



11th High Wycombe Scout Group – Trustees Report

There are several changes being made in the way the Scout Association is organised and managed all aimed at ensuring that, at every level, the Association can deliver on its aims. Over the coming year we will see revisions to the way volunteers and leaders are recruited and trained, a new membership IT system, changes to the Governance structure and, at some point in the future, a new Scout uniform. At Group level the most immediate change is the Group Executive being replaced by a Board of Trustees, with the role more clearly focused on strategy, performance and assurance. There is a fuller description of the role in the model constitution.

The group continued to grow through the last twelve months. The addition of new leaders/helpers at Cubs has been very welcome. Scout meetings have been difficult. We are short of leaders in this section, and the leaders we have are not always available, which has made it difficult to plan and run regular meetings. Nevertheless, we have an enthusiastic group of Scouts and with Malcolm available to assist we should see a return to weekly meetings and a fuller programme of activities.

We have continued to make progress on the rebuilding the scout hall. Financing the work has been a challenge as costs increase, but with the recent receipt of a grant and two very generous donations we should be able to finish the outstanding work and bring the hall into use early next year.

The Group Accounts for 2022/23 are included with the AGM agenda. Setting aside the costs of the building work our finances are reasonably healthy, with income from subscriptions returning to pre covid levels. We do however need to rebuild a modest reserve to ensure we can cope with the inevitable increases in running costs and any unexpected expenditure.

John Summers
Chair of Trustees
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