

Scouts

10th Warrington (Sankey St Mary's)



Welcome Squirrels!



Last week 6th November saw our first Squirrel section meeting. This is a new section for 4 and 5 year olds. Thank you to everyone who has helped get the section going and a very warm welcome to our squirrels, leaders and young leader.

World Scout Jamboree



Jess and Ellis with Unit 46

Andy Cawley

Our planet is ever changing, largely and unfortunately due to manmade impacts. These changes and the challenges they bring have never been as apparent to scouting as what presented at this year's World Scout Jamboree in South Korea. Two of our Scouts (Jess and Elis) were fortunate enough to pass selection, raise funds and ultimately

secure a place to this year's event, along with 45,000 other scouts from across the globe. However, as we know the camp site suffered extreme floods prior to arrival and then the event itself was hit by a heatwave and numerous other challenges. The scout motto of "Be Prepared" was certainly put to the test and our two scouts showed the tenacity and resilience to make the most of their trip!

Chairperson's Report

Andy Cawley

Time certainly flies when you're having fun, and here we are again at our AGM, another year in scouting has passed and our group continues to grow from strength to strength!

As I always say, we wouldn't have a Scout Group if it wasn't for all the children who enjoy coming along week in week out, and for that I'd like to personally thank each and everyone of you for continuing to keep your children actively engaged in our beavers, cubs and scouts sessions over the past year. Our membership levels remain high and we are one of the largest groups across Cheshire.



Steve receiving his Award for Merit

Our group could not function if it wasn't for our fantastic leadership team. I feel extremely proud of the hard work that our leaders go to each week to ensure the children get to have fun and experience amazing things. I know that behind every session a lot of planning, risk assessing, and preparation goes in, all of which is undertaken by the team giving up their personal time.

Our Beaver leader Steve decided to hang up his woggle and neckerchief. We are extremely grateful to Steve for his 20 years service to our group.

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Fundraising



Steph Hutchinson

Following the huge efforts of the past few years to raise funds to complete building works at the hut, the focus in the last 12 months has been more around "topping up the pot" to ensure we can keep delivering the exciting programme of sessions, events and activities for our group.

Last November/December saw us introduce a couple of new fundraisers to our collection, with the addition of a super successful Christmas market in November and the massively popular Christmas raffle which helped us secure an impressive £1,832. Plus we had a bumper winter plant sale in 2022, with more orders than ever before!

This was followed in the spring by our spring plant sale (see right). We were also pleased to host the tuck shop at the district Sports Day where we sold drinks, crisps and sweets to the attendees.

A huge thank you to everyone who has given up their time to support our fundraising efforts over the last 12 months. You are all superstars!

A special mention to the team at Co-Op, who last November donated £3,581.11 to the 10th after fundraising for us along with their customers. Also a special mention goes to a very special lady, Brenda Shaw. Brenda was a long time supporter of the 10th. Sadly, she



passed away a few years ago, but left us with one last, very kind donation. Brenda bequeathed the sale of the contents of her home to the 10th, which has generated an amazing £3,500 for the group.

Due to their children moving on from Scouts we have lost Suzanne and Jo from the team and Ed is taking on the group treasurer role. We are in need of some new faces to strengthen our committee. If you are a parent, grandparent, family member or friend of one of our young people and would like to get involved please don't hesitate to get in touch!

steph@10thwarringtonscouts.org.uk

You can either join the committee and help shape and bring to life the plans, or put your name down as an occasional volunteer and support 'on the day'.

Date for the diary! Christmas Market - Saturday 18th November 2023.



Spring Plant Sale



Every year we work with the other scout groups in Sankey and Penketh to sell spring plants to raise funds.

Thank you to everyone who helped make this year's sale a great success.

Won't be long until the next one! Watch out for how you can help.



Steph receiving a donation on behalf of the Group from Brenda Shaw's family



Help needed!

Nicola Woods

Hi, I have been a Scouting parent at the 10th for around ten years now. Both of my children attended all the way from Beavers right through to Scouts and have now moved on to a local Explorer Unit.

