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2025 Annual Report



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AGENDA for 2025 Annual General Meeting

1. Apologies for Absence
2. Minutes of the 2024 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

I am delighted to be able to introduce this year's Annual Report. Each of the reports from the Sections provides information about what the young people have been able to experience over the past twelve months and I commend the Leadership teams for their continuing enthusiastic efforts to provide interesting and challenging programmes for our Beavers, Cubs, Scouts and Explorers. I will leave you to read the reports to find out more about our activities over the year all of which make a positive contribution towards our aims.

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.

It is extremely satisfying to see young people of Explorer age offering their help with our Cubs and Beaver sections as Young Leaders, using the knowledge and experience that they gained from when they were going through the sections in their younger years to help deliver the programme to others and acting as brilliant role models to the young people. Thanks very much to the Raynes Park Explorer Scout Unit for their support within the Group, it is really appreciated.

It has been a challenging time for our adult volunteers as the Scout Association have transformed the way that we work, this has required each of us to manage significant change and get to grips with a new team approach to our work and a new computer system that underpins all of the records and training requirements. As can be expected with new systems, some hiccups have been experienced during the transition period, and we hope that the process becomes more streamlined, and easy to manage in the months to come. I'd like to extend my thanks to all of our adult volunteers for their patience whilst the new system has been introduced to us all.

One of the aims of the new system is to make life easier for new volunteers. This is an aim that we would wholeheartedly support. We are desperate for more adult volunteers to help us deliver the best Scouting programmes that we can. Many of our current leaders are reaching a point where they will be retiring soon and we really need to have people



who can join us now, learn from our experienced leaders, and be ready to step up to lead sections over the new few years.

The new team approach recognises that people lead increasingly busy lives and do not have a lot of spare time. Tasks can now be shared across a number of volunteers to reduce having too much work falling to the section leaders. Core training has to be completed by all volunteers, but this is now able to 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 programmes. I would like to thank Paul Wilkins for his continued vigilance and work in keeping our site in good order and dealing with the various repair and maintenance issues that arise during the year.

I would also like to thank our external users who always cooperate with us and help us to manage the site for the benefit of all. We are fortunate to be able to offer space for a wide variety of activities which bring people of all ages into the site each week and help us to be a major asset for the local community.

One of our buildings, the Explorer Hut, is now reaching the end of its life and we are currently looking into whether we can redevelop the hut and bring it up to a similar standard as our main hall. Watch this space as we will bring forward more information on a possible scheme later this year!

Finally, after the first full year of our Trustee Board, following the changes brought in by the transformation project, I would like to thank my fellow Board members for their efforts during the year. We have sought some additional Trustee Board members in the run up to this AGM and I hope that we will be able to appoint a few more Board members to further strengthen our numbers and to ensure that we are well placed to deal with the challenges ahead.

Ros Barnes (Group Chair)

GROUP LEAD VOLUNTEER'S REPORT



This Scout Group is a large Group compared with many in the local borough, we have a Trustee Board who oversee the Governance of how we operate as a charity and Group volunteers who achieve the objectives of Scouting on an operational basis. That said the real essence of Scouting is the participation of the young people and their families as a community that has been brought together for the purpose of Scouting, and using Scouting to make an impact on their lives going forward.

This past year has seen a review of how Scouting is to be delivered and how to engage with new adult volunteers, to be more open and focused for the public to be able to see what we do as a charity and movement. This inevitably means change and more training to ensure everything we do is safe, correct and is focussed on the safety and safeguarding of the young people who are Scout members.

There has been demographic change in the area which has resulted in schools and other youth groups finding a 'shortage of children' for certain ages. This coupled with some volunteers coming to the latter part of their service- it is now even more important to focus on the future of this Scout Group, as part of the local community. It is important for us to keep in touch with the community for volunteer recruitment and for people to assist in a wide variety of tasks.

For the volunteers who have tirelessly given their time freely over the past year, I thank you for making the 19th Wimbledon Scout Group the success it is.

Please take the time to take an interest in the Scouting activities your child participates in, as it really does help to shape their lives, it did mine.

