

1ST WARSASH SEA SCOUT GROUP

England & Wales · Charity number 1013172

Details

Status Registered

Legal form Other

Registered 1992-07-27

Register [View on the Charity Commission register](#)

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Activities

Objects: TO PROMOTE THE DEVELOPMENT OF YOUNG PEOPLE IN ACHIEVING THEIR FULL PHYSICAL INTELLECTUAL SOCIAL AND SPIRITUAL POTENTIALS AS INDIVIDUALS AS RESPONSIBLE CITIZENS AND AS MEMBERS OF THEIR LOCAL NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITIES.

Activities: The main activities of the Group are based on both the land and the sea. Beavers, Cubs and Scouts all take part in a wide variety of indoor and outdoor activities. Scouts spend the summer months afloat, sailing the Group's fleet of boats under the tuition of the Group's instructors. All sections also take part in District Scouting activities.

Classification

- **How:** Acts As An Umbrella Or Resource Body
- **What:** Education/training
- **Who:** Children/young People

Geography

- Hampshire

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-03-31	£91,883	£106,081	-	-
2024-03-31	£117,456	£108,350	-	-
2023-03-31	£104,361	£131,283	-	-
2022-03-31	£102,186	£71,391	-	-
2021-03-31	£51,851	£19,107	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Trevor Stabb	Chair	2021-06-30
Annalisa Elizabeth Tibbit		2024-11-20
James Winterton		2024-07-10
Mihaela Weems		2023-09-01
Tom Rees-Blanchard		2024-07-10

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**Royal Navy Recognised
Group No. 88**



ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Wednesday 25 June 2025 Venue: Scout HQ

1st Warsash Sea Scouts Reports

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Trustees' Annual Report

For the period

From (start
date)

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to end date

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Section A

Reference and administration details

Charity
name

1st Warsash Sea Scout Group

Other names
the charity is
known by:

1st Warsash Sea Scouts

Registered
charity
number:

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HQ
registration
number:

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Charity's
principal
address:

New Road (off Church Road)

Warsash

Southampton

Postcode

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Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

(These will be published in the annual report of the charity and the Charity Register if reporting for a Registered Charity with a charity regulator)

Trustee Name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year
Trevor Stabb	Chair	
James Winterton	Vice Chair	
Mihaela Weems	Treasurer	
Tom Rees-Blanchard	Group Lead Volunteer	
Louise Roberts	Group Lead Volunteer	
Sam Gardner	Group Lead Volunteer	
Annie Tibbit	Secretary	From Oct 2024

Names and addresses of advisers (optional information but encouraged as best practice)

(These will be published in the annual report of the charity)

Type of advisor	Name	Address

Section B	Structure, governance and management
Description of the charity's trusts	
Type of governing document (e.g. trust deed, constitution)	The Group's governing documents are those of The Scout Association. They consist of a Royal Charter, which in turn gives authority to the Bye Laws of the Association and The Policy, Organisation and Rules of The Scout Association.
How the charity is constituted (e.g. trust, association, company)	The Group is a trust established under its rules which are common to all Scouts.
Trustee selection methods (e.g. appointed by, elected by)	The Trustees are appointed in accordance with the Policy, Organisation and Rules of The Scout Association.
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Additional governance issues (optional information but encouraged as best practice)

You may choose to include additional information, where relevant, about:

Policies and procedures adopted for:

- a) The induction and training of Trustees
- b) Trustees' consideration of major risks and the systems and procedures to manage them

The Group is managed by the Group Trustee Board, the members of which are the 'Charity Trustees' of the Scout Group which is an educational charity. As charity trustees they are responsible for complying with legislation applicable to charities. This includes the registration, keeping proper accounts and making returns to the Charity Commission as appropriate.

The Trustee Board consists of the Chair, Vice Chair, Treasurer, Secretary and the Group Lead Volunteer team (3) and meets approximately every 3 months.

Members of the Trustee Board complete the required Scout Association learning.

This Group Trustee Board exists to make sure the charity is well-managed, risks are assessed and mitigated, buildings and equipment are in good working order, and everyone follows legal requirements and the organisation's policies and rules. Their support helps other volunteers run high- quality and safe programmes that gives young people skills for life.

Risk and Internal Control (Specimen 1)

The Group Trustee Board has identified the major risks to which they believe the Group is exposed, these have been reviewed and systems have been established to mitigate against them. The main areas of concern that have been identified are:

Damage to the building, property and equipment. The Group would request the use of buildings, property and equipment from neighbouring organisations such as the church, community centre and other Scout Groups. Similar reciprocal arrangements exist with these organisations. The Group has sufficient buildings and contents insurance in place to mitigate against permanent loss.

Injury to leaders, helpers, supporters and members. The Group through the capitation fees contributes to the Scout Associations national accident insurance policy. Risk Assessments are undertaken before all activities.

Reduced income from fund raising. The Group is primarily reliant upon income from subscriptions and fundraising. The group does hold a reserve to ensure the continuity of activities should there be a major reduction in income. The Board could raise the value of subscriptions to increase the income to the group on an ongoing basis, either temporarily or permanently.

Reduction or loss of leaders. The group is totally reliant upon volunteers to run and administer the activities of the group. If there was a reduction in the number of leaders to an unacceptable level in a particular section or the group as a whole then there would have to be a contraction, consolidation or closure of a section. In the worst case scenario the complete closure of the Group.

Reduction or loss of members. The Group provides activities for all young people aged 4 to 14. If there was a reduction in membership in a particular section or the group as whole then there would have to be a contraction, consolidation or closure of a section. In the worst case scenario the complete closure of the Group.

Risk and Internal Control (Specimen 2)

The group has in place systems of internal controls that are designed to provide reasonable assurance against material mismanagement or loss, these include 2 signatories for all payments and comprehensive insurance policies to ensure that insurable risks are covered.

Section C	Objectives and activities
Summary of the objects of the charity set out in its governing document	The Purpose of Scouting Scouting exists to actively engage and support young people in their personal development, empowering them to make a positive contribution to society. The Values of Scouting As Scouts we are guided by these values: Integrity - We act with integrity; we are honest, trustworthy and loyal. Respect - We have self-respect and respect for others. Care - We support others and take care of the world in which we live. Belief - We explore our faiths, beliefs and attitudes. Co-operation - We make a positive difference; we co- operate with others and make friends. The Scout Method Scouting takes place when young people, in partnership with adults, work together based on the values of Scouting and: - enjoy what they are doing and have fun - take part in activities indoors and outdoors - learn by doing - share in spiritual reflection - take responsibility and make choices - undertake new and challenging activities - make and live by their Promise.
Summary of the main activities in relation to these objects	Squirrels/Beavers/Cubs/Scout numbers continue to average 170 over the year. All young people work towards the relevant Chief Scout's Award for their section. The programmes offered to Squirrels, Beaves, Cubs and Scouts show a wide range of activities, indoors and outdoors, to build skills, develop and challenge our young people in a fun and exciting way, using all aspects of the Scout Method. These balanced programmes are underpinned by the values of Scouting. As young people move between the sections, they're encouraged to become more involved in drawing up their Scouting programme. Water activities continue using the sailing dinghies and kayaks which we have invested in. Scouts spend the summer months on the water. Squirrels, Cubs and Beavers have sessions in various water sports. Leaders are encouraged to train for the water activities permit so that they can run these sessions. Nights away residential trips encourage the independence and resilience of young people, ranging from nights at HQ to Beaver, Cub and Scout camps. A number of team volunteers now have archery permits, adding yet another resource to the Scout Group. 1st Warsash Sea Scouts has Royal Naval recognition and can draw on activities offered by the Royal Navy for members of the Scout Association. A new Group Lead Volunteer team of 3 section Team Leads, took over in the Spring term and are currently bringing the Scout Group up to date with the new requirements under the changes to Scouting which have taken place nationally over the past year.

Additional details of the objectives and activities (optional information but encouraged as best practice)

You **may choose** to include further statements, where relevant, about:

- policy on grantmaking;
- contribution made by volunteers;
- policy on investments.

Leadership of the Scout Group totals over 40 adult volunteers. All Trustee Board members are also volunteers. The Group is supported by the parents of the Squirrels/ Beavers/Cubs/Scouts and by other members of the local community who volunteer to help when needed on many occasions.

Public benefit statement

The Group meets the Charity Commission's public benefit criteria under both the advancement of education and the advancement of citizenship or community development headings.

Section D**Achievements and performance**

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

The Scout Group has seen changes this year in the overall management. National processes and systems have changed, as well as the Group Lead Volunteer team. Sections have continued to run strong programmes, despite the challenges faced.

Section E**Financial Review**

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

Reserves Policy

The group holds reserves for 4 months of running costs which would equate to £25,000.

The group has £62,543 in reserves.

Quantify and explain any designations

Details of any funds materially in deficit (circumstances plus steps to eliminate)

Further financial review details (optional information)

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant, about:

- the charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising);
- how expenditure has supported the key objectives of the charity;
- investment policy and objectives;

Investment Policy (Specimen 1)

The Group's Income and Expenditure is very small and as a consequence does not have sufficient funds to invest in longer-term investments such as stocks and shares. The Group has therefore adopted a low-risk strategy to the investment of its funds. All funds are held in cash using only mainstream banks or building societies.

The Group Trustee Board regularly monitors the levels of bank balances and the interest rates received to ensure the group obtains maximum value and income from its banking arrangements. Occasionally this may involve using an account that requires a period of notice before funds may be withdrawn, before doing so the Group Trustee Board considers the cash flow requirements.

Investment Policy (Specimen 2)

The Group does not have sufficient funds to invest in longer term investments. The Group has therefore adopted a risk averse strategy to the investment of its funds. All funds are held in cash using only mainstream banks or building societies.

Section F**Other Optional Information**

Plans for future periods (details of any significant activities planned to achieve them)

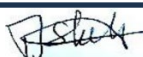
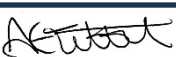
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Section G**Declaration**

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report

above Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)

	
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Full name(s)

Trevor Stabb	Annie Tibbit
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Position (eg Secretary, Chair)

Chair	Secretary
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Date

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1st Warsash Sea Scouts – Chairman's Report for the year 2024 / 2025

For another year, 1st Warsash Sea Scouts have continued to provide an excellent programme of land based scouting activities and the development of water-based boating skills.

I do see the incredible hard work put in by Volunteers through the activities of all sections of the group and I cannot thank you enough for making this such a successful scouting group, maintaining our position as a leading sea scout group.

This year we have continued our programme of repairs to the main building and boat store together with another major expenditures in refurbishment of the buildings metal cladding to give our HQ a bright new look.

The next year will, undoubtably, be one of many challenges, both old and new. Rising costs, changing priorities and difficulty in obtaining finance will all impact our delivery of scouting activities, maintenance of our facilities and future development of our scouting programmes.

Finance is required for both upkeep and development of the Scout HQ and Boating stock and must come from various grants and supporting bodies.

Finding and applying for available grants is currently a weakness for us and we need to strengthen this vital area of fundraising with new volunteers dedicated to the task of fundraising.

The existence of 1st Warsash Sea Scouts is entirely due to volunteers, so please continue to support in any way you can.

I would like to thank my Trustee Committee, who have given tremendous support both to the Scout Group and to me personally.

1st Warsash Sea Scouts - Treasurer's Report for the Financial Year ended 31 March 2025

Attached to the AGM papers is the annual Receipts and Payments account for the financial year from **1 April 2024 to 31 March 2025**. These accounts were approved by the Trustee Board on 3rd of June 2025. We are awaiting the report from the independent examiner but do not envisage any material changes to the accounts presented at this meeting.

