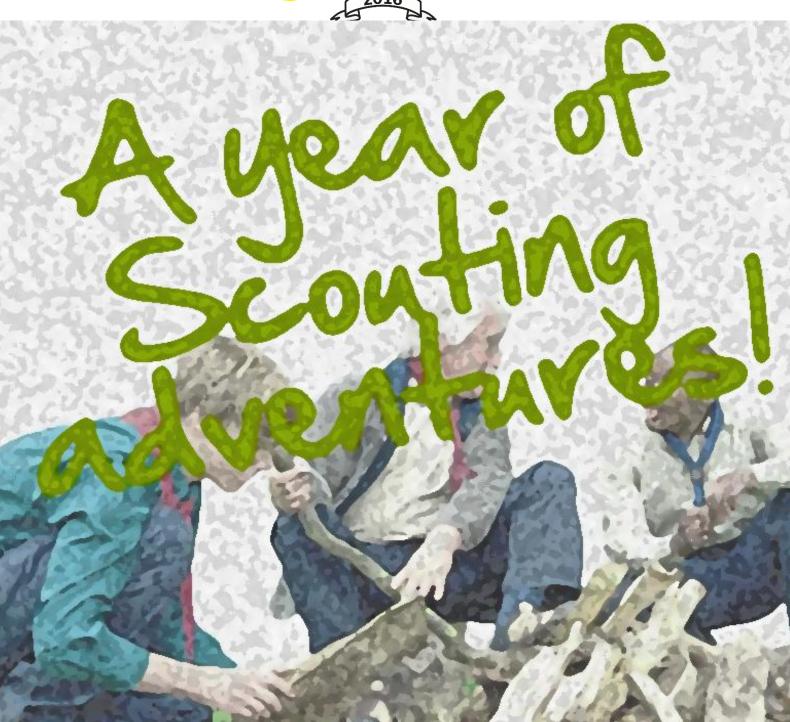
AGM – 20th May 2025





Minutes from AGM 14th May 2024

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

Hannah Webb approved minutes from 2023 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 Laura Sinclair 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	Grey	Raven
Kingsbrook	Yellow	Black	Lion

Appointments of the Executive Committee

GSL – lain 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 Sam Fraser

Treasurer – Jake Gordon is willing to continue as Treasurer and seconded by Karl Crosby

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

Elected Members. The following roles were agreed:

Badge Secretary Courtney Stanley
Trustee Ryan Tritton

All above appointments were seconded by Jake Gordon

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

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 Edd Greer

AOB

No AOB from floor.

20:35hrs - Meeting Close



Group Lead Volunteer Report - Iain Stanley

This year has once again brought a mix of challenges and achievements for the 12th Aylesbury Scout Group. As we continue to implement an ambitious plan for the future of Scouting in Aylesbury, our aim remains clear: to broaden access and provide even more young people with the incredible experiences that Scouting offers.

On the 1st of May 2025, after months—if not years—of planning, discussion, and reworking, the project to divide the 12th Aylesbury into two fully-fledged groups finally came to fruition. We are proud to officially welcome the **11th Aylesbury Scout Group** back into the District, now serving the communities of Quarrenden, Buckingham Park, and Watermead. Congratulations to **David Riordan**, who has taken on the role of Group Lead Volunteer for the 11th Aylesbury.

This year has also brought moments of sadness. We would like to take a moment to remember and reflect on the loss of three valued members of our Scouting family:

Thom Beaumount (Buckingham Park Cubs)

Sam Fraser (Buckingham Park Cubs)

Vince Alcindor (founding volunteer, Buckingham Park Beavers)

Their dedication and spirit remain a part of our Group's legacy.

In September, the Buckingham Park Beavers section was temporarily closed as some of our dedicated volunteers needed to step back. A special thank you goes to the Kingsbrook Beavers team for welcoming many of those young people and supporting us through this transition. I'm pleased to report that progress toward reopening is going well, with positive momentum.

Across all sections, young people have enjoyed an exciting and diverse programme. I'll leave the section leaders to showcase the highlights in their reports, but I want to acknowledge the enthusiasm, resilience, and commitment of our young members. Their engagement is reflected in the impressive number of badges earned and the many Chief Scout Awards achieved this year — testament to the dedication of both the young people and our brilliant volunteer teams.

Looking ahead, one of our key goals for the coming year is to launch a **Squirrels** section (ages 4–6) to better serve the local community. We'll need volunteers — so if you're a parent or carer who could help, even in a small way, please do get in touch.

