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2026 Annual Report



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AGENDA for 2026 Annual General Meeting

1. Apologies for Absence
2. Minutes of the 2025 AGM
3. Matters Arising from the Minutes
4. Presentation of the Annual Report
5. Presentation of the Annual Statement of Accounts
6. Charity Governance
7. Appointment of Group Chair
8. Appointment of Group Treasurer
9. Election of other members of the Trustee Board
10. Appointment of Independent Examiner
11. Presentations
12. Any Other Business



GROUP CHAIR'S INTRODUCTION

Our Annual report provides a summary of our activities from across the Group; we hope that you will enjoy reading the various reports from each of the Section leaders.

The impact that the activities create is less easy to define on paper; but our Leaders often talk of the many instances of personal achievements made by the young people during the course of the year.

We witness young people being challenged in all sorts of ways, not just with the physical challenges of such things as overcoming fear to get to the top of climbing walls or completing night navigation and hikes; but also learning how to get along with others, understanding how to lead a team and the value of being mentors and encouraging younger members of the sections. These are all great examples of how we prepare young people with skills for life.

I want to thank the Leadership teams for their continuing enthusiastic efforts to provide interesting and challenging programmes for our Beavers, Cubs, Scouts and Explorers.

Scouting exists to actively engage and support young people in their personal development, empowering them to make a positive contribution to society. The progress of young people across our sections can be clearly seen by the large number of badges awarded each term, which are always well received by the youngsters who really enjoy seeing their hard work reap benefits.

We would particularly like to thank the Raynes Park Explorer Scout Unit for their support within the Group, it is really appreciated. We have a number of Explorers regularly volunteering with the Beaver, Cub and Scout sections each week; using their knowledge and experience to help with the activities. They are fantastic role models to the younger children and we hope that some of them will become Scout Leaders in the future.



We are keen to find more adult volunteers to join us as several leaders approach retirement age soon. Our team recognises that people lead busy lives and do not have a lot of spare time. Tasks can be shared across a number of volunteers to reduce having too much work falling to one person. Core training has to be completed by all volunteers, but this can be completed online at a time to suit the individual volunteer. If anyone is interested in volunteering with us, please let us know so that we can tell you more and find a suitable role for you!

There are many people involved with the Group who are not seen by parents or our young people, but who give their time to undertake tasks that enable us to function successfully, these include roles like managing our money; looking after our joining list and inviting children to join us when they reach the correct age. Our website, social media activity and notice boards all need to be kept up to date, along with the work needed to comply with the Charity Commission's requirements. I would like to extend thanks to all those people working behind the scenes, we could not run the Group without you!

Our buildings and the land surrounding them continue to provide an excellent base for our Scouting activities as well as providing opportunities for other organisations to run their activities. We all love to be outdoors as much as possible and look forward to the end of the winter months to enable us to move outside.

This year we have had significant challenges from an increase in the rat population across a large area of West Wimbledon, which created difficulties for our site. Our Leaders successfully adapted their programmes to keep children safe, but it has definitely impacted our ability to use our land in the way that we would normally do. Hopefully this situation is close to being finally resolved. I would like to thank Paul Wilkins and our groundsman, Darren Canes, for their work to deal with the problem on our behalf.

Our premises create a great place to welcome the local community. We have become a major community hub and provide space for a wide variety of activities which bring people of all ages into the site each week.



We have spent most of the year developing an exciting project to renew the Explorer Hut and create a separate building for storage. The project will also join up our buildings, creating a single point of entry, and enable us to bring our kitchen up to a good standard. We hope to achieve Planning Approval for the scheme later this year and start to deliver the project next year.

A number of fundraising events are in the pipeline to add to our funds, which we hope will be well supported by the community.

Finally, I would like to thank my fellow Trustee Board members for their efforts during the year. We remain keen to find some additional Trustee Board members, if anyone is interested in joining our Board please let me know.

Ros Barnes (Group Chair)

GROUP LEAD VOLUNTEER'S REPORT



Well, here we are again at the annual report of the Scout Group.

The Group and Explorer Unit consists of young members up to the age of 18 and when Scouting started in 1907 it was those members leading the way in wanting Scouting to happen. They soon realised that to get the maximum out of that Scouting they needed adults to help to achieve their goals and so the leadership element of Scouting came about. The adult leadership consist of people willing to give their time and efforts for free and volunteer willingly over many years.

Without the young members, Scouting would be nothing and it could be said the same of the adult volunteers the two go together to achieve an amazing team effort to deliver a varied and exciting years diary of events.

I thank each and every one of the volunteers that come along every week, every camp and every meeting in order to keep the 19th Wimbledon Scout Group alive and kicking.

