

# THE 1ST STANMORE SCOUT GROUP AGM ANNUAL TRUSTEE REPORT AND ACCOUNTS 2024 – 2025



We believe that through fun, friendship and everyday adventure, we challenge individuals to help them reach their potential and have a positive impact on society.



**04 July 2025**

**ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**  
**Attended by the Group Scout Council**

**AGENDA**

- 1. Welcome and Introduction**
- 2. Apologies for Absence**
- 3. Governance Topics**
  - a. Approval of minutes of last Annual General Meeting – 06 September 2024 (included)
  - b. Approve appointed and community members of the Group Scout Council<sup>1</sup>
  - c. Agree the quorum for future meetings of the Group Scout Council (excluding this AGM)
- 4. Review of the year 2024/25**
  - a. Group Lead Volunteer's review of Scouts
  - b. Annual Report of the Group Trustee Board (issued Separately)  
including the annual Statement of the Accounts for Approval by the Council
- 5. Making Appointments (the following roles to be nominated and appointed by the Council) following open selection process:**
  - a. Group Chair
  - b. Group Treasurer
  - c. Members of the Group Trustee Board
  - d. Re-appoint the Accounts Independent Examiner (non-Trustee)
- 6. Appeal for volunteers and Leaders**
- 7. Presentation of Badges and Awards**
- 8. Concluding Remarks**

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<sup>1</sup> A Group Scout Council meets at least once a year usually for an Annual General Meeting. The Council consists of all the adult Members of the Group, as well as the children's parents.  
The Group Scout Council is the electoral body which supports Scouting in the Scout Group. It is the body to which the Group Trustee is accountable. The District Commissioner and District Chair are ex officio members of the Group Scout Council.  
Membership of the Group Scout Council is open to:

- All adult members and associate members of the Scout Group
- Patrol Leaders
- All parents and guardians of Beaver Scouts, Cub Scouts and Scouts, the Sponsoring Authority or its nominee



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# REFERENCE & ADMINISTRATION DETAILS

## GROUP TRUSTEE BOARD

### Elected Members:

Chair	Vipul Mehta
Treasurer	Shailesh Vekaria
Group Lead Volunteer	Ashley Martin
Trustee (Elected)	Bhrat Patel
Trustee (Elected)	Jigna Patel

### Leadership Team:

Beaver Scout Leader Jackie McDowall

Cub Scout Leader Bhrat Patel

Scout Leader Lizzy King

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# GROUP TRUSTEE and LEADERSHIP TEAM

## Group Lead Volunteer

Ashley Martin

## Beaver Scout Leaders

Beaver Scout Leader  
Assistant Beaver Scout Leader

Jackie McDowall  
Duncan McDowall

## Cub Scout Leaders

Cub Scout Leader  
Assistant Cub Scout Leaders

Bhrat Patel  
Ramesh Dave  
Alkesh Shah

## Scout Leaders

Scout Leader  
Assistant Scout Leaders

Lizzy King  
David Huntley  
Prasant Patel  
Ashley Martin

## Explorer Scout Leaders

Explorer Leaders  
Assistant Explorer Leaders

Jonathan Gregson, Kastur Vekaria  
Lizzy King

## Young Leaders

Beavers: Hadi Jomaa, Reyan Sheth, Christopher, Balthazar Cliquet, Louisa McDowell and Kian Patel  
Cubs: Iris Cliquet, Saahil Patel, Joshua Litherland, Aaron Raval, Sohan Patel, Alexandru-Stefan Fabian, Siyona Mehta, Veer Shah, Aya Jomaa, Vishnu Srirambhatla



# STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE & MANAGEMENT

## 2024/25 TRUSTEE REPORT can be found [here](#)

The Groups 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 (POR) of The Scout Association

The Group is a trust established under the rules which are common to all Scouts. The Trustees are appointed in accordance with the POR of The Scout Associations.

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

The Trustees consist of the Chair(s), Treasurer and other Elected Trustees.

They are supported by the Group Lead Volunteer and Assistants, individual Section Leaders, Parent and Young Person representatives, meeting a least three times per annum.

Trustees complete “Essential Information for Executive Committee” training within the first 5 months of joining the Board.

