

THE 1ST STANMORE SCOUT GROUP AGM
ANNUAL TRUSTEE REPORT
AND ACCOUNTS
2025 – 2026



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.

15 July 2026

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 – 04 July 2025 (included)
 - b. Approve appointed and community members of the Group Scout Council¹
 - c. Agree the quorum for future meetings of the Group Scout Council (excluding this AGM)
- 4. Review of the year 2025/26**
 - a. Group Lead Volunteer's review
 - 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 – and recruitment**
- 7. Presentation of Badges and Awards**
- 8. Concluding Remarks**

¹ 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
Trustee (Youth representative)	Rohan 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

Jackie McDowall

Assistant Beaver Scout Leader

Vacant

Cub Scout Leaders

Cub Scout Leader

Bhrat Patel

Assistant Cub Scout Leader

Ramesh Dave

Assistant Cub Scout Leader

Alkesh Shah

Scout Leaders

Scout Leader

Lizzy King

Assistant Scout Leaders

David Huntley

Prasant Patel

Ashley Martin

Explorer Scout Leaders

Explorer Leaders

Jonathan Gregson

Young Leaders

Beavers: Hadi Jomaa, Sahil Shah, Reyan Sheth, Balthazar Cliquet, Jack Kelly, Louisa McDowell Gustave Cliquet, Dylan Stroud and Kian Patel

Cubs: Iris Cliquet, Aaron Raval, Siyona Mehta, Veer Shah, Vishnu Srirambhatla, Kyan Rughani, Shayan Patel

Scouts: Thevesh Thevachandran, Niyam Gohil, Louisa McDowall, Aya Jomaa

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE & MANAGEMENT

2025/26 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 Police, 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 at 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 12 June 2026. 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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| Integrity | - | We act with integrity: we are honest, trustworthy and loyal |
| Respect | - | We have self-respect and respect for others |
| Care | - | We support others and take care of the world in which we live |
| Belief | - | We explore our faiths, beliefs and attitudes |
| Co-operation | - | 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

1st Stanmore Scout Group

04 July 2025 Meeting Minutes

1st Stanmore Scout Hut, 186 Marsh Lane, Stanmore HA7 2SL

- **WELCOME, OPENING REMARKS AND TRUSTEE REPORT**

Vipul Mehta (VM) and Shailesh Vekaria (SV)

VM welcomed members of the Group Scout Council and guests. VM welcomed Gillan Barnard Programme Lead Volunteer from Harrow District as our special guest.

VM explained that the purpose of the AGM is to formally approve and adopt the annual Trustee reports and accounts to year end 31 March 2025 (circulated ahead of the meeting via OSM), in line with the requirements of the Charity Commission's Guidelines.

- **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Jigna Patel– Trustee

- **QUORUM**

VM confirmed that with a minimum of 10 attendees representing the Group Council, the meeting is quorate in line with the quorum agreed at the 2024 AGM by the Group Council.

- **MINUTES FROM LAST AGM 06 September 2024**

The Group Trustee Board have reviewed the minutes of last year's AGM at our Board meeting on 6th September 2024. VM proposed that these minutes are taken as read and ask the Group Scout Council to agree that they're a true record of that meeting via a show of hands.

Attendees voted all in favour with no questions arising from the minutes of the last meeting

- **GOVERNANCE – VM**

VM explained that this part of the meeting is to ensure that the charity's foundations are in good order:

1. **[Policy, Organisation and Rules \(POR\)](#)**. VM informed the Group Council that In line with the recommendation from The Scout Association, the Group Trustee Board proposed adoption of the model constitution for a Scout Group from Chapter 5c of Policy, Organisation and Rules. A copy of this was issued for review and inspection prior to the meeting, and copies were available at the meeting. Proposed by VM, and agreed unanimously by the Group Council.
2. **Note the Group's financial year.** VM asked Group Council to note the charity's financial year is 1 April to 31 March

3. **Maximum number of Trustees on the Board** (minimum requirement of 5 stated in POR and a maximum of 12 including ex officio and co-opted Trustees). VM explained that The Group Scout Council must agree the number of people to be appointed to the Trustee Board and proposed that the outgoing Trustee Board recommended a minimum of 5 and a maximum of 9 people are appointed. The Group Scout Council approved unanimously via a show of hands with no questions or abstentions.
4. **Quorum required for future meetings of the Group Scout Council (excluding this AGM).** VM proposed minimum of 10 on behalf of the outgoing Trustee Board (the quorum for this AGM was agreed at last year's AGM). AM seconded and agreed unanimously by the Group Council.

