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**Leatherhead District Scouts
Annual Report & Accounts
2023 - 2024**

Leatherhead District Scout Council

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Many thanks to all those who have contributed items and photos for this report

District Commissioners

The Scout Association has recently requested a significant number of changes, with the promise of even more on the horizon. This wave of adjustments can be particularly challenging for everyone involved, as it disrupts established routines and demands considerable flexibility and adaptability.

Such changes may induce a sense of uncertainty and apprehension, as members navigate new procedures, policies, and expectations. The process can be mentally taxing, requiring not only an openness to new ideas but also a concerted effort to learn and integrate these changes effectively. Despite the difficulties, these changes are often necessary to ensure the organisation's growth, relevance, and ability to meet contemporary needs.

Embracing this period of transition with a positive mindset and a willingness to support one another can help mitigate the challenges. A transparent approach and collective effort can facilitate a smoother adaptation, ultimately strengthening the organisation and leading to a more robust and dynamic Scout Association.

Finally, we would like to thank everyone involved for all that you do in supporting scouting

Fiona Page & Stuart Kidd – Joint District Commissioners

District Chair

I am very pleased to issue my first report as District Chair. I took on the role at last year's AGM, following 6 years as Chair at 3rd Bookham Scout Group.

I got to meet some of the Group team members at their individual group's AGM's last year, but then found that I needed surgery to have two new hips fitted, which has prevented me from getting round to see you all. I apologise to those who I have not yet met but I will rectify that over the coming weeks.

I am thrilled to be part of what the Leatherhead District achieves as a whole and the dedication and determination of all our leaders, helpers and trustee board members who all provide such memorable events for all the section members. Thank you all.

During the 2023-4 year, there were some exciting events which our members took part in. These were the International Jamboree, KIX23 trip to Switzerland, Explorer Belt trip and events at home such as Beavers Go Wild, to name a few. They are a fantastic opportunity for our members to take part in and these, as well as all the home events take a lot of planning and organisation by the leaders.

We have, as a district, a strong number of our members achieving the highest level awards, from the Acorn award at Squirrels through to the Platinum and Diamond Award at Explorers. These awards are not so easy to obtain and the members that accomplish them should be extremely proud. Well done to you all and we should celebrate them.

3rd Bookham Scout Group celebrated their 60th anniversary last October with a fun day at Bookham Scouting Centre. A lot of people attended past and present, where all the archive photos and paperwork was on display, for all to see.

We are going through a lot of changes within the Scouting Association, some of which are unclear at present, but I am sure that we will pull together and be in a better position as a district.

It is with great sadness that we are saying goodbye to our current treasurer Sue Wall. After 20 years of dedicated service to the district, she is retiring. Thank you Sue for all the hard work you have done for Leatherhead District Scouts.

Thank you to everyone involved in making the 2023-4 year so great and I look forward, with all of you, to making the next year even more memorable.

Matt Hoath – District Chair



Leatherhead District Scouts ADC

The 2023/2024 year has seen a change of ADC Scouts from Andrew Marlow to myself. I would like to take this opportunity to thank Andrew for his work with the Scouts across the district during his time in the role and wish him the best in his role as GSL at 1st Ashtead Scout Group.

In May 2023, the annual district Wayfinder competition took place with teams working very hard to achieve the highest points they could in the camping, activity and trading post areas.

August saw 53 scouts and leaders from across the district attend the county KIX expedition to Kandersteg. Leatherhead joined around 600 other Scouts and leaders from across Surrey for a week of incredible adventure including rafting, high walks, swimming in a glacial lake, travelling to the highest mountain in Europe and high ropes in Interlaken. Special mention should go to the district for their support in funding the day trip for Scouts, support like this is invaluable and allows Scouts to experience something they may otherwise never have the opportunity to.

November saw a delayed PLANET weekend for Patrol Leaders and near equivalents. This was held at Walton Firs and was adapted to provide sleeping accommodation in the pods they have on site due to the colder weather.

In January, I took over the ADC role from Andrew. The events already being run will continue for now but will be reviewed to ensure they are still meeting the needs of leaders. The district shooting competition took place in March, run again by Tom Simons from 1st Leatherhead. Thank you to Tom for continuing to run this event for the district, it is greatly appreciated. March also saw the Expedition Challenge take place. Five teams traversed the Surrey Hills for the weekend with the overnight stay at Boidier Hurst campsite. Most of the Scouts completed the weekend and achieved their challenge badge.

The 2024/2025 scouting year will bring the annual Wayfinder, PLANET, Expedition Challenge and Shooting Competition events take place, as well as Scoutabout. Scoutabout is returning just 2 years after the last one held in 2022 meaning many Scouts will have the opportunity to attend a second event, something that is very rare. The event will return to its three year cycle taking place again in 2027. We hope to have the majority of Scouts in the district attend this year as it is a fantastic weekend for them and one they will not forget.

Samuel Baker - ADC Scouts

Leatherhead District Squirrels

We are lucky to have two Squirrel dreys in the district, 3rd Bookham and 1st Leatherhead, Squirrels are a great opportunity for young children to start them off on their Scouting journey. Squirrels can gain different badges including, Brilliant Builder, Local Superhero, Exciting Experiments and Super Chef. They can also do the staged badges and take part in nights away.

