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# 1st Tolworth (St Matthew's) Scout Group

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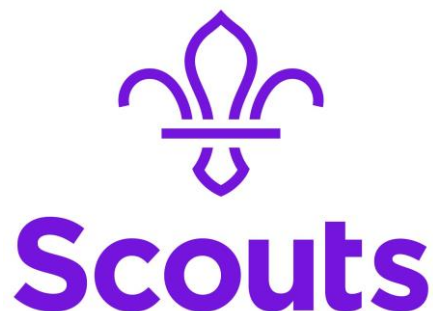
Sparks Hall, Pyne Road, Tolworth, KT6 7BN

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Group AGM  
Tuesday  
3<sup>rd</sup> June  
All Invited

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## Diary of Events

### May

Tue 6th      20.15 - Board of Trustee Meeting

### June

Tue 3rd      20.00 - Annual General Meeting All Welcome

### July

Tue 1st      20.15 - Board of Trustee Meeting

All contributions for the July issue of OOTB to be delivered to Gayna  
by 25th June 2025

## **GROUP LEAD VOLUNTEER REPORT**

**NO REPORT**

## **GROUP CHAIR'S REPORT**

I would like start my report as always by inviting all Members, Families and Supporters to the 1st Tolworth (St. Matthew's) Scout Group Annual general Meeting; to be held at Sparks Hall on Tuesday 3rd June 2025 The proposed agenda for the meeting can be seen on page 14

We will be adopting (or re-adopting) the 1st Tolworth (St. Matthew's) Scout Group Constitution. The Constitution, as the name suggests is the charter the Scout Group adopt when delivering Scouting for 1st Tolworth (St. Matthew's) and can be found on Our website, <https://1sttolworthscouts.org.uk/1st-tolworth-st-matthews-scout-group-constitution/>

Attendees at the Annual General Meeting, make up what is known as the Group Scout Council, vote on the adoption of the constitution and acceptance of the nominated, Chair, Treasurer, Secretary and other Trustee members to the Group Scout Board of Trustees, so as parents, supporters and Leaders, attending the AGM is quite an important role.

Some of the exiting titles and roles within Scouting have changed and we are still coming to terms with them. Just for clarity the Board of Trustees is the new title of what we all knew as the Group Executive Committee.

The current Board of trustees has a number of members that have served 1st Tolworth (St. Matthew's) Scout Group unwaveringly for many years but with many years of service comes age and they are not going to be able to carry on for much longer. I myself will this year have been Group Chair for 16 Years, a job I still enjoy, but we need some younger volunteers to carry on the good work of the Group.

In the past the "Group Executive" looked after everything; Safety compliance, Building maintenance, Finances and quartermaster duties. (Looking after all the Camping Equipment).

Under the new rules some of these tasks are to be looked after by Support Teams lead by the Section Leadership teams. Have a look at the link below if you are interested.

<https://www.scouts.org.uk/volunteer/what-do-volunteers-do/>

If anyone is considering volunteering or is interested in becoming a member of the Board of Trustees please could you let me know by e-mail before the 21st May 2025

[chair1sttolworthscouts@btinternet.com](mailto:chair1sttolworthscouts@btinternet.com)

In particular we are in desperate need of a Cub Leader, Caroline our Scout Troop leader has done a magnificent job in keeping the Cub section going but she cannot keep this up.

If we have no Cub section there is nowhere for the Beavers to swim up too and no Cubs moving up to the Troop, numbers would diminish drastically, and where would that leave a Scout Group without any young people?

If you are thinking about becoming a leader but Cubs is not for you and Beavers is more to your liking we could come to an arrangement.

Please do come along to the AGM and join us, it would be great to see as many of you as possible.

The meeting will start at 8pm and again we have the opportunity to reflect on the previous year's activities. The formal meeting is usually a reasonably short affair; refreshments, Drinks and Nibbles will be available following the meeting. Please use this opportunity to raise any concerns you may have regarding the way the Scout Group is managed.

Or just come along for a chat, it would be great to see you there.

