

**365 DAYS
OF ADVENTURE.
HERE'S WHAT
HAPPENED...**

**1st Woodham Ferrers Scout Group
Annual Report
and Consolidated Accounts
2024-2025**

Scouts 

www.wfscouts.org.uk

The 58th Annual General Report

of the

1st Woodham Ferrers Scout Group

Contents

1. Trustee Board Members
2. Chair's Report
3. Group Secretary's Report
4. Treasurer's Report
5. Group Lead Volunteer's Report
6. Unit Reports
 - Beavers:
 - Cubs:
 - Scouts:
7. Fundraising Support
 - Gift Aid
 - 100 Club

1st Woodham Ferrers Scout Group

Trustee Board (as of July 2025)

Chair	Peter Carter
Secretary	Marion Carter
Treasurer	Sheila Reece
Group Lead Volunteer	Adam Frost
Hut Facilities Manager	Mark Povey
Waiting List & Gift Aid Admin	Colin Reynolds
	Rob Lyon

Bankers: Charities Aid Foundation CAF Bank Limited.
Epworth Investment Management Ltd

Group Registration Number with the Scout Association: 37586
Charity Registration Number: 801278

Find Us on Facebook as: [1st Woodham Ferrers Scout Group](#)

Website: www.wfscouts.org.uk

Contact: info@wfscouts.org.uk

Chair's Report

It's 2025 and another year of scouting has gone by and a good year it has been.

Since the last AGM, the major changes implemented in 2024 by the Scout Association into the running of scouts are embedding themselves into our day-to-day activities. These changes are continually being reviewed and updated with the focus being on safety. This does not mean that adventurous activities at different levels are stopped, it means that the organisers of activities and events are better trained and supported to provide these things safely. All leaders now have to complete training such as Safety, Safeguarding, Inclusion and First Aid. All activities away from our scout hut need to be risk assessed and a written risk assessment must be completed, checked and agreed. Although this adds to the work leaders do, it ensures that scouts are as safe as possible when they are in our care.

I would like to thank the leaders and helpers who give their time to give our young members such memorable times, without them the Scouting experience that we offer would be much reduced, but we continue to need leaders and helpers, we really do.

I would like to give a special "thank you" to Adam Frost who stepped into the role of Group Lead Volunteer about seven months ago. Without him stepping forward to take on this role there was the danger of our Scout Group closing. Adam has dealt with the safe running of our Group and dealt with a wide range of issues admirably and successfully and he has my full support.

I'm sorry to say that our plan to build a new scout hut has been put on hold. The main reason being funding and all the associated work around fundraising. On the plus side we have agreed to upgrade the facilities at our scout hut and have a new kitchen being installed in our smaller meeting room. At the time of writing this report, work is set to start on 21st July 2025. This upgrade will greatly improve our facilities and will allow scouts to hone their culinary skills, so be prepared to sample inventive meals at home.

We still have a waiting list to join our scout group which shows that Scouting is still a popular organisation for young people. Unfortunately, the number of adults willing to help does not increase enough to reduce our waiting list. Without leaders, helpers and you, scouting cannot be as fun and exciting as it should be. Check our Facebook pages to see what we do. https://www.facebook.com/firstwoodhamscouts/?locale=en_GB

If you are interested in helping to keep scouting alive in South Woodham, to give youngsters a unique experience please speak to any Leader, Trustee Committee member or email info@wfscouts.org.uk.

I would also like to remind all parents of scouts that you are regarded as a member of our Scout Council. As such you are able to be involved in how the Scout Group is managed by becoming an active member of our Scout Council. If this is something you would like to be involved in please speak to any Leader, Trustee Committee member, check our Face Book pages or email us.

Peter Carter

Trustee Board Chair

Group Secretary Report

On behalf of the Trustee Board, I would like to thank the Leaders and their helpers for all their hard work and dedication during the last year. Also thank you to our young scouting members and their parents/carers for their continuing support. A very big thank you to Adam Frost, who took on the role of Group Lead Volunteer earlier this year following Keith Davis stepping down from the role.

Our special thanks go to the following people in the South Woodham Community and beyond.

South Woodham Rotary for their sponsorship of the Swimming Gala.

Asda for their continued support and our special thanks to Lisa Kelly.

South Woodham Ferrers Town Council for their continued support.

All members of the expanding 100 club.

All parents and carers who have allowed us to apply for Gift Aid.

Without the continuing support of the above people, we would not be able to maintain our ageing Scout Headquarters and we are deeply grateful for this.

