



Annual Report 2025

Reports from Sections

SCOUTS

The Scout section has enjoyed another action packed year bursting with energy, adventure and plenty of unforgettable moments. Our programme has once again focused on what Scouts do best — having fun, trying new things, working together and making friends that last well beyond the meeting hall. Every event this year has been shaped by enthusiasm, teamwork and a brilliant “give it a go” attitude from our young people.

A huge thank you goes to all Leaders and Scouts across the District for your incredible support over the past twelve months. Because of your hard work, our Scouts have taken part in a fantastic mix of activities, from the annual Fishing Competition to the everpopular Silver Buckle. This flagship event once again delivered a full day of excitement, with Scouts tackling Scouting skills bases, shooting, archery, orienteering and the legendary assault course — all with huge smiles and plenty of determination.

Another highlight was our Hillwalking Weekend in Castleton, Derbyshire. Over two days of hiking through stunning scenery, Scouts pushed themselves, supported each other and created memories they’ll be talking about for years. The combination of fresh air, teamwork and muddy boots made it a real standout moment of the year.

And we’re not slowing down. The coming months are already filling up with more adventures, challenges and opportunities for Scouts to learn, grow and have a brilliant time together.

Finally, I would like to congratulate the following Scouts who achieved the Chief Scout’s Gold Award between 1st January 2025 and 31st December 2025 — an outstanding accomplishment and a testament to their commitment and hard work:

Thomas Watt – 2nd Goffs Oak

Ronnie Greyson – 1st Cheshunt

Sean Dell – 2nd Cheshunt

Henry Rooke – 1st Cheshunt

Kara William – 2nd Cheshunt

Ryan Holtby – 3rd Hoddesdon

Lucy Roydhouse – 2nd Cheshunt

Josh Hanna – 1st Cheshunt

Rebecca Brown – 2nd Cheshunt

Congratulations to all of them — a fantastic achievement.

Paul Mills



Following COVID only 9 colonies returned with 1 still waiting to open and 2 still seriously struggling with both leaders and children. I am pleased to say, through very hard work, 1 is gradually building up with increases in both numbers and Leaders.

We have held regular Leader's meetings mostly on Thursday nights as 3 groups meet then and 2 of these have leaders who travel quite a distance. We don't leave the leaders out of having fun and try to arrange a few meetings in a social atmosphere either in HQ or out so that they get to know each other, share experiences and ideas.

In January, 64 beavers went to an amateur panto. In April 51 attended the always popular Easter Egg Hunt and in October 48 went to The Imperial War Museum where we presented 3 Bronze Awards. We limit our expensive activities to 1 a year and try to vary them hence the 1st visit to The Imperial War Museum although we think it may have been a bit old for the children they seemed to enjoy it but we will not go there again.

In 2025 we presented 35 Bronze awards which was a brilliant achievement.

A big thank you to all the Leaders who have struggled over the last few years but have still managed to give a varied programme and retain/increase numbers. To Turnford, 2nd Cheshunt and Wormley for the use of their halls and lastly Stacey my right hand man.

Val



Reports from Groups

1st Cheshunt

It's been an incredible year of adventure, teamwork and festive cheer across 1st Cheshunt Scout Group, with every section throwing themselves into activities that truly capture the spirit of Scouting. Our Beavers kicked things off with their Parent & Child Camp at Thriftwood, where families enjoyed a brilliant weekend packed with canoeing, archery, campfire fun and plenty of muddy-boot moments. The enthusiasm from our youngest members was infectious, and it was fantastic to see parents joining in the adventure alongside them.

The Scouts and Badgers followed with their own Thriftwood camp, taking on canoeing challenges, climbing walls and a full programme of outdoor fun. Their teamwork, determination and good humour shone through from the first paddle stroke to the final campfire song. Not far behind, the Stags Cubs enjoyed their own camp experience, embracing the outdoors with boundless energy, creativity and classic Cub-style chaos.

December brought one of the highlights of our year: the Group Indoor Camp at Tolmers. All sections came together under one roof for a weekend of festive fun. The Scouts headed into London for an unforgettable ice-skating trip, gliding (and occasionally wobbling) across the rink with huge smiles. Meanwhile, the Beavers and Cubs spent the day crafting festive creations, filling the hall with colour, glitter and December excitement. Everyone reunited in the evening for a full December meal, followed by a lively Saturday-night disco that had the whole group dancing well into the night.