To continue:

This report as always will be a review of the last year.

During the summer 2024 break our normal building hall checks were carried out, any maintenance issues dealt with and the hall made ready for the return to Scouting.

As reported last year, the roof it is in need of some attention, as stated this is a maintenance issue and not a safety issue, we have engaged with a surveyor and there are no real issues and any work needed is currently in progress.

Also this year we had a Building Asbestos Survey carried out with a result that there was no evidence in any of the material samples taken and no further action required.

We also had the Hall Electrics checked and have a compliant Electrical Installation Condition Report. We also had a rewire of the left hand bank of lights in the main hall which were out of action for a while. And PIR sensors installed in the toilets; you may have noticed that the lights come on automatically now.

The Climbing Wall, as you will see in Terry our Treasures report, has cost the Group a substantial amount of money this year. Which we do not expect to recover, however moving forward we will need to ensure funds raised to cover the running costs which will, include another safety inspection in the coming year.

The Remembrance Service at Surbiton War Memorial was well attended and it was great to see so many youth group members attending including members from 1st Tolworth all looking really smart. The group Wreath which in the past has been laid at the Polyapes Memorial site was again this year laid at the Surbiton Memorial.

Again we held our November Fayre at the Surbiton Royal British Legion and again we used the bar area which proved to be so successful in previous years. We were fortunate to have the Mayor of the Royal Borough of Kingston upon Thames: Councillor Liz Green attend to officially open the Fayre. The Mayor who was escorted around the Fayre by John Bowman, enjoyed her time at the fayre playing some of the tombola's before she left.

I would like to say a big thank you to everyone who helped out with running a stall, setting up, clearing away carrying bits and pieces from Hall to Fayre and all those jobs that need doing before on and after the day. It really was a smooth operation on the day, so thank you all. Lee Perkins did an excellent job of doorman and compare.

A big thank you to Ted Hodges who arranges and runs the raffle. Also a special thanks to the Fayre Co-ordination Team, Gayna Brice, Fiona Perkins, Brenda Pawley and Terry Goodall for all the hard work during the year in organising this special day. Without their hard work this event would not happen.

This year we again have had some challenges with leadership, unfortunately in March John Bowman felt the need to resign from his role as our Group Lead Volunteer. Some of the GLV duties are being shared among the Trustee Board with the higher function duties now the responsibility of the District Lead Volunteer. And as previously stated we are still a Cub leader short.

On March 5th 2025 the Group celebrated its 116th year since being founded. The next year will be a challenge but I know we will survive and hopefully will have a new Group Lead Volunteer in post as soon as possible. Without the Volunteers past and present who take on the roles as Group Lead Volunteer, Beaver, Cub and Scout Lead Volunteers, Assistant Leaders, Young Leaders or Board of Trustee members none of those 116 years would have been possible. Thank you all.

For those who knew her I am sorry to say that Pat Coxon passed away in February. She will be sadly missed by many. Pat and her Husband Trevor were both much involvement in 1st Tolworth in the past. Pat's funeral and wake was well attended by members of the Group and Scouting family. We send our condolences to Trevor and family.

I would like to thank the Board of Trustee members, for their support during the last year and look forward to their continued support in the next.

So I would like to take this opportunity on behalf of everyone in the 1st Tolworth family to thank them for their support.

Terry our treasurer (Supported by his Wife Carol) is continuing to do a fantastic job and I thank him for all his time and efforts in managing the Groups finances.

And a big thank you to my wife, Viv, as without her continuous support and understanding I could not fulfil my role as Group Chair.

Sorry my report is short, however please do see our Treasures and Secretaries reports which are quite comprehensive and I see no reason to duplicate there work.

I hope to see you at the Group's Annual General Meeting  
Tuesday 3rd June 2025 8pm Start...

I am so proud to part of 1st Tolworth (St. Matthew's) Scout Group.

**Proud to be 1st  
Martin Smith  
Group Chair**  
[chair1sttolworthscouts@btinternet.com](mailto:chair1sttolworthscouts@btinternet.com)

## TREASURERS REPORT

Welcome to our AGM for 1st Tolworth (St Matthews) Scout Group 2025.

