



1st/16th Sutton Scout Group
Annual General Meeting 6:30 pm 27th June 2023

Annual Report 2022 to 2023

Introduction

"The real way to gain happiness is to give it to others."

BP

This report highlights the dedication of our section leaders in maintaining the cheerfulness and enthusiasm of our Scouting members since our last AGM. Their hard work and sacrifices often go unnoticed, but they play a crucial role in the well-being of our members. Witnessing the growth and development of each Beaver, Cub, and Scout brings immense joy and a sense of accomplishment to our leaders.

It has been a pleasure to see our members act as ambassadors for Scouting at public events. A notable turnout of leaders, Beavers, and Cubs at the Act of Remembrance in Manor Park on Remembrance Sunday was particularly delightful.

Our group website, <https://1st16thsuttonscouts.org.uk/>, provides updates on group activities, including videos showcasing the work of our sections.

An important update was made in April 2023 to the Scout Associations Policy Organisation and Rules (POR). The section on local Scouting governance and finance underwent a complete revamp, replacing "Executive Committees" with "Trustee Boards." As a registered charity (Charity no. 303842), our troop has a board of trustees who share the responsibility for governing and managing the 1st/16th Scout Group.

We have together 3 main duties which are defined by law

- Act in the Scout Group's best interests,
- Manage the Scout Group's resources responsibly
- Act with reasonable care and skill

These are the people that make up the Trustee Board and are the people who share ultimate responsibility for governing the 1st/16th Scout Group and directing how it is managed and runs.

- John Banbury Perkins (Group Scout Leader)
- Peter James Randall (Treasurer)
- Jeff Richards (Chair)
- Robert William Low
- Sarah McLeod - (Secretary)
- Sarah Jane King
- Benjamin Paul Percy

Trustees: John Banbury Perkins, Peter James Randall (Treasurer), Jeff Richards (Chair), Robert William Low, Sarah Jane King, Hanna Louise Randall, Sarah McLeod (Secretary)



We are actively seeking more adults to get involved in Scouting and join our group. We particularly welcome additional trustees who are not uniformed members. If you have skills in social media, graphic design, filming, writing, or planning, we can find meaningful ways for you to contribute without direct leadership responsibilities. Please reach out to me or JP to explore how you can help.

Together, we can continue to make a positive impact on the lives of our members and create an even stronger and more vibrant Scout Group.

Treasurers Report -2022

This year has shown a considerable improvement from 2021. Income has been maximised from subscriptions and Gift Aid, supported by a transfer from our deposit account. Expenses increased as we eased from a second lockdown with rent, insurance and annual subscriptions to District forming the bulk of expenditure.

Income

Beavers, Cubs and Scout sections combined to give subs transfer of £3,324. Gift Aid was claimed to a value of £821. A transfer was made to the Group Account from the deposit account of £5,000.

Expenditure

In 2021 we are mindful that there were restricted meetings in line with official guidelines and our rent commitment reflected that. In 2022 with restrictions lifted our rent liability was £5,372 and this coupled with £1,985 payable to District for capitation gave considerable financial impact on available resources.

Our investments, in common with market forces, show a slight decline in value, with 2023 now indicating a return to a more stable base.

COIF Deposit Account	-2.48% (2021 12.95%)
COIF Investment Fund	-11.63% (2021 14.02%)

Bursary Fund

This fund allowed four young people to attend a camping experience.

Section accounts

The combined value of monies held by all sections is reported as £8,950 but may be subject to prior year adjustment in the 2023 accounts when balances are fully reconciled.

Group

The Group must have a tight control on the financial strength of the Group without having to wait for each section to provide a reconciled balance of monies held and a transfer of monies to the Group account. Changes are planned for 2023.

As a Trustee Board and as you have heard, important changes were made in April 2023 to the Scout Associations Policy Organisation and Rules (POR), the Group is planning control measures that enable the Group and Trustees carry out their legal responsibility of a duty of prudence and make sure that the Groups money is protected, appropriately used, and accounted for in a timelier manner.

When the new practice is introduced, a considerable transformation is needed in the way the Group, Beavers, Cubs and Scouts implement fiscal control.

