2nd Chandlers Ford (Ramalley) Scout Group

Registered Charity Number: 900212

Annual General Meeting Report for 2025

Cranbury Park

Tuesday 9th June 2026 6pm

2nd Chandlers Ford (Ramalley) Scouts
Ramalley Scout Hall
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AGM Agenda

1. Introduction and welcome

2. Apologies for absence

3. Governance

a. Approve the minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on Wednesday 25th June 2025
b. Confirm the Group's financial year runs 1st January to 31st December
c. Agree the maximum number of trustees is 12, and that the quorum for future Trustee Meetings is 5 trustees

4. Review of the previous year

a. John Leeks - Group Lead Volunteer (GLV) address
b. Receive and consider the Annual Report of the Group Trustee Board and Annual Accounts

5. Appointments

a. Appoint the Group Chair – *no nominations*
b. Appoint the Group Treasurer
c. Appoint members of the Group Trustee Board
d. Appoint the Independent Auditor

6. Presentations

7. Closing remarks



We would love to hear from you:

- **Hall maintenance** – Any practical help with upkeep (e.g. window clean, gardening) or small repairs (e.g. carpentry, painting, electrical work)
- **Trustees** – We're keen to welcome new trustees to help shape the future of the group. Please speak to us to find out more.
- **Fundraising** – Ideas and organisers
- **Helping with meetings** – Regular or ad-hoc meetings, or have you got a skill or interest to share with our Scouts?

Group Lead Volunteer (GLV) Report

I would not normally put a photograph of myself in this report, however, it does give me an opportunity to explain our system of rewards to volunteers and why I was photographed with Dwayne Fields our Chief Scout.

First there are the service awards which are presented every five years up to 30 years then 10 yearly thereafter. For good service we have Commendation, Award for Merit, Silver Acorn and Silver Wolf, plus bars to some of these. I was presented with the Silver Acorn in 2023: following the presentation there is usually an invite to Westminster Abbey for the Thanksgiving Service or to Windsor Castle for the St George's Day Service.



This was the first year that I have been unable to attend the District St George's Day Service. Thank you to Simon Milne for taking charge that day.

Last year I mentioned that there had been many changes to our processes and national database. This has resulted in the training being more closely examined to ensure that we have all complied with the requirements, thus giving confidence to parents and guardians that the volunteers from both the sections and from the trustees are compliant with their training.

Each section has young leaders usually from the Explorer units but sometimes direct entry, their help is most appreciated as they assist or even run the games and activities. Several of these young people have been with a section for many years Xander from the Squirrels section, Millie, Zack and Christopher from the Beaver section and Freya from Cubs. This year they all turned 18 and several will be continuing with the group as adult volunteers.

Arrow District section events have included Christingle services for the squirrels, beavers and cubs; the Saint George's Day parade in Eastleigh.

The Ham Cub Jam was the county camp at Foxlease Park to commemorate the 110 years of Cub Scouts (they were called Wolf Cubs when they started in 1916). They all had an amazing time with plenty of activities and challenges; our cubs won the prize for dropping an egg from the climbing tower without it breaking.

The fundraising team which includes Leaders and often their families do a remarkable refreshment base at the County Scout Mud Run in the spring. They provided over 500 bacon rolls and a similar number of drinks, not for them disposable mugs but environmentally friendly chinaware, I know as I invariably wash them all raising £1,500 for the group.

Many of the fundraising team also put a lot of hours into maintaining the Scout Hall and gardens: the week following the Christmas day is the only time that Forest Footsteps, our main hirer of the premises, does not use the building. That week several volunteers and parents do a deep clean then repaint the hall and any other task that needs completing.

Every six weeks or so I help at the District Scout Shop in Eastleigh, recently I have been joined by Richard Brookes, with our Welsh heritages, between serving customers, we debated rugby, 'nough said.



Thank you to all our leaders and trustees at Ramalley, their commitment is legendary, their ingenuity exemplary and they have a great sense of humour.

Since the last AGM we have recruited several more Trustees, their knowledge and enthusiasm give greater depth and breadth to the meetings.

I am indebted to Rachel for all the work behind the scenes especially dealing with our hirers; to William for continuing the treasurer's role; to Michelle for managing the waiting lists and to Hazel for being quartermaster as well as supporting both cub and scout sections.

The whole team and I would like to extend a very special thank you to Chris Benham, who is stepping down as a Trustee after five years of dedicated service. Chris played a pivotal role in the development and construction of the new hall, and since its opening has generously applied his carpentry skills to help maintain and improve the building. His commitment, practical expertise, and willingness to contribute have been greatly appreciated by all. Chris has been a valued member of the team and will be greatly missed by everyone.

