

1st Hoveton and Wroxham Sea Scouts

AGM 2025 Handout Pack

Group Lead Volunteer report 2024/2025



So, it's almost a year since we moved back into our HQ in Wroxham, there were a few minor things that had delayed us moving in floors not drying, mirrors not arrived and other minor things.

On the 18th of November our Beavers met in the new hall for the first time the other sections followed on (both Cub packs still meet as one until the end of term).

We had our official open day on the 30th November, this was a very well attended day with past and current members, local MP Steff Aquarone and many many more people came to marvel at the transformation. It was a real pleasure to welcome members of the committee that built the old HQ. It was their hard work and fundraising that literally built the very foundations that this new building stands on today.

Andy P gave a fantastic welcome talk that involved Beavers Cubs and Scouts doing the unveiling of the plaque. Our local Vicar Liz blessed the building from the Juliet balcony.

It was quite obvious from that very first night that Beavers met there was an acoustics issue that no one had foreseen, the echoes around the room were bordering on unbearable. The grants board covered the cost of purchasing and the installation of acoustic panels in the main hall, this really did transform the building.

Our Group Christingle service in mid-December at St Marys Church Wroxham was very well attend.

The joint cub packs went bowling as there Christmas party, Scouts played games and had lots of party food.

The Climbing wall had its first inspection, this highlighted a lot of work was needed before it could be used. To date we are nearly there, thanks to being able to purchase a job lot of equipment from the District.

New lines and compass points painted on the floor meant we were almost finished, with the hoist due to arrive in March.

A fantastic jumble sale was held in February taking over £700.

Three members of the Leader team and a Young Leader attended a climbing instructor course, Mina attended an air pistol instructor course. The Group purchased VE day badges for every member.

The HQ has a couple of regular booking "cook stars" on Wednesday afternoons cooking classes for children and a counselling session on Mondays in one of our small rooms.

The HQ was used for an overnight Korea Jamboree staff reunion in May. The Group received a grant from the Shelroy Charitable Trust to fund the replacement of our archery equipment as quite a lot of our old equipment was deemed unsafe to use. We also received a donation from the Rotary to help pay for the landscaping around the camp fire area.

In early June we received the very sad news that Angela Stevenson had passed away. Angela was a Beaver Leader for a number of years followed by a long time on the Group Executive and was very instrumental in the planning of our very successful car shows. Even after stepping away from regular Scouting Angela continued to support the Group by helping at our fundraising events.

Our June bag pack at Roys raised just under £700 another good result.

Rob from Cubs stood down from Cubs in July, Rob has been with us for 4 years and took a very active part in every aspect of Scouting and even persuaded his wife to become our treasurer, we miss you already Rob!

Scouting is currently going through a number of changes, new database, new compliance on training and changes in the structures of the Leader Teams. While implementing the changes, the Leaders have insured that Scouting at Hoveton and Wroxham has continued at the high level that is expected of them.

I wish to thank each and every one of the Leader Teams, our Board of Trustees members and your families for all the time you give to Scouting.

Terry GLV

NOTES FROM THE CHAIRMAN (Nigel)

What a difference a year makes. At the last AGM I reported that we were still in the process of rebuilding our HQ and we had been meeting for the last year at Barton Turf Activity Centre. The project was nearing the end and we were looking forward to coming home to Wroxham.

Well, I am very pleased to say that we are now home again and in a fabulous new building that will carry the Group forward into the future. In many ways, it is the same building we had before and the shape and layout is familiar, but it is now much bigger and has fantastic facilities fit for the 21st Century. All this is thanks to our amazing builder Phil Drake and his team who have created such a top quality result. I am very pleased to report that the project was completed on budget and we spent £1,045,000 of Government grant money.

In November last year, we held our Opening Ceremony. In the presence of the MP for Hoveton, Stefan, the building was opened by the Young People themselves. The building is theirs for the future of our local community and I am so glad that it was they who unveiled the plaque. Afterwards we had a party and it was great to see so many friends of the Group who came to celebrate the special occasion.

This was my third year as Chairman, and, once again I have spent it working nearly full time on Scouting. Never have I seen so much Government paperwork, and this has another two years to run. Ultimately, it sure has been worth it. The Government has to make sure that we are making good use of the money they have given us. I have no doubt that it will prove to be a sound investment. It is now time to move forward and I am looking forward to the opening of a Squirrels Section and to the setting up of a climbing club to make use of our lovely new climbing wall.

I would like to thank the Board of Trustees for their unwavering support and practical help in just so many ways. Without them the building project would not have been possible. I would also like to thank the Leaders and all the young people and their parents for putting up with the move to Barton Turf and for helping us to move back in again and to get going once more.