Sadly, we've also said goodbye to several valued volunteers this year. Their contributions have been vital to the success of our Group, and we thank them sincerely:

Kat Beatty (Buckingham Park Beavers)
Paul Jeffery (Buckingham Park Beavers)
Aruna Jayaraman (Buckingham Park Cubs)
Christina Medalhas (Kingsbrook Cubs)
Michael Cooper (Kingsbrook Cubs)
Jake Gordon (Group Treasurer)





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Chief Scout's

I would also like to take a moment to recognise some well-deserved achievements:



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Silver





Laura Sinclair received the Chief Scout's Commendation for Good **Service**, awarded for over five years of outstanding volunteer service.

I was personally honoured to receive a County Lead Volunteer Commendation for my work supporting adult award processes across the County.

As we reflect on the year, I'd like to end with a heartfelt thank you to every one of you for your continued support. Whether you're a volunteer, parent, or supporter, your involvement makes all the difference. If you're considering getting more involved perhaps helping to run a section, organise events, or join the trustee board—please reach out. Every skill and every hand makes a difference. Let's work together to keep Scouting alive and thriving in our community.

Simply speaking "No Support, means No Group"

Chief Scout Award's 2024-2025 (May)

Bronze	Silver
Rhian Ragel	Rafferty Beatty
Vshan Gonaguntla	Caleb De Silva
Flynn O'Brien	Cat Looker
Blake Hine	Oscar Eshelby
Jack Josephson	Harrison Fitzgerald
Somi Chidom	Dinis Medalhas
Liam Robertson	Alexander Stojanov
Amber Beuttler	Ollie Cavill
Andreas Pouriki	Elan Lee
Tyab Edwards	Tom Smith
Kaito Yamanaka	
Oliver Manolache	
Ted Fulton	
Zachary Freeth	
Jaxson King	
Spencer Turner-Roberston	
Sebastian Chiriac	
Lexi Sharp	

Gold Henrique Medalhas Imogen Christensen Elodie Williams **Toby Shelton**



Adult

Commendation for Good Service



Laura Sinclair

Commissioners

Commendation



lain Stanley

Chair Report - Eris Robertson

12th Aylesbury Scout Group – Chair of Trustees Annual Report (May 2024 – May 2025)

Dear Members, Volunteers, Parents, and Supporters,

It is with immense pride and gratitude that I present the annual chairs report for the 12th Aylesbury Scout Group, covering the period from May 2024 to April 2025. This year has been marked by loss but also resilience, growth, and a steadfast commitment to providing enriching experiences for our young people.

Group Overview

Our Scout Group has served the communities of Buckingham Park, Watermead, and Kingsbrook, offering Scouting opportunities to young people aged 6 to 14. Despite the temporary closure of the Buckingham Park Beavers section in September 2024, we have witnessed encouraging progress towards its reopening. As mentioned in the Group Leader's report, this will be done under the revived 11th Aylesbury Group, which is an exciting prospect which we all look forward to seeing. The Kingsbrook Beavers team graciously welcomed many of the young people during this transition, exemplifying the collaborative spirit that defines our Group.

Programme Highlights and Achievements

Across all sections - Beavers, Cubs, and Scouts - our young members have engaged in a diverse and exciting programme. Activities have ranged from traditional Scouting skills like camping and cooking to adventurous pursuits such as abseiling, climbing, a Cluedo camp, caving and much more. These experiences have not only been enjoyable but have also fostered personal growth, teamwork, and resilience among our Scouts and volunteers.

The dedication of our volunteers has been instrumental in delivering these programmes. Their enthusiasm and commitment have ensured that our young people continue to learn valuable skills and earn numerous badges and awards. Notably, the number of Chief Scout Awards (Bronze, Silver and Gold) achieved this year reflects the hard work and perseverance of both our members and Volunteers.

Community Engagement and Growth

The broader Aylesbury District Scouting community has seen significant growth, with nearly 1,100 individuals involved—a 7% increase from the previous year. This surge underscores the appeal of Scouting, and the quality of programmes offered. However, it also highlights the pressing need for more volunteers to accommodate the growing interest, as over 400 children remain on waiting lists. With our own group making up a significant percentile of this. We would love to offer more places so will continue our determined mission to recruit more volunteers.

Our Group has actively participated in community events and initiatives, strengthening our ties with local residents and organisations. These engagements have provided our



Scouts with opportunities to contribute meaningfully to their communities, reinforcing the values of service and citizenship.

