

7th Wembley Annual General Meeting



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FRIDAY 18
JULY 2025



6PM - 7PM

Agenda

- Welcome, Introductions to Trustees and Leaders
- District Commissioner – David Kitchen
- Chair's Report
- Treasurer's Report
- GSL report
- Reports from Section Leaders;
 - Beavers
 - Cubs
 - Scouts
 - Explorers
- Constitution
- Nominations and elections of chair, treasurer and any other new Trustees
- Information for parents
- Close



Chairs Report



The clear blue skies of last year sports day in Preston Park

Hello and welcome to our third Annual General Meeting Report of the 7th Wembley Scout Group.

This year we are holding the AGM in Preston Park Primary School, in conjunction with our annual sports day. As I am writing this, I am hoping that we have the same lovely hot weather that we had at last year's sports day, when we bravely held it in the openness of Preston Park. I would like to thank the School and Jay for letting us use the school and mitigate against poor weather.

The Leaders have continued to volunteer their time and work hard at organising the weekly sessions, camps, trips and activities. They have given up more time to produce this annual report (thanks to Sapna for co-ordinating it) for you, so please take the time to read it and share it with your family, friends and neighbours. We are very proud of the achievements and success of the Group so far, and we thrive to continue making improvements. That is why this year we are seeking your feedback. Please complete a parent survey, available at the AGM or at request from a Leader. I thank you in advance for sharing your thoughts and comments.

At last year's AGM, we were pleased to announce the commencement of the Explorer Section. A big welcome to our explorer Leader, Arv. I had the pleasure of getting to know Arv and the Explorers during the Hike fundraising event across Brent.

In June, we took part in the St. George's Parade and attended the Brent District Awards ceremony. Thank you to Naresh for leading the Group, and to all the parents who supported and accompanied us along the parade. At the awards ceremony, we were informed that Brent District is the fastest growing scouting

district in the UK. We are proud to be able to contribute to the success of Brent. Our own Group Lead Volunteer, Sagar, invested new Leaders of a new scouting group.



Explorer Section taking a break in Fryent Countryside Park during the Hike across Brent



Trustees walking along the scouts at the St Georges Parade, wearing their Trustees hoodies

Sadly, we also discovered that David Kitchen, District Commissioner was stepping down. We would like to thank David for all the support he has given 7th Wembley, and we wish him all the best for the future.

As we continue to grow, we need all the support and help we can get.

If you are interested in volunteering, becoming a Trustee or a Leader, please do get in touch with either myself or any of the Trustees or Leaders. We would welcome you with open arms.

My sincere thanks to our volunteer Leaders and Trustees for giving up their time and working so hard for the 7th Wembley Group and community.

Many thanks to... Sapna, Jay, Dee, Roopal, Dinesh, Jasmine, Naresh, Arv, Bharat, Akash, Sangita, Shreya, Vaishni, Purav, Priti, Priya, Nehal, Mandy and last but not least, Sagar.

Monica

Chair of 7th Wembley Scout Group
Monica.Patel@brentscouts.org.uk



7th Wembley Trustees

TRUSTEE BOARD

The Trustee Board is a team of volunteers who work together, as charity Trustees, to make sure the Scouts Group is run safely and legally. At the heart of our role is a focus on strategy, performance, and assurance. The Board ensures that the Scout Group is well managed, complies with the charity's governing document and the law, manages the charity's resources responsibly and carries out its purposes for the public benefit. The Board also oversees the accounts and sets the subscription fees.

There are various roles the Trustees have been assigned, to help spread the work and keep focus on key areas. These areas include budget and accounts (Treasurer), GDPR, Safeguarding, Fundraising, Insurance and Social.

Here's a few words from the Trustees on what they have enjoyed over the past year....

Purav

This past year as a trustee has been really rewarding. My main role was getting to grips with all things GDPR, making sure we're handling everyone's data correctly and keeping it protected. It's been fantastic being part of the team and seeing the direct impact we have – from watching all level of Scouts learn new skills to just having a great time. I've loved being part of the behind-the-scenes work that supports our leaders in delivering brilliant Scouting.

Priti

As the Treasurer for 7th Wembley, the past year has been a great learning experience as well as fun and inspirational.

I have worked alongside the dedicated leaders, trustees and young people and taken part in events to raise money for future events and exciting opportunities for the young people.

