



3rd Hayling Scouts
Annual Report
2025 - 2026



Just 4 Hours a Year

Whilst reading this report or when you are helping your children to prepare for Squirrels, Beavers, Cubs, Scouts or Explorers do you ever consider that:-

The Leaders continue to give freely of their time - no one receives any payment for what they do

- They will volunteer between 150 and 500 hours a year for the benefit of your children, depending on their role, age of section and camps, expeditions etc
- They have full time jobs
- The majority have young families as well

Subs cover about 70% of our total costs with the remaining 30% coming from our fund-raising activities each year, that generate about £10,000, primarily from two sources:-

- Our Book Sales that take place 3 times a year and raise over £7000
- Our Xmas Post that raises about £1000

Both of these activities are dependent on help from **YOU the parents** and whenever possible we split this need into 2 hour sessions.

Without these, we would need to increase subs by £50 per person, per year. Something we do not want to do.

If every family adult offered just 4 hours a year to support these activities, we would be able to maintain our current status and ensure our Leaders have the facilities and equipment to continue to offer the fun, adventure and achievement of Scouting.

How will you give us your 4 hours?

Our Book Sales
Over 12000 Books Fiction & Non Fiction
Sorted by Author / Subject
Large Children's Section



Our Next 3 Sales are:-

Wednesday 28th October to Saturday 31st October 2026
Wednesday 17th February to Saturday 20th February 2027
Wednesday 2nd June to Saturday 6th June 2027

Roll of Honour 2025/2026

Squirrel – Chief Scout's Acorn Award



Samuel Blake
Robert Wilson

Beaver - Chief Scout's Bronze Award



Alfie Airey
Ralph Allison
Jack Charters
Jack Clark
Max Harris
Sophie Harris
Jolyon Hinxman
Sonny Hoare

Alexei Lawson,
William Lloyd
Billy Otten
Oscar Plavenieks
Teddy Smith
Matthew Terracciano
Zachary Williams

Cub - Chief Scout's Silver Award



Jasmine Baird
Connor Bond
Charlie Cann
Rhys Carter
Anais Christie

Charles Elliott
Aria Hinxman
Sophie Pike,
George Taylor
Evan Woodward

Scout – Chief Scout's Gold Award



Reuben Baker
Morgan Buchanan
Dan Exelby
Seb Jones

Harrison Mortimer
Jack Perfett
Aussie Russell
Toby Russell

Leader – Award of Merit



Colin Smith
Mitchell Webb

Chairmans Report

After a number of years in this role, it is sometime difficult to find new things to say. That's because we have dedicated group of volunteers who do everything that is asked of them, and so much more. It makes the role of Chair of Trustees a pleasure rather than a burden.

Over the course of the year the Board have rigorously scrutinised the operations of the Scout Group to ensure that our group complies with the Scouting requirements of Policy, Organisation and Rules, and the Charity Commission legalities. There are always new rules to grapple with, and we have addressed everything that arisen during the year.

Overall compliance with Scouting requirements is excellent, and our adults in Scouting have completed all the safeguarding, safety and first aid training required of them. The balance between ensuring safe Scouting, and not overly restricting leaders delivering an adventurous programme is difficult, and we will be doing further work over the next year to ensure more leaders have the support needed to provide camping and outdoor activities.

Financially, we are very well positioned, and we are grateful to the volunteers who run our book sales and the organisations who use our Christmas Post. Whilst posting Christmas Cards continues to decline, we are able to provide a cost-effective delivery service for a variety of businesses and community groups in December, and we would welcome more use of this service.

We continue to invest in our headquarters, and this year we will be renewing the outside storage facilities. The various utility works around the Headquarters have proved challenging for many section meetings, and I thank everyone for their perseverance.

I would like to finish by paying tribute to our Lead Volunteers, James and Sarah, whose huge contribution to our Group and Scouting in general is remarkable. I also thank our Leaders, Trustees and other volunteers whose commitment week by week means our Group goes from strength to strength. We continue to look towards our centenary in 2029, preparing the groundwork for another century of Scouting on Hayling.

Tim Pike
Group Chair of Trustees

Group Lead Volunteers Review

What another fantastic year of Scouting we've had at 3rd Hayling. Without doubt, the highlight of the year was our whole group trip to Brownsea Island - the birthplace of Scouting and the location of the very first Scout camp.

The trip was originally booked for June. Summer sunshine seemed guaranteed... or so we thought! Less than a week before we were due to leave, the weather forecast suddenly changed, predicting storms, torrential rain, thunder, and lightning. After a lot of discussion and a nervous 24 hours spent hoping the forecast might improve, the difficult decision was made to postpone the trip. In the end, it absolutely proved to be the right decision, with severe weather hitting the south coast and even a tree on Hayling Island being struck by lightning and set alight.

Thankfully, the trip was rearranged for September, and this time everything came together perfectly. A double-decker bus carried Scouts and leaders from Hayling to Poole Quay, where an incredible 120 Scouts and leaders boarded the ferry to Brownsea Island – an amazing sight to see.



Once on the island, everyone split into their groups to explore and enjoy walks around Brownsea before meeting back together for lunch. The lunchtime chatter was full of excitement as everyone shared stories about what they had discovered during the morning.