Financial Overview

Financially, the Group has maintained a stable position, thanks to prudent management of our tireless treasurer and trustee group. While we continue to explore additional funding opportunities to ensure the sustainability and growth of our Group, there is a real opportunity for us to be even more proactive and creative in our approach. With a growing membership and increasing demand for activities, we're looking to expand our efforts through grants, sponsorships, and community fundraising. To achieve this, we need your help. Whether you have experience with fundraising, know of potential sponsors, or simply have time to support events, your contribution could make a big difference. If you're interested in getting involved, we'd love to hear from you!

Looking Ahead

As we move forward, our priorities include:

- 11th Aylesbury: Reopening the Beavers Section: We are committed to reinstating this section to provide more opportunities for young people in the area.
- 11th & 12th Volunteer Recruitment: Addressing the volunteer shortage is crucial.
 We aim to attract and retain dedicated individuals to support our expanding membership.
- Programme Enhancement: Continuously improving our programmes to meet the evolving interests and needs of our Scouts.
- Community Outreach: Strengthening our presence and partnerships within the local community to foster mutual support and engagement.

Conclusion

This year has been a testament to the resilience and dedication of our Scouts, volunteers, and supporters. Despite challenges, we have continued to provide meaningful experiences that empower our young people to grow and thrive.

I extend my heartfelt thanks to everyone who contributes to the success of the 12^{th} and the 11^{th} Aylesbury Scout Groups. Your unwavering support ensures that we can continue to offer valuable opportunities to the youth in our community.

Yours in Scouting,

Eris robertson

Chair of Trustees

12th Aylesbury Scout Group

Join Our Trustee Team – Help Shape the Future of Scouting in Aylesbury! 12th & 11th Aylesbury Scout Groups – Now Recruiting Trustees



Are you passionate about supporting young people and giving back to your local community? The 12th and 11th Aylesbury Scout Groups are looking for enthusiastic and committed individuals to join our Boards of Trustees.

As a trustee, you won't need to wear a uniform or attend weekly meetings—but you will play a vital role in ensuring that both Groups continue to thrive. Trustees help oversee finances, support strategic planning, ensure we meet safety and legal requirements, and provide guidance to our fantastic team of volunteers.

We're looking for people who are:

\leq	Organised and reliable
\leq	Able to attend 3–4 trustee meetings per year
$\overline{\mathbf{A}}$	Good team players with a desire to make a positive impact
\leq	From all backgrounds – no Scouting experience needed!

Whether you're experienced in governance, finance, HR, fundraising, or simply have a willingness to learn and support, we'd love to hear from you.

What's in it for you?

- Make a real difference in your local community
- Use your skills to support youth development
- Gain valuable experience in charity governance
- Join a friendly and supportive team

Help us ensure that Scouting in Aylesbury remains strong, safe, and sustainable for future generations.

Interested?

Please head over to www.12thaylesbury-scouts.org.uk or speak to any volunteer to have a no-obligation chat about how you could get involved.

Together, we can help young people gain skills for life.



Treasurer's Report - Jake Gordon

This report covers the financial year 2024-25 for the 12th Aylesbury Scout Group.

Our District subscription (Capitation) cost rose by more than 9% to £71 from £65 the previous year. However, the 2024-25 accounts contain last year's expense since the invoice relating to this expense tends to arrive in early April, just after the end of our financial year. Aside from this, we also saw an significant increase in our costs for venue hire at Kingsbrook View Primary Academy

We have reallocated or refunded the majority of the reserves that were built up from subs paid during the Covid-19 lockdowns, with a number of families of current and former members being kind enough to donate some or all of this money to the group to support our hardship fund (Soames Support Fund) or the purchase of equipment.

Our fundraising efforts were relatively quiet this year, due largely to having a very small number of trustees resulting in lack of capacity to focus on fundraising. However, the Wine at Waddesdon event was well attended & did prove to be a good fundraiser for the group. No further Gift Aid applications were made, although new applications are in progress thanks to one of our volunteers who is dedicating their time to this.

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 that should enable both the 12th Aylesbury group as it moves forward & the newly formed 11th Aylesbury group to remain on a good footing to provide scouting for all.