Paul Wilkins (Group Lead Volunteer)



OAKWOOD BEAVER COLONY REPORT



Oakwood Beavers have had another busy year with lots of fun activities allowing us to learn lots of new skills, make lots of new friends, achieve lots of badges and have plenty of fun along the way.

We were lucky with the early autumn weather and continued our outdoor fun up until almost the half term while completing our Communicator and Safety Activity Badges. In October we joined the Mayhew Beavers and both Cub Packs for the Beaver and Cub sleepover. We had a fantastic story-teller who kept us entertained with African wildlife stories and plenty of interactive moments for the Beavers and Leaders too. After a movie and a fairly short night's sleep, we enjoyed a traditional outside camp breakfast before heading home to catch up on any missed Zzzzzz.

Once the darker evenings kept us indoors, we had fun with piles of Lego and taking some lessons from our sleepover storytelling and some great teamwork, we entertained each other with short stories using our Lego creations and characters.

We finished the autumn term with our usual Christmas crafts including a Rudolph tree decoration made from clothes pegs. The grand finale was a Christmas party before a much-practiced hand bell performance for the parents and carers.

The spring term always gives lots of excuses for enjoying some different food. We celebrated Burns Night with Haggis, Neeps 'n' Tatties and had great fun doing an online dance lesson where we learned and almost mastered the Two Step. We welcomed in the Year of the Snake with Chinese New Year activities including a Chase the Dragon Tail game, making handprint dragons and eating noodles. Coming back from the half term break, we enjoyed marking Pancake Day with some of Squirrel's legendary Scotch pancakes. As part of our gastronomic adventure we learned about healthy eating, and joined in some online fitness classes, measuring the impact on our heartbeat, to gain our Health and Fitness Activity badge.

We had an adventurous and very competitive evening with indoor archery and ended the term making tissue paper flowers for Mother's Day which completed our Creative Activity badge.



The first half of the summer term was a short one with a Bank Holiday Monday but the lovely weather enabled us to take advantage of the outdoors with some fun wide games and yes, more food as we toasted marshmallows and cooked damper bread twists on an open fire.

We have lots of plans for the second half of the summer term and fingers crossed for the

weather although we already had an evening building shelters using tarpaulins, ropes and trees. We'll also learn more outdoor skills, including pioneering and building a fire in preparation for our annual "Stranded on a Desert Island" team challenge. We also have our family treasure hunt/walk around Morley Park planned before the much requested water fight to end the summer term.

We've had and continue to have some amazing Young Leaders and Duke of Edinburgh Volunteers. Luke finished with us at Christmas as he prepares for A-levels and we really appreciated his contribution to the section over the twelve months. Ed has thankfully continued with us through his D of E Silver and Gold award. We've been joined by Adam and George who have already been busy getting the Beavers to be experts at Capture the Flag.

Thanks to everyone for their help this year, including Pauline (Squirrel), Rob (Hedgehog), Ed (Eagle), Adam (Bluebird) and George (Crow). 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



This past year has been a fun and rewarding one for the Mayhew Beavers, characterised by a variety of enriching activities and events. One of the year's highlights is the annual Beaver and Cub sleepover. This is a super introduction to a night away experience (for some their first and a daunting first time away from home). Surprisingly more sleep was achieved this year than in previous years, to the delight of the leaders!

Two more standout highlights were the District Beaver Fun Day, which brought together Beavers from across the District for a day of fun, activities, forming friendships and teamworking, and the District Laser Tag event, which despite being a winter event (coming with the obligatory mud and puddles) was also a fantastic experience, offering excitement, competition and teamwork.

Over the course of the year, the Beavers took part in numerous meetings that covered various topics geared toward skill development. Activities such as shelter building, nature scavenger hunts, fire lighting and toasting with marshmallows, knots, and the Communicator badge tasks helped teach essential skills, with sessions filled with games allowing for some relaxed fun (but still covering badgework) especially when competing for jelly beans!!



Other noteworthy meetings included cooking pancakes and Health and Fitness sessions, which combined delicious treats with important lessons about health. We've also covered sessions on the Countryside Code, Money and Disability Awareness, and helping the Beavers understand a little more about the world around them.

