

Annual Review 2024-25



Scouts
Pamber Heath



Pamber Heath Scout Group
The Den, Pelican Road, Pamber
Heath
Registered Charity No 283487



Building an exciting future for the Group

Welcome to Pamber Heath Scout Groups' review of 2024-25.

It is an exciting time for the Group with lots of plans for the future that will really help to enhance the experience of our young people and ensure they gaining skills for life and have all the fun and adventure that we can offer.

The past 12-months have seen some exciting highs – like to the opening of Squirrel Scouts – our early years section for boys and girls who are 4-5 years old.

Unfortunately, due to a lack of adult volunteers we have temporarily closed our Beaver Scout Colony, but aim to get that back up and running during the autumn term.

Scouting operates with volunteers at all levels from running the weekly meetings to the trustees who ensure we manage the Scout Group effectively. Without the time and energy they put in Scouting just does not happen.

The best kept secret of Scouting of course is that we all have a lot of fun along the way and learn new skills just like the young people.

Numbers across the Group are very strong and are continuing to rise. Even so, we do have space for additional young people now and are keen to boost our numbers further.

The infrastructure of the group is important and In the summer term the hall was repainted thanks to support from AWE who came in the work. This was greatly appreciated and makes a real difference.



We are in the process of replacing the lighting within the hall to LED lighting to improve the green credentials of the hall, as part of a longer-term sustainability project.

We are developing a five-year plan for the Group to improve storage facilities for equipment and then to replace a lot of the camping equipment. This will need support with fund raising.

Part of that plan is about increasing the number of young people across all of the sections. This will require additional adult volunteers to enable this to happen.

Together, with your help we have a lot to look forward to in supporting the young people of our community to have a fantastic Scouting experience.

Keith

Keith Hawkins
Group Lead Volunteer

Squirrel Scouts

The opening of our Squirrel Drey in October 2024 marked an exciting new chapter for Pamber Heath Scout Group.

With just a few children we started small, however, since then our numbers have grown to 10, with two new starters in September. Two Squirrels are due to Move forward into Beavers this term. We now have 4 leaders with a rota for helpers.

We have played games, learning to join in and work as teams, helping each other. We have done exciting experiments and learning about nature, science, space and many other activities. The Squirrels are having fun but don't realise they are learning at the same time.

We visited a Fire Station, and learnt about the equipment and how the Firefighters are heroes. They all had a go at using a hose. They found that enormous fun!!

This term we are planning a visit to Tadley Air Cadets and a visit from a Guide dog and owner, learning how dogs can be heroes too.

During this year the children have been working hard and have achieved so much. So far we have awarded 82 badges, with 15 more to come, including three Chief Scouts Acorn Awards. (two more nearly there). The feed back from the parents has all been very positive. Stating that their children can't wait for the next session. We are very proud of the achievements of the children with both badges that they have attained and how they have grown in confidence, learning to make friends and participation. Shyness and apprehension soon disappears.



Cub Scouts

Last year was a very busy year for the Cubs! Whether it was art, games, learning or exploring, the Cubs threw themselves into every evening; it's been an absolute joy to see them take on new challenges, work as a team and take on new responsibilities.

As always, when we could go outside we did. We built fires and toasted marshmallows, undertook a night hike with torches, went for a wildlife-spotting walk, and built dens in Pamber Forest. Many of the Cubs went sailing at Burghfield. The end of summer term was celebrated with a water fight, followed by hot chocolate to warm back up.

We were thankful to members of the community who supported us this year. The Tadley Firefighters welcomed us into the Fire Station and even gave every Cub a chance to use the fire hose; their fence has never been so clean!

Tadley Men's Shed gave up two evenings to be with us, teaching the Cubs how to use power tools (which was far scarier for the leaders than for the Cubs) and then helping us to make bat boxes for the den. A local photographer visited us bringing their amazing array of cameras; the leaders showed our age a little when we realised that the Cubs had never seen a camera film before.

On top of those amazing visits we were joined at various points

Top Awards

An enormous congratulations goes to two of our Cubs who completed the Silver Chief Scout Award.



throughout the term by parents and carers who brought their enthusiasm and specialist knowledge to our programme.

On the less educational side, we certainly had a lot of fun. There was a games night, a cosy movie night, a night making scarecrows and two nerf gun wars (with forts).

However, perhaps my best memory will remain the Easter egg hunt. Following some miscommunication, it was realised rather late in the day that a chocolate bunny was missing. Worried a local dog might find it, the Group Leader Volunteer Keith was roped into helping find it, in the dark – we can confirm we were eventually successful!



We gained lots of new Cubs in 2024/25, including a number coming up from Beavers. They've made an amazing impact already. At the end of the year, we were sad to see some of our amazing Cubs depart.