The report represents the Group's financial activity for the year to 31 March 2025, with a comparison shown against the prior year to 31 March 2024.

I attach the following appendices:

- Appendix A – Summary of bank balances and Group receipts and payments
- Appendix B – Grant Report

Overall, the Group's finances remain in good health, despite high cost-of-living. Funds held at year-end totalled £ 62,658, up £7,580 from £55,078 last year (adjusted for erroneous water refund of £21,778), primarily driven by gift aid proceeds of £16,533. The trustees have raised concerns regarding the Group's ability to continue to fund the rising energy and maintenance costs for the Scout HQ building as well as the boating fleet maintenance and therefore, the Trustee Board had to make the difficult decision to increase subscriptions twice during the financial year, in April 2024 and again in January 2025 to offset an increase in Capitation payments and to ensure we can continue to offer children amazing experiences on land and water.

Due to increasing running costs, Subscriptions are under regular review by the Trustee Board, but are mindful that this needs to also be balanced with the other financial pressures on parents and carers.

Grant funds received from government Covid support have been designated to assist with future increase in Group costs, as required. During the year, £6,284.72 "borrowed" from this fund last year have been returned. The funds had been borrowed last year to cover a shortfall in capitation payment and boats operating expenditure but no further "loan" has been made this year from the Covid grant as the Group has a good cash flow position.

Receipts

Receipts for the year are £ 91,883, down £3,795 from last year's adjusted receipts of £95,678 (adjusted for £21,778 erroneous water refund), primarily driven by reduction in receipts from scouting activities (timing) and water refund.

Income from membership subscriptions totals £31,887, a 15% increase on last year's £27,743, as Subs increased twice in the financial year. The subs paid to District (Capitation fee) increased by 9 % from £10,620 to 11,545 for the current year, hence the decision to also increase the subs charged by the Group starting April 2024 and then again in January 2025.

Due to increased cost of living, the Explorers rent has also been increased at the beginning of the financial year, resulting in an increase in Explorers income.

Income from grants and donations of £3,600 this year was in line with last year.

Many grants are subject to restrictions on use, and all have been allocated for a specific purpose. Further detail relating to the grants and donations during the year, is set out in Appendix B.

At the end of last financial year, the Group held a credit balance of £3,171.76 with the water supplier which was refunded in May 2024.

Funds of £140 (compared to £770 last year) have been received through sale of various boating equipment. These funds will be reinvested in new equipment in the future.

Income from Warsash Wasps is significantly lower than the prior year but this due to timing of invoices.

There has been no change to the financial arrangements with Warsash Wasps during the financial year.

Low fundraising income this year due to lack of volunteer resources.

Payments

Payments for the year total £106,081 which is in line to the prior year spend

Electricity spend of £7,321 is marginally lower than last year, however significantly higher than budgeted due to increased consumption over the winter period.

Policy renewal payments for property & building insurance of £3,368 and boating insurance of £1,491 have been made during this financial year.

Capital investment of £1,229 was made during the year on our boating equipment. This included the purchase of boating equipment like SUPs and paddles. This was funded from grant monies provided for this purpose.

The HQ refit project work which started in early 2022 is winding down with £1,503 spent this year on fire protection & safety and kitchen plumbing upgrade.

Further work planned to repaint the cladding of the HQ building.

The erroneous water refund has been repaid in June 2024.

Group funds

Please refer to the reconciliation at Appendix A.

Group Total funds total 62,543.46 and are made up as follows:

Group funds (excl. water refund error)	£8,355.95
Sections	£13,659.45
Boat funds	£4,736.95
Grant & Donations	£35,791.11
	£62,543.46

It is a requirement to hold the equivalent of 4 months' running costs. Group running costs for the year, as per the Group Accounts, accounting for Wasps recharges and erroneous water refund totalled £74,818.

This revised expenditure equates to £6,235 per month on average and hence 4 months' totals £25,000.

The Group is therefore holding sufficient funds to meet this requirement.

Statement of Assets & Liabilities

No significant changes to the assets, other than the revised insured value 5% on buildings and 7% on equipment.

The Group is leasing the land Fareham Borough Council, and the lease cost is accounted for in the payments section under Ground lease.

The unclaimed gift aid is significantly lower than last year as this was related to previous years as well.

As the claim hasn't yet been submitted with HMRC yet, the value is estimated assuming we can claim back for 80% of our subs but historically this has been higher.

Other Finance Issues

Our accounts continue to be processed through OSM. The finance function is entirely paperless, with receipts and invoices being sent by email.

We continue to use OSM for parent communication and payments for events and subscriptions. This works very well and gives leaders more control over section finances. Payments are processed via Stripe to ensure we comply with GDPR.

The group finances are discussed at every Trustee Board meeting and all requests for capital expenditure are reviewed for approval.

We have a full set of finance procedures for approving operational & capital expenditure which prevent unauthorised and excessive spending and ensure resource optimisation.

Mihaela Weems
Group Treasurer

3rd of June 2025

Summary of Funds held as of 31 March 2025

	£
1st Warsash Sea Scouts - Group	£8,388.45
1st Warsash – Squirrels	£100.43
1st Warsash - Red Oaks	£153.45
1st Warsash – Owls	£2,061.43
1st Warsash – Dover	£1,530.78
1st Warsash – Wight	£5,022.89
1st Warsash – Fastnet	£2,152.07
1st Warsash – Viking	£2,720.80
1st Warsash - Boat Sales	£4,430.56
1st Warsash – Boats BAU	£306.39
1st Warsash - Grant Funds	£35,791.11
	<u>£62,658.34</u>

Group Accounts as of 31 March 2025

Opening balance	Income	Expense	£742.50
			-
Badges		507.72	507.72
			-
Bank Fees		60.00	60.00
Capitation Received	11,179.12		11,179.12
			-
Cleaning		1,234.12	1,234.12
Donation	3.00		3.00
Fundraising	188.70	110.00	78.70
			-
Health & Safety		39.42	39.42
			-
HQ Maintenance		364.51	364.51
Income from HQ Hire			
Explorers	630.00		630.00
Wasps	9,488.71		9,488.71
Insurance			
Building Insurance		2,058.01	2,058.01
			-
Equipment Insurance		1,257.91	1,257.91
			-
Boats		1,490.67	1,490.67
			-
PAME Non-Members		52.00	52.00
			-
Maintenance		256.22	256.22
			-
Rent		1,973.00	1,973.00
Subscriptions	8,995.73		8,995.73
			-
Subscriptions - Stripe Fee		1,222.67	1,222.67
			-
Uniform / Necker / Book	98.50	378.80	280.30
			-
Utilities		243.13	243.13
			-
Water Refund	3,171.76		3,171.76

Bank Interest	125.03		125.03
Electric		7,297.36	7,297.36
Admin		229.06	229.06
Water (Excl. err water refund)		£7,635.46	7,635.46
OSM Fees		202.07	202.07
Gift Aid	16,533.93		16,533.93
Capitation		11,545.00	11,545.00
Sale of Assets	140.00		140.00
Gas for cooking burners		23.80	23.80
Repaid loan to Covid Grant		4,760.10	4,760.10
Trf from Covid Grant hardship fund	32.50		32.50

Total for the year	50,554.48	42,941.03	7,645.95
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Closing balance	-	-	8,388.45
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Appendix B

Grant Report 2025

Total Grants and donations for the financial year totals **£35,791.14** which is made up as follows:

Grant & Donation Summary	£
Covid Grants (Unrestricted)	24,541.93
HQ Refurbishment Grants & Donations	5,374.03
Boat & Kayak Grants & Donations	2,500.00
Equipment & Training Grants	1,323.18
Other Grant & Donations (Unrestricted)	2,052.00
	35,791.14

Grants obtained

£3,600.00 grants have been obtained during the financial year and are restricted for the purpose of:

- **Purchasing boating equipment.**

Rotary Club	£850
Royal Navy matched funding	£2,500

- **Purchasing camping equipment**

Tailor Wimpey	£250
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1st Warsash Sea Scout Group Scout Group (Charity no. 1013172)

Receipts and Payments Account

Year start date

Year end date

For the year from	01-Apr-24	To	31-Mar-25
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Receipts and payments

	2024/25			2023/24
	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total funds
	£	£	£	£
Receipts				
Donations, legacies and similar income				
Membership subscriptions	31,887	-	-	27,743
Donations	280	-	-	249
Gift Aid	16,534	-	-	-
Income from Section Activities	25,538	-	-	35,400
Income from Uniform / Woggles	489	-	-	1,584
Misc receipts	-	-	-	-
Sub total	74,728	-	-	64,976
Grants				
Other grants		3,600	-	3,592
Sub total	-	3,600	-	3,592
Fundraising events (gross)				
Other fundraising activities	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-
Scout hut income				
Explorers Rents	630	-	-	555
Warsash Wasps recharge	9,489	-	-	13,734
Sub total	10,119	-	-	14,289
Investment income				
Bank interest	125	-	-	154
Sub total	125	-	-	154
Total Gross Income	84,971	3,600	-	88,571
Water refund	3,172	-	-	33,675
Asset and investment sales, etc.	140	-	-	770
Total receipts	88,283	3,600	-	117,456

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Receipts and Payments Account

Year start date

Year end date

For the year from	01-Apr-24	To	31-Mar-25
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Receipts and payments

	2024/25			2023/24
	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total funds
	£	£	£	£
Payments				
Charitable Payments				
Membership subscriptions paid on (National/County/Area/District)	11,545	-	-	11,545
Youth programme and activities	35,407	-	-	35,407
Adult support and training	374	-	-	374
Ground Lease (charitable activities) ¹⁾	329	-	-	329
Water and Sewerage (charitable activities) ²⁾	915	-	-	915
Electricity and Oil	7,321	-	-	7,321
Buildings Insurance (charitable activities) ³⁾	2,491	-	-	2,491
HQ Maintenance, Cleaning, Waste Disposal	1,599			1,599
HQ Refit Costs		1,503	-	1,503
Equipment (Boats and Camping)	1,539	2,079	-	3,618
Boating (Maintenance, Insurance, Fuel, Sailing Club fees)	5,499	-		5,499
Badges, uniform & handbooks	2,256	-	-	2,256
Administrative Expenses	1,789	-	-	1,789
Bank charges	63	-	-	63
Sub total	71,126	3,582	-	74,708
Fundraising expenses				
Other fundraising costs	110	-	-	110
Sub total	110	-	-	110
Recharged Expenses				
Ground lease (non-charitable activities) ¹⁾	1,644	-	-	1,644
Water and sewerage (non-charitable activities) ²⁾	28,741	-	-	28,741
Building insurance (non-charitable activities) ³⁾	877	-	-	877
Sub total	31,263	-	-	31,263
Total Gross Expenditure	102,499	3,582	-	106,081
Asset and investment purchases, etc.	-	-	-	-
Total payments	102,499	3,582	-	106,081
Net of receipts/(payments)	- 14,216	18	-	- 14,198
Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-
Cash funds last year end	67,677	9,179	-	76,856
Cash funds this year end	53,461	9,197	-	62,658

1st Warsash Sea Scout Group Scout Group (Charity no. 1013172)

Receipts and Payments Account

Year start date

Year end date

For the year from	01/04/2024	To	31/03/2025
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Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the year

	31st March 2025			31st March 2024	
	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Endowment funds £	Total funds £	Total funds £
Cash funds					
Bank current account	53,461	9,197	-	62,658	76,856
Total cash funds	53,461	9,197	-	62,658	76,856
(agree balances with receipts and payments a/c)	ok	ok	ok	ok	ok
Other monetary assets					
Gift Aid unclaimed ⁵⁾	6,377	-	-	6,377	16,533
Water supplier credit balance					3,172
Sub total	6,377	-	-	6,377	19,705
Investment assets					
Investment property - detail	-	-	-	-	-
Quoted investments	-	-	-	-	-
Other investments - detail	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Non monetary assets for charity's own					
Leasehold Land & buildings ⁴⁾	831,469	-	-	831,469	791,876
HQ Furniture & Fittings	32,367	-	-	32,367	30,250
Trailers	3,256	-	-	3,256	3,044
Camping Equipment	27,619	-	-	27,619	26,808
Boats & Equipment	83,447	-	-	83,447	80,779
Sub total	978,157	-	-	978,157	932,757
Liabilities					
Water refund error	-	-	-	-	21,778
Insurance payments	-	-	-	-	4,806
Subscriptions not yet paid	-	-	-	-	-
Loan - detail	-	-	-	-	-
Other liabilities - cheques not deposited	82	-	-	82	-
Sub total	82	-	-	82	26,584
Total net assets	1,037,913	9,197	-	1,047,111	1,002,734

1) Ground Rent : 33% share (Fareham Borough Council) with Warsash Wasps Football Club, payable quarterly.

