

AGM – 14th May 2024



A year of
Scouting
adventures!



Minutes from AGM 16th May 2023

Introduction

The chair welcomed attendees and whilst people were joining had inspirational quotes on a slideshow.

Attendance/ Apologies

No Apologies.

Approval of last AGM minutes

Laura Sinclair approved minutes from 2022 AGM

Chair's report

Chair's report was given by highlighting key points from the pack

Treasurer's report

Treasurer's report was presented and highlighted the balance and funding received, along with the large expenditures of the year. Thanks to Mr J Ingall for his role as scrutineer

Adoption of previous financial report

Jake Gordon, proposed the accounts

James Williamson seconded accounts

GSL's report

GSL highlighted a few key points in his report and allow those in attendance to read the report.

Trophies of the Year

	Lodge	Six	Patrol
Buckingham Park	Green	Black	Panther
Kingsbrook	Green	Black	Lion

Appointments of the Executive Committee

GSL – Iain Stanley is happy to continue as GSL, supported by the district

Chairman – Eris Robertson stepped up to act as the Chair and was seconded by Murray Dobbie

Treasurer – Jake Gordon is willing to continue as Treasurer and seconded by Vicky Beuttler

Secretary – Vicky Beuttler is willing to continue as Secretary and seconded by Debbie Keeping

Scrutineer - This Appointment was left open to be found throughout the year and seconded by Lucy Parker

Elected Members. The following roles were agreed:

Media	Debbie Keeping	Health & Safety Officer	Laura Oliver
		Badge Secretary	Courtney Stanley

All above appointments were seconded by Jake Gordon

Nominated Members. The following members were agreed: No Nominated Members this year

Quartermaster	Kristian Leach	Membership	Fiona Scott
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All above appointments were seconded by Jake Gordon

Co-opted Members. The following members were agreed: Hold the right to co-opt up to 3 members throughout the year

The above agreement was seconded by Karl Crosby

AOB

No AOB from floor.

20:45hrs – Meeting Close



Group Lead Volunteer Report – Iain Stanley

The group this year again set out some objectives to review at this point and the last one we have been focusing on is the transformation of Scouting planned over the next few years.

The first was to strengthen the bond between Buckingham Park and Kingsbrook, this I feel has moved forward and will hopefully continue into this coming year. All sections achieved this in several different ways and still perfecting however the most successful by far was joint camps and trips where they can share resources and volunteers and some sections shared programs with some success which reduced the planning on the volunteer teams.

Whilst focusing on the sections and getting them to link together we have been working hard from an operational side trying to identify parts of the Section tasks that can be made simpler and easier by automating things and reviewing the systems and the way we think. These changes don't just impact the "behind the Scenes" aspects of the group and make things easier, they also support the section volunteer teams to spend less time planning, and completing those essential tasks to make the opportunities a reality. There is much more to do however things seem to be moving forward well.

All in all, I feel it has been an amazing year for the group we are still looking to the district to support the move of the Cubs and Scouts back into Buckingham Park full-time rather than camping out across the district and the continued vision of something in both areas to call home to make things easier. What I can say is we are never short of needing a pair of hands to support us in some way and am truly grateful for all the hard work the leaders do on a week-to-week basis ensuring things are ready each week.

I would like to specially mention **Lucy Parker** for her unwavering support of the group and the recognition she received this year by being awarded the **Commissioner's Commendation** and **Chief Scouts Commendation for Meritorious Conduct**, she holds a role at County overseeing the Scouts but when she can support our Scouts in the grassroots Scouting, they very much make her welcome.

We have unfortunately had some key supporters of the group decide they need to take a step out from supporting the group which leads us very thin on the ground and in need of more adult volunteers. I would like to take this opportunity to specially thank some key supporters for their impact and skills

Sam Norris for her unwavering support of the Buckingham Park Beavers for many years and support of the administrative things along with camps and trips.

Laura Oliver for her wealth of knowledge of Risk Assessments and support in getting the group meeting again after Covid, we wish her well in her new adventure Up North!!

Kristian Leach for his support in looking after the equipment albeit a short time due to other commitments, he is still silently supporting when spoken to about new equipment but not covering the task of Quartermaster.

Membership



Buck Kings
21 24



Buck Kings
30 30



Buck Kings
20 29



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Buck Kings
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Chief Scout's

The Scouts will be experiencing a season of transformation over the coming years to encourage more people to volunteer. The change is also focused on retaining existing volunteers. With more volunteers, we can positively impact the lives of more young people and help them gain skills for life - Our North Star!!