I am currently a member of the Trustee Board although it is now time for me to step down from this role so I would like to take the opportunity to thank the group for allowing me to be involved. I would encourage anyone who has an interest in helping our amazing group to continue to flourish to enquire about becoming a member.

The Board's purpose is to act as charity trustees for the group and without this committee there could be no group.

I would like to thank all the leaders, young leaders, parents, family and friends who have been involved with



the 10th this year; those who support the fundraising events, set up camps, attend camps, help out on trips, maintenance of the hut, the list goes on.

I think that we can all agree that our leaders are fantastic and are always putting together high quality

programmes and events with the full focus being on our Young People. Each and every one of them goes above and beyond in the time that they volunteer.

If you would like to find out more about what you can do to help, please contact Ian or Andy.

Group Scout Leader

Ian Skilling

Another wonderful year for the group that we can all be proud of.

Great to see our Squirrel drey open and I'm sure we can make it a big success.

We need to continue improving our facilities and recruiting/developing volunteers, to ensure a stable future.

Thank you sincerely from me to all our volunteers, whether in uniform or not. You really make a great difference to a lot of young people and are a great team to be part of.



Beavers

Mikki Wotham

Beavers have had yet another fantastic year! Since September 2022 we have continued to have a full Colony of 24 beavers. Steve Pennington retired in July this year after an amazing 20 years as our BSL. He has said that he will be happy to lend a hand when it's needed and will continue to be involved with the 10th Warrington scout group in other ways.

After Steve's retirement we recruited a new leader Kerry and continue to have the support of Mikki and Helena, who are sharing the role of section leader. It has been great to have several young leaders help throughout the year. Ellis has been a constant help, we also had Jess, William, Dan and Cian. In addition we have also had parents who have assisted us each week since we put the parent rota in place.

Apart from the many exciting Wednesday nights in the hut and on the Vicarage field doing badge work, the Beavers have also joined in lots of other activities including:



- Remembrance Sunday
- Chinese new year event
- Visit to Kenyon hall farm
- All age services at St Mary's Church
- Science Jamboree in Liverpool
- Day visit to Group Camp
- District sports day

We've had many Beavers swim up the river to Cubs over the past year. In the new year we will hopefully have Beavers join us who will have moved up from our new Squirrels section. We now look forward to the new year ahead and have planned a full programme of badge activities and are looking to plan more exciting events this year.

Yours in Scouting,
Kerry, Helena and Mikki

Cubs

Steph Hutchinson

In the last 12 months we've grown in size, confidence and ability, with each Cub tackling new challenges with gusto that have pushed them out of their comfort zones, only to come out the other side with a newfound sense of confidence and self-belief.

We've seen several of our Cubs move on up to Scouts, but as soon as we lose one to Scouts, we seem to get two or three from Beavers or friends of cubs. It has been such a joy to see so many new faces join us this year.

Talking of new faces, I am very pleased to officially welcome Paul, Claire and Neil to the Cubs Crew! All three are parents of existing Cubs (Beavers and Scouts) and have made an impact from day one! As a team of four leaders, we have the skills to deliver a jam packed and varied selection of sessions for the Cubs.

This is alongside the young leaders who have been part of the Cub story this year. Molly attends week in, week out, supporting Cubs with whatever is thrown their way. Django, who has recently turned 18 (which officially



makes him a Cub Scout Leader) has been a member of the Cubs Crew for a long time, has gone on to study at Oxford University. The good news is that Django intends on joining us when he is back on his holidays from uni. More recently we've been joined by Sophia and Adam, who have both had a positive impact on our sessions.

I made a list of all the different things we've worked on, places we've been and things we've learnt and it struck me that we really do pack a lot in! Forgive me if I miss out your favourite memory, badge or adventure, but I had to narrow it down to the highlights!

Over the last 12 months we have tackled many new challenges, which have seen us collecting new badges left, right and centre (especially since Claire joined the team and actually got our badges in order! Thanks Claire!).

