

Scouts

10th Warrington (Sankey St Mary's)



Eggcellent Engagement



Ian Skilling

The Easter egg hunt was a fantastic fundraiser for the group. A lot of hard work and an enjoyable day for everyone.

But that's not all. It was a great example of showing off our scouting family and raising our profile in the community. It really helps with the image of scouting and what people think of us. Good impressions lead to more people wanting to join and volunteer with us.

Throughout the year we need to ensure that we are engaging with the community of which we are a part. The scouts have a great example when they visited the old folks home before Christmas, distributed gifts and took time to talk to the residents. This is always greatly appreciated when we publicise it on social media.

Remembrance Day is always something we join in with and usually have a great

turn out. It is lovely to see so many young people paying respect and scouts from the area make up a large proportion of the parade.

Our scouts have been out and about litter picking and tidying up the area as part of one of their challenges. People have noticed and are very complimentary about this public-spirited effort.

Our plant sales are also something members of the community look forward to each year. For people who are not able to get out for their plants, having them delivered to their door is a real pleasure. Again it really helps that people think positively of scouting as our group because of this.

These are only a few examples, if you have any ideas for further ways we can engage and help the local community please let us know.

Trustee Board Report

Paul Greveson

Another great year for Scouting with the 10th Warrington Scout Group. Some good news to start with the group is as popular as ever and we have healthy numbers in all the sections. On the Scouting side the leaders and volunteers have been working very hard delivering great experiences and activities for all the sections. A great time was had recently by the cubs and scouts in the peak district a few weeks ago with a hike and then abseiling from a bridge. There has been some great attendance at the local church services and long may that continue. Behind the scenes we are having some challenges



as always with volunteer numbers. Some sections have introduced a parent's Rota which has really helped these sessions continue with the correct ratios and provided some fun times for those parents helping, I hope..

For this year's AGM we do again have some Board positions to fill. As Claire Elliot is standing down, but she isn't going far and will still be supporting the fundraising team, many thanks Claire. This team has been doing excellent work with the plant sales, smores boxes and stalls throughout the year which

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Fundraising



Steph Hutchinson

In the last 12 months the 10th Warrington Scouts fundraising team has pulled together a handful of key events to raise money for the group.

From September to December in 2024, we raised £250 at the Awards Night by selling cakes and hosting a chocolate and sweets raffle.

Then in November/December we hosted our annual Winter plants sale which raised over £400, plus the Christmas raffle, which in conjunction with the sales of the s'mores kits raised a further £2000+ at the end of 2024.

Then in 2025 we have had three key events so far:

- the Easter Egg Hunt at Sankey Valley Park back in April raised approximately £1700
- a Paint & Sip event at the start of May, which was kindly supported by local business 'Paint And Sip By Dani' raised over £350
- and most recently the Spring Plant Sale which is another annual event, where we team up with other Scout groups from across the area. This year this has raised over £1000 for our group too!

A big thanks to local business 'Woodend Nursery' who supply us with the plants both in the winter and spring each year!

A bigger thank you to those members of the group (leaders, parents,

grandparents, siblings and young people) who support these events by giving up their time to help on the day. We really couldn't do what we do without you!

And the biggest thanks to everyone who supported with donations, by attending or by contributing money into the pot.

We could really do with more help on the fundraising team to help with planning and logistics in the run up to events, as well as those people who are happy to turn up and muck in. Maybe your child has just joined us and you would like to lend a hand to support the group? Perhaps you have been here a while and have been thinking of getting involved for a while?

If you could support in ANY capacity, please drop a message to Steph at steph@10thwarringtonscouts.org.uk.

WE NEED YOU! As the saying goes, many hands make light work!



One of our young helpers filling out raffle tickets.

Clothing



Our group activity clothing is great for those times when uniform is not required. It is suitable for all young people and adult helpers and great for promoting the group.

They will be available again in the online shop soon, watch out for a message about the order period.

10thwarringtonscouts.org.uk/shop

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, raised over £1,000 for our group.

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



Members of all ages and leaders took part in carol singing at The Woodies. They are very good to us regarding parking so its nice to join in with them.

Movement for Good



Please scan the QR code and nominate "10th Warrington Scout Group" to help us win £1,000!