The accounts from the period 1st April 2024 to the 31st March 2025 have been checked and approved by our auditor Trevor Strong. Thanks to Trevor for his support and time attending to this important task.

Last year's current account showed we were in the black mainly due to the amount the Group received from TFL for scrapping our mini bus because of the ULEZ scheme. This time the current account will be showing a deficit. Despite this, we seem to be coping okay.

Unfortunately last year we had to increase our subs mainly due to increasing costs. The member's subs had not been put up for over 10 years so it was well overdue as other Groups had raised their subs a few times during that period. The extra revenue will help but it is nowhere near the amount that used to be generated from our jumble sales, car boot sales and outdoor fairs in the past.

Although our Group's savings account shows a very healthy amount, much of the savings is in allocated 'Pots'. The largest is for any replacement or repairs to our premises which may crop up at any time. The hall is about 32 years old and has a predicted lifespan of 50 years so the Group has to be prepared for the unexpected.

There are two reserve Pots' Alpha & Beta which are used to bolster the current account when needed. I have been fortunate not to use these to add funds to the current account during the past 12 months but I think the need will soon arise in the coming months.

The Group did receive some donations from Geoff Shore's clients who donate to us as we are Geoff's preferred charity. Also a substantial donation came from Margaret Warry which we are very grateful for. The Group also gets some income from the ASU Atlas subs who use our Hall on a Thursday evening and some online donations.

As I have already stated our costs continue to increase and I cannot see how we can make any cost cutting. Health and safety is now paramount and this also adds to our costs. I feel the Group's savings have now reached their peak and slowly over time will be eroded. We shall see.

I still have to claim outstanding gift aid from the forms from previous years but not many gift aid forms are being signed although most are now done through the OSM system online.

It is still the responsibility of parents and guardians to approve gift aid to be claimed if they are a taxpayer. It is a golden opportunity for the Group to claim gift aid from the taxman and costs parents and the Group nothing. Please bear this in mind if you are a taxpayer and go and tick that box online, if you haven't already done so. Thank you.

The November Fayre is our only major fundraiser which generated £1400 last time. A lot of hard work goes into this event each year considering the Fayre only lasts for 2 hours. Thanks to everybody who helps setting up, sorting, selling etc. on the day but also to the Fayre committee of Gayna, Brenda and Fiona for all their efforts each year making it happen.

Also many thanks goes to the Surbiton branch of the Royal British Legion for their continuing support and for allowing 1st Tolworth to use their premises free of charge.

I have secured another energy tariff in April from Octopus Energy. As before there was no standing charge to pay. So we only pay for the energy we use which during these times of unpredictable charges is good news.

Our water supplier is Castle Water and the amount we pay is flexible due to our water usage. Council Tax for the hall is still low and has been due to our charity status plus since the Covid outbreak. I have a feeling this will change next year and the amount may increase. Other running costs are our insurance for the hall and contents. We are currently in the middle of an inventory check and record. You just don't realize how much equipment, tentage, items etc. the Group has so it takes a while to assess and note it all. The Group decided to resurrect our climbing wall and get it being used again. It has not been an easy decision to take as the wall has stood idle for most of the eleven years since its completion. In fact it had become a white elephant and such a shame considering the amount of capital spent which was donated by DAT and Margaret back in 2013. So due to health and safety measures this meant the wall had to be inspected and approved, a complete renewal of all equipment, training and assessment for the leaders. We hope now to get the wall being used.

The cost was over £2,000.00 and although there were objections to go ahead due the amount spent, we decided to approve and pass the motion. Thanks to Peter Keen regarding the ordering and recording of the new equipment needed.

There is little hope of redeeming the entire amount spent but it was agreed to review the progress and assess in 12 months' time. To be honest, our Group cannot continue to financially support this project without appropriate funds and if need be, unless the outlook changes, we as a Group will have to mothball the wall once again.

