



Scouts

#SkillsForLife

1st Whetstone AGM 2025

Agenda

1. Introductions
2. Section Reviews
3. Group Lead Volunteer Report & Group Updates
4. Trustee Report
5. AOB

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BEAVERS

Beavers - Autumn 2024:

- Cycling Badge on Trinity Park
- Builder Badge
- Cooking
- Halloween Craft
- County Organised Panto Trip



Beavers - Spring Term 2025:

- Space and Stars
- Book Reader Badge
- Pancake night
- Communications Badge
- Mothers Day and Easter Craft



Beavers - Summer Term 2025:

- World Challenge Badge
- Wild Child Night
- Chippy Walk
- District Camp - "Stuck in the Woods"
- Sports Day
- Pizza Night



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Cubs - Autumn Term 2024:

- Pets at home visit
- Scientist badge
- Den building
- Waterfall building
- Poppy kites
- Panto trip
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Cubs - Spring Term 2025:

- Junior taskmaster
- Fencing
- Fireman visit
- Walk to chippy
- Police visit
- Pancakes
- Trent lock camp
- Mothers' day



Cubs - Summer Term 2025:

- Nerf gun wars
- Mental health week
- Sports day
- Axe throwing
- Water games
- Picnic in the park



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Scouts - Autumn 2024:

- World Challenge and Skills Challenge Badge work
- Outdoor Pursuit Centre Evening
- London Day Trip
- Paint the Garage evening!
- Foodbank Visit
- Megazone Christmas trip



Scouts - Spring Term 2025:

- Cooking Challenge
- Trent Lock Camp
- DIY Firelighters
- Knife and Axe Skills
- Pancakes
- Chippy Walk
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Scouts - Summer Term 2025:

- Climbing Wall Fun
- Den Building at Fosse Park
- Pinewood Derby Car race
- Water Games/Slip n Slide at Trinity Park
- Johns Lee Wood Cooking and Games night





Group Lead Volunteer Report



GLV Yearly report

- Awesome Trustee Growth in 2024-2025
- Great Team of Volunteers supporting our little Scout Group
- We are trying to bring our Group into the 21st Century with updated Banking practices and general processes.
- The committee are trying to take on more responsibilities to lessen the burden on the leaders to ensure frontline scouting can happen

Weekly Scouting

- Beavers:



- New Day and Time!
- **Thursdays 17.30 - 18.30**

- Cubs:

- **Mondays 18:00 - 19:15**

- Scouts:



- Updated Time
- **Thursdays 19:00 - 20:30**



We need your help!

- **We need More Team Members in all sections!**
- We cannot run sessions without adequate adult supervision
- We will be attending more local fun days to raise awareness of our Group and hopefully recruit people
- YP please help us run some games at the community days and promote our Scout Group



Badgerbrook
Primary School
Learning, achieving and celebrating together.



BADGERBROOK
COMMUNITY
FUN DAY



BADGERBROOK PRIMARY SCHOOL
BADGER DRIVE, LEICESTER, LE8 6ZW

PEDESTRIAN ONLY EVENT!

SATURDAY 6TH SEPTEMBER 2025
10AM - 3PM
FREE ENTRY



TAKE PART IN:
NERF, Laser Tag, Meet the Beasts, Penalty Shoot Out, Archery, Axe Throwing, Face Painting & Much More...

