



Scouts 
1st Lower Morden

Annual Report & Accounts 2026

AGM & Annual Report

January – December 2025

1ST Lower Morden Scout Group

Registered Charity No 303787

Report & Accounts for the year ended 31 December 2025

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Section Meeting Times

Beavers (6 – 8 years)	Tuesday	5.45 – 6.45 pm
Cubs (8 - 10½ years)	Tuesday	7.00 – 8.30 pm
Scout Troop (10½ - 14 years)	Thursday	7.15 – 9.00 pm

Any child wishing to join Beavers, Cubs or Scouts should have their parent/guardian contact one of the Leaders.

OFFICERS/LEADERS

Group Scout Leader	David Williams
Beaver Leadership Team	Nicky Hayward Tracy Eaton Louise Ephgrave Grace File
Young leaders	Megan Penders Abi Rose
Cub Scout Leadership Team	Bob McNally Grace File Vincent Parchment
Scout helpers	Luke Solomon Kieran Penders
Scout Troop Leadership Team	David Williams Bob McNally Jude Faulkner Delene De Haas

Executive Committee

Chair	David Collins
Secretary	Rosie Wills
Treasurer	Martin Knight
Other Members	Rachel Sibson, Brian Penders

Bankers: Lloyds Bank plc.
Blackheath London Branch
PO Box 1000
BX1 1LT

Auditor: Rayvathi Katzanos

Scout Association Group Registration No: 46746
Charity Registration No: 303787

The Officers are appointed in accordance with the Policy, Organisation and Rules of the Scout Association.

The Accounts have been drawn up on an income and expenditure basis.

1st LOWER MORDEN SCOUT GROUP
Charity Number 303787
Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on
Tuesday, 8 July 2025 at 7pm

Present: Group Executive Committee Group Leaders Parents and Friends
District Representative

Meeting commenced at 7.00 p.m.

1. Welcome

David opened the Meeting by welcoming everyone and summarising the events of the evening. David then handed over to the chair, David Collins.

2. Apologies for Absence

No apologies had been received.

3. Minutes of AGM 2024.

Approval - These were accepted as a true record and signed accordingly.

Matters Arising – No matters arising.

4. Treasurer's Report

Please see a copy of the Treasurer's report in the Annual Report emailed out for this AGM, Accounts pages 5, 6, 7, 8 and 10. The accounts have been audited and approved. Gift Aid has brought in £1644.94 which was highlighted from the accounts. MK explained the advantages of Gift Aid and thanked all those that supported in this way. He encouraged any who is able to, to complete the appropriate form. MK highlighted that there had been a lot of maintenance work included in the accounts this year.

5. Chair's Report

Please see a copy of the Group Chair's report in the Annual Report emailed out for this AGM, page 9. DC thanked all those present for attending and for their support. He noted that there had been big changes since last year and thanked Andrew Hayward for all that he had done for 1st Lower Morden. He thanked DW for taking over and with the leaders continuing to grow the unit. DC read a quote from Elizabeth Andrew, 'volunteers do not necessarily have the time; they just have the heart' and reflected on the amount of time that the 1st Lower Morden leaders spend on activities for the children and the value of that time. He encouraged an application for the Kings Award Voluntary Scheme next year when applications re-open.

David concluded with thanks to all leaders, Trustees, volunteers, parents and children for the part that they play and presented gifts to Nicki and team (Beavers), Chris and team (Cubs) and David and team (Scouts/Explorers).

6. Section Reports

Individual reports for Beavers, Cubs and Scouts had been circulated as part of the Annual Report. Again, if you have any queries on these reports, please ask the Section Leader.

7. Group Lead Volunteer's Report

Please see the Group Lead Volunteer's Report on page 13 of the AGM materials.

DW thanked all the leaders, volunteers, parents, trustees and most importantly the Beavers, Cubs, Scouts and Explorers for without their commitment, enthusiasm and support none of what happens would be possible. He summarised some of the activities and challenges of the past year and looked forward to the next year which will include new flooring and a possible international trip. DW encouraged all to get involved with whatever they can as even the smallest contribution can spark something big in a young person's life.

