



15th Sevenoaks (Otford) Scout Group

AGM 2025/2026

Meet the Team

Trustee Board 2025/26

The Scout Group is run and managed on behalf of the Trustees by the Trustee Board. This consists of the following people:

Ex Officio Members:-

- Florian Pixner (Group Chairman)
- Graham Westwood (Group Treasurer)
- Becky Hill (Group Secretary)
- Jan Padgett (Group Lead Volunteer)

The Trustee Board also included all Section Leaders who are elected to the Trustee Board as Group Trustee's:

- Jo Toogood (Cubs Section Leader)
- Rik Snook (Scouts Section Leader)

Elected Members:-

- Robert Simmons (parent)
- Neil Woodrow-Clark (co-opted to the board April 2026)

Appointed of Independent Examiner:

- Wendy Everett, unanimously approved

Leadership Team 2025/26

Group Lead Volunteer - Jan Padgett

Beavers

Beaver Team Leader - Jan Padgett

Beaver Team Members - Nicola Blain, Anthony Holmes

Waingunga Cub Pack

Cub Team Leader - Jo Toogood

Cub Team Member - Jon Barrett

Scouts

Scout Team Leader - Richard Snook (taking a break)

Scout Team Members - Mirisa Du Toit, Nathan Holmes

Group Team Members - Jonathan Booth, Mark Whittock, Richard Bell

15th (Otford) Sevenoaks Scout Group – June 2026

Chairman's Report

Hello everyone!

What a year it's been for Otford Scouts. Reading through the section reports, you can really see just how full-on the last 12 months have been.

A real highlight this year has been the sheer scale and variety of experiences our young people have enjoyed, from major events like the Kent International Jamboree and the District MAG7 camp, to a record number of nights away across all sections.

Week in, week out, Beavers, Cubs and Scouts have had packed programmes mixing traditional skills, outdoor adventures, creative activities and plenty of badge work, with many young people progressing strongly towards their top awards. The section reports that follow give you all the details and are well worth a read.

Membership remains incredibly strong, with all three sections full and active waiting lists for Beavers, Cubs and Scouts. That is a great problem to have, it shows how valued the group is in the village, but it does mean we need more adults to get involved if we want to keep offering places to as many young people as possible. It's especially encouraging to see the pipeline of young leaders thriving, most of whom have grown up through Otford Scouts themselves and are now giving back well beyond their Duke of Edinburgh requirements. That continuity is exactly what a healthy Scout Group looks like.

Behind the scenes, the leadership team and trustee board have again put in a huge amount of quiet, unglamorous work to keep everything safe, compliant and financially sound. Graham continues to keep a very steady hand on the finances, with funds remaining broadly stable year on year and key reserves in place for subsidence works and future activities.

This year also saw real progress on the future of our site: we look forward to the freehold of the hut and land transferring from Sevenoaks District Council to the Group, giving us the opportunity to shape and improve our facilities for the long term. That is a once-in-a-generation step, and has only been possible through the support of the leadership team, trustees and the wider community effort, in particular Cllr. Irene Roy, Otford Parish Council. Thank you all involved!

So, a huge thank you to everyone who has played a part this year: leaders, young leaders, trustees, parent helpers, grass-cutters, bakers, burger flippers, tent-pitchers, drivers and washer-uppers – every contribution matters, and together you make it possible for our young people to have these experiences.

If you've ever thought "I could help, but I'm not sure how", this is your invitation: whether you can come along once a month, help with admin at home, or support a specific project like hut improvements, please speak to one of the leaders or trustees. It really is great fun, and you'll be making a tangible difference for the next generation in Otford.

Thank you all for your continued support, and see you soon around the campfire!

