

Chairs Report 2022/2023

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Highlights of 2021/22

This year we have seen an exciting and wide range of in person activities that have been enjoyed by the young people. This has included:

- A Group trip to Brownsea Island, home of Baden Powells first camp
- The First District Jamboree since the pandemic hit

As well as many exciting activities including paintballing, sailing, fencing, exploring space, DIY – the list goes on of all the exciting activities our young people have been able to experience in 2022/2023. As a result a large number of badges have been earned by the young people over this year, including three Chief Scouts Bronze awards.

Looking forward 2023/2024

The Executive committee will be renamed to Group Trustees Board and will welcome in a new Chair. The section leaders have already been pulling together exciting plans for when they return in the Autumn for the young people. There will also be camps and activities to earn lots of badges to be sown onto jumpers!

There will also be changes to the Scout hut, with new fencing and new toilets being planned.

Review of 2022/2023

I do hope you are keeping well and safe. This has been my last year as Chair and it has been fantastic to see so many fun scouting activities this year, including our Group trip to Brownsea Island, those celebrating the Coronation, for our young people to enjoy. A big thank you to all out volunteers for making this happen. I wanted to extend a particular thank you to our Leaders, Assistant Leaders, parent helpers, volunteers and the Executive committee for their continued hard work and tireless commitment to the group and our young people!

As a group we started, and continue to be, in a good financial position due to the funding that has been secured and the hiring out of the hall. The hall has really become a central community hub, not only for the Scouts, but many regular hirers providing dog training, dance classes as well as parties. This money has given is the opportunity to continue to make improvements to the hall that have been made this year, including new windows, planned upgrades for next year, new camping equipment, subsidise many of the group activities, such as camping and trips, so that all young people can enjoy, as well as maintaining the fees at their current rate.

Our Scouting community continues to thrive, Young people have enjoyed a chance to catch up and take part in wide range of activities, this is reflected in our waiting list. So we are still looking for more volunteers to ensure that our scouting activities can continue. If you have a skill you would like to share, would like to occasionally help out or become a Leader or Assistant leader please to come and talk to us to find out more.

The 58th will continue to work hard to give our Young People lots of opportunities to have fun, learn and develop. I have really enjoyed being part of this community and I am excited to handover to the next Chair. There have been many highlights of the year and 2023/2024 is looking to offer more exciting plans including new toilets and fence! Thank you for your continued support and have a wonderful summer.

Take care and best wishes,
Emma Gibbard,
Chair, Executive Committee (Now Group Board of Trustees)