8. Group Scout Leader's Nomination of Group Chairman

Not required as David Collins is still within his 3 year term.

9. Appointment of Group Auditor

Rayvathi Katzanas has been appointed Group Auditor.

10. Beaver, Cub and Scout Presentations

Chief Scout Bronze Awards were presented to 4 Beavers.
Chief Scout Silver Awards were presented to 5 Cubs.
Chief Scout Gold Awards were presented to 2 Scouts.
(NB not all of the above were present to collect their awards)

11. Guest Speaker

Mark Renton was welcomed to the meeting. Mark spoke briefly about how he visits many groups in the area. He commented that it is particularly nice to see how well 1st Lower Morden is supported, but also how much 1st LM supports the District. He thanked all those involved.

12. Any Other Business

None.

The Meeting closed at 7.24 p.m.

7 Leaders, 88 Adults and children
At the end a BBQ had been organised for everyone.



Income and Expenditure Account Summary

1st Lower Morden Scout Group Year ending 31st December 2025

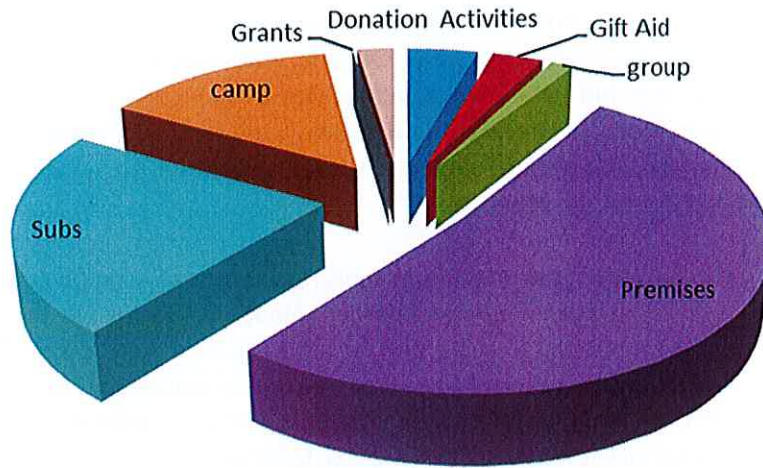
	Brought forward from 2024	24717.36
	Skipton	7000.00
	Skipton Interest	222.25
		31939.61
INCOME		
AGM	AGM	350.00
Beavers	LazerQuest	200.00
	Sleepover 2025	300.00
Camp	Beavers Christmas 2024	20.00
	Beavers Christmas 2025	320.00
	February 2025	830.00
	PGL 2026	190.00
	PGL Marchards Hall 2025	5280.00
Cubs	Water Sports	400.00
Donations	:Donations misc	630.00
	EE paid to us in error 2025	68.00
	Groundwork UK	350.00
	Sewing Badges	13.00
Gift Aid	Gift Aid	1482.86
Group	20p Fair	301.60
	Scarves	20.00
Investiture Fees	Investiture Fees	90.00
Jack Petchy	Jack Petchy Award	900.00
Premises	Bow Lane Rental	23360.00
	Nursery Phone	239.68
	Outside Rental	220.00
Scouts	Bowling	221.50
Subscriptions	Subscriptions	10237.00
		46023.64