You can see from the different section reports how busy the last year has been and the varied experiences that the young members have participated in is truly magnificent.

This year Chris Chapman, one of our Oakwood Cub Team Volunteers, has decided to step away from active weekly leadership after several decades of service. Chris was one of our first Beavers, then a Cub, Scout, Explorer and finally a Leader.. Thank you for the dedicated service and I know you will be missed.

We have Young Leaders from the age of 14 upwards who come along to help through the Duke of Edinburgh scheme or the Scout Young Leader scheme and

they collect many skills from leadership and participation which they can put on their CVs and that can help in later life.

If you or someone in your family or who you know wants to volunteer in whatever capacity, please contact me, as volunteering is the life blood that makes society that much a nicer place to live in.

Paul Wilkins (Group Lead Volunteer)

OAKWOOD BEAVER COLONY REPORT

BEAVERS Oakwood Beavers have had another busy year. Some good autumn weather and more recently a dry spring means we've managed to spend a good proportion of the year outside which is always easier on the ears with the noise levels achievable by the Beavers! Lots of effort has gone into badgework with six of our Beavers who moved onto Cubs awarded their *Chief Scout's Bronze Award*, the highest award in Scouting available to Beavers. Even better news is all the fun we've all had along the way.

After enjoying a few bonus outdoor evenings in September, we moved indoors for Air Activities including a paper airplane competition, making some very cool helicopters, researching some different aircraft and learning the phonetic alphabet.

In mid-October, we joined the Mayhew Beavers and both Cub packs for the annual sleepover. A fun outside game hunting clues hanging from the trees gave the Beavers a very popular excuse to use their torches before they all settled down to watch the movie. Then began the extended process of falling asleep. Next morning we enjoyed a traditional outside camp breakfast before teamwork and life skills were gained through washing up and then heading home to catch up on any missed sleep.





As excitement for Christmas built up, we spent a number of evenings achieving the Musician Stage 1 badge with Pauline's (Squirrel) patient and creative teaching about 'families' of notes and culminating in a fantastic hand bell performance by the Beavers at the Group Carol Service. Our Christmas party with games, food and making Christmas crackers provided a fun celebration of the end of term.

The spring term always gives excuses for enjoying different food. We celebrated Burns Night with Haggis, Neeps and Tatties which we piped in and addressed with the help of the internet and had fun doing an online dance lesson, learning the Two Step.

For our Builders Badge, we had fun with piles of Lego. We designed and created bridges and other structures which were strength tested using toy sports cars. Definitely some future engineers within the Colony. We ended the half term with a mini Winter Olympics where the Beavers demonstrated their skills at Skeleton Bob, 'Ice' Hockey and Mini Curling.

Returning to the food theme later in the term, we celebrated Chinese New Year and welcomed in the Year of the Horse with traditional games, made lanterns and cooked noodles. We made paper flowers for Mother's Day and enjoyed indoor soft archery. We finished the term preparing for Easter by making baskets and running some very competitive Egg and Spoon races.

Early spring saw plenty of dry weather and we again enjoyed the outdoor space. Fire lighting and cooking marshmallows is always a very popular, if messy, evening, and we also cooked bread twists.

The Beavers quickly found their favourite wide games, capably organized by our fantastic Duke of Edinburgh Young Leaders. Regularly requested ones include Capture the Flag, Fox and Hounds, Manhunt and Sardines.

We completing our Gardening Badge, planting sunflower seeds with some very accurate predictions of the height they would achieve week by week. We recently

tried out a bit of Pioneering, using marshmallows and spaghetti, before challenging the structures with leader-induced earthquakes of increasing magnitude. Those budding engineers showed themselves again as the structures stood up well.

The end of the summer term included our annual Family Treasure Hunt around Morley Park on a very hot evening where the 'treasure' was some very welcome ice pops. We'll have our final evening of 'Lost on a Desert Island' Survival Challenge before the traditional water fight.

Thanks to everyone for their help this year, particularly **Pauline** (Squirrel), **Rob** (Hedgehog) and our Young Leaders, **George** (Crow), **Elliot** (Fox) and **Liam** (Owl). We always welcome any help from parents and other volunteers so please let us know if you'd like to join in our fun and help in whatever capacity.

Suzanne Clark (Robin)

MAYHEW BEAVER COLONY



Our programme over the last year has provided our Beavers with a varied and engaging year of activities, designed to develop skills, confidence, teamwork and a sense of adventure while ensuring that every meeting was enjoyable and inclusive.

