

3rd Chilwell (Inham nook) Scout Group

Inham Road (down the path between 55 and 57)

Chilwell, Nottingham NG9 4GT

<http://3rdchilwellscouts.org.uk/scouts/>

Annual General Meeting

Our 3rd Chilwell Group Scout Council will be meeting at our HQ (address above) on **Thursday 25th September at 7:30pm**, this meeting is known as the Annual General Meeting (AGM) during which time we appoint Group Trustee Board to help support the effective running of the group for the next year.

Please find attached the annual report from the Group Trustee Board which includes the Chair and Group Scout Leaders Comments, section reports as well as the finances which are being reviewed by an independent auditor.

The meeting is to (Agenda):

- Approve minutes from last AGM
- Receive and approve the annual report of Group Trustee Board, which includes the annual statement of accounts
- Approve the Group Scout Leader's nomination of Group Chairman
- Nominate members of Group Trustee Board
- Elect a Group Secretary and Group Treasurer
- Elect certain members of Group Trustee Board
- Appoint an auditor or independent examiner or scrutineer, as required by POR.

There are three types of members for the Group Trustee Board these are all established at the AGM:

Elected Members

- These are people from our Group Scout Council who are nominated and we need you to elect them during the AGM.
- As a parent, you could be one of these members...

Nominated Members

- These are people from our community who are nominated by the Group Scout Leader and we need you to approve their appointment at the AGM

Co-Opted Members

- These are people selected by Group Trustee Board to support the running of the group
- The number of Co-Opted members cannot exceed the elected member

Squirrels

4-6 years
Tuesdays
5:30-6:30pm

BEAVERS

6-8 years
Thursdays
6-7:15pm

cubs

8-10½ years
Tuesdays
6:30-8:30pm

SCOUTS

10 ½ - 14 years
Tuesdays
6.30 – 8:30pm

EXPLORERS

14 - 18 years
Monday
8 – 9:30pm

The Group Trustee Board

Nominations for the Group Trustee Board:

Jonathan Tait for Chairman
Robin Firman for Treasurer

Elected Members:

Pam Noon
Ben Ginger
Michael Brown
Jenna Garv
Cameron Tait

Group Lead Volunteer

Robert Parker

Nominated Independent Auditor:

Co-Opted Members:

Annual Report from Group Trustee Board

Group Lead Volunteer Report

What an incredible time to be able to sit and write another annual summary of all things 3rd Chilwell over the last 12 months. The summer break, whilst usually a quiet time, has been nothing but, as we are in the middle of the largest upgrade of our facilities in the last 20 years. By the time we return in September, we will have our very own fire pit, seating, purpose-built log store, new shed and covered outdoor learning area. I know of no other group that can boast of such facilities and cannot wait to see them being enjoyed by our young members. Credit for this goes to our Executive team who have not only planned this and given up their time to support the contractors, but also secured funding for this to ensure that it doesn't cost us a penny. They are the volunteers that you'll not see front and center, but who are giving up their time and expertise to make things ever better for our community. This team is led by Jonathan, who has had a monumental impact as Chairman, but also includes, Pam, Michael and Ben, without whom none of this would have happened. I cannot thank you all enough for what you've done for us.

Keen observers of our Exec team may have noticed a missing name from the above, and that is because Tim, our Treasurer for the last few years, deserves a paragraph of his own. Not only has he been instrumental in supporting the above, he has also always given far more than his accountancy skills to the group. He has helped with maintenance, always supported events and has regularly been the one to volunteer to do the food shop for our camps (this is not a task anyone ever wants to do!) Tim has transformed the management of our finances and I really don't know how we'd have survived in recent times without him. Tim is now hanging-up his scouting calculator and, on behalf of the group and our community, I want to say a huge thank you and please, know that you will always be a part of the 3rd Chilwell family.

Another reason why it is so exciting to be writing this report today, is because our 3rd Chilwell family has grown! In the last year, we have formed a partnership with the Pioneer Explorer unit, meaning that we now offer activities for children from the ages of 4 right through to 18. Speaking not just as a volunteer, but also as a parent of a fifteen year old Pioneer Explorer, I can tell you that the Explorer volunteers are fantastic. The range of activities they offer is second to none: from 'The Great Hideout', in which Explorers had to navigate between checkpoints whilst avoiding being spotted, to water

activities, climbing, all night hikes and even a trip to Blackpool, it really is an incredible program of activities. Karen, Abbie and the team, thank you!

