



36th Ipswich Scout Group Annual Report

May 2023 - April 2024

Financial Year, Jan 2023 - Dec 2023

Registered Charity No. 1021334

Wednesday June 12th, 2024, 6:15pm

AGENDA

The meeting will be called to order at 6:15p.m.

- 1] Welcome address
- 2] Business of the AGM
- 3] Apologies
- 4] Minutes of the Previous AGM
- 4a] Confirmation of the Minutes
- 5] Reports from the Chairman and GSL
- 6] Adoption of the Treasurer's Report and Statement
- 6a] Approval of financial auditor
- 7] Approval of Reports
- 8] Appointment of Group Chairman
- 8a] Appointment of deputy Group Chairman
- 9] Approval of Committee Members
- 10] Date of Next AGM

Minutes of the AGM of the 36th Ipswich Scout Group held on 24th May 2023

Welcome and introduction to what the AGM is and it's purpose. Welcome to Graham Parker Acting District Commissioner of Wolsey District.

Apologies:

John Primmer

Minutes of previous meeting:

Confirmation of the 2022-2023 AGM minutes as supplied in the report for the meeting. Received by Tina Vickers and adopted by Sarah Ingram.

Reports:

Chairman: It's been a busy year, thank you to all leaders and assistants and helpers for all their work. Financial position is good, although finances have been decreasing due to 'cost of living pressures' for heating etc. Exact details are all in the back of the report should you wish to see the detail. Communication with the group and parents is via facebook and OSM (please up date your detail and if you haven't done gift aid on OSM yet please do as it has allowed us to claim £800 of gift aid from subs this year.) We are keeping subs where they are for the time being as we are aware of the pressures on household finances. All people involved in running scouts are unpaid volunteers. If anyone wants to be a scout leader or on the exec we would really value this support as we need this and would benefit from a

Quarter master

Help with the train

Someone to run hall hire

Help with opening and closing the hall.

Group Scout Leader: Exec have been amazing backing up the group, leaders have been brilliant, thanks to parents who have been occasional helpers which has enabled us to run section nights. Thank you to all the children who are members. Really enjoyed seeing scouts become young leaders and we are grateful for them. Carols highlight of the year was Suffolk punch scout camp last year, 35 beavers and cubs going to Gilwell this summer, there will be a joint cub and beaver camp and scouts are off to peak district for summer camp.

Annual report: Nicki Chaplin received Richard Beeby adopted

Financial: Tina Vickers and Carol Lockwood

Chairmanship: JG resigns as chairman and Carol asks him to carry on and he agrees. Committee is a bit low,

Members of committee: received by Neil Parnham and adopted by Karl Sandiland

DC: Graham, Acting DC states group is well staffed and well run, but does need representation on the exec which is 2 monthly and runs Monday evening at HQ for 1-1.5 hrs from 19:45.

Presented Tina Vickers with her wood badge as a district beaver leader.

Next AGM: May 2024
Meeting Closed

May 2023 – April 2024 Reports

Chairman's Report

It's been another busy year for the 36th Ipswich Scout Group and I must start with a massive thankyou to all our leaders who have put in so much effort to allow our members to take part in interesting and exciting activities. I have been encouraged to see that the number of people helping with our young members activities has increased over the past year and I hope this continues.

The scout group is in a good financial position, however like everywhere else our bills have been increasing.

The Facebook page and our online management system, OSM is the main form of communication for all sections. It is very important that everyone keeps OSM up to date as it is where we keep the emergency contact information. If you have not checked it recently, please check and update your contact details.

As I am sure you are aware the scout group is entirely run by volunteers, including your section leaders who spend a lot of time and effort to ensure that group activities are fun and well organised, and the exec committee who ensure we have all the safety and administrative issues covered to run the group. For some time, the group has been reliant on a small number of volunteers and many of these volunteers no longer have any children in the group so I suspect we will start to have difficulties running the group soon if new volunteers do not come forward. If you could help us in either of the roles to ensure that the group can continue to offer a great experience for all our members, please reach out to me or one of the group leaders.