Peter Randall
Group Treasurer

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Income and expenditure statement

1st January 2022 to 31st December 2022

	2022		2021
Income	£	£	£
Subscriptions Beavers	1,354.50		0.00
Subscriptions Cubs	1,822.50		0.00
Subscriptions Scouts	147.45		0.00
Gift Aid	821.12		304.31
Activities	0.00		0.00
Camp and Activities	0.00		0.00
Badges & Uniform	0.00		0.00
COIF Transfer	5,000.00		0.00
		<u>9,145.57</u>	<u>304.31</u>
Expenditure			
Rent	5,371.86		0.00
Insurance	468.78		406.68
Training	0.00		0.00
Admin Expenses	0.00		87.29
Equipment	201.10		547.17
Activities	161.35		0.00
Camps	0.00		0.00
Health and Safety	12.50		0.00
AGM	172.15		0.00
Scout Shop	353.04		0.00
Website	0.00		0.00
Computer Software	0.00		126.56
Annual Subscriptions	1,984.50		1,282.00
		<u>8,725.28</u>	<u>2,449.70</u>
Bursary		(260.00)	0.00
Group Surplus/Deficit for year		<u><u>160.29</u></u>	<u><u>(2,145.39)</u></u>

Financed by:

	B/fwd	Movement	C/fwd
General Purpose Fund	4,404.16	(3,438.58)	965.58
Bursary Fund	500.00	(260.00)	240.00
Treasurers Account	0.00	3,856.87	3,856.87
COIF Deposit Account	33,026.84	(820.24)	32,206.60
COIF Investment Fund	147,091.92	(17,104.13)	129,987.79
	<u>185,022.92</u>	<u>(17,766.08)</u>	<u>167,256.84</u>

Section Accouts

Scout Shop	153.46	(153.46)	0.00
Beaver Section	3,497.70	60.56	3,558.26
Cub Section	3,724.06	(134.12)	3,589.94
Scout Section	1,031.99	769.92	1,801.91
	<u>8,407.21</u>	<u>542.90</u>	<u>8,950.11</u>

Beavers - End of Year Report 2022 - 2023

The Beavers have been working very hard on all their badges this past year. They have completed the Health and Fitness, Disability Awareness, Space, Builder and Global Issues Activity Badges. One of the Beavers ran some energetic games for our Health and Fitness badge, we had a talk from the Guide Dog Association, and we used fruit to compare the sizes of planets for the Space badge. Unfortunately, a large watermelon, Neptune was dropped. They have completed parts of all the Challenge badges during the year and at our sleepover in April, the District campfire and Frylands Wood Heroes Day. Four Beavers have completed the Bronze Award this year.

Four Beavers attended the District campfire in October and had fun with songs and hot dogs. Several Beavers helped to plant trees with dignitaries at the Dedication of the Community Garden in October. At Christmas the Beavers joined the Cubs to go trampolining. They all went home tired after an hour's bouncing and climbing.

In January they celebrated Chinese New Year by, making cards and trying prawn crackers. They made some coasters and cards for Mother's Day and split pin puppets for Easter.

This term we celebrated the King's Coronation and had a sleepover. There were 13 Beavers who attended the sleepover at Frylands in April in the hut. They tried the assault course, did pond dipping, cooked marshmallows on a campfire, tried archery and put up a tent.

I would like to thank the parents who have helped me with Beavers, without your help I wouldn't be able to run Beavers. I would like to specially thank Badger, Woodpecker, Squirrel, and Hedgehog for all their support and help. I would like to record my thanks to all the leaders both past and present who have helped me run the Beaver Colony over the years.

This year the Beaver of the Year goes to 2 Beavers who have grown during their 2 years as Beavers. They both achieved their Bronze Scout Badges and have attended many of the extra activities and have encouraged new members to Scouting. They are always enthusiastic and fully participate in the evenings. The Beaver of the Year award goes to Emma Mozzetta-Castillo and Aicha Gharsallaoui.

Cubs – End of Year Report – 2022/2023

Throughout the year the number in the pack has been static with quite a few Cubs leaving to go into Scouts and there has been a steady flow coming up from Beavers along with a number of new Cubs joining the pack.

The Cubs have done several different activities throughout the year which have resulted in the Cubs earning various parts of badges. We have been working towards the Challenge Badges and have set several Cubs their own challenges for the Personal Challenge Badge. Activity Badges completed this year include Navigator stage 2, Home Safety, Disability Awareness, Cooks, Pioneering, Astronomer, Scientist and Artist.

During the Autumn term the Cubs went on a Cluedo Murder Mystery walk down the High Street. We did an indoor camp at Walton Firs where they tried the Maze, Crate Stacking, Orienteering, Astronomy, Science experiments and some campfire cooking. We finished the term with a Christmas trampoline party with the Beavers.

In January we had an evening celebrating Chinese New Year and we learnt about Korea and the World Scout Jamboree from Ben Charnley, a previous member of the Group. He was inspired by Bagheera and Stoat going to Sweden and Japan for the World Scout Jamboree. The Cubs also had a visit from the Guide Dog Association and learnt how the dogs help the blind and how the dogs are trained. They made Mother's Day cards and a split pin puppet for Easter.

