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**From:** james bicknell <james\_bicknell@outlook.com>  
**Sent:** 27 February 2023 14:30  
**To:** Clerk  
**Subject:** Re: Annual Parish Meeting 9 March 2023 - Agenda and invitation to submit a report to Willand Parish Council

### Agenda Item 4 Willand Scout Group

Willand Scout Group is a thriving Scout Group, catering for Beavers (6 to 8 years olds), Cubs (8 to 10 year olds), and Scouts (10 to 14 year olds). In 2022 Willand Scout Group awarded Chief Scout Bronze, Silver and Gold Awards, which is the first time in our history that we have presented the top award for Beavers, Cubs and Scouts all in the same year. 2022 was the year we both celebrated the Jubilee and mourned the death of our Patron, Her Majesty the Queen. The Scout Association nationally ran an event called acts of kindness for remembering the Queen, and Willand Scout Group became the headline story for the whole country, firmly putting Devon on the map. We have done a wide range of activities over the past 12 months, from adventurous activities such as boating, rock climbing, skiing, hiking, axe throwing, to community activities such as fence painting in a playground, planting bulbs, and decorating the churchyard with poppies for Remembrance Sunday, to name but a few. Willand Scout Group is currently in full swing of planning a Summer Camp for all our members, and as part of this camp we are inviting 1<sup>st</sup> Colerne Sea Scout Group, from Wiltshire to attend, to continue the partnership we formed during lockdown, when the two Groups were delivering Scouting online together. Willand being one of only two Scout Groups in the District which ran continuously throughout the covid pandemic. Our current youth membership is circa. 80 children who join us for a range of activities on a weekly basis.

We are entirely a volunteer lead Group for the benefit of the children of Willand and the surrounding area. We wouldn't be able to achieve so much, without our dedicated volunteers, but as the old saying goes many hands make light work, so we are always looking for new volunteers to help us to continue the adventure of Scouting - the organisation that can boast that of the 12 people who have walked on the moon, 11 of them were Scouts. The national waiting list to join Scouts is in the region of 75,000 children, and locally we have a considerable waiting list to join too. If there are any adults who would like to join us as a volunteer, you would be helping to enable as many children as possible to join the Scout Movement, so they too can join the adventure.

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**From:** Clerk <clerk@willand-pc.org.uk>  
**Sent:** 16 February 2023 16:57  
**Subject:** Annual Parish Meeting 9 March 2023 - Agenda and invitation to submit a report to Willand Parish Council

Good afternoon

I am writing to you on behalf of Councillor Barry Warren, Chair of Willand Parish Council, to give notice of the Annual Parish Meeting to be held on Thursday 9 March 2023 (as per attached agenda).

You will note that agenda item 4 is "To receive reports from Willand Parish organisations". We understand that it may not be possible for your organisation to be represented at the Annual Parish Meeting in person. However the Parish Council would like to invite you to submit a short written report covering the activities of your organisation/group over the last year which will be published on the Parish Council website.

Please send in your report by Friday 3 March using the contact details as provided on the attached agenda, as the new Parish Clerk, Clare Dalley, will be dealing with the reports and any questions arising.

If you need more time to compile your report, just get in touch and it can be added to the website when available.  
Thank you.

Kind regards

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