The last thing I would like to say to anyone is to thank you all for your continued support, with the wealth of skills you never know how you might be able to help within the group – perhaps you would be interested in considering becoming a volunteer or supporting the planning or running of an event, or something else! If so, please come and speak to us and see where you can support any section volunteer or trustee will be happy to talk to you further.

Simply speaking **“No Support, means No Group”**

Bronze



16

Silver



10

Gold



3

Chief Scout Award's 2023-2024 (May)

Bronze	Silver	Gold
Ethan Webb	Sienna Lewis	Rufus Martin
Aida Pennicott	Rohan Martin	Asyrah Lee
Oliver Gordon	Evie Styles	Ethan Koentopp
Louis Gordon	Daniel Gordon	
Oliver Fincham	Eliza O'Brien	
Hugo Grange	Cat Looker	
Tyab Edwards	Tiana Richards	
Amber Beuttler	Cole Stanley	
Zoe Pouriki	Melody Long	
Indiana Richards	Durate Medalhas	
Varnika Vankadaru		
Blake Stanley		
James Benfield-Martin		
William Hyland-Smith		
Liam Robertson		
Leo Avent		



Adult

Chair Report – Eris Robertson

Another Amazing year at 12th Aylesbury Scout Group!

Meritorious Conduct



Lucy Parker

Commissioners

Commendation



Lucy Parker

Yet again I'm in awe of what we have achieved, from group-wide fundraising to ice-cold frozen camps, and everything in between! The past year has seen many challenges taken on by our young members and volunteers alike.

And it's all down to those great people who make it happen so well.

You will have heard about transformation coming our way, a national scheme to bring scouting right up to date with the ever-changing world of youth services and volunteering, but what does it mean?

In very basic terms we want to give a warmer welcome to everyone, from volunteers to parents and young members, we are also setting out ways to deliver better learning, along with simplifying how we volunteer together. It's this last statement that I want to focus on, volunteering together.

We all know that teamwork can deliver some amazing results, and here at the 12th we already have amazing teamwork in all areas, but there are always improvements that can be made. In a world where we all have differing amounts of time we can dedicate to volunteering; a team approach can bring the optimum way to share the work between team members and spread the load.

The transformation will also bring some different role titles but don't worry, no one is going away, it's just a more modern approach to the way we are recognised, not least emphasising the fact that all of the crew at 12th Aylesbury, Aylesbury district and even Buckinghamshire County members are all volunteers!

As I have mentioned, we already have such an amazing team and each and every one of our volunteers should be proud of the work they do to keep our young members on their toes. This includes the parents who volunteer on a less regular basis, be it parent-rostered evening help, or getting out there on camps, without your help we couldn't do what we do. You all really do work so hard and give so much. Thank you from all of us and from our young members! You are truly **awesome!**

I would particularly like to thank our lead volunteer **Iain Stanley** for the hard work he does. It's not easy to run a group that has double the number of sections that most groups have, especially when those sections have different geographical locations.

The past year has seen some changes in the way that the group deals with our internal workings, and whilst this journey is ongoing, I think we are progressing well. We've automated the way volunteers claim expenses, introduced automated online payments, an online store, along with many other behind the scene efficiency savings.

So, all it remains for me to say is thanks for all you do, and look out for our bite sized news flashes. and here's to another year of bringing **Skills for Life!**



Treasurer's Report – Jake Gordon

This report covers the financial year 2023-24 for the 12th Aylesbury Scout Group. Since last year's AGM, all sections have taken responsibility for their own bank accounts, where they can manage payments and receipts specific to their trips, camps etc. Overall, this is working successfully & will allow us to ensure we have clearer visibility on group and section finances once we have finished allocating money that was collected in the group account prior to the section accounts being up and running.

Our District subscription (Capitation) cost rose slightly over the previous year to £65.00 per child compared with £62.00 in the previous year. However, the 2023-24 accounts contain last year's expenses since the invoice relating to this expense tends to arrive in early April, just after the end of our financial year.

We have continued to have parents using camp bank funds that were built up during COVID lockdowns to pay for various trips & activities, while more parents of former members have been kind enough to donate some of this money to the group. We will be proactive over the next year in reminding parents who have this money available to use it.

Our fundraising efforts produced less overall than last year, however, we were able to take advantage of some new opportunities, such as the Kingsbrook live event, which we believe holds great fundraising potential in future. With a dedicated Gift Aid officer on board, we expect to be able to bring additional into the group over the coming year by this means.

