



3rd HESWALL SCOUT COUNCIL

Annual General Meeting

Monday 23rd June 2025, 6.30pm

Scout Hut, Marksway, Pensby,

CH61 9PB AGENDA

1. Introduction and welcome

Tricia welcomed our parents, carers, young people, Fr Stephen and the district team to celebrate the work of the troop. Everyone invited to stay for refreshments following the meeting. Tricia

2. Opening prayer

Fr Stephen opened the meeting with a prayer

3. Apologies for absence

No apologies sent or received.

4. Governance topics

a. Approve the minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 08/07/2024

The minutes of last year's AGM have been accepted and QR code and website signposted to all parties should they wish to review themselves as well.

b. Adopt the model constitution from Policy, Organisation and Rules (POR)

This is online and our local copy is downloaded for parents and carers should they wish to access this via the homepage. Any amendments are welcomed by parents. All accepted that we continue to adopt this.

c. Note the Group's financial year

1st April – 31st March agreed by treasurer.

d. Agree the number of members that may be appointed to the Trustee Board

Currently standing at 10, but welcome to go up to 12 with extra support. Accepted by all parties.

e. Agree the quorum for future meetings of the Group Scout Council (excluding this AGM)

1/3 + 1 member – accepted by all parties.

4. Review of the previous year

a. The Group Lead Volunteer's review of Scouts during the past 12 months in the 3rd Heswall Scout Group

There are types for all types of scout group and there is a space for 3rd Heswall in our community. Tricia thanked Jean and all the volunteers for their time and efforts.

Jean gave the following update:

Beavers:

- a wide variety of activities completed, including community activities including scavenging, litter picking, crafting, building, indoor bonfires, camp song, camping skills explored, cooking, joint meeting with Rainbows at Heswall (we hope to do this again).
- full beaver colony currently, there is a constant demand currently which is a testament to our young people for spreading the word.
- We have continued making meaningful relationships with Ridgeway Court, doing Christmas Carols, an Easter Egg Hunt, planting in the garden (plants donated by Tesco). The Beavers and residents all love these joint activities.
- lots of badges have been earned this year.
- we like to get outside as much as possible.

Cubs:

- the cub pack is also full with a waiting list which is testament to a full and varied programme.
- Lots of community activities like litter picking, with the community noting their hard work, we have been to pantomimes, sleepovers and more.
- the programme is shaped by the young people, and all cubs have this year, planned, prepared and lead a session each, they were so creative
- Sailing, den building, medicine day at Liverpool University, golf Starz session, tending an allotment
- Lots of achievements and badges too.

Scouts:

- A small but perfectly formed scout group with cubs ready to move up so we are hoping this will grow soon.
- Navigation and map reading skills, shooting and archery, climbing, baking and decorating Christmas cakes and planned and prepared for their own camp here in the grounds in our newly donated bell tents from Heswall Round Table, orienteering sailing, first aid training, stargazing and night hiking
- Lots of valuable experiences and friendships forged, with life long skills developed over their time with us.

All sections:

- District activities for all sections have been undertaking to understand how we fit into the wider scouting community.

- All section activities have been fantastic this year as well with church parades, film nights and more to learn from each other.
- Jean also thanked volunteers and trustee board for their time and dedication, and district for their guidance, wisdom and support.
- Jean thanked the parents and carers for their support but also reminded everyone that we will always need support and any skills that could be shared would be appreciated, as well as regular helpers for Beavers, even if washing the dishes/cleaning up at the end of the meeting each week.

b. The district lead volunteer or representative's remarks

- Andy reminded everyone they should be proud of everything they have achieved this year, and passed on his thanks to the leader team particularly, especially as transformation has been difficult this year.
- It is great that every section is busy, but we would love to start a Squirrel's Dray at 3rd Heswall so we need everyone's help, there are so many people in West Wirral who want to get involved in Scout.
- 290 joining enquiries since September in west Wirral alone!

c. Receive and consider the Annual Report of the Group Trustee Board, including the annual Statement of the accounts

- Nicola shared an overview of the accounts, which can be viewed on the website should people wish to see. Paper copies are also available at the AGM tonight.
- It has been another busy year at 3rd Heswall, which is our first full year of having online banking, which I had reservation about initially, but this has been a fantastic development for us and eased the process for us.
- Costs and bills are climbing and escalating, as it is for everyone, but we have managed due to stable numbers in our groups.
- Our only regular money is from subs, everything else is through fundraising such as our grand raffle tonight.
- The co-op used to be a good source of income for us but this has now closed.
- Urenco £1000
- Tesco blue tokens
- Collection plate at OLSJ
- Christmas fairs
- Film Nights
- Quiz Nights
- We would like to refresh our toileting facilities to make them accessible, we have £4000 put aside for this, our current quote is approx. £10,000
- By using the online system, we have been able to drill down where we have spent money, and analyse how we use our funds which will help us to plan and budget going forward, as we do need to upgrade equipment such as catering equipment.
- If anyone has charity partnerships, or a company that could donate goods or money, we would be delighted to work with you and them - please do pass on any contacts to the team.

- Thanks passed on from Nicola to the team, the district, young people and their families, and her husband who supports in the treasurer role as well.
- We are in a strong position currently and wish to continue to be so going forwards.

6. Making appointments

a. Chair, Treasurer and other members of the Trustee Board remain in position for another 2 years.

All current members happy to stay in position,

Current board accepted by all parties.

b. any other parent volunteers?

Volunteers (particularly parents from each section) would be very welcome to come and join the trustee board. Volunteers asked to let the team know at refreshments.

7. 3rd Heswall Annual Awards

Beaver of the Year: Adam

Cub of the Year: Alex

Scout of the Year: Emily Mason

Mike King Trophy: Isabelle Lever

Maureen McCafferty Trophy: Seren

John Roberts Trophy: Rob Hughes

Leader Challenge Award: Henry Walker

Chief Scout Award for 15 years service to Nicola O'Brien, Andrew Cain and Rob Hughes

8. Closing remarks and blessing

Tricia thanked everyone for coming along and supporting up, and Fr Stephen closed the meeting with a prayer.