Mandy

As a trustee of 7th Wembley, I've enjoyed the opportunity to contribute to a group that plays such a meaningful role in young people's development. With both of my children involved—one in Scouts and the other in Explorers—I see first hand the positive impact the group has on confidence, teamwork, and leadership skills. Being a trustee allows me to give back to the community and support the continued growth and success of the group.

In our regular meetings, I help to ensure we are operating in line with Scouting guidelines and best practices, always aiming to provide a safe and enriching environment for our members. I was also actively involved in last year's summer fair fundraising event at Preston Park Primary, which helped raise essential funds and strengthened our ties with the local community.

I value being a trustee because it keeps me connected with the group's mission, lets me work alongside dedicated volunteers, and gives me the chance to help shape the future of Scouting in our area.

Priya

My name is Priya, and I am a parent of two children who are actively involved in the 7th Wembley Beavers and Scouts Group. I have been honoured to serve as a trustee over the past year. In this capacity, I have collaborated closely with other members of the committee to develop and implement new ideas aimed at fundraising and helping out at events. I currently serve as the Safeguarding Lead.



7th Wembley taking part in the Remembrance Parade in Barham Park

Nehal

Hi, my name is Nehal and I am a Trustee for 7th Wembley Scouts. I chose to be a Trustee as I wanted to be part of an organisation that supports young people. My children attend these weekly sessions and enjoy it very much. As part of my support for 7th Wembley Scouts, we have raised over £5,000 towards supporting activities for the young members and exploring further funding that is available to keep us thriving.



Cooking for the 5 hundred – literally with Sangita, Bhumi, Tunde and volunteer parents. We actually had great fun.

Monica

The highlights of the past year as Chair of the Group have included cooking breakfast, lunch and dinner on mass, over the 2 day camp for about 500 Scouts and their Leaders. It was a great way of getting to know the other Groups in the Brent District, not so great doing the washing up!

I also thoroughly enjoyed our summer fair last year. There was a great turn out, we raised lots of money for the Group. Even the Brent Mayor enjoyed himself taking part in all the activities and enjoying the food on offer. I hope this year's summer fair is of equal success.

It was also a proud moment watching our Scouts march in the Remembrance Parade. They all behaved impeccably and looked very smart. Thank you to all the parents who came out to support the Group on a drizzly Sunday.

I have enjoyed getting to know the children and young people in our group, their parents, and the Leaders. We have created a lovely community at 7th Wembley.



Local Preston Councillor and Brent Mayor (for 2024) supporting the summer fair



7th wembley Scout Group Receipts and payments account

For the year from	2024	To	2025
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Receipts and payments

	2024/25	2023/24
	Unrestricted funds	Unrestricted funds
	£	£
Receipts		
Donations, legacies and similar income		
Membership subscriptions		
Donations		
Camp & Events		
Gift Aid		
Miscellaneous		
Sub total		
Grants		
Maintenence grant		
Other grants		
Sub total		
Fundraising events (gross)		
Summer Fair		
Raffle		
Coffee morning		
Tesco - Groundworks		
Sainsburys Bag Packing		
Other fundraising activities		
Sub total		
Total Gross Income		
Asset and investment sales, etc.		
Total receipts		
Payments		
Charitable Payments		
Membership subscriptions paid on (National/County/Area/District)		
Youth programme and activities		
Rent		
Insurance		
Materials and equipment		
Uniforms & Badges		
Online scout Manager		
Christmas Party		
Miscellaneous		
Sub total		
Total Gross Expenditure		
Asset and investment purchases, etc.		
Total payments		
Net of receipts/(payments)		
Cash funds last year end		
Cash funds this year end		

Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the year

Cash funds		
Bank current account		
Total cash funds		
(agree balances with receipts and payments account)		
Other monetary assets		
Cash/Floats		
Bank savings Account		
Sub total		
Total net assets		