2) Water Rates : 5% share of Southern Water Services Plc charges with Warsash Wasps Boys Football Club.

Includes refund of erroneous receipt

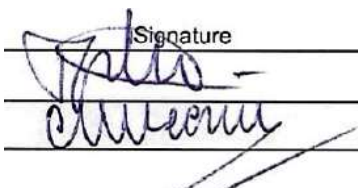
3) Land & Buildings: 40% share of headquarters building at the Recreation Ground, New Road, Warsash, Southampton by covenant agreement with Fareham Borough Council through The Scout Association.

4) Presented at revised Insurance Value. Building is subject to a lease with Fareham Borough Council ending in 2054

5) Estimated value for the fiscal year

The above receipts and payments account and statement of assets and liabilities were approved by the Trustees on 2nd of June 2025 (the date of the Trustee Board meeting that approved the accounts) and signed on their behalf by

Signature



Print Name

Trevor Stabb - Chair

Mihaela Weems - Treasurer



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

**Report to the trustees/
members of**

1st Warsash Sea Scout Group

**On accounts for the year
ended**

31 March 2025

**Charity no
(if any)**

1013172

Set out on pages

1 to 3

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31 March 2025.

**Responsibilities and
basis of report**

As the charity trustees of the Trust, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act").

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

**Independent
examiner's statement**

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act or
- the accounts do not accord with the accounting records

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed:

Date:

20/01/2026

Name:

Marc Barnett

**Relevant professional
qualification(s) or body
(if any):**

Fellow of the Institute of Chartered Accountants for England & Wales

Address:

10 Constable Way

Sandhurst

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1st Warsash Sea Scouts - Group Lead Volunteer Team Report AGM June 2025

1st Warsash Sea Scout Group is 60 years old this year! All Sections have enjoyed their Scouting with over 170 young people across the Scout Group. The adult volunteers, (leaders, assistant leaders and section assistants) all do a fantastic job in providing opportunities for our young people, supported by the Trustee Board and other administrative roles. Thank you.

Scout Team Members

At the census date of 31 January 2025, our adult team member numbers are 48, however we are in need of more adult volunteers across all sections, behind the scenes and on the Trustee Board. A recruitment campaign will be undertaken in the next few weeks.

Training

All team members and Trustees must complete the new Safety course by mid-July. Completion rates are gradually increasing.

New System

The new Scout Association admin system replacing Compass, has proved difficult to master in places but we will persevere.

Key activities and events during the year

Sections have continued to offer a wide range of activities in their weekly meetings, from arts and crafts to pioneering and navigation. Additional activities such as hikes, camps and water expeditions have also been run, getting everyone out and about. Individual Section reports are included in the AGM papers.

There are now permitted teams of leaders within 1st Warsash for climbing, abseiling, archery, kayaking, powerboating, paddleboarding and sailing. Not only do these teams run activities for their own sections, they can also be seen out and about at other section meetings.

It is also good to see joint section camps taking place each year, with Dover, Owls and Red Oaks camping together in May 2024. Squirrels joined in the fun by coming for a visit as well.

Trustee Board

The Trustee Board works behind the scenes managing the financial resources as well as ensure HQ runs smoothly. The cladding on the outside of HQ has just been repaired and resprayed, to ensure it lasts for several more years.

Going forwards

We continue to work to strengthen links and progression across age groups so that leaders get to know each other and to ensure that we function as a whole Scout Group and not just as individual sections.

Thank you to everyone in the Scout Group for your continued contribution.

Yours in Scouting

Tom, Louise & Sam

1st Warsash Sea Scouts - AGM Report year ended 31 March 2025: Squirrels

Membership of Section

Squirrels has 11 children, although this will increase to 12 in September. We have 1 Young Leader who is part of Brookfield D of E Award and 4 leaders.

Summer 2024

Yoga, Warsash Hike, Nature Art, Tag Rugby, Tennis, Holly Hill Hike, Stick Trail, Bird Feeder, Mini Sports Day, Teddy's Bear Picnic.

Autumn 2024

Allotment Visit, Potato Planting, Clay, Fireworks Biscuits, Baking Biscuits, Library Visit, Waitrose Food Shop for Food Bank, Little Big Village Trip.

Spring 2025

Experiments, Chinese New Year, Hike, Beavers Take Over, Pancakes, Litter Pick, Harbour Master Visit, Easter Egg Hunt

Badges

So far, each child has been awarded:

Chief Acorn 5

Challenge badges 24

Activity badges 51

As always, we thank our squirrel parents for all their support.

1st Warsash Sea Scouts - AGM Report year ended 31 March 2025: Owls Beavers Colony

Membership of Section

Leadership: Sam Gardner, Tracy Wahltuch, Martin Smith, Rebecca Webber, Ian Haslam, James Hitchcock and Emily Charles

Young Leaders: Hannah and Matilda

Beavers: 24

Summer term 2024

This term Beavers worked towards the 'My adventure. Challenge badge and 'Camp Craft' and 'cyclist' activity badges. They also achieved Time on the Water badges as the younger Beavers went out on the power boats and older Beavers had a chance to go sailing.

Beavers collected twigs at Warsash Common so they could build a small raft and test it on the paddling pool! They have been on scavenger hunts and grown a bean in a bag. They learnt cycling skills with a session at Osborne Road recreation ground.

We went to Manor Farm Country Park to practise putting up tents and follow a trail and had an amazing session at Cricket camp doing pétanque and climbing (with thanks to the Dover leaders!).

Autumn term 2024

Beavers completed their 'My Personal' challenge badge, 'Air Activities level 1' and 'Communicator' and 'Global Issues' activity badges. We were lucky enough to go aboard the aircraft carrier HMS Queen Elizabeth – including the flight deck! Very excited Beavers and leaders!!!

Beavers learnt semaphore, morse code and how to make phone calls. Learnt about Fairtrade and endangered animals and took a 'flight to Paris' going through security and having a 'French picnic'.

Spring term 2025

This term Beavers worked towards their 'My World' challenge badge and 'Creative' and 'International' activity badges. We had a Chinese night – trying Chinese food and doing a dragon dance. Learnt about Towers around the World and had a go at building the tallest tower with cardboard boxes.

We had lots of fun when Wickham Baggies Morris dancers came to visit and teach us a dance. We visited hamble lifeboat station and helped the community by doing a litter pick on Warsash Shore.

Other activities

We had planned to attend District Camp and despite this getting cancelled were able to join Dover cubs for a camp in May at Lyons Copse. July, we ended the term with a day at Lyons Copse doing camp craft skills, catapults, sewing, cooking and a sleepover at HQ after.

We had an amazing day at Paulton's park in October and were honoured to take part in

The Remembrance Day Parade. We were incredibly proud of our Beavers behaving so well.

Badges

Number of activity and staged badges awarded: 124

Number of challenge badges awarded: 55

Number of Chief Scout Awards awarded: 10

Well done to all our Beavers and thank you to parents for your help and support.

Owls Beavers Colony Leadership Team

1st Warsash Sea Scouts - AGM Report year ended 31 March 2025: Red Oaks Beavers Colony

Membership of the Section.

Leadership: Becki Bissell (Kite), Laura Budden (Merlin), Dan Gibbons (Eagle), Ben Cardy (Falcon) Emily Robets (Hawk) Emily Munro (Kestral), Sarah Hawkes (Osprey) Claire Williams (renamed Owl as a 1:1 support)

Beavers: 24

Summer term 2023

Our Beavers worked towards their Teamwork challenge badge this term alongside their Disability Awareness, Health and Fitness, Nautical skills and Paddle sport badges. We got our beavers on the water again this summer with a trip up the river on the scout powerboats and a paddle sports session – a favourite amongst all of us! We also had our first outdoor camp! The current Beaver leader team had not camped outside with beavers before and we joined forces with Dover Cubs and Owls Beavers. This was a fantastic opportunity for all and was thoroughly enjoyed. We were very thankful to the other two sections for inviting us along to experience a two-night outdoor camp.

Autumn term 2024

The challenge badge we worked towards during the autumn term was My Skills. Whilst doing this we also managed to undertake our Navigator, Explore, Creative and Builder badges! Our Beavers designed and built their own marble runs, got to see bats on a dusky walk flying over their heads and had great fun dressing up in glowsticks and dancing in the dark. We went climbing courtesy of the fantastic Dover Cubs permit holders and had a fabulous session thanks to the creature teachers who came and brought a number of reptiles and insects for us to see and hold.

Spring term 2024

During our spring term we worked on our Personal challenge badge, and undertook our Space, Experiment and Gardener badges. Our Beavers had a fun session visiting Tesco in Whiteley for a behind the scenes tour and made a giant octopus out of recyclable plastic which was displayed in the store. We went climbing again at Cricket, thanks to the Dover permit holders and teamed it up with a fun pétanque session. We had a visit from some Policemen who brought their van - all the Beavers got a chance to have a good look round and enjoyed our yearly pancake session which involves a favourite activity of pancake eating! We ended the term with a great Easter egg hunt around Warsash!

Other activities

We had a fantastic day at Paulton's Park, with our Beavers surpassing themselves with trying the rides and enjoying the 'scarier' looking ones.

We took part in The Remembrance Day Parade, and we were honoured to be involved. Our Beavers did us proud.

Badges

Number of Activity badges awarded: 154 (+61 You Shape)

Number of staged badges awarded: 115

Number of challenge badges awarded:84

Number of Chief Scout Awards awarded:8

Thank you to all the time and effort from all our leaders, you are fantastic! Thank you also to our parents for your continued support and help when needed!