EXPENSES

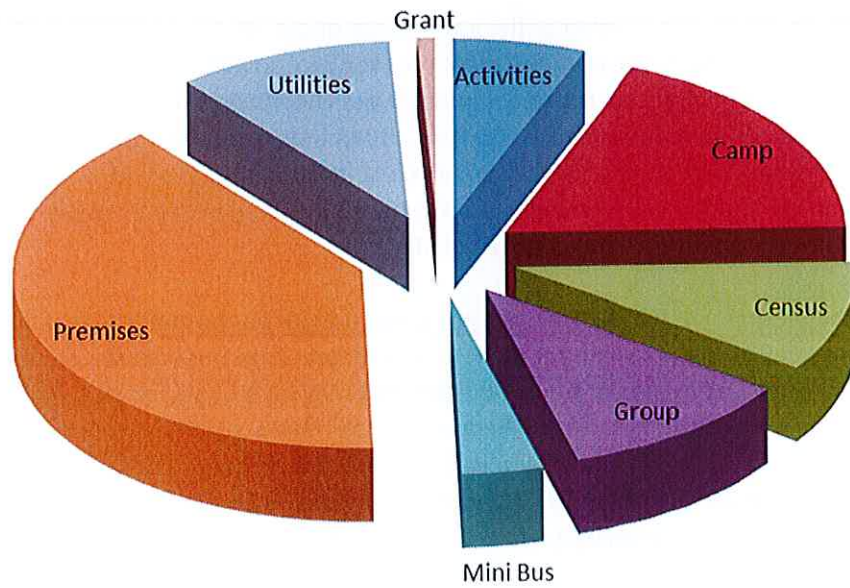
20th Anniversary	:20th Anniversary	837.25
AGM	AGM	137.72
Badge Account	Badge Account	93.10
Beavers	Beavers Badges	130.77
	Beavers misc	162.62
	LazerQuest	199.60
	Sleepover 2025	300.00
Camp	Christmas 2025	324.38
	February 2025	817.34
	PGL Marchards Halll 2025	6318.00
	France 2025	280.00
Census	Census	4219.50
Christingle	Christingle 2025	149.08
Cubs	Cub Badges	34.15
	Cubs misc	182.23
	Water Sports	400.00
Grant	Groundwork UK	356.19
Group	1st Aid Kit Items	73.00
	20p Fair	50.45
	Air Rifles	344.99
	Beavers Room Makeover	284.77
	Floor Protectors	221.72
	Furniture	119.99
	Garden Furniture	359.85
	Group misc	1015.40
	Lawn Mower , Strimmer	117.62
	Paint	252.37
	Photographs	288.70
	Plaque	200.00
	Tents	10.50
Jack Petchy	Jack Petchy Award	270.00
Mini Bus	Fuel	100.00
	Garage	39.55

	MOT	59.55
	Motor Insurance	1082.89
	Motor misc	130.57
	Motor Tax	171.00
Premises	Cleaning	17.65
	Den - paint etc	130.13
	Den, Rifle Range	42.85
	Electrical Work	1353.72
	Flooring	11378.16
	Gardening , Plants etc.	47.50
	Insurance	3438.47
	Misc- premises	89.32
	Plumbing	102.00
Scouts	Bowling	240.99
	Scouts Badges , Woggles	39.00
	Scouts misc	468.05
Utilities	British Telecom	479.32
	Electricity Octopus	2353.66
	Gas - Octopus	586.72
	SES Water	780.00
Website	Website Costs	255.00
		41937.39
	Lloyds carried forward to 2026	28803.61
	Skipton carried forward to 2026	7222.25
		36025.86

Income 2025



Expenses 2025



Group Chair's Report

As a trustee board, the AGM is an opportunity for us to share the work that goes on behind the scenes to make scouting run. This has been a busy year for work on our site. We have replaced the flooring in the hall and added insulation throughout the section rooms and storage areas. Outside, whilst we are so lucky to have such amazing grounds, these also take continual care and maintenance. Whilst David works tirelessly to do this, and I would again like to acknowledge our thanks as a troop, we have just undertaken a full review of our trees and had a tree surgeon in to ensure that our site remains safe. This will be followed by a full tree survey to make sure that the tree coverage we have is maintained, and added to over the years ahead.

Finally, when you head out to the BBQ after this meeting, you will see the newly completed fencing. This was a large but important expense and on behalf of the trustee board and leaders, I would like to thank everybody who supported our appeal to fund this. I am pleased to share that for all those who were able to support, there are plaques on the fence. It is great to be able to acknowledge that this is a community group and to reflect on the positive impact scouting has had on so many families in our community. If you would still like to be part of this and feel that you could help with the cost of the fencing, please speak to David this evening and we would love to see your scouting journey remembered for generations to come.

