



Belhus Park Scout Group

Annual General Meeting 2026

Report Pack

Date: Sunday 26th April 2026

Location: Faymore Gardens, South Ockendon, RM15 5NN

Registered Charity Number: 267696

1. Executive Summary

This pack provides a comprehensive overview of the activities, achievements, and financial standing of the Belhus Park Scout Group for the 2025-2026 year.

- **Growth & Achievement:** The Squirrels section is at capacity with a waiting list. High-level awards were achieved across all sections, including 5 Golden Acorns (Squirrels), Chief Scout Bronze (Beavers), 2 Silver Awards (Cubs), and 2 Gold Awards (Scouts).
- **Community Engagement:** Sections have been active in the community, with Beavers visiting Jack Evans Court and Squirrels supporting the homeless through shoebox donations.
- **Volunteering:** While new volunteers have joined, critical vacancies for Group Chairman and Group Secretary remain a priority for the coming year.
- **Financial Health:** The Group maintains a stable financial position. Building hire income has seen a significant increase, supporting ongoing maintenance and planned refurbishments.
- **Governance & Safety:** All leader training is up to date. The Trustees have reviewed the findings of the Great Orme accident coroner's report to ensure the highest safety standards continue to be met.

2. Group Lead Volunteer (GLV) Report

Submitted by Mick Watts, Group Lead Volunteer

I would like to start by thanking all the Section Leaders and volunteers for their time dedication and support to our young people, organising activities and camps all in a safe but fun environment. I would also like to thank them for the help and support they give me in my role as Group Lead Volunteer, without them and the time they spend scouting, we would not be the successful group we are.

Our section programmes deliver a range of camps, outings and activities for all sections from ages 4 to 14 with many children moving on from section to section and returning as young leaders within the group. All Leaders have completed the essential training modules required within Scouting with training on going.

At this point I would like it minuted that all trustee members have read and understood the Coroners report regarding The Great Orme incident and all Leader Training within the group is up to date and leaders will ensure all guidelines are adhered to.

We are always looking for extra help and support within the sections and group committees whether it be administrative or getting involved with the young people. We currently have vacancies for a Group Chairman and Secretary, if you could help with these roles it would be much appreciated. We also have committees within the group you could become a member of or even help keeping the hall and grounds tidy and clean would be appreciated.

Please come and speak to me today or speak to your section leader if you are interested in helping with any of the above. Thank you once again Leaders and parents/guardians for all your support which will continue to make Belhus Park the successful group it is.

3. Section Reports

Squirrels Annual Report

Submitted by Bobtail (Helen), Squirrel Scout Leader

Our Squirrels section is currently full, with 12 Squirrels attending each week ranging from 4 to 6 years. We also have an ever-growing waiting list! This year has been a busy one for the Squirrel Scouts! It has been full of lots of 'firsts'. We attended our first Renewal of Promise last year, joining with all the other bigger scouts across Thurrock. We also did our first Jamboree on the Trail, from Rainham Barges back to Purfleet... we did so well, even though we only have little legs! It was also our first birthday, so we had a party to celebrate!

We have also joined in with other Squirrels from across the district at lots of fun events. We had a Teddy Bears Picnic, a campfire where we learned new songs, a Christmas Craft Evening and most recently, a Space Day, where we gained our Space Badge! It was good to meet some other Squirrels from different Dreys in Thurrock. During the summer, we had fun at Playscheme, where we spent the day completing different challenges, such as zip wires, bouncy castles, mazes, wall climbing and archery. We had a picnic and lots of us had our faces painted too. We also joined in with the Remembrance Day Parade, walking with our poppies and showing our respects and remembering those who fought for us.

We have spent some time with the Beavers this year too we shared Christmas and Halloween parties, a water fight in the summer, had breakfast with Santa at Christmas and some of us even took part in our first sleepover with them! Squirrels have also been helpful this year- we cleaned up the local park by doing a litter pick and collected donations for the homeless. We filled up 8 shoeboxes full of things they needed.

During our meetings, we have welcomed 2 new leaders and a Young Leader, who have helped us to work towards many badges. Our favourite activity badges were Super Chef and Brilliant Builders, as well as lots of challenge badges. As a result of working so hard, 5 Squirrels have earned their Golden Acorn award the highest award a Squirrel can achieve with 2 more being completed within the next few weeks. We can't wait for another year of fun and new adventures!