1st Warsash Sea Scouts - AGM Report year ended 31 March 2025: Wight Cubs

Membership of Section

32 cubs

5 leaders

1 regular non-member disclosure required

3 young leaders

Summer term 2024

Bug hunt in the churchyard

Brecon 2024 – including The Big Pit museum, Pen Y Fan, kayaking and the Waterfall walk

South Downs hike – part #new2

Backwoods cooking

Evolution camp Jamboree 2024 in Gloucestershire added

Visit to Police station

Family BBQ

Autumn term 2024

Coasteering & paddle boarding on the Jurassic Coast

South Downs hike – part #new3

PGL Liddington adventure weekend

Pumpkin carving

Remembrance Day Parade

South Downs hike – part #new4

Family Pantomime

Spring term 2025

Hedgehog night

Night hike & sleepover

Skittles night (kindly run by Explorers)

Nautical Skills & knots nights

Fire Station visit

South Downs hike – part #new5

Household Skills night

Craft night with Mums

Badges

(1 April 2024 – 31 March 2025)

Number of activity (137) and staged badges (128) awarded: 265

Number of challenge badges awarded: 59

Number of Chief Scout Awards awarded: 9

We'd like to thank parents for their support, particularly those who have helped at activities.

1st Warsash Sea Scouts - AGM Report year ended 31 March 2025: Dover Cubs

Membership of Section

Dover Cubs continue to run at 30+ Cubs and 8 fantastic team members (leaders), supported by the parents who 'step-up' whenever asked. Mark S moved to the Viking team and Nick M joined from Squirrels.

Summer term 2024

The Cub kayaking programme resumed run by our excellent kayaking leaders. Every Cub kayaked once every three weeks, as well as having optional Sunday sessions. They all gained Nautical Skills, Paddle sports and Time on the Water badges, good preparation for Scouts when they move up.

The land-based programme was based on the Skills challenge, enjoying bowls, golf and athletics, as well as evening walks and backwoods cooking. The summer hike was up the River Hamble and then back down the other side to Hamble, returning on the ferry.

Our annual spring camp was with Owls and Red Oaks Beavers at Lyons Copse. We were delighted that Squirrels came for their first visit to a camp. This was a traditional camp with everyone learning how to camp together. Activities included climbing, crafts and races.

Autumn term 2024

The 6 oldest Cubs once again took part in the Supreme Box Kart Racing Championships run by West Sussex District Scouts, against a backdrop of the Goodwood horse racing stands. A great time was had by all. This is a fantastic event for Cubs across the UK.

This term focused on fire safety with a visit to Fareham Fire Station. The Communicator badge was completed with lots of fun activities, as well as Xmas crafts and a Xmas 'bake-off' where Cubs showed off their icing skills.

Nights away was an expedition weekend to Arundel. We went by train to Amberley, enjoyed the museum and then hiked back to Arundel through the mud and over the hills. After pizza and a sleepover in 1st Arundel Scout HQ, we discovered that there were problems on the trains. We managed to reach Chichester by train and then got the last seats on the rail replacement bus back to Havant and the waiting parents. An unforeseen adventure!!

Fright Night followed at Ferny Crofts – a scary experience for 300+ Cubs and Beavers!!

We ran our annual Remembrance Hike after Remembrance parade, walking to the Warsash-Hamble ferry and then on to Netley. A picnic lunch, trip on the model railway, visit to the war graves and then ferry back to Swanwick, made for a full day.

Spring term 2025

Space and Science were the subjects of this term with some great models and experiments taking place. Cubs also climbed and cooked at Cricket campsite, finishing off the term with the Cyclist badge. The annual renewal of First Aid also took place.

Once again, we went to Little Canada, the PGL centre on the Isle of Wight where Cubs took part in climbing, problem solving, archery and zip wire amongst other activities. Yet again public transport let us down with the cancellation of the Southampton ferry, meaning a diversion to the Portsmouth route on and off the island. Well done to the parents for getting to the correct ferry port for the correct time at the last minute! The Cubs coped admirably with the walk up and down Ryde pier with their luggage. We have now upskilled the Cubs (and leaders) in coping with public transport!!!!

Badges

Number of activity badges awarded: 171
Number of challenge badges awarded: 54

Number of staged badges awarded: 95
Number of Chief Scout Awards awarded: 7

Going forwards

Louise will be stepping down from Cubs, as will Andy, at the end of Summer 2025. The Pack will however be in safe hands as Mark and Sam take over as joint Team Leads. We are looking for at least 2 new adult team members to join the team so step forwards to take part in our fun!!

Thank you to all leaders and parents – you are invaluable!

1st Warsash Sea Scouts - AGM Report year ended 31 March 2025: Fastnet Scout Troup

Membership of Section

24 Scouts

2 Young Leaders

10 Adult leaders, now including four former young leaders

Summer term 2024

During Summer term 2024 we took the scouts afloat every week doing a mixture of dinghy sailing, kayaking and powerboating.

Summer camp this year was as at Buddens on the Isle of Purbeck and we had a great time afloat and ashore. We used the powerboats to travel across to Brownsea Island, the birthplace of scouting and enjoyed a hike along the Purbeck coastline finishing the day with fossil hunting and dinner cooked on the beach.

Autumn term 2024

The autumn term was action packed with a trip to the Royal Navy's newest aircraft carrier, a kayak expedition camp through the Norfolk Broads and a fun filled autumn camp at Ferny Crofts. Two of our oldest scouts were proud to welcome Princess Anne to Warsash Sailing Club which was an honour for both them and our accompanying leaders. During the autumn term we also improved our patrol boxes by adding legs and a fresh coat of varnish. The scouts had the opportunity to attend a kayak pool session to practice their skills over the winter and get used to capsizing with a spray deck. We finished the term with a trip to the pop up ice rink outside West Quay.

Spring term 2025

Spring 2024 saw us do an expedition camp hiking from Warsash to old Winchester hill via the scout campsite at Everetts Coppice. The scouts slept in hammocks and all of them got the opportunity to hike independently on the second day. Our older scouts did the whole route on their own whilst carrying all their equipment, a fantastic achievement. We also learnt to cook on trangias, hiked to the beach to learn about the navigation lights in the Solent and had a fun pioneering and team work session at Lyons Copse.

Badges

Number of activity and staged badges awarded: 80

Number of challenge badges awarded: 21

Number of Chief Scout Awards awarded: 3

Thank you to all leaders and parents!

1st Warsash Sea Scouts - AGM Report year ended 31 March 2025: Viking Scout Troup

Membership of Section

Viking started 2025 with 22 scouts

On the Leadership Team, we said goodbye to Rich Beniston, but after a recruitment drive we welcome Rob Barton and Peter Drake.

Congratulations also to Robert Cole who progressed from a young leader to an Adult Volunteer.

Summer term 2024

Viking participated in a wide range of activities during the summer term, both on water and off water including kayaking, sailing, paddleboarding, raft-building, shelters, hammocks and climbing. In June we held a weekend camp on Lyons, climbing and prepping for expedition hikes.

We also held 2 x yachting weekends with Discovery Sailing Project. First trip we made it to Poole and Yarmouth the second.

Autumn term 2024

The Autumn term started with the theory behind the Power Coxswain badge, but inclement weather prevented us from getting back on the water to practice. We also covered the World Challenge badge, tracking, hiking, backwoods cooking and finished with a frantic session at Ninja Warrior.

Spring term 2025

Viking scouts were building up their traditional scouting skills, with pioneering, knife skills and shooting. They also all passed their science badge, creating and launching rockets.

Other activities

In June we held a weekend camp on Lyons, climbing and prepping for expedition hikes.

We also held 2 x yachting weekends with Discovery Sailing Project. First trip we made it to Poole and Yarmouth the second.

In the October, 7 of the eldest scouts undertook their Expedition Hike in The New Forest hammock camping overnight at Ferny Crofts.

Spring camp was held at Ferny Crofts, taking part in archery and the Gladiator climbing challenge. But perhaps the biggest highlight was the enormous campfire.

Badges

Number of activity and staged badges awarded: 73

Number of challenge badges awarded: 64

Number of Chief Scout Awards awarded: 8

Thank you to the Leadership Group for their continued support of Viking. Thank you to the Viking Parents who continue to encourage and promote scouting and the values, when young people have so many distractions.

1ST WARSASH SEA SCOUT GROUP

England & Wales - Charity number 1013172

Accounts



Royal Navy Recognised
Group No. 88



ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Wednesday 10th July 2024

Venue: Scout HQ

1st Warsash Sea Scouts

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Trustees' Annual Report

Trustees' Annual Report

For the period

From (start date)

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to end date

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Section A

Reference and administration details

Charity name

1st Warsash Sea Scout Group

Other names the charity is known by

1st Warsash Sea Scouts

Registered charity number (if any)

1 0 1 3 1 7 2

HQ registration number

Charity's principal address

New Road (off Church Road)

Warsash

Southampton

Postcode

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Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

(These will be published in the annual report of the charity and the Charity Register if reporting for a Registered Charity with a charity regulator)

	Trustee Name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year
1	Trevor Stabb	Chair	
2	James Winterton	Vice-Chair	
3	Melissa Johnson	Group Scout Leader	From 01.01.2024
4	Mihaele Portase	Treasurer	
5	Claire O'Neill	Secretary	
6	Chris Pilling	Assistant Group Scout	
7	Louise Roberts	Assistant Group Scout	
8	Carol Dawson	Fundraising	01.04.2023 -21.04.2024

Names and addresses of advisers (optional information but encouraged as best practice)

(These will be published in the annual report of the charity)

Type of advisor	Name	Address

Section B

Structure, governance and management

Description of the charity's trusts

Type of governing document

(e.g. trust deed, constitution)

The Group's/District's/Area's/County's (delete as appropriate) governing documents are those of the The Scout Association. They consist of a Royal Charter, which in turn gives authority to the Bye Laws of the Association and The Policy, Organisation and

How the charity is constituted (e.g. trust, association, company)	The Group is a trust established under its rules which are common to all Scouts.
Trustee selection methods (e.g. appointed by, elected by)	The Trustees are appointed in accordance with the Policy, Organisation and Rules of The Scout
Additional governance issues (optional information but encouraged as best practice)	
You may choose to include additional information, where relevant, about:	The Group is managed by the Group Trustee Board, the members of which are the 'Charity Trustees' of the Scout Group which is an educational charity. As charity trustees they are responsible for complying with legislation applicable to charities. This includes the registration, keeping proper accounts and making returns to the Charity Commission as appropriate.
Policies and procedures adopted for:	The Trustee Board consists of the Chair, Treasurer and 4 Trustees (including 2 Ex Officio Trustees, and 2 co-opted Trustees) and meets every 3 months.
a) the induction and training of trustees; b) trustee' consideration of major risks and the systems and procedures to manage them	Members of the Trustee Board complete Being a Scouts Trustee learning within the first 6 months of joining the Board. This Group Trustee Board exists to make sure the charity is well-managed, risks are assessed and mitigated, buildings and equipment are in good working order, and everyone follows legal requirements and the organisation's policies and rules. Their support helps other volunteers run high-quality and safe programmes that gives young people skills for life.

Section B	Structure, governance and management (continued)
	Risk and Internal Control The Group Trustee Board has identified the major risks to which they believe the Group is exposed, these have been reviewed and systems have been established to mitigate against them. The main areas of concern that have been identified are: Damage to the building, property and equipment. The Group would request the use of buildings, property and equipment from neighbouring organisations such as the church, community centre and other Scout Groups. Similar reciprocal arrangements exist with these organisations. The Group has sufficient buildings and contents insurance in place to mitigate against permanent loss. Injury to leaders, helpers, supporters and members. The Group through the capitation fees contributes to the Scout Associations national accident insurance policy. Risk Assessments are undertaken before all activities. Reduced income from fund raising. The Group is primarily reliant upon income from subscriptions and fundraising. The group does hold a reserve to ensure the continuity of activities should there be a major reduction in income. The Board could raise the value of subscriptions to increase the income to the group on an ongoing basis, either temporarily or permanently.