This Group Trustee Board exists to support the Group Scout Leader in meeting the responsibilities of the appointments and is responsible for:

- The maintenance of Group property
- The raising of funds and the administration of Group finance
- The insurance of persons, property and equipment
- Group public occasions
- Assisting in the recruitment of leaders and other adult support
- Appointing any sub committees that may be required
- Appointing Administrator’s and Advisors other than those who are elected

### **RISK AND INTERNAL CONTROLS**

The Group Trustee Board has identified the major risks to which they believe the Group is exposed and this has been reviewed on 13 June 2025. The main areas of concern that have been identified are:

- Damage to the building, property and equipment. Sufficient insurance is in place to mitigate against permanent loss.
- Injury to leaders, helpers, supporters and members. The Scout Association provides a national accident insurance policy as part of the annual capitation paid by the Group.
- Risk Assessments are undertaken before all activities
- Reduced income. The Group is primarily reliant upon income from subscriptions. A reserve is held to ensure the continuity of activities should there be a major reduction in income. Subscriptions could be raised to increase income on an ongoing basis.



- Reduction or loss of leaders. The Group is totally reliant upon volunteers to run and administer activities. There would have to be a contraction, consolidation or closure of a section. In the worst-case scenario, the complete closure of the Group
- Reduction or loss of members. There would have to be a contraction, consolidation or closure of a section. In the worst-case scenario, the complete closures of the Group

The Group has in place systems of internal controls that are designed to provide reasonable assurance against material mismanagement or loss. These include two signatories for all payments and comprehensive insurance policies to ensure that insurable risks are covered.

## GROUP OBJECTIVE 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:

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|---------------------|---|--|
| <b>Integrity</b>    | - | We act with integrity: we are honest, trustworthy and loyal                |
| <b>Respect</b>      | - | We have self-respect and respect for others                                |
| <b>Care</b>         | - | We support others and take care of the world in which we live              |
| <b>Belief</b>       | - | We explore our faiths, beliefs and attitudes                               |
| <b>Co-operation</b> | - | We make a positive difference; we co-operate 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



# ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING – 1<sup>st</sup> Stanmore Scout Group

## 06 September 2024 Meeting Minutes

### 1<sup>st</sup> Stanmore Scout Hut, 186 Marsh Lane, Stanmore HA7 2SL

#### 1. WELCOME, OPENING REMARKS AND TRUSTEE REPORT

**Vipul Mehta (VM) and Shailesh Vekaria (SV)**

VM and SV welcomed everyone and introduced Trustees and special guest Reshma Patel Lead Volunteer from Harrow District.

SV explained that the purpose of the AGM is to formally approve and adopt the annual Trustee reports and accounts to year end 31 March 2024 (circulated ahead of the meeting via OSM), in line with the requirements of the Charity Commission's Guidelines.

#### 2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

**Gillan Barnard** – Deputy Lead Volunteer Harrow District. (Our liaison with the district)

**David Huntley** – Assistant Scout Leader

#### 3. MINUTES FROM LAST AGM 06 October 2023

Proposed by VM, seconded by Ashley Martin (AM). Attendees voted all in favour with no questions arising from the minutes of the last meeting.

#### 4. GOVERNANCE – VM

VM explained the changes in Scouting Governance this year including changes to titles and references and the requirement to agree and adopt the following:

- a. **Policy, Organisation and Rules (POR)** (issues to the Council ahead of the meeting to review on the Scout Association Website), proposed by VM, seconded by Lizzie King (LK) and agreed unanimously by the Council.
- b. **Maximum number of Trustees on the Board** (minimum requirement of 5). VM proposed maximum of 9, Bhurat Patel (BP) seconded and agreed unanimously by the Council.
- c. **Quorum required for AGM.** VM proposed minimum of 10, AM seconded and agreed unanimously by the Council.



## **5. GROUP LEAD VOLUNTEER'S REPORT – Ashley Martin**

Ashley firstly noted that it has been a privilege to lead 1<sup>st</sup> Stanmore as GLV in what has been a fantastic year with the group growing in numbers for a 3<sup>rd</sup> year running.

It has been a brilliant year of activities a highlight of which was Scouts joining the Jamborette in Harlem last summer, representing the first time in several years that 1<sup>st</sup> Stanmore has taken part in an international event. We are hoping to be able to repeat this in 3 years at the next event.