The big project that the Group Trustees' have undertaken this year is the planning of a new larger kitchen. Thanks to Keith Davis for staying on with the Group to help oversee this project.

One other person I would personally like to thank is Mark Povey, who is our Facility Trustee, for his continued hard work in keeping our Headquarters clean, tidy and well maintained.

Here's hoping that in the next 12 months we will continue to grow and expand for the youth of South Woodham Ferrers.

Marion Carter

Group Secretary

Treasurer's Report

As Treasurer, I can again report another good year and that we remain a viable concern.

We are still using Charities Aid Foundation (CAF) as our Bankers and although they are making some changes to how we use their systems, I am sure myself and the other signatories will eventually get used to the changes. They still seem better than the horror stories you hear about various High Street Banks.

Our Income was up on last year for 100 Club (£493.31), Gift Aid (£3,370.62) and Interest we received on Bank Accounts, both current and savings (£1,760.70)

We also had several successful fund-raising events including Breakfast, D Day Stall, Activity Day, Asda Bucket Collections x 3 and the Christmas Lights Stall.

All the above have helped us considerably to gather the funds needed to our new and enlarged kitchen, which will be installed at the end of July.

Once again, our accounts tallied exactly to the penny and was sent to Sharon, our friendly accountant, independent assessment before being posted with the Charity Commission. As always, we are so grateful to Sharon for doing this.

Once again, I also say that we are forever on the lookout for new fund-raising ideas and help to run any of these events. If you do volunteer with us, we can assure you will enjoy it.

Thank you so much to everyone who supports us.