REVIEW OF 2024

- **GROUP LEAD VOLUNTEER'S REPORT – Ashley Martin**

AM thanks all Leaders, Volunteers and Young People and reported that driven by the range of activities undertaken in each of the sections, the group has grown albeit marginally for a 4th year running. Fortunate to have so many young people. We now have a shared explorer scout unit with 1st/6th Edgware that is giving our Scouts a pathway to continuing their journey.

VM thanked all leader and especially the GLV and Scout Section Leader for their hard work, dedication and commitment, particular during a time when they have embarked on their parenting journey with the pressures that brings.

- **KEYNOTE - PROGRAMME LEAD VOLUNTEER – Gillan Barnard**

- **GROUP TRUSTEE REPORT – VM**

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

- **FINANCIAL REPORT – Shailesh Vekaria (SV)**

VM highlighted that the Group Trustee Board has prepared the Trustees' Annual Report and Statement of Accounts issued to the Group Council ahead of the meeting, and has received and considered the report on the accounts from our Independent Examiner, Mahesh Halai.

SV presented the financial report, including total income and outgoings, reserves, and risks and reported that spending has been in line with income with a small surplus. Focus has been on essential maintenance works to the fence and alarm system, with more work including the electrics and outdoor lighting identified to be carried out in coming months.

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.

SV reported that 1st Stanmore Scout Group is in good financial position to continue.

There were no questions from the floor.

VM thanked SV for all of his hard work during the year.

Group Council asked to note that no vote is required, the Group Scout Council only 'receives and considers' the report. It is the report of the Group's Trustees to the members of the Group Scout Council.

• APPOINTMENT OF TRUSTEE BOARD

VM 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. A Trustee Board must be appointed to oversee good governance for the charity over the next year. This includes appointing Trustees and / or officers whose terms have ended.

VM noted that recruitment needs to be seen to be open, organised and in advance, so that it's a thoughtful process. It mustn't take place at the last minute or during the AGM. The appointments are recommendations from the outgoing Trustee Board to the Scout Council and so do not require seconding at the AGM. The Scout Council are asked only to approve or reject the proposals.

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, manage risks, monitor finances and purchasing decisions and generally support the leadership team in delivering the Scouting Programme.

- a. **Chair:** GLV AM explained the open selection process agreed by the Trustee Board and proposed VM who has been volunteering for 15 years, as Group Chair, seconded by Shailesh Vekaria (SV) and agreed unanimously by the Council.
- b. **Treasurer:** VM proposed SV to be appointed as Treasurer, AM seconded and agreed unanimously by the Council.
- c. **Trustee Board (min 5 required including Chair and GLV).** VM proposed Jigna Patel (JP), Bhrat Patel (BP). VM also proposed Rohan Patel (1st Stanmore Beaver, Cub, Scout, Young Leader and Leader) as a Trustee, Youth Representative. Lizzie King (LK) seconded, agreed unanimously by the Group Council.
- d. **Independent Reviewer:** SV proposed Mahesh Malai to continue as independent scrutineer for a further year. VM confirmed that Mahesh Halai is qualified for the role and willing to undertake it. Seconded by VM and agreed unanimously by the Group Council.

VM noted that co-opted members (if any) of the Group Trustee Board are appointed by the Group Trustee Board themselves at one of their meetings, and not the AGM.

• PRESENTATIONS

Beaver Scout Section Awards

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

Chief Scout Bronze: Gaia, Kayan, Eloise

Beaver of the year: Kayan

Most improved Beaver: Eloise

Young Leader of the year: Christopher

Cub Scout Section Awards

BP reflected on another very successful year and expressed thanks you all Leaders and Young Leaders. The following awards were made:

Chief Scout Silver: Adarsh

Cub scout of the year: Shreya

Most improved cub scout: Alice

Young Leader of the year: Iris

Scout Section Awards

LK despite an incredible commitment from herself also thanked Leaders and Young Leaders. The following awards were made:

Chief Scout Gold Awards – Louisa McDowall

Scout of the Year - Adriano

Most Improved Scout - Jack

- e. **Wood Badge Award** presented by GB to Lizzy King for her long-term outstanding service embodied in her incredible commitment to Scouts and Explorers as well as general running of the Group, even during her maternity period.