AM thanked all of the Leaders and volunteers and paid tribute to those who have stepped down after committed and much appreciated service this year, particularly Duncan McDowall (Scout Leader) and Rob Curtis (Treasurer). AM reflected gratefully on the personal support given to him.

AM reminded the Council that the group is run fully by volunteers, and it is a very very small and diminishing team of volunteers and parents without whom we would not exist and made an urgent appeal for anyone with time and / or skills to come forwards.

## **6. GROUP TRUSTEE REPORT – VM**

The report including the financial statement reviewed independently, was issued to the Council ahead of the AGM.

## **7. FINANCIAL REPORT – Ona Jomaa (OJ)**

OJ presented the financial report, including total income and outgoings, reserves, and risks.

OJ reported that the financial position of the Group is stable and healthy and the year ended with surplus.

During the reporting period, a flood in our Scout Hut resulted in approximately £11,100 of repairs. £8,200 of which we recovered from our insurers.

As we are a charity with income of less than £250,000 we prepare our annual statement on the basis which summarises the movement of cash into and out of the Trust during the financial year.

OJ reported that she considers the 1st Stanmore Scout Group is in good financial position to continue.

There were no questions from the floor.

SH proposed the accounts, seconded by Jackie McDowall (JM) approved unanimously by the Council.

## **8. APPOINTMENT OF TRUSTEE BOARD**

SH explained that the role of the Trustee Board is to ensure that the group is well governed, meets compliance standards and creates and runs a fulfilling and safe programme of activities for our young people. The Board will oversee the governance of the charity for the next 12 months.



In addition to this AGM. the Trustee Board meets 3 times a year, near the start of each term. Our function is to review and approve programmes, keep an eye on our finances and purchasing decisions and generally support the leadership team in delivering the Scouting Programme.

- **Chair:** GLV AM thanked VM and SV for working so well and hard together to Chair 1<sup>st</sup> Stanmore for the last 2 years. AM expressed it as his privilege to propose VM who has been volunteering for 14 years as Chair, seconded by Ramesh Dave (RD) and agreed unanimously by the Council.
- **Treasurer:** VM thanks OJ for stepping in as Acting Treasurer after RC resigned and for all of her hard work in managing the Group's financial transactions and subs collections through the year. Sadly, OJ will be stepping down herself this year. VM proposed SV to be appointed as Treasurer, AM seconded and agreed unanimously by the Council. VM thanked SV for stepping in and all of his hard work as Co-Chair.
- **Trustee Board (min 5 required).** VM proposed Jigna Patel (JP), Bhurat Patel (BP). Ramesh Dave (RD) and LK seconded, agreed unanimously by the Council.
- **Independent Reviewer:** We have not had any volunteers to perform this critical role ahead of the AGM. AM proposed to proceed with agreement from the Council that we will appoint someone by the end of the financial year. LK seconded agreed unanimously by the Council.
- SV noted that JM will be stepping down from the Group Trustee Board to focus on her Beaver section, the Board thanked Jackie for her dedication and time commitment without whom the Beaver Section would not have grown or even exist. JM was thanked by all with applause.
- SV appealed for further nominations to volunteer as Trustees or parent helpers. We particularly need representatives from different sections.

No volunteers came forward on the night

## 9. PRESENTATIONS

### Beaver Scout Section Awards

JM highlighted the brilliant activities Beavers have undertaken this year from camp, sleepovers, firelighting and hikes. Our Beaver Section has continued to grow, and JM has not only provided a fantastic programme but also mentored several Young Leaders. There remains an appeal for more parent volunteers and Leaders, as JM is running this solo at present.

JM thanked all of the Beavers, Young Leaders and Parent helpers. The following awards have been made:

**Beaver of the year: Niam Shah**

**Most improved Beaver: Rhys Patel**

**Young Leader of the year: Aaron Raval.**



### **Cub Scout Section Awards**

BP reflected on another action-packed year, with camps, hikes, firelighting and coding, with Cubs being prepared for transition to Scouts.

