQ	-1416.00	-1180.00	-1298.00	-649.00			**-4543.00**	-4489.00
Census refund						38.50	**38.50**	-35.00
Activities		102.90			308.45		**411.35**	7776.29
Donations					100.00	2677.20	**2777.20**	2847.50
Events	2835.22	781.52	450.27	186.03	250.00	3114.75	**7617.79**	6383.20
Fundraising						10925.06	**10925.06**	6214.36
Gift Aid						5412.60	**5412.60**	0.00
Grants					750.00	5000.00	**5750.00**	0.00
Uniform	0.00	0.00	64.46	49.15		414.59	**528.20**	450.30
Miscellaneous						-1.00	**-1.00**	39.00
TOTAL	**3995.20**	**2177.80**	**1578.65**	**834.29**	**1408.45**	**28281.70**	**38276.09**	**30006.01**
EXPENDITURE								
Contributions	650.00	640.00	600.00	330.00		-2220.00	**0.00**	2380.00
Contribution refund						200.00	**200.00**	0.00
Membership Subs Refund		40.00	40.00				**80.00**	
Activities	404.13	996.29	369.19	183.61	60.55 -		**2013.77**	8907.22
Ancillaries					6.96	51.41	**58.37**	156.21
Donations						272.20	**272.20**	130.00
Equipment					508.68	3818.26	**4326.94**	3491.90
Events	2900.46	909.52	659.18	319.35	358.45	4517.51	**9664.47**	8615.81
Fees		57.00			36.00 -		**93.00**	313.07
Fundraising						2923.07	**2923.07**	1336.86
Ground Rent						1.00	**1.00**	1.00
Insurance						1860.69	**1860.69**	1974.30
Maintenance						11317.91	**11317.91**	1621.56
Presentations	21.56					28.50	**50.06**	27.50
Uniform	144.35	241.86	366.25	146.33	11.25	1363.59	**2273.63**	2075.51
Utilities						3436.16	**3436.16**	3095.63
TOTAL	**4120.50**	**2884.67**	**2034.62**	**979.29**	**981.89**	**27570.30**	**38571.27**	**34126.57**
Surplus/Deficit	-125.30	-706.87	-455.97	-145.00	426.56	711.40	**-295.18**	-4120.56

BALANCE SHEET							
Brought Forward	**Scouts**	**Cubs**	**Beavers**	**Squirrels**	**Band**	**Group**	**TOTAL**
Cash in Bank	455.35	1021.66	642.32	551.23	1170.50	20966.79	**24807.85**
Cash in Hand	0.00	0.00	7.10	0.00	0.00	117.05	**124.60**
TOTAL	455.35	1021.66	649.42	551.23	1170.50	21083.84	**24932.45**
Years's Surplus/Deficit	-125.30	-706.87	-455.97	-145.00	426.56	711.40	-295.63
Carried Forward							
Cash in Bank	330.05	314.79	186.35	406.23	1597.06	21348.84	**24183.32**
Cash in Hand	0.00	0.00	7.10	0.00	0.00	446.40	**453.50**
TOTAL	330.05	314.79	193.45	406.23	1597.06	21795.24	**24636.82**

NOTES:

1. Joint Bank Account for Squirrels & Beavers balance as of 31/3/2026 is £592.58. Seperated on year end accounts
2. EDF0016 / 17Oct2025 The EDF bill states payment to be taken £527.43. Bank statement shows as £526.73 (70p lower)
3. Gift aid claim covered 1/1/2023 to 5/4/2025
4. Maintenance expenditureof £11,317.91 was made up of 4 sets of new external double doors, entrance floor repair, wooden floor polish & replacement fire extinguishers
5. Fundraising - Key events: Gala Day 2025 made £3286.21 profit, May BH MG members club £1301.14 and Parish Council Community Event £803.51 Other fundraising includes Easyfundraising.com £299.79, scrap metal £125.77, ideas sold £140.19
6. Events included Little & Large Harry Potter Day, Camp 100 Fest, 100th birthday celebrations and AGM. Income of £7617.79 less expenditure of £9664.47, deficit of £2046.68
7. External contributions are from Explorer Unit and Brownie Pack
8. Ancillaries include everyday items like bin bags, washing up liquid, toilet cleaner, toilet roll etc
9. Misc Income -£1 non legal pound coin

Solihull North International Camp

2025-2026 Accounts

Lloyds Bank: 30-96-26 Acc: 18372468
This account has been set up inconjunction with 1st Marston Green, Water Orton and Orion Marston Green and is shown in 1st Marston Green end of year accounts

SUMMARY

INCOME		
PARTICIPANTS FEES	£	-
FUNDRAISING	£	-
EXPENSES	£	-
CASH DEPOSIT FROM FUNDRAISING	£	-
INCOME TOTAL	**£**	**-**
OUTGOING		
PARTICIPANTS FEES	£	-
FUNDRAISING	£	-
GENERAL EXPENSES	£	-
TRAVEL AGENT COSTS	£	-
OTHER COSTS	£	-
OUTGOING TOTAL	**£**	**-**
EXCESS OF INCOME OVER OUTGOING	£	-
BALANCE BROUGHT FORWARD FROM LAST YEAR	£	-
BALANCE AS31/03/2026	**£**	**-**
BANK BALANCE AS AT 31/03/2026	£	1,248.85
CASH BALANCE AS AT	£	-
TOTAL BALANCE AS AT	**£**	**1,248.85**

NOTES:
1/2/23 Following a meeting with Stuart Mann, Tony Head & Amanda Turnbull it was agreed that this account would be used by 1st Marston Green/Orion Marston Green for Croatia Trip 2024.
A sum of £1248.76 to be ring fenced as belongs to all 3 sections agreed on 18/3/2024
Sep 2025 With agreement from Stuart Mann, Tony Head & 1st MG BOT, Stuart Mann to be removed from the account, and starting 01/04/2026 this account will fall completely under the remit of 1st Marston Green Scout Group consolidated accounts

2025-2026 No transactions as in planning stage for next International in 2028
The 3rd owed (£416.25) to Water Orton will be paid back to them within FY 26-27