GSL Report

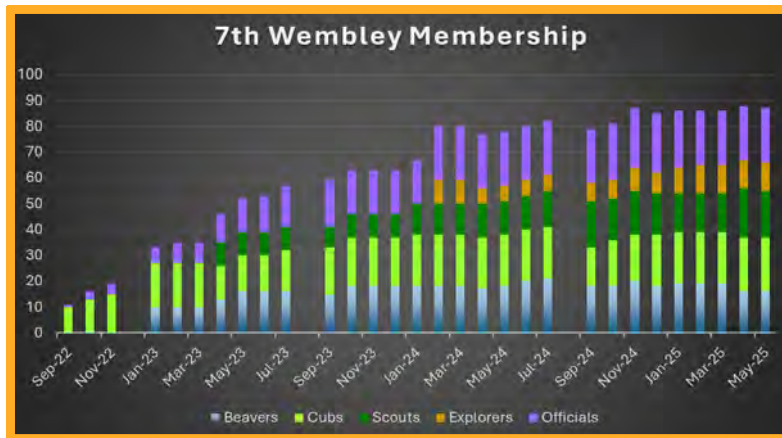


The 2024–2025 year has been a dynamic and rewarding one, marked by significant membership growth and active participation across all sections. Highlights include exciting events like the Wembley Stadium tour, Christingle celebration, and Jambowlree.

A major achievement was the doubling in size of the Apex Explorers group, presenting challenges but ultimately proving successful thanks to leader dedication. All other sections operated at full capacity, showcasing strong leadership and teamwork.

Key achievements include:

- Over 700 badges earned by young people.
- 87%+ attendance rate, with thanks extended to supportive families.
- Successful progression of members through sections, reinforcing the program's strength.



Looking ahead, the group aims to focus on more overnight camps and hikes, emphasizing core scouting skills. A heartfelt thank you was extended to all volunteers, leaders, trustees, young people, and their families for their continued dedication and support.

Sagar (GSL)

7th Wembley Scout group has also been supported by:





What a busy year it has been since last year!

Since we started the Beaver colony in January 2023 we have expanded the Beaver section to 18 Beavers, out of which by end of July 2025 all the original Beaver's from the challenge will have moved onto the Cub's section. It has been such an amazing journey watching the children grow over this two-year period, seeing their personalities developing and watching them achieve their challenge badges, attending camps and being a pleasure to have in sessions. Over the last two terms we have had 3 Beavers move onto cubs and have invested a further 2 leaders to the section. We have a new occasional helper who has joined the section and is an absolute asset to the team.

Over the last 3 terms (Autumn 2024, Spring 2025 and Summer 2025) Beavers have worked towards and earned a number of badges. They have also continued to work towards earning their challenge badges. We have 11 Beavers who have achieved their Bronze Chief Scout award and were presented with their certificates at the annual parade.



Some of the activities that the Beavers have completed included;

Autumn Term 2024:

Brent Roar – first outdoor camping experience and what an experience it was!! We had 12 beavers attending and they had such a great time. For their first outdoor camping experience the beavers showed confidence and resilience to withstand the cold weather and try the many activities available to them.

The term also saw us visit the local church, learn about emergency first aid and take part in the district remembrance parade.



Spring term 2025:

Spring term saw us covering numerous activities such as bracelet making, making sock puppets, learning about Chinese New Year, basic knots, helping the beavers to learn about disability awareness, valentine's wreath, Mother's Day flower bouquets, cooking pancakes and creating chocolate Easter nests.



Summer term 2025:

Final term of the year has been a busy one for the beavers, we have helped the church plant some plants in to the planting boxes made by the scout section – please do have a look at these when you come to sessions. Beavers created cress heads, paper planes, designed their own imaginary planes, carried out a skittles experiment, attended annual promise renewal parade and learnt about healthy eating.



As part of each session Beaver's are placed in lodges and uniform is checked weekly. Thank you, families, for sending your children to sessions in their uniforms.

We are always looking for additional beavers to join us. If you know of any children who might like to join our section, please provide them with my details and I am happy to make contact with them.

Looking ahead as a section we are hoping to be able to provide further exciting opportunities and activities for the Beavers, which will enable us to broaden the opportunities available to the section. We are looking to provide the beavers with some camping/overnight stays experience, adventure days and days out in the new year. We are proud of how much the Beavers have developed and grown as individuals, and we look forward to the year ahead.

Thank you to every leader and young leader who gives up their time to help at sessions. Without you these opportunities would not be possible!

Jay (team Leader), Jasmine (team Member), Akash (team Member), Shreya (team Member) Sangita (Occasional Helper), and Simona (Occasional Helper).





Well the past year has flown by and the Cubs have definitely kept us on our toes!

In the past three terms alone, Cubs have had a say in what badges they want to work on; eaten (tried!) some international delicacies, gone camping, taken part in a Scouts promotional video, went to a football match at Wembley Stadium and taken part in a number of organised events.

