

Annual Report 2025



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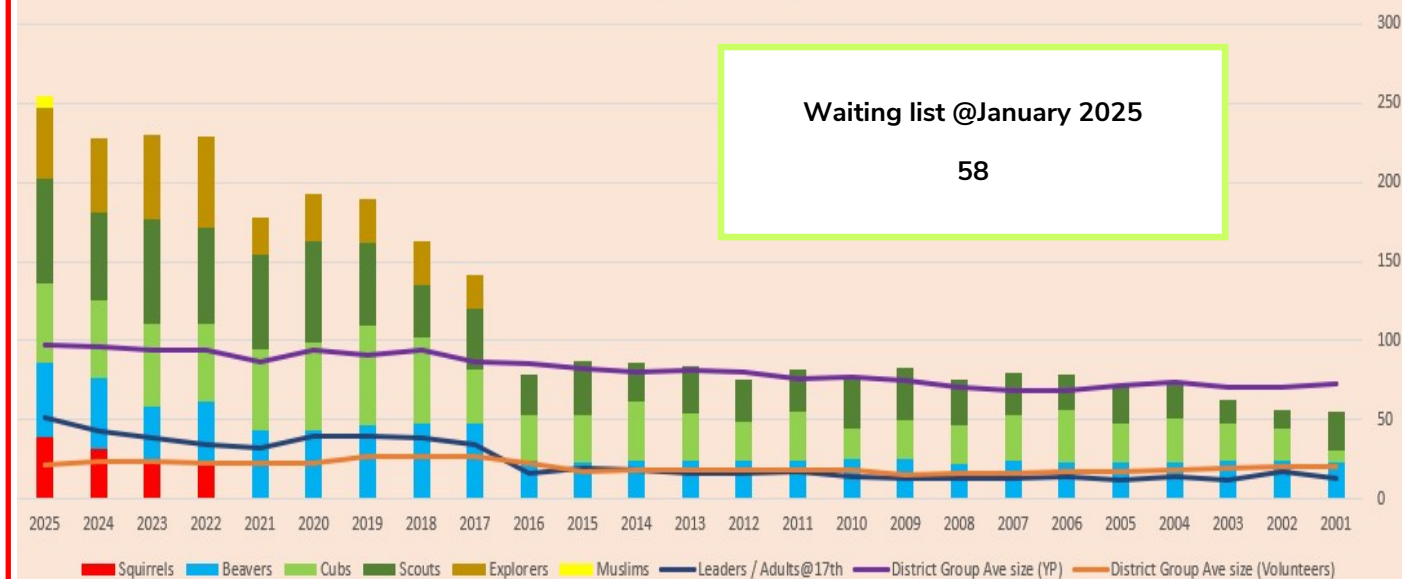
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Group Membership

Waiting list @January 2025

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Could you help in our continued success?

We are a successful Group with plans to continue to grow this success. We've extended the range of adventurous activities that we can offer with more volunteers qualifying with the required permits. So that means more of us can now offer climbing or high rope activities such as crate stacking or zip line; we can now take small groups of Scouts and Explorers hill walking; we can do pistol shooting and crossbows; we've got more archery instructors; and we now have a plan to get a number of volunteers qualified for kayaking.

If you have a skill that we could use or would like to help with one of our existing activities then please let us know. It would be great to get the waiting list down!

Come and join the team!

Chair's Statement

Summary

This is the year that our Group, 110 years old, celebrates 10 years in the "new" building, 4 years since it was baptised the Davis Centre.

Over the past year, the 17th Reigate Scout Group has continued to thrive, supported by committed volunteers, strong participation, and robust financial oversight.

The Trustee Board met regularly and continued to review governance, safety, and compliance issues and risks.

Financial Highlights

The group remained in a good financial position as shown in the yearly financial statement, with working funds carefully monitored and a clear focus on keeping transparent records for both subscriptions and group activities; and fund-raising activities.

A qualified accountant was arranged to review and sign off the accounts ahead of the AGM, as our finances now exceed the £100,000 threshold.

There was a continued effort to improve financial processes, with discussions around adopting suitable accounting software. While this would be an extra expense, it would enable the accounting of the group to be quicker and easier and without reliance on excel sheets, thus reducing the treasure workload in recording the financial status quo.

Programmes & Activities

A wide variety of successful events were held including camps and adventurous activities. Family camp brought in a new generation of scouts and increased volunteer involvement. We continued to push for a wide scope of activities, while keeping some of the best and most loved activities ongoing and opening them up to a new generation of scout coming through.