I believe that one of the reasons that our partnership is working so well, is because this pattern is replicated throughout our sections: our Squirrels drey is full and we've been able to award our first Acorn awards to those moving up to Beavers; our Beavers section has grown substantially over the last year; our Cubs leaders continue to offer a challenging program that really pushes the Cubs to develop their skills and our Scouts section, run in the main by just Kim and Lou together, has consistently offered the most supportive, caring environment you could wish for our young people to have. To the Section Lead Volunteers, Allison, Tania, Emma and Kim, thank you. And to all of our volunteers, across the sections, we would not exist without you. Thank you for the time and effort you put in to keep 3rd Chilwell running.

Looking forwards, this is going to be a difficult year to beat! However, we are never short of ambition. We hope to secure further funding to continue to develop our facilities, and we have a whole range of new activities and adventures to offer to all of our young members. To do this, we will need help, so, as ever, if you can spare an hour, please get in touch. There is always a job that needs doing. If you can spare more, we would love to welcome you to our regular team of volunteers and get you even more involved in the 3rd Chilwell family.

Thank you all for a phenomenal 12 months.

Rob Parker

Lead Volunteer

Squirrel Section Report

As we celebrate two years of Squirrel Scouts at 3rd Chilwell, we are proud to reflect on our journey and the positive changes we've implemented. Throughout the year, we've enjoyed a range of engaging activities that have fostered learning, growth, and togetherness among our young Squirrel Scouts.

In our first year, parents attended sessions with their children. However, we noticed that this arrangement sometimes hindered the children interacting with each other. After consulting parents, we decided to change to a drop-off system. The benefits have been huge as this has encouraged independence, confidence and more engagement with other children and volunteers.

Another change we have made is transitioning to small group work stations. This adjustment has provided numerous benefits, promoting speech, language and communication skills. Additionally, smaller groups have allowed us to dedicate more time to actively listen and interact with each child in a calmer environment.

Our Team has grown, and we are proud to have five dedicated volunteers, including myself, working together to provide the best experience for our children. Additionally, we have two young leaders who not only contribute their time and energy to our program, but are also working towards their Duke of Edinburgh Award. They bring fun, clarity, and enthusiasm to every activity, making them an invaluable part of our team.

Our current squirrel drey consists of 18 children, with some of them soon advancing to Beavers. We also have a growing interest in our program, as we currently have five children on our waiting list.

Throughout the year, our Squirrel Scouts have earned various badges that demonstrate their hard work and learning, including Hike, Creative, Explore Outdoors, and many more.

Five of our Squirrels Scouts have achieved the highest award, the Chief Scouts Acorn, while others are working hard to earn this as well.

At Squirrel Scouts we love to celebrate and learn about all cultures, religions

and traditions. In December, we visited Landermeads Nursing Home. Our Squirrels sang Christmas songs for

the residents (families), creating a warm festive atmosphere. We also welcomed two members from St. Barnabas Church, who shared the Christmas story with us and helped us to create Chris-tingles. For lunar New Year celebrations, we embraced the year of the snake by crafting snake puppets and performing a dragon dance.

During Burns night, we were fortunate to have Billy the Piper join us once again, arriving in his Scottish attire and bagpipes. We celebrated with a meal of haggis and neaps.

Our Squirrel Scouts first time at the Beeston Remembrance march was a proud day for all. They marched with pride and respect throughout the event, receiving positive comments regarding how smart they looked.

We really had a great time at Sherbrooke Camp Site for the Squirrels district Skills Day,

enjoying archery, axe throwing, tool safety, outdoor crafts, and den building, before ending the day with a sing-song around the campfire.

Squirrel Scouts have actively explored the great outdoors. Engaging in activities such as exploring the allotment, listening walks, pond dipping, and a hike around Highfield Park. During the hike, we took part in a scavenger hunt, fed ducks and squirrels, then finished with a picnic and ice cream.

To mark our second Birthday, we had a party in the park, complete with picnic, celebrating the growth and success of our Squirrel Scouts drey!

We can't thank everyone enough for their support ~ our Squirrel Scouts, parents, volunteers and young Leaders.

Here's to next year, which will be full of even more adventures, outings, and getting messy!

Allison Mee

Squirrel Section Team Leader

Beaver Section Report

We have had a good year at Beavers, New ones start and old ones moving onto Cubs.

So at this time my numbers are grown very nicely, our squirrels section will have a few moving up over time.

We done a few badges over the year, we've done the Disability, a few of us went to the district Conkers sleepover and we loved it,

Beavers were busy creating things for their builders badge to, coming up with a design on what they wanted to make many made robots, also made these thing out of recycled materials so we could do our part on the saving the earth.

On our last meeting before summer break we had our annual BIG WATER games and a very good water fight with leaders.