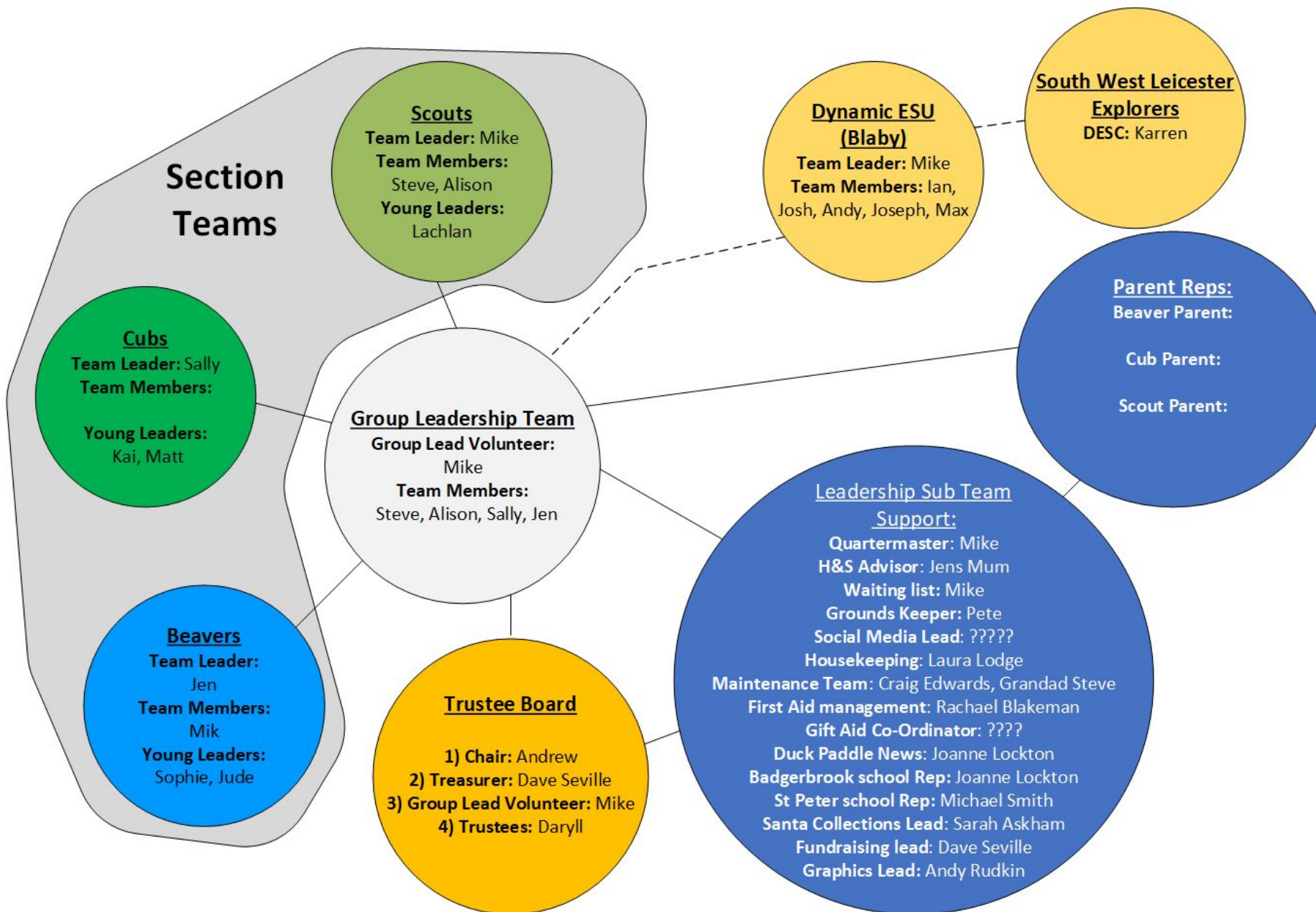


Please Note: Some activities are subject to availability

Visit stalls from local businesses



DISCOVERY





Trustee Report

Chair of Trustees Report

The **Whetstone 1st Scout Group** has provided so many incredible experiences and opportunities for local children, for decades - including my own. This group is a fantastic asset to the village.

It is a testament to the great team who have donated their **time** and **effort** to running this group.

I started my journey as Chair one year ago, when I volunteered to join the Committee at the 2024 AGM. I felt it was important that I do my little bit, to help keep the group and the legacy going.