The autumn term began with a Film Festival Night before moving into a range of creative and practical activities, including an autumn art evening, a skills challenge, and a two-week space programme where Beavers designed their own planets and explored the wonders of space, even creating a (not to scale) human solar system! A highlight of the term, as always, was the Beaver and Cub sleepover, which gave the Beavers (some for the very first time) the opportunity to experience an overnight adventure in a safe and supportive environment. Other activities included first aid, Trafalgar Day, Remembrance commemorations, puppet-making, Christmas crafts, the Group Campfire, Carol Service and a festive light evening.

During the spring term, we welcomed new members with games and introductory activities before taking part in the RSPBs Big Garden Birdwatch whilst exploring topics such as our senses, the Winter Olympics, Founders Day and making pancakes. The Beavers also enjoyed a bring a game night, air activities (or more accurately making paper aeroplanes and then throwing them) and learning about lighthouses, all providing opportunities to develop creativity, communication and practical skills.

Our summer programme has so far combined outdoor learning with active challenges. We have celebrated St George's Day, learnt about the London



Marathon and gardening through planting sunflower seeds (and watching them grow still!), tree identification and bug bingo. Creative sessions included making clay tree faces, while our international-themed World Cup evenings encouraged Beavers to learn about different countries, flags and languages and a new team game – crab football. Team-building challenges, rocket launching, tracking signs and a water games evening will bring our year to an exciting conclusion.

Throughout the year, our programme has supported a wide range of badgework and contributed towards the *Chief Scout's Bronze Award*, while encouraging Beavers to learn new skills, build friendships and gain confidence. As leaders we've also made good use of our fabulous outdoor spaces and practical activities to promote teamwork, problem-solving and resilience.

The Beaver Section continues to thrive thanks to the enthusiasm of our young people, the commitment of our volunteer leadership team and the support of parents and carers. I would like to extend my sincere thanks to **Rebecca, Denise, James, Naomi, Finlay and Fei** for the time, energy and enthusiasm they have given throughout the year. Their dedication, creativity and willingness to support every meeting has helped make a fun, exciting and rewarding environment for all our Beavers. Their hard work behind the scenes and at meetings is greatly appreciated, and the success of the section would not be possible without their commitment.

Liz Strutt (Beaver Leader)



MAYHEW CUB PACK REPORT



The 2025–2026 programme has delivered a varied and engaging year of activities, providing our young people with opportunities to develop new skills, build confidence, enjoy adventure, and strengthen friendships. Throughout the year, meetings combined practical learning with fun, ensuring that members experienced a balanced programme in line with the aims of Scouting.

The autumn term began with a successful PGL activity weekend, followed by themed evenings including autumn art, skills challenge, space week, First Aid, Trafalgar Day, Remembrance, creative craft evenings, a Group Campfire, Christmas decorations, and our annual Carol Service and Christmas celebrations. A Beaver and Cub Sleepover was a particular highlight, giving many members the opportunity to experience an overnight Scouting adventure (some for the first time).

During the spring term, our programme focused on developing practical and life skills through activities such as the RSPB's Big Garden Birdwatch, sensory challenges, Winter Olympics, Chinese New Year, pancake celebrations, air activities, pioneering, bring-a-game evenings. The Cubs also took part in wider District events including the District chess competition for which the Mayhew team were victorious .



The summer term encouraged outdoor learning and teamwork through St George's Day activities, clay modelling, learning the countryside code, a bird identification walk, international and World Cup themed evenings and teamwork challenges. We'll end our year with a traditional water games evening and picnic to celebrate another successful year.

In addition to weekly meetings, the Cubs have enjoyed a number of special/ District events including a weekend cub camp, District paintballing, campfires, sleepovers, and community celebrations. These experiences all help develop independence, leadership, teamwork, creativity, and respect for others while encouraging the Cubs to enjoy the outdoors and challenge themselves.





As always our programme is delivered by a dedicated team of volunteer leaders who gave their time, enthusiasm, and expertise throughout the year. Their commitment ensured a safe, enjoyable, and high-quality programme for all members, supported by Young Leaders, parents, and volunteers who assisted with events and activities.

We are delighted to congratulate four of our Cubs on achieving the *Chief Scout's Silver Award*, the highest award that can be earned in the Cub Scout Section. This prestigious achievement recognises their commitment, perseverance, and enthusiasm across a wide range of activities, challenges, and adventures throughout their time in Cubs. They have demonstrated the values of Scouting while developing new skills, helping others, and embracing every opportunity presented to them. Reaching this milestone is a significant accomplishment, and they should be extremely proud of everything they have achieved. We wish them every success as they move on to the next stage of their Scouting journey.