Finally, we have continued to invest in various equipment to enable us to maximise the experience our members get from Scouting. The overall financial health of the group is good, with various reserves in place to ensure that we can deal with any unexpected expenses & make sure that cost is never a barrier to anyone participating in the group.



Approved by the Trustees on 14th May 2024 and signed on their behalf by:

Group Chairman

Eris Robertson



Group Treasurer

Jake Gordon



Scrutineer's Report to the Trustees of the 12th Aylesbury Scout Council

I report on the accounts of the Group for the year ended April 2024

Respective responsibilities of Trustees and Scrutineer

As the Group's trustees, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts; you consider that neither the audit nor independent examination requirements of the Charities Act 2011 apply. It is my responsibility without carrying out an audit or independent examination to scrutinise the accounts and to report to you.

Basis of Scrutineer's Statement

In accordance with the directions given in the Group's/District's constitution, I have scrutinised the records and the accounts set out on pages **8** to **11**

Scrutineer's Statement

In my opinion the accounts are in accordance with the records produced to me and comply with the constitution.

Name: James Ingall

Address: 1 Robin Close, Aylesbury

Date: 22/08/24

Scrutineer



James Ingall (Oct 20, 2024 18:52 GMT+1)



Group Account

	Year start date	To	Year end date
For the year from	2023		2024

Receipts and payments

	2023/24 Unrestricted funds £	2022/23 Unrestricted funds £
Receipts		
Donations, legacies and similar income		
Subs	£21,393.75	£0.00
Badges	£23.00	£0.00
Investiture	£272.50	£0.00
Second Hand Uniform	£0.00	£0.00
Misc	£27.85	£0.00
Sub total	£21,717.10	£0.00
Equipment		
Social Kit	£434.38	£0.00
Flags	£992.00	£0.00
Sub total	£1,426.38	£0.00
Grants		
Easy Fundraising	£259.67	£0.00
Vale Lottery	£52.00	£0.00
Soames Support	£0.00	£0.00
Gift Aid	£0.00	£0.00
Sub total	£311.67	£0.00
Fundraising events (gross)		
Raffle	£1,599.29	£0.00
Fete	£1,465.82	£0.00
Wine @ Waddesdon	£420.00	£0.00
Kingsbrook Live	£2,872.23	£0.00
Sub total	£6,357.34	£0.00
Group Events		
Panto	£1,768.30	£0.00
Sub total	£1,768.30	£0.00
Section Accounts		
BP-B-Pokemon	£30.00	£0.00
BP-B-Think Tank	£178.00	£0.00
BP-B-xmas Camp	£20.00	£0.00
BP-C-Conkers	£50.00	£0.00
BP-C-District Camp	£70.00	£0.00
BP-S-Fire Ice	£225.00	£0.00
BP-S-Plane Crash	£0.00	£0.00
BP-S-Spring Camp	£450.00	£0.00
KB-B Sleepover	£20.00	£0.00
KB-B-Bowling	£75.00	£0.00
KB-B-Gullivers	£640.00	£0.00
KB-B-Hike	£20.00	£0.00
KB-B-Xmas Camp	£40.00	£0.00
KB-C District Camp	£105.00	£0.00
KB-C-Conkers	£270.00	£0.00
KB-C-Endurance	£30.00	£0.00
KB-C-Harry Potter Trip	£324.00	£0.00
KB-C-Pokemon	£150.00	£0.00
KB-S-Bowling	£57.00	£0.00
KB-S-Plane Crash	£300.00	£0.00
KB-S-Spring Camp	£714.00	£0.00
Sub total	£3,768.00	£0.00
Scout hut income		
Hire of building	£0.00	£0.00
Equipment hire	£100.00	£0.00
Other Scout hut income	£0.00	£0.00
Sub total	£100.00	£0.00
Investment income		
Bank interest	£0.00	£0.00
Building Society interest	£0.00	£0.00
The Scout Association Short Term Investment Service	£0.00	£0.00
Other investment income	£0.00	£0.00
Sub total	£0.00	£0.00
Total Gross Income	£35,448.79	£0.00
Asset and investment sales, etc.	£0.00	£0.00
Total receipts	£35,448.79	£0.00



Year start date

Year end date

For the year from	2023	To	2024
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Receipts and payments