We have found that they love learning new things especially being outdoors and don't have as much fear as some of the older members.

1st Leatherhead and 3rd Bookham had a joint Coronation tea party, where they played games together and enjoyed some food.

Both Squirrel dreys attended the District St. George's Day parade.

We are looking forward to other dreys opening soon in the district. Anybody wanting to start Squirrels or see what we do are more than welcome to attend a meeting to see what happens.

Karen Wheeler

Leatherhead District Beavers

Beavers have had a challenging year, with numbers impacted due to the low birth rate, this hasn't stopped the groups from having as many adventures as possible. Unfortunately, this year saw the closure of Effingham beavers due to lack of numbers, but many went on to join other groups across the district.

Beavers enjoyed a Summer Camp in June 2023, which was safari themed. Over 100 beavers attended the weekend, enjoying a range of activities and many leaders got to put new skills into practice. The sunny weather only bolstered the safari feeling, and from back woods cooking to animal facts, many badge elements were ticked off.

Given the recent changes in scouting beavers took a break to concentrate on their own programmes. Though many groups joined the county events for the year including Reach for the Stars, a virtual sleepover and Beavers Go Wild, an adventure filled camp. Some groups ran their own sleepovers and camps.

Beavers recently bought some grass sledges for use during the summer months to help bring an increase in the range of opportunities available for the Adventurous Activities badge. We hope to roll this out over the summer of 2024, depending on the weather.

Caroline Uncles - ADC Beavers

Leatherhead District Explorers

Leatherhead District sent 5 Explorers to the 25th World Jamboree held in South Korea. The participants had to deal with high temperatures and inadequate infrastructure but still managed to have a once in a life time experience and made connections with many Scouts from all across the globe.

Across the District 13 Explorers earned their Chief Scout Platinum Award and 10 Explorers completed the Young Leader Belt this year. The District Flip Flop Challenge in 2023 was won by LeatherFetchPole (1st Leatherhead, 1st Fetcham & 3rd Bookham Explorers), with the Kinky Boot (award for team work) being awarded to 1st Ashtead Explorers.

Ashtead's termly priorities were focused on lashings and knot tying, leading to several pioneering projects. The unit visited St George's Christian Centre for a tour of the Church, which included an interactive session with the Youth Leader. The Explorers also took part in several outdoor activities including archery, hikes and town quizzes.

LeatherFetchPole undertook a varied programme over the year including rifle shooting, an international cooking night, a chip shop hike, archery and high ropes. They also organised an awards for the majority of the District, where over 250 badges were awarded to Explorers.

Leatherhead Super Unit members (comprising of 1st Ashtead, 1st Leatherhead, 1st Fetcham & 3rd Bookham Explorers) attended several joint activities throughout the year and camps including, Summer Camp at Walton Firs, Revolution at the Isle of Wight, Chill Out Camp at Boidierhurst, Theme Park Camp at Polyapes and the Monopoly Run at Scout Park, London.

Parag Patel – District Explorer Scout Leader

1st Ashtead (Pelham) Scout Group

It is an honor to present my inaugural report for the 2024 AGM as the Group Lead Volunteer of the 1st Ashtead Scout Group. I extend my sincere gratitude to Malcolm for his invaluable support during my transition into this role and for his ongoing contributions to our group. This report covers the period from April 2023 to March 2024.

Programme delivery remains a cornerstone of 1st Ashtead's success. Each section has enjoyed numerous camping opportunities, both through internal group-based camps and participation in district and county events. While our fairly fresh Scout patrols did not repeat last year's success at the district Wayfinder competition, they showed great skill and determination.

Our Cubs had an exhilarating experience at Scram, where they engaged in a variety of activities that were both exhausting and fun. The district Beaver camp, with its Safari-themed multi-activity experience, was another highlight. Meanwhile, our Scouts embraced a back-to-basics Summer camp in Dorset, including a memorable visit to Brownsea Island, the site of Baden-Powell's original experimental camp.

Looking ahead, we eagerly anticipate our group camp in June 2024, which will unite all sections for a weekend of camaraderie and adventure. Additionally, another exciting Scoutabout event is on the horizon for our Scout section.

Ashtead continues to lead the District in terms of membership, skills, and experience. Our dedicated volunteers not only train District and County volunteers in essential skills like First Response, survival, archery, and climbing but also generously offer our watersports capabilities when available.

The group remains financially strong and well-equipped, thanks to a continuous program of repairs and enhancements at our headquarters. This year, we invested in a new trailer for our watersport's equipment, tents, and expedition gear, as well as golf sets. Additionally, we upgraded our hall with a state-of-the-art electric kitchen, fully utilizing our solar capabilities and eliminating costly gas charges.

This success is a testament to the efforts of our Trustee Board and Operations Committee, who have managed significant changes this year with the introduction of many new members. Their expert support continues to be invaluable to the group and its operations. The Trustee Board is committed to the future of the group, including plans for future investments in replacing floors and the introduction of the Squirrels section, which will have an impact on our available space.