Fundraising

Several events allowed us to raise funds, and we would like to thank you for your active participation in those. As you know fund raising is

important to safeguard our group's future and therefore, we also would like to welcome any further ideas for future fund raising. Additional small income from hall rentals and small donations supplemented group funds.

Davis Scout Centre

Can you believe we have been in this building for 10 years already?! It was build, painted and decorated through effort and input from our volunteers. However, it needs continuing upkeep to ensure it is safe and secure for all to enjoy. We have maintenance days, where adult volunteers, and older scouts and explorers are very welcome to help out. You might even pick up a new skill, or learn more about electricals or plumbing!

We do not just look after the Davis Centre but the church grounds too, so , please join in!

Membership & Leadership

Many thanks to all the leaders and the helping parents for their time and effort during the past year, but also previous years, to make this scouting group a success. There remains a significant need for more parental and adult volunteer involvement, including basic support roles. Do not worry if you think you might not have the skills, time or even the patience to make it work; we have many different roles suiting a variety of personalities with different levels of commitment, so please do sign up.

David



From the GLV

Another year passed and another year of amazing adventures!

Better Participation

Our membership numbers continue to be healthy across all the sections with 255 ⁽¹⁾ young people enjoying the weekly meetings, events and camps. We have a strong waiting list, recognising that parents are keen for their sons and daughters to be in Scouting due to the plethora of activities and opportunities we provide. Of course we can only sustain this position if we have the volunteers and we are fortunate to have a great team but more about that in a moment. In producing this report, and going back over 12 months worth of photos, I'd forgotten a lot of what we had done. Hopefully, some of the photos in this report will jog a few memories. That aside our Groups and Sections continue to do amazing things.



Busy Programmes

- Squirrels – seeing the energy and excitement as flashes of red shirts and sweatshirts rush around the hall or the local park, on their first big adventure!
- Beavers – a sleepover under the stars, albeit projected onto the ceiling
- Cubs – achieving so much, and some many badges, as they progress towards their Chief Scout Silver Award
- Scouts – Scoutabout. An amazing weekend of activities, trying new things and making new friends
- Explorers – the highlight has, of course, been the Great Escape, both winning it and getting 3rd place. A fantastic achievement by both teams which I know meant a lot to them.
- Muslims—its been a pleasure to see how they have grown and developed, providing some thought provoking programmes and participating in national events

Be Brave

It was a tough year, when we sadly had the theft and subsequent torching of one of our minibus. We have, over the last few years, really seen the benefit of having our own transport to enable adventures further afield. Yet, in being brave, we forged on with our fundraising efforts, greatly supported by parents and the wider community.

Bold Planning

As a Group we are always trying to find new activities, different ways to deliver the programme and opportunities to enhance our facilities. Over the last year, we have

- Encouraged more leaders to undertake training in specific activities so that we can get more young people enjoying adventures
- Installed an interactive, touchscreen in the meeting room and purchased a digital orienteering resource, both of which we secured through external funding
- Begun a journey to a greener agenda with the installation of solar panels that will reduce our energy bills, provide a small revenue income and educational insight for our young people as we demonstrate what we generate and what we save
- Replaced some of our DofE equipment, to provide a better experience for those doing their expeditions, particularly at Gold level.

(1) as at January 2025 census

Brilliant People

We've seen some changes in roles over the last year. We've welcomed Sue, Faye and Rachel to Squirrels; Antony to Beavers; Aya, Lizzie, Caroline, Phillippa and Colin to Cubs; Lyndon to Scouts; and Nick and Nelopha to the Muslims.

Rob C has moved from Cubs to Scouts, and Geoff from Scouts to Explorers.

Claire and Simon from Squirrels are stepping down at the end of July, both Paul and Matt from Scouts are stepping back in their roles, and Charlie from Explorers is off travelling around Australia and the Far East.

Learning continues to be a key focus for us all particularly with a new mandatory, refreshed Safety module, one of the outcomes from the Preventing Death Inquiry.

As well as supporting sections, a number of our volunteers wear additional hats to support Scouting wider within the District:

- Dennis—District Trainer, 1st Aid
- Tors—District Beaver Leader
- Antony—District Chair
- Drew—Network Leader
- Samreen—District Treasurers
- Helen S (parent) - Jordan Heights Campsite Chair
- Myself—District Lead Volunteer (Strategy)

Better Participation (again)

I touched on, at the beginning, about the challenges we face in attracting, recruiting and retaining volunteers. This is a responsibility on us all to get involved, actively talk to friends, family, work colleagues, those we may meet in the pub, etc to promote the great work that Scouting and our Group does and share our own stories and adventures. Although many of us may have stepped forward as a volunteer because our son or daughter joined, something keeps us involved each week so for this a huge thank you. It is extremely rewarding as a volunteer, to see so many of our young people achieve great things. We would love more volunteers to join the team so please do consider.