Squirrels



Bernie Simcock

10th Warrington Squirrel Drey has had a fantastic and busy last 12 months! Not only did we celebrate our 1st Birthday, we've also increased our Drey to 17 Squirrels and have sent 6 Squirrels up to Beavers to continue their Scouting journey.

The Squirrels have been working hard both in sessions and at home to earn badges, resulting in an amazing 128 badges having been awarded along with 3 1yr Joining in awards and even 4 Golden Acorn Awards, which is the highest award a Squirrel can achieve!!!

Apart from the many exciting Monday nights in the hut doing badge work, the Squirrels have also joined in lots of other activities including:

- District camp - getting to meet other Dreys and scouting sections from across the District.
- Remembrance Sunday
- Harvest Church Parade
- Celebrating Chinese New Year, Burns Night and St George's Day
- Visiting Vicarage Park.

We were sad to lose a leader at the end

of the year when Toni stepped down. However, the commitment from our parents and their willingness to be on the parent rota has meant that we have been able to continue sessions every week as planned.

We are also very lucky to have 2 great young leaders, Melissa and Aimee assist us in sessions.

Our Squirrel mascot, Bobbin has continued to enjoy going home with one of the Squirrels each week. It is lovely seeing how excited the Squirrels are when it is their turn to take Bobbin home and they are always excited to tell everyone the following week about all the fun adventures that he has been up to and share photos of him in the parent chat.

A huge thank you to all of the parents

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Group Lead Volunteer

Ian Skilling

It was a great pleasure earlier in the year to present the first of our Squirrels with their Acorn Award, the top award in the section. I'm sure there will be many more to come.

It's sad to see Jeremy our Vicar leaving us as he's been an ally and supporter of the group. We wish him all the best for his new role.

Thank you to everyone who volunteers for the group and makes it successful.



Beavers

Helena Pennington

Beavers have had yet another fantastic year!

Since September 2024 we have continued to have a full Colony of 24 Beavers and have young people on the waiting list ready to join us when we have space. It has been great to have 5 Squirrels move up to Beavers to continue their Scouting journey.

We continue to have 3 leaders making up the "Beaver Sisters". It has been great to have Oliver & Heidi as young leaders helping us throughout the year. Oliver is working towards his Bronze Duke of Edinburgh award. While Heidi has completed her award but continued to stay & support us. We are also lucky to have the help of Cubs William and Phoebe as regular helpers. In addition, we are grateful for the support of our parents, who have assisted us each week since we put the parent rota in place. We couldn't do it without their continued support-thank you.

Aside from the many exciting



Wednesday nights in the hut and on the Vicarage field working on a packed program of badge work, the Beavers have also joined in lots of other activities away from the meeting place, including:

- All Ages Church Services
- Hike at The Dream
- Visit to The Brindley Theatre to see The Wind in the Willows
- Remembrance Sunday service at the Cenotaph
- Gullivers World-Land of Lights event
- Pets at Home-Animal care

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Cubs

Steph Hutchinson

Hotel, Echo, Lima, Lima, Oscar!

It only feels right to open with a nod to our leaders challenge from earlier this year - learning the phonetic alphabet. It ended up being a huge hit with the Cubs really taking on the challenge. We had spelling competitions and even used it to communicate spy codes over the radios.

And what a fantastic 12 months it has been for Cubs!

Our adventure at District Camp back in July was a major highlight! The Cubs showed amazing enthusiasm and a fantastic "give it a go" attitude,



throwing themselves into everything on offer. Whether it was rock wall, splatapult, archery, exploring the cave bus, axe throwing, backwoods cooking, or zooming down the hill sledges, their willingness to try new things and support each other was brilliant. We also saw them grow in independence, taking responsibility for their gear and making new friendships.

The summer also saw us tackling the Inflatable 5k challenge and visiting Penketh Fire Station to learn about fire safety ahead of campfire night - complete with campfire songs!

In September, we hit the slopes for some thrilling skiing and tubing at the dry ski slope. Working towards the Space badge proved to be a huge favourite, sparking their curiosity. The Halloween party was a fun session with everyone getting dressed up for the occasion.

We've done science experiments, learnt about pioneering and been taught how to play pickleball!

