



2nd BEESTON SEA SCOUTS



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**2ND BEESTON SEA SCOUTS, LILAC GROVE,
BEESTON, NOTTINGHAM, NG9 1PF
RIVER BASE, BARTON ISLAND, ATTENBOROUGH (MAY TO SEPTEMBER)**

REGISTERED CHARITY NO: [522425](#)

Chairman's Report 2025

It is my very sad duty to report the very sad loss of our friend and fellow volunteer Max Crook who died suddenly during the night of 1st/2nd September. No one is indispensable but Max will come as close as it gets. He was Mr 2nd Beeston, nothing was too much trouble and he was always at Lilac Grove to ensure its smooth running. Thank you mate from the bottom of my heart and may you rest in peace.

My report this year aims to show another year on year maintenance of very high standards in the group's position. Our leadership team is getting stronger and are continuing to get trained to enable them to continue giving our young people the best experience. This is the first year under a new management system for the group. Out went the old Executive Committee and in came the Management Board. I think we all had a few misgivings over how effective this would be but to date I think we have made it work well so grateful thanks to all the members of that board for their untiring efforts. Two people are coming of the board this year, Leigh Sylvester (poor health) and David Treagus who has put a lot of effort in getting the group to where it is today. My sincere thanks to both. This does however leave us short on board members having had no new people volunteer for a roll on the board. We do need to keep the Management Board strong so would very much welcome volunteers in this very important role. It is equally important that we still add to our number in all aspects of the groups running to ensure another great year for all our young people.

You will see from all the other reports some of the highlights of the year, so I only want to mention I which is the incredible achievement of the swimming team that attended the R.N. gala at H.M.S Raleigh. To win the overall Gala was just an incredible achievement (Not technically in this financial year) but how could that go unmentioned, it needs defending this year with a much bigger team!!

Please take the time to read the other reports they will give the real insight into the wonderful activities all sections now undertake. Barton Island continues to be a challenge from October onwards as we all know the rain was relentless putting it out of bounds for most of the rest of the year getting flooded multiple times. The joys and woes of owning the Island must be almost exclusive to a Scout Group, the joy it brings on a bright summers days to all that visit is worth all the pain but it needs more people to volunteer to maintain this beautiful place

The new build is still on going with more hurdles to jump through to get the building at Lilac Grove replaced. You will see in the main deck revised drawings so please take a look, I feel this is going to be our year, we are much closer to getting all the approvals etc. We have raised an incredible £270,000 which puts us in a much improved position to get funders to make up the rest. All we all want to see is the whole project up and finished and the sounds of joy emitting from the brand new building and being the source of many more decades of fantastic Scouting.

2nd Beeston is now very visible in our immediate community and also in the wider Beeston area. This is something we need to keep working on now and in the future. I am pleased to say 2nd Beeston continues to move in the right direction which is of huge importance, if things do not grow decline is inevitable. I put this thought in last year which I think is well worth repeating.

'As well as giving the young people in the future amazing opportunities, I feel I've also personally benefited from volunteering. It's really rewarding for me and I feel I've achieved something great, it could make you feel great also, give it a try.'

Looking forward to seeing you at the AGM on the 26th September 2025.

Pete Treagus.