Many were thrilled to spot red squirrels and peacocks along the way. After lunch, there was time to visit the gift shop and explore the site of the very first Scout camp.

The adventure continued throughout the afternoon, with even more exploring before we all gathered for the ferry journey home. Even on the return trip, the excitement hadn't worn off, with everyone still enthusiastically talking about the wildlife they had seen and the places they had explored.

It was a truly memorable day for everyone involved, and rebooking the trip was definitely worth the extra effort.



Book Sales

After over 30 years, our popular book sales continue to go from strength to strength, with more than 12,000 books available at every event. Due to continued demand, we have continued opening until 4pm on Saturdays, giving even more people the opportunity to visit and support us.

A huge thank you goes to our amazing “Bookie Team,” whose hard work and dedication make these sales possible. We are always grateful for extra support, so if any parents, grandparents, friends, or family members are able to volunteer, we would love to hear from you. Every bit of help makes a real difference in keeping this important fundraiser running successfully each half term.

Christmas Post

Now in its 42nd year, our Christmas Post service was once again a great success, with Hayling Scouts sorting and delivering nearly 4,000 cards across the island. While the service may not be quite as busy as when it first began, it remains a valued local tradition and an important fundraiser for the group.

We would also like to thank the local businesses and Scouts who supported the scheme through advertising and stamp sales. Their continued support plays a huge part in its success each year.

Community Engagement

Our Scouts were proud to support a number of community events throughout the year, including:

- The Businessmen’s BBQ at Northney Farm, helping with parking and food Preparation & Cooking.
- Beach Dubbin’ on Southsea Common, where Scouts helped direct more than 1,000 vehicles into parking spaces – a very hot but rewarding day!
- The Hayling Horticultural Show, assisting with entries and car parking.
- This year’s Remembrance Day Parade, where over half of our members proudly represented the group in full smart uniform. We are incredibly proud of everyone who attended.

These events continue to strengthen our links within the local community while giving our young people valuable opportunities to develop teamwork, responsibility, and confidence.

Growth and Leadership

This year, we were delighted to welcome four new volunteer leaders and two new Young Leaders to the group. The continued growth and success of 3rd Hayling is a real testament to the enthusiasm, hard work, and dedication of our leadership team.

The section reports throughout this review highlight the fantastic range of activities, adventures, and opportunities our young people have enjoyed over the past year.

Our leaders have also shown great commitment to the training requirements set by Headquarters, completing all mandatory learning promptly. A sincere thank you goes to every one of our leaders for their continued enthusiasm, commitment, and support for 3rd Hayling Scouts.

Looking Ahead

As always, our focus remains on delivering safe, enjoyable, and adventurous Scouting experiences for all our Squirrels, Beavers, Cubs, Scouts, and Explorers – balancing fun, challenge, and achievement along the way.

Looking ahead to 2027, our Scouts and leaders will be embarking on some incredible international adventures. Trips to Gambia and Kandersteg are already planned, alongside Project 27 - an exciting expedition that will see our Scouts travelling from Atlanta to Boston as part of a wider Hampshire Scouts adventure.

Closer to home, we are also looking forward to group fun days with Rowlands Castle Scouts, family camps, and many more exciting activities in the years ahead. Preparations are also continuing as we look towards celebrating our 100th Birthday in 2029 – a huge milestone for the group.

Finally, thank you to all our GDT members, leaders, volunteers, parents, and supporters for your continued hard work and commitment in helping make 3rd Hayling Scouts such a success

James & Sarah

Treasurer's Report

The 2025–2026 financial year was another busy and productive period for the Group, with a consistently high level of activity reflected in the movement of funds through our accounts.

Expenditure supported a wide-ranging programme of events, including camps, trips, and regular section meetings, all of which play a vital role in delivering high-quality experiences and opportunities for our young people.

Income remained strong throughout the year, supported by another successful fundraising programme. Our regular book sales continued to provide an important source of revenue, complemented by several generous donations from supporters of the Group. This healthy financial position has enabled us to continue investing in both our facilities and the experiences we provide.

During the year, we made further investments in equipment, including improvements to our archery and shooting resources, as well as repairs to windows and gates at the headquarters.

We also continued our ongoing programme of maintaining and expanding camping equipment to ensure it remains safe, reliable, and fit for purpose. Increased expenditure on badges reflected the excellent badgework being undertaken across the sections, while investment in leader training, including shooting qualifications and other core skills, helped strengthen the quality of our volunteer team.

We were also pleased to provide support for young people who will be attending Project 27 in the USA next year, helping them take advantage of this exciting international opportunity.

Looking ahead, we have already begun budgeting for the coming year, with planned improvements to storage facilities at the headquarters forming part of our future investment programme. As the Group moves towards its 100th anniversary, we are also considering how best to maintain our strong financial position while ensuring that our resources continue to be used effectively in support of the young people of Hayling for many years to come.

I would like to conclude by offering my sincere thanks to Nigel Valette for his continued assistance and diligent review of the Group's accounts.

The accounts are currently with the auditor for scrutiny. There is one outstanding item that relates to confirmation of one of the investments. From conversation with the Auditor I do not expect any changes to be made to the information shown in this report.