We had artistic talent on display at the

District Art Competition with Ollie, James, Daniel and Alex creating a superb under the sea model. And more recently, some of our brave Cubs took on the exciting challenge of abseiling in the Peak District with the Scouts.

It's been incredible to watch our Cubs develop and learn so many new skills, truly embracing living their promise to do their best. From mastering new concepts to building confidence, they've all shone brightly.

Big thankyou's to our parent helpers who have enabled us to keep running a jam-packed schedule thanks to their support each week. Thanks to Django who comes along to sessions when he is back from university. And last, but not least a huge thank you to our young leaders Oliver and Lauren who joined us this year as part of their Duke of Edinburgh programme to volunteer. Having them as part of the team has been great!

It's been a year packed with fun,

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Scouts

Jen Booth

Wow – what an incredible year our Scouts have had! Although our numbers dipped slightly to 27 (after many of our older Scouts soared up to Explorers), we're thrilled to see our group growing strong once again. And what a journey it's been – we handed out a whopping 141 badges, including the prestigious Chief Scout Gold Award – huge congrats to our superstar achiever, Joel!

We wrapped up the summer term in style – starting with a fiery trip to the local fire station, followed by a community-spirited litter pick, and then diving into two amazing weeks of canoeing at Grappenhall Scout Camp. Some of us (leaders included!) got a little wetter than planned, but the fun was off the charts! Then came the epic District Camp at Milldale – 23 Scouts joined in, mastering new skills and getting their aim on point with more shooting practice. And who could forget the thrill of our end-of-term party at



Runcorn Ski Centre? Laughter echoed as Scouts zoomed down the slopes on skis and donuts, while parents watched nervously, hoping for an injury-free holiday season!

September saw us back in action, hiking boots laced up and ready for adventure. Scouts prepared for Blakfoot Hike with a practice hike on the beautiful Sandstone Trail. Come October, two amazing teams tackled the real hike – and absolutely smashed it! Our Christmas celebration at Ramp One was pure energy: scooters, inflatables, and fearless flips everywhere! We also shared some holiday joy by visiting a local nursing home and spreading some

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Financial update

Ed Barnard

The cash balance at year end was over £25,000 which represents a solid reserve for the group. However, it has been another financially challenging year for the group with the accounts for 2024 on pages 6 & 7 showing a small surplus. This surplus is mainly due to gift aid claims (£3479) backdated by 3 years, without which we would have seen a significant shortfall.

Outgoings continue to put pressure on our financial sustainability, mainly due to increased cost of capitation, insurance and energy. Capitation is our contribution to the wider scouting organization and now takes 50% of our subscription fees, which is intended to cover day-to-day operations of the group and various section activities.

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Trustee Board Report

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have been much needed for the Groups Finances. These finances have been under close review this year by the Board and our Treasurer Ed. We have had some significant pressures from many places, utility bills through to scouting fees. As well as the seemingly never-ending maintenance on the old hut and its roof. Hence the bucket that has been a fixed addition inside the hut for most of the year. We have made improvements to the front with some landscaping, and we have revitalized the storage area inside. Any volunteers to help with the ongoing maintenance around the hut would be appreciated, all skillsets would be welcome. With all these factors the board has grudgingly decided to raise the Scouts subs from when we return after the summer break in September 2025.

We have made a start on our future for a replacement Scout hut, and we are in the initial stages of this process. Unfortunately, we have not received the design back yet. There will be time for reviews, consultation and feedback before we progress and are looking into 2027 for this.

Finally, a big thank you to all of you and everyone who ensures the children can attend, who volunteer and who engage in all the many Scouting sessions, it is fantastic to see the impact it has on the young people and to see their self-confidence grow.

Squirrels

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for being so willing to help above and beyond!! We have enjoyed the last 12 months and are really looking forward to seeing what the next 12 brings! We would love to have even more Squirrels in our Drey but this would require more leaders so if you would like to be more involved and help out on a regular basis, please speak to one of the Squirrel leaders or Ian.

We promise you will have lots of fun and every session is different so there's no chance of ever being bored!!!

Bernie and Eileen.

Beavers

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We have had many Beavers swim up the river to Cubs over the past year and currently have a couple more ready to move after half term. It is lovely to see them continue their scouting journey and we wish them lots of success.