2024-25 has been a good year for the groups' activities with the children, as the sections' reports this evening have shown. Additionally, works have been further undertaken to improve the Scout hut, providing better facilities.

Behind the scenes, the Trustees and Group Lead have worked to strengthen the group's administration.

In 2025-26, the "boring governance stuff" will continue to be tidied and built upon.

There will be some changes to improve our financial processes, and further slight enhancements to the hut.

Arguably, the most crucial requirement for the coming year is **Recruitment**.

None of this is possible without people willing to give their time and effort!

Andrew Catherall

Treasurer's Report

- Handover is now complete
 - Andrew and I have access to the Lloyds account. We both have to authorise payments.
 - I have control of the E-on electricity & Water accounts
- Current balance is £24k
- Last year we operated with a loss of £2.5k, Note we spent £2.8k towards the Garage upgrade project
- Stripe is now setup along with OSM - We can now accept Direct Debits for subs, Debit Cards Only
- Everything has now been setup using generic Scout email addresses - Not personal

Task List

- Get last year's accounts signed off
- Change from Lloyds to COOP Banking as Lloyds are going to start to charge fees.
- Review water costs - Seem to be paying a lot
- Get all section leaders' bank details setup for expenses payments



Changes to how we will collect Subscriptions

Subscriptions are currently handled by transfers into the group's account.

We are aiming to move over to using **OSM** for coordinating the collection of subs. The use of Stripe behind this will also allow us to be able to accept Direct Debits. This will greatly help reduce manual effort and improve transparency.

Small increase to the subscriptions

The 1st Whetstone Scout Group's subs have not altered since at least 2019 - probably even longer.

Probably, coming as a surprise to no one, costs have gone up in that time.

The committee has therefore put forward that subs go up
by £3 per child per month to £15.

We will combine the increase with the adoption of OSM and transfer to the COOP bank account - **aiming for November 2025.**



Marketing

- We now have a website - 1stwhetstonescouts.org
- Each section now has their own email address to avoid using your own e.g. beavers@1stwhetstonescouts.org
- What I need from leaders
 - Images I can use
 - Text if you want to provide it - Otherwise I'll use Chat GPT
 - Anything else you want me to add to your section pages
- Cost was less than £30 for hosting and the URL for 12 months

Task List

- Add images and text to website
- Assist in email setup
- Sign Up QR code will be added
- What else would you like to see on there?
 - Leaders
 - History / About Us
- Investigate if we can add a sign out front of the Memorial Hall

Whetstone Santa

- Santa Collections raised £1822 in December 2024
- This money is used to help support our group and subsidise us for the year.
- We need support and a great volunteer nightly turnout to run this



Current Project Updates

Garage Project completed:

- Roof has been replaced
- Walls painted and new flooring
- New low level storage and workbench

Garage Project To do:

- High level storage
- New Electrical sockets

External Compound:

- “New” metal shed acquired
- External shed for wood to be built

Hut heating/cooling:

- Air conditioning unit added. Also works as a heater in the winter.

Future plans - Proposed hut Extension

- Quote requested from Tanwood Construction
- Once quote has been received we will apply for grants



Issues with Neighbours

- Local residents have reported issues with people climbing on our hut roof
- Damage has been noticed to the new metal roof and new shed
- Proposing that Anti-climb paint and clear notices be installed to discourage this behaviour

Group Committee and Trustees

Whetstone 1st Scout Group needs a formal committee to be able to operate.

- All Trustees and support team members invited
- 6 meetings a year (approx 1 every 2 months)
- 18.30 onwards
- Next meeting – 14th October
- All Parents welcome to attend to help shape and direct the Scout Group.

Additional support (and even a further trustee) would be very helpful!



AOB

The Frisby Shield of Awesome Scouting

This year the Award for Awesome Scouting at 1st Whetstone was presented to **Kai Blakeman**.

Kai is a young leader in our Cub section and has been fundamental in keeping the section going. We really appreciate all that they do.

Well done and keep up the great work!





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Thank you