



1st Woodend Scout Group

Report from Our Group Lead Volunteer (GLV) Year 1st April 2025 to 31st March 2026

Well that's 50 years of Scouting delivered by the Group, yet again we have delivered a great year of Scouting for all the Young People within the Group. The year started with our Group celebration camp at Woodhouse Park in October 2025 and ended in March 2026 with us planning to attend our District Jamboree camp with all sections under canvas.

Over the year we have had a number of the Beavers, Cubs and Scouts achieving their Chief Scout Awards. We attended a number of community events like the car parking for Tortworth Open Farm day, Cromhall Flower Show and Wotton Charities Fayre to mention but a few. We also attended the Remembrance Day events at both Charfield and Cromhall as well as having our annual Carol Service at St Johns Church in Charfield. The Beavers, Cubs and Scouts both looked, behaved and presented themselves and the Group brilliantly.

The Sectional programmes continue to deliver many exciting activities, events/ trips and nights away opportunities. Tina Rickwood (Hedge Hog) our Beaver Leader returned back to Beavers following illness.

During the year we have seen some Leadership changes within the Group, We said farewell to Mark Gilling the Wednesday Cub Leader and welcomed three our Young Leaders Gabby, Declan and Lola into adult leadership roles following them turning eighteen. I would like to thank all those people for their support both past and present we could not deliver Scouting each week without them.

It goes without saying that I would like to thank our small band of fantastic volunteers, our uniformed adults and young leaders our Trustee Board and other Group supporters who work extremely hard to ensure the Group thrives and continues to be successful as well as ensuring both our headquarters are safe and well maintained.

A Massive thankyou to you all, you are brilliant.

As we advised at the last AMG following the completion of the major repairs to our two sites we have reassessed our financial reserves policy for next year's budget. This means we have been able to maintain our annual charge of £192.00 to parents. You will see from our annual financial report that have posted a £2.4k annual deficit which was expected, we can only keep our charges to parents at its current levels

through your support in helping at these community events as we are able to raise much needed funds to support.

My thanks must also go my wife and Cub Leader Sandra for her work in managing our waiting lists as well as the Groups web site and site bookings, Jess Brereton our outgoing Treasurer for her work in managing the Groups finances and last but by no means least to Lindsay Heeley our subs secretary for ensuring all subs are collected and that we claim much need monies from the Government through Gift Aid. There are many other supporters of the Group so again I would like to say a ***massive thank you to you all.***

Our small band of leaders, trustees and supporters like you work. have parental care responsibilities and lead very busy lives but they give their time freely to support the Group, they do a fantastic job in managing and supporting the Group However we really need more help from you.

We currently have vacancies for a Group Chair and Treasurer on our Trustee Board and uniformed support for Tuesday and Wednesday Beavers, Thursday Cubs as well as Scouts, we can tailor any role to match the support you can give, it's fun, it looks good on your CV and can help your personal and professional career development.

As I said last year I have been reflecting on my service with the Group and I had made the decision that it's time for a change and as over the course of the year I have tried to step back from front line Scouting (with a little bit of success). I will continue to move back from attending weekly section meetings and move into a more governance role within the Group. If there is anybody who would wish to consider or discuss the Lead Volunteer role I am very happy and willing to meet to discuss the role and support you should you would wish to take on this vital and exciting role.

Yours in Scouting.

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