John Leeks

Group Lead Volunteer

Group Treasurers Report

I am pleased to present the Treasurer's Report for the financial year ending 2025.

Please note that the financial information contained within this report is presented in draft form and remains subject to completion of the year-end accounting review.

Overall, the Group remains in a positive financial position. During 2025, total income amounted to £38,947.05, compared with £28,223.12 in 2024. Total expenditure for the year was £23,126.19 compared with £24,940.52 in 2024. This resulted in a net surplus of £15,820.86, compared with a net surplus of £3,282.60 in the previous year.

While income appears significantly higher than last year, it is important to recognise that much of this increase reflects a combination of factors rather than underlying growth alone. £3,648 of Forest Footsteps-related income relating to 2024 was received and accounted for in 2025, which positively affected this year's figures. The Group also benefited from £1,409 in Gift Aid income and approximately £1,000 raised through the Christmas Fair and approximately £1,500 raised at Mud Run (Ferney Croft event). In addition, higher membership income reflected a more active recovery process for late membership payments.

Membership fees remained an important source of income at £9,920. The increase compared with the previous year was mainly due to improved collection of outstanding membership subscriptions through a more active recovery process for late payments. Hall hire also continued to provide valuable support, generating £22,212.75 (£18,564.75 excluding the late income from 2024, as mentioned above). Fundraising activities, donations, and events continued to make an important contribution to supporting the Group's activities.

Expenditure remained well managed throughout the year despite ongoing cost pressures. Key areas of spending included administration, utilities, insurance, maintenance, and venue costs, alongside supporting programme delivery and resources for our young people.

As a result of careful financial management, total funds carried forward at the end of 2025 stood at £42,938.37, compared with £24,978.41 at the end of 2024. This leaves the Group in a stable financial position to support future activities, maintain facilities, and continue delivering quality opportunities for young people.

Looking ahead, it remains important that we continue to manage costs carefully and maintain sustainable income streams through hall hire, fundraising activities, and membership support.

We anticipate significant outlay of funds in late 2026, early 2027 as we move forward with our project to upgrade the cesspit / connect to the mains sewer.

I would like to thank all volunteers, leaders, Trustees, supporters, and families who have contributed through fundraising, donations, hall bookings, and their continued support throughout the year. Their contribution plays an important role in maintaining the Group's financial stability.

William Lo, Group Treasurer

Bank Balances:

Account balances	
HSBC-Charity Current account	40,862.90
Expense Account	1,573.82
Beaver Section Accounts	70.49
Cub Bank account	498.60
Cub Petty Cash account	61.56
Scout Section accounts	-129.00

Summary:

Summary		
Account balance b/f	24,978.41	19,380.81
Total income	38,947.05	28,223.12
Total expenditure	23,126.19	24,940.52
Net income	15,820.86	3,282.60
Transfer fund from current account to expense card (shown as expense a/c Rec as "TOP UP"	2,139.10	2,315.00
Account balance c/f (Account balance b/f+ Net income+ Transfer funds+ expense card exp)	**42,938.37**	**24,978.41**
Bank Balance	**42,938.37**	**24,978.41**

Income Statement:

	2025		2024	
Income				
Donation	85.00		1,036.00	
Events	111.54		75.00	
Events - Beavers	183.25		592.00	
Events - Cubs	980.00		1,162.72	
Events - Scouts	196.32		378.93	
Events - Squirrels	260.00		350.00	
Fundraising	3,588.43		3,294.16	
Gift Aid	1,409.76		0.00	
Hall Hire	22,212.75		12,523.62	
Membership Fees	9,920.00	38,947.05	8,810.69	28,223.12
Expense				
Activity Equipment	18.47		62.38	
Admin	7,806.26		7,518.90	
Badges	534.20		577.54	
Bank Fees	35.00		50.00	
Broadband	298.20		472.84	
Camping Equipment	36.75		443.57	
Cleaning (inc Sanitary bins)	1,612.00		1,554.10	
Donations	75.00		0.00	
Events	881.56		1,487.50	
Events - Beavers	540.00		510.32	
Events - Cubs	621.11		98.14	
Events - Scouts	389.00		340.00	
Events - Squirrels	99.59		38.83	
Hall Hire	16.50		96.25	
Insurance	1,671.09		1,637.99	
Meetings - Beavers	488.69		520.01	
Meetings - Cubs	42.31		71.22	
Meetings - Scouts	91.10		0.00	
Meetings - Squirrels	94.02		394.69	
Membership Costs	382.75		398.43	
Online Scout Manager Subs	0.00		319.00	
Social and welfare	15.00		17.60	
Trade waste	125.00		1,057.20	
Uniforms	362.50		14.00	
Utilities	2,557.35		2,225.21	
Venue consumables	2,698.94		1,585.98	
Venue Maintenance	1,633.80	23,126.19	3,448.82	24,940.52
Net Total		**15,820.86**		**3,282.60**

Squirrels

The Squirrels, once again, have been busy doing lots of different things this last year. We have 4 adult leaders and 2 Young Leaders who have been with us for their Duke of Edinburgh. We also have a great cohort of parents who are happy to help out.

