

MINUTES 5th REIGATE SCOUT GROUP

Annual General Meeting

Thursday 4th June 2026 (18.00)

Newton Hazel Hall, 13 Battlebridge Ln, Merstham, Redhill RH1 3LH, UK

29 Members in attendance

1. **Welcome** - Chair welcomed all those attending, especially Cllr Frank Kelly. The Chair introduced himself as Dayle Collins and reminded all present of fire exits, he also informed them that refreshments were available.
2. **Apologies for absence** - Nick Redman (retiring Trustee and Treasurer), Simon Pinto (Trustee). No other Apologies were received.
3. **Governance topics**
 - a. Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 6 September 2025 were approved by all present.
 - b. The model constitution from Policy, Organisation and Rules (POR) was adopted for the Group.
 - c. At this meeting the Group's financial year - 1st April 2025 to 31st March 2026 was under review
 - d. The maximum number of members that may be appointed to the Trustee Board was set at 12.
4. **Review of the previous year**
 - a. The Group Lead Volunteer's Number of young people in the group 288, making us the largest Reigate Group. All Sections were growing and thriving.
 - **Squirrels (2 units)** have a fun packed programme, joined Remembrance Day and other events.
 - **Beavers (3 units)** Good programme and attendance. Beavers Go Wild, day camps and held sleepovers.
 - **Cubs (2 units)** Had a fun programme and attended Cubs Cause Chaos, Unit Camps and Sleepovers as well as Group activities like Jota.
 - **Scouts (2 units)** Very active programmes attended County Expedition Challenge and Pioneer Camp, Freezer Camp as well as Hill walking Camp.
 - **Explorers** Take part in DofE and have achieved awards at all levels. Attended Isle of Wight Revolution camp, Freezer Camp and Summer Adventure weekends. TGE is always popular and well attended.
 - We have received Queen's Scout and King's Scout Awards through our Group in the past few years and this is always something to aim for. As a group we took part in large events assisting the community such as All Saint's Summer Fair, Winter Wonderham and Community Day. We also ran Jota as an event and invited other Groups to join us. We are lucky with our site and over the past year have improved High Ropes, Fire Circle and Bin area, moving 6 tons of concrete in one day. We continue

to look after our Minibus. County Roll of Honour reflects the members of our Group who have given long service and received Merit Awards. Our Volunteers have also trained for many permits in activities they can offer to our Young People. We are very compliant in matters of training and First Aid is up to date. Thanks go to all our Volunteers for all the extra training and time they give to assist our large and successful Group.

- b. **Review of our Annual Statement of the Accounts** PW Treasurer gave an account of our finances. We have sufficient income to cover all expenses and would like to ensure that we have some money to enable us to undertake larger projects as they become necessary. It should be noted that whilst income had increased, general expenses on upkeep and maintenance had also increased with cost-of-living rises. We will also be seeking Grants in the future towards large scale projects for the Group. DC (Chair) noted that as well as this monetary income Volunteers gave their time and expertise willingly.
- c. **District Lead Volunteer Adrian Jackson** - 5th Reigate was part of the biggest District in the County. As such they caused no problems at high levels. The growth of 5th Reigate and the activities it offered to its members and other Groups was tremendous. GLV (GDM) gave a lot of time and a great deal of effort, assistance from all Volunteers helped to spread the load. GDM had recently been given a County Role as Adventure Lead. This was well deserved. The new strategy from Scouting HQ had been set out as "A Place to Belong" we still encouraged skills for life but belonging and a place to be now paramount. Support with paperwork would be forthcoming for all Volunteers. Adrian wished the Group continued success.

2. Making appointments

- a. **Group Chair** – GLV (GDM) nominated Dayle Collins as Chair – All present agreed
 - b. **Appointments and reappointments** – There were two Trustees standing down from the Trustee Board - NR and LM. The other Trustees will stand for re- election PW. SI, DM, DJM, GDM. Kevin Melton (KM) and Max Williment (MW) wished to stand as Trustees in the coming term. All present agreed to these appointments.
 - c. **Appoint Independent Examiner** - James Moreno was appointed to audit accounts in coming year
2. **Closing remarks** - DC commented that GDM showed a tremendous dedication to Scouting and had considerable experience in all aspects. As a parent DC had witnessed his own son grow from a Beaver sinking his cardboard boat at a young age to an eager Explorer ready for other adventures with Scouting. He hoped that many other parents would see a similar growth in their children through their engagement in Scouting. The Volunteers all helped to make children grow and to make many memories. Thanks to all involved on behalf of himself and all parents.

Meeting closed at 19:03