Summer 2024

We started the term with a bang, and Cubs had a say in what activity badge they wanted to work on. Of course they chose Sports Enthusiast! They tried out different sports, discussed their favourite sports and even took part in a Mini Olympics. Midway through the term, the Scouts Association invited us to take part in a promo video celebrating South Asian Heritage Month. The Cubs played Carom (table top game), Garba/Dandiya (traditional folk dance), tried their hand at Tabla (hand drums) and of course cricket, all showcasing different aspects of South Asian Heritage. Our Young Leader chose to introduce the International badge to the pack, which led to a brilliant food tasting evening. Cubs tried Japanese Gyoza (which were a hit), Korean Kimchi (not so much of a hit) and Turkish Börek among other items. We ended the term with our first ever 7th Wembley Sports Day with the Scouts section, which was a brilliant event where both the kids and parents got really competitive and had a lot of fun at the same time.



Autumn 2024

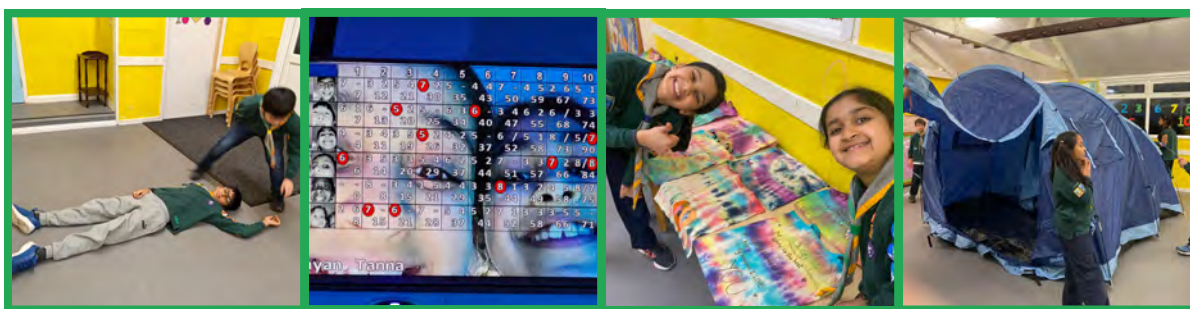
We eased into the term with a simple Taskmaster night. These types of activities really develop their team building and leadership skills, as well as being fun. In October, Cubs braved the elements and joined in with a district wide camp! It was cold, but they all got on with everything and had a great time taking on lots of different activities throughout the weekend. They had free rein on which activities they wanted to do, leaders just fell in line and followed! We then slowed down a little, so everyone could catch their breath... and went ahead with a tour of Wembley Stadium and a took part in the annual district Remembrance Parade on the same day.

Not only that, but a lucky group of 10 Cubs got to watch a match and see a 5-0 win to England. The latter part of the term, we focused on the DIY badge, where the end result was them making a bird feeder with help from some fantastic parents, thank you to them! They learnt how to handle tools safely, the importance of using the right tools for the right job and what types of wood were useful for different projects. We finished the term as a group and held our first Christingle at the Church, This was a lovely event, and a great finish to the term.



Spring 2025

We thought it best to look at Emergency Aid this term, as the last time we had was during the Cubs challenge which was some time back. With the help of some CPR dummies and a first aid box, Cubs confidently learnt DR ABC, how to check for a pulse, what to do if someone is unconscious, perform resuscitation by CPR, what to say during a call to emergency services, how to treat a burn and what to do if someone is choking. They obviously felt confident enough, as they asked leaders to fall on the floor so they could put us in the recovery position numerous times! During the half term break, as a group we took part in Jambowlree which was a lot of fun. Parents were more competitive than the kids! With Mothering Sunday around the corner, Cubs got creative with tie dye techniques and made beautiful tote bags as gifts. I apologise again if their hands were stained, gloves were provided but Cubs will be Cubs! We swiftly moved onto tent building, and we quickly saw which Cubs liked leading on this activity which was great to see. Some were a little more apprehensive and unsure, but with a few words of encouragement from those who were more confident, the tents went flying up.



Thank you to our parents, who ensure that the Cubs arrive on time in full uniform (where possible!). We hope the Cubs have had fun over the past three terms, it's been lovely getting to know those who've moved up to us and seeing those who've been with us from the start flourish. Well that was our year, on to the next!

Sapna (team Leader), Roopal (team Member), Dee (team Member) and Dillan (Young team Member)



7th Wembley Scouts have had an amazing year!