As we did the year before, we prepared Christmas cards and crackers for the residents of a local care home. This time though the Beavers delivered their cards and gifts themselves, as we spent an evening with the residents singing some well-practiced Christmas favourites and dusting off the handbells to supplement our singing. Our visit was well received by the residents and staff at the home.

It is particularly significant to note that this year we had the honour of presenting seven Chief Scout Bronze Awards. This accomplishment reflects the hard work of those Beavers who have embraced the spirit of Scouting, and it serves as an inspiration for all members to continue to work towards achievements and push themselves.

Of course, the above would not be possible without a dedicated team of adult volunteers. I would therefore like to take this opportunity to our Thursday Beavers leadership team, consisting of Denise, Ros (who will now be moving to the Mayhew Cubs), Rebecca, James and our two young leaders, Finlay and Sam. They are all integral to the ongoing success of the colony and the opportunities it provides to our members. We are also excited to have recently welcomed Emma to our team.

Looking ahead, there are many exciting activities planned for the upcoming year, promising even more fun, opportunities to earn badges, and awards as we also look forward to a big District celebration to mark the 40th anniversary of Beavers. This milestone offers a great occasion to reflect what Beavers has already achieved and what it still has to offer for at least another 40 years and hopefully beyond!

Our membership is obviously key, so I would also like to extend my thanks to the Beavers themselves. Each week they bring energy and enthusiasm to our sessions.



Thank you also to our parents for their continued support. Your involvement is key to our success, and we encourage more parents to join in and contribute where they can. Here's to another year filled with fun experiences in Scouting!

Liz Strutt (Beaver Leader)

MAYHEW CUB PACK REPORT



This past year has been an active and engaging time for the Mayhew Cubs, highlighted by a variety of exciting events and meaningful experiences. Among the notable activities, the Cubs had a fantastic sleepover, which provided an excellent opportunity for everyone to experience a night away from home (whether it be their first night away or one of many). The District Paintball event swiftly followed the sleepover and ensured Cubs from across the District were able to participate in and enjoy a day of adventure, strategy and teamwork. A particularly touching moment occurred during the autumn term when we visited a local care home just before Christmas. The Cubs (alongside the Mayhew Beavers) sang and chatted with the residents, gifting them handmade cards and Christmas crackers. Our visit was well received by the residents and staff who joined in with our singing. It was a great way of showcasing the importance of community and kindness within Scouting.



Throughout the year, the Cubs engaged in a range of meetings, focusing on essential skills such as shelter building, map reading, and fire lighting. Special sessions on international themes helped broaden their perspectives, while practical sessions covered important subjects like disability awareness and healthy eating. The variety of meetings ensured that each child had the chance to learn, play, and develop their skills in a supportive environment whilst always working towards badges. Whilst we were unsuccessful at placing at the District Chess competition, the Cubs were again given a valuable opportunity to compete against other Cubs in a very popular afternoon.

I would like to express a big thank you to our dedicated team of leaders: Denise and Rebecca, and our young leaders: Tony, Kai, Sophia and Andrew. Thanks also to Ros who has moved up from the Mayhew Beavers to assist with the



Mayhew Cubs. Everyone's commitment and enthusiasm certainly makes a difference, introducing the Cubs to new challenges and experiences, and fostering personal growth.

Looking ahead, we have an exciting year planned with even more Scouting activities for the Cubs to look forward to. This will include a mix of skill-building sessions, community engagement, and adventurous outings that will continue to encourage our Cubs to explore and grow.

Finally, we want to thank the children for making the year an enjoyable one and express our gratitude to the parents for their ongoing support. Your involvement greatly enhances our community and helps us create a memorable Scouting experience for all. We encourage any parents looking to become more involved to consider participating as leaders or volunteers to help shape the future of our group.



We are looking forward to another wonderful year of Scouting, where the Cubs will continue to learn, grow, and have fun together.