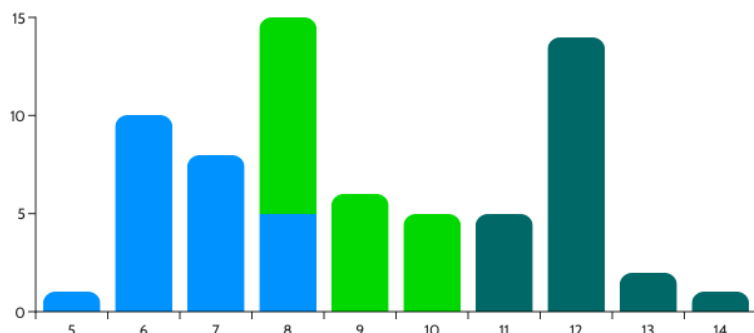
Florian Pixner (Chairman)
15th Sevenoaks (Otford) Scout Group

Group Lead Volunteer's Report

Membership of the Otford Scout Group remains in high demand and current all three of our sections are full with waiting list for Beavers, Cubs and Scouts. We also receive enquiries about Squirrels places at Otford but do not at this stage have a drey to host them in

Age Distribution

Shared members will appear in bars multiple times.



The graph shows the current membership at Otford by age. There are two peaks in age group in Beavers/Cubs at 8 and in Scouts at 12, whilst we do try to maintain a balance of age groups as they move through the sections we offer places on a first-come basis so these quirks do appear at times.

We started last summer with a bang, joining up with Kemsing scouts, and taking virtually all our scouts section to the Kent International Jamboree in Detling. The jamboree brought together around 7,000 scouts from Kent, the UK and overseas for a week-long festival of scouting. It was an amazing opportunity for them to experience a packed programme of activities, camping, badge-swapping galore and a closing ceremony that featured the band 'Scouting for Girls'.

This year has probably seen the most Nights Away attended by our scout group in a 12-month period with over 500 nights spent at sleepovers, camps, in cardboard shelters, on wooden ships and at jamborees (including MAG7).

Each section has also tried to design the programme of meetings with a mix of badge work, traditional scout skills, outdoor activities, informative celebrations and youth-led events.

As always, we are looking for people to join our leadership teams to support all of our sections. Adults don't need to attend every week but being able to attend once or twice a month can really help with consistency - you don't necessarily need to be the 'outdoor type' or be a 'knot expert', scouts is so much more than that!

We are currently in the nice position to have the services of five young leaders who are currently Explorer Scouts in Sevenoaks and have been volunteering with our beavers and cubs section beyond their Duke of Edinburgh volunteering as they are enjoying helping out. This is extremely pleasing as all of these young people have graduated up through younger sections and are now giving back to the next generation. We also have an ex-member who is mowing the grass on a weekly basis (one less thing for our leaders to do!).

We look forward to having the freehold of the hut and ground transferred to the 15th Sevenoaks (Otford) Scout Group from Sevenoaks District Council shortly. This will give us the amazing opportunity to have full control of the land and shape our facilities for the future. If anyone has any ideas for short or long-term upgrades to our equipment, building or lands we would love to hear from you.

Jan Padgett (Group Lead Volunteer)
15th Sevenoaks (Otford) Scout Group

Beaver Scout Report

2026 marks the 40th anniversary of the introduction of Beaver Scouts and in this past year we have demonstrated the beavers motto of 'Fun and Friendship' - next week at our meeting we will be holding a birthday tea party to celebrate.

We have had plenty of fun this year from conker competitions, nature art and gardening, to pancakes, biscuit decorating and sampling Scottish food for Burns night along with plenty of outdoor activities and experiences. The beavers have also completed many activity badges including the Safety and Space awards.

A highlight for any scout has to be the Nights Away. This year we have held an outside camp at the hut grounds, an indoor movie sleepover and an away camp at MAG7 (the Sevenoaks District all sections camp). Beavers have collectively achieved over 35 Nights Away in the last 12 months!

MAG7 was a fantastic weekend for everyone involved and was a fabulous introduction that many of the activities that can be participated in by scouts. Beavers joined in with many activities including, climbing, abseiling, archery, circus skills, coding, crate-stacking, dancing, laser tag, woggle-making, inflatables, sorbs, orienteering and a silent disco among other things. They also showed their resilience during a weather-related last minute tent reallocation! We had fantastic parental support over the weekend and I hope many parents will be helping out at our future events.

