1st Stretton on Dunsmore Scout Group

Report for Parish Council AGM – 11th May 2026

1st Stretton Scout Group is proud to play an active part in village life, helping our young people develop skills for life through teamwork, leadership, responsibility and communication, while having plenty of fun along the way.

A great recent example was 'Get In' two weekends ago, when 49 of our young people camped alongside 5,000 other Scouts from across Warwickshire, taking on big challenges, enjoying outdoor adventure, making things to take home and joining in with a wide range of team games and activities.

We run four sections in the village — Squirrels are not yet established, but Beavers, Cubs, Scouts and Explorers are all active — and we are especially pleased to report that our Explorer section, which reopened two years ago, is thriving. Young people are currently working towards their Bronze and Silver Duke of Edinburgh's Awards, with plans for a Gold expedition in 2027.

Our Group is fortunate to be supported by many dedicated core volunteers and leaders. Without their enthusiasm, time and commitment, we would not be able to deliver such a varied and exciting weekly programme. This year, our activities have had a strong outdoor focus — the 'out' in Scouting — including kayaking, knott work, axe work, cycling, paddleboarding and our ever-popular hikes, which often finish with a well-earned visit to the chip shop.

Our leaders are also supported by several administrative helpers and Trustees, whose contribution is invaluable. Their support helps us run the Group effectively and in line with Scouts' policies and procedures, including governance, safeguarding and safety requirements.

We are very grateful to the Parish Council for providing our Scout Hut home on Plott Lane Playing Fields, and we are looking forward to making even better use of this valued space in partnership with you.

Our engagement with the village remains very important to us. We will be running the BBQ at the Fete in July and will once again take part in our annual Remembrance parade through the village in November. The village fireworks event is also an important community occasion and a significant fundraiser for the Group, and it is our intention to run this again in 2026.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank all our leaders, parents and Parish Council members for their support over the past year. With that continued support, we are confident we can go on helping the young people of Stretton grow in confidence and character, guided by the values at the heart of Scouting, including integrity, respect, care, belief and cooperation.

Finally, we are always delighted to welcome new adult volunteers or helpers to our team. Scouting is not only rewarding for young people; adults gain a great deal from it too, through friendship, shared experiences and plenty of fun. If you would like to support us in any way, we would be very pleased to hear from you.

Thank you for your continued support.

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