With the large premises tasks complete, our financial focus for 2026/27 is on enhancing the scouting provision across all units. We have asked the leaders to share a 'wish list' of the resources, experiences and activities, which would normally not be possible to offer and are looking forward to this year's programme offering our young people some truly wonderful experiences. I am pleased that we are hoping to re-instate our annual summer camp, planned for the Ardèche, France for Summer 27. We have 20 spaces reserved for this trip, and as a trustee board are pleased to share that, we will be subsidising places on this trip for anyone interested by £100.

Life remains very busy for us all. I was reminded of the importance of our relationships with people and our local community organisations, such as this troop from the most recent ETSY advert. The theme is that 'human moments still matter'. The advert reflects on important moments in our lives. The advert states that we will have 76 summers, 12 fresh starts, 6 best friends, 15 great loves and 1,205 firsts. It reminds us of the importance of sharing human moments. How great that we are part of an organisation which at its core engages with young people and society, fostering relationships and community involvement. My hope for all involved in the 1st Lower Morden that your experiences with us will become memories you cherish for life.

As we look ahead into the programme for 2026/27, we are keen to work on the challenge badges across the sections, but for this we need your help. Where for all of us time is precious, our limited volunteer capacity continues to need a boost. Whilst making a commitment to weekly scouting may be a huge ask, this year we are asking if you can spare time to help our young people complete a badge. To make this possible, and as we prepare for the first challenge badge in Cubs, would you be able to offer a week or two to help teach our scouts how to **cook cakes, learn how to sew or learn basic electrician skills**. We will work with you on the commitment you can offer and a timescale you can make work so that our young people can benefit for the various expertise we all bring.

As I end this report, I was fortunate enough to take my son to see Toy Story 5 last month. As modern technology continues to bring new opportunities for young people, what a joy it is that we can be part of scouting and spend at least one evening a week without our devices and learning skills, which we can take with us into whatever we do. The film's strap line is, 'Times may change, but Friends are forever'. Thank you to all the volunteers, parents and young people at the 1st Lower Morden who continue to make this a special place where friendships are formed.

Group Treasurer's Report:

The Group's Annual Report and Accounts are presented on an income and expenditure basis. A copy of the audited accounts is included in the AGM Report. There are no financial issues arising from the accounts.

Rayvathi Katzanos independently audits the accounts. We are grateful for her carrying out this work voluntarily.

We received £1482.86 in Gift Aid from HMRC this Financial Year. The amount received is £162.00 less than in 2024. We would like to thank all those who have completed the necessary Gift Aid form. If you have not already completed a form and are able to do so, can you please reconsider as this brings in a substantial amount to the Group? If you require a form, please contact your Group Leader.

Thank you to all the Officers and Leaders for their support during the last year.

Martin Knight
Group Treasurer

REPORTS FROM SECTIONS

BEAVERS

We started the year with a health and fitness challenge, celebrated Chinese New year by making Chinese Dragons and made heart shaped pizzas for Valentines day.

In the spring we ate pancakes and raced and flipped the paper ones we made, went on a trip to lazerquest with other beavers from the district, attended St George's day parade and some of our beavers managed to get their bronze award. We also made cards and presents for Mother's day, went on an easter egg hunt and attended and helped out at the group 20p fair .

During the summer term we worked on our experiment badge by making salt dough exploding volcanoes, growing cress heads and making armpit fudge! We attended sports day , worked on some outstanding badge parts and made junk model machines. We attended the group camp to PGL , District sports day and had a joint camp with the 6/12th beavers from Mitcham and of course finished the term off with our annual water party.

In the autumn we did the log climb at the District HQ, attended District camp fire afternoon, ticked off some of our cooks badge , made sock puppets and made and produced short plays which we acted out in front of the other beavers . Craft wise we made firework pictures and Christmas cards and finished the year off with Christmas camp.