This year we have awarded 47 Challenge Badges plus 107 Activity Badges. Among the significant achievements we also awarded four Chief Scout Bronze Awards, showcasing the dedication and hard work of our young scouts.

A special thank you from me, but on behalf of the young people, goes to my fellow leaders, Nicki and Anthony who give up their valuable free time. We have also had the support of several young leaders who have attended beavers to complete the volunteering section of the Duke of Edinburgh Award but who have stayed on and helped out long beyond what was required - thank you Ben, Angus and Harry.

Jan Padgett (Skylark)
Beaver Scout Leader

Waingunga Cub Scout Report

BASICS

Waingunga meets on Thursday during term time.

Since the last report and up until September this year we have been running with an average of 20 Cubs.

We have 4 over 10s, 7 over 9s and a further 10 over 8yrs. 21 Cubs total.

Since the last report we have issued 149 badges. Including 5 Silver Awards, Challenge badges, Hikes, Local Knowledge, Road Safety, Scientist, Chef, Emergency Aid and various nights away.

LEADERSHIP

This year Glen Nunes moved on and Jon Barret has agreed to become a uniformed leader. I will be investing him this Summer term.

I am still looking to recruit 2 more uniformed leaders to create a dream team but in the mean team we have a very helpful base of willing parents.

PROGRAMME

This year's programme is getting more organised with specific badge aims for each term.

This year we managed to complete the Local Knowledge, Space, Science and Road Safety.

We enjoyed an evening learning about the Mexican tradition of Day of the Dead, with music and offrenda and traditional sweet drink and sweet bread.

We've made fat ball bird feeders, valentine's biscuits, held archery and tomahawk evenings, plenty of hikes with several investitures.

We've been star gazing on Kemsing Down, observed the full moon through a telescope and been to space in the hut to imagine what life aboard a space station might be like, wearing a space suit and going out on the station to carry out maintenance work in bulky clothing. All of this was neatly tied in to the Artemis 2 mission to space which happened in April.

CAMPS

This year's highlight will have been the MAG7 District Camp held at Downe Activity Centre. This was a 3 day event for the Cubs where they got to enjoy a packed programme of activities including Climbing, Abseiling and Bag Jump at the climbing tower. Tomahawks, archery, zorbs, campfire, coding, orienteering, crafting, silent disco and much more. We had 18 Cubs join us for the event and everyone had a brilliant time.

We also had our annual winter sleep over movie night in the hut. This year Minecraft the movie won the poll.

Plans for a back to basics camp in September are ongoing.

Jo Toogood – (Hathi)
Cub Leader

Scout Leader Report

I have taken over the leadership of the Scouts section since September 2025. I have received excellent support from fellow leaders during this transition and have enjoyed the company of some familiar faces coming to assist on specific evenings, namely Mark (Baloo), Jonathan (Akela) and Richard (Bagheera), with special mention of the knife, axe and sawing skills evening which was particularly enjoyed by the Scouts. Jan has also been an absolute pillar of support and Claire helps with the administration of badges and I thank everyone for their invaluable guidance and assistance. I am also very grateful for Nathan's assistance at weekly meetings.

The Kent International Jamboree in early August 2025 was an epic week for our Scouts. Many of them had not before attended a camp of this magnitude and duration. They loved the host of activities, especially driving a car, and were very enthusiastic about badge trading with other Scouts from around the world. I'm sure these have found their pride of place on Scouts blankets.