	2023/24 Unrestricted funds £	2022/23 Unrestricted funds £
Payments		
Charitable Payments		
Capitation	£8,742.00	£0.00
Budget-BP-B	£260.00	£0.00
Budget-BP-C	£325.00	£0.00
Budget-BP-S	£260.00	£0.00
Budget-KB-B	£195.00	£0.00
Budget-KB-C	£195.00	£0.00
Budget-KB-S	£195.00	£0.00
Adult support and training	£0.00	£0.00
Hire	£7,382.50	£0.00
Insurance - Equipment	£198.00	£0.00
Flags	£55.13	£0.00
OSM	£194.05	£0.00
Uniform	£438.28	£0.00
Badges	£1,293.20	£0.00
AGM and trustee expenses	£229.70	£0.00
Camp Bank	£625.00	£0.00
Equipment	£4,046.00	£0.00
1st Aid Kits	£56.72	£0.00
Soames Support	£35.00	£0.00
Misc	£15.00	£0.00
Sub total	£24,740.58	£0.00
Section Account Payments		
BP-C-Conkers	£12.50	£0.00
BP-S-Fire Ice	£180.00	£0.00
Gullivers	£795.00	£0.00
KB-B-Bowling	£55.00	£0.00
KB-B-Gullivers	£725.00	£0.00
KB-B-Hike	£20.00	£0.00
KB-B-xmas Sleepover	£80.00	£0.00
KB-C District Camp	£140.00	£0.00
KB-C-Camp	£299.14	£0.00
KB-C-Cotswold	£6.25	£0.00
KB-C-Harry Potter Camp	£302.07	£0.00
KB-C-Harry Potter Trip	£1,124.50	£0.00
KB-C-Pokemon	£160.00	£0.00
KB-S-Camp	£60.00	£0.00
KB-S-Kayak	£80.00	£0.00
KB-S-Plane Crash	£1,289.71	£0.00
Panto	£1,740.00	£0.00
Sub total	£7,069.17	£0.00
Fundraising expenses		
Fete	£364.75	£0.00
Kingsbrook Live	£2,998.08	£0.00
Wine @ Waddesdon	£195.00	£0.00
Raffle	£1,292.50	£0.00
Sub total	£4,850.33	£0.00
Total Gross Expenditure	£36,660.08	£0.00
Asset and investment purchases, etc.	£0.00	£0.00
Total payments	£36,660.08	£0.00
Net of receipts/(payments)	-£1,211.29	£0.00
Cash funds last year end	£28,490.31	£0.00
Cash funds this year end	£27,279.02	£0.00



Year start date

Year end date

For the year from	2023	To	2024
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Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the year

	31st March 2024 Unrestricted funds £	31st March 2023 Unrestricted funds £
Cash funds		
Bank current account	£27,279.02	£0.00
Bank deposit account	£0.00	£0.00
Building society account	£0.00	£0.00
The Scout Association Short Term Investment Service	£0.00	£0.00
Cash/Floats	£0.00	£0.00
Total cash funds	£27,279.02	£0.00
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account)	ok
Other monetary assets		
Tax claim	£0.00	£0.00
Debts due from the County/Area/District/Group	£0.00	£0.00
Insurance claim	£0.00	£0.00
Sub total	£0.00	£0.00
Reserves		
Buffer	£2,500.00	£2,500.00
Soames Support	£1,849.50	£1,884.50
Development	£5,250.00	£5,250.00
Training	£1,311.10	£1,311.10
Equipment	-£771.20	£3,274.80
Savings	£5,000.00	£5,000.00
Sub total	£10,139.40	£14,220.40
Camp Banks		
Camp Banks	£2,701.50	£2,701.50
ASAP	£50.00	£50.00
JOTT	-£25.00	-£25.00
Summer Camp	£585.18	£585.18
Iceland	£100.00	£100.00
Sub total	£3,411.68	£3,411.68
Investment assets		
Investment property - detail	£0.00	£0.00
Quoted investments	£0.00	£0.00
Other investments - detail	£0.00	£0.00
Sub total	£0.00	£0.00
Non monetary assets for charity's own use		
Badge stock	£0.00	£0.00
Social Kit Stock	£736.10	£0.00
Other stock	£0.00	£0.00
Land and buildings	£0.00	£0.00
Motor vehicles	£0.00	£0.00
Scouting equipment, furniture etc	£0.00	£0.00
Other	£0.00	£0.00
Sub total	£736.10	£0.00
Liabilities - Sections		
Buck Park - Beavers	£1,090.81	£0.00
Buck Park - Cubs	£932.02	£0.00
Buck Park - Scout	£1,110.97	£0.00
Kingsbrook - Beavers	£503.43	£0.00
Kingsbrook - Cubs	£1,251.02	£0.00
Kingsbrook - Scouts	£235.02	£0.00
Sub total	£4,888.25	£0.00
Liabilities		
Accounts not yet paid	£0.00	£0.00
Expenses incurred but not invoiced	£0.00	£0.00
Subscriptions not yet paid	£0.00	£0.00
Loan - detail	£0.00	£0.00
Other liabilities	£0.00	£0.00
Sub total	£0.00	£0.00
Total net assets	£28,015.12	£0.00
Total Working Balance	£13,727.94	£0.00



