

Scouts



8th Macclesfield (St. Paul's)

Annual Report 2024

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#SkillsForLife



Cubs, Beavers and Scouts at Barnswood

Report from the Chair

Here we are at another AGM! It doesn't seem five minutes ago since we held the last one in July 2023!

It looks like it has been another superb year for the Beavers, Cubs and Scouts with plenty of fun activities and new skills learnt throughout sessions.

I'd like to pass on grateful thanks to the section leaders, their assistants and any one else who helps so that these sessions can go ahead. Thank you!

We also say goodbye to our Scout Leader, Bob Kwan, at the end of this term. Bob has been a committed leader for 35 years providing many scouts with memorable experiences. We will miss you Bob!

Finally, thank you to all of the parents for your support and commitment, it is very much appreciated.
Matt Cooper

Trustee Board

Chair

Matthew Cooper
3 Year 2024-2025

Treasurer

Mark Alston
5 Year 2024-2029

Youth Trustee

Fred Marshall
1 Year 2024-2025

Group Lead Volunteers

Piotr Kula (ex-officio)
Helen Cruse (non-trustee)

Leaders

Beavers

Katharine Poupard

Cubs

Un-Filled
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Scouts

Simon Adams

Group Lead Volunteer Report

Both Helen and Piotr volunteered at the 2023 AGM to help support 8th Macclesfield (St Paul's) Scout group. We have jointly taken on the role of Group Lead Volunteer (GLV, previously known as Group Scout Leader)

**Helen Cruse
Piotr Kula**

Being a Group Lead Volunteer is all about providing direction and support to develop our Group. We provide behind the scene support to leaders which allows them to focus on planning and running programmes for the children.

Thank you to all the leaders and volunteers for running fantastic programmes every week!

Each section has delivered a full and varied programme of events, camps and activities and the AGM gives us the opportunity to **give thanks and appreciation for how much time and effort the volunteers put into the Group !!**

It has been noted that leaders are struggling to get attention of some children. It is vital that children listen and understand to leaders and/or other volunteers running sessions. We are working on a transparent framework for behaviour for parents, children and volunteers.

From Scouts network; What used to be called "the exec board" has now transitioned to the new formal way of working. This brings us more in line with the Charity Commission and also separates responsibilities so that each person can focus on what is most important for their role. **This is now called the Trustee Board.** All these roles are voluntary and carry a responsibility for the Group and enables the smooth running of the activities.

Nominations for trustees run all year round and voting will happen annually at our AGM's

Scouts allow sharing of the GLV role (and we are grateful we could split the workload) but only 1 GLV can be a trustee by ex-officio appointment. Ex-officio means the the GLV role requires you to take a seat as a trustee and you CANNOT be nominated for it. Piotr has accepted to take on the trustee seat from the shared role.

Another **HUGE thank you to the trustees** for keeping all the background things like finances and meetings running smoothly! Everyone helps us stay focused on what **#SkillsForLife** our youth may be missing.

Can you Help #Scouts?

8th Macclesfield Group is under threat of being closed.

Robert has retired from Scouts and Simon has been appointed to run scouts group on the next term. This means we have no leader to run Cubs sessions on Wednesdays from 6.30pm. If you know anybody who could help run sessions once a week please let us know.

Sincere thank you to Robert Kwan who volunteered in 8th Macclesfield (St Pauls) Scouts for over 30 years. Many parents who signed up their children to this group remember you well and everyone appreciates the hard work and dedication you have put into the local community. aa

BEAVERS

Katie Poupard

Beavers have had a strong year. Five children have been awarded with their Chief Scouts Bronze award – the highest badge that Beavers can receive.

In total we have awarded nearly 80 badges this year, including a lot of the Challenge badges which add up towards the Bronze award. We have worked on our Experiment, International, Cooks and Gardeners badges.

Beavers attended a district camp in October at the Abney Centre where we worked on the Global Issues badge and had lots of fun in the dark and with other Beavers in the district. Some highlights of the year were making pizza bagels, meeting Sunny the East Cheshire Hospice mascot and a train trip to Stockport.





Annual Bell Boating with Parents



Barnswood – Sub Zero badges



cubs

Simon Adams

The cubs have had a fantastic year/ programme, We aim to run our programmes with life skills , imagination and team work from making fires, cooking/baking , woodwork, challenges, hand to eye coordination, personal skills but most importantly to respect one another!