Sheila Reece

Group Treasurer

Consolidated Group Accounts – Payments / Receipts

Classification	Unrestricted	Allocated	Allocated	Allocated	Allocated	Allocated	Allocated	Allocated	Allocated	Allocated	
Title	Central	Fundraising	Fenn	Stow	Birketts	Edwins	Hyde	Marsh	Tabrums	Total	
RECEIPTS											
Donations, legacies and similar income											
Membership subscriptions (GoCardless)	£ 15,196.00									£ 15,196.00	
Fund transfer - GoCardless subs allocation	-£ 3,800.00		£ 520.00	£ 400.00	£ 720.00	£ 380.00	£ 500.00	£ 710.00	£ 570.00	£ -	
Less: Membership subscriptions paid on	-£ 5,929.00									-£ 5,929.00	
Net membership subscriptions retained	£ 5,467.00		£ 520.00	£ 400.00	£ 720.00	£ 380.00	£ 500.00	£ 710.00	£ 570.00	£ 9,267.00	
Gift Aid		£ 3,370.62								£ 3,370.62	
Donations		£ 110.00								£ 110.00	
Sub Total	£ 5,467.00	£ 3,480.62	£ 520.00	£ 400.00	£ 720.00	£ 380.00	£ 500.00	£ 710.00	£ 570.00	£ 12,747.62	
Grants											
Rotary for Swimming Gala		£ 475.00								£ 475.00	
Sub Total	£ -	£ 475.00	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ 475.00	
Activities											
Go Cardless (other)	£ 7,059.00									£ 7,059.00	
Camping (general)	-£ 5,052.30		£ 530.87	£ 218.81	£ 2,495.40	£ 446.18	£ 369.33	£ 991.71		£ 0.00	
Hike (general)	-£ 285.30		£ 218.10	£ 106.20						£ 39.00	
Other outings / events	-£ 870.62				£ 547.16	£ 186.51	£ 136.95			£ -	
Fireworks	-£ 569.74		£ 79.39	£ 60.71	£ 107.41	£ 60.71	£ 79.39	£ 107.41	£ 74.72	£ -	
Sub Total	£ 281.04	£ -	£ 828.36	£ 385.72	£ 3,149.97	£ 693.40	£ 585.67	£ 1,099.12	£ 74.72	£ 7,098.00	
Fundraising											
100 club	£ 1,127.00									£ 1,127.00	
Asda Bucket collections		£ 1,258.52								£ 1,258.52	
D Day stall		£ 270.80									
Xmas lights stall		£ 204.68									
Breakfast		£ 766.51								£ 766.51	
Sub Total	£ 1,127.00	£ 2,500.51	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ 3,152.03	
Other Income											
Water Cost Contribution from Guides	£ 247.98									£ 247.98	
AGM / activity day		£ 386.95								£ 386.95	
Recruitment Evening from District		£ 150.00									
Sub Total	£ 247.98	£ 536.95	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ 784.93	
Investment income											
Sub Total	£ -	£ 1,760.71	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ 1,760.71	
Total receipts	£ 7,123.02	£ 8,753.79	£ 1,348.36	£ 785.72	£ 3,869.97	£ 1,073.40	£ 1,085.67	£ 1,809.12	£ 644.72	£ 26,018.29	
Transfers											
Total Transfers	-£ 1,056.81	£ 1,064.81	£ 389.35	-£ 60.71	£ 1,742.89	-£ 937.06	-£ 633.84	-£ 526.91	£ 18.28	£ 0.00	
Payments											
Charitable Payments											
Rent	£ 150.00									£ 150.00	
Water	£ 714.00									£ 714.00	
Electricity	£ 1,410.42									£ 1,410.42	
Insurance	£ 1,238.66									£ 1,238.66	
Hut Maintenance	£ 1,394.64									£ 1,394.64	
Fire safety	£ 318.00									£ 318.00	
OSM Subscription costs	£ 306.50									£ 306.50	
Go Cardless Fees (subscriptions)	£ 501.48									£ 501.48	
Bank Fees	£ 60.00									£ 60.00	
OSM Failed payment fee	£ 5.83									£ 5.83	
Equipment (and equipment maintenance)	£ 33.90	£ 911.99								£ 945.89	
Sundries / General Resources	£ 393.26		£ 5.60	£ 54.42	£ 33.10			£ 25.44		£ 511.82	
Recruitment evening		£ 340.23									
Meeting Resources			£ 115.01	£ 360.89	£ 371.54	£ 318.83	£ 411.32	£ 316.69	£ 303.00	£ 2,197.28	
Uniforms	£ 84.98									£ 84.98	
Scarfs and badges	£ 85.00		£ 17.00		£ 223.06		£ 214.85	£ 347.27	£ 172.54	£ 1,059.72	
Sub Total	£ 6,696.67	£ 1,252.22	£ 137.61	£ 415.31	£ 627.70	£ 318.83	£ 626.17	£ 689.40	£ 475.54	£ 11,239.45	
Activity Expenses											
GoCardless Fees (Unit Events)	£ 281.04									£ 281.04	
Camp			£ 576.32	£ 4.50	£ 4,129.42			£ 520.00		£ 5,230.24	
Hike			£ 308.21							£ 308.21	
Other outings / events				£ 40.00	£ 180.00				£ 453.82	£ 673.82	
Fireworks			£ 562.85							£ 562.85	
Xmas bowling					£ 739.90					£ 739.90	
Swimming Gala		£ 545.90								£ 545.90	
AGM / Activity day		£ 256.86								£ 256.86	
Sub Total	£ 281.04	£ 802.76	£ 1,447.38	£ 44.50	£ 5,049.32	£ -	£ -	£ 520.00	£ 453.82	£ 8,598.82	
Fundraising Expenses											
Go Cardless Fees (100 club)	£ 70.19									£ 70.19	
100 Club (prizes)		£ 470.50								£ 470.50	
D Day stall		£ 10.00									
Xmas lights stall		£ 84.73									
Breakfast		£ 446.27								£ 446.27	
Sub Total	£ 70.19	£ 1,011.50	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ 1,081.69	
Total payments	£ 7,047.90	£ 3,066.48	£ 1,584.99	£ 459.81	£ 5,677.02	£ 318.83	£ 626.17	£ 1,209.40	£ 929.36	£ 20,919.96	
Funds last year end	£ 13,078.87	£ 37,210.24	£ 366.46	£ 309.33	£ 374.49	£ 246.98	£ 378.73	£ 372.02	£ 1,082.19	£ 53,419.31	
Net receipts including transfers	-£ 981.69	£ 6,752.12	£ 152.72	£ 265.20	-£ 64.16	-£ 182.49	-£ 174.34	£ 72.81	-£ 266.36	£ 5,573.81	
Payments pending										£ -	
Funds this year end (exc payments pending)	£ 12,097.18	£ 43,962.36	£ 519.18	£ 574.53	£ 310.33	£ 64.49	£ 204.39	£ 444.83	£ 815.83	£ 58,993.12	

