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1st Sedgley Scout Group

Chairman Report 2025–26

I am pleased to report that 1st Sedgley Scout Group continues to thrive and has had another exciting and successful year.

Fundraising

We have 4 major sources of income:

1. Hall hire
2. Bedding Plant Sale
3. Beer festival
4. Charitable donations

Hall bookings a major source of income, for which we are grateful to Louise and Neil Porter for their continued dedication and hard work in providing the hall booking service – a huge and time-consuming commitment, for which the Group is greatly indebted.

The beer festival was once again a great success and a significant source of income. Thanks go in particular to Dave Baugh, Alex Baugh, Dave Mitchell and Ian Foster for ordaining yet another great event that has benefits not only 1st Sedgley Scouts, but also the local community and numerous other charities to whom donations are made.

We continue with our ambitious future plans to build an extended storage room at the back of the hall in order to provide safe, secure, dry and permanent storage for all of our equipment. Thanks to Dave Baugh and Nigel Stone for their hard work in developing those plans and work with architects and Dudley Counsel.

International Camp

Thanks to the hard work of Alex Baugh and Phil Bate we took 18 Scouts, 3 Young Leaders and 6 adult Leaders on an unforgettable adventure to Kandersteg International Scout Centre in Switzerland.

Help needed

1st Sedgley Leadership and Management Committee continue on a voluntary basis to support children in Scouting.

We are looking for an enthusiastic person to join our committee as an Assistant Bookkeeper. It would also be a great help if more volunteers were able to assist us; we would love to see more parents getting involved in supporting the group and the work that we do. If anyone would like to help, please feel free to speak any of the leaders or members of the committee. Every little helps.

Thanks

I would also like to thank everyone, especially all section leaders who give up their time to help make 1st Sedgley the great success it is. We should not underestimate the hard work and effort that everyone puts in, and the positive contribution that their efforts make to the lives of the all of the Squirrels, Beavers, Cubs and Scouts.

Special thanks

I would like to offer sincere and profound thanks, respect and gratitude, both personally and on behalf of other members of the Trustees to the Baugh family: Dave, Deb and Alex, without whom 1st Sedgley Scout Group would be infinitely diminished. Their hard work, enthusiasm and dedication to the Group over many decades has, and continues to be immeasurable, benefitting and shaping the lives hundreds of young people. Whatever the future may hold, you are and always will be fundamental to the 1st Sedgley Scout Group family.

Group Scout Leader: Ian Foster

Assistant Group Scout Leader: Rob Barlow

Saul Burton, Chairman, on behalf of the Trustees, 10 July 2026: Alison Cheketts, Bev Wakelam, Helen Whitehouse, Ian Foster, Kaleigh Lowe, Phil Hardisty, Rachel Clarke & Rob Barlow.

The Group is a trust established under its rules which are common to all Groups. Trustees are appointed in accordance with the Policy, Organisation & Rules of the Scout Association. The accounts have been drawn up on the receipts and payments basis, which is consistent with the previous year.

Scouts Report – Phil Bate

Despite a number of challenges throughout the planning process, 1st Sedgley Scouts successfully delivered its first-ever international camp, marking a significant milestone in the Group's history.

A total of 18 Scouts, 3 Young Leaders and 6 adult Leaders took part in an unforgettable adventure. The trip began with a visit to Kandersteg International Scout Centre in Switzerland, where participants experienced the unique atmosphere of the world-renowned year-round Scout jamboree and enjoyed many of its winter activities from sledding, snow shoeing to curling and many more. This was followed by a stay in Paris, with a surprise trip to Disney, before returning home safely.

We hope that this experience has provided both the Scouts and Leaders with memories that will last a lifetime and has inspired them to continue embracing new challenges and opportunities within Scouting.

Alongside the success of the international camp, the section has enjoyed a busy and varied programme throughout the year. Meetings have been packed with fun, adventure and learning, providing Scouts with numerous opportunities to develop new skills and achieve badges. Activities have ranged from go-karting fire-lighting, shelter building, first aid, cooking, small scale aviation, craft and a wide variety of other engaging and challenging experiences, ensuring there has been something for everyone to enjoy.

As well as the international trip we have ran a weekend camp which was moved at the very last minute to Patsull activity centre, indoors from Kinver scout camp, under canvas due to a storm, we are also looking forward to our summer weekend trip to the seaside in just a few days' time.

We recently ran an expedition weekend for the 6 oldest scouts which is a major part of their Chief Scout Gold Award.

Thanks to all the leaders and trustees for their hard work and commitment to scouting.

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Cubs Report for AGM 2026

This report covers the period from April 2025 to Mar 2026.