The quality of our program is equally a credit to our large team of volunteers, who work tirelessly week after week to deliver frontline activities.

I am excited about the year ahead and confident that together, we will continue to make strides in delivering exceptional scouting experiences. I look forward to another great year of scouting.

Andrew Marlow - Group Lead Volunteer

1st Bookham Scout Group

Another busy year Scouting for 1st Bookham Beavers, Cubs, Scouts and Explorers.

Camping is one of the highlights of the year and this year was no exception. The Beavers enjoyed the District safari camp at Boidier Hurst, Ash pack held their summer camp at Bentley Copse and later in the year their leavers camp at Ranmore whilst Oak Pack enjoyed their summer camp at Boidier Hurst. Together the packs held a Frost camp in February at Walton Firs sleeping in the camping pods. As normal the Scout troops ventured further afield for their summer camps - Hutchison troop to Charmouth and Greville to Lydney. There were also night hikes and overnight hikes for the Scouts. It was a Welsh year for the Explorers with an Easter camp at Dolgellau, North Wales and summer camp at St Davids, Pembrokeshire.

The Group enjoys participating in County and District events. The cubs enjoyed the scrapheap challenge, the district quiz which Oak pack won, the county quiz and badge day plus a weekend at Scram. Greville and Hutchinson troops took part in the shooting competition with the leaders winning medals whilst the Explorers enjoyed the target shooting competition. In April the Group attended St George's Day and later in the year Oak and Hutchison joined 3rd Bookham for Remembrance Day.

A young Squirrel or Beaver joins Scouting for fun and friendship not knowing that they are starting on a journey which can lead them to high Scouting achievement. We congratulate Sam Cobb and Dilan Moore on becoming our first Kings Scouts, and Adam Bishop, Odhrun Bojczuk and Justin Moore on achieving their Explorer Belt in Galicia. Seven Oak Cubs were awarded their Silver Challenge badge this year. Congratulations to Adam Plowman on achieving his Wood Badge, and to the leaders and executive members who received long service awards. Far too many years to count! The Group is fortunate in having dedicated long serving leaders and executive members. We were delighted to welcome Charlotte Diprose as Heron Beaver leader. Explorer Scout Leaders, Guy Diprose and Matt Crawford took on the additional role of GSL, and the two of them now work together with Christine Whale as a GSL Team.

At the October AGM the first Trustee board was elected to replace the Executive Committee and Angus Fox was elected as Chairman. After many years without an Executive Chair it is good to have an experienced person at the helm of the Trustee Board.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank all the leaders and executive/trustees. With their dedication and expertise we provide Scouting to the young people of Bookham.

Christine Whale, Guy Diprose, Matt Crawford - Group Scout Leaders

3rd Bookham Scout Group

The group have been keeping the young people busy again this year, with lots of exciting and engaging programmes.

This year has had its challenges without a chair, but I would like to thank all the leaders and the trustee board for their support.

We celebrated our 60th anniversary and had a party at the hut. We invited previous leaders and helpers as well as all the current members. Everyone enjoyed looking at the old photos and reminiscing about the old days!

As a group we have handed out lots of different badges for the young people's achievements. Each section has been making the most of our local countryside and campsites for getting out and about. The Squirrels and Beavers had a joint visit to Park Farm campsite and did some climbing and went on the Narnia trail in Banstead Woods. The Squirrels loved having visitors coming to the meeting, especially Toby, the pilot, who did their air activities badges with them.

The Squirrels and Beavers had a sleepover at our hut, and did amazingly well. Beavers attended their first BGW in September and enjoyed it so much we booked to go to the next one too. Both sections also visited Cubs whilst they were at Boidier Hurst and joined in cooking on the fire, games and the campfire.

Cubs enjoyed doing all the activities at SCRAM. The pack went on a visit to London to see Scouts the Musical. We all enjoyed the show and got a badge. While in London we went sightseeing and visited the National Covid Memorial Wall.

Cubs tried a new campsite to them, Earleywood in Sunningdale, and had a joint camp with 1st Effingham. They took part in climbing, archery, crazy golf and lots more. The younger sections also went to see the Robin Hood pantomime in Leatherhead,

Scouts have been busy with water activities, fires, first aid, shooting and tomahawks. They also had an amazing trip to Switzerland in the summer. All this could not have happened without the great leadership team and the support from the trustee board and parents, for which I am very grateful.

Thank you to everyone in running and expanding our group. We look forward to an active and productive year ahead.

Karen Wheeler - Group Lead Volunteer

3rd Bookham Scout Group



1st Fetcham Scout Group

1st Fetcham Scout Group had a very active year.