Sectional Account Summaries

Buckingham Park Beavers

12th Aylesbury Beaver Accounts		
	Out	In
Balance B/fwd		£ 481.94
Bank Receipts	£ 881.73	
Bank Payments		£ 1,490.60
Cash Receipts	£ -	
Cash Payments		£ -
Cheques not Banked	£ -	£ -
Unbanked Cash		£ -
	<u>£ 881.73</u>	<u>£ 1,972.54</u>
Bank Balance		£ 1,090.81
Working Balance		£ 1,271.79

Kingsbrook Beavers

Account Name Accounts		
	Out	In
Balance B/fwd		£ -
Bank Receipts	£ 1,511.17	
Bank Payments		£ 2,014.60
Cash Receipts	£ -	
Cash Payments		£ -
Cheques not Banked	£ -	£ 31.00
Unbanked Cash		£ -
	<u>£ 1,511.17</u>	<u>£ 2,045.60</u>
Bank Balance		£ 503.43
Working Balance		£ 518.63

Buckingham Park Cubs

12th Aylesbury Buckingham Park Cubs Accounts		
	Dr	Cr
Balance B/fwd		£ 355.67
Bank Receipts	£ 1,345.65	
Bank Payments		£ 1,922.00
Cash Receipts	£ -	
Cash Payments		£ -
	<u>£ 1,345.65</u>	<u>£ 2,277.67</u>
Balance		£ 932.02
Working Balance		£ 671.56

Kingsbrook Cubs

12th Aylesbury (1st Kingsbrook) Cubs Accounts		
	Out	In
Balance B/fwd		£ 667.00
Bank Receipts	£ 1,494.94	
Bank Payments		£ 2,078.96
Cash Receipts	£ -	
Cash Payments		£ -
Cheques not Banked	£ -	£ -
Unbanked Cash		£ -
	<u>£ 1,494.94</u>	<u>£ 2,745.96</u>
Bank Balance		£ 1,251.02
Working Balance		£ 1,262.91

Buckingham Park Scouts

12th Aylesbury Buckingham Park Scouts Accounts		
	Out	In
Balance B/fwd		£ 1,398.78
Bank Receipts	£ 1,983.31	
Bank Payments		£ 1,695.50
Cash Receipts	£ -	
Cash Payments		£ -
Cheques not Banked	£ -	£ -
Unbanked Cash		£ -
	<u>£ 1,983.31</u>	<u>£ 3,094.28</u>
Bank Balance		£ 1,110.97
Working Balance		£ 1,079.18

Kingsbrook Scouts

12th Aylesbury (1st Kingsbrook) Scouts Accounts		
	Out	In
Balance B/fwd		
Bank Receipts	£ 2,209.60	
Bank Payments		£ 2,444.62
Cash Receipts	£ -	
Cash Payments		£ -
Cheques not Banked	£ -	£ -
Unbanked Cash		£ -
	<u>£ 2,209.60</u>	<u>£ 2,444.62</u>
Bank Balance		£ 235.02
Working Balance		-£ 139.01



Buckingham Park Beavers

Kat Beatty Volunteer Team Member



We've had another fun-packed year with so many beavers achieving a variety of skills and badges.



We started May 2023 by discussing the upcoming coronation of King Charles 3rd. Also learning about endangered animals, habitats, and care of pets as well as covering basic 1st Aid.

June was a busy month covering aspects of safety around fire, water, road and rail. We went on a walk and pond dip around Watermead to put many of these into practice. We also visited the Code Ninjas to design simple games and characters. Along with a trip to the Thinktank Museum in Birmingham.

We began July with a Train Safety Day out, where we discussed train safety at Aylesbury Vale Parkway before a train ride to Wendover courtesy of Chiltern Railways, with fun and games before returning home practising our safety skills.

September was a sporty month with rounders, tennis, cycling and scooting along with cycle safety and maintenance supported by Helen, Arlo's Nana.