The summer term started with cooking 'mug' cakes and vegetable stir-fry as part of the Cooks Badge. Seven Cubs attended the District Crystal Maze, completing 8 puzzle bases and collecting coloured paper in the 'Dome' and finished third in the competition. Bagheera ran a Polyhawk session for the Cubs in the hall, many hit the target. Nine Cubs have just come back from Camp at Frylands where they made barrel carts and tried the new blindfold trail as well as attending the Heroes Fun Day on Sunday. All went home tired and happy.

Six Cubs have completed their Silver Awards this year.

I would like to say a very big thank you to Robert (Bagheera), Ann (Raksha), Sarah (Shere Khan), Chloe (Ferao), Paul (Kaa), Ryan (Tabaqui) and Kayleigh (Hathi) for all their help during the last year and to all the parents that have helped throughout the year as well. I would also like to thank my Young Leader Kieran for his help this year. I would also like to record my thanks to all the leaders both past and present who have helped me run the Cub Pack over the years.

This year the Cub of the Year is someone who has always tried their best in everything that we have done. They have attended nearly every camp or activity we have run and taken part in all the games and activities during Pack night. This Cub has shown enthusiasm, grown in confidence in the many activities they have attended and helped to support and mentor the new Cubs. The Cub of the Year award goes to 'Chipmunk', Ophelia Bourne.



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Troop Annual Report

Do more.

Troop Update

The 2022/2023 year has seen the troop continue to grow. We have been pleased to welcome new scouts from the cub pack and new members from outside the group. Currently, we have 15 young people in the troop, supported by four adult leaders and one young leader.



Program

We have had an exciting program this year, with the Scouts having a big say in what we have done. This started in September with the sad passing of Her Majesty the Queen. The leaders received messages from the Scouts asking to visit Buckingham Palace to lay flowers for the Queen.

We acted quickly and got a friend to make a floral tribute on behalf of the group, which the Scouts were very proud to lay at Buckingham Palace. We were present when the Queen arrived for the final time at the palace; We are very proud of how the Scout represented the group on such a momentous occasion for our country. It was one of the more stressful trips for the leadership team due to the crowds.



Other highlights from the program were a trip to Hampton Court to go ice skating at the end of the Autumn term, which is slowly becoming an annual tradition for the troop. We also went on a night hike around Coley Hill near Reigate and a visit to the Hindu Temple in Stoneleigh.

Badges

A big part of being a Scout is earning badges, and the Scouts have been working hard to achieve many badges over the year. The Scouts have had the opportunity to work towards the following badges:



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Camps and Weekend Activities

October Camp

In October, the troop camped at Bently Copse Scout Activity Centre in the Surrey Hills. This was our first camp since before the COVID-19 Pandemic, and it was many of the Scout's first experiences of camping. Everyone had a fantastic time with us using the site activities, such as climbing and crate stacking. We also went for a hike in the Surrey Hills in the autumn sunshine, enjoying an ice cream at the halfway point.



Monopoly Run Live



In March, the troop joined 8,000 Scouts, Explorers, and Guides from across the UK for the Monopoly Run Live event in central London. We had two teams take part in the action-packed day visiting all corners of London. This year, there were 200 simultaneous games, pitting each team against seven others. In total, 1386 teams were playing at the same time.

It was an exciting but somewhat tiring day with the Scouts and Leaders



visiting parts of our capital city that they had never been to before. An event I am sure we will take part in again next year.

District Sailing Adventure

In May, we joined Scouts from across the District for the Sailing Adventure; The Scouts spent the weekend sailing with the outstanding Discovery Sailing Project, a Scout sailing organisation operating three Ocean going yachts on the South Coast. We joined the boats on the River Hamble and spent the weekend sailing around the Solent with an overnight stop at Port Solent in Portsmouth. This was a fantastic trip that saw our Scouts getting the opportunity to steer the boats and do other sailing tasks such as hoisting sails, tacking, and jibing.



District Night Adventure

The troop entered a team in the annual District Night Adventure, a thrilling activity seeing teams of four scouts completing team challenges at Frylands Wood in the dark. Our Scouts competed against teams from around the district, and the challenges varied from a First Aid incident to rope bridges from mind benders to physical activities. Whilst we did not win, the Scouts had a lot of fun and represented the Group with pride and determination. Well done, Scouts.

Chief Scout Gold Awards

We are very excited to have three Scouts that are very close to achieving the Chief Scout Gold Awards, the top award for the Scout Section, and these will be the first Gold awards to be gained by the troop since before the Pandemic. All the Scouts have left to complete is their Expedition Challenge which they are due to complete in July this year.

Thank You

We have been very grateful to be able to use Ruskin Explorer Scout's minibus, which has made delivering our exciting program so much easier.

We must also thank Brian and Craig from Silverwing Garage, who helped us deliver the mechanics' badge—bringing both knowledge and equipment, which made the activity a great success.

Further Ahead

We look forward to another fun-packed year, kicking off with a Summer Camp in the New Forest over the summer break.