The Fetcham Festival this year was blessed with very hot weather and was our biggest fund raiser of the year. The Festival was opened with a Parade of Beavers, Cubs, Scouts, and Explorers around the Recreation Field. There were a number of stalls from local charities and it was a lovely community atmosphere



The Beavers, Cubs and Scout sections all held several camps through the year

Beavers at High Ashurst during their Camp at Boidierhurst



BEAVERS

Cub Camp at Boidierhurst Campsite

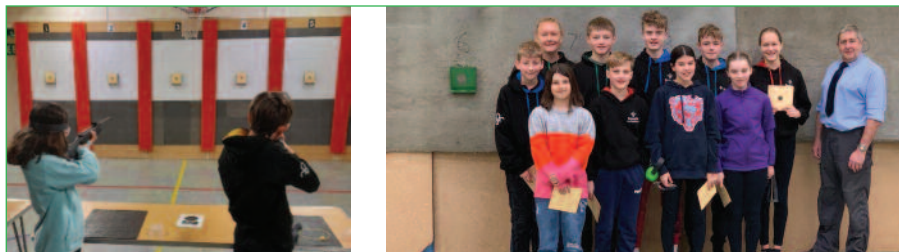


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Scouts Summer Camp in Herefordshire



SCOUTS



The Scouts regularly do shooting in the evening meetings and also take part in National and District Competitions.

15 Beavers achieved their Chief Scout Bronze Award

9 Cubs achieved their Chief Scout Silver Award

4 Scouts achieved their Chief Scout Good Award

Jenny Harlow – Group Scout Leader

Boidier Hurst Scout Campsite

It's been a busy year for us up at your 10 acre campsite on Box Hill, we have not only been working hard maintaining the grounds and buildings to keep them looking good, we have also been trying to improve them to make your stay more enjoyable.

In 2023, we had 207 bookings for the campsite, this year so far we have hit 170, or more than 6,700 camping nights, and its only July. Unfortunately the weather hasn't been at its best, yet, but I am expecting



to get more bookings as we head towards the school holidays and hopefully better weather.

Earlier this year we had to say goodbye to one of our most loyal and dependable workers, yes, Albert, our Massy Ferguson 1030 tractor, built in 1987, and bought by the site in May 2006, finally became 37 years old and unfortunately unserviceable due to a lack of spare parts. So it was goodbye to Albert and a welcome to Edward (from your history books you will know Edward is the son of Prince Albert), an Avant 745 compact loader, giving us a lot more flexibility and usage of its many attachments. Albert 1987.....Edward 2019

We have been continuing our woodland management by carrying out routine coppicing on the site, and tidying works in the camping areas. if you have been wondering what those little wooden structures are around the stumps, they are to protect the new growth from the deer that regularly visit the site for a tasty nibble of the new tree shoots. We have also taken part in Surrey County Councils 'plant a tree' campaign, where following a successful bid, we were given 210 new trees to plant on the site supporting their plan to plant 1.2 million new trees by 2030, one for every resident in Surrey.

Deer protection.....new planting for 2024

Our refurbishment works on the toilet block are still underway, part of a longer term plan, the weather has definitely thwarted us finishing the painting and external cladding of the Manly building.

The campsite works through the good will of the service crew and our volunteer wardens, if you can spare a few hours to attend a service crew day, you will be more than welcome (Tea & Biscuits provided), or if could you help us by undertaking just one weekend warden duty, it is not onerous and Boidier Hurst is a lovely place to spend a weekend in our purpose built wardens building.



We look forward to seeing you soon, either for an evening, a day, a night's camp, as the warden or as part of the service crew. (Need more information – chairman@boidierhurst.org.uk)

Chris Rose – Chair of Boidier Hurst Campsite Management Committee

District Badge Secretary

In total approx. 8000 badges were issued during the past year.

The various sections are listed here:-.



David Wall - Leatherhead District Badge Secretary

BADGES ISSUED	2023/24
Squirrels	102
Beavers	2158
Cub Scouts	1027
Scouts	610
Explorers	161
Stage badges (all sections)	2200
World, County & District	990
Joining in or year badges	551
Misc. badges	200
TOTAL	7999

District Treasurer

As this is my last report for the District after twenty years I would like to start with some heartfelt thanks. Firstly to our President, David King, for his wise council over the years and for always coming up with a solution when needed. There have been a few examiners during my time and I am grateful to them all. Richard Scrase, who has been a stalwart over the last few years, is sadly unwell, so cannot examine the accounts this year. Fortunately, David King has found someone willing to step in at the last moment, for which I am very grateful. Christine Davis, who manages the Scout Shop does a huge amount quietly and cheerfully in the background. Last but not least I would like to thank Stephen Moss; even when on holiday, in any part of the world, Stephen will verify payments from the bank account. Once again the Scout Shop and the Badge secretary have donated their profits to the District account. This is a real help to our funds.

The equipment owned by the District has been well documented and mostly now stored in a unit at Walton Firs campsite. Thanks are due to Oliver Thornton for his valiant work in completing a mammoth task. It is now known what we have and where it is. The District is offering good life experiences to the young people in this area. The number taking advantage of what is on offer is down on previous years. Money from the District account has been used for various recruitment initiatives.

Leatherhead and District Scouts Trustees are well placed to help and support all groups and their young people wherever possible. I wish Debbie Hart, the new treasurer well as she takes over from me at the AGM on my retirement.

Sue Wall - District Treasurer

District Quartermaster

With an increasing amount of equipment being accumulated and stored at different locations around the district, a need to find a more central home was becoming urgent. We were lucky that the Walton Firs Activity Centre agreed for us to have a container in their grounds to store most of the district kit in one place.