October was a month of visits. We welcomed a member of Aylesbury Food Bank for Harvest who explained the importance of donating food and where it goes. We donated over 13.81Kg worth of food. We also visited Pets at Home and learned what pets need to be happy and thrive. Some beavers went on a County Sleepover at Gulliver's Theme Park.

November saw our 1st joint sleepover with Kingsbrook Beavers called 'Christmas is coming'. The children enjoyed the exciting activities including caving, campfire, smores, star gazing and sleeping in tents indoors. We then did fireworks craft and filled the month with a discussion about space missions and the solar system.

The space theme continued into December as we watched videos of different constellations and stories behind them.



We ended the month celebrating Christmas with either a visit to the panto at the Waterside Theatre or games with the Buckingham Park Cubs.

January was a month of variety from setting personal challenges inspired by New Year's resolutions to making chatterboxes, origami animals and paper toys and ending the month learning and performing entertaining magic tricks!

We held our annual Chinese New Year food tasting in February and made dragons to celebrate the Year of the Dragon. Vicky popped in to wow us with science experiments, including a lava lamp the children could take home. We also learnt about different beaver colonies around the world, their names, promises and national flags.

March was all about celebrations. We celebrated Mother's Day by thinking about strong women in history and hearing their stories. For St Patrick's Day, we made a delicious fridge cake recipe called "fifteen", played a game to remember the story of St Patrick and had a go at Irish River dancing. We also made Skittles and competed to be the last 1 standing. Ending the month with Easter games.

In April we learnt about St George acting out the story and making shields. Many beavers then attended the parade in town representing the scouting family. The joint Beaver Pokémon Camp with Kingsbrook Beavers was a great success with many activities including a climbing wall, orienteering, making fire and singing around a campfire. Ending the month learning how to keep teeth healthy and what food is good and bad for their teeth.

Thank you to all the parents for all your support over the year.



Buckingham Park

Aruna Jayaraman (Akela) Volunteer Team Lead



Since the last AGM Buckingham Park Cubs have enjoyed a variety of activities with themes based on our Cub's promise of doing their duty, being the best and helping other people. Following is the list of some of the sessions BP cubs have enjoyed towards that goal.

Gaining Skills - Astronomy, Knots, Shelter building, Morse Code, Fire Safety, Emergency First Aid, Disability Awareness, Photography, Warli Art.

Physical Health - Autumn endurance walks (Aston Clinton Buckland Wharf), Nature Walks (BP-BF Greenway, Ashridge Estate) and E10 Endurance walk, Healthy Meal planning and making from scratch.

In the Community - Aylesbury Town History Walk, Mayor's Office Visit, Canal side Cleaning, Painted Rocks/Pebbles to leave around the community.

Overnight Camps - District Cubs Camp at Braidwood, Fitness Camp at PACCAR

Festivals and Culture - Halloween and Samhain, Panto at Christmas, Burns Night (Scottish), St. Patrick's Day (Irish), Holi, Easter, Indian Fine and Folk Art - Tanjore Painting and Madhubani.

World around us - Remembrance and Current Affairs, St. Georges Day Parade.



Our cubs impressed the Aylesbury Mayor with their questions and initiatives they wanted, especially a frame in a park in the community to be mended for them and their friends to use and get fit. The cubs enjoyed handling the current and previous year's Olympic torches and wearing the special Mayoral hat. It was a very special night out to remember for our Cubs and hopefully the mayor as well.

The Cubs had a fun and enlightening evening with Dr. Donna Arya, a Forensic Psychiatrist learning sign language during the Disability Awareness session and learnt a ton of phrases to hold a decent conversation.

Our Cubs have enjoyed multiple sessions outdoors with challenging endurance walks in muddy, cold and wet conditions and also camping multiple nights outdoors in rainy, cold and soggy conditions with such resilience and fortitude. They made their own chicken kebab from scratch, fruit and vegetable salads and grilled them over fire they helped build and maintain. They learnt how to properly handle each food category and put their learning from indoor sessions to good use.



Overall, all our BP Cubs leaders have tried our best to give a quality and fun program for our Cubs and we hope their smiles when they leave and when they come back next time is proof that they are enjoying all that we offer to them.



I would like to thank the dedicated leaders and 12th Aylesbury Scout Group leadership team for all their help and guidance.

I want to especially thank the amazing set of parent volunteers we have at BP Cubs for leading some of the sessions with their expertise, assisting a lot of sessions and joining us for multi-day camps.

We cannot do it without your support. Thank You.





This year has been another jam-packed year for Buckingham Park Scouts! Yet again the Scouts have shown resilience, courage, teamwork and many other vital values week-in-week out. Whether it's a Thursday night or out and about, they have done us proud.