Beavers have worked hard to

achieve many badges this year. We are proud to have seen 7 Beavers achieve their Bronze award with a few more very nearly there!

We look forward to the new year ahead and will be planning a full programme of badge activities and are looking to plan even more exciting events next year.

Yours in Scouting,

Helena, Kerry and Mikki

Cubs

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learning, and new experiences. We're so proud of everything our Cubs have achieved and look forward to another year of adventure together!

Steph, Claire, Neil and Django



Scouts

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well-earned festive cheer.

Kicking off 2025, we jumped back into badge work with full force. Scouts took on the 6-week litter-picking challenge, working toward their Personal Challenge Badge and helping the planet at the same time! We also made fantastic progress on the Skills, World, and Teamwork Challenge badges. One of the real highlights? Our Delamere Night Hike – a magical evening under the stars, chatting with parents and watching Scouts light up with joy as they explored the outdoors together.

In May, we hit new heights – literally – with a trip to Chee Dale in the Peak District! Facing their fears head-on, our Scouts tackled abseiling like champions. Special shout-outs to Emilie, Rory, and Charlie – you three were absolute legends! It was a proud moment for all leaders watching you shine. The stepping stone trail that followed was a splash-filled, smile-packed adventure, full of laughter, encouragement, and real Scout spirit.

More recently, Scouts have been diving into something totally different – a “Try

to Dive” scuba and snorkelling session with a local diving club. The verdict? Absolutely awesome! With two more sessions to go, many are already counting down the days for their next underwater adventure.

We've also been back on the shooting range sharpening our skills ahead of the Waterloo Camp, and enjoyed two epic sessions of Warhammer in Warrington, bringing strategy and creativity to life.

A huge thank you to our incredible leadership dream team – Ian and Ben – your dedication and support make all of this possible. And hats off to our fantastic Young Leaders, Jess, Fin, and Daniel – you bring so much energy and enthusiasm to every session!

To all the parents – thank you for your ongoing support, lifts, encouragement, and everything in between. We couldn't do it without you.

We're buzzing for the next term and can't wait for even more fun, friendship, and adventure with our amazing Scouts!

Financial update

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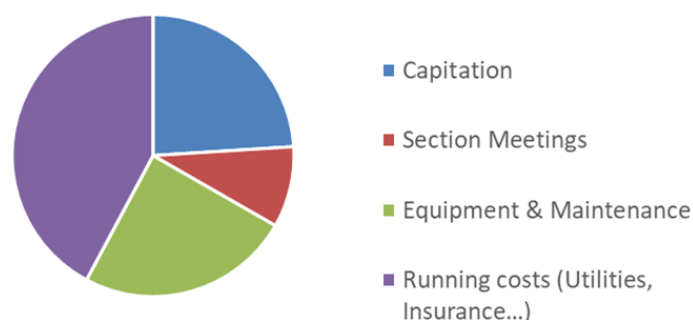
We aim for events such as camps and days out to be cost neutral, although any surplus or deficit is covered by group funds.

The group has three main sources of income:

- **Subscription charges**, which are intended to cover the day-to-day costs of our scouting activities. These were last increased in 2022 but due to rising operating costs, your Board of Trustees has decided to make a further increase to make sure we are sustainably funded for the year ahead.
- **Gift Aid**. We can claim back 25p from the Government for every £1 we take in donations, including the subscription charge. If you pay tax on your income and have not already done so, **please update your settings on OSM to include Gift Aid** – we are currently missing out on nearly £1000 of funding via Gift Aid.
- **Fundraising** - The fundraising group makes a significant contribution to group funds, but it could do far more if there were more volunteers to help organize and deliver events to bolster our finances. If you don't already do so, please consider supporting the group with its future fundraising activities.

Any shortfall that is not covered by fundraising, donations or gift aid is taken out of the group reserves.