We gave out a lot of badges, like we always do, as they really love getting them after they earned them.

We currently have 14 Beavers, who attend regularly.

I'd just like to say thanks to all my assistant leaders and unit helpers: Fay (Section Assent sent), Pam (helper at the moment), Johnathan, because without them, we'd have no fun programs or enough leaders to help. They give their time and dedication to help keep beavers going.

I think the cashless system is working well, so thank you for contributing to that.

We are looking forward to the year ahead.

Tania Manley

Beaver Section Team Leader

Cubs Section Report

This year has been one to remember! Our Cubs have shown amazing growth, enthusiasm, and teamwork throughout every challenge and opportunity.

The number of Cubs regularly attending has remained steady at around 14 young members, some of our oldest Cubs have successfully moved up to Scouts, and over the next few terms we will have Beavers linking and are looking at doing the buddy badge again in September which will hopefully increase our membership numbers even higher.

Our Cubs achieved a remarkable 182 badges across a wide range of activities. A special congratulations to the five Cubs who will be awarded the Chief Scout's Silver Award by the end of July – our highest Cub achievement – and to the two more on track to earn theirs by January. Their hard work and perseverance have truly paid off.

We've explored a diverse and exciting badge programme including; Fire Safety, Scientist and Space – Where we looked at escape routes, carried out different experiments and created a brilliant Space Station model out of recycling materials. Gardener, Naturalist and DIY – Covering different tools, plants, wildlife and even building a Christmas Tree out of wood. Musician, Communicator and Disability Awareness – Learning to play the drums, exploring different ways to communicate, the challenges faced by different disabilities and how to be inclusive. Each badge giving Cubs the chance to discover new passions and valuable skills.

We had an action-packed Cub Camp in May at The Oaks Campsite, with activities like the black hole, indoor bouldering, inflatable obstacle course, jungle trail, soft crossbows, campfire songs, and wide games – unforgettable fun and confidence-building at its best! To honour Remembrance Day, Cubs participated in a reflective sleepover at the hut and then joined the local remembrance parade and church service in Beeston. They represented our group with thoughtfulness, respect, and pride, making us all incredibly proud! Cubs also joined the District

Sleepover at Wollaton Hall back in October, making memories with friends from across the district in a unique and historic setting.

This year also brought unexpected challenges, including a period where I was unwell and unable to attend. I want to express my heartfelt thanks to Simon (Baloo) and Ramona (Raksha) who stepped up without hesitation, took charge, and ensured the continued smooth running of our Cub programme. Their commitment, teamwork, and care for the young people in our group are nothing short of inspiring. And to our incredible Young Leaders; Isaac (Mowgli) and Rueben (Grey), your encouragement, humour, and enthusiasm continue to make a real impact. You've helped to create a welcoming, positive and inclusive environment where Cubs can grow with confidence.

I want to extend my deepest gratitude to everyone who has played a part in making this year such a success. To our Cubs - thank you for your energy, curiosity, and boundless enthusiasm. To parents and carers - your continued support means the world. To all the 3rd Chilwell leaders and young leaders - your dedication and encouragement inspire not just our Cubs, but each other as well. And to my assistant leaders, especially during my absence, thank you for standing strong and keeping the spirit of Scouting alive.

As I look ahead, I carry a sense of deep pride for everything our Cubs have achieved and great excitement for all that lies ahead. Here's to another year of adventure, growth, and laughter together.

Emma Brown (Akela)

Cub Section Team Leader

Scouts Section Report

Our Scout section is quietly fantastic

This September looked and felt different. Seven of our Young Members successfully moved up to Explorers—a proud leadership moment as we watched them adapt to a new environment and continue their Scouting journey. Supporting young people to progress is what Scouting is all about.

With our older Scouts moving on, those remaining stepped up as the oldest in the section. They embraced new responsibilities and challenges, taking their first steps into leadership.

Autumn Term: Teamwork and Leadership

This term focused on teamwork and leadership. We ran activities to build collaboration, work toward shared goals, and strengthen problem-solving skills. January brought our Leadership Skills Weekend—always a highlight. Patrol leadership training is a privilege to deliver, and once again, the Scouts impressed and inspired us with their maturity and enthusiasm for learning.

Spring Term: Welcoming New Members

Spring was all about growth. Five new Scouts joined us from Cubs, and we also saw a few vital members join via word of mouth. Very different due to our age range. Our goal this year was to support Scout-led learning as much as possible. With a strong Patrol system in place, we saw real leadership and peer support in action.