We have seen a growth in numbers and expect to see a host of Cubs join us in the coming months. Currently we have 19 Scouts.

It has been an exciting year with the Scouts becoming more confident with themselves and with the group.

Some of the highlights include...

Cooking!

The Scouts were taught valuable skills including teamwork, budgeting, sustainability, using different tools, creating menus and most importantly cleaning up!

I was seriously impressed with how they worked together and cooked amazing group meals for under £5!!!



DIY!

The Scouts created planters. Preston Park Primary kindly donated pallets and Leaders dismantled the pallets to make planter sections. The Scouts were then taught how to use hammers, nails and saws to assemble the planters. They finally painted them and added the Scouts emblem on the front. As some of you may have seen they are currently on display in the Church grounds.



The Scouts have got involved in Troop Forum, this gives the Scouts an opportunity to get involved in creating activities that they want to do.



We have been building our purse of badges and some of the badges awarded in the last year include:

Adventure, Creative, Personal Challenge, Skills, Teamwork, Chef, Local Knowledge amongst several other badges.

We are looking forward to developing the Scouts leadership skills as we challenge their boundaries over the next year!

Naresh (team Leader), Dinesh (team Member), Vaishni (team Member), Dayna (Young team Member) and tunde (occasional Helper)

WE'VE LAUNCHED OUR LOTTERY PAGE

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And Search For:
7th Wembley Scouts



- We now have a Brent Community Lottery page!
- Support local causes and win prizes of up to £25,000!
- 50% of all tickets sold from our page go to us!
- PLUS 10% goes to other local good causes!
- Tickets only cost £1 per week!
- Support us and win prizes - WIN WIN!



You may have noticed that there wasn't an Explorers' report at the last AGM and I'm please to say we have now started the Explorers section to 7th Wembley I was appointed as Explorer leader near the end of the Autumn term when we only had 4 Explorers.

Autumn Term

The highlight of the Autumn term was a trip to the War Hammer store in Central London where the Explorers got a personal guided tour of the store and got to find out more about a niche hobby. The store kindly donated models for the Explorers to build and paint during local sessions and this helped them develop their create skills. We also got the Explorers involved in learning about Parliament during UK parliament week and ran a session where we got the Explorers to develop their debating skills and it was great to see the Explorers grow in confidence.



Spring term

Heading into the Spring term, we grew in numbers and now have 10 Explorers and our focus for the term was to develop First Aid, Navigation and Pioneering skills.

The Explorers probably underestimated how difficult each skill was to develop, but they persevered and developed great life skills. We also introduced our first cooking challenge which was fully embraced by all Explorers.



Summer term

The Summer term has proved to be the most difficult to run as most Explorers have had important exams to revise for, so attendance has been a bit hit and miss. We have focused on developing cooking and navigation skills and we have set the Explorers a fund raising challenge where they have been given free reign.



Overall it's been great seeing the number of Explorers grow and develop in confidence and we're looking forward to numbers increasing further and getting the Explorers involved in more outdoor activities.

Arv (Team Leader)



7th Wembley Scout Group Commitments



Adult Volunteers

- Ensure you arrive to the venue, either on-site or off-site, before our young people to welcome them
- Please share with other leaders any relevant information discussed with parents during drop off and pick up
- Ensure Risk Assessments are read and familiarise yourself with session activity before arriving at the session
- Always be in your uniform or agreed uniform along with group necker
- If you are unable to attend your regular session, inform your colleagues with at least twenty-four hours' notice so that appropriate cover can be organised
- Try to prioritise your availability for scout events and activities. Without sufficient leaders YP won't be able to take part in activities/events
- Treat everyone with respect, you are a role model for the YP
- Stay updated on the latest Scouting policies and safety protocols

Parents/Carers

- Inform the relevant Section Leader of any changes to their child's health and allergy information
- Ensure the OSM profile details are always UpToDate
- Respond within reasonable time to messages/emails for events/activities for your YP
- Inform the Section leader if the YP will not be attending sessions or if running late
- Badges provided to YP at the end of term to be sewed on the uniform ahead of the next session
- Replacement scarves, woggles and badges will be purchased at your cost

Young People

- Try and attend all sessions to achieve the most out of scouting
- Take part in at least 2 outdoor activities a year out of which 1 would be an overnight camp
- Be in full uniform with the group necker and woggle for all sessions
- Follow code of conduct for each session
- Treat everyone with respect
- Follow the instructions of Scout Leaders



**7th Wembley Scout Group
Annual General Meeting June 2024**

Date: Sunday 23rd June 2024

Location: Phasels Wood Camping Park

In Attendance: Trustees, District Commissioner, David Kitchen, 7th Wembley Leaders and Parents.