This year we have seen the leadership team grow with Sophie and George joining us, on behalf of the scouts we would like to welcome them and we look forward to learning all the new skills they bring to the team!

This year I asked the scouts to help me pick out the big highlights of the year as I had too many. These are their highlights;

The Plane Crash Survival Camp: The scouts had to navigate their way back to the crash site, and find all their belongings and food rations. They then had to work in teams to create meals with what they had found. Come the afternoon they learnt how to build bivouac shelters which they all then slept in!



Fire and Ice District Camp: "It was freezing!!!!... but epic" quoted one of the scouts. It was by far the chilliest camp with overnight temperatures in the minus figures, however, this didn't stop our scouts. Over the weekend they participated in various activities including climbing, air rifles, archery, wood branding, pedal karts, hungry hippos and much more. On Saturday evening everybody came together for a big disco and FIREWORKS!!! Despite the bitter temperatures they never lost their smiles!



Endurance 40: The challenge of walking 40 kilometres in 14 hours... This year we had 8 of our scouts enter across four teams mixed with the Kingsbrook scouts. After many hours of walking, we had 6 of the 8 complete the full 40km. Our other scouts came so close but had to stop due to injury. We are incredibly proud of all of you. We all would like to say a big well done to the adult team that entered the 80km route, including one of our parents, Frank and Lucy from the Kingsbrook leader team!



A visit from the Police: We had four Police Community Support Officers visit us to show us around the van, try on the uniform and answer any questions the scouts had. The scouts asked lots of varying questions from advice about online gaming to careers in the force. The officers complimented the scouts on their politeness and maturity. They challenged us to see how many scouts we could fit in the back of the van... we set a new record of 13, as far as I'm aware this record still stands!



This year Rufus and Asyrah achieved their Chief Scout Gold Awards! This is the highest award you can receive at scouts, these two have worked tirelessly to achieve this by helping plan and run evenings, looking after new scouts and tackling any challenge they are faced with. Congratulations to both of you and we hope that next year we will see a few more gold awards being awarded.



Kingsbrook

Richard Benfield-Martin Volunteer Team Member



What a year we have had at 1st Kingsbrook Beavers, from theme park sleepovers to snowy escapades, it's been a year packed with thrills, learning, unforgettable memories and amazing achievements.

October 23: saw us kick off with a bang as 11 brave Beavers ventured to the District Beaver Sleepover at Gulliver's Land, MK. It was a night to remember, filled with exhilarating rides, fun and every kid's dream, sleeping over in a closed theme park!



November 23: We embarked on our very first Kingsbrook Camp at The Quarries in Milton Keynes. With 17 Beavers in tow, we explored caves, mastered orienteering, and immersed ourselves in festive fun, gearing up for the Christmas season

December 23: 15 of our Beavers, along with their families, joined the magical festivities at the Christmas Panto at Aylesbury Waterside, where we joined the wider Scouts family.

January 24: We smashed into a new year, as Rouge Leisure became our arena of triumph as 22 Beavers showcased their bowling prowess at the World Bowleree event. Their remarkable scores and sportsmanship made us proud.

March 24: We embraced the snowy slopes at MK Snozone, where 22 Beavers earned their snow sports badge through exhilarating sledging adventures. There were lots of smiles this night, even if it was -3 degrees.



April 24: Our journey continues at Phasel Wood, where 20 Beavers will experience rock walling, camp crafts, and exciting Pokémon hunts. It will be a weekend filled with friendship, learning, and endless fun!

Amidst our adventures, our Beavers have achieved a remarkable total of 622 badges! We are thrilled to announce that eight Beavers have earned their Chief Scout Bronze Awards, symbolising their dedication to personal growth and the values of Scouting. We have seen nine of our Beavers transition to Cubs, to continue their love in Scouting. Thank you to our dedicated leaders, supportive families, and our incredible Beavers for making this year one for the books! Stay tuned for more adventures ahead!



Kingsbrook

Micheal Cooper Volunteer Team Member



The year 2024 has been an exciting one for the Kingsbrook Cubs Pack, with a diverse range of activities aimed at fostering personal growth, teamwork, and a love for the outdoors.



Cubs embarked on several hiking trips to local trails, including Wendover Woods, Tring Wood and the Endurance 10 walk. This enabled them to discover the wonders of nature while learning essential navigation and survival skills. Campouts provided opportunities for Cubs to bond over campfires, and learn basic camping skills under the guidance of experienced leaders. Cristina, Michael, Josh, and Kris have loved sharing their camping skills with the Cubs. Whilst den Building Cubs learned various knots and how to apply them in different outdoor scenarios.