Consolidated Group Accounts – assets / liabilities

Classification	Unrestricted	Allocated	Allocated	Allocated	Allocated	Allocated	Allocated	Allocated	Allocated	Allocated	
Title	Central	Fundraising	Fenn	Stow	Birketts	Edwins	Hyde	Marsh	Tabrums	Total	
Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the year											
Cash funds last year end											
Funds last year end (buckets)	£ 13,078.87	£ 37,210.24	£ 366.46	£ 309.33	£ 374.49	£ 246.98	£ 378.73	£ 372.02	£ 1,082.19	£ 53,419.31	
Payments pending										£ -	
Cash/Cheques waiting to be banked										£ -	
Total	£ 13,078.87	£ 37,210.24	£ 366.46	£ 309.33	£ 374.49	£ 246.98	£ 378.73	£ 372.02	£ 1,082.19	£ 53,419.31	
Cash funds this year end											
Funds this year end (buckets)	£ 12,097.18	£ 43,962.36	£ 519.18	£ 574.53	£ 310.33	£ 64.49	£ 204.39	£ 444.83	£ 815.83	£ 58,993.12	
Sub Total	£ 12,097.18	£ 43,962.36	£ 519.18	£ 574.53	£ 310.33	£ 64.49	£ 204.39	£ 444.83	£ 815.83	£ 58,993.12	
Liabilities											
Payments pending										£ -	
Sub Total	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	
Other monetary assets											
Debts/Cash/Cheques waiting to be banked										£ -	
Sub Total	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	
Investment assets											
Property/investments										£ -	
Sub Total	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	
Net worth (excluding non-monetary assets)	£ 12,097.18	£ 43,962.36	£ 519.18	£ 574.53	£ 310.33	£ 64.49	£ 204.39	£ 444.83	£ 815.83	£ 58,993.12	
Non monetary assets for charity's own use											
Stock/equipment	£ 10,000.00		£ 200.00	£ 200.00	£ 400.00	£ 400.00	£ 500.00	£ 400.00	£ 400.00	£ 12,500.00	
Bank Accounts this year end											
Epworth Cash Fund Plus Account	£31,824.82										
CAF Gold Account	£10,382.74										
CAF Cash Account	£16,785.56										
Sub Total	£ 58,993.12	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ 58,993.12	

Consolidated Group Accounts – Examiner’s Report

Independent examiner’s report to the trustees of 1st Woodham Ferrers Scout Group Scout Council

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the 1st Woodham Ferrers Scout Group for the year ended 31st March 2025.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees of the 1st Woodham Ferrers Scout 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 1st Woodham Ferrers Scout 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 1st Woodham Ferrers Scout 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:

[Redacted name]

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

Address:

[Redacted address]

Date: 30th June 2025

Group Lead Volunteer Report

This is my first report as Group Lead Volunteer, having taken on the role in February 2025. I'd like to begin by extending my sincere thanks to my predecessor, Keith Davis, who served as Group Lead Volunteer (formerly Group Scout Leader) for around eight years. Keith has been an integral part of our group for many more years before that, holding a variety of roles. Although he officially stepped down in October 2024, he remains actively involved and is currently managing the new kitchen project, due to be completed over the summer holidays. We're incredibly grateful for his continued dedication.

Since stepping into the role, it's fair to say I've hit the ground running dealing with the day-to-day operations, overcoming a range of challenges, and working closely with our fantastic team of volunteers. I'd like to offer a heartfelt thank you to everyone who has supported me through this transition: our Section Leaders, Trustee Board, and the District Leadership Team. Your guidance, encouragement, and trust have been hugely appreciated, and your support truly reflects the values and spirit of Scouting.

Across the group, I've been incredibly impressed by the range and quality of activities taking place each week. Our volunteers have been delivering engaging programmes, many of which take our young people beyond the Scout Hut and into the wider world. From adventurous camps to community focused activities such as litter picking and attending local events, our sections continue to have a positive impact within the community.

One of our biggest achievements this year has been the successful launch of the new 'Phoenix' Explorer Scout Unit. This marks the return of Explorers to our group after a number of years, following the closure of the previous unit. While Explorers sit under the responsibility of Chelmsford District, the new unit has already proven to be a valuable part of our group's extended family. It's fantastic to now have a pathway for our Scouts to continue their journey beyond age 14. Several Phoenix Explorers have already stepped up to become Young Leaders, supporting our younger sections—and I'm excited to see how the unit grows in the coming months.

Another highlight has been the continued and visible support we receive from our parents and guardians. Whether it's assisting with camps, helping out at events, or lending a hand when needed, your contributions make a real difference. On behalf of the entire leadership team, I want to say a big thank you—your support does not go unnoticed and is deeply appreciated.

Finally, if anyone is interested in getting involved—whether it's helping at weekly meetings, supporting events and fundraising, or assisting with site maintenance—we would love to hear from you. Volunteering, even in small ways, can make a big impact. Please feel free to contact me directly at glv@wfscouts.org.uk

Thank you once again for your continued support—and here's to another successful year of Scouting at 1st Woodham Ferrers Scout Group

Adam Frost

Group Lead Volunteer

Unit Reports

BEAVERS

Marsh Beaver Colony

We've had another great year at Marsh Beavers, full of fun, challenges, and plenty of laughter.