Approved by the Trustees on 20th May 2025 and signed on their behalf by:

Eris Robertson **Group Chairman**

Jake Gordon **Group Treasurer**

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 2025

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 9 to 12

Scrutineer's Statement

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

Name: Glenn Gerhardt

Address: 6 Wesley Close, Aylesbury, Bucks HP20 1DL

Date: 19th May 2025



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Group Account

ı	For the year			
ı	from	2024	То	2025

Receipts and payments		
	2024/25	2023/24
	Unrestricted funds	Unrestricted funds
Receipts	£	£
Donations, legacies and similar income		
Subs	£17,587.30	£21,393.75
Badges Investiture	£14.00 £154.45	£23.00 £272.50
Second Hand Uniform	£14.62	£0.00
Misc	£30.00	£27.85
Sub total Equipment	£17,800.37	£21,717.10
Social Kit	£166.85	£434.38
Flags	£0.00	£992.00
Sub total Grants	£166.85	£1,426.38
Easy Fundraising	£120.94	£259.67
Vale Lottery	£52.00	£52.00
Soames Support Gift Aid	£348.00 £0.00	£0.00
Sub total	£520.94	£311.67
Fundraising events (gross)		
Raffie	£740.00	£1,599.29
Fete Wine @ Waddesdon	£1,396.58 £959.92	£1,465.82 £420.00
Kingsbrook Live	£577.89	£2,872.23
Sub total	£3,674.39	£6,357.34
Group Events Panto	£842.68	£1,768.30
Group Summer Camp	£362.82	£0.00
Sub total	£1,205.50	£1,768.30
Section Accounts BP-B-Pokemon	€0.00	£30.00
BP-B-Think Tank	£0.00	£178.00
BP-B-xmas Camp	£0.00	£20.00
BP-C-Conkers BP-C-District Camp	£0.00	£50.00 £70.00
BP-S-Fire Ice	£0.00	£225.00
BP-S-Plane Crash	£0.00	£0.00
BP-S-Spring Camp BP-S-Winter Camp	£0.00 £413.00	£450.00 £0.00
KB-B Sleepover	£0.00	£20.00
KB-B-Bowling	£0.00	£75.00
KB-B-Gulivers KB-B-Hike	£65.00 £0.00	£640.00 £20.00
KB-B-Xmas Camp	£20.00	£40.00
KB-C District Camp	€0.00	£0.00
KB-C-Conkers KB-C-Endurance	£0.00	£105.00 £270.00
KB-C-Goat Centre	£5.00	£30.00
KB-C-Harry Potter Trip	£750.50	£324.00
KB-C-Pokemon KB-C-Sledging	£0.00	£150.00
KB-C-Winter Camp	£130.00	£0.00
KB-Cubs	£156.91	£0.00
KB-S-Bowling KB-S-Cluedo Camp	£0.00	£57.00 £0.00
KB-S-Endurance	£58.00	£300.00
KB-S-Fire Ice	£180.00	£0.00
KB-S-Plane Crash KB-S-Spring Camp	£0.00	£0.00 £714.00
Sub total	£1,858.41	£3,768.00
Scout hut income		
Hire of building Equipment hire	£0.00	£0.00
Other Scout hut income	£0.00	£0.00
Sub total	£50.00	£100.00
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 Sub total	£0.00	£0.00
GUD IDMI	20.00	20.00
Total Gross Income	£25,276.46	£35,448.79
Asset and investment sales, etc.	£0.00	£0.00
Total receipts	£25,276.46	£35,448.79



For the year from 2024 To 2025

Receipts and payments		
Receipts and payments	2024/25	2023/24
	Unrestricted funds	Unrestricted funds
	£	£
Payments Charitable Payments		
Charitable Payments Capitation	£10,725.00	£8.742.00
Budget-BP-B	£260.00	£260.00
Budget-BP-C	£260.00	£325.00
Budget-BP-S	£260.00	£260.00
Budget-KB-B	£260.00	£195.00
Budget-KB-C Budget-KB-S	£260.00 £260.00	£195.00 £195.00
Adult support and training	£0.00	£193.00
Hire	£7,648.50	£7,382.50
Insurance - Equipment	£114.00	£198.00
Insurance - Non Member	£52.00	£0.00
Flags	£0.00	£55.13
OSM Uniform	£188.00 £0.00	£194.05 £438.28
Badges	£1,994,65	£1,293.20
AGM and trustee expenses	£140.83	£229.70
Camp Bank	£1,522.00	£625.00
Equipment	£305.09	£4,046.00
1st Aid Kits	£8.20	£56.72
Soames Support	£50.00	£35.00
Misc Sub total	£0.00 £24,308.27	£15.00 £24.740.58
Section Account Payments	224,000.21	224,140.00
BP-C-Conkers	£0.00	£12.50
BP-S-Fire Ice	£180.00	£180.00
Gullivers	£0.00	£795.00
Group Summer Camp	£1,100.41	£0.00
KB-B-Bowling	£31.00	£55.00
KB-B-Gullivers KB-B-Hike	£65.00 £0.00	£725.00 £20.00
KB-B-Xmas Camp	£20.00	£80.00
KB-C District Camp	£0.00	£140.00
KB-C-Camp	£0.00	£299.14
KB-C-Cotswold	£0.00	£299.14
KB-C-Harry Potter Camp	£0.00	£6.25
KB-C-Harry Potter Trip KB-C-Pokemon	£0.00 £0.00	£302.07 £1,124.50
KB-C-Sledging	£10.00	£1,124.30 £160.00
KB-C-Winter Camp	£70.00	£0.00
KB-S-Bowling	£85.50	£60.00
KB-S-Camp	£0.00	£80.00
KB-S-Cluedo	£30.00	£0.00
KB-S-Endurance	£58.00	£80.00
KB-S-Kayak KB-S-Plane Crash	£0.00	£80.00 £0.00
KB-S-Winter Camp	£118.00	£0.00
Panto	£1,044.00	£1,740.00
Sub total	£2,811.91	£7,069.17
Fundraising expenses		
Fete	£207.87	£364.75
Kingsbrook Live	£2,123.40	£2,998.08
Wine @ Waddesdon Raffle	£522.00 £83.00	£195.00 £1,292.50
Sub total	£2,936.27	£4,850.33
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Total Gross Expenditure	£30,056.45	£36,660.08
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Asset and investment purchases, etc.	£0.00	£0.00
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Total payments	£30,056.45	£36,660.08
Net of receipts/(payments)	-£4,779.99	-£1,211.29
Cash funds last year end	£27,279.02	£28,490.31
Cash funds this year end	£22,499.03	£27,279.02