**Chief Scout Silver: Aran Vekaria**

**Cub scout of the year: Aran Vekaria**

**Most improved cub scout: Toby Bender**

**Young Leader of the year: Iris Cliquet**

### **Scout Section Awards**

AM thanked LK for stepping in to run Scout section and all of her efforts in planning the programmes supported by the Assistant Leaders through changes. The highlight was the Harlem camp, February Freezer and Docklands camp, in addition to pioneering and even car maintenance! This is reflected in the achievement of no less than 4 Chief Scout gold awards which is a notable achievement in one cohort not achieved for several years.

**Scout of the Year - Christopher Cheong**

**Most Improved Scout - Honor Conneely**

**Young Leader of the year - Kai Gohil**

**Chief Scout Gold Awards - Alexandru-Stefan Fabian, Balthazar Cliquet, Alfie Hardy, Aya Jomaa**

## **10. KEYNOTE, DEPUTY DISTRICT COMMISSIONER RESHMA PATEL (RP)**

RP thanked all for their service and attendance on behalf of Harrow District and Gillan Barnard, District Commissioner.

In her role RP works with all 31 Groups in the District and personally thanked all of the Leaders at 1<sup>st</sup> Stanmore and praised their commitment as well as their immense support to her and the District to continue to achieve fulfilling programmes. Reshma reflected that the number of awards and particularly the Chief Scout Bronze, Silver and Gold Awards are a reflection of the dedication of the Leaders to provide a high quality of programmes and dedication to each child. For this RP gave praise to JM, BP and LK and their teams, reflecting that these awards are not easy to get.

RP reflected on all of the hard work that goes into planning each camp. 3 -12 months in advance compliance, safeguarding, risk assessments all have to be managed alongside logistics, equipment, communication and administration – in addition to the hard work at, and after camps – while planning and running weekly meetings with enriching programmes. All volunteers are also busy working people with families and other commitments but give up their time so willingly.

RP echoed the appeal of the 1<sup>st</sup> Stanmore Trustee Board for more volunteers and helpers, no matter what time or skill commitment can be offered.



RP went on to present the following awards:

- **5 Year Service**
  - **Ona Jomaa, Jackie McDowall, Duncan McDowall,**
- **10 Year Service**
  - **Lizzie King**
- **Jack Petchey for above and beyond Leadership**
  - **Aya Jomaa – this prestigious award comes with a £200 for the Group and was awarded to Aya noting her selfless leadership skills.**
  - **Ashley Martin – with a £1,000 award for the Group which AM wishes to put towards enabling our Hut to be used for Archery and open up this facility to the District.**

AM paid tribute to Jack Petchey who sadly died at the age of 99 this year, his foundation continues to do fantastic work for the benefit of young people who would not otherwise have the opportunity to access such varied and rewarding activities.

JP paid tribute to AM. Without AM the Group would not have survived recent turbulent times. AM has been critical to maintenance at the hut especially after the flooding we experienced last year and the driving force behind organising the successful Harlem camp. JP addressed the Young People in the room and reflected that in the 15 years that she has known AM as an assistant Scout Leader himself she has drawn inspiration from AM, his lifelong commitment not only to Scouting, but to the Group and District. AM's standout qualities include respect for his Leaders and influencers that have driven him to give so much of himself no matter what back to his community carrying on the legacy of his family. JP appealed to the Young People to follow in AM's inspirational footsteps.

## **11. AOB**

With no other business VM thanked everyone for attending and closed the AGM.



# ACCOUNTS AND TREASURER'S REPORT

## YEAR ENDING 31 MARCH 2025

### Treasurer's Report

I attach the Receipts and Payments accounts for the year ended 31 March 2025, I am pleased to report that the financial situation of the 1st Stanmore Scout Group continues to be healthy.

As we are a charity with income of less than £ 250,000 we prepare our annual statement on a basis which summarises the movement of cash into and out of the Trust during the financial year.

The method of accounting for subscriptions is reflected as net subscription receipts against the capitation fees.

I consider that the 1st Stanmore Scout Group is in a good financial position to continue.

