



36th Ipswich Scout Group Annual Report

May 2024 - April 2025

Financial Year, Jan 2024 - Dec 2024

Registered Charity No. 1021334

Wednesday May14th, 2025, 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 12th June 2024

Present: Please see attendance sheet.

Apologies: John Primmer; David Oldaker; Nicky Chaplin; Richard Beeby.

Minutes:

Welcome to all members of group scout council (all of us)

The Annual General Meeting (AGM) is a yearly meeting of the Group Council with important legal aspects and key, mandatory business that must be covered.

The AGM allows us to provide information regarding the financial running of the charity. and also allows us to elect people onto the exec and act as the charity's trustee.

Over the past 12 months there have been changes in how the exec, now called a Trustee Board, is run and we will be adopting these changes over the next twelve months however this year we will be following the POR (policy organization and rules) July 2023

AGM Minutes from 2023: People had received. JG put them forward and Sarah Ingram seconded.

Chairs report: JG summarised his report. He said thank you to everyone who gives up their time to support 36th Ipswich Scout Group.

Financially we made a small loss this year, loss due to cost of living and energy bills, however we have a reserve so it is not a cause for concern.

Group communication continues to be via Facebook and OSM so keep an eye out on these.

Please fill in gift aid form if you have a tax payer in the household. The extra money helps.

The group could always do with more help – if your interested let JG know. Even just as a trustee as part of board. Would be really appreciated.

Thanks to trustees.

Acting group scout leader report: Beavers and cubs are jam packed. Couldn't manage without the DBS checked parents who help. Thank you to leaders and trustees and Jonathan (chair) and Karen (treasurer). Talked about needing a reserve of money in case we have to leave Charity Farm and therefore will need to build storage at HQ. Explorers now set up so scouts have somewhere to move on. Specific parents really helpful Tanya and Craig; Harry, Debbie and Rosemary. Aaron as a young leader. Really see an increase in confidence of the children as they move through the sections. THANK YOU.

Adoptions:

Annual reports 04/2023-04/2024 – adopted by Sarah Dommett

Financial reports – adopted by Craig Mann

Colin bush and co chartered certified accountants will be independent examiner for the coming year.

Quorum for trustee board is 4 although would like it to be 5, but need more help so 4 at present.

Chairman – Jonathan Gorham

Deputy group chairman – John Primmer.

All trustee members remaining although one leaving this year.

Sandra Burgess adopted and Julia Oldaker seconded.

Paul - District Chair spoke to the group: 36th Ipswich are fortunate to have an established group, please help to support, or thank them. It takes a lot of volunteer time. Why do we do it? Because of our young people. Lots of changes in scout association – including making it easier to volunteer, so please do.

Next AGM will be May next year. Date to be confirmed.

May 2024 – April 2025 Reports

Chairman's Report

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.

A special thank-you to Nikky Chaplin a long-time member of the Trustee Board who is standing down at this year's AGM.

The scout group is in a good financial position, however like everywhere else our bills have been increasing. Now the group has reserves however in the next few years we must start fundraising or increase subs.

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. If you can sign up for gift aid, please do. (this can be done on OSM)

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 Trustee Board who ensure we have all the safety and administrative issues covered to run the group.

For some time, the Trustee Board has been reliant on a small number of volunteers who do not have any children in the group, me included. While we keep up to date with all the legal and safety concerns it is vital for the future of the group that we bring some new representation into the Board. If you are interested to find out more google "scout trustee board" to find out more and/or speak to myself (jonathan.gorham@wolseyscouts.org.uk), or any of the section leaders.

Jonathan Gorham (Chairman)

Treasurers Report

Financially the group is still in a good position, At the end of 2024 we had £40500 in the bank and a small amount of general petty cash.

Our reserves have again decreased however, mainly due to rising costs, especially insurance, water and capitation. Vehicle costs were also high last year, but as we no longer have the van this will be better in the future. Electricity costs have reduced after we changed and fixed tariffs.

As you know we decided to increase subs to £15 per half term, to allow us to keep our reserves and future proof the group. If possible, please can subs be paid promptly at the beginning of each half term and please add the section and child's name in the reference. If you are unsure if you are up to date with subs or you have any issue paying for any reason, please speak to your section leader.

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 2024 we claimed back £513, and a further claim has been made in 2025.