For the year from	2024	То	2025
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Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the year			
	31st March 2025	31st March 2024	
	Unrestricted funds	Unrestricted funds	
	£	£	
Cash funds			
Bank current account	£22,499.03	£27,279.02	
Bank deposit account	£0.00	€0.00	
Building society account The Scout Association Short Term Investment Service	£0.00 £0.00	£0.00 £0.00	
Cash/Floats	£0.00	£0.00	
Total cash funds	£22,499.03	£27,279.02	
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Other monetary assets	<u> </u>		
Tax daim	£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	£1,799.50	£1,849.50	
Development	£5,250.00	£5,250.00	
Training	£1,311.10	£1,311.10	
Equipment	-£1,076.29	-£771.20 £5,000.00	
Savings Sub total	£5,000.00		
	£9,784.31	£10,139.40	
Camp Banks	£1,179.50	£2,701.50	
ASAP	£1,179.30 £50.00	£2,701.30 £50.00	
JOTT	-£25.00	£25.00	
Group Summer Camp	-£152.41	£585.18	
Iceland	£100.00	£100.00	
Sub total	£1.152.09	£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	£569.25	£736.10	
Other stock	£0.00 £0.00	£0.00 £0.00	
Land and buildings Motor vehicles	£0.00	£0.00	
Scouting equipment, furniture etc	£0.00	€0.00	
Other	€0.00	€0.00	
Sub total	£569.25	£736.10	
Liabilities - Sections			
Buck Park - Beavers	£1,184.28	£1,090.81	
Buck Park - Cubs	£1,439.05	£932.02	
Buck Park - Scout	£718.86	£1,110.97	
Kingsbrook - Beavers	£537.43	£503.43	
Kingsbrook - Cubs	£194.27	£1,251.02	
Kingsbrook - Scouts	£431.97	£235.02	
Sub total	£4,073.89	£4,888.25	
Liabilities	88.88	20.00	
Accounts not yet paid	£0.00 £0.00	£0.00 £0.00	
Expenses incurred but not invoiced 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	
	20.00	20.00	
Total net assets	£23,068.28	£28,015.12	
Total Working Balance	£44 560 CO	£13,727.94	
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Sectional Account Summaries

All details are available upon request

Buckingham Park Beavers

12th Aylesbury (1s	t Buckingham Park) Beaver A	ccounts	
	Out		In
Balance B/fwd		£	1,090.81
Bank Receipts	£ 475.73		
Bank Payments		£	569.20
Cheques not Banked	£ -	£	-
Unbanked Cash		£	-
	£ 475.73	£	1,660.01
Bank Balance		£	1,184.28
Working Balance		£	1,283.66

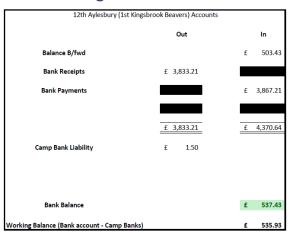
Buckingham Park Cubs

12th Aylesbury (1	st Buckingham Park) Cubs Ac	counts	
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Balance B/fwd		£	932.02
Bank Receipts	£ 735.43		
Bank Payments		£	1,242.46
Cash Receipts	£ -		
Cash Payments		£	-
	£ 735.43	£	2,174.48
Balance		£	1,439.05
Working Balance		£	1,479.39