Scouts

The last year can be summed up by one word – Growth.

We have increased the number of scouts numbers from 8 to 13. We have offered more nights away in 2025 as we did in 2023 and 2024 combined. So far in 2025 we have issued 96 badges and will issue a further 34 badges before the end of the season.

The winter programme consisted of tie-dying tee shirts, painting and playing Warhammer, followed by attendance of a joint camp with 24th Basingstoke.

We started the spring season with an evening of engineering challenges and Lego.

A few nights targeted the various challenge badges, including the personal challenge and world badges.

If you get chance, ask one of the scouts on the verdict of the best chips in Tadley and Baughurst as we conclusively assessed three shops and rated their produce.

The Summer term has been inside for only 2 evenings!

We have been down the woods making survival shelters, learning how to use an axe and saw, and visiting the roman ruins in Silchester.

We had a great time completing the scout Olympics in the sun, which earned each



scout a refreshing ice lolly. The summer season would not be complete without the annual water fight

Many of the parents have been giving wonderful feedback on the scout's Facebook page as their children have been enjoying the packed programme.

Many more photos have been printed and are available for display on the scout's noticeboard in the main hall of the Den. Please check it out!



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Accounts

Financial year runs from 06-04-2024 to 05-04-2025

RECEIPTS

	2024/25 Unrestricted funds £	2023/24 Unrestricted funds £
Receipts		
Donations, legacies and similar income		
Membership subscriptions	3,875	5,484
Donations	79	132
Legacies		
Gift Aid	1,196	1,077
Other similar income - Activities	3,295	1,363
Sub total	8,444	8,055
Grants		
Maintenance grant	1,900	-
Other grants		
Sub total	1,900	-
Fundraising events (gross)		
AGM Raffle	35	-
Detail 2	-	-
Detail 3	-	-
Other fundraising activities	-	-
Sub total	35	-
Scout headquarter income (The Den)		
Hire of building	65	2,060
Hire of equipment	-	-
Other Scout hut income	-	-
Sub total	65	2,060
Investment income		
Bank interest	327	279
Building Society interest	-	-
The Scout Association Short Term Investment Service	-	-
Other investment income	-	-
Sub total	327	279
Total Gross Income	10,771	10,394
Asset and investment sales, etc.	-	-
Total receipts	10,771	10,394

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Expenses

	2024/25 Unrestricted funds £	2023/24 Unrestricted funds £
Payments		
Charitable Payments		
Membership subscriptions paid on (National/County/Area/District)	£ 2,880.00	2,310
Youth programme and activities	£ 742.50	2,171
Adult support and training		
Rent		
Water and Sewerage	£ -	25
Electricity and Gas	£ 1,447.54	1,900
Insurance	£ 1,007.13	929
Repairs and Renewals	£ 844.84	1,391
Materials and equipment	£ 186.95	13
Printing and photocopying	£ -	-
Contribution to camp costs	£ 1,341.13	40
Uniforms	£ 329.00	453
AGM and trustee expenses		
Other - PGL refunds		
GoCardless Fees	£ 158.01	202
Other costs detail 3		
Sub total	8,937	9,433
Fundraising expenses		
Detail 1	-	-
Detail 2	-	-
Detail 3	-	-
Other fundraising costs	-	-
Sub total	-	-
Total Gross Expenditure	8,937	9,433
Asset and investment purchases, etc.	-	-
Total payments	8,937	9,433
Net of receipts/(payments)	1,834	961
Cash funds last year end (inc Savings + Cash)	29,809	28,848
Cash funds this year end	31,643	29,809

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Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the year

	2024/25 Unrestricted funds £	2023/24 Unrestricted funds £
Cash funds		
Bank current account	688	2,808
Bank deposit account	30,955	26,997
Building society account		
The Scout Association Short Term Investment Service		
Cash/Floats	-	4
Total cash funds	31,643	29,809
Other monetary assets		
Tax claim	850	1,075
Debts due from the County/Area/District/Group	-	-
Insurance claim	-	-
Sub total	850	1,075
Investment assets		
Investment property - detail	-	-
Quoted investments	-	-
Other investments - detail	-	-
Sub total	-	-
Non monetary assets for charity's own use		
Badge stock	-	-
Shop stock	-	-
Other stock	-	-
Land and buildings	-	-
Motor vehicles	-	-
Scouting equipment, furniture etc	-	-
Other	-	-
Sub total	-	-
Liabilities		
	-	-
Accounts not yet paid	-	
Expenses incurred for following year	293	684
Subscriptions not yet paid	-	-
Loan - detail	-	-
Other liabilities		
Hall hire 2024-2025 not yet received	975	-
Sub total	682	684
Total net assets	33,174	31,568