Be Proud

It is a real privilege to lead this Group and I couldn't be more proud of everything that we do. Through creative, exciting, imaginative, adventurous programmes our young people are always engaged. A huge thank you to their participation each week. As always the final thanks goes to all the our volunteers. Please be extremely proud of everything that you do. Scouting generates a lifetime of memories, for our Group this has been 110 years (and counting) of memories so far!

Tony



Squirrels

Our exciting Squirrels' year started in September 2024, when we welcomed back our drey who were joined by our new squirrels. We started with an explorers' theme, making toilet roll binoculars, and an enormous woodland scene, as well as learning about Scouts around the world. Parents and siblings joined us on an expedition around Earlswood lakes. The term ended with traditional Christmas crafts and an exciting torchlit walk around Priory Park.

The new year kicked off with building theme and our Squirrels built wooden bridges and Duplo vehicles, as well as making bird feeders. Having said a sad goodbye to Robert and Owen, as well as to Sophie who has taken a break to focus on her studies, across the dreys

we were joined by four new young leaders, Leo, Conor, Alfie & Finlay (from October) who have all settled in straight away. Highlights included a visit by a policewoman, a pancake race, an Easter egg hunt and a lovely sunny walk on Reigate Hill.

In the Summer term we hosted a royal tea party, walked around Redhill Memorial Park including some time in the playground, made rock cakes, did a litter pick around the church grounds and Frenchie ponds. The term is set to finish with a bang for both dreys to come together for our traditional family picnic in Priory Park.

Claire (Ladybrid) & Annabel (Butterfly)





Thursday Colony

I can't believe another year has passed; September doesn't seem that long ago, but we have managed to pack in so many fun activities for our beavers to enjoy.

It's also been a bit of a year of change within the leader team, with our young leaders Rebecca and Eve joining us for the first half of the year, and we now have Zita and, more recently Chloe, joining to replace them. These young leaders bring a great extra energy to the group, and the beavers love interacting with them. We have also had a new adult leader join the team, Antony, and we had a great activity night a few weeks ago where the beavers helped to chose his leader name (Lynx). This was great fun, and we will definitely be doing this again for any new leaders 🐾

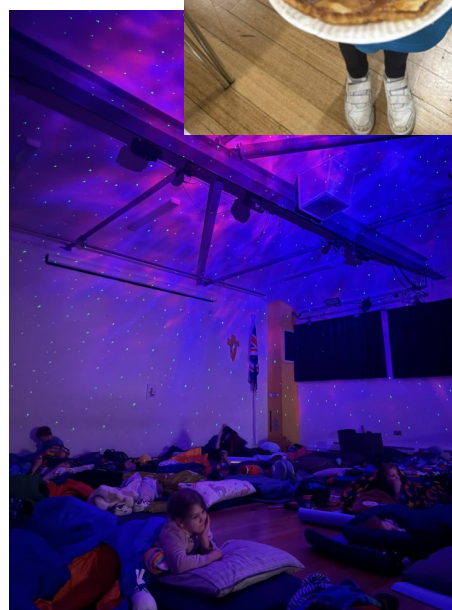
Together we have run some great and memorable evenings over the last 12 months, some of the stand out sessions being:

- ⇒ Bonfire night at the Beaumont Care Home in Reigate, a great night that we feel very lucky to have been invited to!
- ⇒ A science night of cleaning pennies, writing messages with invisible ink and making popcorn
- ⇒ Lots of craft evenings: making 3D printed Christmas Decorations (thanks to Drew!), making paper lanterns for Lunar New Year, making bird feeders out of pine cones and lard, and tastiest of all, making pancakes!
- ⇒ Spaced themed sleep over in the hall, which saw the beavers making straw rockets, and everyone was asleep by a reasonable(ish) hour.

- ⇒ Visiting Pets at Home for their animal care badge. We have been trying to do this visit for YEARS, and thanks to Tors, we finally made it happen! The beavers absolutely loved it, and was a really special evening.
- ⇒ Firelighting with toasting marshmallows, and archery up at Jordan Heights, thanks to Tony for running the archery!
- ⇒ And only a few weeks ago, we went to Bazazz, the 3 yearly Beaver event run by the district. This is such an amazing event for the beavers to experience with dozens of inflatables and at hundreds of activities available. The great weather also helped to ensure an amazing day was had by all!

Thanks to all the parent helpers we have had over the year, we couldn't make many of these evenings work without your help and support. And thank you to the Beavers themselves, who are always up for something new, and are just such good fun and full of surprises.