Today, our Scouts are a cohesive Troop, working together with confidence and enthusiasm. As you can see from the list of badges earned, they've had a busy and productive year:

- International Activity Badge
- Global Issues Badge
- Space Activity Badge
- Astronomy Activity Badge
- Fire Safety Activity Badge
- Athletics Activity Badge
- Digital Citizen Level 3 (Staged Badge)

- Outdoor Challenge Badge
- Creative Challenge Badge
- Teamwork Challenge Badge
- Team Leader Challenge Badge
- World Challenge Badge

A Few Highlights

Two standout events this year were Spring Camp and the Remembrance Sleepover. We've seen amazing growth in navigation and pioneering skills. From soap carving and tin art to fire lighting, the range of activities week-to-week has been fantastic.

We also competed in the District Quiz, and I suspect our Scouts have their eyes on the prize next year! Another new experience was joining Oligopoly—our first year was virtual and focused on learning the game. Watch this space for our 2025 teams!

I'd like to say a huge thank you to Lou Chaniotis—Scouts wouldn't be possible without you. Your creativity, energy, and support make every week run more smoothly. You always bring the fun!

Thank you also to the wider 3rd Chilwell leadership team for stepping in to support camps and meetings when extra hands are needed. Your help is invaluable.

We were also delighted to welcome Evan Young as a Young Leader this year. Evan, you've been a real asset—helping to deliver the programme and supporting Scouts in your own brilliant and unique way

Looking forward, there are exciting things on the horizon. We're setting our sights on new adventures in 2026. With such an amazing group of Scouts, we're ready to take on every challenge that comes our way.

Thank you,

Kim Chaniotis
Scouts Section Team Leader

Explorer Section Report

Another active year for Pioneer, kicking off with a glorious weekend camp in September filled with water activities at Hoveringham. Two teams competed in Oligopoly (Monopoly around Nottingham), one of whom brought home a trophy. Remembrance parade was well attended, then two teams successfully completed the NESST challenge night hike, and we will be taking part in the BIG hideout event in July. This summer several of our members will be completing their Explorer Belt award with the District trip to the Baltic States – so we look forward to hearing all about their adventures soon!

Planning and organising the programme is a key part of being an Explorer, so it is particularly rewarding to see such an active and varied set of Monday night activities. Highlights include testing vehicle sirens at Nottingham Police station, numerous cooking challenges (some more appetising than others), attending a concert by the National Youth Orchestra, going climbing, numerous quizzes, an Escape Room challenge and team building games. We also continued our tradition of memorable

investitures, with new Explorers saying their promise while sliding down an inflatable at Spring lakes, and Snow Tubing down a dry ski slope.

Membership has stayed strong this year, with the successful transition of a large cohort from both 2nd and 3rd Chilwell Scouts. We were also pleased to 'adopt' 3 members transitioning from Tornado in Stapleford, after a difficult decision was made to close their Explorer Unit. Sadly we said goodbye to some of our older Explorers, who are taking their Scouting skills into A-levels and adult life. We hope they may return to Scouting in future as volunteers.

None of this would be possible without a terrific team of volunteers who help in various ways to support such a varied programme. Particular thanks to Brian, Emma, Matilda, Isaac, and Jack.

Karen Wood

Explorer Section Team Leader

Abbie McFarlane

Explorer Section Team Member

Treasurer's Report

As you can see from the accounts we still have a healthy bank balance and we even managed make a surplus of £928.21

We saw a 60% increase in members, this was due to Pioneer ESU joining us officially and the hard work of the sections leaders. This also meant an increase in the amount we had to pay in the National Membership Fees.

Gift Aid

Gift Aid is a scheme available to charities to claim extra money from HMRC. We can claim an extra 25p for every £1 of subs paid and other valid donations. That is as long as you've paid the basic rate of tax and made the donation from your own funds. By simply completing the Gift Aid Declaration on OSM we can claim an extra 25% on each half terms subs.