The exec has been busy with our normal support role for the GSL and the leaders, ensuring that the equipment and facilities are kept up to date and are safe, keeping the group financially viable and making sure things like Insurance, taxes and bills are managed and paid.

Jonathan Gorham (Chairman)

Treasurers Report

Financially the group is still in a good position, At the end of 2023 we had £47000 in the bank and a small amount of general petty cash.

Our reserves have still decreased a small amount, mainly due to rising costs, especially electric, leaving an end of year net loss of £2870.

I would once again encourage everyone who can to go onto OSM and register for gift aid. Anyone who is a taxpayer can do this and we can then claim 25p in every pound, that is paid for subs. In 2023 we claimed back £711, and a further claim has been made in 2024.

Just think what we can do if everyone is able to help.

Karen Plummer (Treasurer)

Group Scout Leaders Report

What a brilliant year this has been for the 36th Ipswich Scout Group, numbers are growing across all sections, with both Beavers and Cubs at full capacity, with waiting lists, lots of our scouts have successfully progressed through all of the Group sections, as well as some brand new members too and an amazing new explorers district section, based primarily at the 36th, for which many of our older scouts have now joined, the 36th still remains one of the biggest and best supported groups within Wolsey District.

Each individual beaver, cub and scout (and explorer scout too) of the 36th Ipswich over the last year have been amazing. The support that parents have provided our leaders of all of our sections over the last year has been gratefully received, many section meetings would not have been able to run each week. So a huge thank you to our amazing helpful parents.

Our leaders have been fantastic, resilient, resourceful and an absolute credit to scouting but most importantly to the 36th. Without them, as 100 % volunteers, giving up hours of their time, not only during section meetings, but the many hours in preparation for these meetings as well as putting on additional events, and at the same time, taking our youngsters to several district and county events too, we as a group could not offer the amazing scouting adventure that the 36th Ipswich offers to every individual youngster within our group. So a huge thank you to our amazing leaders.

The beaver and cub sections continue to blossom, it is so lovely to watch the youngsters as they join the sections, blossom from inexperienced, unsure and sometimes shy and timid too, develop and grow into confident, happy youngsters as they progress through their section, prior to commencing their link up to progress into the next section and watching them develop into kind, caring and responsible young people, looking out and caring for each. This is something that can only be developed with the guiding and caring hands of our amazing leaders and helpers, thank you to you all on behalf of each and every youngster within the 36th Ipswich.

Our Scouts section has gone from strength to strength with the numbers of scouts increasing greatly, mostly from within the group, but some from outside too. Richard, Liz and Jess, run an amazing mixed programme and many of the scouts had an amazing adventurous camp in the Peak District last summer and other smaller camps too. Many of the older 36th Ipswich scouts, have now joined the Wolsey District explorer section primarily based at the 36th, admirably led by Liz, doubling up with leading at both scouts and explorers and helped by our scout leader Richard too and Catherine, our Group Secretary. By creating an explorer unit has enabled for so many of our older scouts, to continue their own scouting adventure with the 36th link, many of whom have progressed from joining our beaver section all the way through to explorers. Some of the 36th explorer members, as well as attending explorers, also pass on their invaluable scouting experience as young leaders in other sections too, a 'shining example' to our younger members.

As well as many of our Scouts successfully linking up to explorers, many of our beavers have successfully completed their link up to cubs and gained the highest award in beavers, the

bronze chief scout award and many of our cubs have successfully completed their linkup to scouts too. Covid still impacts particularly cubs, as we presently have many cubs not yet old enough to go to scouts, which is presently creating a 'bottle neck' in the cub section, with several beavers due to link up to cubs, meaning for the first time we are now having to turn prospective new cubs away, to safeguard our present beavers to enable them to continue their scouting adventure with the 36th, this will impact on scout numbers over the coming months, but will result in a large influx of new cubs into scouts later this year and early into next year. Covid has also impacted leader numbers in both the beaver and cub sections, a huge thank you has to go especially to Sarah and Sarah, two amazing leaders, without whom neither the beavers or cubs sections could run and to Debbie, Harry and Rosemary who help at beavers each and every week. A huge thank you to our young leaders in Cubs Aaron and Teddy, who help out at cubs whilst studying and juggling alongside exams and to Maddie in Beavers too. The Cubs section could not run without the help that we receive from our DBS checked parents, so a massive thank you to each and everyone that helps, if this is something that you could help with please do not hesitate to speak, even if only once a month.