Throughout this year, the troop has had on average 21 Scouts. We now have the situation where the vast majority are Year 6 and Year 7 children, so quite a young troop overall. We have had a varied programme throughout the year and I have tried to include activities that are working towards specific badges, as this motivates many of the Scouts. We have been specifically focussing on the Money Skills, Emergency Aid, Outdoors, Survival Skills and International badges. Teamwork and Adventure badges are often woven into the activities. We doubled up with the Creative badge in our International badge work where we looked at Native American and Aboriginal cultures, tried our hand at some colourful Aboriginal art and are still needing to finish off weaving our dreamcatchers, for which we attempted to grow some crystals (with less than ideal results :). The Scouts enjoy trying out new things, knowing that the outcomes might not always be perfect, but what matters is giving it a go! We celebrated Burn's Night with some of Robert Burns' poetry, made shortbread, sampled some haggis and Irn Bru. The good old favourite game of boxing glove even took on a Scottish twist, as we renamed it "swing the haggis" for the evening.

The Scouts have supported and undertaken various events such as making poppies for Remembrance Day, repainted the games for the Oxford Fete, held a cardboard campout to raise £1,000 for Shelterbox, Porchlight and the Sevenoaks Food Larder, and helped pack food orders at Sevenoaks Larder during the crucial winter months when the support that this important local charity gives is most needed by its clients. They've assembled hot dogs and are eager to help out at the upcoming coconut shy at St Bart's.

These events were pulled further into the programme for badgework. For example, in working towards the Money Skills badge, we also learned how to shop on a limited budget to feed a family for a day with food items on the Sevenoaks Larder's wish list. Scouts planned out meals and budgets and we hiked over to Sainsbury's and they were able to price compare similar items to find the best option. This also led to interesting talks about packaging - are items in bottles or cans perceived as better value, for example. They also learned the importance of looking at the price per kg / litre instead of just looking at the large price per item. We will take this thinking and their skills further in their upcoming camp on 3rd and 4th July.

Other hikes have included the Kemsing Christmas lights, the classic chippy hike and we have an orienteering evening coming up at Lullingstone Country Park. This will be good practice for them to start honing their mapwork and compass skills ahead of expedition hikes in the future. Mag7 was of course a major highlight and we are happy to report that every Scout attended. It was a wonderful opportunity for the whole Otford 15th Group to camp out and also for the Scouts to interact with other Scouts from the Sevenoaks District.

Mirisa Du Toit
Scout Team

15th Sevenoaks (Otford) Group Scout Council
Annual General Meeting
12th June 2026
Otford Scout Hut, 7pm
AGENDA

1. Introduction and welcome

2. Apologies for absence

3. Governance topics

- a. Approve the minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 11/07/2025*
- b. Adopt the model constitution from Policy, Organisation and Rules (POR)*
- c. Note the Group's financial year*
- d. Approve appointed and community members of the Group Scout Council*
- e. Agree the number of members that may be appointed to the Trustee Board*
- f. Agree the quorum for future meetings of the Group Scout Council (excluding this AGM)*

4. Review of the previous year

- a. The Group Lead Volunteer's review of Scouts in Otford*
- b. Receive and consider the Annual Report of the Group Trustee Board, including the annual Statement of the Accounts*

5. Making appointments

- a. [If required] Appoint the Group Chair, following recommendation from the open selection process initiated by the Group Trustee Board*
- b. [If required] Appoint the Group Treasurer, following recommendation from the open selection process initiated by the Group Trustee Board*
- c. [If required] Appoint members of the Group Trustee Board, following recommendations from the open selection process initiated by the Group Trustee Board*
- d. Appoint the Independent Examiner*

6. Closing remarks

15th Sevenoaks (Otford) Scout Group
Receipts and Payments Account
For The Period 01/04/2025 to 31/03/2026

