



SWIFTS & KINGFISHERS JOINT COLONY ANNUAL REPORT – 2025/2026

Beaver Numbers

The Beaver section has 34 Beavers across two colonies. Numbers remain capped due to limited leader capacity, with six leaders currently supporting the section (4 Swifts, 2 Kingfishers), reducing to four in September. Recruiting new leaders, particularly for Kingfishers, remains our biggest challenge.

Leadership Team

This year we said farewell to Falcon (Alun), Robin (Suteja) and Otter (Kirsty). We thank them for their many years of service to Beavers. Otter has moved on to the Hawks Cubs leadership team.

Swifts welcomed Peregrine (Simon) and Kestrel (Karen) from Squirrels in September 2025, followed by Macaroni Penguin (Cathy) and Merlin (Dan) in Spring 2026. Young Leader Mackenzie supported the section until the summer term.

Awards & Moving Up



15 Beavers achieved their Chief Scout's Bronze Award (9 Swifts, 6 Kingfishers), the highest award in Beavers. Well done Beavers!



During the year, 9 Beavers moved up from Squirrels (5 Swifts, 4 Kingfishers).



6 Beavers will move on to Cubs this summer (2 Swifts, 4 Kingfishers), with most on track to achieve their Bronze Award.

Programme Highlights

Beavers enjoyed a varied programme working towards Adventure, My Skills and Personal Challenge Awards, alongside activity and occasional badges including 40th Birthday Beavers, Wings Jamboree Shield 2026, Berkshire Waterways and Platforms for Change.

Highlights included:

- Green Park Wind Turbine Tour
- Racing Beavers Grand Prix at Pinewood
- Joint Christmas Party
- 40th Birthday of Beaver Scouts
- Paccar Scout Camp



Still to come this term:

- Bracknell Fire Station visit
- Dad's Rule (Father's Day)
- Beavers on Wheels
- Emm Brook environmental project with South East Rivers Trust
- Dragon boat racing and swimming-up ceremony

Thank you to all Beavers, parents, volunteers and supporters for another successful and enjoyable year.

The Beavers Leadership Team