Liz Strutt (Raksha)

OAKWOOD CUB PACK REPORT



Once again it has been a busy year as we offer a full and varied programme for the Cubs ensuring they develop skills, are able to work together and have fun. Over the course of the year, we do activities that cover the seven Challenges which are Adventure, Outdoor, Personal, Skills, Teamwork, Team Leader and World. It is quite an achievement therefore, for Cubs to gain their Chief Scout Silver Award as they must complete all these challenges as well six activity badges and camp at least three nights away from home. We are therefore very pleased that six children have managed to achieve their Silver Award during the year. Other badges that have been gained this year include Backwoods Cooking, Road Safety, Emergency Aid Stage 2, Entertainer and Artist.

Children also have a say in what they would like to do each term through our six forums when they can put forward their own ideas and vote for their favourites. The summer term is by far the favourite as this is when we can go outside and light fires to toast marshmallows and





make s'mores and twists. Other ideas this term have included biscuit decorating, which turned into a beetle drive, wide games and still to come a crazy sports evening at the end of term. As part of our service to the community we have been litter picking in our local area and collected three bags of rubbish. Well done to all the Cubs.

During our Cub meetings we get to play lots of games. Some team games or activities involve problem solving and encourage the children to work together. Other activities involve arts and crafts and this year the children were particularly proud of their Mother's Day gifts and cards. We hope our mums enjoyed them just as much.

We also like to do things outside of our normal meeting and this can often be through a District event. Back in October the Cubs had the opportunity to go paintballing and this year teams have taken part in the swimming gala; the chess competition and we entered a team on the District Cub Hike. This was like a scavenger hunt in Morden Hall Park which earned the children their first Hike badge. We also took part in the St George's Day Parade. This is an opportunity for all members of Wimbledon and Wandle District to march through Wimbledon Village to Edge Hill parish church for a special service and to renew our promise. Finally, in a couple of weeks, we will also be going by coach to a Gilwell Fun Day with other packs from Wimbledon and Wandle District.

A particular highlight of every year is our Cub camp which took place at Frylands Wood at the beginning of May. We share the weekend with the Mayhew Cubs allowing the older children to sleep in tents outside while the younger ones are in the hut. At camp the children were able to do lots of activities including climbing, the assault course, grass sledging, pond dipping, and a blindfold trail. The younger





children learned how to put up a tent and everyone had a go on the bouncy castle and took on the challenge of being a gladiator. Everyone also got the opportunity to light fires and cook bananas with chocolate buttons in the embers, a definite camp favourite.

Some different activities and events that have also been included in our programme this year has been the visit to St Matthew's Church where we met Father Alistar who showed us around the church and answered numerous Cub questions. This helped the Cubs gain 'My Faith' badge. We also entertained parents before Christmas with festive songs and poems as well as the Twelve Days of Christmas rewritten by our Young Leaders to give a Scouting twist to a traditional song. By contrast, in the Spring term we had an entertainment evening for the Cubs, where they learned some circus skills. It's been some years since we held this event, but it was still just as much fun. Hopefully none of the Cubs went home afterwards and tried to spin the family plates!

In October, we held our annual Cub and Beaver sleepover. This is a particularly good event for children who have never spent a night away from family and this year, after some games, we hired a storyteller to entertain the children before going to bed.

We also had good attendance for our annual family campfire evening in November, where leaders take it in turns to lead traditional songs that many parents, who were in the movement, probably remember from their own Scouting days. The Cubs themselves have some firm favourites - which are usually the action songs



and 'the repeat after me' songs. They are also getting good at learning the words to songs and you can often hear them singing on the way back from campfires.

In the summer term, we like to finish with something a bit different and last year we went to Dinosaur Golf. Luckily the rain held off while we were there, but it kept others away, so we more or less had the place to ourselves and were able to get a sneaky second go!

Finally, I would like to end our report by thanking the leaders who give up their time to ensure our Cubs get the best experience possible. We particularly value our wonderful Young Leaders for their energy and enthusiasm so thank you to Will, Becca, Evie and Immy and good luck to Will next year as he's off to Uni. Also thank you to Chris, Kiki and Laura for their support and to all our parents. We couldn't do it without you.