Our Board of Trustees, the new name for the Group Executive committee, has probably the least amount of people serving at the moment.

We recently saw John Bowman resign due to a clash of views which is a shame but we have to accept it and carry on. It will be our members that suffer if the very people who are elected or chosen cannot agree or bond for the good of 1st Tolworth. It goes against the spirit of Scouting.

The last 12 months have seen many changes implemented by the Scout association for the Trustees, including amending and updating our constitution, new online training and new role names etc. Whether this will make a difference to the way Scouting is perceived, only time will tell. Our Group needs new blood to help not just cope with our present problems but to shape the future of 1st Tolworth for the years ahead. I would have completed 16 years as treasurer this year so you would have thought by now someone else would have taken over the reins. I cannot go on indefinitely!

So, many thanks to Martin, Gayna, Caroline, Michelle, Brenda, Ted, Lee, Julie and Ame for their continuing support and time, hopefully agreeing and making the right decisions for the good of the Group. Let's hope for a better year ahead.

Leaders and helpers need a big round of applause for all the hard work they do running the sections, activities, camps and much more. You all work wonders so keep up the great work. I would like to mention Graham Warnes, who stepped back from the fundraising duties some time ago and over many years raised so much for the Group. Poor Graham had a stroke last summer and also was badly burnt from a towel rail where he lay before being found and attended to. He spent many weeks in hospital and although his burns healed, his brain injury did not. Sadly, Graham could not return home as it was not safe for him to do so. He is now in a home being cared for although he is physically fit. This must be heart-breaking and difficult for Margaret to accept but for the time being it is for his own safety and care. Graham, you are in our thoughts.

Also I would like to say that Pat Coxon passed away in February. She will be sadly missed by many. Pat was married to Trevor and both had much involvement in 1st Tolworth in the past and later in the Circle. Pat's funeral and wake was attended by members of the Group and Scouting family. The Group and I send our condolences to dear Trevor Coxon.

Finally, my thanks to my Wife Carol for putting up with me regarding my work for the Group over the past year and the many years before.

Who knows when I will be able to pass the baton on to a successor but it looks like I'm here as Treasurer for a while longer.

May the Powell be with you.

**Terry Goodall**  
**Group Treasurer**

## **THAMES BEAVER SCOUT REPORT**

2024-2025 has been a fantastic year for our Beaver Colony. It has grown from strength to strength with every new Beaver that has joined us. We have had a few move onto Cubs, one of those being Darshan who wasn't far off gaining his Chief Scout Bronze award, and worked so hard once he got up to cubs he was able to complete it within six months and I was able to go and present him with his award. Well done Darshan!!

We have squeezed in a lot this year..... lots of games played both old and new, different foods eaten, different countries learnt about, a visit from an MP, bouldering and archery, and lots of badge work completed!!! They have achieved the experiment badge, where they took part in some fun, interesting and tasty experiments! I think the most fun was making milk turn into ice cream by giving it a good shake! Yummy and easy to try and do at home again too! They also learnt about magnets and what things can be magnetic, and watched how skittles can make a lovely pattern! The beavers have also worked on badges at home, some have earned sports badges like cycling and swimming, and we have even had some skiers!

Throughout the year all the badges the Beavers have been working have count towards a lot of their challenge badges, if they can gain all six challenge badges then they will complete their Chief Scout Bronze before they go up to cubs. We have a couple of Beavers just finishing theirs, keep up the good work and I hope to be able to present these very soon!

This year we were able to take the Beavers bowling for our Christmas treat. There was some great competition, and everyone thoroughly enjoyed it!

Our biggest achievement this year has been to finally get back to taking the Beavers on a sleepover. This year we went to Southwood Activity Centre with 10 beavers staying overnight (we also had two who joined us for the evening), and Jax our newest beaver excitingly was able to be invested around the campfire!! While on camp they ate pudding before tea, sang campfire songs, ate pizza, had fun in the dark, did some star gazing and some Easter art. This also meant that all 10 beavers earned their very first nights away badge!! Well done to everyone that joined, we are looking forward to being able to hold another one!