One of the standout moments was our sleepover at Ninja Warrior—lots of climbing, bouncing, energy and not much sleep! We also enjoyed a lovely Mother's Day tea party, a lively Easter egg hunt, a town centre litter pick where the Beavers really showed how much they care about their community, and a much-loved chip shop walk. Sometimes the simple things are the best. The Beavers have thrown themselves into everything with enthusiasm and teamwork, which is brilliant to see.

This term, we're sadly saying goodbye to Falcon (Mel), who has been an important part of our team for three years. Her energy, support, and good humour have made a real difference, and she'll be missed by all of us. We wish her every success and hope she drops in for a visit now and again.

Ann Underhill

Beaver Team Member



BEAVERS

Tabrums Beaver Colony

2024/25 has been another busy and enjoyable year for Tabrums Beavers. We had a very enjoyable evening at Riffhams camp site, a brilliant trip to Ninja Warrior and visits from the food bank and a police officer with his dog. The Beavers have also gone on hikes, celebrated VE day, tried shooting, took part in the Scout Swimming Gala and enjoyed outdoor cooking on a campfire.

We have also completed several badges including Navigator Stage 1, Emergency Aid Stage 1 and Experiment as well as various challenge badges. This year, 5 Beavers also achieved their Chief Scout Bronze Award

Many thanks to our parents, leaders and young leaders who have helped deliver these activities over the past year

Lee Morell

Beaver Team Leader





Hyde Cub Pack

2024-2025 has been another great year for Hyde Cubs. We have had a fun packed programme over the year which has included VE Day celebrations, a fun night bowling for our Christmas party, taking part in the Scout Swimming Gala, Cub takeovers (where our older Cubs have planned and run the night), Taskmaster, hikes and campfire cooking. The highlight of the year was undoubtedly attending Mega Camp where our Cubs had an opportunity to take part in lots of activities over the weekend.

The Cubs have been working hard over the year to gain a number of badges each, including Pioneer, Emergency Aid, Backwoods Cooking, Money Skills, Air Activities and various Challenge badges. I have also been very pleased to present 4 Cubs with their Chief Scout Silver Award this year.

It wouldn't be possible to run activities such as we do without the support of parents and leaders - many thanks to all who have helped out this year and especially to the other leaders at Hyde, Sam, Sharon and Matt.

We are looking forward to further adventures and challenges in the coming terms.

Shona Nettlingham

Cub Team Leader





Edwins Cub Pack

As we reflect on the past year at Edwins, we are incredibly proud of everything our young people have achieved. It has been a year packed with adventure, learning, creativity, and plenty of fun! From exciting new experiences to developing important life skills, our Cubs have truly embraced the spirit of Scouting.

One of the standout moments this year was the District Swimming Gala, where we were thrilled to win the relay race, showing great teamwork, determination, and sportsmanship.

The Cubs got hands-on with nature as they learned to cook using traditional backwoods techniques. From making dough twists on sticks to mastering the art of fire lighting. Science came alive during our themed week of experiments for National Science Week. Cubs explored the wonders of chemistry, physics, and even space, bringing their curiosity and creativity to each challenge.

We had several campfire evenings, toasting marshmallows, sharing stories, and learned about fire safety.

Our Cubs had an unforgettable time at MegaCamp, joining other packs for a weekend of large-scale activities. From obstacle courses to climbing walls and everything in between, it was an incredible adventure filled with memories and friendships.

The Cubs showed their thoughtful sides with creative gift-making nights for Mother's Day, Fathers Day, Christmas, Valentines and Chinese New Year producing some beautiful and heartfelt crafts to take home and share with loved ones.

We've explored the local countryside on hikes, developing map-reading skills, resilience, and an appreciation for nature.

Crafts have remained a key part of our weekly programme, from seasonal decorations to imaginative models. Our Cubs have cut, painted, glued, stitched, and sculpted their way through a host of creative projects.

In addition to our regular programme, the Cubs enjoyed a number of exciting outings and visits. We had a fantastic trip to RHS Hyde Hall, where the Cubs explored the gardens, learned about plants and wildlife, and took part in hands-on nature activities. A visit to the local fire station gave Cubs the chance to meet real firefighters, try out

equipment, and learn about fire safety in an engaging and memorable way. Our pickleball sessions at the local leisure centre gave the Cubs the opportunity to play on full-size courts. We were also lucky to welcome a team of paramedics, who visited to talk about their vital work, demonstrate equipment, and teach the Cubs how to respond in a medical emergency; a brilliant hands-on session that tied in with our First Aid badge work.