Karen Plummer (Treasurer)

Group Scout Leaders Report

What another brilliant year this has been for the 36th Ipswich Scout Group. Both Beavers and Cub sections are at full capacity, our scout numbers continue to grow, with several of our older cubs due to link up to the scout section later this year, many having successfully progressed through all of the Group sections, as well as some brand-new members too. The amazing Apex explorers district section, based primarily at the 36th, continues to grow, which many of our older scouts joining, along with many other explorers from across the district, the 36th still remains one of the biggest and best supported groups within Wolsey District.

Each individual beaver, cub and scout, explorer scout of the 36th Ipswich over the last year have been fabulous. The support that parents have provided our leaders to 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 and section team members 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, camps and at the same time, taking our youngsters to several district 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. Several of our beavers and cubs have gained the highest award in beavers and cubs the chief scout award, a fantastic achievement.

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/guardians, if you are able to offer to help our group in any capacity, whether as an occasional helper in any of the sections or 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, please speak to your Section leader, Jonathan or myself.

Carol Lockwood (Group Scout Leader)

36th Ipswich Scout Section Report

It's been another successful year for us in terms of Scouting. We've seen lots of new members join, both new to scouting and from cubs who have all gotten stuck in and made new friends. We've welcomed Caroline Gosling with open arms to help us out in the leadership team, making us more resilient on running activities. We've also seen our older scouts leave our section but not the group and have been thrilled to see a successful explorer unit up and running for the scouts to pass in to.

Last year we enjoyed a week in Norfolk where the scouts were able to spend a week under canvas. We went to see the Seals, battled it out over paintball, spent time on the beach and in the sea and spent every evening under the stars with a campfire.

Several of the scouts are incredibly close to getting their gold scout award, so we'll be sitting down with those next term to make sure they understand what's left for them to achieve it, as it's very minimal now and it would be great to award these to them before they turn 14.

Unfortunately, due to the leaders already busy lives we struggle to put on camps, so this year we investigated alternatives with a full scout activity day in the woods here at Charity farm. We took the fire pit deep into the forest and spent the day building swings, chairs, blindfold trails, firelighting, cooking, eating, whittling sticks and playing games. In the future we'll look to extend this out to an overnight camp and likely aim for these to be mid-week camps during school holidays to allow us the time away from work we need.

Our Scout Section also desperately needs someone willing to help take over the paperwork side of scouts. This would be someone prepared to do the training to become a uniformed member of the team and help with badgework records and risk assessments, as sadly Richard and Liz are hugely struggling to find the time for the admin and don't want to let down the scouts. We're not looking to go anywhere, just asking for an extra pair of hands. Jess is also having to step back due to time commitments so we're back to being a team of three, with Richard on a shift system that doesn't always allow him to be at Scouts. We would love to have a chat with you if you, or anyone you know, is interested!

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 successfully link up into Cubs over the last year and it is lovely to see them happily continuing their scouting adventure and settle so well into cubs. We have had a few cubs successfully link up to scouts and will at the end of this summer be joined by several of our older cubs who will be commencing their link up journey to scouts. The Cubs have undertaken lots of new scouting challenges, activities and been achieved lots of activity badges and challenge badges too. A huge congratulations to the Cubs who have achieved their Silver Chief Scouts Award this last year, the highest award in cubs. Well-done, to each and every Cub within the 36th, we are very proud of you all.

Our cubs have again had some fantastic performances in Wolsey District cub events and competitions over the last year. These have included an amazing achievement in the Cubs district quiz, narrowly missing out on first place by one point. Our cubs also came second in the Wolsey district ten pin bowling competition and were amazing in both the District sports day and in the construction challenge too.

There are many more district events planned for this coming year. Several 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. They will also have the opportunity to again to take part in the Wolsey District sports day competition in June, as well as other district events too

The Cubs also had an amazing fun time at the joint beaver and cub camp at Bradfield Combust in July last summer, for some the first time camping in tents and will again have the opportunity to attend this year's joint beaver and cub camp at Hallowtree scout campsite from the 11th to 13th of July. Our older cubs also attended the Wolsey district camp Sixer/seconder camp last September and had an amazing time and this camp will again be being held this October 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 on the joint beaver/cub camp will be being sent out in May and the sixer/seconder camp will be being sent out before the summer break).

