



**Annual General Meeting
Held on Tuesday 7 July 2026
at the Peter Digby Scout HQ**

The meeting started at 18.10

Attendees are listed at the end of the document.

Full versions of the Trustee report, annual accounts, revised constitution and minutes of the last AGM were made available in advance of the meeting in the members area of the Group website. Printed copies were also available at the meeting.

1 Welcome

Randell, Group Chair, welcomed everyone to the AGM and gave a particular welcome to James Child (DLV)

2 Apologies for absence

There were no apologies received.

3 Governance topics

a. **The minutes of the AGM held on 8 July 2025** were agreed as a true record by the Group Council.

b. **Adopt Group constitution** – In line with the recommendation from The Scout Association, the Group Trustee Board proposed that we adopt the model constitution for a Scout Group from Chapter 5c of the national Policy, Organisation and Rules (POR). Since last year's AGM there have been minor changes made to the national model. The revised version was approved by the Group Council.

In future, to avoid having to continually make minor amendments, the Trustees suggest that, unless there are major changes, we adopt the POR model constitution annually, as it is shown in the then current edition. Any significant changes will be identified verbally at the AGM. This was approved by the Group Council with no objections

c. **Agree number of members appointed to Trustee Board** – The Trustee Board have proposed that we appoint up to the maximum of 12 Trustees. This was agreed by the Group Council with no objections.

d. **Agree quorum of future meetings of Group Council** – It was agreed by all present to retain the quorum at 20% of the number of youth members at the time of the meeting. (Number of youth members is currently 136 therefore quorum for this meeting is 28).

4 Review of the previous year

- a. **GLV and Section Lead reports** - The GLV, Cam Beale, gave a review of section activities over the past year. At 136, membership numbers are down on last year, but are now on the increase. Cam reported that every section has delivered a varied and exciting programme and thanked the Leaders for their dedication and hard work over the year.

Joe Ray has stood down as Squirrel Team Leader of both Squirrel dreys. Jess de Souza has stood down as Team Leader of Atlantis Scouts. Cam expressed thanks to them for their dedication and hard work in running their sections.

Charlie Archer-Scott has agreed to take over as Team Leader of Atlantis Scouts, however there is still a need for more volunteers for this section. At present we do not have a long-term leadership team for Squirrels, therefore the Wednesday evening Squirrel drey has been temporarily closed, while the Monday evening drey continues to run with the support of the Beaver leadership team.

Printed copies of the GLV report were available at the AGM along with the more informal Section reports which have information about activities the young people have been taking part in over the past year.

- b. **Receive and consider the annual report of the Group Trustee Board 2025/6-** the Group Trustee Board had previously approved the Annual Trustee Report, which was circulated for review and consideration before the meeting. There were no questions regarding the report.
- c. **Receive and consider the annual statement of accounts (1 April 2025 to 31 March 2026)** - Following thorough review by the Independent Examiner, Linda Purkess, the Statement of Accounts was approved by the Trustees and made available for consideration prior to the AGM. Jason highlighted the following:

Summary of receipts and payments for year ending 31 March 2026:

	Unrestricted funds 2025 - 26	Restricted Funds 2025 - 26	Total 2025 - 26	Total 2024 - 25
Receipts	£36,815	£18,924	£55,739	£58,295
Payments	£30,059	£22,372	£52,431	£51,083
Net receipts / (payments)	£6,756	(£3,448)	£3,308	£7,212
Net transfers between funds	(£5,420)	£5,420	-	-
Cash funds at 31 March	£45,512	£13,025	£58,537	£55,229

Income

- A decrease in fee income at £24,320 reflects a drop in membership numbers.
- Rental income was £4,449
- Gift Aid received was £3,621

Expenditure

- Premises costs were £7,869
- Membership fees we pay to National, County and District were £9,425
- Electricity cost was lower than the previous year at £3,379

Overall, there was a surplus of £3,308. This will be reinvested in equipment and HQ costs for the next financial year.

Jason highlighted the importance of signing up for Gift Aid.

Bank accounts –The Group formerly had two deposit accounts with Virgin Bank. These have now been closed and a savings account opened with Hampshire Trust Bank.