I want to take this opportunity to thank all the parents that have helped volunteer to cover an evening at Beavers, or to help at the November Fayre, or helped with the sleepover, without your help we wouldn't be able to do the things we have and would have to cancel many a meeting!

I would also like to say a big thank you to Peter our assistant Beaver Leader. He does so much within the group not just Beavers, but most of all he helps me to keep on track and to be able to run such a fantastic beaver colony!!

I'm looking forward to seeing what is in store for 1st Tolworth Beavers in the coming year!

**Michelle**  
**Lead Volunteer**  
**Thames Beaver Scout Colony**  
**Boys and Girls age 5 ¾ - 8**  
**Fridays 18:00 – 19:00**

## **EVEREST CUB SCOUT REPORT**

I was not really expecting to be writing this report, 15 months after having stepped in to help run Everest Pack, however, here we are. I am getting used to the Cubs but we still need a more permanent Leader. Please ...

We have 4 members who have progressed to Troops in the District. Two gained their Chief Scout's Silver Award and a third is so close, that he will finish within weeks of being in the Troop.

We are doing well at running a balanced programme on Wednesday evenings with activities from cooking, navigation skills, arts & crafts & team games. The whole Pack have worked on Chef, Communicator & Navigator Badges.

We ran a weekend camp at Polyapes and introduced the Cubs to sleeping under canvas, living outdoors, hiking and looking at maps. And new games for so many of them and a success to be built on this summer.

I must say a big "Thank You" to the Leadership team. John was with us until recently. Dan is with us for most events and our two Young Leaders, Oliver & Oliver, are brilliant with the Cubs. All the parents are supportive and we ask for another Mum or Dad to be with us most weeks. Always, someone comes up trumps !

**Caroline Marsden**  
**Temporary Leader**  
**Everest Cub Scout Pack**  
**Boys and Girls age 8 – 10 ½**  
**Wednesdays 18.30 – 20.00**

## SCOUT TROOP REPORT

I can't say that we are completely back to normal after Covid but, at last, I think we are getting there. During Summer '24 it was difficult to get Scouts into camp and we had several events that were cancelled due to lack of interest from the young people or families. Difficult to tell what the reason was, but we are doing better since Christmas and I hope this will continue. Lots of interesting events planned for the coming year.

We have six members about to progress to Atlas Explorer Unit to join the one that moved up in the autumn. We have been lucky enough to have new members join us from Everest Pack, from outside the movement and from neighbouring groups 2nd Tolworth & 2nd Hook. When those half a dozen move, we will still have 30 in the Troop, so our numbers are still increasing. The interesting thing is that we have fewer girls than our usual. Where have they gone ?

We have had one Scout complete Chief Scout's Gold this year but we have several more who are so near that they too will have achieved this milestone before you read this. No mean feat to finish all 9 challenge badges !

We are providing a balanced programme on Friday evenings from Map-Reading to Patrol Challenges, lots of cooking, some First Aid, helping at Beaver and Cub Meetings, arts & crafts, I cannot name it all. We have done Circus Skills Badge with the whole Troop. We have done better at achieving Friday evening outdoor meetings this year – the weather has allowed us to get down to Southwood, to Alexandra Rec. and the Dustbowl on Oxshott Heath. Long may it last.

We entered two teams for the County Cooking Competition in November. The theme was "Good food to make you laugh", which was interpreted in many different ways – funny names for recipes, fancy presentation, a variety of ideas! Our teams finished equal 8th and equal 10th. Well done to both our teams and indeed, to the other 20 + teams that achieved 3 course meal in 2 hours with no assistance from any electrical tools.

We entered two teams for the County Night Exercise in March, based at Bentley Copse this year. Both teams finished the whole route and did reasonably well on the challenges at each Checkpoint. They were 12th & 14th out of 40+ teams entered. Gradually coming up the rankings! We camped overnight after the Hike, instead of dragging parents out to collect them in the middle of the night. Most parents collected in the morning, in some cases to get their Scout straight to a Rugby match!