Huge thanks go to **Rebecca, Denise, Tony, Kai, Sophia, and Huey** for their dedication, enthusiasm, and countless hours of volunteering throughout the year. Their commitment to planning and delivering an exciting, varied, and safe programme has made Cubs the success it is today.

Whether leading activities, supporting camps and events, encouraging the Cubs, or working behind the scenes, each of them has played an invaluable role in creating memorable experiences and helping our Cubs grow in confidence, skills, and friendships. Their time, energy, and commitment are greatly appreciated, and we thank them for everything they have done and do for the pack.

Overall, our programme to date has been a success, offering a wide variety of experiences that support personal development, adventure, and fun. We look forward to building on this success and providing even more exciting opportunities for the Cubs in the year ahead.

Liz Strutt (Raksha)

OAKWOOD CUB PACK REPORT

cubs In the words of Victor Meldrew 'I don't believe it!' Another year has passed by in a flash, but it's certainly been full of adventures and fun activities, and the Cubs have been earning lots of badges along the way. Although our Group AGM is near the end of the academic year, we still had several activities lined up for the summer term. This included a District coach trip to Gilwell for our County Day. It was a long way to travel but an opportunity to visit the headquarters and principal camp site of the Scout Association, which was officially opened in 1919. As the first campsite owned by the Scouts it remains historically important for members and of course we all got a celebration badge. During the day children enjoyed a range of activities including bouldering, face painting, the helter-skelter and inflatables. Our final summer meetings consisted of lighting fires, backwoods cooking and crazy sports organised by our young leaders. This involved the use of our new water bombs which proved very popular with the children, and they haven't forgotten because they've asked for a repeat session this year. Let's hope the weather plays ball!

Over the summer holidays we set the children 'The Sixty Days of Summer' challenge. This was 60 activities designed for all sections and the children had to see how many they could complete. Congratulations to Ollie who completed the most challenges, 40 in total, but everyone who took part earned the badge for their camp blanket. Well done to all our Cubs especially to those who tried new activities they had never done before, like Geocaching.

At the beginning of September both Packs went off to PGL for the weekend. For many children this is their Cubbing highlight. They arrived Friday evening and didn't stop until going home time on Sunday evening. Activities included climbing, raft



building, giant swing, zip wire, archery and the challenge course along with team games and a campfire all run by PGL staff. It's an opportunity for Cub leaders to spend quality time with the children which we don't get when we're organising and running everything ourselves, also the choice of food is great and no washing up!

We held our annual Cub and Beaver Sleepover in October. This event is always well attended and for some children is their first night away from family. Unlike recent years, the weather was fine for evening activities outdoors which included an alphabet hunt in the grounds in the dark. We also had an indoor campfire finishing with a story and hot chocolate and biscuits. On the Sunday, the Cubs got the chance to go paintballing, a popular annual event put on by Wimbledon and Merton District.

In October, the Cubs learned about Diwali and heard the story of Rama and Sita as part of their World Challenge Badge. They also made and decorated their own Diya lamps. In preparation for Christmas, we also made extra lamps as candle holders for our Christmas Carol service at St Matthew's Church. Pre-Covid this had been an annual event, and it was good to celebrate again as a preparation for Christmas and remind the children of those less fortunate than themselves. We had intended to give the candle holders to the visitors who were to attend from the old people's home but unfortunately the weather was so bad on the night they couldn't come so instead we dropped them off at the Home. They were very grateful - so well-done Cubs for bringing some cheer to the residents who were disappointed to miss the evening.

Throughout the year Cubs get the chance to influence the programme through their six forums, and we enjoy hearing their ideas and the challenge of bringing them to fruition. Often, they choose old favourites like lighting fires, toasting marshmallows, and wide games but other ideas have included a talent show, biscuit decorating (which turned into a beetle drive) and making a ballista. Other ideas come from the Cub challenge and activity badges including making structures from spaghetti and marshmallows, growing cress and hot air rockets for the Science badge, learning about First Aid for the Emergency Aid badge and life skills for the Personal Safety badge. Other activities are governed by the seasons like pancakes for Shrove Tuesday, a perennial favourite and completing the Athlete badge in the summer term for our older children.

At the end of January, we had two teams that took part in the District Chess competition. Well done to the Mayhew pack who won the event while our top team came third. In April we took part in the District St George's Day Parade, which is a unique experience for the children who attend. We marched from Wimbledon Common to the Sacred Heart Church where the service was held and renewed our Promise. The older Cubs got the opportunity to take it in turns to carry our flag whilst marching.