Reduction or loss of leaders. The group is totally reliant upon volunteers to run and administer the activities of the group. If there was a reduction in the number of leaders to an unacceptable level in a particular section or the group as a whole then there would have to be a contraction, consolidation or closure of a section. In the worst case scenario the complete closure of the Group.

Reduction or loss of members. The Group provides activities for all young people aged 4 to 18. If there was a reduction in membership in a particular section or the group as whole then there would have to be a contraction, consolidation or closure of a section. In the worst case scenario the complete closure of the Group.

Risk and Internal Control

The group has in place systems of internal controls that are designed to provide reasonable assurance against material

Section C	Objectives and activities
Summary of the objects of the charity set out in its governing document	The Purpose of Scouting Scouting exists to actively engage and support young people in their personal development, empowering them to make a positive contribution to society. The Values of Scouting As Scouts we are guided by these values: Integrity - We act with integrity; we are honest, trustworthy and loyal. Respect - We have self-respect and respect for others. Care - We support others and take care of the world in which we live. Belief - We explore our faiths, beliefs and attitudes. Co-operation - We make a positive difference; we co-operate with others and make friends. The Scout Method Scouting takes place when young people, in partnership with adults, work together based on the values of Scouting and: - enjoy what they are doing and have fun - take part in activities indoors and outdoors - learn by doing - share in spiritual reflection - take responsibility and make choices - undertake new and challenging activities - make and live by their Promise.
Summary of the main activities in relation to these objects	The Groups' Squirrels/ Beavers/Cub/Scout members numbers continue to average 180-190 over the year. All young people work towards the relevant Chief Scout's Award

	for their section. The programmes offered to Squirrels, Beaves, Cubs and Scouts show a wide range of activities, indoors and outdoors, to build skills, develop and challenge our young people in a fun and exciting way, using all aspects of the Scout Method. These balanced programmes are underpinned by the values of Scouting. As young people move between the sections, they're encouraged to become more involved in drawing up their Scouting programme. Water activities continue using the sailing dinghies and kayaks which we have invested in. Scouts spend the summer months on the water. Squirrels, Cubs and Beavers have sessions in various water sports. Leaders are encouraged to train for the water activities permit so that they can run these sessions. Nights away residential trips encourage the independence and resilience of young people, ranging from nights at HQ to Beaver, Cub and Scout camps. The Sea Scout Group has Royal Naval recognition and can therefore draw on activities offered by the Royal Navy for members of the Scout Association. We have a change of Group Scout Leader (GSL), with the District Commissioner being the acting GSL during the Autumn term and our new GSL starting in January.
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Additional details of the objectives and activities (optional information but encouraged as best practice)

You may choose to include further statements, where relevant, about: • policy on grantmaking; • contribution made by volunteers; • policy on investments.	Leadership of the Scout Group totals over 40 adults volunteers. All Trustee Board members are also volunteers. The Group is supported by the parents of the Squirrels/ Beavers/ Cubs/Scouts and by other members of the local community who volunteer to help when needed on many occasions.
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Public benefit statement	The Group meets the Charity Commission's public benefit criteria under both the advancement of education and the advancement of citizenship or community development headings.
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Section D	Achievements and performance
Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year	Continued maintenance and upkeep of Scout HQ including the successful replacement of the flooring within the main hall which was a major undertaking and was funded by extensive fundraising and grants obtained. Further maintenance to the outside of the building with the

Scout groups themselves helping to maintain and tidy the outdoor space around the buildings.

Expansion of the water-based programme for the Beaver sections including introductions to powerboating and sailing. We have also made several sales of equipment that was no longer use and, along with grant funding and investing funds, we have been able to order larger and smaller kayaks to enable more scouts across all the groups to take part.

Alongside this we also purchased a large kayak trailer to accommodate this investment. This year, we have also introduced a separate sub-group to discuss the water side of the programme and review the assets that the Scout group have. As part of this, we have introduced a process to allow any leader to propose and lead fundraising for additional equipment.

Section E	Financial Review
Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves	Reserves Policy The Group's policy on reserves is to hold sufficient resources to continue the charitable activities of the group should income and fundraising activities fall short. The Group Trustee Board considers that the group should hold a sum equivalent to 4 months running costs, circa £13,000.
Quantify and explain any designations	The Group held reserves of approximately £19,000 against this at year end. This is above the level required for operating expenses.
Details of any funds materially in deficit (circumstances plus steps to eliminate)	No areas of deficit, however there are concerns regarding the Group's ability to cover increasing running cost of the HQ and boating fleet through subs only in the long term. The Group is expecting a refund of approximately £16,000 in respect of gift aid which will further strengthen the Group's reserve position and the Trustees are discussing opportunities of
Further financial review details (optional information)	
You may choose to include additional information, where relevant, about: the charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising);	Investment Policy The Group's Income and Expenditure is very small and as a consequence does not have sufficient funds to invest in longer-term investments such as stocks and shares. The Group has therefore adopted a low risk strategy to the investment of its funds. All funds are held in cash using only mainstream banks or building societies or The Scout Association's Short Term Investment Service.

- how expenditure has supported the key objectives of the charity;

The Group Trustee Board regularly monitors the levels of bank balances and the interest rates received to ensure the group obtains maximum value and income from its banking arrangements. Occasionally this may involve using an account that requires a period of notice before funds may be withdrawn, before doing so the Group Trustee Board considers the cash flow requirements.

- investment policy and objectives;

Section F

Other Optional Information

Plans for future periods (details of any significant activities planned to achieve them)

Through grants obtained, it is proposed to purchase two large paddleboards to enable the Squirrels to enhance their water programme next summer (2025)

Section G

Declaration

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above Signed

on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)

Full name(s)

Trevor Stabb

Claire O'Neill

Position (eg Secretary, Chair)

Chair

Secretary

Date

0 8 0 7 2 4

1st Warsash Sea Scout Group - Chair's Report: AGM July 2024

For another year, 1st Warsash Sea Scouts have continued to provide an excellent programme of land based scouting activities and the development of water based boating skills.

There is a waiting list to join our families and we provide good value for money, despite having to increase the subscriptions this year.

We have a strong Trustee Board who, through strong leadership are dedicated to providing excellent scouting and to maintaining our position as a leading sea scout group.

I do see the incredible hard work put in by volunteers through the activities of all sections of the group and I cannot thank you enough for making this such a successful scouting group. Support by the parents of our young people in scouting is essential for the group.

The existence of 1st Warsash Sea Scouts is entirely due to volunteers, so please continue to support in any way you can, as it is only through the sharing of the load that we are able to continue to provide such a fantastic service to Warsash Children, Teens and Young Adults.

We have provided new kayaks this year as well as introducing Paddle Boarding to our range of water-based activities as well as new flotation vests to ensure the safety of our scouts on the water.

This year we have continued our programme of repairs to the main building and boat store together with some major expenditures such as the flooring replacement in HQ and installation of infrared heating.

As with everything in life, we need money to both maintain the Scout Group and to allow development. Subscriptions paid by parents are only used for the direct benefit of the scouts themselves. Finances required for both upkeep and development of the Scout HQ and Boating stock must come from the various grants and supporting bodies that our fundraisers are so successful at obtaining.

Next Year will be one of change in both the roles of volunteers and the way in which we carry out our "business". These changes have been instigated by the scouting organisation and we will have to implement a range of changes across our activities, including a new computer system.

I, for one, look forward to the challenge.

Trevor Stabb

1st Warsash Chairman of the Trustee Board

01.07.2024

1st Warsash Sea Scout Group

Treasurer's Report for the Financial Year ended 31 March 2024

Attached to the AGM papers is the annual Receipts and Payments account for the financial year from **1 April 2023 to 31 March 2024**. These accounts were approved by the Trustee Board on 1st of July 2024. We are awaiting the report from the independent examiner but do not envisage any material changes to the accounts presented at this meeting.

The report represents the Group's financial activity for the year to 31 March 2024, with a comparison shown against the prior year to 31 March 2023.

I attach the following appendices:

- Appendix A – Summary of bank balances and Group receipts and payments
- Appendix B – Grant Report

Overall, the Group's finances remain in good health, despite high cost-of-living and energy crisis. Funds held at year-end totalled £76,856, which includes a water refund received in error of £21,778 therefore the adjusted funds total £55,078. The trustees have raised concerns regarding the Group's ability to continue to fund the rising energy and maintenance costs for the Scout HQ building as well as the boating fleet maintenance and therefore, the Trustee Board had to make the difficult decision to increase subscriptions starting next financial year to ensure we continue to offer children amazing experiences on land and water.

Due to increasing running costs, Subscriptions are under regular review by the Trustee Board, but are mindful that this needs to also be balanced with the other financial pressures on parents and carers.

Grant funds received from government Covid support have been designated to assist with future increase in Group costs, as required. During the year, £9,590 "borrowed" from this fund last year have been returned. Further £6,284.72 have been "borrowed" from this fund to cover a shortfall in capitation payment and boats operating expenditure until we receive the gift aid proceeds of £16,533.

Receipts

Receipts for the year are £ 117,456 , including the £21,778 erroneous water refund. The refund has been queried with water company who confirmed it was indeed sent in error and repaid in June 2024. The adjusted total receipts of £ 95,678 is lower than the prior year receipts of £ 108,314 primarily due to significantly lower grant, donations & fundraising receipts in the current year .

Income from membership subscriptions totals £27,743 and in line with last year as the subs have been maintained at the same level during the year. However, the subs paid to District increased from £9,953 to £10,620 for the current year, hence the decision to also increase the subs charged by the Group starting April 2024.

The increase in Explorers' income from £375 in the prior year to £555 in the current year is purely due to timing of invoicing.

Income from grants and donations this year was significantly lower than the prior year, totalling £3,592, which is due to less focus on raising grants and more focus utilising the funds raised in prior years for Scouts HQ improvements & scouting equipment.

Many grants are subject to restrictions on use, and all have been allocated for a specific purpose. Further detail relating to the grants and donations during the year, is set out in Appendix B.

Funds of £770 have been received through sale of a trailer and inflatable dinghy and outboard. These funds will be reinvested in new equipment in the future.

Income from Warsash Wasps is significantly higher than the prior year. This is due to an invoice being raised in the prior year totalling £5,620 which was only paid in April 2023 as well as the rising cost of rent and water.

There has been no change to the financial arrangements with Warsash Wasps during the financial year.

There was no fundraising income this year due to lack of volunteer resources.

Payments

Payments for the year total £108,350 which is a significant decrease on the prior year spend of £135,236. This is primarily due to:

- Higher spend on the HQ refurbishment in prior year
- Water spend last year includes a credit balance of £11,898 which was only received in the current financial year.

Electricity spend of £7,666 is significantly higher compared to last year due £3,334.26 paid in April 2023 related to last year's electricity consumption and increasing energy prices.

Policy renewal payments for property & building insurance of £3,315 & boating insurance of £1,491 have been made in the following financial year.

Capital investment of £7,063.95 was made during the year on our boating equipment. This included the purchase of boating equipment like new kayaks, trailers & safety equipment. This was funded from Grant monies provided for this purpose.

Grant funds of £1,922.37 were also spent on expedition tents, mess tent and a gazebo.

The HQ refit project work which started in early 2022 has continued. The flooring has been replaced, 5 new electric heaters have been purchased and roof work has been carried out. Total spend for the year totals £18,136.