Martin (Otter)



Friday Colony

Friday Beavers have had an action-packed few terms, filled with adventure, learning, and lots of laughter! Here's a look back at some of the fantastic things we've been up to:

We learned how to help others in an emergency by practicing basic first aid. Beavers discovered how to treat minor injuries and the importance of staying calm and caring in tricky situations..

We teamed up with the Thursday Beavers for a fun-filled bike ride! Confident cyclists took on Route 21 around Watercolour, while others stayed at Battlebridge to build confidence through games and practice. An out-of-this-world evening! Beavers explored the wonders of space through games, crafts, and stories. They even designed their own rockets and imagined life on other planets.

Curiosity took centre stage as Beavers became young scientists! They conducted fun experiments, learned about reactions, and discovered the wonders of the world around them.

A highlight for our Beavers was attending Beaver's Go Wild Camp, where they camped overnight under canvas. The camp offered activities like archery, climbing, caving, go-karts, obstacle races and crafts. Each Beaver tried something new and should be very proud of themselves. It was a time filled with fun, new experiences, first-time camping and lots of laughter!

We also visited Pets At Home to learn all about caring for animals. The team at Pets at Home gave the Beavers a behind-the-scenes look at how the store operates and how they care for their animals. The children learned about feeding routines, habitats and the importance of responsible pet ownership. They even got to meet some of the animals up close—there were lots of smiles and a few

squeals of excitement! Even had a surprise of giant snails!

The Beavers and Squirrels across Reigate District participated in a District day at Gatwick Museum for St George's Day. We were able to go around the museum looking at all the planes and after played a few games on their field, before finishing with our renewal of promise.

Beavers also attended an activity morning at Bentley Copse where we did climbing and Zip line.

Another unforgettable day was **Beaver Bazzaz**, where Beavers and Rainbows from across Surrey gathered for a day of pure fun. From crafts to challenges to the ever-popular giant inflatables, it was a day full of smiles and energy!

It's safe to say Friday Beavers have had a truly incredible few months. A huge thank you to Rob, Jason, Luke, our amazing young leaders Hannah, Izzy, and Caden, the supportive parents who help each week, and most importantly—our brilliant Beavers, who show up every week with enthusiasm and smiles, ready for the next adventure!

Tors (Rabbit)





This year, our Cub volunteer team has gone from strength to strength, with new faces joining our fantastic crew. Their support has allowed us to expand the programme so our Cubs can develop new skills and take part in all the district events on offer.

Our summer camp at Bushy Wood Scout Campsite was a huge success. The Cubs (and leaders!) had a brilliant time—earning their Astronomer badge after a day out at the science centre, swimming in the sea, exploring a National Trust property, and camping under the stars for three nights. The outdoor pizza oven was a firm favourite, and the camp was such a hit that we're heading back again this summer!

We also attended not one, but two Cubs Cause Chaos camps at Bentley Copse Scout Campsite. These action-packed weekends were bursting with adventure—zip wiring, climbing, archery, rifle shooting, and countless other exciting activities kept the Cubs smiling from start to finish.

Thanks to our varied and engaging programme this year, many Cubs earned a wide range of badges, including Scientist, Digital Citizen, Naturalist, Cooking, Road and Personal Safety, Hiking, and Environment—just to name a few. The Cubs also represented us brilliantly at district competitions like go-karting and cooking, where they

demonstrated not only enthusiasm, but excellent teamwork and determination.

Throughout their time with us, Cubs steadily work towards the Chief Scout's Silver Award—Scouting's highest Cub achievement. It's been a real joy to watch so many Cubs earn this well-deserved honour before progressing to Scouts. Today, we proudly celebrate both their accomplishments and their exciting next step in the Scouting journey.

With many members of our Tuesday Pack moving on, we now have spaces available. If you know any adventurous 8- or 9-year-olds eager to explore, learn, and have fun, we'd love to welcome them to our pack—please do get in touch!

And finally—and most importantly—an enormous thank you to our incredible Cub leadership team. Your time, energy, and passion are the heartbeat of everything we do. We're also immensely grateful to all the parents and carers whose continued support enables our Cubs to thrive. Together, we've had a truly brilliant year.

Nikki





Here's a look back at what our Wednesday and Thursday Scout troops have been up to this past year.