Matt Pike
(Treasurer)

3rd HAYLING SCOUT GROUP (Charity No: 308136)
Provisional Accounts for the period 1st April 2025 to 31st March 2026

2024/2025		2025/2026	
	Balance Forward:		
56921.86	Bank Accounts		£76,862.96
	Less Outstanding Cheques		£0.00
	Cash		£0.00
	Income:		
17220.00	Subscriptions	£19,354.00	
28203.84	Donations	£7,515.00	
1879.04	Bank Interest	£1,466.15	
0.00	Gift Aid – See Note 1	£5,088.98	
85.00	Grants	£190.00	
648.20	HQ Rent	£436.40	
9583.07	Fundraising – See Note 2	£11,002.79	
13502.50	Money Exchange etc	£14,699.00	
71121.65		£59,752.32	£59,752.32
	Expenditure:		
8357.00	Membership Fee	£7,371.00	
1709.77	Section Allowances	£1,070.99	
1622.45	Badges	£1,704.15	
352.20	Leader Uniform and Training	£810.82	
1926.37	Photocopier	£1,533.62	
1918.72	Insurance	£1,803.18	
1599.4	General Expenses	£1,957.60	
3585.7	HQ: Services	£3,373.46	
4440.84	HQ: Maintenance	£1,366.73	
5446.13	Equipment	£2,584.32	
535.34	Fundraising Costs	£1,237.66	
19686.63	Money Exchange etc	£13,700.20	
51180.55		£38,513.73	£38,513.73
	Balance represented by:		
76862.96	Bank Accounts – see Notes 3 and 4	£98,101.55	
	Less Outstanding Cheques	£0.00	
	Cash	£0.00	
		£98,101.55	£98,101.55
		<u>£136,615.28</u>	<u>£136,615.28</u>

NOTES

- 1 Gift Aid claims have yet been submitted to HMRC for the following estimated amounts.

Year ended 31.03.2026	<u>£3,000.00</u>
	<u>£3,000.00</u>

- 2 Fund Raising Breakdown:

Christmas Post	£722.27
Book Fair	£8,015.79
Others Events	<u>£1,039.77</u>
	<u>£9,777.83</u>

- 3 Designated Funds included in Bank Balances:

Suisse Adventure	£306.19
Camp and Section Funds	<u>£617.95</u>
	<u>£924.14</u>

- 4 Bank Accounts Balances:

COIF Deposit Account	£14,751.70
Charity Bank Savings Account	£18,317.90
Virgin Money Savings Account*	£50,001.00
TSB Current Account	£1,189.85
TSB Deposit Account	<u>£13,841.10</u>
	<u>£98,101.55</u>

Interest of c. £2000 to be paid when the account matures in June 2026

Squirrels



Squirrels

At Squirrel Scouts we laugh and play, There's something fun every Thursday. We practise being kind to friends, because that's where all good fun begins.

We earn our badges one by one, for trying hard and having fun. We use our good listening ears, to learn new things throughout the years.

We go for walks through woods and trees, spotting birds and buzzing bees. We splash at the beach with sandy toes, chasing waves as the sea wind blows.

We play big games that make us cheer, running fast from far to near. We craft with glue and paint and string, making almost anything.

We cook up treats that smell so yummy, warm and tasty in our tummy. And this year with our scouting friends we visited Brownsea, A magical place of Scouting tales and island mystery

Through all we do, we join in strong, working together all day long. Squirrel Scouts is for everyone— We love being kind and having fun.



Aspen Beavers

Our year started with volunteer leaders Jacqui, Jess, Liz, Jaz, Denise and Lucy and Daniel young leader.

Archery and Shooting brought a new opportunity for some which they absolutely loved. Thanks to Sarah for arranging this extra session on a Bank Holiday Monday.



Sword making St Georges Day 2025. We learned that Baden Powell chose St George to be the Patron Saint of Scouting because he felt the qualities of the legendary Roman soldier, were the same qualities that reflect a good scout. As is tradition we all renewed our promise before waving our swords in celebration. Thanks, Mike,

for your support.

The 80th VE day Celebrations were an evening to be remembered with war time games, party food and a conga to the beautiful table set up. Thanks, Fiona, for your continued support.



Beavers were collected by parents.

An exciting hunt at Rob Bond's Field was particularly interesting as Fox's had stolen at least 20 various items from around the Island and left them in the woods at Copse Meadow Farm. What a search it was over boggy and leafy terrain logs and cobwebs, bracken and twig, searching for all sorts of different things – a walking stick was never recovered! We even found part of a science skeleton leg! Wide games ran by YL Daniel to finish the evening before tired

June saw a return from Whitsun holidays to a Traditional Board Game evening which the Beavers, old and new joiners, thoroughly enjoyed. Along with Father's Day craft with studious concentration.



Beachcombing, fire lighting and litter picking on a beautiful evening while contributing to Our World Challenge Badge was a hit for all despite dodging the high tide!

Warmer weather in June and July took us out to the local park where we had games and an obstacle course that the Beavers thoroughly enjoyed – finishing with a water fight!

Big Beaver Little Beaver under the guidance of Fiona Harrison was a fantastic evening with parents joining in and awesome teamwork in the making!

We finished in July 25 with a meeting on the beach on a very windy day for beach art and Sand modelling, but the wind proved a little too much!