I'd like to start with one of the most important things and that is to thank all the leaders, young leaders and parents who have helped the Cubs this past year.

We started the year in April with a camp at Rhydd Covert which is next to the Safari Park, and included a day there. Also in April the Cubs attended the Dudley District St George's Day event at Dudley Zoo

In June we held a Cub day at HQ where we concentrated on scouting activities to help some of the older Cubs with their Challenge Badges.

In July the Cubs joined the rest of the Group at the District camp at Blackwell Court, which was a great weekend, not least because of the good weather.

September - We went to Laser Tag.

October - Kinver Camp

November - Remembrance Day Parade with a good attendance from the Cubs.

December - Christmas Sleepover at HQ with lots of games, crafts and a visit from Santa.

The New Year saw some leadership changes, with Helen moving to be a leader at Explorers. We would like to thank her for everything she did for Cubs, not least all the behind the scenes admin which we are struggling to keep up with.

The pack is still a healthy size at 26 Cubs, but the adult Leader Team is a bit stretched especially with the younger leaders going off to University. The Young leaders have been a great help.

We hope your Cubs have enjoyed their year with us and we very much hope that you continue to help and support us as we take your children through another full year of Scouting.

On behalf of the First Sedgley Leaders, young and old.

1st Sedgley Beaver Report 2025/2026

The leaders at 1st Sedgley Beaver Colony believe that we have created and followed a varied and interesting programme of activities for our Beaver Scouts over the last year. This has been offered with two of our leaders unable to attend meetings for a significant portion of the year. However, whilst greatly missing our fellow leaders, the remaining leaders have continued to work together, as we always do, as members of a strong, experienced and hardworking team. This team has been supplemented by both our young helpers and young leaders. We are proud to have helped at least eight young people to complete their Bronze Duke of Edinburgh service and three to complete service for their Silver Duke of Edinburgh. We have also been excited to help our two young leaders to start their leadership journeys with us after they turned 18!

Our programmes throughout the year have reflected significant cultural events such as Christmas, Chinese New Year, Easter and St George's Day, plus they have been designed to allow our Beavers to learn a range of new skills and achieve both Activity Badges and Challenge Badges. The Activity Badges have included, Scientist, Money, Cooks and Gardener and we have improved our fire lighting, knot tying, problem solving, first aid, community awareness and bed making skills! (to name just a few) to earn our six Challenge Badges. We are proud to say that seven of our older Beavers earned the top Bronze Award before moving onto Cubs. The Colony also celebrated our 40 years of Beaver Scouts anniversary in April! (we had a bit of a party!) Finally, we organised a Christmas sleepover in November 2025 at the Scout Hall where everyone enjoyed the activities and of course our Christmas meal (thanks for cooking Matt!)

Our numbers throughout the year have been steady. We have recruited five new Beavers from the waiting list, sent eight Beavers to Cubs and we are due to receive six Squirrels to join us.

We all continue our commitment to welcoming our Beavers to a fun and exciting programme to help develop friendships, have fun and gain confidence and life skills.

Squirrels Report – Kayley Pinches

What a year it's been for our Squirrels! They've been keeping us all on our toes with exciting experiments, interesting bug hunts, plenty of games, badge activities, and of course, lots and lots of fun along the way.

This term, we'll be waving a fond farewell to **five of our Squirrels** as they scamper off to their next adventure with the Beavers. We've loved having you in the Drey, and we can't wait to hear all about the brilliant things you'll get up to in your new section. Good luck—and don't forget the memories made at 1st Sedgley Squirrels!

A huge **thank you** to all the parents and volunteers who have helped throughout the year. Whether you've supported activities, lent a hand at meetings, or simply been there when needed, we really appreciate it.

On the subject of volunteers, we'd love to welcome a few more people to our Squirrel team. At the moment, our biggest challenge isn't a shortage of enthusiastic young people—it's a shortage of adult volunteers! We have a waiting list of children keen to join, but without additional volunteers, we're unable to grow the section and offer more places.

If you can spare some time – and would like to help us create adventures and lots of fun for our squirrels then please speak to our **Group Lead Volunteer, Ian Foster**. We'd love to hear from you!

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**Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of the
1st Sedgley Scout Group**

I report on the accounts of the Group for the year ended 31 March 2026

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

1. examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act;
2. to follow the procedures laid down in the general directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act; and
3. to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of examiner's report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently we do not express an audit opinion on the view given by the accounts.

Independent Examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention;

1. which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements

- to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act and
- to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and
- to comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 Act

have not been met, or

2. to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached,

3. which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the accounting rules of the Group's constitution have not been met.