Summer 2024 Highlights:

- **W3W Orienteering:** Scouts used What3Words for orienteering and renewed their promises.
- **Wide Games and Street Monopoly:** Fun joint activities with Explorers.
- **Bike Maintenance and Rides:** Scouts learned bike maintenance and enjoyed a joint bike ride.
- **Footgolf.** Scouts had a blast at Footgolf
- **Sports Day:** We ran various 'races' at our joint sports day.
- **Scoutabout 2024.** Fantastic activity camp for over 6,000 Scouts and Guides held over a weekend at Ardingly.
- **Chip Shop Challenge.** A favourite for Scouts with the chance to sample chips

Water Games: Scouts enjoyed a chip shop challenge and ended the term with water games and a water fight.

Winter 2024 Highlights:

- **Olympics.** Scouts participated in Olympic-style games
- **Cooking:** We had a practice cooking competition before two teams competed in the **District Cooking Competition** where we finished first!
- **Wide Games and Hikes:** Joint wide games and hikes were a hit.



- **Junk Golf:** Fun activities included creating junk golf holes.
- **Remembrance Service:** Great turnout at Shaw's Corner for the service.
- **Tech Evening.** Scouts had a chance to do soldering, computer programming etc

Donutting: Scouts enjoyed attending a donutting session at Guildford Ski slope.

Spring 2025 Highlights:

- **Knots/Pioneering:** We welcomed new Scouts and practiced knots and pioneering.
- **Chinese New Year Cooking:** Scouts celebrated Chinese New Year with cooking.
- **Life Skills:** Scouts developed life skills.
- **Caving in Merstham Mines:** Scouts explored the Merstham mines.

Easter Activities: We wrapped up the term with Easter activities at St Joseph's school.

Troop Health: As of March, we have 67 Scouts across both troops.

Thanks: Big thanks to all the leaders, helpers, and parents for helping this year.

As you may know, both Paul (on Wednesdays) and Matt (on Thursdays) will be stepping back at the end of this term. Paul has dedicated nearly 30 years to Scouting, including 17 wonderful years with the 17th Reigate 😊. Matt has been a committed leader ever since finishing Explorers 13 years ago.

While we won't be part of the regular Scout team moving forward, you'll still see us around lending a hand when we can!

Paul (Wednesday) and Matt (Thursday)



EXPLORERS

Our numbers continue to be strong, with a core group that turn up every week whilst others join in when they can, with exams, etc taking a priority.

There are various fixed points in the programme where certain activities feature each year—Brighton trip, Christmas karaoke and cooking challenges.

The highlight of the year, though, has been The Great Escape. Having come so close last year, our older ones were absolutely fixed on bettering themselves recognising this would be the last year of doing it. Much preparation and strategy preceded the weekend, and all the hard work played off with being crowned as the winners. Seeing their absolutely joy on their faces was one of those 'stand out' moments. But credit must also go to our second team, who finished in a fantastic 3rd place. This sets things up nicely for next year!

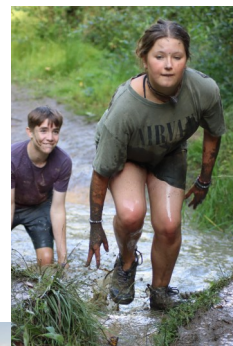
Enthusiasm doesn't diminish with age and the Explorers are always up for doing something new or different. This year we've seen an evening of 'rings and slings', fashion show and foot painting. We've been ice-skating, done the Rube Goldberg challenge, done crossbows, archery and pistol shooting. We've participated, as always, in District events—the annual quiz and shooting competition. Well done to James for being top marksman!

Summer camp took us to Silver Cross, near Swansea for coasteering, surfing, hiking under waterfalls, airsoft, mud-run and a Hawaiian cocktail bar. A number of Explorers are working towards their Duke of Edinburgh Award with our current focus on Bronze & Gold with expeditions to Bentley Copse and the New Forest.

We've lost a number of Explorers over the last year as they turned 18. Some have gone on to become volunteers, some moved on to Network. We wish them well in whatever they do next.

Another year of great activities, mad ideas, embarrassing moments and magical times await.

Dan , Tony & Geoff



Muslims

This year has been full of growth, learning, and proud achievements for our scout group. With 16 active children and 3 now applying for the Duke of Edinburgh Award (Bronze Level), we've continued to build a supportive, engaging, and inspiring environment for every child. From outdoor adventures to civic engagement and national competitions, our scouts have shown resilience, unity, and leadership.

Key Activities and Highlights

- **Summer Camp**

Our annual summer camp offered scouts an unforgettable outdoor experience. Through team-building games, survival skills, and leadership challenges, the children built stronger friendships and boosted their self-confidence in a safe and fun environment.

- **Parliament Visit**

Our scouts had the opportunity to visit Parliament and explore how laws are made and how youth voices can shape the future. The experience sparked critical thinking and encouraged civic responsibility.