A good and busy year. As always my thanks go to all the leaders for their help and to the children for being a delight to have (well most of the time !)



Roo and team

cubs

The past year has been a time of change within Cubs. Chris stood down as Cub Leader and we were down on leaders. We picked ourselves up, dusted ourselves down and pressed on.

Over the year, we have taken part in cub chess, shooting sessions, a laser quest evening and a chance to see some reptiles and snakes! The cubs took part in the swimming gala and the District Sports representing and making the 1st Lower Morden proud.



The Cubs have been encouraged to look through their Cub badge books to complete badges at home or through their extracurricular activities and interests. We have heard from several of them recounting trips away, collections and the sports they have taken part in.

At the end of May 2026, eight Cubs along with members of the Scouts experienced two nights away at PGL Marchants Hill. The weather was glorious and they took part in several activities throughout the weekend.

We have planning sessions over the summer and will be calling on parents to lend a hand on some of our evenings to pass on their skills and hopefully decide that scouting is

for them!

My thanks go to David (Cobra) for his assistance, to Grace (Chil) and to the two scout helpers Kieran and Luke who have made our lives so much easier on Tuesday evenings.

Bob (Baggy)

SCOUTS

We currently have 34 Scouts and expect a few more coming up in September. We are sending up 5 to Explorers in September so the circle of scouting life continues unabated.

As ever the Troop continues to take part in Scout events establishing ourselves as one of the mainstays in the District.

We were the winners of the Scout Swimming Trophy and I am very pleased to say that we retook the District Football Trophy too!

Our now traditional Christingle Service, Christmas Party and bowling ended our year.

This year's survival camp saw us head to London. A trip to the Natural History Museum and then a speedboat down the Thames. Sunday saw us heading to Cheam Swimming Baths.

The District Sports Day this year brought several medals with sterling efforts being made by all who took part. We even came away with a trophy – Scout Tug of War winners – hurrah!

Our Group visit to PGL at the end of May was a great success and we are already planning to head back there next year. We have rafting to go at Ravensbury Park and end of term activities to plan.

My thanks go to Bob (Baggy), Delene (Kim) and Jude for all of their assistance and support over the last year.



David (Cobra)



Group Lead Volunteer's Report

Phew! Another packed year for the 1st Lower Morden

We have cooperation within our leadership, all willing to lend a hand when the other sections are low on leaders and need some help. Support has also come from the growing Explorer Unit Sharks ESU and from our older scouts. It is heartening to hear that we are all pulling together and support and a helping hand is always there.

Our 20p fair raised over £300.00 this year and we are grateful for the leader and the trustee board member's support in making that a successful evening.

We are always reviewing and pressing ahead with maintenance of our building and grounds. A number of projects have been commissioned and completed. We have a new floor in the main hall, the Den is redecorated and can be used as a shooting range, we have insulation now in the loft space above the section rooms, the garage is tidier and the grounds are always being worked on and improved. We have fencing to arrange and tree pruning on our radar.

Our section reports show all are busy and we are attracting new members from all over the District. The Beavers, Cubs and Scouts have all offered camps and nights away and we are so grateful to the leaders making the time in their busy lives to organise and run these camps.

Congratulations to Delene who was awarded the Jack Petchey Leader Award this year. As well as a certificate and a medal she has £1,000.00 to spend on a scouting activity. We are pondering on what we can do.

My thanks goes to the entire Leadership Team and their supporters and helpers for their unwavering support. They all continue to volunteer and give their time freely for our group. If anyone is interested in joining our crew then please do let me know.

We are also grateful to our Group Trustee Board who deal with Governance and administration of the Group. They continue to review finance, risks and property. They make sure that we are well managed, risks assessed and our buildings are in good order. A massive thank you to David C, Rachel, Martin and Susan, Rosie and Brian.

Thanks to the parents, supporters, Beavers, Cubs & Scouts who without which we will not be where we are now. Onward and upwards, lesssss gooooo!

David Williams, Group Lead Volunteer

