

## **Chairman's report**

Thank you for joining us for our AGM. It has been another busy and fun year for our Group.

I would like to thank the members of our Executive Committee for their continued help and support for the Group. In addition to the regular management tasks, the Executive Committee undertake to ensure the smooth running of the administration and finances of the group.

I also want to thank all of the Leaders and Adult helpers who work incredibly hard to ensure our Beavers, Cubs, Scouts and Explorers have an enjoyable, fulfilling and successful program of events throughout the year.

The Group has continued to grow in numbers and the success of our annual events - Regatta, Les Barnes, Fun Day etc. – also continue to grow in reputation and attendance year on year.

Growth whilst a great indicator of success also brings its challenges and we will continue to evolve the structure of the group over the coming year and with the increasing numbers have started to work through plans and options of extending The Wick.

Of course all of this can only be achieved through effective fund raising and events this year have raised funds for the group, however if we are to achieve the Groups future aspirations we need to look at more ways to raise additional funds over the next few years to ensure we maintain and leave a legacy for future scouting generations of 1st Swindon.

Please do take the time to read the section reports where our leaders share with you the highlights of the last year.

2015 was a good year for 1st Swindon and whilst we look back on 2015 with pride around the things the group achieved individually and collectively I am confident 2016 will be even better.

Thanks again for joining us tonight. If you have questions please do not hesitate to ask us.

Jason Cripps  
Group Chairman