We have had 11 Squirrels moving up to Beavers and 10 new Squirrels joining us at the start of their scouting journey.

In May we had another great day Scouting the Zoo at Marwell Zoo. It was a long day, the weather was fabulous for us and the Squirrels were very well behaved.

The Squirrels made the Harvest Wreath together which we gave to St Boniface church.

We were lucky enough to go behind the scenes at Waitrose where the Squirrels also tasted different fruits.



We had a great session at Lakeside in the kayaks. We arrived in the pouring rain but that didn't put anyone off. The Squirrels had fun in the kayaks paddling around and rescuing lots of balls from the water.

Our Squirrel drey have continued to work towards their Acorn badge. They take part in different activities at the scout hall, at Cranbury Park and round and about visiting different areas and places of interest. They have continued to challenge themselves through earning activity badges as well as making friends and helping each other out.

I would like to extend my thanks to all the parents who support our drey in lots of different ways, arriving at different drop off points, in all weathers and stepping in at the last minute to keep our ratios correct. A big thank you goes to the young Squirrels who engage in lots of different ways, challenging themselves and trying new things.



But lastly to the great team of leaders we have, without you all, we wouldn't be such a great Squirrel Drey. Thank you!

Georgina Brockhurst

Squirrel Lead Volunteer

BEAVERS

Scouting exists to actively engage and support young people. We empower them to develop, grow, and make a positive contribution to the community. This past year, the Beaver section succeeded in all of this. We also had a huge amount of fun along the way!

I could give you a list of all our badges but that would be boring and beavers is never boring!

This year, we offered an incredible line-up of activities. They were all designed to achieve badges while lighting up the children's faces. Our Group (private) Facebook page shows a year of laughing, learning, and smiles.



Our Year of Adventure:

- Den building in the great outdoors.
- Campfires with traditional songs and stories.
- Science experiments that sparked curiosity.
- Music making and creative expression.
- Sleepovers filled with excitement and independence.
- Wet nights where the rain never stopped the fun.
- AND SO MUCH MORE

None of this fun would be possible without our amazing team. They generously give up their time and energy for our group.



We are especially proud of our Young Leaders. Every single one of them was a Beaver with us. It is a testament to the fun here that they returned as "grown-ups".

We also thank everyone who visited or supported us this year. We are incredibly proud of our Beavers and their achievements. We push them to undertake so much over twelve months, and they always deliver.

We look forward to the adventures already planned for the coming year!

Heather Callum

Baloo, Beaver Lead Volunteer

cubs

Another busy year for the pack, Spring term eleven meetings including first aid badge work, navigation, cookery (for pancake day) and environmental protection, finishing up with an evening hike to Cranbury campsite including studying nature – trees and plants in early spring - on the way,

We had ten meetings in the summer, and in addition the St George's Day parade in Eastleigh; in which seven Cubs took part, and a 80th Anniversary VE Day celebration evening at Cranbury with the whole of the Scout Group, and a very successful and enjoyable camp at Bragger's Wood over the Spring bank Holiday weekend, attended by 13 Cubs. All bar two of our meetings were outdoors, doing tracking, tree identification, team games, mini-raft building and sailing, and fire-lighting culminating in a "wet and wild" evening at Cranbury.

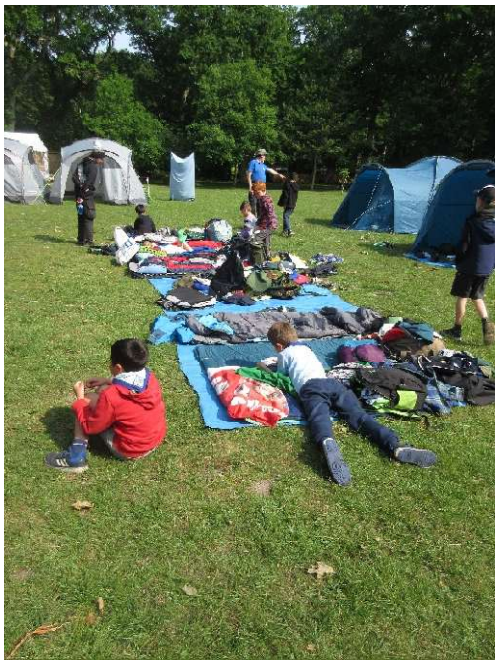


In the autumn term we had 13 evening meetings, lighting fires, environmental matters, handicraft work, scouting skills such as ropework and mapping. We had a joint bonfire night with the Beavers at Cranbury, and a Christingle event at St Boniface Church.



