

## Open and Closed Groups Report (2106)

### Number of Groups at 31 December 2016

- We had **334** open group records on the database of which **27** are DF groups.
- Less **15** groups that are temporarily closed.
- We had **292** paying groups in total.

### Number of groups in each age range

Age Group	Number of groups	Estimated Number of children being engaged
Woodchip	21	273
Elfin	101	1,313
Pioneer	67	871
Venturer	41	520
DF	27	351
Mixed	62	806

### Groups opened – 31 new groups registered in 2016

Region	District	New District	Group Name	Registered with Folk Office	Notes
London	Harlow		Harlow DFs	01/01/2016	1st Quarter (Jan-March)
North	Wirral		Green Shop Woodchips	01/01/2016	1st Quarter (Jan-March)
North	Wirral		St James Elfins	01/01/2016	1st Quarter (Jan-March)
North	Wirral		Tranmere Elfins	01/01/2016	1st Quarter (Jan-March)
Scotland	Glasgow South Side		Sense Scotland	01/01/2016	1st Quarter (Jan-March)
South East	Kennington		EOI DFs	01/01/2016	1st Quarter (Jan-March)
South West	Bristol		Fishponds Pioneers	01/01/2016	1st Quarter (Jan-March)
South West	Exeter		West Exe Pioneers	01/01/2016	1st Quarter (Jan-March)
Wales	Dyfrdwy		Ty Mawr Forest Open group	01/01/2016	1st Quarter (Jan-March)
North	Leeds		Yeadon Elfin & Pioneer	05/01/2016	1st Quarter (Jan-March)
North	Leeds		Gledhow Pioneers	05/01/2016	1st Quarter (Jan-March)
Wales	Dyfrdwy		Gwerin Y Coed Bala	16/01/2016	1st Quarter (Jan-March)
Scotland	Glasgow East End		East End Elfins	18/01/2016	1st Quarter (Jan-March)
North	Chorlton & Whalley Range		Chorlton Woodchips	23/01/2016	1st Quarter (Jan-March)

South West	Stroud Valleys		Bonsai DFs	11/02/2016	1st Quarter (Jan-March)
North	Wirral		Moreton Pioneers	24/02/2016	1st Quarter (Jan-March)
North	Toxteth (Liverpool)	X	Unity Pioneers	02/03/2016	1st Quarter (Jan-March)
London	South Tottenham		Tottenham Elfins	11/03/2016	1st Quarter (Jan-March)
North	Wirral		Sandbrook Elfins	11/03/2016	1st Quarter (Jan-March)
Wales	Llantrisant	X	Llantrisant Woodchip/Elfins/Pioneers	14/03/2016	1st Quarter (Jan-March)
South East	Brighton on the level		Sea Dragon Elfins	27/04/2016	2 <sup>nd</sup> Quarter (April - June)
South West	Newton Abbot	X	Devonshire Open Group E/P/V	31/05/2016	2 <sup>nd</sup> Quarter (April - June)
London	Hounslow & Twickenham		Twickenham Woodchips	14/09/2016	3 <sup>rd</sup> Quarter (Jul-Sept)
Midlands	Birmingham South		Sludgeworm Venturers	29/09/2016	3 <sup>rd</sup> Quarter (Jul-Sept)
North	Lancaster	X	Lancaster Woodchips	14/10/2016	3 <sup>rd</sup> Quarter (Jul-Sept)
North	Sheffield Porter & Don		Monday Meersbrook Elfins	19/09/2016	3 <sup>rd</sup> Quarter (Jul-Sept)
South East	Brighthelmstone		Galaxy Pioneers	28/09/2016	3 <sup>rd</sup> Quarter (Jul-Sept)
Wales	Pembrokeshire	X	Coast of Adventure Woodchip & Elfins	05/10/2016	3 <sup>rd</sup> Quarter (Jul-Sept)
Scotland	Glasgow Kelvingrove		Kelvingrove Venturers	01/11/2016	4 <sup>th</sup> Quarter (Oct-Nov)
South West	Bristol		Easton Woodchips	24/11/2016	4 <sup>th</sup> Quarter (Oct-Nov)
Eastern	Cambridge		Histon Pioneers	01/12/2016	4 <sup>th</sup> Quarter (Oct-Nov)

**Groups closed** in total we've had **61** closures in 2016 & **22** of these groups merged with an existing group in their District (*highlighted yellow*). Unfortunately this is a loss of our 18 surplus groups made in 2015 and an additional 12 groups in 2016.