Our final activity was our weekend camp to Walton Firs in May. The Cubs all had a great time learning new skills and taking part in lots of activities. The youngest learned how to put up a tent while older ones made gadgets. All the Cubs cooked their own meal frying burgers on an open fire and wrapped bananas with chocolate buttons in tin foil to cook in the embers. We also had caving, shelter building and low ropes as instructor led activities and finally, the children made their own robot puppets to take home. After camp, six children went up to Scouts. Well done to Ollie, Noah, Adam, Imogen and Noomi who all gained their *Chief Scout's Silver Award*, which is the highest award in Cubs. We look forward to seeing what you can achieve in Scouts.

I would like to end by thanking all my leaders, **Chris, Kiki** and **Laura** and my Young Leaders **Immie, Evie, Becca** and **Zori** for the time they give up because all the above activities could not go ahead without them. A special thank you this year to Bagheera (**Chris Chapman**) who is retiring as a section leader after thirty years. Thank you for everything you have done over the past thirty years to make special Cub memories for so many children.

Mike Mayhew (Akela)

SCOUT TROOP REPORT

SCOUTS Our Scout Troop has enjoyed an active and productive year filled with activities, opportunities and achievements. We proudly presented *Chief Scout's Gold Awards* to Neil, Matilda, Elliot, Aaron, Edward, Leon, David, Harry and Rehan, recognising the hard work and dedication of our young people. Special mention also goes to our *Jack Petchey Award* winners, Helena and Lewis, for their outstanding contributions and achievements within the Troop. As several of our older Scouts take on their new adventures moving up to the Explorer Unit, we welcome lots of new members who have joined us from our Cub Packs, making our Troop currently consisting of 41 Scouts.

Scouts have earned an impressive array of badges over the year, including the Adventure, Expedition, Outdoor, Teamwork, Team Leader and Skills Challenge Awards. Additionally, Scouts have achieved Fundraising Activity badges along with badges for Nights Away, Hikes Away and Time on the Water.

Thinking of past events, Summer Camp in 2025 was of course the highlight, as Scouts bonded during an action-packed week of adventure at Broadstone Warren. The Expedition Challenge Weekend allowed the older Scouts to further test their teamwork and the navigation skills they have developed throughout their time in Scouts. Our Winter Camp at Polyapes in Cobham was a great start to 2026. We had indoor accommodation but spent the weekend mostly outside taking part in activities like hiking, remote-controlled crawlers and tomahawks. In March we spent a night sleeping rough outdoors, gaining awareness of homelessness and raising funds to support charity. Our chosen charity was St Mungo's and we are extremely proud to have been able to raise over £1,000 which we hope will support others who may experience homelessness. May Camp was a weekend filled with kayaking, shooting and wide games, alongside essential camping skills like setting up tents, fire lighting, and cooking. Our weekly meetings have introduced them to new challenges and experiences, encouraging skill development and teamwork which have fulfilled the criteria for some of the awards achieved.

Looking ahead, preparations for the 2026 Summer Camp are well underway, promising another exciting week of adventure for all our members attending.

We are happy to welcome back **Sean**, who was a Scout with us a few years ago and has now returned as a Leader! A big thank you goes to our dedicated team of volunteer leaders: **Mick, Dick, James, Ian, Sean, Marina** and our Young Leader, **Ed**.



Finally, thank you to all the young people for making our meetings and events enjoyable, as well as to the parents for their continued support and the many volunteers who work tirelessly behind the scenes. We look forward to another year of Scouting, filled with learning, fun, and new adventures ahead.

Dave Godden (Scout Leader)



RAYNES PARK EXPLORER SCOUT UNIT REPORT



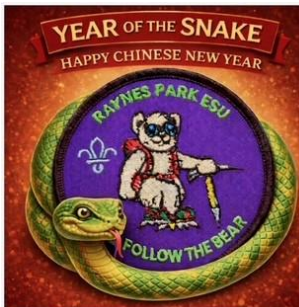
We have had another exciting year in the Explorer Scout section, with Thursday evenings continuing their usual mix of fun, friendship and learning.

Our off-site evenings have included a Monopoly Run around Wimbledon, a visit to RHS Wisley for their spectacular Christmas Glow lights, and a trip to Pop Playrooms in Kingston where Explorers took on golf, darts, shuffleboard and more. Back at the Unit, highlights have included a Budget Cook-Off; challenging our young people to plan and deliver a full three-course meal within a strict budget, campfire evenings with homemade pizza from our pizza ovens, a tie-dye t-shirt making evening, and a Winter Olympics special complete with our very own opening ceremony and events. We also held a dedicated evening for Explorers to discuss fundraising ideas for the future development of the Explorer Hut, the very exciting *Phoenix 3* project.

We have enjoyed several joint evenings with fellow Explorer units across the District, including a Quiz Night with St. Saviours and Sharks ESU, with a wide game on Wimbledon Common with West Barnes and St. Saviours.