Mike Mayhew (Akela)

SCOUT TROOP REPORT

SCOUTS

This past year has included numerous activities for our Scout Troop, providing various productive and enjoyable opportunities for the Scouts. A highlight was undoubtedly our Summer Camp at Hopehill, a wonderful experience where our Scouts developed their skills and teamwork in the great outdoors. Our Winter Camp in Dorking and the recent May Camp in Cobham contributed further to our adventure-filled year.

The Scouts visited the Fire Station in Wimbledon and the RNLI Lifeboat Station in Teddington, which provided valuable insights into community services and safety. We also managed to enjoy a festive ice skating outing during the Christmas season.

Joining the District Scout-Explorer paintballing has been a popular event with our Scouts and a great opportunity to catch up with some of our previous Scouts who have moved up to Explorers.





The watersports evening in Wimbledon Park allowed our Scouts to try new activities while learning about teamwork and safety on the water. Additionally, the PADI Discover Scuba experience in the swimming pool was a memorable moment for the older Scouts keen to delve below the surface.

During our weekly meetings, we undertook a range of engaging activities covering many skills, such as fire safety, camp skills, navigation, creative activities, teamwork and personal development. We joined other Scouts and organisations at ceremonies during the Remembrance Day Parade and the St George's Day Parade, reinforcing our respect for community and country.

Over the last year we were pleased to award over 200 badges, with many Scouts completing their Personal, Creative and Outdoor Challenge awards in addition to gaining Fire Safety, Nights Away, Hikes Away and Water Activities badges. Well done everyone, you should be proud of these achievements.

The Scout Troop currently has around forty members, aged 10 to 14. Over the last year we have welcomed new members from our Group's two Cub Packs but also said farewell for now to some older members who have moved up to the Raynes Park Explorer Scouts.

Looking ahead, we are excited for our Summer Camp at Broadstone Warren, which promises new adventures and opportunities for growth.



Thank you to our team of volunteers; Mick, Dick, James, Ian and Marina. Their dedication and hard work have been instrumental in creating an enjoyable environment for our Scouts; their support is sincerely appreciated.



To wrap up, I would like to thank the Scouts for their enthusiasm and participation throughout the year, making it a pleasure for all leaders involved. A big thank you also goes to all parents for their ongoing support and to the volunteers who diligently work behind the scenes to help our Group thrive. We look forward to another wonderful year of Scouting together.

Dave Godden (Scout Leader)

RAYNES PARK EXPLORER SCOUT UNIT REPORT



We have had another exciting year in the Explorer Scout section.

Thursday evenings have been their usual mix of fun and learning. We celebrated Chinese New Year again with the members organising the evening. We have had two evenings of self-defence and had two bushcraft evenings doing paracord crafts and whittling with Dan. We also spent one evening completing three Beaver Badges in one go! Our off-site evenings have included Zorb football, bowling and ice skating.

We have taken part in County and District events; ranging from Paintballing to Red Flare, and the St George's Day and Remembrance Day Parades.

We had a brilliant Summer Camp to Kandersteg in Switzerland. We joined with our Explorer Scout friends from both our District and also from Royal Kingston District for this exceptional expedition. We were a part of 126 Explorer Scouts and 26 adult leaders. Such a tremendous experience for all involved after literally years of planning lead by Dan Fellowes. Surely a 'once in a lifetime' experience.





We also had a group on the County organised Explorer Belt trip to Sweden. They had a great time taking part in such a unique opportunity. They had to travel by foot for ten days, carrying all their kit. They had to meet as many local people as possible, survive on a budget and complete several projects on the way. They all passed and were awarded their coveted belts!

We had great success with the Top Awards; increasing our tally of Chief Scout's Platinum Award and Diamond Awards. These are linked with the Duke of Edinburgh Bronze and Silver Awards. We have joined forces with other Districts and take part in the County award hike provision. Extremely well done to all those have gained these awards and many thanks to all the leaders who supported them.

Special mention goes to Jamie Umblijs who has been awarded both the King's Scout Award and the Duke of Edinburgh's Gold Award. Such a great achievement. Jamie also went on to be presented with the Scouts of the World award.