- **AOB**

None

- **CHAIR'S CONCLUDING REMARKS**

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

ACCOUNTS AND TREASURER'S REPORT

YEAR ENDING 31 MARCH 2026

Treasurer's Report

I attach the Receipts and Payments accounts for the year ended 31 March 2026, 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 2026

Receipts and Payments Accounts for Year Ending 31 March 26

RECEIPTS	£	£
SCOUTING RECEIPTS		
Membership subscriptions	9,438	11,593
Camps & other Scouting Activities	452	3,183
	<u>452</u>	<u>3,183</u>
TOTAL SCOUTING RECEIPTS	9,890	14,776
HQ & OTHER RECEIPTS		
HQ Donations received	0	0
Other Donations received	730	2,157
Gift Aid received	0	0
Bank Interest received	<u>741</u>	<u>815</u>
TOTAL HQ & OTHER RECEIPTS	1,471	2,972
TOTAL RECEIPTS	11,361	17,748
PAYMENTS		
SCOUTING PAYMENTS		
Camps & Other Scouting Activities	1,586	4,114
Scouting Equipment Purchased	0	1,000
Uniforms, Badges & Training	<u>123</u>	<u>0</u>
TOTAL SCOUTING PAYMENTS	1,709	5,114
HQ & OTHER PAYMENTS		
Rent & Rates	503	156
Electricity & Gas	3,708	4,393
Water & Sewage	373	324
Telephone & Internet	686	1,041
Refuse Collection	986	752

Maintenance & Cleaning	1,234	355
Building Improvements	6,840	1,495
Building Insurance	1,654	1,966
Purchase of HQ Equipment	0	0
Admin & Other Costs	600	245
Bank & Payment Processing Charges	<u>362</u>	<u>360</u>

TOTAL HQ & OTHER PAYMENTS	16,945	11,085
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TOTAL PAYMENTS	18,654	16,199
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NET (DEFICIT) / RECEIPTS FOR THE YEAR	(7,293)	1,549
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CASH FUNDS

Cash Funds – 01 April 2026	53,917	52,368
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NET (DEFICIT) / RECEIPTS FOR THE YEAR	(7,293)	1,549
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Cash Funds – 31 March 2026	48,624	53,917
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Cash Funds as at 31 March 2026 consist of the following :-

Cash	0	45
HSBC – Current account	7,444	15,431
Nationwide Building Society account	11,617	11,224
Virgin Bank – Charity Deposit account	27,563	27,216
	46,624	53,917

Signed on behalf of the trustees

Shailesh Vekaria
Treasurer

Vipul Mehta
Chairman

Date: July 2026

Date: July 2026

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

2025 to 2026 has been another fantastic year at the first Stanmore, however not without its challenges.

We have continued to make significant progress in our programme of works at the hut which thanks to our Explorers (shared with 1st / 6th Edgware) has been boosted by a great turn out of young people and volunteers helping with essential gardening and maintenance jobs. It was delightful to see all working side by side on what was a hot and busy day to keep our home something we are proud of. We thank Jonathan Gregson for his incredible energy in not only for organising the volunteers but also running our growing our successful Dragons Unit. This summer will see the final part of our fencework completed.

In terms of compliance, we have maintained and updated our risk register ensuring we are abreast of all changes and requirements and ensuring all activities are taking place in a safe and planned way.

We have this year however struggled with both numbers of young people in Beavers and Scouts and have had to cancel several Scout nights with little cover available for illness etc. I would like to request that all members are actively involved in spreading the word amongst peers, associates and in their child's schools and friend groups about 1st Stanmore and seek to recruit and volunteer to strengthen our group and offering. Any parents who can offer even a little of their time please to come forwards, activities such as gardening, small maintenance and helping out on section nights make a massive difference. Despite the difficulties, I am pleased to say that we remain financially viable.

Camps and activities have continued, and we have been excitedly preparing for a return to Harlem Jamborette next summer, which will be such a rewarding experience as it has been in previous years.

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. I thank all leaders, young people, Trustees and colleagues at Harrow District for the support we have had this year, which has been personally taxing with my and my family having to move from London, which has made logistics harder, but not impossible! I am therefore grateful and delighted to announce that Bhadr Patel our current Cubs Leader and Trustee has offered even more of his time and commitment to step up as Deputy Group Lead volunteer – in the true teamwork spirit of Scouting.