Group funds

Please refer to the reconciliation at Appendix A.

Group funds total £55,078.03 and are made up as follows:

Group funds (excl. water refund error)	742.50
Sections	18,513.58
Boat funds	6,301.18
Grant & Donations	29,520.77
	55,078.03

It should be noted that the year-end balance includes the funding of a shortfall in boats expenditure of £1,524.62. At year-end the Group held a credit balance of £3,171.76 with the water supplier which was only refunded in May 2024. The group is also expecting gift aid refund of £16,533 which will put the group in a much more comfortable financial position.

It is a requirement to hold the equivalent of 4 months' running costs. Group running costs for the year, as per the Group Accounts, accounting for Wasps recharges & adjusted for water refund totalled £39,101.23.

This revised expenditure equates to £3,258.44 per month on average and hence 4 months' totals £13,033.74.

The group's reserve is 21,084.21 and is exclusive of Sections funds reserved for funding scouting activities & events, boats funds reserved for boating capital expenditure and any restricted grants & donations.

The Group is therefore holding sufficient funds to meet this requirement.

Group funds	742.50
Covid grant funds (unrestricted)	18,289.71
Other unrestricted Grants & Donations	2,052.00
	21,084.21

Statement of Assets & Liabilities

The Scout HQ property has been restated as an asset as the property is owned by the Scout Group and only the land is leased from Fareham Borough Council. The lease costs are accounted for in the payments section under Ground lease.

Other Finance Issues

Our accounts continue to be processed through OSM. The finance function is entirely paperless, with receipts and invoices being sent by email.

We continue to use OSM for parent communication and payments for events and subscriptions. This works very well and gives leaders more control over section finances. Payments are processed via Stripe to ensure we comply with GDPR.

The group finances are discussed at every Trustee Board meeting and all requests for capital expenditure are reviewed for approval.

We have a full set of finance procedures for approving operational & capital expenditure which prevent unauthorised and excessive spending and ensure resource optimisation.

Mihaela Weems
Group Treasurer

1st of July 2024

Summary of Funds held as at 31 March 2024

Section Balances	£
1st Warsash Sea Scouts - Group (excl. water refund error)	742.50
1st Warsash - Squirrels	268.06
1st Warsash - Red Oaks	483.18
1st Warsash - Owls	2,225.24
1st Warsash - Dover	1,844.45
1st Warsash - Wight	7,722.33
1st Warsash - Fastnet	2,944.45
1st Warsash - Viking	3,025.87
1st Warsash - Boat Sales	6,301.18
1st Warsash - Grant Funds	29,520.77
	55,078.03

Grant & Donation Summary	£
Covid Grants (Designated for Group Funds as needed)	18,289.71
HQ Refurbishment Grants & Donations	6,876.53
Boat & Kayak Grants & Donations	0.00
Equipment & Training Grants	1,911.18
Squirrels Grants & Donations	391.35
Unrestricted Grant & Donations	2,052.00
	29,520.77

Group Accounts as at 31 March 2024

	£	£
Opening Balance 1 April 2023 (excl. Grant Funds)		0
Income		
Bank Interest	153.68	
Capitation Received	8,745.90	
Donation	52.55	
Events - Warsash festival	0.00	
Fundraising	71.12	
Income from HQ Hire	455.00	
Warsash Wasps	13,833.96	
Subscriptions	10,582.60	
Uniform / Necker / Book	203.99	
Water Refund	11,897.58	
Water Refund received in error	21,777.90	
		<u>67,774.28</u>
Expense		
Admin (web domain)	115.98	
Badges (Incl. Allowance to Group)	936.01	
Bank Fees	60.00	
Camping Equipment	98.44	
Capitation Paid	10,620.00	
Cleaning	1,062.88	
Electric	7,558.75	
Events - Remembrance Day	23.98	
Events - Warsash festival	0.00	
Fundraising	20.00	
Gas for cooking burners	106.89	
Health & Safety / HQ Supplies	33.48	
HQ Maintenance	1,139.17	
Insurance	0.00	
OSM Fees	132.18	
Property Improvements	0.00	
Refuse	0.00	
Rent	1,973.00	
Subscriptions - Stripe Fee	1,061.07	
Training	10.00	
Uniform / Necker / Book	369.90	
Water	15,102.16	
Boats BAU shortfall funding	1,524.62	
		<u>41,948.51</u>
Balance in hand	25,825.77	

"Borrowed" Covid money for shortfall in Capitation	4,760.10
"Borrowed" Covid money for shortfall in Boats expenditure	1,524.62
Repay "borrowed" Covid Grant money	(9,590.09)

Balance in hand	22,520.40
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Water refund received in error - ringfence	(21,777.90)
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Actual balance	742
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Add: Unrestricted grant funds		
Covid grant funds		18,289.71
Other unrestricted grant funds		2,052.00
Remaining Group funds (inc Covid grant monies)		21,084.21

Appendix B

Grant Report for AGM 2024

Total Grants and donations for the financial year totals £29,520.77 which is made up as follows:

Covid Grants (Designated for Group Funds as needed)	18,289.71
HQ Refurbishment Grants & Donations	6,876.53
Equipment & Training Grants	1,911.18
Squirrels Grants & Donations	391.35
Unrestricted Grant & Donations	2,052.00
Total	29,520.77

Grants obtained

£3,592.00 grants have been obtained during the financial year and are restricted for the purpose of:

- **Purchasing boating equipment.**

British Canoeing	£1,800
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- **Purchasing camping equipment**

The following grants were obtained and allocated to a specific purpose identified as follows:

NATS	Tents	£
County Councillor grant	Camping Equipment	£495
		£1,297
		£1,792

1st Warsash Sea Scout GroupScout Group (Charity no. 1013172)

Receipts and Payments Account

Year start date		Year end date	
For the year from	01-Apr-23	To	31-Mar-24

Receipts and payments

	2023/24			2022/23
	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total funds
	£	£	£	£
Receipts				
Donations, legacies and similar income				
Membership subscriptions	27,743	-	-	27,892
Donations	249	-	-	669
Gift Aid	-	-	-	-
Income from Section Activities	35,400	-	-	31,972
Income from Uniform / Woggles	1,584	-	-	1,904
Misc receipts	-	-	-	40
Sub total	64,976	-	-	62,477
Grants				
Maintenence grant	-	-	-	27,747
Other grants	-	3,592	-	-
Sub total	-	3,592	-	27,747
Fundraising events (gross)				
Warsash Festival	-	-	-	1,473
Other fundraising activities	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	1,473
Scout hut income				
Explorers Rents	555	-	-	375
Warsash Wasps recharge	13,734	-	-	799
Other Scout hut income	-	-	-	-
Sub total	14,289	-	-	1,174
Investment income				
Bank interest	154	-	-	111
Sub total	154	-	-	111
Total Gross Income	79,419	3,592	-	92,982
Water refund	33,675	-	-	13,032
Asset and investment sales, etc.	770	-	-	2,300
Total receipts	113,864	3,592	-	108,314

1st Warsash Sea Scout Group Scout Group (Charity no. 1013172)

Receipts and Payments Account

Year start date		Year end date	
For the year from	01-Apr-23	To	31-Mar-24

Receipts and payments

	2023/24			2022/23
	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Endowment funds £	Total funds £
Payments				
Charitable Payments				
Membership subscriptions paid on (National/County/Area/District)	10,620	-	-	9,953
Youth programme and activities	33,970	-	-	42,975
Adult support and training	10	-	-	202
Ground Lease (charitable activities) ¹⁾	658	-	-	533
Water and Sewerage (charitable activities) ²⁾	755	-	-	1,104
Electricity and Oil	7,666	-	-	538
Buildings Insurance (charitable activities) ³⁾	-	-	-	1,190
HQ Maintenance, Cleaning, Waste Disposal	2,202	-	-	3,180
HQ Refit Costs	-	18,136	-	29,409
Equipment (Boats and Camping)	2,278	6,708	-	10,752
Boating (Maintenance, Insurance, Fuel, Sailing Club fees)	3,734	-	-	2,157
Badges, uniform & handbooks	4,315	-	-	5,785
Administrative Expenses	1,556	-	-	1,760
Bank charges	60	-	-	1,579
Sub total	67,824	24,844	-	111,117
Fundraising expenses				
Warsash festival	-	-	-	267
Other fundraising costs	20	-	-	20
Sub total	20	-	-	287
Recharged Expenses				
Ground lease (non-charitable activities) ¹⁾	1,315	-	-	1,065
Water and sewerage (non-charitable activities) ²⁾	14,347	-	-	20,981
Building insurance (non-charitable activities) ³⁾	-	-	-	1,786
Sub total	15,662	-	-	23,832
Total Gross Expenditure	83,506	24,844	-	135,236
Asset and investment purchases, etc.	-	-	-	-
Total payments	83,506	24,844	-	135,236
Net of receipts/(payments)	30,358	- 21,252	-	- 26,922
Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-
Cash funds last year end	37,319	30,431	-	94,672
Cash funds this year end	67,677	9,179	-	67,750

1st Warsash Sea Scout Group Scout Group (Charity no. 1013172)

Receipts and Payments Account

	Year start date		Year end date
For the year from	01/04/2023	To	31/03/2024

Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the year

	31st March 2024				31st March 2023 (Restated) Total funds
	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total funds	
	£	£	£	£	£
Cash funds					
Bank current account	67,677	9,179	-	76,856	67,750
Bank deposit account	-	-	-	-	-
Building society account	-	-	-	-	-
The Scout Association Short Term Investment Service	-	-	-	-	-
Cash/Floats	-	-	-	-	-
Total cash funds	67,677	9,179	-	76,856	67,750
(agree balances with receipts and payments a/c)	ok	ok	ok	ok	ok
Other monetary assets					
Gift Aid unclaimed	16,533	-	-	16,533	5,770
Water supplier credit balance	3,172	-	-	-	-
Unpaid invoices (Warsash Wasps)	-	-	-	-	7,413
Debts due from the County/Area/District/Group	-	-	-	-	-
Insurance claim	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	19,705	-	-	16,533	13,183
Investment assets					
Investment property - detail	-	-	-	-	-
Quoted investments	-	-	-	-	-
Other investments - detail	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Non monetary assets for charity's own					
Badge stock	-	-	-	-	-
Shop stock	-	-	-	-	-
Other stock	-	-	-	-	-
Leaseheld Land & buildings ⁴⁾	791,876	-	-	791,876	707,032
HQ Furniture & Fittings	30,250	-	-	30,250	27,500
Trailers	3,044	-	-	3,044	2,844
Camping Equipment	26,808	-	-	26,808	17,822
Boats & Equipment	80,779	-	-	80,779	77,774
Sub total	932,757	-	-	932,757	832,972
Liabilities					
Water refund error	- 21,778	-	-	- 21,778	-
Insurance payments	- 4,806	-	-	- 4,806	-
Subscriptions not yet paid	-	-	-	-	-
Loan - detail	-	-	-	-	-
Other liabilities	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	26,584	-	-	26,584	-
Total net assets	993,555	9,179	-	999,562	913,906

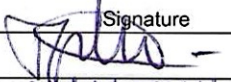
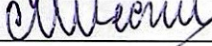
1) Ground Rent : 33% share (Fareham Borough Council) with Warsash Wasps Football Club, payable quarterly.

2) Water Rates : 5% share of Southern Water Services Plc charges with Warsash Wasps Boys Football Club.

