

Group Lead Volunteer Report – 21st Romsey Scout Group

AGM Report – September 2025 to July 2026



Looking back over the past year, I am incredibly proud of everything our volunteers and young people have achieved together.

Our Young People

This year we have welcomed and supported **136 young people** across our Squirrel, Beaver, Cub and Scout sections. Whilst this is approximately **30 fewer young people than this time last year**, our focus has remained on delivering a safe, enjoyable and high-quality programme for every member.

Throughout the year, our young people have embraced new challenges, learnt new skills, made lasting friendships and continued to demonstrate the values of Scouting. From weekly meetings and adventurous activities to camps and community events, it has been fantastic to see so many young people develop in confidence and independence.

A Year of Adventure

Since September, every section has worked incredibly hard to deliver a varied and exciting programme. Our young people have enjoyed camps, outdoor activities, adventurous challenges, badge work, community projects and district events. These experiences are what make Scouting unique and help develop skills for life.

None of this would have been possible without the dedication of our amazing volunteers, who continue to give up countless hours each week to plan and deliver outstanding programmes.

Changes Within the Group

Like many volunteer organisations, this year has brought its share of challenges.

At present, we do not have a long-term leadership team for our Squirrel Dreys following a number of volunteer changes. As a result, we have made the difficult decision to **temporarily close our Wednesday evening Squirrel Drey**.

Our **Monday evening Squirrel Drey** continues to run thanks to the incredible support of our **Beaver leadership team**, who have stepped in alongside their existing commitments to ensure our youngest members can continue to enjoy Scouting. I would like to personally thank every member of that team for their flexibility, commitment and willingness to help. Your support has been invaluable.

We also saw **Jess step down as Team Leader of Atlantis Scout Troop** after many years of dedicated service. Jess has made an enormous contribution to the Group and has supported countless young people through their Scouting journey. On behalf of everyone at 21st Romsey, I would like to extend a heartfelt thank you for everything she has done.

We are now looking for someone to take on the role of **Atlantis Team Leader**. If you think this is something you could help with, or would simply like to find out more, I would be delighted to have a conversation with you.

We Need You!

One of our biggest priorities over the coming year is recruiting more adult volunteers

Without volunteers, we simply cannot continue to provide the opportunities that Scouting offers to young people. Whether you can spare an hour a week, help occasionally, support behind the scenes, join our Trustee Board or become a section leader, there is a role to suit everyone.

No previous Scouting experience is needed—just enthusiasm and a willingness to help young people develop skills for life. Full training and support are provided.

If you've ever thought about getting involved, now really is the time.

Looking Ahead

The coming year is an exciting one. Our priorities are to:

- Recruit and develop new volunteers.
- Re-establish a sustainable Squirrel leadership team.
- Appoint a new Atlantis Scout Team Leader.
- Continue growing our membership.
- Deliver exciting, adventurous and inclusive programmes across every section.
- Ensure every young person has the opportunity to experience the very best of Scouting.

Whilst this year has brought challenges, it has also highlighted the incredible resilience and teamwork within our Group. Time and again our volunteers have stepped up to support one another, and I could not be more grateful.

Thank You

Finally, I would like to thank every volunteer, Trustee, parent and carer for your continued support throughout the year.

Most importantly, thank you to our young people. You are the reason we volunteer, and seeing your confidence, friendships and achievements grow each week makes every minute worthwhile.

Together, I know we can continue to build a strong, thriving and welcoming Scout Group for many years to come.

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