Minutes

1. Welcome, Introductions to Trustees and Leaders

The Chair of Trustees opened the meeting, welcomed parents, and invited the panel of Trustees and Leaders to introduce themselves.

2. Chair's Report

The Chair delivered her report. This was the second Annual General Meeting of the 7th Wembley Scout Group.

The Group has successfully grown from 3 Trustees to 8.

The Chair stated that the Annual General Meeting plays an important role in the Scout Group calendar and thanked the parents for attending. It is an opportunity for the Trustees, Leaders and Parents to come together as a Group to celebrate the achievements of all the sections.

The Chair explained that the Trustee Board is a team of volunteers who work together, as charity Trustees, to make sure the Scouts Group is run safely and legally. At the heart of the role is a focus on strategy, performance, and assurance. The Board ensures that the Scout Group is well managed, complies with the charity's governing document and the law, manages the charity's resources responsibly and carries out its purposes for the public benefit. The Board also oversees the accounts and sets the subscription fees.

3. Treasurer's Report

The Group's Treasurer presented the accounts for the period April 2023 to March 2024. Subscription fees would be remaining the same for the year 2024/25. Fees will be reviewed in March 2025.

4. Group Scout Leader Report

The GSL was pleased to announce the starting of a new Explorer section. He explained the importance of fundraising to support the Group's finances and requested parents to sign up for Gift Aid. The GSL explained the other fundraising activities, such as grant funding applications and participation in the Tesco Blue Token scheme. He encouraged parents to explore opportunities for employee match funding by their companies. A list of participating companies is contained in the annual report.



5. Report from Section Leaders

- Beavers
- Cubs
- Scouts

Each Section Leader gave an overview of the activities and trips that had been completed over the year, as per the annual report.

- Explorers

The Group Scout Leader was pleased to announce the opening of a new Explorer Section.

6. Constitution

The Group Scout Leader advised that the first Constitution for the Group has been drafted and will be available to view on the Group Facebook page.

7. District Commissioner – David Kitchen

David explained that Brent was the second largest and most diverse Scout district in London. He thanked the group for their hard work in increasing the number of young people joining Scouts. David advised of the district's upcoming events. These include a football competition and a summer expedition to Switzerland. He encouraged members to get involved in organising events and supporting leadership roles in the group. Lastly, he shared the completion of training undertaken by volunteers and the upcoming Wood Badge for leaders.

8. Nominations and elections of Chair, Treasurer and any other new Trustees

The Chair invited nominations for the position of Chair and/or Treasurer. No new nominations were received. The incumbent Chair and Treasurer were duly elected. The Chair advised parents that if they were interested in becoming a Trustee, Leader or volunteering, to reach out to any of the Trustees or Leaders for more information.

9. Information for parents

Parents were advised on the importance of fundraising to support the Group's programme of activities, and were encouraged to read the fundraising page within the annual report. Beaver Leader informed parents of a new service for sewing on badges and the importance of wearing the Scout uniform.

10. AOB and Close of meeting.

There were no AOB raised.

Yours in
Scouting

7th Wembley 2024-2025	
Group Scout Leader (GSL)	Sagar Patel
Group Chair	Monica Patel
Group Treasurer	Priti Fatania
Trustee (Safeguarding Officer)	Priya Pindoria
Trustee (GDPR Officer)	Purav Patel
Trustee (Social Events Coordinator)	Mandy Thankey
Trustee (Fundraising Lead)	Nehal tailor
Beaver team Leader	Jayashri Varsani
Beaver team Member	Jasmine Varsani
Beaver team Member	Akash Patel
Beaver team Member	Shreya Varsani
Beaver Occasional Helper	Sangita Maharjan
Beaver Occasional Helper	Simona Strainescu
Cub team Leader	Sapna Varsani
Cub team Member	Roopal Patel
Cub team Member	Dee Abdullah
Scout team Leader	Nareh Varsani
Scout team Member	Dinesh Hirani
Scout team Member	Vaishni Patel
Scout Occasional Helper	Tunde Teixeira
Explorer team Leader	Arvind Chotai