

Chairman's Report – Year 2022-23

It's hard to believe that it was only twelve months ago that I took over the role as Chairman of what was then the Executive Committee.

Writing this has given me time to reflect on what we, as a Group, have achieved this past year.

It started with us taking over as Duty Group for the District. Then in September we held the first of two very successful street collections, the second being held in May this year.

Suddenly it was November and Remembrance Sunday was upon us, and as usual we saw a great turn out from all sections and Leaders in the Group, with some of the Exec helping out as marshals.

Fundraising is never far from our thoughts, and November also saw us holding our first Comedy night at the Woodlands Centre, which was a resounding success and was successfully repeated in April. A massive thank you to Martin Richardson and the rest of the GSL team for the organising of these.

1st Rustington has always been about being part of the community, and in December with the help and collaboration of Natalie, Laura and Gill from the Parish Church of St Peter & St Paul we held an amazing Carol Service, the perfect way to start Christmas. My thanks especially to Gill, who worked with the sections to produce an amazing piece of artwork that was displayed in the Church.

Christmas over, our thoughts turned to St Georges Day and our responsibilities as Duty Group. Enter one very large Dragon and an interactive service to be proud of! At this point I do want to single out Graham Mills and his 'Dragon Ladies' for their amazing creation.

Trevor Harvey, our President has asked me to pass on his thanks and good wishes to the Leaders and Committee for all their hard work and teamwork over the last twelve months, which was evidenced so well at the very successful recent St George's day parade.

I started by reflecting on the success of the past year and I would like to end by looking forward. As we 'transform' from an Executive Committee to a Board of Trustees, the name may have changed but the dedication is still the same, and I would like to thank Mary, Caroline, Sally, Sandy, Nicky and Alan for their continued hard work and support.

To the GSL team, leaders and volunteers I want to say thank you for your continued commitment to providing the best of Scouting at 1st Rustington.

Here's to the next twelve months.....

Sarah Greig

Chairman – 1st Rustington Board of Trustees