Immediately after the last AGM the Cubs attended Chamboree at Cheshire Showground, which saw many of them camping for the first time. The Cubs really enjoyed the space theme of the event and the variety of activities on offer. Plus, they all built some fabulous space buggies from recycling materials and competed against other Cubs at the event.

The new year kicked off with a fun trip to Ski Runcorn led by Adam, which enabled Cubs to achieve their Snowsports badge. Shortly followed by the Science Jamboree at Jodrell Bank which included a number of activities towards the Scientist badge.

When Andy joined us for a few months earlier this year he shared a wealth of first aid knowledge with our Cubs alongside (Young Leader) Jess, which saw our Cubs pick up their First Aid badges as they learnt about DR ABC.

The DIY badge was another fun one, which was only possible thanks to the support of parent helpers (and their power tools!). Their attendance allowed us to build trolleys which have been used many times since in our ever-popular hungry hippos game.

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Scouts

Jen Booth

Once again it's been another very successful Scouting year. With high numbers at 30 regular attendees, it's a very busy troop. We've awarded a massive 137 badges to the young people, including 5 Chief Scout Gold Awards.

We kicked off in Sept '22 with a hiking camp around Frodsham so that the 6 Scouts who would be taking part in Blakfoot hike would feel prepared and ready to go. It was a tough camp as the Scouts had to navigate, cook and sort all their own equipment for the hike, but the Scouts kept on going and made it to the end. We had quite a few laughs along the way, finding where they had gotten lost and putting them back on the correct route! It's fair to say the leaders were all shattered after running in every different direction to find them and round them up (plaiting fog may



have been easier). Six Scouts then took part in Blakfoot and were a credit to our group, showing 10th can do anything if they put their minds to it as Blakfoot is a big challenge for anyone.

In December we visited the local care home, adorned with gifts for the residents, it was a very emotional day and touching to see the Scouts getting on well with the residents and engaging with them all.

Christmas was one to remember, with the Scouts taking to the ice, I think it's fair to say a lot spent a chunk of time on their bottoms, whilst Andy and Kieran

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Financial update

Ed Barnard/Karen Cox

The accounts for last financial year are presented on pages 6, 7 and 8. The significant reduction in net income last year was due to paying the final bill for our building project, offset by fundraising and grants.

The cash balance as of 11th November 2023 is £24,710.40. This is an adequate and stable position for the group.

There are increasing cost pressures but we are holding subscriptions at the current rate for now, with the help of fundraising and some third-party scout hut hire income.

The handover of treasurer role from Karen to Ed has been hampered by delays getting the bank account

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Chairperson's Report

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Also thanks to Rachel and Adam who left our cubs section late 2022/ early 2023, we are grateful for all their support over the years and wish them well for the future.

As part of the governance for our scout group, we have a Trustee Board, who work in the background to support its running. Most of the board members stay with us whilst their children grow up through the sections, but eventually they leave.

Andy Flint is stepping down as Secretary, a role he has fulfilled tirelessly for many years. Thank you to Andy and sincere best wishes.

Coming into this year's AGM, Nicola who is one of our parent committee members has decided to leave the group. Nicola (and her husband John) have done so much for our group, working in the background on maintenance projects (from gardening, to painting the hut, to installing our brand new kitchen) and we will miss her from our committee.

Alongside Nicola, Andy and Karen leaving the Executive Committee, I will also be leaving my position as Group Chairperson. It's been an absolute privilege for me to work with Ian our Group Scout Leader, his leadership team and the whole Exec Committee and I'm proud of everything we have achieved for the young people in our Scout Group.

Finally, I would like to say a massive thank you to Ian our Group Scout Leader. In my role as Group Chairperson Ian, the whole leadership team and the Exec Committee have been so supportive. The whole team worked hard through Covid keeping the sections running, whilst in the background raising funds and delivering the big build extension project. It's been a fantastic experience and I've made some great friendships along the way! Wishing everyone at 10th Warrington all the very best for the future, thank you,

Andy Cawley

Scouts

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glided around like swans on the ice helping them all out. It was such a laugh!