	Note No.	2025/26 (01/04/25 to 31/03/2026)			2024/25 (01/04/24 to 31/03/2025)			Change in Net Receipts / (Payments)
		Receipts	Payments	Net Total	Receipts	Payments	Net Total	
Membership subscriptions		£ 7,688	£ 4,828	£ 2,860	£ 7,657	£ 4,950	£ 2,707	£ 153
Gift Aid Tax refund		1,877	-	1,877	1,904	-	1,904	(27)
Membership subscriptions retained		9,565	4,828	4,737	9,561	4,950	4,611	126
Donations	8	-	-	-	3,750	-	3,750	(3,750)
Grants	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Bank interest and bank fees		-	465	(465)	-	621	(621)	156
Property Rental		470	1	469	1,960	1	1,959	(1,490)
Camps and activities	3	5,876	7,750	(1,874)	9,445	12,293	(2,848)	974
Fundraising event: fete bbq / Spons donations / bonfire	4	7,048	4,366	2,682	5,066	3,566	1,499	1,183
Water and Sewerage		-	185	(185)	357	45	313	(497)
Electricity and Gas		-	820	(820)	-	2,256	(2,256)	1,436
Insurance		-	2,139	(2,139)	-	1,997	(1,997)	141
Repairs, Renewals, Cleaning - Equipment	5	-	94	(94)	-	231	(231)	137
Sundries	6	-	1,736	(1,736)	-	1,355	(1,355)	381
Badges / scarves / uniforms		-	625	(625)	-	1,089	(1,089)	464
Sub-Total		22,959	23,008	(49)	30,139	28,404	1,735	(1,784)
Asset purchases, etc.	7	-	116	(116)	-	588	(588)	473
Net Receipts/(payments) for the period		22,959	23,124	(165)	30,139	28,992	1,147	(1,311)
Cash funds at start of period				33,927			32,780	1,147
Cash funds at end of period				£ 33,762			£ 33,927	£ (165)

Comparing Accounts

Accounts as at March 2023
£31,394
Accounts as at March 2024
£32,780
Accounts as at March 2025
£33,927

15th Sevenoaks (Otford) Scout Group
Receipts and Payments Account
For The Period 01/04/2025 to 31/03/2026

Receipts and payments

		2025/26	2024/25
		Unrestricted funds	Unrestricted funds
Receipts			
	See Note No.	£	£
<u>Donations, legacies and similar income</u>			
Membership subscriptions		7,688.00	7,657.00
Gift Tax refund		1,876.89	1,903.72
Less: Membership subscriptions paid on (to National/County/Area/District)			
Net membership subscriptions retained		9,564.89	9,560.72
Donations	2	0.00	3,750.00
Sub total		9,564.89	13,310.72
<u>Utilities</u>			
Electricity		0.00	0.00
Water		0.00	357.29
Sub total		0.00	357.29
<u>Grants</u>			
Other grants		0.00	0.00
Sub total		0.00	0.00
<u>Fundraising (gross)</u>			
Camp and activity receipts	3	5,876.00	9,445.00
Proceeds from village fete bbq, bonfire events & sponsorship donations	4	7,048.12	5,065.75
Sub total		12,924.12	14,510.75
<u>Investment income</u>			
Bank interest			
Property Rent income		470.00	1,960.00
Sundries		0.00	0.00
Other investment income		0.00	0.00
Sub total		470.00	1,960.00
Total Gross Income		22,959.01	30,138.76
Asset and investment sales, etc.	7	0.00	0.00
Total receipts		22,959.01	30,138.76

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For The Period 01/04/2025 to 31/03/2026

Receipts and payments

		2025/26	2024/25
		Unrestricted funds	Unrestricted funds
Payments			
	See Note No.	£	£
Payments			
Annual Membership subscription fee		4,828.00	4,950.00
Youth activities including camps	3	7,749.58	12,292.71
Village fete expenses, bonfire & sponsorship donations	4	4,365.87	3,566.30
Donations		0.00	0.00
Rent		1.00	1.00
Water and Sewerage		184.73	44.65
Electricity and Gas		819.96	2,256.00
Insurance		2,138.65	1,997.20
Maintenance and Repairs	5	94.38	231.22
Sundries	6	1,736.23	1,355.21
Uniforms/badges/scarves/publications		624.78	1,088.78
Postage and stationery			
Bank Fees		465.13	621.01
Grants		0.00	0.00
Total Gross Expenses		23,008.31	28,404.08
Asset and investment purchases, etc.	7	115.50	588.00
Total payments		23,123.81	28,992.08
<u>Net receipts/(payments) for the period</u>		(164.80)	1,146.68
Cash funds last year end		33,926.81	32,780.13
Cash funds at end of year		33,762.01	33,926.81

Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Cash funds			
	See Note No.		£
Group bank current accounts		33,762.01	33,926.81
Total cash funds		33,762.01	33,926.81

15th Sevenoaks (Otford) Scout Group

Receipts and Payments Account

For The Period 01/04/2025 to 31/03/2026

Notes on accounts

	2025/26 £	2024/25 £
<u>1. Preparation of the Accounts</u>		
These accounts have been prepared on a cash receipts and payments basis and do not include accruals for income and expenses not paid at the year-end. This basis has been used consistently by the Group over the years.		
<u>2. Grants</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>
<u>3. Camps and other Scouting activities</u>		
The cost of the camps and the many other activities undertaken are largely self-financing but some activities are funded centrally:		
Gross receipts	5,876.00	9,445.00
Gross payments	<u>(7,749.58)</u>	<u>(12,292.71)</u>
Net receipts / (payments)	<u>(1,873.58)</u>	<u>(2,847.71)</u>
<u>4. Fundraising Events: Village BBQ / Bonfire / Sponsorship Donations</u>		
Otford scouts and their supporters have run the barbecue at the annual Otford Village Summer Fete for many years. 20% of the profits are paid to the Fete Committee.		
Gross receipts	7,048.12	5,065.75
Gross payments (including payment to Fete Committee)	<u>(4,365.87)</u>	<u>(3,566.30)</u>
Net profit	<u>2,682.25</u>	<u>1,499.45</u>
<u>5. Repairs, Renewals, Cleaning - Equipment :</u>		
Folding tables		79.97
Archery equipment		151.25
Storage boxes	78.39	
Replacement tent poles	<u>15.99</u>	
	<u>94.38</u>	<u>231.22</u>
<u>6. Sundries</u>		
Fire extinguisher maintenance	117.00	90.00
Hut maintenance	328.99	384.94
Trustee/leaders dinner Hilal		545.71
Land Registry copy plans		6.00
Cleaning supplies etc.	45.59	7.45
Wheels for trolley	35.80	
Supplies for poppies	39.40	42.96
Hut valuation survey	1,140.00	
Christmas wreath	25.00	
AGM supplies		63.45
Thank you' gift vouchers		100.00
OSM subscription		20.00
Plastic storage boxes		13.00
Portable DVD/Bluray player + soundbar		78.05
First Aid kit	4.45	3.65
	<u>1,736.23</u>	<u>1,355.21</u>
<u>7. Assets and investment purchases</u>		
1 Tent	115.50	
Projector		379.00
Chest freezer		209.00
	<u>115.50</u>	<u>588.00</u>
<u>8. Donations</u>		
	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>

Annual General Meeting Minutes
15th (Otford) Sevenoaks Scout Group
11th July 2025

Location: Otford Scout Hut, 8.00pm

1. Introduction and welcome

The Chair welcomed all to the meeting, with members of the 15th Otford Scout Council, Jo Brookbank (Sevenoaks District Lead Volunteer) and approximately 50 parents and children.

2. Apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Sarah Yates.

3. Governance Topics

a) Approve the minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 13 September 2024

Florian Pixner (FP, Chair) reported that the minutes had been previously reviewed by the Trustee Board after the previous AGM and asked the Group Scout Council to agree that they are a true record of that meeting.

Seconded: Jan Padgett; Approved with a show of hands

b) Adopt the model constitution from Policy, Organisation and Rules (POR)

FP proposed the adoption of the model constitution as per Chapter 5 of the POR.

Seconded: Jan Padgett; Approved with a show of hands

c) Note the Group's Financial Year

FP noted that the Group's financial year ran from 1 April to 31 March.

d) Agree the quorum for future meetings of the Group Scout Council (excluding this AGM)

FP noted that at least a third of the Trustee Board plus 1 should be in attendance to be quorate.