This year we volunteered to take part in the initial national trial of the proposed new Explorer badges, as part of Scouts HQ's overhaul of the Explorer programme. Our Unit worked on the Employability and Cooking badges and subsequently fed back our thoughts and experiences directly to Scouts HQ to help shape the future of Explorer Scouting. Alongside this, we have kept a focus on back-to-basics skills, including backwards outdoor cooking, fire safety and fire lighting, and orienteering and map work around the Common.

Summer Camp 2025 took us down to Lyons Copse near Southampton, joining Explorers from across Wimbledon & Wandle and Royal Kingston Districts, with nineteen members attending from RPESU; a brilliant joint venture. We also had eleven members join the District for Theme Park Camp, with a visit to Thorpe Park. More recently, we held our very own RPESU weekend camp at Frylands





Wood Scout Campsite; a relaxed post-exam summer camp, and a good opportunity for our leader Alex to successfully achieve his Nights Away Permit.

We have had great success with top awards this year, increasing our tally with five *Chief Scout's Platinum Awards* and three *Diamond Awards*. These are linked to the *Duke of Edinburgh Bronze and Silver Awards*, and we now have a group working towards their *Duke of Edinburgh Gold* and *King's Scout Awards*. Extremely well done to all those who have gained these awards, and many thanks to all the leaders who have supported them.



We have been very fortunate in receiving some Jack Petchey awards again this year. One each for Evie and Xander. Plus one Leader award for Dan. These are extremely useful for replacing kit or subsidising Unit activities. This reflects the work and support that they have given to the Unit and beyond.

Our Young Leader programme has been a particular focus this year. We now have nine Young Leaders in total, with 8 volunteering across different sections at the 19th Wimbledon. Four have now completed all their modules, including First Aid and therefore achieved the Young Leaders Award this year. A tremendous contribution to the wider Group, we hope this hard work will continue and is all designed to hopefully translate to post-18 whereby these young people can eventually become Leaders within the Group. Further to this work, we now have two of our Leaders, Alex and Jamie, who are team members of the District Network Team, along with Paula Jung as the new District Network Lead. We hope





that this continued provision for our Explorers post 18 means that we can retain our adults and see them around in the future as Leaders. Welcome Paula!

We also now have Martin Jung joining our District as District Explorer Lead to support all the Explorer Units. Martin also has this role in Royal Kingston District. As we now have joint Summer Expeditions the synergies here will be a massive benefit. Welcome Martin!

It has also been a fantastic year for Adult Leader recognition. Dan was presented with the Award for Merit at RHS Wisley Glow, a tremendous achievement in recognition for his many years of outstanding service. Alex was presented with the Chief Scout's Commendation for Good Service at the District AGM. Alex joined us several years ago from the Birmingham area. He is a huge asset to our leadership team. Particularly for his work linking with the Group for Young Leaders and working with Nicky to support our award work and DoFE. These are much deserved awards that reflect the dedication and hard work both leaders give to our young people, and we are enormously grateful to them both.

Thanks as always to our full team of leaders for their continued support. In alphabetical order: **Alex, Dan, Jamie, Kate, Mel and Nicky**. We are all looking forward to another exciting year of Explorer Scouting.

Neil McLauchlan (Explorer Scout Leader)





PHOENIX 3

19TH WIMBLEDON SCOUT GROUP



An exciting new project to replace our ageing Explorer Hut and Garage stores buildings



Project Outline

For the last 50 years, the Explorer Hut has been used by Explorer Scouts and previously Venture Scouts. It was originally constructed by parents and Venture Scouts in the 1970s, reflecting a long-standing tradition of community involvement within the Group.

The Phoenix 3 project aims to replace the original Explorer Hut, which currently houses the kitchen and storage facilities, with a new building integrated with the Phoenix 2 development completed in 2014. In addition, the existing garage stores will be replaced with a purpose-built standalone storage facility.

The new Phoenix 3 building element will be integrated with the Phoenix 2 buildings and will include a large meeting room with picture window and doors to the side, along with a commercial grade kitchen and internal storage room. The development will also expand the much-needed community hub, providing more flexible space for local groups and activities in response to significant demand for community facilities within the area.

**Please help support the Phoenix 3 project –
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GROUP INFORMATION

The Headquarters Site of the 19th Wimbledon Scout Group and the Raynes Park Explorer Scout Unit is at 106 Cottenham Park Road, SW20 0SZ (at the junction with Oakwood Road).

The Group has links with St Matthew's (C of E) Church and the Sacred Heart (RC) Parish.