Six Cubs attended the "Jamboree over the Air" in October – our first attendance at this global "ham radio" gathering for the world-wide scouting movement, and chatted with contacts in Switzerland, Germany the New Forest and Portsmouth. We are very grateful to Keith Smith for lending his equipment (and his Ofcom radio licence!) and his time to make this happen. And yes nowadays we can communicate around the world with a cellphone but there is still something magical about short wave radio.

As noted elsewhere, the group held a Christmas fundraising market in December: the Cubs spent an evening making handicraft items to sell, and the sixers attended the market to staff stalls, while gaining Team Leader and Personal Challenges awards.



Cubs and Leaders

We started the year with 19 Cubs enrolled, and ended with 24, and having to ask that Beavers move to other Packs owing to lack of space here.

Young Leaders Oli Sims and Laurence Mann were a great help during the first two terms as they assisted leader team as part of their Duke of Edinburgh volunteer service module.

Freya Audley, who joined us in 2022 as a Young Leader, has stayed on taking progressively greater responsibility over the last four years and I'm pleased to report is now in spring 2026 a fully fledged Scout Leader.

Silver Chief Scout Badges were awarded to -

- Elliott Raymond
- Julian Hitchman
- Roo Dewbury
- Eloise Dewbury

Congratulations to them on this significant achievement.

Peter Dewbury, a greatly valued adult helper, left us half-way through Autumn term, having made a great contribution to the pack with his many practical skills, good humour, and calm way of managing the young people during nearly two years with us. We was greatly appreciated by both adults and Cubs and is much missed, though hopefully he will help out occasionally on specific training issues.

And finally ...

My special thanks to all the adult leaders who make this Pack work so well for the young people who are the purpose of its existence – Sue, Hazel, Simon, Jo and Freya, our Group Lead Volunteer John who orchestrates all this work and provides a lot of assistance and adult cover for the Pack, and the Board of Trustees who behind the scenes create the means by which we can deliver the Scout programme.

Simon Milne

Akela, Cub Lead Volunteer

SCOUTS

Another successful year has passed for the Scout Troop, and it has been fantastic to see our young people embrace the opportunities, challenges and adventures that Scouting offers.

Our programme this year has provided a broad range of experiences, balancing outdoor adventure, practical skills, personal development and community involvement. Throughout the year, Scouts have enjoyed activities ranging from wide games, hiking, navigation and map-reading, to paddleboarding, fire pit cooking, campcraft and a memorable visit to the New Forest Water Park. These experiences have encouraged teamwork, resilience, confidence and independence while allowing our Scouts to enjoy the outdoors and challenge themselves in new ways.

Alongside adventure, we have continued to focus on developing valuable life skills. Scouts have learned cooking techniques, camp preparation, knot work, knife safety and woodcraft skills making their own walking staves (a project to be finished next term). These activities require patience, concentration and responsibility, helping young people build confidence while learning practical skills they can carry forward into adulthood.

The programme has also encouraged Scouts to think about the wider world around them. Sessions on Fairtrade, communication, Deaf Awareness, cyber security and online safety have provided opportunities to explore important social issues



making gold coins



Creativity and innovation have also featured strongly throughout the year. From scrap paper tower building and science experiments to make ‘gold’ coins to code-breaking activities and Christmas crafts.

The success of the Troop relies on the commitment of many people. We would like to thank our volunteer leadership team for the time, energy and enthusiasm they invest each week, and

extend our sincere thanks to all parents and carers for their continued support throughout the year.

We look forward to another year filled with adventure, challenge, friendship and achievement.