Only one for our Scouts got to Strategy this year, taking up a place vacated by one of 4th Tolworth's Scouts. The applications and payment have to get in so early – the event is getting more & more popular – that this year, I missed it. Making up for it in '25 though!

Summer Camp this year involved joining a County venture, built on the group of leaders that went to Sweden in 2019. It had been in planning since that time but Covid had delayed the actual event. Camp Auk was based at Braggers Wood Scout Campsite on the edge of the New Forest. Stuart, Jamie, John & I were all involved in running the main event. This left Alex, Peter & Ame with Tia from 4th Tolworth organising on of the Villages, with Scouts from 1st Coulsdon and Tomelillia in south Sweden.

It was a super experience to join Swedish scouts from Svedala & Tomelillia as well as plenty from various groups in Croydon. It was not without issues but what camp is ever perfect? Water activities, hiking, tree-top trails & zip-wires as well as team sports & games made for a busy week. Special.

We did an overnight Expedition in March, enabling Scouts from our Troop and from 4th.Tolworth, to gain Expedition Challenge or gaining experience for next year. We created a new route this time, and they walked from Epsom Race Course at Tattenham Corner to Jordan Heights Scout Campsite on Reigate Hill. On Sunday, they walked the North Downs Way back to Box Hill.

Challenging for all of us to do something new. The learning curve was almost as steep as the path to get up to the campsite!

I must say a big “Thank You” to my Leadership team. We all have other Scouting roles and challenges within Royal Kingston, GLSW and beyond. We are able to bring in ideas and experiences from outside and send some back in return. We don’t all have to be there every week or every camp, so we mix and match with who is able to commit to different events. It also good to share the load, and the fun, working particularly with Tia, Aidan & 4th Tolworth Troop, to support each other and all the young people in both Groups. Thank you all and long may it last

**Caroline Marsden**  
**Lead Volunteer, Scout Troop**  
**Boys and Girls age 10 ½ - 14**  
**Fridays 19.30 – 21.30**  
**Contact: Mrs Caroline Marsden – 07889 192 765**  
**marsden697@btinternet.com**

## **FUNDRAISING and BEING A TRUSTEE**

### **Fundraising;**

As Terry our Treasurer has said in his report and you will see in the figures presented at our AGM the costs of running the group are sadly outstripping the amount we receive through Subs and fundraising. We are very aware of the rise of the cost of living and purposefully keep our subs as low as we can to ensure we keep our Scout Group accessible to as many children as we can. When I started helping to organise the November Fayre the amount we raised just about covered the cost of the Annual Scout membership fees. This year due to those fees being increased the Fayre raised enough to cover 50% of those costs. We have raised money through a couple of other initiatives such as the Giveasyoulive initiative, selling items through Ebay and claiming gift aid.

If you think you could help us to raise funds through other initiatives or ideas then please do come forward and volunteer. We are open to new ideas and would love to welcome some new people into our group.

## **Giveasyoulive :**

If you shop online you could be raising funds for 1st Tolworth at the same time. Sign up to Give as you live and choose 1st Tolworth As your chosen charity. Next time you shop online, access the site through 'giveasyoulive' and the company will give 1st Tolworth a % based on your shop. It costs you nothing.

Follow the link below to get started.

<https://www.giveasyoulive.com/charity/1st-tolworth-st-matthews-scout-group>

## **Being a Trustee;**

Over the last year the Scout Association has transitioned to a new IT system and modernised in a number of ways, changing role names, introduced new training modules and updated some of the responsibilities between Trustees, Leaders and the Group Lead Volunteer. Information about the role of the Trustees can be found on the Scout Website - <https://www.scouts.org.uk/volunteers/running-things-locally/local-teams/trustee-boards/>

In line with these changes the 1st Tolworth Trustees have reviewed our ways of working and made changes too. At last year's AGM we adopted the new Constitution. Since then we have enacted the new Constitution and made sure our supporting documentation and processes are in order. For example creating

- A Reserves Policy
- An Asset Register - work in progress
- Maintaining a Risk Register
- Recording decisions and actions from the meetings
- Continued to ensure all activity and building work is covered by Risk Assessments and Method Statements
- Continued to ensure Safety Testing is carried out regularly on the Fire /Smoke alarms and defibrillator

I think we finish this year in good shape but there is always something else for us to do. For example we know that our IT Suit is in need of attention and we really don't have anyone currently on the Trustee Board with the right skills to review it.