Our Cubs have worked hard to earn a wide range of badges this year, reflecting their diverse interests and commitment to learning. Highlights include:

- Astronomy
- First Aid
- Backwoods Cooking
- Knots
- Adventure Challenge
- Nights Away
- Home Help
- Pet Care
- Disability Awareness
- DIY
- Reading

We couldn't have achieved so much without the dedication of our volunteer leaders, helpers, and parents.

Russell Metcalf

Cub Team Leader





Birketts Cub Pack

Barry Kidd

Cub Team Leader

SCOUTS

Fenn Scout Troop

Fenn Scout Troop currently has four leaders and fourteen members.

The growth of the Fenn Scout Troop has remained static, with older scouts now moving up to the new Phoenix Explorer Scout Unit, while Cubs moving up into the Scout section are increasingly opting to join Stow Scout Troop instead, which has seen increase in membership over the same period.

Several factors have contributed to this trend. Some Cubs have chosen to delay their transition to Scouts in order to participate in the Cub District Mega Camp. We are hopeful that our numbers will improve in September as new Cubs move up.

Whilst leaders have held Patrol Leader and Troop forums to gauge the activities that should be incorporated into our meetings, attendance to our weekly troop meetings is down.

Likewise, the Troop's attendance at District and Group Events has also been impacted. For example, the number attending the Plainsman Hike has decreased this year by over 60%. This event covers the requirements for the Scouts Expedition Challenge Award and is crucial for scouts aiming for their Chief Scout's Gold Award.

This year, despite these challenges, Fenn Scout Troop have collectively earned over 160 scout badges and we are delighted to confirm that three Scouts from Fenn Scout Troop have completed their Chief Scout's Gold Award – the highest award in the Scout section.

This achievement can only be attributed to the balanced programme that is organised and led by all leaders involved and the diligence and hard work exhibited by these Scouts.

Mark Grainger

Scout Team Leader

SCOUTS

Stow Scout Troop

Yet again, the past year has flown by!

Stow Scout Troop currently has 19 Scouts, 2 Young Leaders, and 3 Leaders—a positive increase from this time last year, and a reflection of our continued growth and engagement.

As in previous years, Fenn and Stow Troops have delivered a shared weekly programme throughout most of each term. This collaborative approach ensures all Scouts across our group benefit from consistent, high-quality experiences and activities.

We've continued to run and attend many of our annual favourites, including the Festive Sleepover, Firework Night, Swimming Gala, Plainsman Hike, and Greenfield Survival Camp. These events are not only great fun but are designed to help Scouts develop essential skills and make lasting memories.

We always encourage our Scouts to take part in as many activities as possible, especially district events, which provide valuable opportunities to connect with peers from other groups, share stories, and build new friendships.

This year, we also introduced some new and exciting activities to the programme:

- **Maldon Ghost Walk** – In March, we took part in an evening walking tour through Maldon, filled with ghoulish tales and fascinating local history.
- **Chip Shop Survey** – In April, we wrapped up the term with full bellies after visiting several eateries in Chelmsford to discover who serves the best chips in town.
- **Thames Sailing Barge Trust** – In June, we spent an evening aboard Centaur, a 130-year-old barge moored in Maldon. The Scouts enjoyed a tour and activities provided by the Thames Sailing Barge Trust.

These new experiences were a hit with the Scouts and have received fantastic feedback—we're confident they'll return to the programme in future terms.

Although next year's programme is still being finalised, we're already looking forward to the exciting district events ahead—and especially the return of **EPIC Camp in June 2026**.

In conclusion, I'd like to extend a heartfelt thank you to all our leaders, both those present each week and those working tirelessly behind the scenes. Your passion and commitment are what make this programme possible. We simply couldn't do it without you.

Adam Frost

Scout Team Leader / Group Lead Volunteer



Fundraising Support

The Scout Group arranges various fundraising activities which earlier this year included The Group Breakfast. Many thanks to everyone who have supported these activities – we hope you enjoy them. Please keep an eye out for future fundraising events and take part if you can. You may also notice that we have held a number of ASDA bucket collections to fundraise from the wider community.

In addition to events, we also run a 100 Club, which is a low impact way for parents to support the group. We also try to boost our fundraising income through claiming Gift Aid. Below are details of the Scout Group's Gift Aid and 100 Club.



