

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

3RD SUDBURY SCOUT GROUP

SATURDAY 28th JUNE 2025 at approx. 3pm

AGM held at 3rd Sudbury Scout Group HQ as part of the Presentation Afternoon Event.

Graham started the meeting by welcoming everyone.

The AGM was held during the Presentation event. Parents & leaders had been invited to join the meeting as part of the afternoon's activity. The AGM Agenda, Minutes and Accounts were accessible on the Group website, included in the invitation, and in hard copy on the night.

Apologies:

Apologies received from Guy Hume, and Rob Crawford.

Minutes of the Last AGM:

There were no matters arising from the minutes. Acceptance of the proposed by Graham and seconded by Chris Beddowes as a true record. Attendees made a positive show of hands to approve the minutes by those attending.

Governance:

Graham welcomed those that attended and thanked everyone involved in running the group for their efforts.

Group Constitution:

Graham communicated that the group decided to adopt the model constitution, in line with Chapter 5 of the POR. The link to the document was send out with the invitations. Acceptance of the constitution was proposed by Graham and seconded by John Wiseman.

Financial Year:

The fiscal year being adopted is April 1st through 31st March.

Approval of appointed and community members of the Group Scout Council:

We do not have anyone who does not fit into one of the categories where approval is not needed. Therefore, we do not have any to approve.

Agree the number of members appointed to the Trustee Board:

Following guidance of best practice from the charity governance code, POR states this should be a minimum of 5 and not more than 12, including ex-officio and co-opted Trustees.

The outgoing Trustees have proposed 8, and Graham recommends that the Group Scout Council approves the proposal.

Members of the Trustee Board to be:

Graham Toy, Chris Beddowes, Rob Crawford, Giles Hume, John Wiseman, Guy Hume, the addition of Katie White, and Steve or Cathy as ex-officio members.

This was seconded by Steve Stiff

Graham thanked Brian Clampin for his service in the Group Leadership Team & Trustees Group.

Agreeing quorum for future meetings of the Group Scout Council:

After deliberations this was set at 20 people. Graham proposed and this was seconded by Chris Beddowes

Report from the past year

Steve Challis gave an update of the activities in the last year, March '24, to April '25.

The Section reports had been circulated via the Group website and were taken as read. A summary was given that night.

- A highly active year with all sections running full programmes, and a healthy intake of new volunteers as well as young leaders growing into roles in sections.
- There have been lots of activities across the sections. With successful camps, Sea Scouts out on the water, Beavers & Cubs have been supported getting out on the water.
- The Group is starting a Squirrels Section catering for young people ages 4-6 years old.
- This means we will be supporting young people from 4-14 years old, with Partnership/Explorers supporting 14-18year olds.
- Following the decision to replace the old climbing wall, the old wall has now been removed. Funding is being supported by grants and fundraising efforts. Steve thanked Graham & Rob for their help and efforts in supporting the fundraising.
- Current plans are for the new climbing wall to be installed over the summer with activities beginning in the winter term.
- Steve thanked all the volunteers, trustees, permit holders, and parents for their help in getting young people involved and leaders together in; sessions at HQ, camps & trips, activity on water, climbing, archery, and all the other activities & fundraising that have run throughout the year.

Graham gave a short update on the timeline for the climbing wall:

- Planning had begun in March 2024, during this time the plans for the wall and the grant funding bodies we would approach were identified.
- September 2024 through to January 2025 saw the fundraising efforts kicked off, and the dismantling of the old wall in the Christmas break.
- In March, we paced the order with EP.
- The delivery & install is planned to happen during August.
- The expectation is that climbing will start late in the autumn term, into the start of the winter term.

Approval of the Accounts:

The Group Trustee Board have approved the report and statement of accounts and received a report from Nick Farr of Moore Green, who has functioned as our independent reviewer.

Graham asked Giles to comment on the accounts.

Treasurer's Report:

Giles reminded everyone that the accounts had been available on the web site, had been circulated by e-mail, and were available to those attending in person.

Giles opened by stating the year had been successful and thanked the leaders, Cathy, and Steve for their efforts, especially where this helps him in the preparing of being good stewards of Section Account and the preparation of Accounts.

The programs being put on and the addition of new people into the Group, including the 2nd Beaver colony, means that more subs are raised, which in turn makes it easier to support the Group.

Appointment of Trustee Board:

Cathy took charge of the meeting for the Election of Officers. Cathy thanked the Trustee Board for helping the Group to function, providing the resources to deliver the program.

Cathy then asked Graham if he would stand as Chairperson for another year and Graham agreed.

Graham then resumed the position of Chairperson and on the recommendation of the Group Scout Council, asked Giles if he would continue to function as Treasurer. Giles agreed and was approved with a show of hands.

Graham asked the other members of the Committee if they would like to remain on the Trustee Group. Trustees, Ex-Officio, Elected, and Co-opt members nominated en-bloc are: Chris Beddowes, Rob Crawford, John Wiseman, Guy Hume, Katie White, and Steve or Cathy based on their availability. This was passed with a show of hands.

There has been one resignation in the year, Brian Clampin. Graham thanked them for his impact on the role of the Group.

Nick Farr is appointed as the independent examiner. Passed with a show of hands.

Jenny Mullan said a few words. She thanked Charmaine Southgate as she leaves her position as District Commissioner. She reflected on the changes in Scouting and the move to 'Teams.' She thanked Charmaine and everyone who has volunteered within Scouting in the past year. She reminded everyone that they should not underestimate the good they do for young people, giving them experiences they would not have the chance to experience if it were not for Scouting.

Q&A and Closing:

Graham offered up an open forum for any Q&A or observations. There were no questions.

Graham closed with a summary of what he described as a humbling year due to the history of the Group, the effort of the people involved, along with the positive response and engagement we have had from Sudbury's community and organisations & institutions. He thanked everyone for their efforts.

Graham then thanked everyone for attending and giving up time to attend.

The meeting closed at approx. 3:30pm