A return after summer break in September 25 and our postponed Brownsea Island trip! This was a truly amazing and memorable experience for all.



An exciting trip to the local Fire Station was a great experience – dressing up, getting in the Fire engines, and learning about the hoses and the vital role a fireman plays in the community. We even saw a special gadget that showed our heat hand print!



A police visit later in the month was exciting where we heard all about the job, tried on Police Uniform and sat in the police car!



The Beaver Fun Day at Ferny Croft was a brilliant day and everyone had great fun, faced new challenges and learned new skills.

The Beaver fun day is every year, and I would encourage parents to find out more about this as the children have such a wide range of activities to participate in and they get the opportunity to do things they don't normally do.



For example Climbing and Caving.



An evening of agility and dancing moves to a professionally choreographed routine was another unexpected hit with the colony with most relishing the chance to strut their stuff! Thanks to Wendy of Dance Island Fusion, they performed to their parents

on collection. Well done, Aspen!



October brought the chance to find out about survival – finding shelter, water and cooking on a fire.



Remembrance Parade in November was a very special event with many attendees all looking very smart indeed!



The cooler months continued with Guy Fawks, an Autumn party and a chilly evening out learning all about the Green Cross Code – in the DARK! This really brought the awareness of road safety to the fore for the Beavers who attended.



Baking warm Welsh cakes and learning about other British traditions was a fun evening and an evening of Drama brought amazing creative imaginations with everyone playing a part!

December brought Traditional Christmas Cake making with Fiona (We all had to work on the technique of creaming the butter and sugar together!) and Christmas Craft and of course a Christmas party to end the year!



In January 26 Beavers celebrated their 40th Birthday – we had a fun evening of sharing games and enjoying being together having fun.

During the month we had a visit from Final Straw Foundation and learned all about the issues we are experiencing locally with rubbish in our seas and how this is impacting our marine life and our lives. The Beavers had to guess how long items took to 'compost' or break down in our environment – some were amazing at guessing but no one realised a plastic bottle can take 400 years! Aspen leaders are hopeful this informative evening will help bring change in our future.



The HAWK district Beaver Bounce arranged by Fiona was a brilliant morning out for those who joined in and much fun was had by all. Very exhausted children finished the day smiling but worn out!

Chinese New Year was an adventure trying different foods, Dragon Dancing and making lanterns and learning about different cultures. Green tea was a hit which surprised some of the leaders!



February was very exciting with a visit to Pets At Home in Havant. What a welcoming wonderful meeting that was meeting fish, stick insects and snakes! It was amazing to see the Beavers challenge themselves and hold a coiled-up snake! Wow! Just Wow!
Some very brave Aspen Beavers and YL!

A very muddy Billy Trail walk in February proved tricky in very flooded places but everyone enjoyed the experience – even those with wet feet at the end! Always remember – Be Prepared – A useful motto!



Communicator Badge work, Mothers Day craft, Scientific Experiments and Emergency Aid brought our year to a close with lots of badges being awarded. Our final trip was an awesome bike ride along the seafront finishing with some much-needed Chips!!!

Along the way we've said goodbye to Jack, Matthew, Alfie, Oscar, Pip, Theo, Teddy, Mykhailo, Jackson, Frankie and Joey, Elise, Jenson and Taylor - Beavers who have swam -up, on or moved away. We've also welcomed new members.

We awarded multiple Challenge and activity badge awards along with 5 prestigious Chief Scout's Bronze Awards! Well done, Oscar, Alfie, Matthew Joey and Jack.

We ended the year with leader changes and would like to thank Jessica, Liz, Lucy and Denise for all their support over this time and Sarah for all she does in the background without anyone knowing. Jacqui, Jaz and Daniel as a Young Leader will continue their journey in Aspen but we are seeking new leaders and parent help is always very welcome.

I hope you enjoyed this summary of our Aspen Year 25-26. Yes, there could have been more!

Enjoy these captured moments and savour the experience Scouting brings your young people and remember -ASPEN BEAVERS are still THE BEST BEAVERS IN THE WHOLE WIDE WORLD!

Redwood Beavers



Over the last year Redwood has changed a lot with lots of new beavers. During the year we joined the beaver fun day where we were able to learn new skills of climbing and archery.



We have also given back to the community through litter picks carol singing at a local care home and learnt all about emergency services through a visit from the police.



We have also learnt about both our local area through exploring our beach and learnt about another country in our Malawi night.



Finally, we had the joy of celebrating the Beavers 40th Birthday through a joint sleepover with Aspen where we enjoyed party games and cake as well as getting to know each other better.



It's been a fun year with lots more planned through the summer term.

Jupiter Cubs

Report by Jupiter Cubs

What a brilliant year it's been for Jupiter Pack!

Over the past year, we have enjoyed lots of adventures, learned new skills, made new friends, and earned plenty of badges. Exciting activities and challenges to camps, trips, and special events, it has been a year of fun, achievement, and lots of memories.

Here's a look back at some of our favourite moments from the year.