Below is a list of this equipment and its location. Please contact me if any group wished to make use of any items.

Oliver Thornton - Quartermaster

Leatherhead District Kit List

Item	No. of items	Cost per Item	Total	Cost to replace	Storage location
Sundry trophies etc.	1	£300.00	£300.00	£300.00	Various
Tear drop recruitment flags	1	£25.00	£25.00		District Store - Walton Firs
Gala tents	2	£550.00	£1,100.00	£3,600.00	District Store - Walton Firs
Archery equipment	1	£98.00	£98.00		Bookham Scouting Centre
Digital projector	1	£283.00	£283.00	£300.00	Benita Middleton stores this
Large ball	1	£71.00	£71.00	£100.00	Ashtead Scout HQ?
Hi-vis jackets	50	£10.00	£500.00	£500.00	District Store - Walton Firs
Feather flags (recruitment)	2	£82.00	£164.00	£160.00	District Store - Walton Firs
Pull up banner (recruitment)	2	£36.00	£72.00	£80.00	District Store - Walton Firs
Trangia stoves	6	£53.00	£318.00	£420.00	Ashtead Scout HQ
District flags	3	£250.00	£750.00	£960.00	District Store - Walton Firs
District table cloth	1	£25.00	£25.00	£25.00	District Store - Walton Firs
Flat top griddle	1	£700.00	£700.00	£700.00	District Store - Walton Firs
Misc. catering kit	1	£400.00	£400.00	£400.00	District Store - Walton Firs
Event shelter with sides	2	£560.00	£1,120.00	£1,100.00	District Store - Walton Firs
Air pistol	1	£159.98	£159.98	£160.00	Leatherhead Scout HQ
Grass sledges	3	£450.00	£1,350.00	£1,620.00	Leatherhead Scout HQ
Helmets and inflatables	1	£129.00	£129.00	£130.00	Leatherhead Scout HQ
AED trainer and accessories	1	£183.36	£183.36	£190.00	Ashtead Scout HQ
Fishing equipment	1	£1,500.00	£1,500.00	£1,500.00	District Store - Walton Firs
Soft axe throwing	3	£65.00	£195.00	£234.00	Leatherhead Scout HQ
Crossbows and Hand bows	1	£116.90	£116.90	£120.00	Leatherhead Scout HQ
			Current Value	£9,560.24	
			Replacement Value	£12,599.00	

The Purpose, Values and Method of Scouting

Scouting exists to actively engage and support young people in their personal development, empowering them to make a positive contribution to society.

As Scouts we are guided by these values:

- Integrity** - We act with integrity; we are honest, trustworthy and loyal.
- Respect** - We have self-respect and respect for others.
- Care** - We support others and take care of the world in which we live.
- Belief** - We explore our faiths, beliefs and attitudes.
- Co-operation** - We make a positive difference; we co-operate with others and make friends.

Scouting takes place when young people, in partnership with adults, work together based on the values of Scouting and:

- enjoy what they are doing and have fun
- learn by doing
- take responsibility and make choices
- make and live by their Promise.
- take part in activities indoors and outdoors
- share in spiritual reflection
- undertake new and challenging activities



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Census of District Membership in Leatherhead

31st January 2024

	2023	2024	Change	
YOUTH MEMBERSHIP				
Squirrel Scouts	32	31		
Beaver Scouts	179	164		
Cub Scouts	273	257		
Scouts	237	251		
Explorer Scouts	134	103		
Network Members	3	8		
TOTAL	858	814	-44	
PROGRAMME DELIVERY ROLES				
Section Leaders	29	33		
Assistant Section Leaders	44	68		
Section Assistants	43	20		
Young Leaders (included in Explorers)	[50]	[49]		
TOTAL	166	170	+4	
LINE MANAGER ROLES				
Group Scout Leaders	4	7		
District Commissioners	2	2		
District ES/SN Commissioners	1	0		
TOTAL	7	9	+2	
GOVERNANCE ROLES				
Group Chair	5	5		
Group Secretary	6	4		
Group Treasurer	7	6		
Group Executive/Trustee Board	14	12		
District Chair	1	1		
District Secretary	1	1		
District Treasurer	1	1		
District Executive/Trustee Board	2	0		
TOTAL	37	30	-7	
SUPPORT ROLES				
Deputy GSL	6	3		
Group Administrators	0	2		
Other Group Adults	4	6		
Deputy District Commissioners	0	0		
District Youth Commissioner	1	1		
District Leaders	0	0		
Assistant District Commissioners	2	2		
District Administrators	7	6		
Active Support	13	7		
TOTAL	33	27	-6	
TOTALS				
Youth	858	814	-44	-5.1%
Adult	193	187	-6	-3.1%
TOTAL MEMBERSHIP	1051	1001	-50	-4.8%
In addition to the above the District has over 400 helpers and supporters.				
UNITS				
Squirrel Scout Dreys	2	2		
Beaver Scout Colonies	11	11		
Cub Scout Packs	11	11		
Scout Troops	9	10		
Explorer Scout Units	6	6		
Active Support Units	2	2		
Young Leader Units	1	1		
Groups	6	6		