Thanks also to each and every one of our trustee members who have provided the "back office" support that is so important to a successful scout group. Special thanks to Jonathan Gorham, our Chairman, who helps so much with the running of the 36th, also to Karen our group treasurer for all that she does to ensure that the finances of the 36th are in a healthy and orderly position, particularly with so many district and group events over the last year.

Parents/guardian, if you do not feel that helping out at section meetings is for you, then perhaps you could consider sitting on trustee committee which meets every other month providing such fantastic admin and back office support and plays such a vital role with the success of the 36th Ipswich Scout Group.

Carol Lockwood (Group Scout Leader)

36th Ipswich Scout Section Report

Scouts this year have continued to grow and thrive. We started the year off with a Summer Camp to the peak district for a week, where the scouts took part in caving, canyoning, hiking, navigating, firelighting, eating rations, swimming, exploring, rescuing sheep and a whole raft of other outdoors activities. Many laughs were had and it was a very successful summer camp with the decision made to go to North Norfolk for a week this year.

Many of our scouts sadly turned elderly this year and it would have been time to wave goodbye to them, but instead we've been fortunate enough to be able to see them move into our own explorer group, where they'll continue to stay in scouts and develop the skills they've learnt.

Its been great to see the scouts who moved up from cubs a couple of years ago when I first joined as a scout leader, take the skills they learnt, work on them, and now continue to impress us when we revisit them. They're getting ever better at passing those skills on to the younger, newer scouts, and making it a pleasure for us to help teach them. I finally feel in a position to feel confident the scouts wouldn't accidentally lead us off a cliff edge on a foggy hike!

The rest of this term will involve some whittling to make a salad fork, whacking some golf balls rather hard, and finishing up with the camp in Norfolk.

Whilst sadly this year we weren't able to do the camps we wanted, we're already considering options such as Scarefest at Gilwell for the next school year to make sure that the scouts get more opportunities to spend time under canvasses.

Thank you for your support throughout the years,

Richard Beeby (Scout Leader)

36th Ipswich Cub Scout Section Report

The cubs have had a fun filled and very busy year. We have several beavers this year who have successfully linked up into Cubs from beavers and several cubs successfully linking up into Scouts too. We have also been joined in cubs by some lovely youngsters completely new to scouting too. They have all settled very well and undertaking lots of new scouting challenges, activities and been undertaking lots of the activity badges and challenge badges too. Well done to each and every one of you, we are very proud of you all.

Our cubs have had some fantastic successes in Wolsey District cub events and competitions over the last year. These have included an outstanding victory in the Cubs district quiz, winning this competition again by a huge margin. Our cubs also won for the first time in over 20 plus years, the Wolsey district ten pin bowling competition and were amazing in the construction challenge too.

There are many more district events planned for this coming year. Many of our Cubs are again taking part in the Wolsey district fun day to the UK Scout Headquarters at Gilwell, which is an amazing day and an opportunity to meet other Cubs from across the country and the district too. This month will also see the return of the Wolsey District sports day competition, which was unfortunately cancelled last summer due to poor weather, as well as other district events throughout the year.

The Cubs also had the opportunity to take part in a joint beaver and cub camp at Hallowtree in July last summer and will again have the opportunity to attend this year's joint beaver and cub camp at Bradfield Combust, just outside Bury St Edmunds from the 19th to 21st of July. Our older cubs also attended the Wolsey district camp Sixer/seconders camp last September and had an amazing time and this is camp will again be being held this September for our sixer/seconders providing a fantastic opportunity for our older cubs to get vital camping experience before they join our scout's section. (Details to follow for this year's sixer/seconders camp before the summer holiday break).