Our Favourite Moments

- When we asked the Cubs what they enjoyed most, it was hard to choose just one thing!
- Owen: "I love everything we do!"
- Daniel: "Wide games are so much fun"
- Ethan: "I like x-file donuts in in the dark"
- Isaac: "I like participating all the Cub activities and going on camps"
- Frankie: "Being outside with all with all my friends."
- Connor: "Everything"
- Sunny: "Growing my own sunflower"
- George: "Marwell was so much fun"
- Elliot: "I really enjoyed the camp in Rowlands Castle the maze and train ride at Stansted Park was fun"

Adventures Through the Year

Summer Term

The warmer weather brought plenty of opportunities to get outdoors and explore.

- Enjoyed cycling along the Billy Trail
- Went crabbing by the water
- Took part in our very own Cubs Olympics
- Learned how to stay safe on the road
- Metal detecting on the beach



Autumn Term

This term was all about learning new skills and taking on new challenges.

- Working towards our Skills Challenge Badge
- Taking part in exciting night hikes
- Fantastic Halloween party
- Exploring the night sky through stargazing
- Went camping for two nights in Rowlands Castle.



Spring Term

The spring term was full of teamwork, and adventure.

- Practised pioneering skills with Eagle Troop
- Visited the food bank at Hayling Library to learn about supporting our community
- Went on bike rides along the Billy Trail
- Tackled obstacle courses in the hut

Throughout the year, our Cubs have shown enthusiasm, determination, and teamwork while making lasting memories and learning valuable new skills.

The Cubs have worked incredibly hard this year and achieved some fantastic results. Many Cubs also enjoyed their first nights away from home, gaining confidence and independence through new experiences. We are incredibly proud of everything they have accomplished.

Jupiter Pack wouldn't be the best Pack in the universe without our fantastic leaders: Abi, Jan, Ian, Lisa, Tolly – You're the best! Adam a new young leader - Welcome to the team - we're so glad you have joined Jupiter.



We look forward to another fantastic year ahead, filled with adventure, fun, and even more memories together!

The Cubs of Jupiter Pack

Saturn Pack Cubs

Each year when I sit down to write Saturn Pack's annual report, I'm always amazed at how quickly the time has flown by. Leading Saturn Pack and being part of 3rd Hayling is something I'm incredibly proud of and I feel very lucky to be involved with such a fantastic group of young people and volunteers.

I'd like to say a huge thank you to my leadership team: Rebecca, Pippa and Seb; Along with our amazing Young Leaders: Freddie, Izzy and Amelie. Saturn Pack simply wouldn't be what it is without your willingness to get involved in all the madness each week!

It's been another busy year packed full of adventures and looking back, it's hard to believe how much we've managed to fit in again.

During our regular section evenings, the Cubs have enjoyed many traditional Scouting activities including teamwork challenges, pioneering, fire lighting, archery, shooting and backwoods cooking.

We like to make the most of living on Hayling. The Cubs have taken part in several navigation hikes around the Island, chip shop challenges, wide games and litter picking.



One memorable evening was a trip to the beach in the dark with a local metal detector. The Cubs had great fun searching for hidden treasure. To make the evening even more exciting, lots of items had been hidden in advance for them to find.

During the summer term, they had the opportunity to get out on the water in Gosport while working towards their paddle sports badge. We invested some of Saturn's newest members on a giant paddle board which involved a few wobbles and getting very wet.



We ended the summer term having a swimming party and BBQ at The Oven campsite, where the Cubs spent the evening playing games.

In September, we returned to the Maize Maze at Sam's Sunflowers. Both leaders and cubs had a fun time putting their navigation skills to the test. Thank you Sam for making this visit possible again this year.

Robot wars was not something I thought the Cubs would remember from the TV in the 90s but even so we decided to give it a go anyway. The cubs had lots of fun designing and making their robots making team flags and preparing for battle. They had to prevent their balloon from getting burst whilst trying to burst their opponent's balloon. So many creative ideas went into the planning stages. The battles were very entertaining!

Winter Olympics - Lego Edition was a real highlight. We had Lego figures packed into ice cubes, bob sleighing down lengths of guttering, Cubs skiing with varying levels of success. There were even Lego figures in ice bowls set up for a curling challenge, which got surprisingly competitive. The Cubs also had a go at bobsleighing on trolleys pulled along by ropes. We finished the session with a good old-fashioned snowball fight, rounding off a very energetic winter-themed activity night.



Summer Camp at Ferny Croft was the highlight of the year, the Cubs threw themselves into an amazing range of activities, including raft building, gladiator challenges, zip lines, rafting, tomahawks, frisbee golf, go-karting, and some brilliant team challenges. It was an action-packed weekend with smiles all round. A huge thank you goes to Fiona and Andrew, who joined us as camp chefs. Their support allowed us to run such a packed and exciting programme!



After a successful sleepover last year, we travelled again by train to Chichester. We had a walk along the canal, went bowling and played a game of laser quest. We returned to Rowlands Castle Scout Hut for a roast dinner. The evening continued with a campfire singalong and a movie before the Cubs settled down for the night. After a full English everyone headed home tired but happy after a fantastic weekend.

Christmas brought a special treat for both Saturn and Jupiter Cubs when we visited the Kings Theatre to watch the pantomime: Aladdin. During the evening, 3rd Hayling even received a shout-out from the cast.

Every year we like to make something epic out of wood and this year was no exception. It was worth all the prep - the Cubs worked very hard and were very pleased with their snowmen.