Region	District (BOLD DISTRICT CLOSED)	Group Name	Group active?	Date closed	Group closure/merge - Notes
Eastern	Aylesbury	Aylesbury Pioneers/Venturers (closed)	Closed	01-Jan-16	Group merged with the Aylesbury Elfins. Notified in January 2016 via Group Reg.
Eastern	<b>Brightlingsea (District Closed)</b>	Samphire Elfins (closed)	Closed	01-Jan-16	Notified of group closure in January 2016
Eastern	<b>Brightlingsea (District Closed)</b>	Samphire Venturers	Closed	01-Jan-16	Notified of group closure in January 2016

Eastern	Leighton/Linslade	Red Kite Pioneers (closed)	Closed	01-Jan-16	Merged with the Brookland Elfin group to create the Leighton Linslade Open Group in January 2016
Eastern	<b>Milton Keynes (District closed)</b>	Wolvie Wolves Elfins (closed)	Closed	01-Jan-16	Advised of temporary closure in early 2015. Group officially closed by Folk Office Jan 2016
Eastern	<b>Milton Keynes (District closed)</b>	Wolvie Woodchips (closed)	Closed	01-Jan-16	Advised of temporary closure in early 2015. Group officially closed by Folk Office Jan 2016
Eastern	Northampton	Northampton Pioneers (closed)	Closed	10-May-16	Advised of closure by Group Reg in May 2016
Eastern	Norwich Thorpe Hamlet	Thorpe Hamlet Venturers (closed)	Closed	01-Jan-16	Merged with the Thorpe Hamlet Pioneers. Advised via the Grp Reg 2016
London	Boveney (Lambeth/Southwark)	Kingswood District Fellowship (closed)	Closed	28-Apr-16	Advised via the group registration 2016
London	Boveney (Lambeth/Southwark)	Northwood Elfins (closed)	Closed	28-Apr-16	Advised via grp reg 2016
London	<b>Boveney (Lambeth/Southwark) (Closed)</b>	Phoenix Venturers (closed)	Closed	08-Sep-16	
London	Camden	Apollo Pioneers (Closed)	Closed	01-Jan-16	Merged with springbok elfins and Woodpine Venturers. Notified via group reg 2016
London	Camden	Woodpine Venturers (closed)	Closed	01-Jan-16	Group merged with Spingbok Elfins and Apollo Pioneers. Notified via Group reg 2016
London	Central Barnet	Central Barnet Elfins/Pioneers (closed)	Closed	01-Jan-16	Group merged with the Kyowa Woodchips on the 01 Jan 2016.
London	Ealing & Hammersmith	White City Bat Woodchips	Closed	01-Jan-16	Group merged with the White City Dolphin Elfins in January 2016. Advised by the Group Reg 2016

London	Ealing & Hammersmith	White City Pioneers	Closed	01-Jan-16	Group merged with the White City Dolphin Elfins in January 2016. Advised by the Group Reg 2016
London	Lewisham & Greenwich	Lewisham & Greenwich Woodchips (closed)	Closed	01-Jan-16	Notified of closure via group reg
London	New Barnet	Sunshine Elfins (closed)	Closed	01-Jan-16	Notified via the group registration
London	New Malden	New Malden DFs (closed)	Closed	01-Jan-16	Group closed in July 2015. Head office notified via Group reg 2016
London	New Malden	New Malden Venturers (closed)	Closed	01-Jan-16	Group closed in July 2015. Head Office notified in January 2016 via Group reg.
London	<b>New Malden (District closed)</b>	New Malden Elfins (closed)	Closed	29-Sep-16	Group closed at the beginning of the Autumn term. Groups struggled to find volunteers to help run groups.
London	<b>New Malden (District closed)</b>	New Malden Pioneers (closed)	Closed	29-Sep-16	Group closed at the beginning of the Autumn Term. District struggled to find new volunteers to keep groups going.
London	Teddington	Greenleaf Venturers (closed)	Closed	01-Jan-16	notified via group reg 2016
London	Waltham Forest	Bushwood Elfins (closed)	Closed	12-Sep-16	Group closed in the Spring. Notified of closure on the 12.09.2016
London	Waltham Forest	Waltham Forest Woodchips (closed)	Closed	01-Jan-16	Merged with the Woodside Elfins notified via the group reg January 2016.
London	Waltham Forest	Walthamstow Pioneers (closed)	Closed	01-Jan-16	Notified of closure via the group registration. Actual date of group closing September 2015
Midlands	Derby	Derby Woodchips (Closed)	Closed	01-Jan-16	
Midlands	Stafford	Stafford Elfins (closed)	Closed	01-Jan-16	Notified of group closure on via email.