- **Ramadan Iftar Gathering**

We hosted a community Iftar during Ramadan, bringing together families, volunteers, and scouts for a beautiful evening of reflection, unity, and shared meals. It was a celebration of togetherness and compassion.



- **Gaza Vigil**

Our scouts took part in a meaningful vigil for Gaza, demonstrating solidarity, empathy, and an awareness of global humanitarian issues. It was a solemn moment that fostered a deeper sense of social justice and shared humanity.



- **Muslim Scout Olympic Fellowship**

One of our most exciting highlights this year was our participation in the **Muslim Scout Olympic Fellowship**, where scouts from across the UK came together in a spirit of healthy competition and unity. We are thrilled to share that our **girls' group achieved third place overall** — a remarkable achievement that reflects their dedication, teamwork, and strength. The event also provided a powerful opportunity to build identity, confidence, and lasting friendships.



Looking Ahead

We are filled with energy and ambition for the coming year. Our goal is to expand our activities, build more partnerships, and keep creating spaces where our young scouts can explore, grow, and lead with purpose.

Thank You

A heartfelt thank you to all our volunteers, parents, and supporters who made this year possible. Your dedication and belief in our mission are what keep this group thriving.

Mariam

17th Reigate Scout Group—Financial Summary Year Ended 31 March 2025

Treasurer's Comments

Firstly a huge thank you to Geoff Stearn for having done such a brilliant job as the Treasurer for the last 10 years and doing such a comprehensive handover of all the necessary information mid-year.

This year there was a surplus of £3,938.43 which is down from last year. We have been increasing the common fund area to reduce our risk of any major capital works or emergency need for funding as we had with the minibus theft. This is now at £9,000.

Thank you to parents and guardians who have set up monthly standing orders to make subs accounting easier. A small ask for parents and guardians if you could respond to automated emails from OSM requesting your details to allow us to claim gift aid on the subs you pay, even if it is to inform us that we can't claim gift aid.

Thank you as always to the leaders for providing receipts and other paperwork to help with the smooth running of the accounts and to Samreen for kindly stepping in last minute to act as our Independent Examiner of the accounts.

Balance Sheet (excluding fixed assets)

	as @ 31/03/2025	as @ 31/03/2024	as @ 31/03/2023	Surplus
Assets				
CAF Online Account	29,123.18	28,530.98	27,711.17	
• General Fund	17,581.93	17,989.73	18,169.92	
• Common Areas Fund	9,000.00	8,000.00	7,000.00	
• Danny's Fund	2,541.25	2,541.25	2,541.25	
Cash with Treasurer	1,558.36	656.66	574.53	
Subs Owed to 17 th 1	5,454.50	3,773.00	2,417.00	
Other items owed ²	8.50	2,099.80	1,991.70	
Liabilities				
Activity refunds	-	854.00 ³	-	
Unpaid Expenses/Subs	1,088 ⁴	3,681.83	7,179.55	
Net Assets	35,056.54	30,524.61	25,514.85	3,938.43

Estimate of Fixed Asset Value

Asset Category	31/03/2025 Value / £	31/03/2024 Value / £	31/03/2023 Value / £
Vehicles	33,682 ⁷	16,434	20,842
Camping	5,908	7,591	8,439
Expedition equipment	1,085	1,470	691
Kayaking	3,903	4,020	3,560
Archery	390	644	799
Axes / Knives	287	481	567
Shooting / Fencing	1,122	515	223
Climbing	1,212	1,571	1,912
Hall Furniture / Fittings / Tools ⁵	9,411	7,782	1,447
Catering	1,556	1,408	1,726
Games / IT / Misc ⁶	4,186	1,616	1,816
Total	62,742	43,532	42,023

¹ Total subs owed for 2024-2025

² Outstanding payment due for an Activity

³ Explorers were unable to attend Frost Camp 2024 because of number restrictions imposed by the District

⁴ All for Subs owed by 17th Reigate for overpayment / refund of subs

⁵ New chairs were purchased this year £1,515.24, new tow bar £660.

⁶ The new orienteering set contributed to the uplift in Games spend this year.

⁷ Scott was purchased for £23,500 in May 2024

We are required by Scouting regulations to keep a record of income and expenditure as well as to annually estimate the value of our assets. To simplify asset valuation, the initial purchase price of our equipment is taken and then a calculated value based on full depreciation over 5 years. In some cases, such as the van, minibuses and kayaks, we have defined a minimum value below which it will not depreciate further. Because we are just keeping an income and expenditure account and the asset valuation is separate, no figure for depreciation appears in the expenditure.