Now we have the new building there will be lots of opportunities for extra Scouting activities and new Sections. This can only happen if we have enough volunteers and there remains a significant need for more people to come forward to fill vital roles within the Group. Watch out for our recruitment campaigns which have already started and take a look at the new Volunteer section of our website. Some people have already come forward, but we need more. If you can help in any way, or if you know of anyone who can, then we need to hear from you. It's not for me, it's for the young people of Hoveton and Wroxham. They are the future.

I would like to thank the Bure Valley Rotary Group for their donation towards the cost of building a new camp fire area and raised garden for the young people. Also thank you to the Shelroy Trust Fund for new archery equipment.

I would also like to thank everyone who has helped to make this a fun and memorable year of Scouting. Thank you to the Trustees who manage the finances and the buildings to keep the Group running smoothly. Thank you to everyone who has helped with the HQ project. Thank you to all our leaders and supporters for your help. Finally, I would like to thank our Lead Volunteer, Terry, for all his support over the past year.

I look forward to another exciting and fun year of Scouting. Come along with us and enjoy the ride.

BEAVER SECTION REPORT (Andy)

It's been another busy and rewarding year for our Beaver colony.

The autumn term began with us working through our disability awareness badge – with a visit from a real life service dog! We then went through global issues, finding out about space, and a visit from a Pastor whilst working through

our faith badge. The seasonal highlights of Halloween, a Bonfire night and a Christmas Glowstick party were also marked with lots of fun. The year closed with a fantastic Christingle hosted by Liz at Wroxham Church.

As the Winter gloom made us retreat inside the hall, we hit back with lots more fun during the Spring term. We worked through our badges on the emergency services (and the Beavers managed a mock 999 call). We explored new sports in the hall, such as axe throwing and a game of blind football. We worked on our creative skills as well as celebrating Mother's Day. As the evenings lengthened we got ourselves outdoors, enjoying a hike around the Boardwalk at Irstead, and outside for an Easter Egg Hunt.

Summer approached, and a young Beaver's fancy turns to thoughts of fun! We worked on our photography badge, making a photo A-Z and taking fantastic action shots. We eagerly joined in the great sunflower planting, and worked through our camp craft badge by putting up tents. As part of our nature badge we made both a bird feeder and a bug hotel! We went camping, tried kayaking, and loads of other outdoor fun. We ended the year with a fantastic water fight.

So a very full year, building confidence, building social skills, and smiling.

This is obviously a great deal of work – thankfully we have a fantastic team. Starting with Ella – simply a fantastic young leader. Her smiling can-do attitude brings energy and zest to the group, not to mention her great skill at dealing with young people. It's been a privilege to watch her grow into this role – both as a leader and as a person. I wonder where she gets it from? Oh yes, that'll be Di, who joined us at the start of September. With her background as a teacher and running an Outdoor Activity centre, it's no surprise the high level of skill she brings to us as a group (many of the activities above are only successful when she makes up for the gaps in my scouting skills!). Maria has also rejoined us, as her firecracker of a son became a beaver. Maria brings kindness, organisation (much needed by me) and a hatful of ideas about how to improve the Beaver experience. We've also been joined by Robin, who initially was here purely to help his Grandson to settle in. But we've managed to keep him onboard, and his helpful attitude is invaluable at keeping the show on the road. I'm indebted to all four of you for your hard work.

So that's what we've been up to – and are very much looking forward to another full and rewarding year with the Beavers

WEDNESDAY CUB SECTION REPORT (Mina)

Here are a few things Wednesday Cubs have been up to:

Big Bird Watch

Campfire skills with a song or two

Sunflower seed planting

Badge work like Home Help, Environment/Energy, Map Reading and more

A talk about VE Day

A visit from the Salvation Army

An evening hike starting from Horstead Mill

A joint camp with both Packs at our new HQ building

Sailing at Horning Sailing Club aways a fabulous night

Go Go, Safari around Norwich

and to finish before the summer break a kayaking session on Barton Broad from Burton Turf Activity Centre.

A big thank-you for the parental help, and many thanks to all who helped to keep scouting alive here at our wonderful new HQ.

Akela and team.

THURSDAY CUB SECTION REPORT (Steven)

A Year of Change, Growth, and Adventure for the Cubs

After 18 months of joint meetings, the New Year marked a fresh start as we split back into two separate Cub Packs. This time, however, we made a change — instead of returning to Friday evenings, we moved our meetings to Thursday nights. The primary reason behind this shift was to make our HQ more available for weekend camp bookings. Most camps run over weekends, and Friday meetings would clash with set-up times, either delaying camps

or requiring our Cubs to meet elsewhere — neither ideal. After discussions with the volunteer team, Thursday was agreed as the best fit.