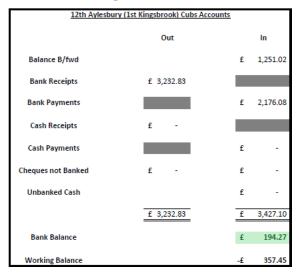
Buckingham Park Scouts

12th Aylesbury	Buckingham Park Scouts Accoun	nts	
	Out		In
Balance B/fwd		£	1,110.97
Bank Receipts	£ 1,510.39		
Bank Payments		£	1,118.28
Cheques not Banked	£ -	£	-
Unbanked Cash		£	-
	£ 1,510.39	£	2,229.25
Bank Balance		£	718.86
Working Balance		£	34.96

Kingsbrook Beavers



Kingsbrook Cubs



Kingsbrook Scouts

12th Aylesbury	(1st Kingsbrook) Scouts Ac	counts
	Out	In
Balance B/fwd		£ 235.02
Bank Receipts	£ 2,361.99	
Bank Payments		£ 2,558.94
Cash Receipts	£ -	
Cash Payments		£ -
Cheques not Banked	£ -	£ -
Unbanked Cash		£ -
	£ 2,361.99	£ 2,793.96
Bank Balance		£431.97
Working Balance		£ 72.93



Buckingham Park

Kelly Allum (Raksha) Volunteer Team Member

Over the past 12 months, Buckingham Park Cubs have once again demonstrated true Scouting spirit—resilience, adaptability, and a strong sense of community. It has been a year of change, with updates to our leadership team and farewells to some much-loved volunteers. Despite these transitions, our Cubs have continued to thrive, gaining new skills, building confidence, and creating memories that will last a lifetime.

We've had a packed and exciting programme, covering a wide range of badgework and activities. Some of the highlights include earning badges in Artistic Expression, Disability Awareness, Fire Safety, First Aid, and Global Issues, to name just a few.

One of our proudest achievements this year was completing our first E10 hike. We were blessed with great weather on the day—although the previous night's rain made for some very muddy fun! The Cubs fully embraced the adventure, with more than a few muddy faces by the end. It was a brilliant example of teamwork, perseverance, and making the most of the great outdoors.





Our Cubs also enjoyed exploring local nature on woodland walks and took part in historical tours of Aylesbury town centre to learn more about their community and heritage.

We were fortunate to welcome several visitors to our section this year. A visit from Mad Science led to an exciting evening of experiments, including balance challenges and creating colourful rainbow water crystals.

Members of other Scout sections also joined us to share their knowledge of money skills and knot tying, helping our Cubs develop practical and transferable life skills.



We also had an engaging and hands-on session with the Aylesbury Wombles, who educated our Cubs on environmental responsibility and the importance of reducing litter. The Cubs really enjoyed getting stuck in with recycling and repurposing activities—it was messy, meaningful fun!

In addition to our weekly sessions, we had some fantastic outings. A memorable (and very wet!) night out at the Waterside Theatre to see Peter Pan at Christmas brought festive cheer. We were also incredibly proud to see our Cubs take part in the St George's Day Parade, representing the Group with pride and enthusiasm.

It's been a year of fun, learning, and growth for both our Cubs and leaders. As we now transition into an exciting new



chapter with the formation of the 11th Aylesbury, and as we welcome new members into our Cub family, we look forward to many more adventures together.

I'd like to extend a heartfelt thank you to our leadership team, parent helpers, and the wider support from 12th Aylesbury. Your time, energy, and encouragement have laid a strong foundation for our continued success.

Together, we've shown what Scouting is truly about—fun, friendship, and the courage to try new things.



Buckingham Park

Laura Sinclair Volunteer Team Lead

This past year has been one of transformation, resilience, and outstanding achievement for our Scouts. In the face of change and new challenges, our young people have shown enthusiasm, adaptability, and an incredible team spirit.

One of the standout moments of the year was our Scout-led Christmas Camp. Organised almost entirely by the Scouts themselves, the camp highlighted their growing independence, creativity, and leadership, they took full ownership—impressing leaders and parents alike with their initiative and responsibility.



A highlight for all was the Crime Scene Investigation evening, delivered by members of the local Police. The Scouts stepped into the shoes of forensic investigators, learning to collect evidence, analyse clues, and solve a simulated "crime". It was an engaging, educational, and fun-filled experience that sparked many imaginations.