Another brilliant Unit tradition is helping other sections within the 19th Group and beyond. We currently have twelve members helping as Young Leaders at both Beaver Colonies and Cub Packs. They very much enjoy this and it is an integral part of their own individual award work. William Gardner is now 18 years old and he is the first for several years, in becoming a leader, to carry on helping whilst he is at university.

We are also working with all our Explorer Scouts that turn 18 during the year. We are investing them into the RPNSU (Raynes Park Network Scout Unit) whilst keeping them involved with Explorer Unit life and encouraging them to organise their own Network-only activities.

Thanks, as always, goes to our current team of Unit leaders. We have welcomed Dan as a new Team Member; transferring from Royal Kingston District after summer camp and has been a superb addition to our team. Thanks to Jamie, Alex, Kate, Mel and Nicky for their continued support. We are all looking forward to another exciting year of Explorer Scouting.

Neil McLauchlan (Explorer Scout Leader)

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

2024-2025

Group Chair	Ros Barnes
Group Treasurer	Adrian Chapman
Group Lead Volunteer (GLV)	Paul Wilkins
Trustee (Leader)	Dave Godden, STL
Trustee (Leader, Admin)	Ian Haynes, STM
Trustee (Leader)	Richard Bowyer, STM
Trustee (Parent)	Nicola Hawkey
Trustee (Parent)	Taliotis Savvas
Trustee (Parent)	Somnath Basu
Trustee (Young Person Rep.)	James Bowyer, STM



'100 CLUB' WINNERS IN 2024

Jan	£15	Helen Jeon	Jul	£15	Barbara Chapman
	£15	Ian Haynes		£15	Lyn Jones
Feb	£15	Helen Jeon	Aug	£15	Jim Brook
	£15	Mark Steed		£15	Pauline Godden
Mar	£15	Eric de Regnaucourt	Sep	£15	Somnath Basu
	£15	Rosemary Matters		£15	Deborah Bishop
Apr	£15	Eric de Regnaucourt	Oct	£15	Adrian Chapman
	£15	Kevin Kilbane		£15	Chris Godden
May	£15	Faiza Waheed	Nov	£15	Nigel Bishop
	£15	Howard Rochford		£15	Barbara Chapman
Jun	£15	Eric de Regnaucourt		£15	Clare Insall
	£15	Chris Godden	Dec	£35	Chris Chapman
				£100	Aiden Farrugia

GROUP TREASURER'S REPORT

The accounts for the Group show that income exceeded expenditure by more than £37,000 in the financial year to 31 March 2025. 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 £49,000. As we now have no loans to repay we have been able to invest our surplus to fund future redevelopments.

We raised approximately £2,000 over several years from The Giving Machine as commission donated from online purchases of goods, insurance, theatre tickets etc but this website has now closed. Our membership was transferred to a similar organisation called Give As You Live. Please consider joining this scheme to raise free donations. Details of it can be found in this booklet 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 continues to provide additional income but the percentage 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 is an easy & fun way to raise money for the Group. It costs £1 a month (payable annually) to belong and 50% of all money received is given out in prizes. Many thanks to Gill Nicholson for running the Club. If you would like to join please email:

100club@19thwimbledonscouts.co.uk

Adrian Chapman (Group Treasurer)

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You can also raise money for our Scout Group without doing any fundraising or donating any money. How?



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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 2024

Present: There were approximately thirty 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.