Thank you all.

Ashley Martin

Group Lead Volunteer



BEAVER SCOUT COLONY

JACKIE McDOWALL (BEAVER SECTION LEADER)

This year has been another successful one for the Beaver Colony, although our membership numbers have been slightly lower than in previous years.

Throughout the year, the Beavers have enjoyed a wide range of activities designed to develop their confidence, teamwork, and life skills. These have included fire lighting, cooking and baking, where they made cookies, shortbread, pizzas and flapjacks. They also had the opportunity to celebrate Burns Night by trying haggis, neeps and tatties, as well as learning about and celebrating a variety of festivals throughout the year through different themed activities.

Looking ahead to the coming year, we hope to organise more outings and sleepovers at the Scout Hut to further promote the Beavers' independence, confidence and life skills while continuing to provide them with fun and exciting opportunities.



We would like to take this opportunity to thank all the parents who have volunteered their time to help during meetings throughout the year. Your continued support enables us to run our sessions safely and provide the best possible experiences for our Beavers. Without your help, some activities simply would not be possible.

We would also like to thank all of our Young Leaders for the time, enthusiasm and commitment they have shown throughout the year. They have made a valuable contribution to the Beaver Colony and have been excellent role models for our young people. Some joined us to complete the volunteering section of their Duke of Edinburgh's Award, and we hope to welcome them back next year to continue their Young Leader journey with the Group.

Finally, we wish all of our Beavers who are moving up to Cubs every success in the next stage of their Scouting adventure. We are confident they will continue to enjoy new challenges and experiences. We also extend a warm welcome to all the new Beavers joining the Colony and look forward to another exciting year ahead.

Yours in scouting

Jackie (Owl), Duncan (Cheeky Monkey) & Neha (Phoenix)

Beaver Leadership Team

Young Leaders:

Hadi (Panda), Sahil (Camelion), Reyan (Gorilla), Balthazar (Dragon), Jack (Porcupine), Louisa (Baby Unicorn), Gustave (Fox) and Dylan (Panther)



CUB PACK

BHRAT PATEL (CUB SECTION LEADER)

Over the past year, 1st Stanmore Cub Scouts has continued to deliver a varied, engaging and well-balanced programme, providing Cubs with opportunities to develop practical skills, build confidence and enjoy a wide range of experiences. The programme has maintained a strong balance between outdoor adventure, life skills, teamwork and creativity, ensuring that young people are able to progress across multiple areas of personal development while having fun.

Our Summer 2025 term placed a strong emphasis on outdoor skills and teamwork, forming a core part of the Scouting experience. Cubs were introduced to fundamental skills such as knots and pioneering, which were then developed further through practical activities including shelter building and tent pitching. These sessions gave Cubs the opportunity to work collaboratively, problem-solve and apply their learning in real-world situations.

The programme continued with hands-on outdoor cooking, including backwoods cooking and making Bannock bread over an open fire. These activities proved particularly popular, allowing Cubs to experience cooking in a non-traditional environment while learning about fire safety, food preparation and hygiene. They also encouraged patience, cooperation and a willingness to try new experiences.

A significant highlight of the term was the Bentley Priory hike, where Cubs completed a 2.9km nature trail. This activity brought together many of the skills developed earlier in the term. Cubs demonstrated resilience and determination while completing the route, developed greater independence through navigating the trail, and strengthened teamwork as they supported and encouraged one another. The hike also fostered an appreciation for the natural environment, giving Cubs the chance to explore local green spaces and engage with nature in a meaningful way. The term concluded with a campfire evening, where Cubs enjoyed songs and smores.



During the Autumn 2025 term, the programme broadened to incorporate a mix of life skills, community awareness and teamwork-based challenges. Cubs worked towards a number of badges including Home Help, Road Safety, Teamwork and Communicator, taking part in activities such as sewing, ironing, learning road safety principles and developing communication skills. These sessions supported independence and practical everyday skills, helping Cubs build confidence in tasks they can apply at home and in their wider lives.

Outdoor and adventurous elements remained a key part of the term. Activities included a night hike and an evening walk through Canons Park to explore local wildlife and attempt to detect bats. These experiences encouraged Cubs to step outside their comfort zones, particularly in low-light environments, helping to build confidence, awareness and a sense of adventure.