Our older Scouts also took on a Winter Hillwalking Weekend in Derbyshire, braving crisp winds, steep climbs and stunning views. Their resilience and teamwork were outstanding, and they returned with stories of challenge, achievement and plenty of laughter.

And of course, no festive season would be complete without our Santa Sleigh. All sections proudly came together to bring December magic to the local community, spreading joy, smiles and festive spirit across Cheshunt.

From camps to crafts, canoeing to community cheer, it's been a fantastic year of adventure for 1st Cheshunt Scout Group.

Paul Mills GLV



3rd Hoddesdon Foxton Road Group

Morrison Beavers have had a busy year working their way to achieve Bronze award although none have been completed yet. They have enjoyed many outings with the district including Wild n wacky, imperial war museum and recently Colchester zoo.

Whilst working on their badges they have been cooking, inventing lego machines and playing calamity kitchen in which Fox was a really bad but funny chef for the evening.

They have also had a couple of trips to Tolmers for water wars and tunnels.

Morrison has a good number of beavers currently sitting at 15 with 2 leaders and 2 young leaders

Maclean Cubs Have also been busy working towards their silver awards with one being presented to George Sheffield before he moved up to Scouts in September.

Maclean have participated in the Bloomfield challenge with district and have also been on their own summer camp.

We have also visited the local fire station, Bayford bury observatory and the local care home as well as the local park a few times and also archery at Tolmers.

Maclean has a very good number with 20 cubs and 4 leaders.

Scouts again another busy year with 1 gold award presented to Ryan Holtby.

Scouts have participated in the silver buckle, the expedition with district as well as a couple that attended hill walking.

Scouts have also completed a night hike and been to the local park a few times last summer to play wide games.

Scouts is low in numbers with only 4 scouts age and 5 that are explorer age with two leaders.

As a group we have also had a family camp, participated in remembrance day parade and also entered the Love Hoddesdon Christmas parade.

As a group the last few months have been difficult for us all as we come to terms with the loss of our Group Lead Volunteer Geoffery Gilbert, to say things have been difficult is an understatement, we hope that we can keep 3rd Hoddesdon running to the standard that Geoff would be proud of.

Claire

Cub lead volunteer



3rd Waltham Cross Group

We have 8 Beavers who have enjoyed several of the district events

We have 10 cubs and in the last few months our scouts now number 12

We currently only have 4 leaders that's including me

We meet on Mondays from 6.15--9pm

We have a varied programme and have made some connections within our community to use their outdoor space xx

We look forward to growing our leadership team xx

Sally Hudson GLV



5th Hoddesdon

Despite our small membership, it has been a very active and successful year for the Group.

The Beavers enjoyed a productive summer programme, working towards their Outdoor Challenge Badge and developing new practical skills, including basic knot-tying and campfire safety. A joint Beavers and Cubs Day camp was held at Roselands HQ, organised by the Cub Leadership Team. All young people took part in backwoods cooking, practised pitching tents, and enjoyed toasting marshmallows over the fire.

A major highlight for the Cubs was their participation in the County Bushcraft Day, where they engaged in hands-on outdoor skills and activities. They also took part in the District Bloomfield Challenge, providing further opportunities to develop teamwork, resilience, and outdoor learning within the wider Scouting community. Both sections have completed a broad range of badges this year, including Emergency Aid and Safety, helping to build awareness and confidence in responding to emergency situations.

The Group was proud to take part in the annual Remembrance Parade in Hoddesdon, where representatives laid a wreath at the memorial.

In February, the Beavers enjoyed an engaging evening at Hoddesdon Library as part of their Book Badge. They learned how to locate non-fiction books and worked together on literacy-based activities.

We were delighted to celebrate several significant achievements: one Cub received their Chief Scout Silver Award last year, and in March three Beavers were awarded their Chief Scout Bronze Awards.

These accomplishments reflect the commitment and enthusiasm of the young people and their leaders.