Is that something you could do?

Many of us take on multiple roles at the moment. Terry, our treasurer also keeps our hall clean and tidy and sorts the rubbish out, Lee keeps us and our hall Safe by doing regular inspections and maintaining First Aid kits etc. but has also been helping with sorting out our stores. Caroline is running both Scouts and Cubs. Martin is our Chairperson but also edits our Out of the Blue newsletter, this year ordered all of the awards, organised the St George's Day Service and supervised the recent work on our lights. I could go on but I think you get the picture.....

The more of us there are, the lighter the load. Please think about joining us and bring your skills and talents to help make 1st Tolworth a stronger group for the future.

**Gayna Brice**  
**Group Secretary**  
**Trustee Board Member**

## **UNIFORMS – HELPING WITH THE COST OF LIVING**

We have in stock various items of uniform for Beavers, Cubs and Scouts. Please speak to your child's Leader as the stock is kept at Sparks Hall. Thank you.  
We also accept donations of unwanted uniforms.

**Brenda Pawley**  
**Trustee Board Member**

## **POSTAGE STAMPS**

A variety of charities accept stamps from the United Kingdom and International stamps. They request that they are cut from envelopes, leaving about 1cm/1/4" of paper around each stamp. We will leave a box in the kitchen at Sparks Hall to collect them and once full we will see which charity to send them to.  
Many thanks.

**Brenda Pawley**  
**Trustee Board Member**

**1st TOLWORTH (ST MATTHEW'S) SCOUT GROUP**  
**ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF GROUP SCOUT COUNCIL**  
**To be held at Sparks Hall**  
**Tuesday 3rd June 2025 at 8.00 pm**  
**A G E N D A**

- 1 Welcome by Chair
- 2 Apologies for absence
- 3 Group Constitution
- 4 Minutes of AGM held on 4th June 2024
- 5 Matters arising from Minutes
- 6 Group Lead Volunteer 1<sup>st</sup> Tolworth (St Matthews)
- 7 Approval of Annual Report
- 8 Approval of Accounts
- 9 Approve the Chair of the Group Trustee Board
- 10 Approve the Treasurer of the Group Trustee Board
- 11 Approve a Secretary of the Group Trustee Board
- 12 Approve other members of the Group Trustee Board
- 13 Appoint independent financial Examiner
- 14 Appointment – Reappointment of Group President.
- 15 Appointment – Reappointment of Group Vice President.
- 16 District Lead Volunteer Royal Kingston
- 17 The Group President.
- 18 Any other business.
- 19 Meeting Closure: Followed by Refreshments.

The Group Trustee Board is responsible for the governance of the charity.

Although the Group Trustee Board is responsible for the charity, it is accountable to the Group Scout Council.

The Group Scout Council has no Trustee responsibilities.

We have no appointed members of the Group Scout Council

We have no community members of the Group Scout Council

These have to be approved/ voted for by the Scout Council.

1. Minimum 4 Weeks' Notice for AGM;  
Advertised in the March OOTB
2. The quorum for meetings of the Group Scout Council;  
Minimum of Six People: Agreed at the 9<sup>th</sup> April 2024 Board Meeting.
3. Agreeing the maximum total number of members of the Group Trustee Board  
Twelve: Agreed at the 9<sup>th</sup> April 2024 Board Meeting.
4. The quorum for meetings of the Group Trustee Board;  
Four Trustees plus Group Lead Volunteer or Group Chair
5. Noting the dates of charity's financial year;  
1st April to the 31st March
6. Adopting (or re-adopting) the constitution of the Scout Group charity (see Rule 5.3)  
of The Scout Association Policy, Organisation and Rules