Beavers Annual Report

Submitted by Kestrel (Ronel), Beaver Scout Leader

We currently have 20 Beavers in our colony. We had a few Beavers move up to cubs over the year with some of them achieving their Chief Scout Bronze award, which is a great achievement and not easy to get. Over the past year. We have regularly been visiting our neighbours at the Jack Evens Court. Each visit we plan and cover something different, while being entertaining at the same time. We have enjoyed doing experiments together, singing Christmas songs, making Easter nests, a visit from the Easter Bunny. Each visit covers aspects from different badges. These visits also help our Beavers work towards their community pact badge, as they help plan each visit.

Other activities that we have completed over the last year include : A very long hike from Rainham RSBP to the concrete barges and back – the Beavers were amazing on this hike. Our District Beaver Sleepover at Condovers (space themed). A sleepover at the hut with Aveley Beavers and our squirrels. Remembrance Day Parade. We had a visit from a young Lady who has flown an aeroplane, she told us about her experience for our Air Activities badge, the Beavers got to ask her questions. We joined other Beaver Colonies at Christmas at annual Christmas event, which was a lovely walk and included a visit with Father Christmas of course. We visited Pets at Home to start our animal care badge off.

We have also: Learnt some proms and performed them; Designed and built an animal with Junk Modelling; Photographed robots and turned our photos into a story; Cooked pizza, made fairy bread and a cake in a mug. We have been very busy as you can tell and we are looking forward to another busy year ahead.

Cubs Annual Report

Submitted by Akela (Shirley), Seeonee Cub Scout Leader

It has been another successful and enjoyable year for Belhus Park Seeonee. We currently have 19 Cubs. Two of our cubs Taylor and Savannah have earned their Silver Award the highest award a cub can achieve. I would just like to say a big THANK YOU to all the people who help me with the pack, especially to Jenny and Peter who are always ready to step in and help when needed.

Pack Evenings: We have had a full program as usual this year earning lots of badges and working hard towards the Cub Challenge badges some examples of our meetings are a visit by Essex Police, a trip to Thrift wood, the cubs always love the go karting, we covered healthy eating and the human body, we made water filters and held an evening on Chinese new year. District Rifle shooting team also came to the pack one evening for our round in the competition.

Camps: We attended District Camp last year where the cubs hiked around West Tilbury went on lots of basis and had lots of fun. We held Winter Camp in February at Thrift wood Scout Centre Brentwood. We earned the Environmental badge and Entertainer Badge the Cubs made up Camp Skits which they recorded and were played to the parents on our Facebook page, they also took part in Crate Stacking and Archery.

District events we attended: We took part in the games afternoon, the Cubs really enjoyed the event and we came 2nd losing by ½ a point. We entered the Cub Craft Competition and I was very proud of the Cubs when they we came 1st. We also took part in the cubs quiz. In April we attended the St Georges Day Parade and in November Remembrance Parade. We joined the Scouts Beavers and Squirrels and did our own Jamboree on the trail, the Cubs walked from Rainham to Purfleet stopping along the way to make a hot chocolate. The cubs that attended all got a hikes away.

In September went to Stubbers where the cubs got the chance to take part in sailing, kayaking, paddle boarding and building a raft, the cubs really enjoyed this event with Paddle Boarding being their favourite activity they all raved about it. We attended the Carol Service in December and recently took part in the District Rifle competition finals. We look forward to another year full of fun.

Scout Annual Report

Submitted by Skip (Peter), Scout Leader

The scout section has continued to operate with around 15 Scouts on average each month. We ended the year with 12 on the records. We have this year been joined by Scott, as an adult volunteer, who brings the number of leaders up to three. We have one Explorer Scout Young Leader (ESYL) to assist us. Our thanks go to William Barret who left us after he aged out of being an ESYL.

Gold Awards – we had two Scouts achieve their gold awards in 2025.

Activities: We have continued to run a varied program over the year but have now found with the increase in numbers that a lot of activities are becoming off limits due to a lack of volunteers/leaders to supervise. This will reflect a drop in the number of Scouts achieving the higher awards in the upcoming year however we still deliver a reduced program which stays in line with the Scout program. Night hike was enjoyed by all and the new format worked well. We also held a hike from Upminster to Purfleet highlighting the local history relating to World War two. Over the year we managed to hold a fire lighting night at Cherrywood and axe throwing at Thriftwood.