North	Chorlton & Whalley Range	Venturers 2.0 (closed)	Closed	01-Jan-16	Notified of closure on the 1st Jan 2016
North	Durham	Durham City Pioneers (closed)	Closed	06-May-16	Group merged with the Durham City Elfins to create an open group. Advised of closure via group received in May 2016.
North	<b>Liverpool (District closed)</b>	Liverpool DFs (closed)	Closed	01-Feb-16	Notified of closure via the new groups project YSA. May re-open a new group later in the year.
North	<b>Liverpool (District closed)</b>	Liverpool Venturers (closed)	Closed	01-Feb-16	Notified of group closure by new groups project YSA.
North	<b>Liverpool (District closed)</b>	Liverpool Woodchips/Elfins/Pioneers (Closed)	Closed	01-Feb-16	Greenbank woodchips re-opened Oct 2014 as an open group. GROUP HAS NOW CLOSED - advised of closure by the new groups project YSA.
North	Manchester South	Parrswood Venturers (closed)	Closed	01-Jan-16	Notified via Group Reg 2016
North	<b>Ryton (District closed)</b>	Ryton Woodchip & Elfin (closed)	Closed	01-Jan-16	Notified via email in response to group registration reminder.
North	Stanley	Stanley DH9 Venturers (closed)	Closed	01-Jan-16	Merged with all Stanley age groups to make the Stanley Open Group' Jan 2016
North	Stanley	Stanley Pioneers (closed)	Closed	01-Jan-16	Merged with all Stanley age groups to make the Stanley Open Group' Jan 2016
Scotland	<b>Dunblane (District Closed)</b>	Dunblane Woodchip/Elfins (closed)	Closed	01-Jan-16	Notified of closure in January 2016.
Scotland	Edinburgh	Portobello Pioneers (closed)	Closed	01-Jan-16	Group merged with the Portobello Sandpiper Elfins due to a lack of numbers. Notified in January 2016 via Group Reg.

Scotland	Edinburgh	Red Squirrel Woodchips (closed)	Closed	01-Jan-16	Group merged with the Bluebell Meadow Elfins due to a lack of numbers. Notified in January 2016 via Group Reg.
South East	Brighton on the level	Firefly Elfins (closed)	Closed	22-Feb-16	Notified closure via the Brighton on the level District. Group actual date of closure was in 2015.
South East	Chanctonbury Ring (South downs)	Bramble Venturers (closed)	Closed	01-Jan-16	Merged with the Outback Venturers. Advised Jan 2016 in Group registration.
South East	Chanctonbury Ring (South downs)	Dragon Elfins (closed)	Closed	01-Jan-16	Merged with the Tiger Elfins. Notified via the group registration 2016.
South East	<b>Cuckfield ( District closed)</b>	Iguanodon Elfins (closed)	Closed	15-Jun-16	Advised of closure via telephone chase for group reg 2016
South East	Hastings	Hastings Woodchip (closed)	Closed	01-Jan-16	Merged with the other Hastings group in early 2016 to become a mixed open group. District was struggling with find volunteers to manage all groups.
South East	Hastings	Lakota Venturers (closed)	Closed	01-Jan-16	Merged with the other Hastings group in early 2016 to become a mixed open group. District was struggling with find volunteers to manage all groups.
South East	Hastings	Powdermill Pioneers (closed)	Closed	01-Jan-16	Merged with the other Hastings group in early 2016 to become a mixed open group. District was struggling with find volunteers to manage all groups.
South East	South Ashford	Great Chart Pioneers (closed)	Closed	01-Jan-16	Merged with the Great Chart Elfins to commence 14/09/2016.

South East	Portsmouth	Blue Sky Elfins (closed)	Closed	01-Sep-16	Group merged with all Portsmouth groups to make the Pioneer Bushcrafters in September 2016.
South East	Portsmouth	Truth Seeking Venturers (closed)	Closed	01-Sep-16	Group merged with all Portsmouth groups to make the Pioneer Bushcrafters.
South West	<b>Beaconsfield (Jordans) (Closed)</b>	Jordans Elfins (closed)	Closed	27-Jun-16	Advised of closure via telephone chase for group reg 2016
South West	Gloucester	Gloucester City Elfins/Pioneers (closed)	Closed	01-Jan-16	Notified of group closure via the group reg on the 22/03/2016
South West	Oxford	Oxford Woodchips (closed)	Closed	10-Oct-16	Group closed this year. Informed by District Contact on 10 October 2016.
South West	Stroud Valleys	Bonsai DFs (closed)	Closed	23-Oct-16	Notified by email from District Coordinator
North	Bradford	Eccleshill Elfins/Pioneers (closed)	Closed	04-Nov-16	Notified of group closure by the District Treasurer on 04.11.2016.
Wales	Cardiff	Penarth Venturers (closed)	Closed	09-Nov-16	Advised of closure in October 2016 by email.
Wales	Cardiff	Penarth DFs (closed)	Closed	15-Nov-16	Advised of closure by email in October 2016.
South East	Kennington	Buttercup Elfins (closed)	Closed	15-Nov-16	Group closed in September 2016.
London	Central Barnet	Russell Venturers (closed)	Closed	08-Dec-16	Notified of closure via email from the Group Contact
London	New Barnet	Eco Pioneers (closed)	Closed	08-Dec-16	Group closed in April 2016. Reported to Folk Office on the 08/12/2016 via their 2017 group registration.

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