10th then got involved with the Cheshire Hike for the first time ever, we had 5 teams competing over the weekend, they were all exceptional and all the leaders were so proud of every single Scout.

The Scouts went onto the Back to Basics weekend in May, and learned loads of new skills, including how to set up a bivouac, which they had the option to sleep in. They also watched a demonstration on animal preparation, and some decided to give it a taste! The camp was a huge success and once again the 10th did us proud with their behaviour and making the leaders laugh constantly! Plus, the leaders got to practice their first aid skills whilst the Scouts were preparing their vegetables for their own evening meal – what an experience that was!!! Erm Jen.... I've cut

my finger.... Andy I have too and me..... and me!!! Scouts + peelers = blood!

We've also been on group camp to Forest camp where we mixed with the cubs and enjoyed air rifles, cross bows, paracord skills, making fire lighters and cooking their own meals. This year Scouts have also tried their hands at fencing, first aid, advertising, debating, splicing, and all sorts of other things!

This year the leadership team stayed the same, with myself, Andy and Kieran, with the help of Ben, Jess and Tom as young leaders. I am very grateful for all their help and support with everything Scouting, the section wouldn't be able to do all the exciting things which we do without them.

I'd like to say a big thankyou to the parents for all their help and support. Really looking forward to enjoy more exciting adventures with our section.

Cubs

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In the Springtime we planted sunflower seeds and watched them grow into giants at home, which contributed to Cubs being awarded their Gardener badge too.

As the Spring brought with it some nicer weather, we ventured over to the field a lot more frequently to burn off some energy in our Sports sessions and the Athletics badge and saw some competitive spirit!

The list of badges goes on and on, with many Cubs also working towards them at home. Most notably swimming and cycling. Don't forget to send us updates and pictures of your Cubs achievements away from sessions, as we can log these and award as we go.

This year we also awarded 2 Chief Scout Silver awards to Suvan and Max, who have both been an absolute credit to the group and will be sorely missed as they move onto

Scouts. Congratulations to both for this hard-earned scouting milestone.

As I said earlier, it was hard to cover everything in this update, but don't forget you can always visit our Facebook group where you will find photographs and posts about all the fun things we do at Cubs.

Looking forward to the next 12 months, the new team is bursting with ideas and things for us to do. We always welcome input from you, so please feel free to message or chat to us if you have an idea or suggestion to throw into the mix. We already have a number of sessions planned that involve parents, so if you'd like to support a session please let us know.

I'd like to thank everyone involved in our fabulous Cub pack, including parents and family members who support our sessions and events. Special mention to Jen, without whom we would never get to camp!

10th Warrington is a team effort and certainly a team I am proud to be a part of! Here's to another fun-packed year!

Financial update

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changed. Hopefully this will be sorted soon and we thank Karen for her patience and ongoing support of the group.

Financial Summary for the Year Ended 31 December 2022

	Current Year 2022 Summary £	Prior Year 2021 Summary £
Income / Expenditure Summary		
Total Income Received during Year	£ 40,853.26	£ 112,699.49
Total Expenditure During Year	-£ 69,862.20	-£ 82,985.08
Net Income for the year	-£ 29,008.94	£ 29,714.41

	Current Year 2022 Summary £	Prior Year 2021 Summary £
Account Balances		
New Current Account Balance at Year End	£ 12,474.15	£ 2,710.69
TSB Instant Access Savings Account Balance at Year End	£ 14,562.52	£ 53,334.92
Total	£ 27,036.67	£ 56,045.61

The above accounts and accompanying statement of assets and liabilities were prepared for the trustees by:



Date: 18 September 2023

Karen Cox
Group Treasurer
45 Pycroft Road, Great Sankey, Warrington, WA5 3NJ



10th WARRINGTON SCOUT GROUP
SUMMARY OF ACCOUNTS 12 MONTHS TO 31/12/2022

		Full Year 2022	Full Year 2021
Opening Balance		£56,045.61	£28,331.20
	Total Income	£40,853.26	£112,699.49
	Total Expenditure	-£69,862.20	-£82,985.08
Closing Balance		£27,036.67	£56,045.61