Incredible determination was shown during Endurance 40—a demanding 40km overnight hike that truly tested our Scouts' navigation, stamina, and teamwork. It was inspiring to watch them encourage each other, overcome challenges, and achieve both individual and shared goals.





A special moment this year was our Zoom exchange with a Scout group in Australia. Our Scouts enthusiastically embraced the opportunity to connect with peers on the other side of the world. They shared stories, compared badges, discussed wildlife, and even swapped favourite campfire songs. It was a vivid reminder that Scouting is a truly global movement, and the experience broadened horizons while reinforcing their sense of belonging.

Throughout the year, we've continued to deliver a diverse and engaging programme—chosen by the Scouts themselves. From cooking evenings and navigation challenges to sessions on water safety, our programme has encouraged curiosity, skill-building, and teamwork. The variety has helped Scouts discover new interests and grow in confidence. All this has led to an impressive number of badges earned, including Challenge Awards, Activity Badges, and Staged Badges. These achievements are a testament to the Scouts' dedication, enthusiasm, and love of learning. It's been a privilege to see their efforts recognised in so many ways.

In summary, this has been a year of bold steps, big achievements, and meaningful growth. As we transition into our new identity as 11th Aylesbury Scouts, we are immensely proud of what our young people have accomplished. Looking ahead, we do so with mixed emotions. While it is sad to be splitting from 12th Aylesbury—having built such strong friendships and memories—we also recognise this change as a positive reflection of our growth. The creation of two groups will allow for more tailored experiences and greater opportunities for every Scout. We are confident that both groups will thrive, continuing to build on the strong foundations we've created together.

Finally, on behalf of all our Scouts, we'd like to extend a heartfelt thank you to lain and all the leaders at 12th Aylesbury for their unwavering support, dedication, and shared knowledge. Your guidance has helped shape the Scouts we are so proud of today. This past year has been one of transformation, resilience, and outstanding achievement for our Scouts. In the face of change and new challenges, our young people have shown enthusiasm, adaptability, and an incredible team spirit.



Kingsbrook

Richard Benfield-Martin Volunteer Team Member

f What a fantastic and action-packed year it's been for our Beavers! Over the last 12 months, we've seen our young people grow in confidence, build new friendships, and take part in some incredible adventures.

A huge achievement this year was seeing 14 of our Beavers earn their Chief Scout's Bronze Award—the highest award a Beaver can achieve—before moving on to Cubs to begin working toward their Silver Awards. Across the group, our Beavers earned an amazing 480 badges, taking part in a huge variety of activities from pancake making to emergency first aid, and so much more during our weekly sessions.

We've also had a busy calendar of exciting events and camps. In April, we kicked off with our Pokémon Camp, sharing a one-night adventure with Buckingham Park Beavers. The young people took part in themed activities, scaled the rock wall, learned fire safety, and even lit their own campfire.



In May, our Beavers faced the heights at Go Ape, Wendover Woods, braving the treetop adventure and finishing with the thrilling 85m zip line—what a show of courage!



July brought our Summer Camp, which sadly was cut short due to extreme weather. However, our Beavers showed amazing resilience during their first night in tents, and we were incredibly proud of how they handled the challenge.

November was magical as we attended Camp Hogwarts, a two-night sleepover where our Beavers became trainee wizards. From potion making to baking, and even riding the Cresta Run, it was an unforgettable weekend of fun. Later in the month, we took part in the World Scout Jambowlree, bowling at Roque Leisure

alongside 190 other groups worldwide. We're still waiting on final results but are hoping to improve on last year's impressive 27th place.

In December, our Beavers celebrated the season at the District Christmas Party, enjoying a performance by Colonel Custard. Many also joined the festive fun at the Aylesbury Waterside Panto, where the

Scouts took over the theatre—lots of laughs (and lots of water!).

Most recently, in March, we headed to MK Snozone for some sledging fun, where our Beavers (and leaders!) earned their Snow Sports Badge and had a brilliant time on the slopes.

This year also saw us welcome some Beavers from Buckingham Park into our section, and they've settled in brilliantly, becoming a fantastic part of the group.



Thank you to all the leaders, helpers, and especially the parents, for your continued support. It's because of you that we can deliver such varied, exciting, and memorable experiences for our Beavers. We look forward to another great year, helping our new and returning Beavers begin or continue their journey in Scouting.



Kingsbrook

Josh Hall (Bagheera) Volunteer Team Member

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Over the past 12 months, the Kingsbrook Cubs have accomplished a great deal, despite some changes we have



At the end of the Summer term 2024, Michael ("Baloo") relocated with his job in the RAF, we thank Michael, for your years of service to the Group — your contribution was greatly appreciated, and you are greatly missed.