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Date: 7th July 2026

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STATEMENTS OF ASSETS & LIABILITIES at 31 March 2026

	Unrestricted Funds				Previous Year £
	General Fund £	Building Fund £	International Camp £	Total £	
MONETARY ASSETS					
Bank Current Accounts	30,442	5,000		35,442	46,700
Expense Cards	5,757			5,757	3,302
WISE Account	3,076		1,157	4,233	-
Cash in Hand	-			-	-
	<u>39,275</u>	<u>5,000</u>	<u>1,157</u>	<u>45,432</u>	<u>50,002</u>

NON-MONETARY ASSETS

Land and Buildings	
Group Headquarters	Insured Value £700,000
Scouting Equipment ,Furniture	Insured Value £28,370

CONTINGENT LIABILITIES

There are no contingent liabilities.

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RECEIPTS & PAYMENTS SUMMARY for the year ended 31 March 2026

	Unrestricted Funds				Previous Year £
	General Fund £	Building Fund	International Camp	Total £	
Total Receipts	71,759		20,456	92,214	55,692
Total Payments	71,448	-	25,337	96,784	49,655
	311	-	-4,881	-4,570	6,037
Cash/Bank balances b/fwd	38,964	5,000	6,038	50,002	43,965
Transfers between Funds					
Cash/Bank balances c/fwd	39,275	5,000	1,157	45,432	50,002

The above account and accompanying statements of assets
and liabilities were approved by the Trustees on 10th July 2026
and signed on their behalf by :

Saul Burton (Chairman)

1st SEDGLEY SCOUT GROUP**DETAILED RECEIPTS**
for the year ended 31 March 2026

Unrestricted Funds						
		General Fund	Building Fund	International Camp	Total	Previous Year
		£	£	£	£	£
MEMBERSHIP FEES						
	Membership Subscriptions	10,184			10,184	15,536
	Less Paid (see payments)					-5,544
		<u>10,184</u>	-	-	<u>10,184</u>	<u>9,992</u>
DONATIONS/GRANTS						
	Donations	1,521			1,521	1,020
ACTIVITIES						
	Camps				-	10,242
	Events - Beavers	1,450			1,450	-
	Events - Cubs	2,678			2,678	-
	Events - Scouts	1,873			1,873	-
	Events	94			94	
	International Camp	-		20,456	20,456	1,870
FUND RAISING						
	Beer Festival Profit				-	14,859
	Beer Festival Income	33,942			33,942	-
	Bedding Plant Income	6,563			6,563	-
	District Raffle Share	265			265	179
	Gift Aid	2,265			2,265	6,407
	Other				-	344
SUNDRY RECEIPTS						
	Hire of Hall	10,468			10,468	10,779
	Insurance Claim	456			456	-
TOTAL RECEIPTS		<u>71,759</u>	-	20,456	<u>92,214</u>	<u>55,692</u>

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DETAILED PAYMENTS for the year ended 31 March 2026

		Unrestricted Funds			Previous Year £
		General Fund £	Building Fund £	International Camp £	
PREMISES					
	Rent	21		21	20
	Light and Heat/Water Rates	4,591		4,591	4,647
	Insurance	2,156		2,156	1,963
	Broadband	427		427	522
	Repairs and Renewals	5,890		5,890	3,201
	Grass Cutting	360		360	365
	Cleaning	2,269		2,269	2,335
		15,714	-	-	13,053
MEMBERSHIP FEES					
	Capitation	5,400		5,400	-
ACTIVITIES					
	Camps & activities	-		-	18,902
	Events - Beavers	739		739	-
	Events - Cubs	4,051		4,051	-
	Events - Scouts	2,324		2,324	-
	Events - Squirrels	96		96	-
	Events	4,818		4,818	-
	Section Nights	-		-	6,189
	Meetings - Beavers	946		946	-
	Meetings - Cubs	624		624	-
	Meetings - Scouts	994		994	-
	Meetings - Squirrels	1,527		1,527	-
	Training Courses	-		-	96
	Activity equipment	15		15	-
	International Camp	-		25,337	-
FUND RAISING					
	Beer Festival Costs	21,855		21,855	-
	Beer Festival Costs - Donations	3,200		3,200	-
	Bedding Plant Costs	4,621		4,621	-
	Other	-		-	437
ADMIN/ESTABLISHMENT EXPENSES					
	Insurance Claim	130		130	6,304
	Books, Stationery etc.	2,316		2,316	1,358
	Bank Charges	557		557	827
	Other	-		-	(23)
OTHER EXPENSES					
	Hall Hire	50		50	-
CAPITAL EXPENDITURE					
	Equipment	540		540	1,349
	Headquarters	-		-	-
PURCHASE OF BADGES		932		932	1,163
TOTAL PAYMENTS		71,448	-	25,337	49,655