Shailesh Vekaria  
Honorary Treasurer



# RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT FOR YEAR ENDING 31 March 2025

## Receipts and Payments Accounts for Year Ending 31 March 2025

	2025	2024
<b>RECEIPTS</b>	£	£
<b>SCOUTING RECEIPTS</b>		
Membership subscriptions	11,593	10,722
Camps & other Scouting Activities	3,183	14,525
	<u>3,183</u>	<u>14,525</u>
<b>TOTAL SCOUTING RECEIPTS</b>	<b>14,776</b>	<b>25,247</b>
<b>HQ &amp; OTHER RECEIPTS</b>		
HQ Donations received	0	225
Other Donations received	2,157	2,109
Gift Aid received	0	441
Bank Interest received	<u>815</u>	<u>516</u>
<b>TOTAL HQ &amp; OTHER RECEIPTS</b>	<b>2,972</b>	<b>3,291</b>
<b>TOTAL RECEIPTS</b>	<b>17,748</b>	<b>28,538</b>
<b>PAYMENTS</b>		
<b>SCOUTING PAYMENTS</b>		
Camps & Other Scouting Activities	4,114	11,723
Scouting Equipment Purchased	1,000	1,204
Uniforms, Badges & Training	<u>0</u>	<u>348</u>
<b>TOTAL SCOUTING PAYMENTS</b>	<b>5,114</b>	<b>13,275</b>
<b>HQ &amp; OTHER PAYMENTS</b>		
Rent & Rates	156	163
Electricity & Gas	4,393	4,074
Water & Sewage	324	584
Telephone & Internet	1,041	791



Refuse Collection	752	228
Maintenance & Cleaning	355	205
Building Improvements	1,495	2,927
Building Insurance	1,966	1,919
Purchase of HQ Equipment	0	75
Admin & Other Costs	245	5
Bank & Payment Processing Charges	<u>360</u>	<u>(40)</u>

TOTAL HQ & OTHER PAYMENTS	11,087	10,930
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<b>TOTAL PAYMENTS</b>	<b>16,201</b>	<b>24,205</b>
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<b>NET (DEFICIT ) / RECEIPTS FOR THE YEAR</b>	<b>1,547</b>	<b>4,333</b>
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#### CASH FUNDS

Cash Funds – 01 April 2024	52,368	48,036
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NET (DEFICIT ) / RECEIPTS FOR THE YEAR	1,547	4,332
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Cash Funds – 31 March 2025	<b>53,915</b>	<b>52,368</b>
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Cash Funds as at 31 March 2025 consist of the following :-

Cash	43	60
HSBC – Current account	15,431	14,683
Nationwide Building Society account	11,224	10,773
Virgin Bank – Charity Deposit account	27,216	26,852
	<b>53,915</b>	<b>52,368</b>

Signed on behalf of the trustees

Shailesh Vekaria  
Treasurer

Vipul Mehta  
Chairman

Date: 20 June 2025

Date: 20 June 2025



## 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. 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.

Mahesh Halai

## RESERVES POLICY

The Scout Group's Policy on Reserves is to hold sufficient resources to continue the activities of the Group for a period of at least 12 months in the event that income and fundraising activities fall short of our requirements. We continue to hold funds on reserve in the event that major roof works are required. Given the age of our building it is likely that major roof works will be required at some point in the future and the Trustees consider it prudent to hold funds on reserve to cover this.



## GROUP LEAD VOLUNTEER REPORT

### ASHLEY MARTIN

2024 to 2025 has been another fantastic year at the first Stanmore.

We have implemented all of the new Scouting Association governance model requirements and with a dedicated team of Trustees and Leaders have made significant progress in advancing items such as building works to the fence to secure our site, upgrading our IT and alarm systems and improving our Data Protection measures.

Although overall we have not grown in numbers we have achieved the numbers above what we require to be viable and continue to recruit. The numbers now included our new very successful Dragons Unit run in conjunction with 1<sup>st</sup> / 6<sup>th</sup> Edgware, that has given all of our scouts a pathway to continue their scouting journey in a new and exciting way. Activities have included Cake Across London event, indoor Skiing, Young Driving experience and Awesome 25 Camp in Wales. My thanks to Jonathan Gregson (former 1<sup>st</sup> Stanmore Leader) and the Trustees at 1<sup>st</sup> / 6<sup>th</sup> Edgware.