Income and Expenditure for Financial Year ended 31 March 2025

	2024-2025 Income £	2024-2025 Expenditure £	2024-2025 Net £	2023-2024 Net £	2022-2023 Net £	2021-2022 Net £
Hall Maintenance / Running costs	1,130.00	11,429.15	-10,299.15	-8,299.92	-1,874.76	4,466.34
Fundraising ⁸	27,104.15	1,662.05	25,442.10	7,565.67	4,716.32	5,557.43
Donations Received ⁹	4,264.75	-	4,264.75	455.00	4,685.98	5,407.00
Subscriptions ¹⁰	27,946.50	13,303.00	14,643.50	14,005.00	14,068.00	11,921.50
Gift Aid ¹¹	0.00	-	0.00	5,189.55	4,507.25	2,312.31
Camps	17,683.00	14,209.61	3,473.39	7,624.32	-4,335.48	8,729.05
Activities Charged For	9,160.50	8,909.25	251.25	86.23	1,739.74	-334.75
Activities Not Charged For	-	1,359.81	-1,359.81	-1,674.36	-1,476.21	-1,844.61
Administration / Social	69.66	1,499.12	-1,429.46	-2,161.10	-2,650.68	-2,097.63
Equipment	340.00	9,094.71	-8,754.71	-6,710.79	-10,759.53	-9,228.09
Insurance ¹²	-	-	-	-	-	-849.87
Affiliation ¹³	-	63.00	-63.00	-	-	-
Uniform / Badges	49.00	2,488.33	-2,439.33	-1,716.08	-2,159.25	-1,565.99
Training	135.00	470.00	-335.00	-1,421.60	-965.85	-799.56
Vehicle maintenance/ fuel ¹⁴	15,435.59	33,960.34	-18,524.85	-7,692.16	-5,636.08	-15,820.63
Donations Made by Group	-	240.00	-240.00	-240.00	-1,450.00	-240.00
Total	103,318.05	99,379.62	3,938.43	5,009.76	-1,590.55	5,612.50

Treasurer's Declaration


I confirm that the above is a true and accurate summary of the accounts of 17th Reigate Scout Group for the financial year ended 31 March 2025

Signed  Date 01/07/2025
(Hannah Crewe)

Independent Examiner's Report

I have examined the accounting records and supporting documentation kept by the 17th Reigate Scout Group

I confirm that the Financial Summary shown above reflects a true and fair summary of the financial transactions of 17th Reigate Scout Group for the year ended 31 March 2025

Signed  Date 01/07/2025
(Samreen Ashraf)

⁸ Fundraising higher than normal due to new minibus, £10,123.51 raised through crowdfunding, £5,704 raised through various grant applications (costs are outgoings to support events and card charges)

⁹ One-off donations received this year including £3,200 from a Charitable Trust

¹⁰ Expenditure in the 'Subscriptions' section is our capitation payment (subscription) to the District Scout Association which is levied based on numbers of children in the Group. This amount is for 251 scouts and cover the FY2025/2026 capitation, the FY2024/2025 capitation was paid in the last financial year and was for 228 scouts. This amount also includes £70 of unassigned subs as at 31 March 2025.

¹¹ New Treasurer started November 2024, planning to retrospectively claim gift aid from HMRC, hence zero value. 2025-26 accounts are likely to show double gift aid income.

¹² Insurance From FY2022/2023 is split between Vehicles, Hall maintenance & admin.

¹³ Affiliation is the National Trust group education card which we purchased for the first time this year.

¹⁴ Vehicle maintenance includes the shortfall for the new minibus and other additional costs including insurance.

APPENDIX:

Fundraising Detail (Income less expenditure)

Activity	2024/25	2023/24	2022/23	2021/22
New Minibus	10,123.51			
Xmas fundraising ¹⁵	3,706.26	3,308.20	1,964.06	1,778.45
Job tins	0.00	564.04	-	1,442.68
Easy Fundraising	100.35	88.99	168.65	137.82
Model show ¹⁶	3,254.68	1,103.00	1,391.79	-
Remembrance Day	498.87	290.75	214.76	-
Santa Run	-	500.00	600.00	500.00
Quiz night	228.14	-	-	-
Other	1,320.59	580.28	200.00	-
Teas/Coffees	505.70	630.41	177.06	-
Grant ¹⁷	5,704.00	500.00	-	1,750
Total	25,442.10	7,565.67	4,716.32	5,609.95