Each year the Scout Group claims Gift Aid from HMRC on the subscriptions parents pay for our members. This year we have reclaimed almost £4,000 from HMRC under Gift Aid helping to make projects like the new kitchen possible. However, we can only claim Gift Aid with the permission of parents. Most parents have signed up for this but if you receive an email via OSM to sign up to Gift Aid or an email from Colin Reynolds (our Gift Aid co-ordinator), please give your permission if you are able to.

100 Club

The 100 Club is a monthly draw run by the Scout Group, collected by Direct Debit, where 50% of the takings are paid as prize winnings, and the remainder goes towards Scout Group fundraising. You can sign up for any number of £1 tickets per month with each one having the same chance of winning (*minimum 2 tickets per month*). The 100 Club is open to all supporters and currently has a monthly prize of approximately £50.

If you would like to support us and join the 100 club, you can either use one of the links below or contact us first for more information. The links below will request you to enter your direct debit and contact details. Please enter you email and address carefully as these will be used to contact you in the case of a win.

[For 2 tickets per month click here](#)

[For 4 tickets per month click here](#)

[For 5 tickets per month click here](#)

[For 6 tickets per month click here](#)

If you wish to leave the Club at any point, simply cancel the direct debit with your bank, or contact us and we will be happy to help.

For other amounts of tickets, information or support signing up please contact Colin Reynolds at 100club@wfscouts.org.uk.



Find Us on Facebook as: [1st Woodham Ferrers Scout Group](#)