We took around 14 Cubs to Thursday's when we split, and I'm pleased to say that, after checking with everyone, each child ended up in the Pack that met on their preferred evening — a fantastic result!

Even though we're now separate again, we've committed to maintaining a close connection with the Wednesday Cubs. We planned our programmes together this year and ran several joint activities, including a sailing evening at Horning Sailing Club, a hike in Horstead, and a fun evening at Wroxham Library. Together, we've worked towards various badges across the two terms, including the Gardening Badge, Communicator, and Sports Enthusiast.

Looking back, I think everyone — Cubs and volunteers alike — would agree that the highlight of our year was the camp. Personally, I'd say it was the best Cub Camp I've ever been part of. We chose to host it at our HQ, partly to make full use of our fantastic new facilities and also to test them out before opening them to other groups. Although many volunteers contributed to its success, huge credit goes to Carole, the driving force behind it all.

The camp was cowboy-themed, packed with engaging crafts and adventurous activities like archery, rifle and pistol shooting, and even angel throwing! Cubs spent two nights under canvas and even prepared and cooked their own evening meal on Saturday. It was a brilliant experience all round. Once again, a big thank you to Carole for making it all happen.

On a more reflective note, we were sad to say goodbye to Rob last term. He has been a huge support to me personally and to the whole Pack. He will be sorely missed by the Cubs and volunteers, though I'm holding him to his word that he may return in the future! Despite this loss, I'm far from alone — this year, we welcomed both Ted and Young Leader Sam to the team, and I'm incredibly grateful for their support and enthusiasm.

SCOUT SECTION REPORT (Terry)

Scouts started back into the rebuilt HQ in November and got stuck into making the building more like a Scout HQ. With a huge amount of enthusiasm, the Scouts were hanging notice boards, painting shelves and sorting kit for putting back into the new building.

After a few weeks of hard work Scouts had a couple of weeks of badge work, they were split into teams and walked around Hoveton and Wroxham looking for interesting but obscure facts about shops and businesses to create questions for another team to find the answers.

A few more weeks of working around the HQ and annex, building racking, putting solar lights in the storage container, assembling the gas storage cage and moving trailers.

Then back around Wroxham delivering leaflets asking for jumble, followed by a night of collecting jumble and wow our sales have been missed there was tons of stuff to be collected!

Then at the HQ for the ever-popular pancake cooking, with the leader team a little nervous about whether the new heat and smoke detection system would be activated! no problems thankfully.

More jobs around the HQ, building a wood store, planting daffodil bulbs moving sleepers for our new raised bed area near the camp fire.

Water activities, we decided to go back to Barton Turf as it worked so well there last year. With all our equipment on site there was no need to tow trailers. We had some good trips out on Barton Broad and up the river Ant in kayaks. The Sailing was interesting when there was wind it was challenging for some when there was no wind it was challenging for everyone.

The Leader team would like to thank Dean, Luke, Glenn and Carol for their help in running the Troop, and for parents for dropping Scouts off at various places for hikes etc.

The Scout Lead Team.

Receipts & Payments

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	Full year 2024/25 Restricted	Full year 2024/25 Unrestricted	Full year 2023/24 Restricted	Full year 2023/24 Unrestricted
Receipts				
Membership Subscriptions	-	3,756	-	3,501
Less Membership subscription paid	-	(3,751)	-	(2,915)
	-	5	-	586
Donations	-	71	-	506
Event income	-	1,026	-	3,088
Camp deposits	-	-	-	-
Gift aid	-	-	-	-
Other similar income	-	-	-	-
	-	1,102	-	4,180
Grants	-	-	-	-
Maintenance	-	-	-	-
HQ Refurb Grant	668,434	-	379,881	-
	668,434	-	379,881	-
Fundraising	-	-	-	-
Car show	-	-	-	-
Jumble sale	-	456	-	-
Recycling	-	371	-	763
Other fundraising	-	-	-	300
	-	827	-	1,063
Bank interest	-	351	-	191
Total gross income	668,434	2,280	379,881	5,435
Payments				
Charitable payments				
Youth programme and activities	-	(2,473)	-	(1,704)
Rent	-	(398)	-	(265)
Electricity, Gas, Water, Wifi	-	(1,742)	-	(1,259)
Insurance	-	(3,017)	-	(2,168)
Repairs & renewals	-	(4,687)	-	(2,036)
HQ improvements - grant work	(638,682)	-	(390,565)	-
Printing & photocopying	-	-	-	-
Boat exam/licences	-	(132)	-	-
Donations & other	-	(356)	-	(325)
	(638,682)	(12,804)	(390,565)	(7,756)
Fundraising expenses				
Event Expenses	-	(914)	-	(1,804)
Car show	-	-	-	-
Recycling	-	(462)	-	(529)
	-	(1,376)	-	(2,333)
Total expenditure	(638,682)	(14,180)	(390,565)	(10,089)
Net income/(expenditure)	29,752	(11,899)	(10,683)	(4,654)
Opening Cash	(4,149)	78,046	6,534	82,700
Closing Cash	25,602	66,147	(4,149)	78,046
Cash breakdown				
Barclays operating		31,439		2,385
Virgin savings accounts		60,210		72,191
Petty cash		100		100
		91,749		74,676

