

7th Swindon (Abbey Meads) Annual General Meeting on Thursday 2nd July 2026

Online meeting Minutes

Introduction and welcome	AGM meeting opened at 19:32 Meeting being recorded for minutes and records. Rob – thanked us all for joining. Housekeeping, formal votes via polls, and keep muted until needed. We confirm we are quorate for this meeting.
Apologies for absence	Attending: Rob Wheeler, Cerys Howard, Johnathon Howard, Kelly Crawford, Kelvin King, Stephanie Whitby, Jonathon Hackney, Julie King, Agnieszka Begg, Marie Bailey, Matt Saxon, Thomas Jackson, Leanne Stevenson, Craig Nash, Anna U, Charlotte Goodyear, Dan P, Gareth Hopes, Markham Dyer, Gemma Clasper, Holli Jackson, Paul Bevis. Apologies: Colin Hall. We confirm we are quorate.
Governance topics	Online vote for approval of last minutes (14th June 2025), maximum size of trustees, size needed to be quorate, and space for additional comments. **Governance Resolutions** The Group Scout Council was asked to approve the minutes of the AGM held on 14 June 2025 as a true record. The resolution was carried, with 86.7% voting in favour, 0.0% voting against and 13.3% abstaining. The Group Scout Council was asked to approve a maximum Trustee Board size of 12 members. The resolution was carried, with 100.0% voting in favour, 0.0% voting against and 0.0% abstaining. The Group Scout Council was asked to approve a future Group Scout Council quorum of 4 members, excluding this AGM. The resolution was carried, with 86.7% voting in favour, 13.3% voting against and 0.0% abstaining.
Review of the previous year	GLV - Kelly's review of the last year. Reporting from the 1st April to 31st March. The three Beavers colonies have awarded 920 badges with 27 bronze awards. The three Cubs packs have awarded 1160 badges and 25 silver awards. The 2 Scouts troops have awarded 1006 badges and 8 gold awards. Beavers have totalled 7 nights away Cubs have totalled 21 nights away Scouts have totalled 23 nights away A few activities to mention – target sports, tomahawks, forest school, hikes, green cross code, pioneering, gardening, tent pitching, meths stoves, radio and code, international challenges. This year our cubs won the district scrap heap challenge. District cubs bowling was won by our cubs.

	Thanks for the leadership team (approx. 80 adults) helping to make everything happen, and all are volunteers. Chair of Trustees - Rob's review. Changes have occurred, and we are streamlining roles to ensure that all areas are covered effectively and efficiently. Fundraising and grant applications are on the rise, but times are challenging with rising costs. Any additional support with this is always welcomed. Financially we are in a secure place. Venue costs, and equipment replacements are growing, so forecasting the future remains key to sustaining our offer. Governance wise, working on securing a good trustee board, and replacing those stepping down quickly to avoid gaps. Simplifying processes to support the workload of all our volunteers. Allowing leaders to focus on the most important elements of being with our young people. District - Kelvin's notes. Nice to hear what 7th has been up to and the highlights. Thank you to all volunteers, especially the leadership teams for the programmes they are able to offer our young people. Thanks for the trustees for keeping finances stable. Thanks to Steve for his contributions over the years and now Rob for taking on the role. Thanks for Kelly for her contributions as GLV and now to Marie for taking on this role. Documents shared via email regarding annual reports and accounts.
Making appointments	Appointments voted via poll online. - Group chair - Group treasurer interim support - Members of the trustee board **Appointment Resolutions** The Group Scout Council was asked to approve the appointment of Rob Wheeler as Group Chair. The appointment was approved, with 100.0% voting in favour, 0.0% voting against and 0.0% abstaining. The Group Scout Council was asked to approve Agnieszka Begg / Agnes as interim Group Treasurer while replacement recruitment continues. The appointment was approved, with 94.1% voting in favour, 0.0% voting against and 5.9% abstaining. The Group Scout Council was asked to approve the appointment of the proposed ordinary Trustee Board members: Leanne Stevenson, Cerys Howard, Jonathan Howard, Leigh Jackson and Simon Goodyear. The appointment was approved, with 94.1% voting in favour, 5.9% voting against and 0.0% abstaining. The Group Scout Council was asked to approve the appointment of Markham Dyer as Independent Examiner for the next financial year. The appointment was approved, with 82.4% voting in favour, 0.0% voting against and 11.8% abstaining. One response was not completed for this question. All resolutions and appointments were therefore approved by the Group Scout Council.

	From Rob. Thank you to Steve for all his work over the years as Chair. Thanks for Kelly for her role as GLV, and continuing as a Beaver Leaders. Thanks to Agnes for her work with finances and for continuing to support us whilst as replacement is found. Thanks to Thomas for his time as a Trustee, and for continuing as a leader. Thank you and welcome to Marie, stepping in as the new GLV. Questions; When will we know the votes of the polls? Later today.
<i>Independent Examiner / Auditor</i>	Noted that a member of the group cannot be an independent examiner. This needs to be clarified with district and an alternative provision to be found as needed. Markham – thanks to Agnes and Colin for their efforts with camp accounts and finance records as there were very few questions asked in the annual review.
<i>Closing remarks</i>	Thank you to all attendees at tonight's AGM. A huge thank you to all volunteers. Meeting closed. 20:05