Over the year the Beavers have enjoyed a rich programme working away towards their badges, while Cubs and Scouts have also taken part in residential activities with Docklands Scout Project, February Freezer at Paccar, Jump In sleepover, District Camp and Space Camp, alongside their usual programme activities.

Once again I have found myself surrounded by the best team, Leaders and Trustees who have made my role much easier and such a joy through their commitment, range of skills, willingness to get stuck in and constant good humour.

1<sup>st</sup> Stanmore is a Community for the Community – we are in urgent need of volunteers in any capacity as well as need parents to spread the word about our fantastic programmes and encourage more Young People to join. All volunteers are working parents and we really need your help!

Finally, the Trustees and I would like to thank Lizzy King, for not only stepping in from an Assistant Scout Leader role to taking over as Leader, but also being instrumental in the set up and support of the Explorer Unit – planning and attending meetings at least twice a week – while growing and nurturing our first 1<sup>st</sup> Stanmore baby. Lizzy and I met as children while Scouting at 1<sup>st</sup> Stanmore and have dedicated our years to the Group, we are very excited about our new arrival and watch this space for a Squirrels Unit!

Thank you all.

Ashley Martin

Group Lead Volunteer





## BEAVER SCOUT COLONY

### JACKIE McDOWALL (BEAVER SECTION LEADER)

This year has been another good one for the Beaver section, we started the year with 15 beavers, 8 Young leaders and 2 Leaders in April 2024, and finished in April 2025 with 18 beavers, 6 Young Leaders and 2 Leaders. We've had many beavers swim up to cubs over this year.



The variety of activities at beavers have taken part in go from first aid, fire lighting, cooking over a camp fire and trips out for hikes in the local parks. Plus many many more, including all the food like haggis, pancakes and 'smares. Although not all on the same night or plate.

In the coming year we will be organising sleepovers, once we get the issue with DBS's fixed. We will also be having more exciting evenings.

We'd like to take this opportunity to thanks the parents who volunteered and all the Beavers for making this a wonderful year.

Here's to many more adventures and developing the Beavers' life skills.

Yours in scouting

Jackie (Owl) 🦉 & Duncan (Cheeky Monkey) 🐒, Beaver leadership team.

Young Leaders: Hadi Jomaa, Reyan Sheth, Christopher, Balthazar Cliquet, Louisa McDowell, Kian Patel





## CUB PACK

### BHRAT PATEL (CUB SECTION LEADER)

The Cubs program for the year April 2024 – March 2025 has been an exciting and enriching experience for all participants. This report highlights the key events and activities that took place, showcasing the diverse range of skills and knowledge imparted to the Cubs. The stability in numbers is encouraging to see as it recognises the value the young people get out of scouting – developing friendship, developing #SkillsForLife, and having fun!

**Events:** Throughout the year, the Cubs engaged in several memorable events:

- **Water Activities Day:** A fun-filled half-day spent on the water where Cubs participated in various water-based activities, enhancing their teamwork and water safety skills.
- **Space Camp @ PACCAR:** A fun district arranged camp focused on science and space-themed activities. This camp will be remembered for the weather by many of the Cubs. Despite it being early July somehow nature conspired to send lots of rain our way including thunder and lightning on the last day. It must have surely been the wettest July weekend in decades!
- **Bunkdown at the Bunker:** An adventurous overnight stay that fostered camaraderie, an exploration of Hillingdon bunker and sleeping under the planes.
- **Christmas Party:** A festive celebration with games and holiday cheer.
- **Christingle Service:** Hosted by 3rd Kenton, this service provided a meaningful end to the year with a focus on community and reflection.



**Weekly Program:** The weekly program was designed to cover a wide range of scouting traditions, practical skills, and creative activities. Highlights include:

- **Scouting Traditions & Pack Forum:** Introduction to scouting values and a forum for Cubs to voice their ideas on activities they'd like to try.
- **Pioneering & Knots:** Teaching essential knot-tying techniques and pioneering skills.
- **Map Reading:** Enhancing navigation skills through map reading exercises.