One of the big adventures of the year was a visit to Marwell Zoo with Jupiter and hundreds of scouts from across Hampshire. The weather gave us a bit of everything throughout the day and there was plenty of walking up hills. Nonetheless, we spent the day exploring the zoo and taking part in activities organised especially for Scouts. It was a fantastic day out with other like-minded Cubs.

Finally, I'd like to thank all our parents and carers for your continued support throughout the year. Whether it's helping with remembering uniform, volunteering at book sales or simply encouraging your Cubs to give things a go.

Most importantly, thank you to all the Cubs in Saturn Pack. Your enthusiasm, energy, sense of adventure and willingness to try new things are what make Saturn such a special pack. Every week is different, every week is fun and you constantly remind us why we volunteer.

I'm already looking forward to another year of memories and adventure.

Sarah Bailey
Akela, Saturn Pack

A bit of fun see if you can find these 15 words from Saturn's year:

SATURN • CUBS • SCOUTING • ARCHERY • BEACH • TREASURE •
PADDLEBOARD

• ROBOTS • LEGO • FERNYCROFT • CAMPFIRE • ALADDIN • SNOWMEN
• MARWELL • ADVENTURE

P	Q	M	R	T	Y	U	I	O	P	A	S	D	F	G	H	J	K	L	Z
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D	A	S	A	T	U	R	N	Q	W	E	R	T	Y	U	I	O	P	A	J
L	B	C	V	B	N	M	Q	W	E	R	T	Y	U	I	O	P	S	K	K
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Eagle Troop Scouts

This section report has been created without the help of AI. In fact, for the past year Eagle troop as run without any help from artificial intelligence – some have questioned if the decisions we have been made have been driven by any form of intelligence at all.

Eagle troop's year, I shall summarise below.

The summer term's programme was very much geared towards preparing for a proper scout summer camp. The France expedition the year before was incredible, but it also means that some of the troop's traditional camping skills had slipped. So, tent pitching, patrol cooking, fire lighting and pioneering were essential evenings.

Our summer camp saw us returning to Broadstone Warren. Eagle troop's favourite campsite. The previous two summer camps before France had both been Broadstone. What was really nice is that for several of our older scouts, this was their 3rd time camping here. We were camping on a different site and they loved revisiting where they had camped before.



The week was filled with wide games, a lot of cooking on fires (to save washing up), laser quest, swimming and earning flongs for the food auction. The scouts were split into two patrols and the main camping competition was very close! A highlight was the scouts building and sleeping in bivis. A few were nervous but had a huge sense of achievement when they did it (and loved it).

During the camp, several of our older scouts completed the last parts of their Chief Scouts' Gold Award. For most of them this involved a 2 day expedition, staying away from the main camp overnight. A huge congratulations to Toby, Seb, Harrison, Aussie, Morgan, Reuben and Dan.



This year the group event was a day trip, to Brownsea Island (Rescheduled to the September due to a storm in the summer)! After travelling to the island as a group, we split off with Eagle troop to explore. A few cubs, due to move up to us soon, joined our group for the more adventurous route. The island is incredible. As we hiked across it, we went through forest, swamp, steep hills and

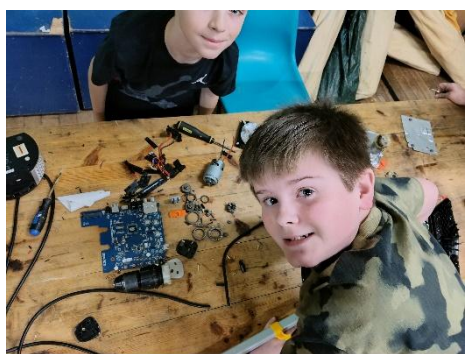
beaches. We met with the rest of the group for lunch before completing our exploration.

After a lot of camping focused evenings in the summer, for the Autumn term we made room for the more bizarre evenings. This included building exoskeleton suits out of recycled materials and doing an obstacle course, conkers, a giant game or risk and a spooky night hike.

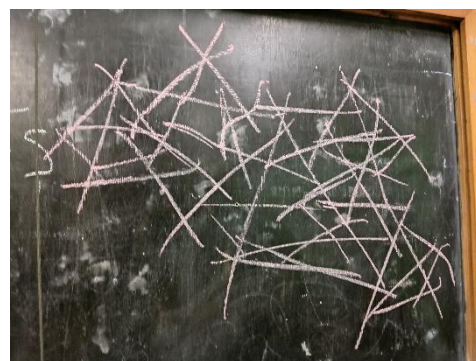
Our camp for the term was in mid-November. Cold but dry (although very muddy). We only had 8 scouts for this one, which meant we could do more focused skills work. There was a lot of fire building/maintaining and we also turned our hands to woodworking. This involved using a range of tools to turn pallets into birdboxes.



Highlights from the spring term include running an experimental games evening, Mexican cooking and 'How does it work?' evening. The first added a few new games to our repertoire.



The cooking evening saw each patrol produce 2 dishes that then gave us a Mexican buffet consisting of 8 bowls of amazing food.