A huge thank you must be paid to Sarah for her amazing hard work as my joint Cub Section Team leader without her cubs would not have been able to run and also a huge thank you to our amazing team of parent occasional helpers who have stepped in to help, without whom, Cubs would not be able to run, but if any parent/guardian is 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	Nerf Wars
Played wide games	Indoor Archery	Tied shoelaces
Sleepover	Made bird feeders	Hike to the Bluebells

We have a Summer Camp organised for July, when we will be Hallowtree 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.

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 Explorers have now been operating for over a year and although we are officially a District section, we have been extremely lucky to have received a great deal of support from 36th Ipswich Scout Group for which we are very grateful. We have been quite active in our first year managing 2 weekend camps – one at Hallowtree and the other at Bradfield Park – and shared our week summer camp with the Scouts. Some of our Explorers were invested in the tower of St Mary le Tower where we were shown some bell ringing and others were invested in Crown Pools. Unfortunately, we were not able to take any photos of us standing in the pool in our uniforms! We have had day trips to Felixstowe and to London to visit the Houses of Parliament and meet our MP and we have been on several hikes locally. With the proceeds of a grant, we have been able to try out a few more expensive activities – Clip'n'Climb, Escape Rooms and cycling in Thetford Forest. Back at HQ we have had some debates, done (a lot of) cooking, face painting, sewing (!), and made pinatas and woggles. I am really grateful to the other leaders, Catherine and Richard, for all their help. Both Richard and I wanted to start Explorers as we had older Scouts who were very keen to continue their Scouting journey. A year on and we have 11 members with more due to join later this year. So, Richard and I are currently running both Scouts and Explorers. This is too big a commitment for both of us and we cannot continue to do this. We desperately need additional help so that both sections can provide a great programme for our young people. Please consider volunteering, even if it's only for a year or so. It is truly rewarding and enormous fun.

Liz Stevens (Explorer Leader)

Provisional Date of Next AGM: May 2025

Trustee Board 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	John Primmer
COMMITTEE MEMBER 2	David Oldaker
COMMITTEE MEMBER 3	
COMMITTEE MEMBER 4	

Group Lead Volunteer and trustee	Carol Lockwood
Scout Section Team Leader and trustee	Richard Beeby
Scout Section Team Member and trustee	Liz Stevens
Scout Section Team Member	Jess Garner
Scout Section Team Member	Caroline Gosling
Cub Section Team Leader and trustee	Carol Lockwood
Cub Section Team Member	Sarah Dommett
Beaver Section Team Leader and trustee	Sarah Ingram
Beaver Section Team Member	Harry Cranmer
Beaver Section Team Member	Rosemary Howe
Beaver Section Team Member	Debbie Clark
Apex Explorers	
Explorer Section Team Leader	Liz Stevens
Explorer Section Team Member	Catherine Howe
Explorer Section Team Member	Richard Beeby

36th Ipswich Scout Group Accounts 2024

RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS 2024 YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024		RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS 2023 YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023	
Receipts	Total £	Receipts	Total £
Donations	100.00	Donations	100.00
Fundraising	15.00	Fundraising	606.42
Hall lettings	3,000.00	Hall lettings	4,352.27
Miscellaneous	85.00	Miscellaneous	-
Sections	5,818.00	Sections	9,567.00
Vehicle income	-	Vehicle income	-
Bank interest	341.00	Bank interest	44.00
Gift aid	513.11	Gift aid	711.17
Capitation refund	-	Capitation refund	27.00
	9,872.11		15,407.86
Payments		Payments	
Accounts examination	100.00	Accounts examination	100.00
Capitation	3,127.00	Capitation	2,754.00
Business tax and rates	93.57	Business tax and rates	89.12
Electricity	2,097.78	Electricity	3,502.65
Equipment	-	Equipment	-
Fundraising	417.46	Fundraising	988.15
Hall hire	-	Hall hire	-
Insurance	1,188.42	Insurance	998.73
Maintenance	3,383.08	Maintenance	1,928.37
Propane	-	Propane	194.95
Sections	3,384.08	Sections	6,371.46
Admin expenses	141.33	Admin expenses	-
Sundry	102.10	Sundry	264.46
Telephone & internet	408.52	Telephone & internet	403.84
Vehicle costs	1,643.81	Vehicle costs	449.98
Water rates	287.36	Water rates	232.89
	16,374.51		18,278.60
Deficit	-6,502.40	Deficit	-2,870.74