LEATHERHEAD DISTRICT SCOUT COUNCIL

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

To be held on

Tuesday 1st October 2024 - 7.30 for 8.00pm

At 1st Effingham HQ

AGENDA

1. **Introduction and welcome**
2. **Apologies for absence**
3. **Governance topics**
 - a. Approve the minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 6th September 2023
 - b. Adopt the model constitution from Policy, Organisation and Rules (POR)
 - c. Note the District's financial year
 - d. Approve appointed and community members of the District 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 District Scout Council (excluding this AGM)
4. **Review of the previous year**
 - a. The District Lead Volunteer's review of Scouts in the Leatherhead District
 - b. Receive and consider the Annual Report of the District Trustee Board, including the annual Statement of the Accounts
5. **Making appointments**
 - a. Appoint the District Treasurer, following recommendation from the open selection process initiated by the District Trustee Board
 - b. Appoint members of the District Trustee Board, following recommendations from the open selection process initiated by the District Trustee Board
 - c. (Re-)appoint District President and/or Vice Presidents
 - d. Appoint the Independent Examiner for 2024/25
 - e. Nominate representatives of the District Scout Council to represent the District on the County Scout Council
6. **Closing remarks**

Following the formal part of the AGM, there will be a presentation by some of the participants of Roverway 2024 and other Explorer events.

There will also be a presentation of awards.

Guests are invited to stay for refreshments and informal chat.

LEATHERHEAD DISTRICT SCOUT COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Held on

Wednesday 6th September 2023

1st Leatherhead Scouts HQ

The President welcomed all those who have attended this meeting and special guests
The County Commissioner, Joe Rogerson and
Deputy County Commissioners, Malcolm McKee and Julia Kielstra

The President started the meeting by remembering our past President, Mr Colin Chater who passed away on the 2nd August. Colin was involved in the District for many decades, as Leader, Secretary, Chairman and finally President until his retirement in 2017. He was instrumental in helping most of the groups in obtaining or re-building their HQ's.

To consider the minutes of the AGM for 2021/22

The meeting was asked to approve the minutes from the AGM held on the 21st September 2022. There were no questions and they were accepted.

To receive the Annual Report and Accounts

The District Commissioners' introduced to the meeting, the Annual Report and Accounts and thanked all those who have supported them so far in their first 6 months of the new role. Stuart was also confident that the District would be ready for the many changes coming to POR over the next few months, especially with the new role titles.

DC's nomination for District Chair

The President asked the DC's Stuart Kidd and Fiona Page to present the nomination for the District Chair. They have appointed Mr Matthew Hoath for the coming year. Stuart thanked Benita Middleton very much for her time as Chair. Benita will remain in the District as Training Advisor.

Matt Hoath thanked the DC's for the appointment and said he is looking forward to working with the District in the future.

District Secretary

The President proposed the re-election of Stephen Moss as Secretary. This was seconded by Andrew Marlow and approved by the meeting.

District Treasurer

The President proposed the re-election of Sue Wall as Treasurer. This was seconded by Simon Gadd and approved by the meeting.

Nominations for Trustee Board

There were no new members to announce. Any nominations please to the District Secretary.

Election of members to the Trustee Board

The District Chairman, District Commissioner, District Secretary, District Treasurer, District Explorer Scout Commissioner, District Youth Commissioner and the SASU Manager are Ex Officio members of this board. The President nominated Rik Page to stand for election to the board. These were seconded by Samuel Baker and approved by the meeting.

Election of Boidier Hurst Management Committee

The President nominated Mr Samuel Baker, Mr Oliver Thornton and Mr John Humphries for election to serve on the Boidier Hurst Management Committee for the coming year. These were seconded by Emily Brown and approved by the meeting.

Appointment of Honorary Examiner of Accounts

The President proposed the appointment of Mr Richard Scrase as Honorary Examiner of Accounts. This was seconded by David Wall and approved by the meeting.

Any other business

There was no other business

Presentations and Awards

The following awards were then presented by the DCs and the County Commissioner.

Wood badges to:	Sarah Minister Rik Page James McAlpine
10 year service awards to:	Adam Horton Emily Brown
30 year service awards to:	Philip Diprose Benita Middleton
60 year service award to:	Angela Stevens
James McAlpine awarded Young Leader Belts to:	Aurora, Mia, Arran, Ruby and Matthew.

The Chater Trophy for development and progress was awarded to 3rd Bookham Squirrels.

The County Commissioner was invited to say a few words:

Joe said that Leatherhead's success was due to good people delivering good programmes and if you (referring to leaders) have ever wondered why you turn out on a cold and wet winter's evening then just look at people like these. (Looking at the five young leaders who have just received their YL Belts)
Joe concluded by thanking all the Leaders and Supporters in Leatherhead for providing good Scouting for our young people.

The meeting ended and everyone was invited to stay for refreshments and to enjoy a presentation by some of the Leatherhead participants of the 25th World Jamboree in South Korea. Despite the event being changed due to poor weather and conditions, they had many stories to tell and trophies to show.