The final evening mentioned was less about understanding and more about dismantling. It was cool seeing all the



components that made up common electronics. Several of the scouts took home bits of circuit boards and cool magnets. An extra worthy mention goes to our 'floor is lava' pioneering. I did a very rough sketch on the chalk board and the scouts made it happen. We left it up until the following evening for the cubs to use (with some help from a few of our scouts).

Since September, Dom has been on hiatus from leading with Eagle troop as he has been learning brick laying skills at night school. Thank fully two Explorers (who moved up from Scouts in the summer), Aussie and now Seb, have been helping out as part of their Duke of Edinburgh Award. My thanks to Pete, Mitch, Paul and Barnabas for continuing to deliver cool scouting on Tuesday nights and during overnight adventures.

Edd Harrison – Section Leader of Eagle Troop

Lion Troop Scouts

This past year has been an incredibly active and rewarding one for the Lion Troop, filled with adventure, skill-building, and plenty of memorable moments. Our Scouts have shown enthusiasm, teamwork, and resilience throughout a wide range of activities, camps, and weekly sessions.

Major Events & Camps



Training for **Patrol Leaders and Assistant Patrol Leaders** ensured strong leadership within the troop, helping our young leaders grow in confidence and capability.

A standout highlight was our group adventure to **Brownsea Island**, where Scouts immersed themselves in the rich history of Scouting while enjoying a unique outdoor experience. Our **Lion Summer Camp** also provided an excellent opportunity for bonding, learning new skills, and creating lasting memories. We joined in with Scouts from all over Hampshire at Lyons Copse making many new friends during the week.

We also ran a **24-hour survival camp** with 2nd Portchester Scouts, where everyone slept in hammocks and cooked all meals over open fires. This camp was a huge success, giving Scouts the chance to challenge themselves and make new friends.



Weekly Activities & Skills Development

Our weekly meetings were packed with hands-on activities and practical learning. Highlights included:

- **Bird feeder construction**, using hand saws, hammers, nails, and measuring skills
- **Quartermaster training**, learning how equipment is stored, maintained, and cared for
- **Archery, air rifle, and air pistol sessions**, using equipment at HQ
- **Geocaching, paracord bracelet crafting, and skills development nights**
- **Micro fires**, requiring careful attention and technique
- **Shelter building and hammock setup**
- **Giant catapult building** with pioneering poles — powerful enough to launch tennis balls over 100 metres
- **Athletics evening** at Copse Meadow Farm
- **Scavenger hunts, map reading, and woodland walks**

Special events like the **Christmas Party** and our **Night Hike** added extra excitement and festive fun to the year.

Chip Shop Challenge

One of our most popular evenings, the **Chip Shop Challenge**, returned with great enthusiasm. Scouts surveyed the east side of the Island, comparing large portions from local shops:

- **Coastguard:** 403g & 419g (box 36g), £3.20 per portion 1.284375 grams/pence average.
- **Dolphin Fish Bar:** 665g & 640g (wrapper <10g), £3.50 per portion 1.86428571429grams/pence average.
- **Hayling Grilled Chicken:** 249g & 248g (wrapper <5g), frozen fries

Best value: Dolphin Fish Bar, Sandy Point Taste test: Dolphin chips were very similar to Coastguard's.

Trips & Visits

We also visited **Fort Nelson** to see the *Standing With Giants* display, giving Scouts a chance to explore history and art in a powerful and engaging way.

Leadership & Thanks

We extend our sincere gratitude to our dedicated leaders — **Gary, Chris, Kate, and Merv**. Their enthusiasm, guidance, and commitment ensure that fun and learning go hand in hand, creating a positive and supportive environment for all our Scouts.

We also want to thank:

- **The Scouts**, for their energy, curiosity, and willingness to take on every challenge
- **Parents and volunteers**, whose behind-the-scenes support keeps everything running smoothly

Your contributions are invaluable.

Looking Ahead

While we don't have any extraordinary plans set for next year just yet, we are already looking forward to a major milestone — **our 100th anniversary in 2029**. This will be a wonderful opportunity to celebrate our history, achievements, and community involvement.

There are no departures to announce this year, and we are grateful for the continued involvement of everyone who helps make Lion Troop such a vibrant and welcoming place.

Thank you to all our Leaders who make Lion Troop Happen

Gary, Merv, Kate, Chris.

Nexus Explorers

2025–2026 has already been another enjoyable and varied year for Nexus Explorer Scout Unit. Our youth-led approach continues to thrive, with Explorers taking an active role in planning and shaping a programme that balances adventure, creativity, practical skills, and social activities.

The programme has featured a diverse range of activities throughout the year. Explorer favourites such as Frugal Cooking and the Chip Shop Challenge once again proved popular, combining practical life skills with plenty of friendly competition. Other activities included Target Sports, wide games, planning evenings, and creative sessions such as Card Making and Gingerbread House building, ensuring there was something for everyone to enjoy.

The unit has taken part in a number of memorable events and adventures. Highlights have included a Group Adventure to Brownsea Island, the Businessman's BBQ, and the End of Term BBQ and Campout, all of which helped strengthen friendships and unit spirit. Explorers also represented the unit at the Remembrance Day Parade and enjoyed activities such as swimming sessions and a popular frosty winter hike, which challenged members to embrace the cold conditions while enjoying the outdoors..