We successfully completed our first outdoor camp with the cubs in September last year following the success of this we decided to plan a joint camp with the scouts which again we successfully completed in April this year both of these would not have been possible without the help of parent helpers which we are very grateful of.

We also took part in our annual bell boating activity in July which always goes down well with the cubs and even more so the parents that take part.

We are now looking forward to the new challenge of scouts going forward

SCOUTS

Robert Kwan

We now have 12 Scouts more than we have ever had over recent years.

Our camp to the Lake District proved very successful and the lads did Ghyll scrambling for the first time, which they loved.

Alistair and Pete have been helping me this year.

We will be competing in a Patrol skills challenge shortly, organised by the County, hopefully the lads will do okay using the skills we have taught them.

We are going back to the Lake District Adventure Campsite at the end of June, hoping to have some more great Adventures.

Everything is looking good for the coming year, however we have room for a committed leader to join us if you know anybody.



Saint Pauls Macclesfield Update

A huge thank you to all of the Scouting Groups for their support to the church by attending and participating in the Parade Services. Attendances have been fantastic at all of these throughout the year with an average of 140 people attending.

We have worked on making these services accessible and fun for everyone and we hope that the support continues.

A blooming brilliant Flower Sermons 14th July 2024 colourful and noisy parade around the streets, ably led by a very skilful trio of drummers, and followed by a fantastic outdoor All Age Service back at St Paul's Church, Macclesfield 🇬🇧🇮🇪🇪🇺 Huge thanks to our amazing Churchwardens and their helpers who set everything up (and cleared it all away afterwards) and to the excellent Bev Nixon - Children's Ministry for the very engaging interactive talk about Christ the Good Shepherd 🙏

Hot on the heels will be the church's 180th Birthday celebration on Sunday 13th October when Bishop Sam will be present with us and lead us in a time of worship alongside both of us. It will be a memorable celebration followed by a birthday lunch! It will also be our Harvest Service too. Please do come along and support us on an historic occasion. We want to pack the church! Thank you all for your support of St Paul's Church.

Matt & Nick.
Churchwardens.



For the period: From To	2023/24 01-Apr 31st March	2022/2023 01-Apr 31st March	Variance
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Income			
Subscriptions	3683.00	3,460.00	223.00
Joining Fees	0.00	0.00	0.00
Subs in Advance	0.00	0.00	0.00
Activity Fees	138.00	60.00	78.00
Camp Fees	3499.74	725.00	2,774.74
Donations	0.00	0.00	0.00
Grants	0.00	0.00	0.00
Fund Raising	0.00	0.00	0.00
Interest	0.00	0.00	0.00
Scout shop	0.00	103.25	-103.25
Total Income	7,320.74	4,348.25	2,972.49
Expenditure			
Capitation	1493.50	1,666.00	-172.50
Insurance	0.00	0.00	0.00
Room Hire	690.00	690.00	0.00
Scout Shop	250.14	282.58	-32.44
Meeting Resources	92.82	0.00	92.82
Activity Costs	972.01	855.81	116.20
Camp Costs	3285.41	463.60	2,821.81
Equipment(Tents, cooking pots)	758.38	42.99	758.38
Training	0.00	0.00	0.00
Administration	0.00	0.00	0.00
Bank Charges	0.00	0.00	0.00
Poppy wreath	27.50	0.00	27.50
Total Payments	7,569.76	3,957.99	3,611.77
Net Deficit/Surplus	-249.02	390.26	-639.28

As At	31st March	31st March	Variance
Assets			
Fixed Assets and Equipment	1500.00	1,000.00	500.00
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Debtors & Prepayments	0.00	0.00	0.00
Cash in Hand:			
Beavers	0.00	50.00	-50.00
Cubs	0.00	50.00	-50.00
Scouts	0.00	50.00	-50.00
Group	0.00	0.00	0.00
Current Account	1352.06	1,951.08	-599.02
Deposit Account	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total Cash & Deposits	1,352.06	2,101.08	-749.02
Total Assets	2,852.06	3,101.08	-249.02
Liabilities			
Subscriptions Received in advance	0.00	0.00	0.00
Creditors & Accruals	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total Liabilities	0.00	0.00	0.00
Net Asset and Liabilities	2,852.06	3,101.08	-249.02
Represented by:			
Opening Reserves as at 31st March	3101.08	2,710.82	390.26
Income & Expenditure A/c Surplus	-249.02	390.26	-639.28
Reserves Carried Forward	2,852.06	3,101.08	-249.02