3) Land & Buildings: 40% share of headquarters building at the Recreation Ground, New Road, Warsash, Southampton by covenant agreement with Fareham Borough Council through The Scout Association.

4) Presented at revised Insurance Value. Building is subject to a lease with Fareham Borough Council ending in 2054

The above receipts and payments account and statement of assets and liabilities were approved by the Trustees on 1st July 2024 (the date of the Trustee Board meeting that approved the accounts) and signed on their behalf by

Signature	Print Name
	Trevor Stabb - Chair
	Mihaela Weems - Treasurer



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

**Report to the trustees/
members of**

1st Warsash Sea Scout Group

**On accounts for the year
ended**

31 March 2024

**Charity no
(if any)**

1013172

Set out on pages

1 to 4

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31 March 2024.

**Responsibilities and
basis of report**

As the charity trustees of the Trust, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act").

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

**Independent
examiner's statement**

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act or
- the accounts do not accord with the accounting records

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed:

Date:

27/01/2025

Name:

Marc Barnett

**Relevant professional
qualification(s) or body
(if any):**

Fellow of the Institute of Chartered Accountants for England & Wales

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1st Warsash Sea Scouts - Group Scout Leader's Report AGM July 2024

All Sections have had another great year of Scouting with all Sections full in terms of young people (191 in total) although recruitment of leaders is an issue. The leaders, assistant leaders and section assistants are all continuing to do a fantastic job in providing opportunities and memorable experiences for our young people.

Leadership

Our leadership numbers have dipped to 42, we are working on bringing those numbers back up. Multiple leaders have now completed and received their Wood Beads and all leaders are up-to-date on safeguarding, safety and GDPR. We now have five leaders with climbing permits instructing across all sections, which means they are giving up a lot of their time over and above their section work and is a fantastic resource.

Scout Association Awards

Two long service awards have been issued to our members.

Young people

Our numbers currently stand at: 16 Squirrels, 50 Beavers, 68 Cubs, 57 Scouts.

Key activities and events during the year

Sections have continued to offer a wide range of activities in their weekly meetings, from arts and crafts to pioneering and navigation. Additional activities such as hikes, camps and water expeditions have also been run, getting everyone out and about. Individual Section reports are included in the AGM papers.

Trustee Board

Thank you to Trevor, James and Chris for upkeep and maintenance to the building, boat shed and equipment, Carol for fundraising, Louise with her work across the sections, Claire for keeping us organized and Mihaela for keeping our accounts in check!

Going forwards

We continue to work to strengthen links and progression across age groups so that leaders get to know each other and to ensure that we function as a whole Scout Group and not just as individual sections.

Thank you to everyone in the Scout Group for your continued contribution.

Yours in Scouting

Melissa Johnson 1st Warsash Sea Scouts Group Scout Leader – June 2024

1st Warsash Sea Scout Group – Water Activities Report for the Year 2023/24

Chris Pilling AGSL (Water), June 2024

Water activities continue to run well in the Group with both scout sections providing a full summer term of sailing, kayaking and powerboating and Dover cubs running an active kayaking programme. Both Beaver sections now offer introductions to powerboating and sailing, weather and tides permitting. Both scout troops are also expanding their camps to include more water activities with yachting via the Discover Sailing Projects organisation and 2023/24 was a first for a sailing expedition to the IoW and narrowboat weekend for Fastnet troop. Fastnet also held a summer camp on at Corf Camp on the Isle of Wight which included sailing and kayaking.

We completed our upgrade phase of our boat asset management plan with the delivery of 6 larger kayaks (suitable for large scouts and adults and also capable of expeditions) and 2 smaller kayaks for cub-aged children. In addition, to support ambitions to travel further afield with our equipment we also took delivery of a large kayak trailer, thanks to funding from Paddle UK (was British Canoeing).

We have continued to invest in maintaining and securing our current equipment with the delivery of launching trolleys for our powerboats and protective covers for all our dinghies. We have also performed some time-consuming but critical maintenance on our powerboat boat Jem to ensure she is safe to operate at minimal cost, many thanks to Will Sayer for his expertise and time in helping with this.

The management of boating assets is now in the expansion phase where a new process has been introduced to allow any leader to propose and lead the fundraising for additional equipment. As a result of this, Trustee approval has been granted for expanding what we can offer with 2 large paddleboards, likely ready for summer 2025.

As a Group we have also made good use of Royal Navy funding for training to gain additional permits, this includes Chris Pilling and Jacqui Trippier gaining their RYA Powerboat Instructor qualification.

Chris Pilling is stepping down as AGSL (Water) at the AGM this year. This presents an opportunity for someone or a small team to take the Group into a new phase of supporting our water activities, however, the maintenance, planning and running of water activities will benefit from a wide team effort, especially as we expand what we offer.

1st Warsash Sea Scouts: Squirrels Annual Report July AGM 2024

Membership Section

Squirrels: 13 active at present

Leaders: Angela, Nick, Melissa, Andrew, Claire (joining mid-June), Gareth (Viking Leader and squirrel parent)

Highlights from the year are as follows:

Summer Term 2023

Twig Trail

Fruit kebabs

Kings Coronation

Big hotels

Games challenge

Holly hill hike

Stone art

Mini indoor camp

Autumn 2023

Terracotta pots

Police officer visit

Indoor den building

Build a bridge

Teacher visit

Marble run building

Fireworks biscuits

Junk models

Spring 2024 (so far)

Warsash shore hike

Nature art sculpture

Tag rugby

Nature treasure hunt

Other activities

Christmas visit to Little Big Village

Badges

Activity 88

Challenge 24

Chief acorn 7

The squirrel leaders would like to thank all the parents for their continued support and encouragement.

Squirrels Leader 2024

AGM Report year ended 31 March 2024: Owls Beavers Colony

Membership of Section

Leadership: Sam Gardner, Tracy Wahltuch, Martin Smith, Rebecca Webber, Ian Haslam, James Hitchcock and Emily Charles

Young Leaders: Matilda

DofE voluntary work through school: Hannah

Beavers: 24

Summer term 2023

This term we worked towards the 'My Outdoors' challenge badge and 'Explore' activity badge. Learning how to put up tents, tie knots, identify bugs, complete activities with natural things and an incident hike. A couple of our sessions were rained off and we had to go to HQ but we still got to go to Holly Hill, Swanwick Lakes, Lyons Copse, out on the river and paddleboarding at Alverstoke. Other water activities included working towards level 1 of the 'Sailing' staged badge for our older Beavers – dinghy sailing with the scouts and powerboating for the younger Beavers.

Autumn term 2023

Beavers completed their Skills challenge badge, staged Emergency Aid and Safety and Experiment badges this term. Skills included rolling a necker, tying shoelaces and lighting a candle. We had a visit from the RNLI and the Watercress Line - loco making and racing. Beavers learnt First Aid, the Green Cross Code, fire and water safety. We ended the term at Rock-up!

Spring term 2024

This term Beavers worked towards the Teamwork challenge badge, Staged Navigator and Animal Friend badges. Beavers kept diaries on caring for animals, drew a map and followed a map on a 'chips' hike. Used lots of games to learn navigation skills and learnt how to make shadow puppets. Played lots of team and animal games. Worked as a team to make the tallest spaghetti and marshmallow tower. We also had a visit from 'Crazy Creatures' – including a gecko, stick insects, a tortoise and a python.

Other activities

4th May we celebrated the Coronation by making a Royal Guard, bunting and having a cream tea. Several of our Beavers attended May camp at Ferny Crofts where they had the opportunity to do the adventure course, abseiling, picture trail, campfire and obstacle race water games.

30th September we completed a 4-mile hike from Meon to HQ that should have taken place in July but was cancelled due to the wind. We were still able to have our sleepover indoors at HQ!

October, we had a fantastic time at Fright Night with axe throwing, funfair stalls, 'scary' animals, pumpkin carving and a spooky trail.

November, we had a lovely day trip to Portsmouth Historic Dockyard and we were honoured to be able to take part in The Remembrance Day Parade. We were incredibly proud of our Beavers for behaving so well.

Badges

Number of activity and staged badges awarded: 160

Number of challenge badges awarded: 80

Number of Chief Scout Awards awarded: 16

Well done to all our Beavers and thank you to parents for your help and support.

Owls Beavers Colony Leadership Team

1st Warsash Sea Scout Group: Red Oaks Beavers Annual Report AGM July 2023

AGM Report year ended 31 March 2024: Red Oaks Beavers

Membership of the Section.

Leadership: Becki Bissell (Kite), Claire Williams (Osprey), Laura Budden (Merlin), Dan Gibbons (Eagle), Ben Cardy (Falcon) Emily Robets (Hawk)

Beavers: 24

Summer term 2023

Our Beavers worked towards their Adventure challenge badge this term alongside their Cyclist, Communicator and Sports badges. We got our beavers on the water for the first time this summer with two water sessions, a powerboat one and a paddlesports one. We used the scout boats and permit holders for the powerboats and went to an activity centre for the paddlesports. Both were thoroughly enjoyed by Beavers and leaders. These sessions enabled our Beavers to gain their time on the water and paddlesport badges. Our Beavers also had a sleepover at HQ which allowed Becki to gain her indoor Nights Away Permit.

Autumn term 2023

The challenge badge we worked towards during the autumn term was My Outdoors. Whilst doing this we also managed to undertake our Emergency Aid, Safety and Cook badges! We had Heartstart come to us who did an excellent first aid session, teaching everyone about emergency first aid. The Beavers did some fabulous cooking of campfire cones, cheese and tomato twists and Christmas wreath nests! Our Beaver's also welcomed the RNLI to HQ, got a behind the scenes look at Tesco in Whiteley and helped to pack donation food bags using some great maths skills! We had a fabulous evening doing Glowstick games in the dark on the strawberry fields and a fab night at Rock up just before Christmas.

Spring term 2024

During our spring term we worked on our My World challenge badge, and undertook our Air Activities, Global Issues, International, Animal Friend and money badges – it was a packed term! To do achieve these badges we visited the Solent Air Museum, having the place to ourselves which was fantastic, visited Pets at Home and got to hold some of the animals. We also played a lot of games as a fun way to talk about Global Issues and our Money badges. The Beavers visited a firestation right at the start of the term, which was fabulous fun having a go at squirting cones with the hose.

We ended the term with a great fun International themed Easter egg hunt around Warsash!

Other activities

We had a fantastic day at Fright Night, with most of our Beavers having never attended it before.

We took part in The Remembrance Day Parade, and we were honoured to be involved. Our Beavers did us proud.

Badges

Number of Activity badges awarded: 140
Number of challenge badges awarded: 54
9

Number of staged badges awarded: 125
Number of Chief Scout Awards awarded:

Thank you to all the time and effort from all our leaders, you are fantastic! Thank you also to our parents for your continued support and help when needed!