Participation in major events such as IOW Revolution and the return of Ferny Fest provided some of the year's standout moments. Ferny Fest, a biennial event attended by more than 400 Explorer Scouts from across the county, was eagerly anticipated by our members following our last visit in 2023. Thankfully, this year's weather was considerably kinder, allowing everyone to enjoy a full programme of activities without reliving some of the wetter and muddier experiences of previous years. The event offered challenge, adventure, and friendship in equal measure, helping Explorers build confidence, resilience, and teamwork skills.

As always, Nexus Explorers remains proudly youth-led, with the enthusiasm, ideas, and commitment of our Explorers continuing to drive the success of the unit. We look forward to building on this strong start and creating many more memorable experiences throughout the remainder of the year.

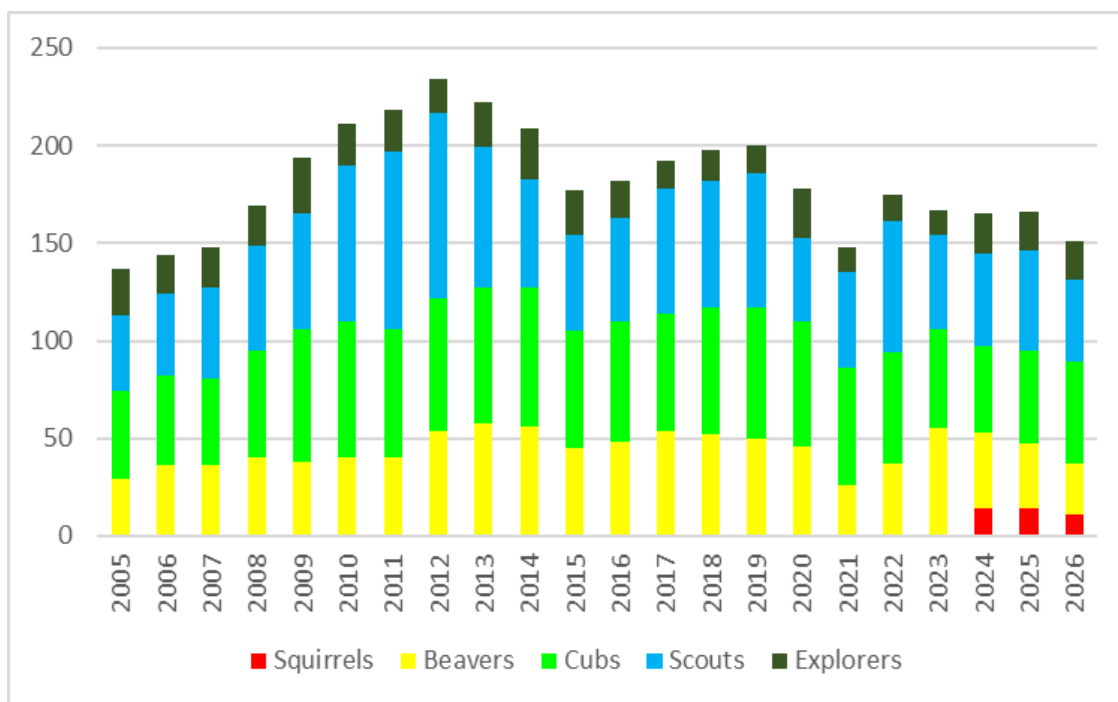
A huge thank you to all of our Explorers for their enthusiasm, participation, and willingness to embrace every challenge and opportunity throughout the year—it truly makes leading this group a pleasure. To the parents and carers, thank you for your continued support and encouragement, and to everyone who helps behind the scenes, your contribution is greatly appreciated.

Finally, a special thank you to Terry, Leigh, and Colin for their continued support, dedication, and good humour. Their time, experience, and commitment to Scouting play a vital role in ensuring that Nexus Explorers continues to provide a varied, challenging, and enjoyable programme for our young people.

Tom

Youth Membership

at 31st March 2026



Scouts



Volunteers Wanted - Could You Help Make a Difference?

Join 3rd Hayling Scout Group Today

Every week, over 160 young people take part in exciting adventures, learn new skills, make friends, and build confidence through Scouting.

Our sections include: Squirrels (ages 4-6) Beavers (ages 6-8) Cubs (ages 8-10½) Scouts (ages 10½-14) Explorers (14-18)

To continue providing these opportunities, we need more adult volunteers.

Many people think they need to have been a Scout or be a parent to volunteer - but that's not true!

- ✓ No previous Scouting experience required
- ✓ No need to be a parent
- ✓ Flexible volunteering opportunities available
- ✓ Full support and training provided
- ✓ Open to people from all backgrounds

What Do Young People Experience?

We offer access to over 200 activities, including: Climbing and abseiling, Archery and rifle shooting, Camping and outdoor adventures, fire lighting and outdoor cooking, Team-building games, Community projects And much more!

Why Volunteer?

As a volunteer, you'll: Make a real difference to young people's lives Learn new skills and gain valuable experience Meet new people and make lasting friendships, give back to your local community Be part of something rewarding and fun

More than 160,000 adult volunteers across Scouting are already helping young people develop skills for life while enjoying the benefits of volunteering themselves.

Interested?

Whether you can help every week, occasionally, behind the scenes, or at events, or part of our executive committee we'd love to hear from you.

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