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MEMBERS OF THE TRUSTEE BOARD

2025-2026

Group Chair	Ros Barnes
Group Treasurer	Adrian Chapman
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Trustee (Leader)	Richard Bowyer, STM
Trustee (Leader.)	James Bowyer, STM
Trustee (Parent)	Nicola Hawkey
Trustee (Parent)	Somnath Basu
Trustee (Parent)	Vacant
Trustee (Young Person Rep.)	Tony Kim, CTM



'100 CLUB' WINNERS IN 2025

Jan	£15	Chris Chapman	Jul	£12	David Beynon
	£15	Jim Brook		£12	Diana Smith
Feb	£15	Paul Henderson	Aug	£12	Catherine Williams
	£15	Liz Strutt		£12	Diana Smith
Mar	£15	Clare Insall	Sep	£12	Robert Aston
	£15	Neil Messenbird		£12	Gem Wilkins
Apr	£15	Lyn Jones	Oct	£12	Jane Chase
	£15	Robert Chapman		£12	Jane Barnes
May	£15	Sarah Ellen	Nov	£12	David Beynon
	£15	Diana Smith		£12	Mark Steed
Jun	£12	Mark Naylor	Dec	£12	Jeff Tombs
	£80	Catherine Williams		£15	Chris Chapman

GROUP TREASURER'S REPORT

The accounts for the Group show that income exceeded expenditure by more than £11,000 in the financial year to 31 March 2026. Full accounts for the whole Group will be presented at the AGM.

Due to the continuing great demand from various groups to use our facilities our letting income remained strong at over £44,000. As we now have no loans to repay we have been able to invest our surplus to fund future redevelopments. During the year we paid out fees totalling over £11,500 relating to our redevelopment plans.

Following the closure of *The Giving Machine* we are now using *Give As You Live* to raise donations from online purchases of goods, insurance, theatre tickets etc. One of our members recently raised £70 from a single hotel booking. Please consider joining this scheme to raise free donations. Details of it can be found below and under Fundraising on our Group website.

Many thanks to those who made other donations to the Group. The Gift Aid scheme which allows us to claim back tax on subscriptions *giftaid it* continues to provide additional income but the number of people making a Gift Aid declaration has declined significantly in recent years. I would urge all parents who have not made one to do so if possible.

The 100 Club had its final year in 2025. The numbers contributing to the club had fallen over the past few years and other forms of fundraising seem to be more popular. We would like to thank all of the members of the club for their support over the years, we really appreciate your involvement. We would also like to thank a number of people who donated their winnings back to the Group. In 2025 £116 was donated.

Adrian Chapman (Group Treasurer)



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Minutes of the Twenty Second Annual General Meeting of the 19th Wimbledon Scout Group, held at Group Headquarters on 29th June 2025

Present: There were approximately 30 people present, including leaders, parents, friends and members of the Group Executive and District Team.

Welcome: The Group Chair, Ros Barnes, welcomed everyone and thanked them for attending.

Apologies: Apologies for absence were received from Laura Paine, Pauline Godden and Chris Chapman.

Minutes: The Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of 29th June 2024 were taken as read. Approval was proposed by the Chair and agreed by the meeting.

Matters Arising from the Minutes: There were no matters arising.

Annual Report: The Group Chair presented the Annual Report. Ros Barnes noted that the report read very well and possibly had the benefit of some AI to help with the writing. She thanked Ian Haynes for putting it together and all who had contributed to it. There is plenty of demand for Scouting as always and she highlighted the number of Young Leaders we have now which is really benefitting all the sections. However, there is always a need for more adult volunteers, our current set are fantastic and very experienced but they are not getting any younger, so please ask friends, parents and relatives if anyone would consider getting involved. The Annual Report shows all the many activities, weekly meetings and other events which are organised by the sections and Ros encouraged the young members to get the most out of Scouting by coming to as many as possible, especially the camps and weekend events. She thanked the leaders for all their efforts and time, also all the backroom team, the Trustee Board and all who make the 19th Wimbledon a success.

Annual Statement of Accounts: The Treasurer, Adrian Chapman, presented the Annual Statement of Accounts for the year ending 31st March. He noted that excess income is now being saved for future improvement projects including work on renovating the Explorer Hut. The lettings income continues to bring in a significant revenue for the Group. He also mentioned that Gift Aid is another significant source of revenue back from the Government and encouraged all parents to sign up if they have not already done so.

Charity Governance: A number of charity governance points were agreed:

- a) Group Constitution – an updated Constitution, following the Scout Association POR template, was approved with a show of hands at the meeting.
- b) RPESU Partnership Agreement – the current agreement was re-confirmed by the meeting.