Seconded: Rob Simmons, Approved with a show of hands

4. Review of the previous year

a) The Group Lead Volunteer's review of Scouts in Otford

Jan Padgett (JP) introduced herself as the Group Lead Volunteer and Beavers leader aka Skylark.

JP thanked everyone for coming and opened by briefing that the past year had been more of a traditional year of scouting contrary to last year's issues with not having the Scout Hut available for a portion of time.

The group have participated in a wide range of activities including archery, clip and climb, climbing at Lower Grange Farm, hawk throwing, sleepovers, crash out on the Cavalier and lots of hikes and campfires.

The section is pretty much full and the closure of Seonee pack last year has meant less flex with filtering cubs to Scouts and there is now a waiting list for scouts. JP reported that she anticipated most Scout places being filled by the children coming up from Beavers and Cubs.

There has been a drive over recent years to get Scouts their Chief Gold awards and JP was pleased to announce that five Scouts had achieved it this year. This involves a lot of work outside of the regular meetings and she encouraged all Scouts to log onto OSM and look at the badges at home that can be completed towards it.

JP ended by encouraging all the adults to volunteer to help provide the amazing experiences for the young people in the section and the more that could be provided the better.

b) Receive and consider the Annual Report of the Group Trustee Board, including the Annual Statement of the Accounts

FP noted that the Group Trustee Board had approved the Annual Report and Statement of Accounts and they were available to view on the website.

Graham Westwood (GW), Treasurer, updated the meeting stating that the accounts were available to view and he is always happy to discuss the contents.

GW stated there had not been a massive movement over the year and the accounts had remained fairly static with just under £34k in the accounts compared to £33k at the beginning of the financial year. There had been two generous parent donations totalling £3750 due to matched giving and he encouraged all attendees to check with their employers if this was something they offered. The two main fundraisers, the village fete and Christmas fair had raised £1500 after deducting costs. The funds contain two ringfences which are £10k for subsidence works, although noting the current works are being covered by insurance, and £6k remaining of the Otford Players donation which is for use for activities.

5. Making appointments

Appoint the Group Chair, following recommendation from the open selection process initiated by the Group Trustee Board

FP noted that he would hand over the meeting to JP for the first appointment of Group Chair and JP nominated Florian Pixner to be the Group Chair for the following year.

Seconded: All by a show of hands

Appoint the Group Treasurer, following recommendation from the open selection process initiated by the Group Trustee Board

FP nominated Graham Westwood as Group Treasurer.

Seconded: All by a show of hands

Appoint members of the Group Trustee Board, following recommendation from the open selection process initiated by the Group Trustee Board

FP proposed the following members of the Group Trustee Board:

Secretary and Trustee: Becky Hill; Trustees: Rik Snook, Joanne Toogood, Robert Simmons and noted that Jan Padgett is an ex-officio member of the Trustee Board due to her role as Group Lead Volunteer.

FP noted that Sarah Yates was stepping down as a Trustee and there were two vacancies on the Board and encouraged anyone interested to get in touch to discuss the role.

Seconded: All by a show of hands

Appoint the Independent Examiner

GW proposed Wendy Everett.

Seconded: Jan Padgett

6. Closing Remarks

Jo Brookbank (JB), Sevenoaks District Lead Volunteer addressed the meeting and explained her role as overseeing the 11 groups in the District and ensuring Scouting remains safe and fun. Every group in the District is full and has waiting lists and she thanked the leadership team, Trustee Board and parent volunteers for making scouting in Otford happen.

JB reported that District is about to build a fantastic new facility on the edge of Sevenoaks which will back onto a new lake and have a climbing centre. Also next year there are plans for a District camp.

FP reported that Sarah Yates, who couldn't be at the meeting, was stepping down as a Trustee after 11 years of service including being a Trustee, Group Secretary and an invaluable member of the Group leadership team through that time. FP thanked Sarah for her service and noted she had received the Chief Scouts 10 years of service. The meeting acknowledged Sarah's service with a loud round of applause.

FP thanked everyone for coming to the AGM and drew the meeting to a close.

BH

12.07.25