Just before Christmas 2024, Cristina ("Akela") made the decision to step down as Section Leader to focus on other commitments outside of Cubs. Cristina put a tremendous amount of time and effort into running the section from the very beginning. Her hard work, dedication, and passion for establishing and building up the group have been appreciated by everyone.

Despite these changes in leadership, the group has continued to thrive, thanks to our dedicated leaders Josh and Kris. Together, we have run a successful programme, with several Cubs achieving the Chief Scout's Silver Award — a fantastic accomplishment!

Over the past year, we arranged three camps — two outdoors and one indoors. A highlight was a joint camp with Buckingham Park Cubs, which proved to be a great success and an excellent opportunity for the Cubs to make new friends and share experiences.



Throughout the year, the Cubs have taken part in a wide variety of activities during our evening sessions, all aimed at helping them gain valuable skills for life. We held multiple DIY skills evenings, where Cubs learned how to use tools safely and correctly, including personal protective equipment. We also ran sessions on household DIY skills and bike maintenance.

Another important focus this year has been on community spirit. We welcomed the Aylesbury Wombles, who gave an inspiring talk about the importance of caring for the environment and recycling. The following week, we put these lessons into action by going out on a litter pick around Kingsbrook. It's fantastic to see that a number of Cubs have continued to volunteer for litter picking outside of Cubs sessions. Additionally, the Cubs took part in food collections around Kingsbrook, gathering donations for the Kingsbrook Pantry. These donations were built into hampers and distributed to members of the community in need.

Of course, the Cubs also developed their Scouting skills, such as map reading, knot tying, pioneering, safe use of saws and axes, pitching tents, and much more.

It has been truly rewarding to watch the Cubs develop their skills, grow in confidence, and become capable, resilient young people. Many of our older Cubs who have moved on to Scouts are continuing to thrive, and we look forward to seeing this success continue into the future.





Kingsbrook

Mark Richards Volunteer Team Lead

It's been another dynamic and rewarding year for the Scout Troop—full of adventure, creativity, learning, and growth. We've seen several of our original Scouts move on to Explorers, while others have taken the skills and confidence gained through Scouting into new adventures beyond the movement. At the same time, we've been delighted to welcome new members and witness the enthusiasm and skills rising from the younger sections.



To celebrate St George's Day, Scouts worked in teams to retell the classic tale of St George and the Dragon—with plenty of humour and creativity. Edd's now-legendary dragon costume was a particular highlight! We also ran a chip taste test around



Aylesbury, which turned out to be a fun and tasty way to explore the local area.

Among our hands-on highlights was a visit to AJ Automatics, a local mechanics, where Scouts got stuck into car maintenance. We also enjoyed science experiments, campfire cooking evenings, and hosted our very own Scout Olympics to mark the Paris 2024 Games. Rifle shooting remained a firm favourite, and a bike maintenance session gave our cycling enthusiasts valuable skills.

Our Summer Camp, although cut short by uncooperative weather, was a fantastic opportunity to bring all sections together, with Scouts showing determination and spirit right up to the end.

Later in the year, we explored global awareness—learning about the origins of clothing, making sustainable repairs, and designing our own tie-dye t-shirts. This blend of creativity and environmental responsibility was a real hit.

Autumn saw a full programme: night hikes, a spooky Halloween evening, fireworks, and our much-loved 'MasterChef on a Budget' challenge, where teams cooked up inventive meals under £5, judged by the Leader Team.

We wrapped up the year with classic Scouting activities like pioneering, navigation challenges, and our now-traditional Christmas panto and games night—an evening filled with laughter and fun.

2025 began with the ever-popular Recycled Fashion Show, combining entertainment with a powerful message about sustainability. Scouts also shone during our DIY night, learning everyday skills like ironing, drilling, and safe tool use with curiosity and focus.

Our Boardgame Night, where Scouts taught their favourite games, smoothly transitioned into Winter Camp: Camp Cluedo—a themed weekend that brought Scout skills into an interactive mystery-solving format. This camp

deserves special mention: Scouts displayed true Scouting values, supporting one another through challenges, building confidence, and strengthening their bonds as a team.



Tim Peake, to a bit of beginner astronomy, a chaotic (but delicious) Pancake Night, and discovering a new troop favourite: Geocaching.

A huge thank-you goes to our volunteers, parents, guest contributors, and community members. Your time, support, and enthusiasm continue to make these experiences possible and impactful for every young person involved.





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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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