- c) The charity's financial year is 1st April to 31st March.
- d) The number of members to be appointed to the Trustee Board was proposed as 10 by the Chair and approved by the meeting.
- e) The quorums for the Scout Council, 20, and the Trustee Board, 8, were proposed by the Chair and approved by the meeting.

Appointment of Group Chair: Ian Haynes summarised the process now used by the Scout Association to appoint the Group Chair, the Group Treasurer and the other Trustees. An open process had been run leading up to the Group AGM to gather nominations and then Trustees are appointed for 1, 2 or 3 year terms, with no person serving for more than 9 years (starting from 2024). Paul Wilkins, GLV, noted that Ros Barnes is now about to start Year 2 as Group Chair of a 3 year term.

Appointment of Group Treasurer: The Chair noted that Adrian Chapman is about to start Year 2 as Group Treasurer of a 2 year term.

Appointment of Other Members of the Trustee Board: The following Trustees are all about to start Year 2 of their 2 year terms: Dave Godden STL, Ian Haynes STM, Dick Bowyer STM. In addition, these candidates had been nominated through the open nomination process and were approved by a show of hands from the Group Council: parents Nicola Hawkey and Somnath Basu for 1 year terms; with James Bowyer STM and young person representative, also for a 1 year term.

Appointment of Independent Examiner: The Treasurer proposed that Michael Barnes continue as Independent Examiner.

Presentations: Dave Bixby, DLV commended the Group on a good provision of Scouting to young people in all sections, he particularly noted how smart the uniforms are at the 19th, and the fine weather for the AGM. He also gave his thanks on behalf of the District to all the Leaders and Young Leaders involved in the Group and all they do for the young people.

Dave then presented long service awards to Ian Haynes (25 years) and Dave Godden (15 years).

Any Other Business: Ros Barnes, Chair held a 100 Club Draw live in the meeting with the help of some young people and the winners were numbers 48 and 23.

Paul Wilkins, GLV, raised that the national Scout Volunteer Transformation programme had been quite a journey for everyone with several key systems and processes changing, and not without some teething problems. He thanked everyone for working through it. He also gave his thanks to Ros and the Trustee Board for supporting the Group so well in 2025.

Close of meeting: There being no other business, the meeting closed and the Chair invited everyone to stay for refreshments and to view the reports and photos.

GROUP HQ - A SITE FOR THE COMMUNITY

We continue to see high demand for the site from a variety of organisations. We have never had to advertise our space, but get continual requests for spaces. Our regular users together with our own use means that the site is occupied almost all the time both during the week and at weekends.

Our notice boards provide details of what activities take place, along with the contact details.

We are pleased to be able to provide a home for other uniformed groups as our Explorer Unit, local Brownies and Guides and the Polish Guides, Brownies and Cubs are all based at our site.

The Little Forest Folk nursery use the site at the start and end of each day before taking their children to the Common for their activities.

Playball run holiday camps and a regular preschool class on site and Curious Minds offer sessions for home schooled children twice a week.

The Kingston Wheelers use the site for the start and finish of their long-distance cycle runs and Paracise, Pilates, Yoga and Sound Bath sessions all take place on a regular basis.

The Khayaal theatre group hold drama workshops monthly and we have provided space for the Thames Musical Theatre rehearsals during the year.

We have welcomed The Mission Church for their monthly meetings this year, and Dundonald Church youth club JOLT continues to come along a few times each year to enable their children to enjoy an evening outside with bonfires!

We are extremely pleased to be a home for all of these users and to welcome people of all ages and backgrounds into our site. With our new building project Phoenix 3, we hope to provide further opportunities for external lettings and meet some of the obvious demand for community spaces.

Ros Barnes (Lettings)

lettings@19thwimbledonscouts.co.uk





FRIENDS OF THE 19TH (FON)

The 19th Wimbledon can trace its origins back over 110 years, and during that time many people have had an involvement one way or another with the Group or its predecessors.

We realise that whilst people move away or move on, they may still like to keep in contact with us, receive occasional news of the Group's activities, renew old acquaintances and receive invitations to important Group events. For this we have the "Friends of the 19th". We also hold occasional events for Friends, Leaders and Executive and Trustee members at Group HQ.

If you would like to become a Friend, then please contact:

Ian Haynes, FON, 19th Wimbledon Scout Group

friends@19thwimbledonscouts.co.uk

**We need tea makers,
activity planners, tidy-uppers
and helpers for as little or as much
time as you can spare.**

We meet on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday evenings to help our 6 to 14-year olds get going, get thinking and stuck into all kinds of things to give them skills for life. Every now and then that may well mean using a compass, but more often than not it's about confidence, speaking up, thinking on their feet and going for it.

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