A huge thank you must be paid to Sarah for her amazing hard work as a cub leader without her cubs would not have been able to run and to our young leaders Aaron and Teddy, and our amazing team of occasional helpers who have stepped in to help. David unfortunately due to work commitments is unable to now help at Cubs. It has been very difficult balancing leaders/helpers to youngster ratio's and therefore quite difficult to juggle, if you are able to help at cubs even once in a half term, this would be greatly appreciated. The cubs themselves are an absolute asset to the 36th Ipswich Scout Group and their attitudes, behaviour and endeavours at everything that we undertake in cubs makes all of the hard work that we as leaders/young leaders undertake so worthwhile, well-done Cubs.

Akela - Carol Lockwood (Cub Leader)

36th Ipswich Beaver Scout Section Report

The Beaver sections is always full to bursting - there are currently 24 Beavers, from six or seven different primary schools, so giving them time to make friends and get to know each other has been important.

Last summer, we made the most of the lighter evenings and warmer weather, completing many aspects of the Challenge Badges and this year we intend to do the same.

One of my main aims, has always been to make sure the Beavers earn plenty of badges. This sense of purpose and achievement works well to build confidence and many of them are pretty well-badged now. I ensure that every activity they attend contributes towards one badge or another and almost all are on track to earn the Bronze award by the time they leave.

In the last 12 months the Beavers have done the following:

Tobogganing	Hikes	Made fruit kebabs
Learnt new games	Biscuit decorating	Emergency Aid
Teamwork challenges	Craft activities	Pond-dipping
Lit candles	Science experiments	Gilwell Fun Day
Made new friends	Used the fire buckets	Bowling
Made water filters	Toasted marshmallows	Tried international cuisine
Planted seeds	Decorated Yule logs	Donated to the foodbank
Played wide games	Indoor Archery	Tied shoelaces
Christmas Sleepover	Made bird feeders	Teamwork challenges

We have a Summer Camp organised for July, when we will be visiting Bradfield Park Scout Campsite. For some, this will be their first night under canvas with the Beavers.

The leadership team remains stable: I am ably supported by Rosemary, Debbie and Harry. Richard also supports the group when needed. Maddi continues as excellent Young Leaders.

In summary, the last year has been very successful for the Beaver Section, which is currently thriving.

Sarah Ingram (Beaver Leader)

Apex Explorer Unit Report

Apex Explorer Unit is officially up and running and we currently have 11 Explorer Scouts from 3 different groups and a couple who are completely new to Scouting. We just started in February 2024, meeting at 36th Ipswich Scout HQ in Chantry on a Thursday. The Explorers are having input in planning the programme and are open to meeting at other venues and on different nights. So far, they have cooked pancakes, played some wide games, and either learnt or refreshed their knowledge in how to sew on a button! We visited the bell ringers of St Mary Le Tower and some of the Explorers were invested up the bell tower. The rest of the Explorers decided they wanted to be invested in the swimming pool so visitors to Crown Pools one Thursday would have been surprised to see a bunch of Explorer Scouts in uniform in the kids' pool, reciting their promise. Our most recent activity was an attempt to build trebuchets to launch vegetables – some design modifications are required for next time! We are planning a weekend camp towards the end of term and some Explorers will be joining the 36th Ipswich Scouts on their summer camp in north Norfolk.

Liz Stevens (Explorer Leader)

Provisional Date of Next AGM: May 2024

Executive Committee Members Nominations.

The GROUP CHAIRMAN, DEPUTY CHAIRMAN & QUARTERMASTER are appointed by the Group Scout Leader and those appointments endorsed by the Scout Group Council at the A.G.M.