Mark Stopher

Scout Lead Volunteer









Minutes of AGM for the year ending 31st December 2024

Subject	**Annual General Meeting**	**Minutes by**	Rachel Murdock
Location	Cranbury Park	**Date / Time of meeting**	Wednesday 25th June 2025
Attendees	Neil Williams, Jo Smith, John Leeks, Rachel Murdock, Neil Clark, Sophia Netherton, Chris Benham, Delsa Llosa, Fran Brooks, Sabrina Gardner, Renal Ingen, Malcom Young (Arrow District), Chris Benham, Nanesden Huzyonghi Singh, Jo Sell, Scarlett Smyth, Liping Gan, Thaís Wenzal Pell, Jem Gilliam (part), Andy Pell (part)		

Agenda	Minutes and Actions
1. Introduction and welcome	John Leeks (Group Lead Volunteer) welcomed everyone to the AGM
2. Apologies for absence	Simon Milne, Mark Sopher, Sue Burnett, Peter Cogle, Hazel Fix
3. Minutes of last year's AGM	Confirmed as a true record. Proposed – John Leeks Seconded – Rachel Murdock
4. Governance	Confirm the Group's financial year runs 1st January to 31st December Proposed – John Leeks Seconded – William Lo
5. Numbers of Group Trustees	Agreed the maximum number of Trustees is 12, and that the quorum future Trustee Meetings is 5 people Proposed – John Leeks Seconded – Malcolm Young
6. Review of the previous year	John Leeks - Group Lead Volunteer (GLV) address
7. Annual Report of the Group Trustee Board	Receive and consider the Annual Report of the Group Trustee Board and Annual Accounts. No further comments received.
8. Annual Accounts	William Lo reported that the move to using Online Scout Manager to manage payments has gone well, meaning easier payments for volunteers and families, and also provides attendance records, event details and payments into one system. Challenges continue to be the drainage issues, and a solution is being investigated. Thank you to everyone for their ongoing support. A summary of the accounts is provided in the 2024 AGM booklet, detailing the financial year 1st Jan 2024 to 31st Dec 2024. John Leeks thanked William Lo for preparing the annual accounts.
9. Appointments a. Group Chair	No nominations were received for Group Chair. This role remains vacant.

b. Group Treasurer	William Lo to stand again. Proposed – John Leeks Seconded – Rachel Murdock
c. Election of Group Trustees	In addition to the GLV (John Leeks) and Treasurer (William Lo) those listed below were appointed as Trustees: 1. Rachel Murdock 2. Chris Benham 3. Georgina Brockhurst 4. Jo Smith 5. Neil Williams 6. Megan Bailey Total Trustees for 2024 is 8 of a possible 12. Note: four more parents kindly came forward to be Trustees immediately following the meeting.
d. Appointment of the Auditor	Robert Gath to be appointed Proposed – William Seconded – Rachel
10. Group Lead Volunteer Address	John thanked the Leaders and the Trustees. Leaders and Volunteers for their hard work. John highlighted some of the activities o the Group in 2023 (see booklet). Some more volunteers are needed particularly to help with fundraising and to fill the vacancy for Group Chair.
11. Volunteering Opportunities	Rachel Murdock outlined the different ways in which parents could get involved with volunteering with Scouts.
12. Presentations	Malcom Young thanked Ramalley Scouts for the invitation to attend the AGM. Great to see so may young people enjoying scouts. Malcome presented service awards to: Jem Gilliam and Andy Pell
13. Date of the next meeting	Next Trustee board – mid September 2024
14. AOB	none
15. Closing remarks	Closing remarks from John Leeks included: • Thank you to everyone for coming to the meeting. • Thanking the leaders and volunteers for their commitment and enthusiasm.

How you can help support our Scout Group



Raise money for us at no extra cost every time you shop online.

Steps to include:

1. Go to https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk and search for **Ramalley Hall Fundraising**, or scan the QR code below
2. Sign up for free
3. Shop online via the site/app and donations are made automatically

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CHARITY COMMISSION FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Independent examiner's report on the accounts

Section A Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees

Charity Name

2nd Chandler's Ford Scout Group

On accounts for the year ended

31 December 2025

Charity no (if any)

Set out on pages

(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)

Responsibilities and basis of report

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended DD / MM / YYYY.

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

Independent examiner's statement

[The charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 and I am qualified to undertake the examination by being a qualified member of [insert name of applicable listed body]]. *Delete* [ ] *if not applicable.*

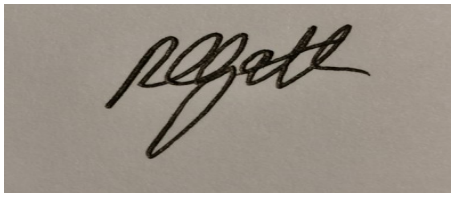
I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination (other than that disclosed below *) which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or
- the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
- the accounts did not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

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.

* *Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.*

Signed:



Date:

30/09/2026

Name:

Robert Gath

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Section B **Disclosure**

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight material 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.