Website: www.wfscouts.org.uk

Contact: info@wfscouts.org.uk



1st Woodham Ferrers Scout Group											
Group Accounts for the year ended 31st March 2025											
Classification	Unrestricted	Allocated	Allocated	Allocated	Allocated	Allocated	Allocated	Allocated	Allocated	Allocated	
Title	Central	Fundraising	Fenn	Stow	Birketts	Edwins	Hyde	Marsh	Tabrums	Total	
RECEIPTS											
Donations, legacies and similar income											
Membership subscriptions (GoCardless)	£ 15,196.00									£ 15,196.00	
Fund transfer - GoCardless subs allocation	-£ 3,800.00		£ 520.00	£ 400.00	£ 720.00	£ 380.00	£ 500.00	£ 710.00	£ 570.00	£ -	
Less: Membership subscriptions paid on	-£ 5,929.00									-£ 5,929.00	
Net membership subscriptions retained	£ 5,467.00		£ 520.00	£ 400.00	£ 720.00	£ 380.00	£ 500.00	£ 710.00	£ 570.00	£ 9,267.00	
Gift Aid		£ 3,370.62								£ 3,370.62	
Donations		£ 110.00								£ 110.00	
Sub Total	£ 5,467.00	£ 3,480.62	£ 520.00	£ 400.00	£ 720.00	£ 380.00	£ 500.00	£ 710.00	£ 570.00	£ 12,747.62	
Grants											
Rotary for Swimming Gala		£ 475.00								£ 475.00	
Sub Total	£ -	£ 475.00	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ 475.00	
Activities											
Go Cardless (other)	£ 7,059.00									£ 7,059.00	
Camping (general)	-£ 5,052.30		£ 530.87	£ 218.81	£ 2,495.40	£ 446.18	£ 369.33	£ 991.71		£ 0.00	
Hike (general)	-£ 285.30		£ 218.10	£ 106.20						£ 39.00	
Other outings / events	-£ 870.62				£ 547.16	£ 186.51	£ 136.95			£ -	
Fireworks	-£ 569.74		£ 79.39	£ 60.71	£ 107.41	£ 60.71	£ 79.39	£ 107.41	£ 74.72	£ -	
Sub Total	£ 281.04	£ -	£ 828.36	£ 385.72	£ 3,149.97	£ 693.40	£ 585.67	£ 1,099.12	£ 74.72	£ 7,098.00	
Fundraising											
100 club	£ 1,127.00									£ 1,127.00	
Asda Bucket collections		£ 1,258.52								£ 1,258.52	
D Day stall		£ 270.80									
Xmas lights stall		£ 204.68									
Breakfast		£ 766.51								£ 766.51	
Sub Total	£ 1,127.00	£ 2,500.51	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ 3,152.03	
Other Income											
Water Cost Contribution from Guides	£ 247.98									£ 247.98	
AGM / activity day		£ 386.95								£ 386.95	
Recruitment Evening from District		£ 150.00									
Sub Total	£ 247.98	£ 536.95	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ 784.93	
Investment income											
Sub Total	£ -	£ 1,760.71	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ 1,760.71	
Total receipts	£ 7,123.02	£ 8,753.79	£ 1,348.36	£ 785.72	£ 3,869.97	£ 1,073.40	£ 1,085.67	£ 1,809.12	£ 644.72	£ 26,018.29	
Transfers											
Total Transfers	-£ 1,056.81	£ 1,064.81	£ 389.35	-£ 60.71	£ 1,742.89	-£ 937.06	-£ 633.84	-£ 526.91	£ 18.28	£ 0.00	
Payments											
Charitable Payments											
Rent	£ 150.00									£ 150.00	
Water	£ 714.00									£ 714.00	
Electricity	£ 1,410.42									£ 1,410.42	
Insurance	£ 1,238.66									£ 1,238.66	
Hut Maintenance	£ 1,394.64									£ 1,394.64	
Fire safety	£ 318.00									£ 318.00	
OSM Subscription costs	£ 306.50									£ 306.50	
Go Cardless Fees (subscriptions)	£ 501.48									£ 501.48	
Bank Fees	£ 60.00									£ 60.00	
OSM Failed payment fee	£ 5.83									£ 5.83	
Equipment (and equipment maintenance)	£ 33.90	£ 911.99								£ 945.89	
Sundries / General Resources	£ 393.26		£ 5.60	£ 54.42	£ 33.10			£ 25.44		£ 511.82	
Recruitment eveing		£ 340.23									
Meeting Resources			£ 115.01	£ 360.89	£ 371.54	£ 318.83	£ 411.32	£ 316.69	£ 303.00	£ 2,197.28	
Uniforms	£ 84.98									£ 84.98	
Scarfs and badges	£ 85.00		£ 17.00		£ 223.06		£ 214.85	£ 347.27	£ 172.54	£ 1,059.72	
Sub Total	£ 6,696.67	£ 1,252.22	£ 137.61	£ 415.31	£ 627.70	£ 318.83	£ 626.17	£ 689.40	£ 475.54	£ 11,239.45	
Activity Expenses											
GoCardless Fees (Unit Events)	£ 281.04									£ 281.04	
Camp			£ 576.32	£ 4.50	£ 4,129.42			£ 520.00		£ 5,230.24	
Hike			£ 308.21							£ 308.21	
Other outings / events				£ 40.00	£ 180.00				£ 453.82	£ 673.82	
Fireworks			£ 562.85							£ 562.85	
Xmas bowling					£ 739.90					£ 739.90	
Swimming Gala		£ 545.90								£ 545.90	
AGM / Activity day		£ 256.86								£ 256.86	
Sub Total	£ 281.04	£ 802.76	£ 1,447.38	£ 44.50	£ 5,049.32	£ -	£ -	£ 520.00	£ 453.82	£ 8,598.82	
Fundraising Expenses											
Go Cardless Fees (100 club)	£ 70.19									£ 70.19	
100 Club (prizes)		£ 470.50								£ 470.50	
D Day stall		£ 10.00									
Xmas lights stall		£ 84.73									
Breakfast		£ 446.27								£ 446.27	
Sub Total	£ 70.19	£ 1,011.50	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ 1,081.69	
Total payments	£ 7,047.90	£ 3,066.48	£ 1,584.99	£ 459.81	£ 5,677.02	£ 318.83	£ 626.17	£ 1,209.40	£ 929.36	£ 20,919.96	
Funds last year end	£ 13,078.87	£ 37,210.24	£ 366.46	£ 309.33	£ 374.49	£ 246.98	£ 378.73	£ 372.02	£ 1,082.19	£ 53,419.31	
Net receipts including transfers	-£ 981.69	£ 6,752.12	£ 152.72	£ 265.20	-£ 64.16	-£ 182.49	-£ 174.34	£ 72.81	-£ 266.36	£ 5,573.81	
Payments pending										£ -	
Funds this year end (exc payments pending)	£ 12,097.18	£ 43,962.36	£ 519.18	£ 574.53	£ 310.33	£ 64.49	£ 204.39	£ 444.83	£ 815.83	£ 58,993.12	

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of 1st Woodham Ferrers Scout Group Scout Council

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the 1st Woodham Ferrers Scout Group for the year ended 31st March 2025.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees of the 1st Woodham Ferrers Scout 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 1st Woodham Ferrers Scout 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 1st Woodham Ferrers Scout 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: Sharon Louise Watkins

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

Address: 16 Cornfields, South Woodham Ferrers, Chelmsford, Essex, CM3 5UD

Date: 30th June 2025