Summary of Inflow / (Outflow)						
					Full Year 2022	Full Year 2021
Description		Income	Expenditure	Net		Net
Asset Purchase / Sales		£1,806.18	-£1,581.45	£224.73		-£3,230.07
Bank Transfer (internal)		£0.00	£0.00	£0.00		£0.00
Big Build		£0.00	-£41,994.93	-£41,994.93		-£7,703.60
Capitation Fees		£0.00	-£3,942.50	-£3,942.50		-£2,864.00
Donations		£5,460.10	-£5,250.00	£210.10		£2,775.00
Events		£8,568.77	-£8,980.43	-£411.66		-£1,610.39
Fundraising		£10,594.90	-£1,660.10	£8,934.80		£2,947.77
General Group Expenses		£0.00	-£2,042.14	-£2,042.14		-£1,852.23
Gift Aid		£0.00	£0.00	£0.00		£0.00
Grant		£5,425.17	£0.00	£5,425.17		£38,415.21
Hall Maintenance		£0.00	-£435.96	-£435.96		-£308.28
Hall Purchase Expenses		£0.00	£0.00	£0.00		£0.00
Hall Rental		£0.00	£0.00	£0.00		£0.00
Hall Standing Charges		£0.00	-£3,838.69	-£3,838.69		-£4,024.84
Interest on savings account		£ 184.70	£0.00	£184.70		£102.09
Overdue Subscriptions		£0.00	£0.00	£0.00		£0.00
Plant Sale		£ 46.35	£0.00	£46.35		£0.00
Subscriptions		£ 8,767.09	-£136.00	£8,631.09		£7,067.75
Not classified		£0.00	£0.00			
Total		£40,853.26	-£69,862.20	-£29,008.94		£29,714.41

Closing Funds Balances		Full Year 2022	Full Year 2021
New Current Account		£12,474.15	£2,710.69
Savings Account		£14,562.52	£53,334.92
Total Funds - @ 31st December 2022		£27,036.67	£56,045.61

Scrutineer's Report to the Trustees of the

10th Warrington West Scout Council

I report on the accounts of the Group/District for the year ended 2022.

Respective responsibilities of Trustees and Scrutineer

As the Group's/District'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.

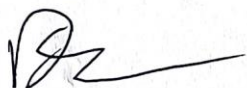
Basis of Scrutineer's Statement

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 1 to 2.

Scrutineer's Statement

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

Name:



DANIEL MCCORMACK

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10th Warrington (Sankey St Mary's) Scout Group – Who's Who 2023**Squirrel Section**

Team members	Bernie Simcock	Toni McFadden
	Eileen Owen	
Young Leader	Melissa Woods	

Beaver Section

Team members	Helena Pennington	Mikki Wotham
	Kerry Ritchie	
Young Leaders	Ellis Wotham	Theo Barnard

Cub Section

Team members	Steph Hutchinson	Paul McFadden
	Claire McDonald-Clarke	Neil Wilcox
	Django Flint	
Young Leaders	Molly Whitby	Adam Short

Scout Section

Scout Leader	Jen Booth	
Team members	Andy Bent	Kieran Whitehurst
	Ben Lucas	
Young Leaders	Thomas Hampson	Jess Booth

Group

Group Lead Volunteer	Ian Skilling	
Deputy Lead Volunteer	Andy Bent	

Group Trustee Board

Chairman	VACANCY	
Secretary	VACANCY	
Treasurer	Ed Barnard	
Fundraising coordinator	Steph Hutchinson	
Committee members	Steve Pennington	Claire Elliott
	Paul Greveson	VACANCY
	VACANCY	

Fundraising Committee

Team members	Steph Hutchinson	Ed Barnard
	Dan Needs	Bernie Simcock
	Emma Johnson	Tace Tyas
	Claire McDonald-Clarke	

Other volunteers

Badge secretary	Emma Johnson	
Maintenance lead	VACANCY	

All these people are volunteers and freely give their time to help the group. What can you do to help?