All district events have been offered to the young people, (such as cooking competition, night hike, shooting, camp, Docklands, LV Challenge) however numbers participating are down with little interest in some events. Camping was limited to the District Jamborama camp and a planned hike on the South Downs was cancelled due to insufficient interest. Looking forward to a good year of activities being planned in 2026-2027.

4. Financial Report 2025/2026

Submitted by the Treasurer

1. Restricted Funds:

(a) Monty Memorial Fund - £700.00

(b) Thurrock Council Lease - £691.93 (Despite being reminded they have not sent an invoice or communicated with us.)

(c) Removal of container £1,000

2. Subscriptions for this year, has decrease on the previous year.

3. Water and Sewage Charges are high for this year as we have not been paying sewage charges for several years.

4. Gas charges back to normal-although number of units, consumed, compared to previous year is high.

5. Hire of Building was substantially higher than last year.

6. Gift Aid- Still need to apply for Gift Aid.

7. Fund Raising -Required for refurbishment of front entrance of Scout Building.

We have sufficient funds to run the Scout Group, and enable repairs to the Scout Building, which are in hand. I would like to thank all those involved in raising funds (no matter how small) and keeping the building in good order so we are able to hire it out.

5. Annual Accounts (Summary)

Belhus Park Scout Group (Registered Charity Number 267696)

Receipts Account

Category	2025/2026	2024/2025
Membership subscriptions	£10,823.21	£12,819.00
Donations	£7.00	£2,346.85
Sale of Equipment	£58.60	£59.50
Grants (Squirrels Start Up)	£500.00	£0.00
Hire of building	£5,322.50	£3,605.00
Total Gross Income	£16,211.31	£20,406.35

Payments Account

Category	2025/2026	2024/2025
Membership subscriptions paid	£5,112.00	£5,611.10
Youth programme and activities	£3,121.00	£1,401.22
Rates	£242.51	£0.00
Water and Sewerage	£2,333.70	£1,543.00
Electricity	£547.58	£554.50
Gas	£1,688.00	-£7,825.43
Insurance	£2,051.31	£2,337.54
Repairs and Renewals	£320.43	£207.79
Total Gross Expenditure	£15,890.90	£5,879.35
Net of receipts/(payments)	£320.41	£14,527.00
Cash funds this year end	£33,463.94	£33,143.53

Full accounts can be viewed [here](#).

6. Scrutineer's Report to the Trustees

I report on the accounts of the Group for the year ended 2026. As the Group's trustees you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts; you consider that neither the audit nor independent examination requirements of the Charities Act 2011 apply. It is my responsibility without carrying out an audit or independent examination to scrutinise the accounts and to report to you.

In accordance with the directions given in the Group's constitution, I have scrutinised the records and the accounts. In my opinion the accounts are in accordance with the records produced to me and comply with the constitution.

Name: Aaron Pyett

Address: Broxburn Drive, South Ockendon, Thurrock

Date: 04/04/2026

7. Subscription Analysis

Analysis of how the annual subscription (£216) is utilized per member:

Category	Amount
Evening Activities (40 nights @ £2.50)	£100.00
Scout Membership (District/County/Campsites)	£81.75
Building Maintenance Contribution	£27.05
Badges (Avg 6 per annum @ £1.20)	£7.20
TOTAL	£216.00

8. Governance and Nominations

Trustee Governance Statement

The Group Trustees of Belhus Park Scout Group formally state that they have read and understood the findings of the Coroner's report regarding the Great Orme incident. The safety of our young people is our paramount concern. We confirm that all Leader training within the group is up to date and that the Trustee Board ensures all guidelines and safety protocols are strictly adhered to in all scouting activities.

Nominations for Trustee Roles

The Group is seeking nominations for the following Trustee positions for the 2026-2027 period. Current acting trustees are eligible for re-election.

- Group Chairman: Seeking new nominations (currently vacant).
- Group Secretary: Seeking new nominations (currently vacant).
- Group Treasurer: Seeking nominations for re-election or new candidates.

9. Any Other Business (AOB)

- Recruitment for vacant Chairman and Secretary roles.
- Call for volunteers for grounds maintenance and section committee support.
- Status of Gift Aid application.
- Funding for the refurbishment of the building's front entrance.