Basic first aid workshops equipped Cubs with the essential knowledge to respond to emergencies confidently, promoting safety and preparedness.



Throughout the year we have encouraged the Cubs to be able to make decisions both in a group and individually. Cooking challenges encouraged Cubs to plan, prepare, and cook meals outdoors, fostering creativity and teamwork while honing culinary skills. We also had a cooking competition themed around Master Chef where the leaders got to try the Cub's creations and marked them out of set criteria, number of vegetables, appearance, teamwork and most importantly taste.



The Cubs have engaged massively in the local community participating in litter picks, making birdhouses, insect nests, food bank collections and growing crops in the allotment. All of which instil a sense of responsibility and empathy towards others and the community.

Cubs engaged in activities focused on leadership qualities such as communication, problem-solving, and decision-making, preparing them for future roles within the group and beyond. The Sixers have been given a lot of responsibility ensuring their Six are always where they need to be and prepared for the next activity. The Sixer and older Cubs took on mentoring roles, guiding younger members through activities, and fostering a sense of camaraderie and support within the group.

The Cub's activities of 2024 have been marked by adventure, learning, and service. Through outdoor exploration, skill-building exercises, community engagement, and leadership development opportunities, Cubs have grown both individually and as a cohesive unit. Looking ahead, we aim to build upon the successes of this year and continue providing meaningful experiences that inspire and empower our Cubs. As always Kingsbrook Cubs will aim to do this using outdoor space as much as possible.



Kingsbrook

Mark Richards Volunteer Team Lead

SCOUTS When you look back at the last year, you forget just how much our Scouts did. With no way of fitting, it all in here, we've picked out a few things.

April 23 – We had our Spring Camp and were invited to a concert, written & composed by some very talented neuro-diverse musicians.

May 23 – With the World Scout Jamboree in recent memory, Lucy hosted a fantastic evening, entertaining the Scouts with tales of her experiences in past jamborees. The Scouts were also able to spend time on the water and get into the kayaks!

June 23 – Using skills on pioneering, walking, kit and navigations, our troop put these skills into practice to plan the following week with an activity walk.

July 23 – Making the most of the weather, it was very much outdoors with camp fire night and wide games.

September 23 – An ambitious camp off the back of the holidays and programme planning was our Plane Survivor camp! We built a plane wreckage, split the Scouts into 4 groups with their own drop point and they had to make their way to camp with a hike and kit. When at camp it was 'forage' for their food and make 'something' with the ingredients! And, and, they had to make their shelters to sleep in, which most of them did! So, a huge well done to all on this one.



October 23 – Some of our older children planned & ran their own night, it was Rugby themed in honour of the Rugby World Cup.

November 23 – We invited the Aylesbury Wombles for an evening spent on recycling and like-minded activities/games.

Our troop were able to join in Remembrance Day too.

December 23 – General Xmas festivity with skills but also games and rounding off our Winter term at the Panto!



Jan 23 – A new year and there was no stopping us, as we dove pretty much straight into the Fire & Ice winter camp. Fair credit to the Scouts, as this was a chilly one but with an abundance of new experiences in the activities and a hot chocolate in hand, this was another great camp.

February 24 – We took a delve into the realm of tabletop board games and miniature painting. Several Scouts have found a new hobby!

March 24 - Well, this month culminated in the E40. We had a few Scout teams who did incredibly well given the exceptionally boggy conditions this year and to our leaders who gave

the E80 a shot and managed about 63km.

As a nice reward for the end of term, we went bowling for a little bit of friendly competition.



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Facebook

This is a closed group, only parents linked with the group are allowed to join and the page is managed between the Exec and the leaders. It is designed to allow parents to comment and discuss, as well as to ask questions and post ideas and share potential opportunities, as well as leaders sharing important information from Scouting UK.

Facebook - External

This is a group, set up to show the local community what we get up to and help bring new interests in to the group. We will also share group events we are opening up to the community and let everyone know where we are supporting.

Easy Fundraising

For those who do lots of online shopping then please consider using this application which gives the group a percentage of what you spend. You don't pay any extra the company pays the difference. This is a great and easy way to support your local group.

www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/12thaylesburysg

We are looking at doing a few fundraising events over the year as well as applying for some grants so please watch out for further information, However, in the meantime please get signed up to the Easy Fundraising to start helping us in this way.



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