Independent Examiner to the Trustees of the LEATHERHEAD DISTRICT SCOUT COUNCIL

For the year to 31st March 2024

I report on the accounts of the District for the year ended 31ST MARCH 2024 which comprise the Statement of Financial Activities, the Balance Sheet and related notes set out on the following pages.

This report is made solely to the trustees in accordance with Section 145 of the Charities Act 2011. My work has been undertaken so that I might state to the charity's trustees those matters I am required to state to them in an Independent Examiner's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, I do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the charity and the charity's trustees for my examination work.

Respective responsibilities of Trustees and Examiner

The District's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. They consider that an audit is not required for this year under Section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 (the Charities Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- Examine the accounts (under Section 145 of the Charities Act);
- To follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners (under Section 145(5)(b) of the Charities Act); and
- To state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of Independent Examiner's report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the District and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair' view and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

The 1st Bookham Explorers is a joint unit with Bookham Ranger Guides. It has been agreed that 50% of joint receipts and payments and bank balances should be included in the District Scout accounts and 50% in the District Guide accounts. The relevant comparative figures have been adjusted on the same basis.

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect

- accounting records were not kept as required by section 130 of the Act: or
- the accounts do not accord with those records

Name: Mr Simon Edge

Address: 9 Vincent Close
FORTHAM
SURREY

Signature:



Date:

30/8/24

LEATHERHEAD DISTRICT SCOUT COUNCIL

Receipts and Payments Accounts - Summary

For the year to 31st March 2024

	CAF Gold Account Deposit		Other funds	
	2023	2024	2023	2024
Receipts brought forward from page 18	384	1,237	148,830	93,964
Total receipts (including CAF Gold account)	384	1,237	149,214	95,201
Payments brought forward from page 18			132,440	117,761
Total payments			132,440	117,761
Excess of Payments over Receipts for the year				23,797
Excess of Receipts over Payments for the year	384	1,237	16,390	
Balances b/f			96,629	113,403
Balances c/f			113,403	90,843
Represented by:-				
Cash at Banks and Building Society			56,884	33,160
CAF Gold Account Deposit			56,284	57,546
Cash in Hand			234	137
			113,403	90,843

Trustees Expenses

During the year to 31st March 2024, members of the Executive Committee of the District Scout Council who, for purposes of the Charities Act 2011, are considered to be Management Trustees, were reimbursed £614.29 for expenditure incurred on behalf of the Council.

Statement of Assets etc.

At the date of this account, there were no known liabilities attributable to the Leatherhead Scout Council.

In addition to the cash balances listed above to a total of £90,843 on the 31st March 2024, the following were the property of the District Scout Council.

Scout shop, stock at cost	4,437
Badge secretary, stock at cost	2,592
Sundry trophies etc.	300
Tear drop recruitment flags	25
Gala tents	698
Archery Equipment	98
Digital projector	283
Large Ball	71
Hi-vis jackets (gifted by CGI December 2019)	405
Feather flags (recruitment)	164
Pull up Banner (recruitment)	72
6 x Trangia stoves	318
3 District flags	750
District table cloth	25
Computer	251
Flat top griddle	700
Miscellaneous catering equipment	400
2 events shelters	1,120
Grass sledges	1,350
Helmets & inflatables	129
AED trainer & accessories	183
Fishing equipment	1,500
Soft Axe Throwing	195
Crossbows & Handbows	117
Air Pistol	160
TOTAL	£16,343

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Receipts and Payments Account - Detail