Where the Money went - 2024



10TH WARRINGTON SCOUT GROUP

Financial Summary for the Year Ended 31 December 2024

	Current Year 2024 Summary £	Prior Year 2023 Summary £
Income / Expenditure Summary		
Total Income Received during Year	£ 64,678.43	£ 40,853.26
Total Expenditure During Year	-£ 64,312.81	-£ 69,862.20
Net Income for the year	£ 365.62	-£ 29,008.94

	Current Year 2024 Summary £	Prior Year 2023 Summary £
Account Balances		
New Current Account Balance at Year End	£ 5,206.63	£ 8,833.94
TSB Instant Access Savings Account Balance at Year End	£ 20,077.95	£ 15,861.42
Card spending account	£ 426.08	£ 503.51
Total	£ 25,710.66	£ 25,198.87



10th WARRINGTON SCOUT GROUP
SUMMARY OF ACCOUNTS 12 MONTHS TO 31/12/2024

	Full Year 2024	Full Year 2023
Opening Balance	£27,036.67	£56,045.61
Total Income	£64,678.43	£40,853.26
Total Expenditure	-£64,312.81	-£69,862.20
Closing Balance	£27,402.29	£27,036.67

Summary of Inflow / (Outflow)				
			Full Year 2024	Full Year 2023
Description	Income	Expenditure	Net	Net
Asset Purchase / Sales	£2.00	-£1,338.20	-£1,336.20	-£3,242.76
Big Build	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	-£543.33
Capitation Fees	£0.00	-£5,068.50	-£5,068.50	-£4,131.00
Donations	£3,479.08	£0.00	£3,479.08	£1,795.00
Events	£26,000.52	-£23,510.71	£2,489.81	-£1,715.24
Fundraising	£4,903.19	-£738.31	£4,164.88	£2,410.97
General Group Expenses	£507.71	-£1,962.12	-£1,454.41	-£2,375.04
Gift Aid	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
Grant	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£3,750.00
Hall Maintenance	£0.00	-£3,845.50	-£3,845.50	-£3,130.61
Hall Purchase Expenses	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	-£62.00
Hall Rental	£1,140.00	£0.00	£1,140.00	£260.00
Hall Standing Charges	£0.00	-£8,906.14	-£8,906.14	-£4,521.29
Interest on savings account	£319.84	£0.00	£319.84	£153.90
Overdue Subscriptions	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
Plant Sale	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
Subscriptions	£10,140.08	-£88.00	£10,052.08	£8,250.86
Internal transfer	£18,186.01	-£18,186.01	£0.00	£1,100.00
Not classified	£0.00	-£669.32	-£669.32	-£339.32
Total	£64,678.43	-£64,312.81	£365.62	-£2,339.86

Closing Funds Balances	Full Year 2024	Full Year 2023
New Current Account	£5,206.63	£8,833.94
Savings Account	£20,077.95	£15,861.42
Card Spending Account	£426.08	£503.51
Total Funds - @ 31st December	£25,710.66	£25,198.87

Scrutineers report

Note: The independent scrutineer's report for the 2024 accounts was not available at the time of going to press with this AGM report. The online version of the AGM report will be updated once the scrutineer's report is available and the report will be displayed in the scout hut.

10th Warrington (Sankey St Mary's) Scout Group – Who's Who 2025

These people are volunteers and freely give their time to the group.

What can you do to help?

Squirrel section

Team members	Bernie Simcock VACANCY	Eileen Owen
Young Leaders	Melissa Woods	Aimee Booth

Beaver section

Team members	Helena Pennington Kerry Ritchie	Mikki Wotham
Young Leaders	Heidi Ross-Doyle	Oliver Shaw

Cub section

Team members	Steph Hutchinson Neil Wilcox Rebecca Spiers	Claire Macdonald-Clarke Django Flint
Young Leaders	Lauren Cawley	Oliver Ustupski-Kubeczek

Scout section

Scout Leader	Jen Booth	
Team members	Ben Lucas	Hazel Cox
Young Leaders	Jess Booth Daniel Johnson	Finley Bates

Group

Group Lead Volunteer	Ian Skilling	
President	Steve Pennington	

Trustee Board

Chair	Paul Greveson	
Treasurer	Ed Barnard	
Group Lead Volunteer	Ian Skilling	
Trustee Board members	Steve Pennington Steph Hutchinson Ben Lucas	Andy Flint (Secretary) Sam Doyle VACANCY

Fundraising team

Team members	Steph Hutchinson Jen Booth Eileen Owen Claire Elliott	Ed Barnard Claire Macdonald-Clarke Bernie Simcock VACANCY
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Other volunteers

Badge secretary	Kerry Ritchie	
Maintenance lead	VACANCY	