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Assets & Liabilities

	31/03/2025 Restricted	31/03/2025 Unrestricted	31/03/2024 Restricted	31/03/2024 Unrestricted
Assets				
Cash Funds				
Barclays current	25,602	5,837	-	2,385
Virgin savings	-	60,210	-	71,691
Charity Bank	-	-	-	500
Cash/floats	-	100	-	100
	25,602	66,147	-	74,676
Other monetary assets				
Debts due from county/area/district/group	-	-	-	-
Shortfall in grant funding	-	-	3,369	-
Recoverable from insurers (1)	-	3,745	-	-
	-	3,745	3,369	-
Non monetary assets (2)				
Contents	-	20,591	-	20,591
Land & Buildings	-	1,000,000	-	238,723
Boats & Trailers	-	12,135	-	12,135
Scouting equipment	-	17,434	-	17,434
	-	1,050,160	-	288,882
Liabilities				
Commitments arising from grant - builders retention	(22,595)	-	-	-
	(22,595)	-	-	-

Notes

1. This amount has been recovered from the insurers in August 2025
2. All values will need to be reviewed at some stage. The land and buildings figure shown is as per the reinstatement value agreed with the insurers

These accounts were approved by the Executive Committee on

2025

Chair

Treasurer

Minutes of the AGM for Hoveton and Wroxham Scout Group held 9 September 2024.

Present:

Terry Hughes	Lead Volunteer
Nigel Pope	Group Chair
Andy Petch	Group Secretary and Beaver Lead Volunteer
Steve Petch	Group Treasurer
Steven Kinsley	Scout Lead Volunteer and Cub Volunteer
Mina Marshall	Cub Lead Volunteer
Di Smith	Barton Turf Activity Centre Staff/Beaver Volunteer
Ash Cato	Barton Turf Activity Centre
Clive Gritten	
Felicity Gritten	
Carol Hughes	
Peter Mantle	Wroxham Parish Council
Gareth Parker	
Alex Fishdougall	
Catherine Rose	

Apologies Received: Jody Walton; Sam Ashby; Carole Fleming; Paul Grisewood; Francis James; Norma James; Angela Stevenson; Robin Baines; Cath Howes; Sam Ashby

1. **Approval of previous meeting:** No objections were raised. They were proposed as a true and accurate record by Steven Kinsley and seconded by Clive Gritten
2. **Lead Volunteer Report:** The Lead Volunteer delivered his report (circulated before the meeting, copy attached)
3. **Annual Reports by sections:** The Lead Volunteers for each section delivered their reports. These were circulated before the meeting (copy attached)
4. **Chair Persons Report:** The Chair delivered his report with a focus on the building project, and showed a PowerPoint containing details and photographs of the Hut Renovation. The Chair also discussed his trip to the World Jamboree in South Korea.
5. **Treasurer's Report:** The Treasurer delivered his report and talked through the accounts. He pointed out that a Gift Aid Claim would be required for the following year, and also identified the need to revalue the Group's property and scouting assets once the new build had been completed. The accounts were proposed by Steven Kinsley and seconded
6. **Adoption of Constitution:** The Chair proposed the same constitution as the previous year and this was accepted without consent.
7. **Election of Officers:** The lead volunteer temporarily took over the Chairing of the meeting and proposed that NP remain as Chair for a following year. This was agreed. All other officers were appointed without opposition. Robert Dack had agreed to fulfil the role of auditor for another year.
8. **Any other business:** The only item was a statement of thanks and gratitude to the Board of Trustees from a parent who attended the meeting

More Information

You can always find more information about the Group and what we have been up to on our website. It is regularly updated with news and photographs.

www.hovetonandwroxhamscouts.org.uk

Volunteering

We always need more adults to help us give the best possible experience for the young people. Helping with a Scout Group is a fun and exciting leisure activity. It looks good on your CV too. No previous experience is needed. Comprehensive training is provided and you become part of a supportive team.

You can find more information on our volunteering pages:

<https://www.hovetonandwroxhamscouts.org.uk/volunteer.htm>

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