Jason thanked Linda Purkess, Independent Examiner, for her help and support.
Randell thanked Jason for all his work in preparing the accounts.
Jason thanked the second signatories (Randell, Julie and Sharon) for their support.

There was a question regarding cash funds. Jason explained these were funds held, as the Group is required to have 3 months cash reserves and we also need to have funds for potential future building costs.

5 Appointments

a. Appoint members of the Trustee Board

Randell said we currently have 11 Trustees as follows:

<u>Ex officio</u>	<u>Co-opted during year</u>	<u>Standing down</u>
Cam Beale	Chris Horgan	Gill McKay
	David Cookson	Alice Hillman
<u>Remaining</u>	Ian Biondani	Jon Fouch
Randell McKay		
Jason Phelps		
Sharon Archer		
Julie Nash		

- b. **Appoint new members to the Trustee Board** – Chris Horgan, David Cookson and Ian Biondani were appointed as Trustees for a 3-year term. This was agreed with no objections. Randell invited anyone interested in joining the Trustee Board to contact him for further information.

Randell thanked all the Trustees for their work during the year, with particular thanks to Gill who is standing down as secretary after many years' service.

- c. **Appoint Independent Examiner** - Linda Purkess has agreed to be IE for a further year. She is qualified for the role and has been a great support to Jason. This was agreed with no objections.

6 Remarks from representative of Romsey District Scout Council

James Child, District Lead Volunteer, said 21st Romsey is a well-run, fantastic Scout Group.

James presented the following long-service awards:

Cam Beale – 10 years

Jason Phelps - 15 years

Claire Cookson – 30 years

7 Awards

Cam presented a Thanks Badge to Gill White, who has done a very valuable job in washing tea towels twice a week.

Leaders presented Chief Scout awards to those who had achieved them.

Leaders presented medals to the following Scouts of the year from each section and gave a short citation:

	Scout of the year	Most improved
Acorn Squirrels	Jenson Davies	Maliq Ceesay
Peanut Squirrels	Finlay Brewer	Aidan Ullah
River Beavers	Amelia Jackman	Jacob Judd
Wood Beavers	Charlie Jones	Freddie Routledge
Phoenix Cubs	Lydia Harden	Summer McIntosh
Taurus Cubs	Harrison Adderley	Elliott Malone
Atlantis Scouts	Luke Collins	Dawid Marchewka
Endeavour Scouts	Emily West	Oliver Skelton

9 Closing remarks

Randell thanked everyone for attending.

As there was no further business, the meeting closed at 19:14 and was followed by a barbecue.

Attendees:

Jana	Alexander	Parent
Teegan	Anderson	Parent
Sharon	Archer	Trustee
Charlie	Archer-Scott	Leader
Steve	Batchelor	Leader
Cameron	Beale	GLV
Ian	Biondani	Leader/Trustee
Lesley	Black	Parent
Keith	Buddie	Parent
James	Child	DLV
Dave	Cookson	Trustee
James	Ekpedema	Parent
Tina	Elliott	Leader
Inisbeng	Etim	Parent
Elena	Harden	Parent
Ben	Hatcher	Parent
Sarah	Hatcher	Parent
Chris	Horgan	Trustee
Daniella	Jackson	Parent
Alison	Jones	Parent
Samuel	Judd	Parent
Hayley	Lamb	Parent
Nicholas	Lamb	Parent

Helen	Londrum	Parent
Amy	Lunn	Parent
Paul	Lunn	Parent
Nikki	May	Parent
Gillian	McKay	Trustee
Randell	McKay	Trustee
Tony	Moles	Leader
Julie	Nash	Trustee
Victoria	Payne	Parent
Laura	Pearce	Parent
Matthew	Pearce	Parent
Jason	Phelps	Trustee
Neil	Rees	Parent
Wendy	Rees	Parent
Conor	Routledge	Parent
Kelly	Routledge	Parent
Dan	Wade	Parent
Dawn	Ward	Parent
Daniel	West	Parent
Lisa	West	Parent
Gill	White	Parent
Dan	Young	Parent
Isla	Young	Parent