Hall Expenditure

	2024/25	2023/24	2022/23	2021/22
Electricity	2,655.50	2,752.51	1,935.06	992.20
Gas ¹⁸	1,255.72	1,409.40	687.26	272.33
Water / Sewage	121.01	273.61	537.25	160.00
Wifi / Hosting	814.50	1,157.72	1,051.80	1,051.80
Lift maintenance ¹⁹	0	504.00	751.20	477.60
Cleaning	436.77	657.92	282.06	533.90
Catering / Consumables	316.98	66.02	-	16.99
Decorating	-	-	35.00	10.20
Electrics	-	420.76	174.22	-
Fittings / Tools	727.59	6,010.53	131.97	418.26
Furniture	1,661.95	1,222.57	587.81	-
Repairs	702.00	1,248.79	-	56.42
Safety/Security	2,487.18	745.97	604.15	811.88
Storage	249.95	594.92	353.31	158.08
Contents insurance ²	691.25	627.70	933.67	(765.87)
Total	12,120.40	17,692.42	8,064.76	4,959.66

Administrative/Social Expenses

	2024/25	2023/24	2022/23	2021/22
Banking fees	83.59	173.00	72.00	96.00
Go-Cardless / Sumup fees ²⁰	(868.88)	(947.48)	(1,037.03)	535.42
Membership / Subscriptions / OSM	509.20	426.75	549.00	383.00
Website / IT	229.48	350.27	455.66	273.48
Stationery / Printing	70.63	176.10	503.64	184.89
Social	339.24	636.07	968.97	481.09
Gifts / Awards / Trophies	172.98	370.98	49.00	90.00
Helpers insurance ²¹	94.00	94.00	94.00	(84.00)
Total	1,499.12	2,227.17	2,692.27	2,097.63

¹⁵ Includes bag packing and carol singing fundraising and Santa collection with Roundtable

¹⁶ Includes bike raffle

¹⁷ Grants paid this year were for (i) flat screen TV (installed and paid for in FY2023/2024) (ii) Orienteering set

¹⁸ Gas is shared with the Parish whose contract (arranged by the Diocese) changed in 2023/24

¹⁹ Lift maintenance payment £594.60 was made in May 2025 to cover May 25-Apr-26

²⁰ From financial year 2022/23, Go-Cardless & Sum-up fees have been included as costs against specific activities. Previously they were recorded as a single administration fee. This figure is not included in the total and just shown for reference

²¹ From financial year 2022/23 Insurance has been recorded as separate expenses within the relevant category (Vehicles, Hall maintenance or Admin). Previously it was recorded as a single expense.

10 years of our Scout Centre

14 years ago, a crack group of Leaders was sent to the pub after Scouts for a drink they really needed. These leaders stayed late into the night, reconvened a few days later and then the Building for the Future project began. Today, still trying to figure out what really happened, (and finish off a few snagging issues) the building still stands. If you need a venue...if no where else can help...and if you want to enjoy Scouting....maybe you could use The Davis Scout Centre

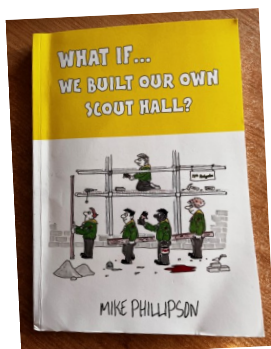
In 2011, we took the bold and brave decision to build our own Scout Centre, following the Parish's decision to sell the buildings in which we met. That started a long, hectic, but fun and informative journey to planning, obtaining funding, building and finally opening the Davis Scout Centre in September 2015. Since then, we've enjoyed the fruits of our labour and seen many young people benefit from the facilities it provides.

Many hours were spent exploring options available, negotiating plans and leases, researching and applying for funds available. We became experts in wording the perfect grant application. From the initial concrete pour for the foundations, we took a very 'hands-on' approach, picking up many trades and excuses for a new tool along the way. What started as a Saturday morning list of jobs, grew into all day Saturday, all weekend and then every available hour as the target date we set ourselves grew ever closer. And, in true DIY SOS style we will still tiling the kitchen at 3.00am, just hours before the grand opening.

Not only was a great facility built, but great friendships made. We, of course, lost John Davis, our Chairman at the time, a few years ago and it was only fitting that the Scout Centre be named after him for the support, the sweat and the many hours that he spent being the 'labourer'.

There are so many tales to tell, mishaps that took place, lessons that were learnt. Mike Phillipson, the GSL during this time, wrote a book all about our adventures. Not quite making the Amazon top-10 list, it's still an enjoyable read about the trials and tribulations we went through. If you'd like a copy, please ask.

Would we do it again—absolutely! Having our own dedicated space has allowed the Group to flourish, to grow in numbers and become an integral part of our community. These initiatives bring people together, creating strong, long lasting benefits for so many.



Meet the Team—could we add your name to this?