A particularly meaningful highlight of the term was the Remembrance activities evening. During this session, Cubs explored the significance of Remembrance and why it is observed, creating poppies and making Anzac biscuits as part of the activities. This provided an opportunity for Cubs to develop empathy and respect, alongside an age-appropriate understanding of history and national traditions. The combination of learning and practical activity helped reinforce the importance of reflection and community values, aligning closely with the principles of Scouting.

The term also provided leadership opportunities, with Young Leaders planning and delivering one of the sessions. This not only supported their own development in leadership and organisation but also provided Cubs with positive role models and a different style of engagement. The term concluded with participation in the Christingle and Carol Service at St Mary's Church, Kenton, followed by a Christmas celebration, creating a strong sense of community and marking the end of the year in a festive and inclusive way.



In Spring 2026, the programme shifted towards creativity, personal development and STEM-inspired learning, while continuing to reinforce core Scouting skills. Cubs took part in sessions covering personal safety, healthy eating and Scouting history, broadening their knowledge and awareness in key areas. These sessions encouraged Cubs to think about their own wellbeing, develop informed decision-making skills and understand the wider context of Scouting.

Practical activities remained central to the term, with Cubs revisiting knots, taking part in tent pitching and exploring constellations through star gazing. These activities combined hands-on learning with curiosity about the world around them, helping to develop both technical skills and a sense of exploration.

A standout highlight of the term was the “Paper Derby” engineering challenge, where Cubs designed and tested paper aircraft across a range of performance categories including distance, airtime and landing accuracy. This highly engaging activity encouraged Cubs to think creatively and analytically, introducing them to basic principles of aerodynamics in an accessible way. Through testing and refining their designs, Cubs developed problem-solving and critical thinking skills, as well as resilience when initial attempts did not succeed. Working within their sixes also strengthened teamwork and communication, while the competitive element added excitement and motivation.

Seasonal activities such as Chinese New Year celebrations and Easter-themed sessions added further variety to the programme, providing opportunities for cultural awareness, creativity and enjoyment.

Additional Events

In addition to the weekly programme, Cubs participated in a number of district-level events, enhancing their Scouting experience and allowing them to engage with a wider community. These included the District Wide Games in May 2025, a District Water Activities morning in June 2025, and the Christmas Carols and Christingle Service in December 2025. These events provided valuable opportunities for Cubs to meet others from across the district, take part in larger-scale activities and develop confidence in new environments.

Overall, the year has been highly successful, with strong engagement from Cubs, leaders and parent helpers. The programme has continued to provide a positive balance of fun, challenge and development, enabling Cubs to gain new skills, work towards badges and grow in confidence.

Yours in scouting

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

Young Leaders: Iris Cliquet, Aaron Raval, Siyona Mehta, Veer Shah, Vishnu Srirambhatla, Kyan Rughani, Shayan Patel

SCOUTS

SCOUT TROOP

Lizzy King and David Huntley

This past year has been another enjoyable and rewarding one for the Scout Troop, with our Scouts continuing to develop new skills, work together as a team and take on practical challenges with enthusiasm. It has been fantastic to see their confidence grow throughout the year and the willingness they have shown to support one another in every activity.

During the year, the Scouts worked together to assemble our new football goal. This proved to be an excellent team-building exercise, requiring communication, problem-solving and cooperation, whilst also improving the facilities available for everyone to enjoy at the Scout HQ.

The Scouts also spent time developing essential Scouting skills, including fire lighting and fire safety. They learnt how to safely build and manage fires, gaining practical outdoor skills that are fundamental to Scouting and can be used during camps and other outdoor activities.

We also covered first aid, giving the Scouts the opportunity to learn how to respond in emergency situations and develop valuable life skills. Their enthusiasm and willingness to take part in practical scenarios made these sessions both enjoyable and rewarding.

Throughout the year I have been impressed by the positive attitude shown by the troop. Whether learning new skills, working together on practical tasks or supporting one another, they have represented Scouting brilliantly and should be proud of everything they have achieved.

Sadly, we have been troubled with a shortage of leaders particularly in event of any illness, and have had to cancel some nights. We must actively work on strengthening the team.

I would like to thank our young people for the time, commitment and encouragement they have given throughout the year. Their support is invaluable and helps make our meetings both enjoyable and successful.

I look forward to seeing what the Scouts achieve over the coming year and the new challenges they will embrace.

Yours in Scouting,

Lizzy King and David Huntley

Lead Volunteers (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 summer party.



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