For the year to 31st March 2024

	CAF Gold Deposit Account		Other Funds	
	2023	2024	2023	2024
RECEIPTS				
Affiliation fees less HQ, County & Boidierhurst				
District			4,961.40	5,197.50
International Fund			15,635.00	5,635.00
Bank Interest received & transactions with Gold	384.74	1237.26	16.60	6,036.16
OSM (On Line Scout Manager)			838.00	1,170.00
St George's Day			8.00	
Other Donations			3,500.00	6,008.17
Training			90.00	360.00
District Camp			12,763.00	
Beaver funds			3,294.00	2,575.00
Cub funds			615.00	358.50
Scout funds				
Explorer funds				265.93
KIX			35,095.93	18,179.88
KIX 24 hour			390.00	
Scout a Bout			2,708.00	
1st Fetcham Explorers (temporarily held by the District)				
Young Leaders funds				
SASU funds				
Scout Shop - Sales			8,170.88	6,272.93
Scout Shop - outstanding 2023				930.91
Badge Secretary - sales plus bank interest			6,466.75	5,791.09
Explorer units:				
Ashtead			23,948.40	13,135.00
1st Bookham			27,297.20	16,676.38
3rd Bookham - account closed			2,460.00	1,119.00
3rd Bookham - Polesden - NEW ACCOUNT - (Barclays)				3,626.39
Fetcham			428.82	283.68
1st Leatherhead Explorers			143.00	342.00
SASU				
			<u>148,829.98</u>	<u>93,963.52</u>
PAYMENTS				
Affiliation fees less HQ, County & Boidierhurst			690.65	1,011.50
International Fund			14,750.00	5,875.00
Commissioners Expenses			392.96	36.00
Mileage				578.29
Training Costs			690.80	1,128.46
Payments made on behalf of 1st Leatherhead Group				12,174.69
Bank charges plus transfer to Gold			72.00	76.59
District Leaders Networking				100.00
St. George's Day Expenses			297.00	308.32
Donations			300.00	6,008.17
District AGM			614.58	492.87
Insurance			438.25	205.62
Administration including appointments committee				
District			2,315.22	2,703.65
OSM			885.60	928.80
Web site			1,612.74	2,231.95
Boidierhurst				
District camp			10,263.96	1,000.00
Squirrels			300.00	56.00
Beaver funds			4,471.05	3,075.05
Cub funds			179.97	96.19
Scouts			89.90	153.00
Explorers			87.85	467.93
Network				10.00
Scout a Bout			2,364.29	
KIX			21,942.00	32,974.81
KIX 24h			390.00	
1st Fetcham Explorers (temporarily held by the District)			428.82	
Young Leaders			75.00	
SASU				
Benevolent fund				700.00
Scout Shop - Goods Purchased			7,312.30	3,918.43
Badge secretary - Goods Purchased + Bank charges + Donation to District			6,555.93	5,647.19
Shop expenses - Bank charges + Donation to District + Hall rental + Stock delivery			3,360.00	4,537.00
Explorer units:				
Ashtead			19,856.74	11,232.71
1st Bookham			28,792.60	16,023.64
3rd Bookham - Polesden - account closed			2,711.73	2,408.35
3rd Bookham - Polesden - NEW ACCOUNT - (Barclays)				1,428.25
Fetcham			43.38	29.65
1st Leatherhead			154.38	142.76
SASU				
Excess of Payments over Receipts for the year	23,797.35		<u>132,439.70</u>	<u>117,760.87</u>

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Trading Account

For the year to 31st March 2024

	<u>SCOUT SHOP</u>		<u>BADGE ACCOUNT</u>	
	<u>2023</u>	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>	<u>2024</u>
Sales	8836.41	6272.93	6465.73	5789.61
less:-	6791.95	3655.57	5609.00	6539.00
COST OF SALES				
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	2044.46	2617.36	856.00	-750.00
plus - Refund				
bank interest			1.02	1.48
less expenses				
Bank charges	60.00	20.00	72.00	60.00
expenses				
Hall rental	300.00	400.00		
Stock delivery	192.00	117.00		
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EXCESS				
for the year	1492.46	2080.36	784.00	-810.00
less Obsolete stock				
Opening balance	11165.00	9657.15	2953.00	3238.00
less:-				
Paid to District funds	3000.00	4000.00	500.00	400.00
refund due from Scout wholesalers				
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Closing balance	9657.46	7737.51	3238.00	2030.00
 REPRESENTED BY:-				
Stock at cost	4174.01	4436.87	2592.09	1239.87
Cash at bank	4361.64	3193.62	646.39	790.29
Cash in Hand	190.59	107.02		
Outstanding invoices	861.15			
Unbanked credit				
refund due from Scout Wholesalers				
izettle outstanding	69.76			
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	9657.15	7737.51	3238.48	2030.16

The cash received and paid out as shown by these results has been incorporated into the Receipts and Payments Account for the District

LEATHERHEAD DISTRICT SCOUT COUNCIL

Cash Balances

For the year to 31st March 2024

At banks	£ 33,160.41	£ 33,160.41
CAF Gold Account Deposit:	£ 57,546.29	
Leatherhead District Scout Council		£ 57,546.29
Cash in hand		£ 137.02
		£ 90,843.72

Breakdown of CAF Gold Account Deposit

General fund	£ 46,252.00
International fund	£ 6,286.00
Development fund	£ 5,008.00
	£ 57,546.00

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Bank Balance

For the year to 31st March 2024

Breakdown of Bank and Cash Balances

Bank	<u>01/04/2023</u>	<u>01/04/2024</u>
Leatherhead District Scout Council	£ 28,577.20	£ 1,960.45
Leatherhead District Scout Shop	£ 4,361.64	£ 3,193.62
Badge Secretary	£ 646.39	£ 790.29
Ashtead Explorer Unit	£ 10,957.32	£ 12,859.61
1st Bookham Explorer Unit	£ 10,143.97	£ 10,796.71
3rd Bookham - Polesden - Explorer Unit - 01.11.23 to 31.03..24	£ -	£ 2,198.14
3rd Bookham - Polesden - Explorer Unit - 01.04.23 to 05.02.34	£ 1,289.35	£ -
1st Fetcham Explorer Unit	£ 385.44	£ 639.47
1st Leatherhead Explorer Unit	£ 522.88	£ 722.12
Total Bank Accounts	£ 56,884.19	£ 33,160.41

Cash		
Leatherhead District Scout Shop	£ 190.59	£ 107.02
Fetcham ESU	£ 13.69	£ -
3rd Bookham ESU	£ 30.00	£ 30.00
Total cash	£ 234.28	£ 137.02



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