- **Gardening Activity:** Encouraging environmental awareness and hands-on gardening.
- **Paracord Woggles:** Crafting personalized paracord woggles.
- **Campfire Cooking:** Learning to cook over a campfire, promoting outdoor culinary skills.
- **Fire Lighting, Safety & Cooking:** Emphasizing fire safety and cooking techniques.
- **Firestation Visit:** A visit to the local fire station to learn about fire safety, the role of the fire service, and the highlights of sitting in a fire engine and using the fire hose.
- **Tent Pitching:** Practical tent pitching skills for camping.
- **Hike:** A group hike to foster physical fitness and appreciation of nature.
- **Camp Prep Skills:** Preparing for upcoming camps with essential skills.
- **Target Shooting:** Introducing Cubs to target shooting with air-rifles in a controlled environment.



**Special Activities:** The program also included unique activities that broadened the Cubs' horizons:

- **French Week:** Cultural immersion with French-themed activities.
- **Pioneering Activity – Mini Raft Building:** Constructing mini rafts using twigs.
- **Our World – Challenge Badge:** Activities focused on global awareness and earning the challenge badge.
- **Obangsaek Art:** Exploring Korean culture & art, making and playing the Korean game of Ddakji.
- **Diwali Activity – Making Burfi:** Celebrating Diwali with traditional Indian sweets.
- **Remembrance Activity / Gunpowder Plot:** Reflecting on historical events and their significance.
- **Scientist Badge – Hot Air Balloons, Ice Cream in a Bag, Bath Bombs:** Engaging in scientific experiments to earn the scientist badge.
- **Home Skills – Ironing Necker & Sewing a Button:** Teaching practical home skills.



The Cubs program has been a remarkable journey filled with learning, adventure, and growth. The diverse range of activities and events has equipped the Cubs with valuable skills and experiences, fostering their development as responsible and capable individuals. We look forward to another successful year ahead.

All that remains is to say thanks to the section leaders, assistants, young leaders, and the parents who have pitched in to help deliver another year of scouting activities for the young people.

Yours in scouting

**Adult Volunteers:** Bhrat Patel, Ramesh B Dave, Alkesh Shah

**Young Leaders:** Iris Cliquet, Saahil Patel, Joshua Litherland, Aaron Raval, Sohan Patel, Alexandru-Stefan Fabian, Siyona Mehta, Veer Shah, Aya Jomaa, Vishnu Srirambhatla



# SCOUTS

## SCOUT TROOP Lizzy King (SCOUT LEADER)

This past year has been full of a wide range of activities with many Scouts overcoming new challenges and gaining new skills. I'm very pleased with how the troop have embraced the challenges and activities we have given them and look forward to seeing how they will progress in the future.

In that autumn term we worked on the Scientist badge where the Scouts had to develop their problem solving skills, working in groups to try and build the best water rockets and the most protective casing to protect an egg from cracking. We also covered fire safety and some first aid.

The spring term we worked towards the communications badge where we learnt basic British Sign Language as well as some morse code. The Scouts learnt how to spell their names in BSL finger spelling as well as a few basic phrases.

The Summer term has been focused on back to basics of scouting. The Scouts cleared the outdoor space of weeds and mess, some even used power tools and the lawn mower! By doing this we made space to have fires and create a wood cutting area. We also made fire starters that they could use in a survival situation and have been gradually working towards their survival skills badge.

We currently have a troop of 26 Scouts and 3 young leaders. This is down in numbers from last year but we have had a large number age out and move on to Explorers or volunteering as Young leaders.

All of the Scouts have done brilliantly well this year but I particularly want to congratulate Louisa McDowall on achieving her Chief Scout Gold award! She has worked hard outside of Scout meetings to cover all of the requirements to achieve this top award and she should be very proud of herself.

I look forward to seeing what the Scouts achieve next year!

Yours in Scouting,  
Lizzy King

Lead Volunteer (Scouts)



# PRESENTATION OF BADGES AND AWARDS

The following badges and awards will be presented on the evening.

## **Beaver Scout Section Awards**

Beaver Scout of the Year  
Most Improved Beaver Scout  
Young Leader  
Chief Scout Bronze awards

## **Cub Scout Section Awards**

Cub Scout of the Year  
Most Improved Cub Scout  
Young Leader of the Year  
Chief Scout Silver awards

## **Scout Section Awards**

Scout of the Year  
Most Improved Scout  
Young Leader of the Year

Chief Scout's Gold Award

Meeting will conclude with a barbecue.



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