Tim Oliver

Treasurer

Annual Statement of Accounts

3rd Chilwell (Inham Nook) Scout Group Summary Receipts and Payments Account 2024/25			
Receipts and payments			
Receipts	2024-25	2023-24	
Membership subscriptions			
Membership subscriptions	8,244.03	4,970.00	
Less National Membership Fees	-5,353.50	-2,950.00	
Net membership subscriptions retained	2,890.53	2,020.00	
Investment Income Received			
Bank/Building Society Interest	386.52	335.37	
Sub total	386.52	335.37	
Donations / Grants Received / Gift Aid			
Donations	1,803.94	1,752.35	
Broxtowe Borough Council	0.00	0.00	
SVW Notts	1,412.25	300.00	
Gift Aid	0.00	614.79	
Sub total	3,216.19	2,667.14	
Camps & Activities			
Camps	3,152.50	4,285.00	
Activities	1,614.73	16.00	
Sub total	4,767.23	4,301.00	
Fundraising Receipts			
General	875.65	270.55	
Amazon		30.87	
Sub total	875.65	301.42	
Other Income			
Lettings	1,135.00	3,490.00	
Uniforms, Woggles & Neckerchiefs	43.00	0.00	
Sub total	1,178.00	3,490.00	
Total Receipts	13,314.12	13,114.93	
Income over Expenditure	926.21	-632.03	
Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the year			
	2024-25	2023-24	
Cash Funds			
Bank current account	3,106.40	3,837.92	
Bank savings account	34,163.83	32,977.31	
Pre-Paid Debit Cards	859.94	542.19	
Cash	305.76	150.30	
	38,435.93	37,507.72	
Payments			
Premises Costs			
Insurance	1,015.02	987.91	
Waste Disposal	182.00	171.08	
Repairs and Renewals	528.74	3,549.42	
Electricity	1,935.23	2,111.17	
Water	266.02	290.57	
PAT Testing	0.00	0.00	
Sub total	3,927.01	7,110.15	
Activities			
Meeting Expenses	767.43	556.29	
Camps	3,818.89	3,805.35	
Activities	1,767.45	0.00	
Badges	536.97	729.92	
Sub total	6,890.74	5,091.56	
Fundraising expenses			
General Fundraising Expense	179.09	0.00	
Sub total	179.09	0.00	
Admin Establishment Expenses			
Camping Equipment	0.00	27.90	
Food and Drink Expenses	3.19	38.10	
Stationary	73.86	49.48	
Materials and equipment	194.98	869.75	
Uniforms, Woggles & Neckerchiefs	198.74	218.74	
Bank Charges	20.00	20.00	
Go Cardless Charges	444.12	233.83	
Trophies / Engraving	181.29	126.45	
OSM	161.08	161.00	
Web Site	15.00	0.00	
AGM and trustee expenses	96.81	0.00	
Adult support and training	0.00	0.00	
Sub total	1,389.07	1,545.25	
Total Payments	12,385.91	13,746.96	

This is a summary of the accounts for 3rd Chilwell (Inham Nook) Scout Group for financial year 2024/25. If you would like a full copy of the accounts or have any further questions then please email treasurer@3rdchilwellscouts.org.uk

Chair's Report

It has been a pleasure to see, and on occasion be involved in, all the sections and their leaders deliver fantastic, creative and adventurous programs throughout the year, from which we can only get stronger and develop the group for future generations.

We are conscious that the life span of the scout hut is coming to an end, with that in mind we are formulating a future plan to replace what we currently have. We would welcome any ideas or contributions from members, parents and volunteers. As a part of this we have applied for grants to fund the initial stages of improvements, I appreciate this AGM report is for the financial year ending March 31st but I'd like to announce we have been successful with one of the grants to fund the building of an outdoor area and a fire circle. I'd like to thank Micheal Brown for his amazing work in securing this grant from Broxtowe Borough Council's government backed UK Shared Prosperity Fund.

All our sections are going from strength to strength, reading their reports, with growing membership numbers and providing programmes of exciting opportunities and activities to our young members.

I would like to thank Tim for his amazing support, often above and beyond what is expected of a group treasurer – supporting the group with maintenance in the hut and grounds and general advice from his extensive experience volunteering within the Scout Association. Sadly, Tim has taken the decision to stand-down from his role as treasurer at 3rd Chilwell; he will be sadly missed and we wish him all the very best for the future. With this in mind we are currently in the process of appointing a new person for the treasurer role.

To conclude, I would like to thank, on behalf of the group, all that volunteer to help us and to allow us to

provide amazing experiences for the young people of our community. I would particularly like to thank all the leaders and trustees that sit on the Group Trustee Board and the parents and guardians of the young members of 3rd Chilwell whose continued support is instrumental to the group's continuation and strength.

Volunteering to support the group is essential to keep providing a safe and invaluable resource for young people, we are always looking for more support - regardless of how much time you can spare. Whether it's helping on section nights, supporting the Group Trustee Board, fundraising, or just cutting the grass now and again... any assistance helps us to continue to thrive.

Finally, I'd like to thank all of the fabulous young members of 3rd Chilwell, to whom this group belongs and without whom, none of this would be here.

On behalf of the group thank you for all your support.

Jonathan Tait

Volunteering Opportunities:

- Site maintenance
- Quartermaster
- Section Volunteers
- Occasional helpers
- Trustee Board
- Fund Raising