1. **Apologies:** Apologies for absence were received from Matt French, Laura Paine, Neil McLauchlan, Chris Chapman. Also, this was an Explorers DofE Expedition weekend.
2. **Minutes:** The Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of 17th June 2023 were taken as read. Approval was proposed by the Chair, seconded by Mike Mayhew and agreed by the meeting.
3. **Matters Arising from the Minutes:** There were no matters arising.
4. **Annual Report:** The Group Chair presented the Annual Report. Ros Barnes thanked Ian Haynes for putting this together and all who had contributed to it. The demand for Scouting is as high as ever, with 131 young people in the Group. Paul Wilkins highlighted 'service' in his report and it is pleasing to see the number of Young Leaders we have now which really benefits the sections. As usual we are always looking for adult volunteers, especially in the Beaver and Cubs sections, so please ask friends, parents and relatives. James Tomkins has joined us as a Beaver Leader and is very welcome. Mike Mayhew has come back from retirement to lead the Oakwood Cubs again, but he will not be around forever, so it would be great if someone could work with him now to ease a transition. The Annual Report shows all the activities, weekly meetings and other events and Ros thanked the leaders for their efforts and time. Also, congratulated Rebecca Gregg, STL for achieving a nights away certificate.
5. **Annual Statement of Accounts:** The Treasurer, Adrian Chapman, presented the Annual Statement of Accounts for the year ending 31st March. He noted that all loans are fully paid off and surplus income could now be used for future improvement projects including work on the Explorer Hut. The lettings income continues to bring in a significant revenue for the Group. Mike Mayhew noted that the Gift Aid reclaim was a good amount and asked what percentage of parents have signed Gift Aid declarations. Adrian responded that it is the majority but the numbers have been falling recently and another marketing push is required.
6. **Charity Governance:** A number of charity governance points were agreed:
 - a. Group Constitution – no changes this year.

- b. RPESU Partnership Agreement – it was noted that an updated agreement had been signed earlier this year.
 - 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 seconded by Mike Mayhew.
 - e. The quorums for the Scout Council, 20, and the Trustee Board, 8, were proposed by the Chair and seconded by Rebecca Gregg.
7. **Appointment of Group Chair:** Ian Haynes explained the new process being 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 would be appointed for one, two or three year terms, with no person serving for more than 9 years (starting from this meeting). Paul Wilkins, GSL, proposed Ros Barnes as Group Chair for a three year term, and a show of hands from the Group Council approved.
8. **Appointment of Group Treasurer:** The Chair proposed Adrian Chapman as Group Treasurer for a two year term, and a show of hands from the Group Council approved.
9. **Appointment of Other Members of the Trustee Board:** The following had been nominated through the open nomination process and were approved by a show of hands from the Group Council: leaders Dave Godden STL, Ian Haynes STM, Dick Bowyer STM all for two year terms; and parents Nicola Hawkey, Taliotis Savvas, and Somnath Basu for one year terms; with James Bowyer STM as a young person representative, also for a one year term.
10. **Appointment of Independent Examiner:** The Treasurer proposed that Michael Barnes continue as Independent Examiner, and this was seconded by Mike Mayhew.
11. **Presentations:** Paul Wilkins, GSL wanted to raise particular thanks to Dick Bowyer for helping out with the Beaver Fun Day to ensure leader numbers were sufficient.
12. **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 for May were numbers 78 and 44, and for June were 75 and 56. She also noted for any parents attending that subscriptions would be increasing in September from £45 to £50 per term to help meet rising costs.

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.

GROUP HQ - A SITE FOR THE COMMUNITY

Our site is used by many organisations offering a wide range of opportunities for sporting activities, play and education. We are really grateful to all our users who treat our site as their home and value it's facilities.

Details of all of the users are shown on our notice boards.

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

Local Guide and Brownie groups also use the site, along with the Raynes Park Explorer Scout Unit and the local Polish Guide, Cub and Brownie groups. The outside space is particularly welcomed by these groups.

Playball have increased their use of the premises during the year and now hold regular holiday camps in school holidays as well as their regular sessions for pre-schoolers.

Curious Minds offer sessions for home schooled children providing opportunities for socialising and educating the children, and supporting the adults.

The *Kingston Wheelers* use our site as a base to gather before and after race events, and generously gave us a donation during the year as well as paying their letting fee. It is quite a sight to see such a large group of cyclists coming and going from the HQ!

Older people can come along and enjoy exercising with the U3a Pilates class and Paracise classes during the week.

We also welcomed the *Khayaal* theatre group who have started to use the hall regularly for their drama workshops.

The hall is also used for ad hoc events, including yoga, fund raisers and use of the site as a Polling station for elections.

We are very proud to be able to support the community with access to our site across the week and at the same time raise funds through our lettings fees to enable us to maintain and further develop the site and fund our own use.

Ros Barnes (Lettings)

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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

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**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 or Thursday evenings to help our 6 to 11-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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