We are fortunate to have two dedicated Cub Leaders and an experienced Beaver Leader who have been instrumental in keeping the Group active and ensuring young people continue to learn, grow, and have fun. Parental support has also been excellent, and we are pleased to have recently welcomed a new adult volunteer to the Beaver section.

Sincere thanks are extended to all volunteers for their ongoing hard work and commitment. We remain confident that membership numbers will increase over time. To support this, we have contacted local schools to promote the Group and encourage recruitment of both adult volunteers and young people.

Margaret Smith

Group Administrator – 5th Hoddesdon Roselands



1st Wormley

It's been another busy year at 1st Wormley. We have had some challenges with leaders for the sections due to changes in personal circumstances but have also seen people stepping up and new people joining the team, including the grandson of Terry Price, a previous long standing GSL. Our Squirrels numbers are fairly low as we keep it small to ensure we can 'staff' the drey each week. They enjoy a variety of activities including getting outside as much as possible, and working on their badges. Beavers also enjoy getting outside and undertook a community litter pick as well as campfires and lots of sporting activities. Cubs have been trying lots of new things including crafts as well as adventurous and physical challenges. Our Scouts have had fun as well with some going on the hill walking weekend - they also enjoy regular scouting activities each week.

As a group we have done some work on the exterior of our building and plan to work on the toilets and shower facilities this summer. We had our annual fireworks event which went well but slightly lower numbers than usual. The group also went on camp in May to Skreens Park and are looking forward to going to Paccar this year. Our hall bookings have been a great source of income for the group this year and the community groups who use it keep doing so! We also had some young people take part in a Christmas carol event which they enjoyed.

Thank you to the whole team for pitching in where they can!

Les and Ann



2nd Cheshunt

2nd Cheshunt have had another busy year

Beavers - numbers are consistently at 24

We start the year off with our 2 night camp at danemead - this year it was safari themed - we had 12 stay for the weekend and another 8 join us for the Saturday

June we have a parent/child 2 night camp at 1st wormley hq - where we introduced the beavers (and parents) to camping outside on the field but with indoor facilities too - last year we booked ESSA and had parents and children in canoes and paddle boarding

We have supported district events and had a trip to the imperial war museum and to Colchester Zoo.

We will spend some of this summer at Tolmers on various activities and also out and about visiting parks and hikes. During the autumn term we try to have another sleepover at our hut but last year due to electrical works taking place we used 1st Cheshunt HQ.

Cubs report

During the year Cubs took part in several Challenge and Activity badges, working towards their Chief Scout Silver Award which 3 cubs have achieved last year. Badges included Outdoor Adventure, Skills and World Challenge and Disability Awareness, Astronomy (with a visit to Bayfordbury Observatory) and the Chef activity badges amongst others.

We also took part in 2 Night Hikes/ sleepovers and a Cycle Ride, had water activities at both ESSA and canoeing sessions at Lea Valley, we did Archery and rifle shooting and learnt plenty of new and fun games. The Remembrance Parade at Goffs Oak was well attended (with over 60 attending for the entire Scout group).

We had 3 teams taking part in the Bloomfield Challenge event achieving 1st place in the skills bases and 2nd place overall. Our Summer Army Boot Camp proved very successful with a range of activities and assault courses set up.

The cubs ended their year with a visit to Stevenage Leisure Park, for cinema, and adventure golf.



1st Broxbourne

2025 was another successful year for the scout group with numbers continuing to grow within the Cub and Scout sections.

Unfortunately, the Beaver section has had to start restricting numbers of Young People with a lack of leadership team due to either mobility issues or change of jobs outside of scouting. Although parents continue to help the section on a week to week basis.

All sections have been camping or taking part in residential experiences throughout the year including the Bloomfield and Silver Buckle district competitions. Plus, additional camps at various Hertfordshire sites as well as locations away from Hertfordshire.

The group has strong waiting lists for both the Beaver and Cub sections. With the scout troop continuing to grow with all cubs stay on for scouts and scouts recommending to friends they come join the troop.

Andy Barnard GLV



2nd Goffs Oak

From a group perspective we have had 1 Gold Chief scout award and 3 bronze awards presented last year.

We took part in and assisted organising the Goffs Oak fun day, promoting Scouting within the community.

Thanks to all involved.

Ed Watt, GLV