GROUP CHAIRMAN	Jonathan Gorham	QUARTERMASTER TOWN	Vacant
DEPUTY CHAIRMAN	Vacant	QUARTERMASTER COUNTRY	Vacant

Nominations received and approved by the Group Scout Leader are as follows:

GROUP TREASURER	Karen Plummer
GROUP SECRETARY	Catherine Howe
MINUTES SECRETARY	Catherine Howe
COMMITTEE MEMBER 1	Naz Saddiq
COMMITTEE MEMBER 2	Nikki Chaplin
COMMITTEE MEMBER 3	John Primmer
COMMITTEE MEMBER 4	David Oldaker

Group Scout Leader and trustee	Carol Lockwood
Scout Leader and trustee	Richard Beeby
Assistant Scout Leader and trustee	Liz Stevens
Section Assistant	Jess Garner
Section Assistant	Caroline Gosling
Cub Leader and trustee	Carol Lockwood
Assistant Cub Leader	Sarah Dommett
Young Leader	Aaron Leverett
Young Leader	Teddy Dommett
Beaver Leader and trustee	Sarah Ingram
Assistant Beaver Leader	Harry Cranmer
Section Assistant	Rosemary Howe
Section Assistant	Debbie Clark

36th Ipswich Scout Group Accounts 2023

RECEIPTS & PAYMENTS 2023 YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER 2023

<u>Receipts</u>	<u>Total</u>
Donations	£ 100.00
Fundraising	£ 606.42
Hall Lettings	£ 4,352.27
Misc	£ -
Sections	£ 9,567.00
Vehicle Income	£ -
Bank Interest	£ 44.00
IBC CV Grant	£ -
Gift Aid	£ 711.17
Capitation refund	£ 27.00
	£ 15,407.86

<u>Payments</u>	<u>Total</u>
Accounts Examination	£ 100.00
Capitation	£ 2,754.00
Business Tax & Rates	£ 89.12
Electricity	£ 3,502.65
Equipment	£ -
Fundraising	£ 988.15
Hall Hire	£ -
Insurance	£ 998.73
Maintenance	£ 1,928.37
Propane	£ 194.95
Sections	£ 6,371.46
Sundries	£ 264.46
Telephone & Internet	£ 403.84
Vehicle costs	£ 449.98
Water Rates	£ 232.89
	£ 18,278.60

Net Loss £2,870.74

Statement of Assets and Liabilities As at 31st Dec 2023

Lloyds	£ 35,974.89	(£35,000 ringfenced
Lloyds Fixed Savings A/C	£ 11,000.00	for charity farm
Beaver Section	£ -	contingency)
Cub Section	£ -	
Scout Section	£ 30.00	
Petty cash	£ 135.65	
Holding for Beavers	£732.10	
Holding for cubs	£1,177.52	
Holding for scouts	£1,224.36	
	£47,140.54	

RECEIPTS & PAYMENTS 2022 YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER 2022

<u>Receipts</u>	<u>Total</u>
Donations	£ 100.50
Fundraising	£ 608.71
Hall Letting	£ 3,050.00
Misc	£ -
Sections	£ 7,977.02
Vehicle Income	£ -
Bank Interest	£ 5.53
IBC CV Grant	£ 2,667.00
Gift Aid	-
Capitation refund	-
	£ 14,408.76

<u>Payments</u>	<u>Total</u>
Accounts Examination	£ 100.00
Capitation	£ 2,880.00
Business tax and rate	£ 158.48
Electricity	£ 2,105.17
Equipment	£ 421.77
Fundraising	£ 817.39
Hall Hire	£ -
Insurance	£ 969.70
Maintenance	£ 11,771.04
Propane	£ -
Sections	£ 5,506.70
Sundries	£ 468.50
Telephone & Internet	£ 376.28
Vehicle costs	£ 1,582.38
Water rates	£ 251.59
	£ 27,409.00

Net Loss £ 13,000.24

Statement of Assets and Liabilities As at 31st Dec 2022

Lloyds	£ 38,981.28
Lloyds Fixed Savings A/C	£ 11,000.00
Beaver section	£ -
Cubs section	£ -
Scout section	£ 30.00
Petty cash	£ -
Holding for beavers	£ 394.50
Holding for cubs	£1,307.73
Holding for scouts	£692.63
	£ 50,011.28