

Staplehurst Scout Group

SCOUT COUNCIL

Annual General Meeting

Sunday July 13th 12:00 to 12:45

Staplehurst Scout Centre Nicholson Walk

AGENDA

1. **Introduction and welcome**
2. **Apologies for absence**
3. **Governance topics**
 - a. Approve the minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 14th July 2024
 - b. Adopt the model constitution from Policy, Organisation and Rules (POR)
 - c. Note the Group's financial year (April 1st to March 31st)
 - d. Agree the number of members that may be appointed to the Trustee Board
 - e. Agree the quorum for future meetings of the Group Scout Council (excluding this AGM)
4. **Review of the previous year**
 - a. The Group Lead Volunteer's review of Scouting Year in Staplehurst
 - b. Receive and consider the Annual Report of the Group Trustee Board, including the annual Statement of the Accounts
5. **Making appointments**
 - a. Appoint the Group Treasurer.
 - b. Appoint new members of the Group Trustee Board (See Appendix 1)
 - c. Appoint the Scrutineer for 2025/26
6. **Closing remarks**
7. **Have some fun with us!!**

Appendix 1

New Trustees for adoption

Chris Hutchinson

I am 71 and after a career until 40 in accountancy I set up a new business some 25 years ago but retired as MD a couple of years ago but continue to control the finances. The business is in the supply chain with warehouses and fulfilment and logistics based in Sussex, albeit these days I live in Marden

Since semi-retiring my interests are mostly sports, playing tennis, golf and pickleball as well as fishing and enjoying my rather large garden. I also have a passion for art, as in painting.

I have existing connections to charities and I am currently vice chairman of Maidstone churches winter shelter for the homeless. I also previously served as a trustee for the certified institute of logistics and transport.

My wife and I have volunteered at various places both here and abroad and to name a few:

The centre for rehabilitation of the paralysed in Bangladesh

Crisis at Christmas in London

Chicks (holidays for childs who care for adults).

PS I was in scouting with cubs and scouts from 7-18 and a claim to fame is meeting Ralph Reader whilst playing the white rabbit in Alice in wonderland some 60 years ago!

Sue Mcglaughlin

I was born in south London and in 1970, I started work in Knightsbridge as a Trainee Secretary at a pharmaceutical company. With the exception of 2 years maternity leave when my daughter was born, I worked as a Secretary/PA in central London for various companies including a shipping line, a freight trade newspaper and a chartered accountancy practice.

We moved to Staplehurst in 1978 when my daughter started at Staplehurst CP School and in 1980 I joined a lift company in Maidstone before returning to London in 1982 as Secretary to the Deputy Secretary of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators (CI Arb).

Subsequently, I held other positions including Professional Development Manager with responsibility for all education and training activities worldwide and Member Services Manager, with responsibility for all membership and related matters in the UK and overseas. For 2 years, I held both positions.

From 1999 – 2024, I was a Trustee of a small animal rehoming charity (Animal Samaritans) and also held the position of Hon. Secretary. We had no paid staff and I and two other Trustees handled all the requirements of the charity's work. In 2019, it was decided to employ a part-time bookkeeper. I am aware of a Trustee's responsibilities and understand the importance of working within a framework – in the case of Animal Samaritans it was a Trust Deed written in 1986.

Current Trustees

Bill Best

Bill has lived in Staplehurst for 35 years and been involved as Chair of the Scout Group for the last 16 years. Bill has previously served on the Parish Council and as a Community Governor at Staplehurst School. Bill is now semi-retired but still involved in the two technology businesses he founded after a long career in Mobile Communications. Bill is married with 4 children and 2 grandchildren.

Martin Ralph

Martin has been involved in Scouting in the village for almost 20 years, having once led the Beaver Colony, then as Scout Leader for over 10 years. He has lived in the village for 58 years, has 3 grown up children, who were all Scouts and works as an Audiologist, helping people with hearing loss.

Serena Hoadley

Serena has been involved with Staplehurst scout group for over 30 years, as a parent and an assistant Cub Scout leader. Serena is retired, having been school cook, teaching assistant and swimming teacher. She is married with 3 children and 7 grandchildren.

Warren Carter

Warren has lived in Staplehurst since 2008 moving to the village to be closer to family. Having spent 13 years serving in the Royal Air Force and 21 further years in the Police he now runs his own small local business servicing and repairing caravans and motorhomes and is married with 4 children, a dog and cat.

Martin Heasman

Martin Heasman is a father of a Beaver and a Cub Scout. He treasures his own memories of scouting as a boy. Martin worked for over 20 years at the national centre for Psychiatry, before moving to Staplehurst in 2022. As the clinical trials Pharmacy manager he has contributed to advancements in mental health treatments. He is an active member of the school PTA and prior to moving from London led a community woodland management group. His hidden talent is juggling/circus skills and with this he has travelled the world. Knowing how to read a map and erect a tent has been essential!