AGM Report year ended 31 March 2024: Wight Pack

Membership of Section

34 cubs

6 leaders

3 young leaders

Summer term 2023

Brecon 2023 – Gorge Walking, Caving, Wildlife sanctuary, Waterfalls walk

Fire lighting at Burridge

SDW7a – Hike from Housedean to Southease

Summer camp at Lyons Copse – Harry Potter theme

Winchester Cathedral tour – part 2

Autumn term 2023

Coasteering and Sea Kayaking near Swanage

SDW#7b – Hike from Southease to Exceat

SDW#8a – Hike from Alfriston to Eastbourne

PGL Marchants Hill, Hindhead

Skittles night (kindly run by Explorers)

Cooking night

Science night

Spring term 2024

DIY

Electrician

Bricklaying

Cooking / Restaurant night

SDW#new1 – Hike from Winchester to Beauworth

Night hike & sleepover at HQ

Money skills

Badges (1 April 2023 – 31 March 2024)

Number of activity (91) and staged badges (388) awarded: 479

Number of challenge badges awarded: 75

Number of Chief Scout Awards awarded: 8

AGM Report year ended 31 March 2024: Dover Cubs

Membership of Section

Dover Cubs have continued to run at 30+ Cubs and 8 fantastic leaders, supported by the parents who 'step-up' whenever asked. We said goodbye to Nicky and Sam U as leaders, but hello to Kirstie.

We are very lucky that we now have 4 Scout permitted climbing instructors in our leadership team so not only can we offer kayaking with the Cub Pack, we can now get our Cubs to be expert climbers.

Summer term 2023

The Cub kayaking programme resumed run by our excellent kayaking leaders. Every Cub kayaked once every three weeks, as well as having optional Sunday sessions. They all gained Nautical Skills, Paddlesports and Time on the Water badges, good preparation for Scouts when they move up.

The land-based programme was spent on backwoods cooking, harvesting our potatoes from the previous term's Gardeners' badge (much excitement here!), and an excellent visit to the Coastguard helicopter at Lee on the Solent as part of the Air Activities badge. We explored our local area with various walks for the Navigator badge, as well as a hike from Warsash to HMS Daedalus on a very hot Saturday morning, necessitating an 8am start!

Our annual 4 night camp with Owls Beavers was at Ferny Crofts in the New Forest. Cubs helped to put up, look after and take down camp, as well as preparing meals. We made full use of the onsite activities, Cubs taking part in Aeroball, crazy golf, zip wire, climbing, volleyball and table tennis. It was fantastic to see their independence, confidence and resilience develop throughout the camp.

Autumn term 2023

The 12 oldest Cubs once again took our 2 karts to the Supreme Box Kart Racing Championships run by West Sussex District Scouts, against a backdrop of the Goodwood horse racing stands. A great time was had by all. This is a fantastic event for Cubs across the UK.

This term had a 'world' theme as Cubs explored different countries and cultures, including a 'flight to Spain' and cooking paella. We supported the charity 'Acts of Kindness' by putting together 3 crates of food and other donations. A Christmas climb at Rock-Up completed the term.

Nights away was a sunny weekend camp at Lyons Copse in October where our newly qualified climbing leaders were able to put their skills into practice. This was closely followed by Fright Night back at Ferny Crofts – a scary experience for 300+ Cubs and Beavers!!

We ran our annual Remembrance Hike after Remembrance parade, walking to the Warsash-Hamble ferry and then on to Netley. A picnic lunch, trip on the model railway, visit to the war graves and finally mainline train back to Swanwick made for a full day.

Spring term 2024

This term was focused on the Teamwork and Team Leader Challenge badges, incorporating activities inside and out from team building to team activities and games. We also covered the Disability Awareness and Emergency Aid 2 badges.

Once again we went to Little Canada, the PGL centre on the Isle of Wight where Cubs took part in climbing, problem solving, archery and zip wire amongst other activities.

Badges

Number of activity badges awarded: 107 Number of staged badges awarded: 170

Number of challenge badges awarded: 85 Number of Chief Scout Awards awarded: 9

Thank you to all leaders and parents – you are invaluable!

1st Warsash Sea Scouts - Fastnet Troop Annual Report AGM July 2024

Membership of Section

28 Scouts

3 Young Leaders

9 Adult leaders

Summer term 2023

During Summer term 2023 we took the scouts afloat every week doing a mixture of dinghy sailing, kayaking and powerboating.

The highlight of this term had to be our dinghy sailing expedition camp. A group of seven of our eldest scouts set off from Lymington mid-June in two sailing dinghies with all of their sleeping equipment, food and clothes on board to sail across to Corf Camp on the Isle of Wight. The scouts navigated using charts, hand bearing compass and gps, crossing to the island and sailing all the way up to the top of Newtown Creek, arriving at high tide and carefully feeling their way onto the wooden jetty off the campsite. We took the bus into Yarmouth for a well earnt ice cream before heading back to the campsite for the night and then sailing back to Lymington the next day. This was a fantastic adventure that we hope to repeat in coming years for future scouts.

Summer camp this year was also at Corf Camp on the Isle of Wight, the weather was rather damp but that didn't spoil our spirits and we had a great time afloat and ashore. We even managed to see the sunset over the needles followed by fireworks which coincided happily with one of our scouts birthday! The scouts were invited onto the bridge of the Red Funnel on the way home for a guided tour and even got to use the ships horn.

Autumn term 2023

During the autumn term we continued our nautical adventures with nighttime powerboating learning about pilotage and navigation lights. We also had a fantastic art session and started our electronics and pioneering badge. Autumn camp was indoors at Ferny Crofts with a cycle ride, climbing and of course Christmas dinner!

Spring term 2024

Spring 2024 saw us continue with our pioneering and electronics badges as well as some astronomy sessions. Continuing our nautical theme the scouts designed, built and raced their own blow boats. The boats were all named after famous boats and Maiden went on to win not only our blow boat challenge but also the ocean globe race, coincidence? The older scouts went on a narrow boat expedition through the canals of London which was great fun.

Badges

Number of activity and staged badges awarded: 150

Number of challenge badges awarded: 27

Number of Chief Scout Awards awarded: 1

1st Warsash Sea Scouts: Viking Troop Annual Report 2024

Membership of Section

Leadership: 5

Young Leaders: 2

No. of Scouts: 22

Summer term 2023

Viking stuck to their principles, delivering a very varied and balanced programme of water-based and land-based activities.

Highlights of the term are largely regarded as the Paddleboarding evening with Prime Paddling in Alverstoke and the team Raft building task.

All scouts were able to take part in 3 sessions of sailing and kayaking each. And on the land based sessions they prepared fires and cooked pudding – plus learnt how to rig hammocks and tarpaulins.

Autumn term 2023

We spent a few sessions preparing skills for the survival camp weekend – rigging tarpaulins, camp cooking, looked at navigation skills.

They also got wet in the Andark pool doing the lifesaver badge.

After a very scary Halloween meeting, the term finished with Xmas decorations and a trip to Ninja Warrior.

Spring term 2024

Spring term started creatively with a mystery team picture and The Apprentice style marketing task to create and brand a soft drink.

We invited the Hampshire Rifle association to set up a range at HQ which was a huge success, kicking off the marksman badge.

We then moved outside to climb at Lyons (but found ourselves back in HQ a few times learning the climbing ropes with skateboards due to the weather - until third time lucky it was dry enough to get everyone on the wall climbing and abseiling.

Other activities

Aug 23 Discovery Sailing Project – weekend residential, out of Universal over to Cowes and overnight at GunWharf Quays

Nov 23 Survival Camp – bivvies, hammocks and cooking over fires with 1 pot

March 24 Mud Run at Ferny Crofts

Badges

A total of 118 badges were awarded:

Chief Scouts Gold Award: 1

Challenge badges: 26

Activity & stage badges: 91

Viking continues to make progress in all areas, with Leaders bringing more skills inhouse with the addition of a Sailing permit and also a Climbing permit within the Section. We like to focus on variety and are always on the look-out for new skills and opportunities for our scouts.

Viking Leaders would also like to thank the parents for their continued support. The Scout age group is a transitional stage in the lives of our young people and Parental support to encourage them in the skills and core values we promote is essential.

1ST WARSASH SEA SCOUT GROUP

England & Wales - Charity number 1013172

Accounts

Trustees Annual Report

Trustees' Annual Report

For the period

From (start date)

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 to end date

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Section A Reference and administration details

Charity name

1st Warsash Sea Scout Group

Other names the charity is known by

1st Warsash Sea Scouts

Registered charity number (if any)

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HQ registration number

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Charity's principal address

New Road (off Church Road)

Warsash

Southampton

Postcode

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Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

(These will be published in the annual report of the charity and the Charity Register if reporting for a Registered Charity with a charity regulator)

	Trustee Name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year
1	Trevor Stabb	Chair	
2	James Winterton	Vice-Chair	
3	Louise Roberts	Acting Group Scout	
4	Kelly Semke	Treasurer	
5	Claire O'Neill	Secretary	
6	Chris Pilling	Assistant Group	
7	Carol Dawson	Fundraising	
8	Leeann Tanner	Section Leader (Red Oaks)	
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Names and addresses of advisers (optional information but encouraged as best practice)

(These will be published in the annual report of the charity)

Type of advisor	Name	Address

Section B**Structure, governance and management**

Description of the charity's trusts

Type of governing document

(e.g. trust deed, constitution)

The Group's governing documents are those of the The Scout Association. They consist of a Royal Charter, which in turn gives authority to the Bye Laws of the Association and The Policy, Organisation and Rules of The Scout Association.

How the charity is constituted

(e.g. trust, association, company)

The Group is a trust established under its rules which are common to all Scouts.

Trustee selection methods

(e.g. appointed by, elected by)

The Trustees are appointed in accordance with the Policy, Organisation and Rules of The Scout Association.

Additional governance issues (optional information but encouraged as best practice)

You may choose to include additional information, where relevant, about:

Policies and procedures adopted for:

a) the induction and training of trustees;
b) trustee' consideration of major risks and the systems and procedures to manage them

The Group is managed by the Group Executive Committee, the members of which are the 'Charity Trustees' of the Scout Group which is an educational charity. As charity trustees they are responsible for complying with legislation applicable to charities. This includes the registration, keeping proper accounts and making returns to the Charity Commission as appropriate.

The Committee consists of 4 independent representatives, Chair, Vice-Chair, Treasurer and Secretary together with the Group Scout Leaders, individual section leaders (if opted to take on the responsibility), nominated and co-opted members, and parents' representation and meets every 3-4 months.

Members of the Executive Committee complete the required 'Getting Started' training within the first 5 months of joining the committee.

This Group Executive Committee exists to support the Group Scout Leader in meeting the responsibilities of the appointments and is responsible for:

The maintenance of Group property;

The raising of funds and the administration of Group finance;

The insurance of persons, property and equipment;

Group public occasions;

Assisting in the recruitment of leaders and other adult support;

Appointing any sub committees that may be required;

Appointing Group Administrators and Advisors other than those who are elected.

Section B	Structure, governance and management (continued)
	Risk and Internal Control The Group Executive Committee has identified the major risks to which they believe the Group is exposed, these have been reviewed and systems have been established to mitigate against them. The main areas of concern that have been identified are: Damage to the building, property and equipment. The Group would request the use of buildings, property and equipment from neighbouring organisations such as the church, community centre and other Scout Groups. Similar reciprocal arrangements exist with these organisations. The Group has sufficient buildings and contents insurance in place to mitigate against permanent loss. Injury to leaders, helpers, supporters and members. The Group through the capitation fees contributes to the Scout Associations national accident insurance policy. Risk Assessments are undertaken before all activities. Reduced income from fund raising. The Group is primarily reliant upon income from subscriptions and fundraising. The group does hold a reserve to ensure the continuity of activities should there be a major reduction in income. The Committee could raise the value of subscriptions to increase the income to the group on an ongoing basis, either temporarily or permanently. Reduction or loss of leaders. The group is totally reliant upon volunteers to run and administer the activities of the group. If there was a reduction in the number of leaders to an unacceptable level in a particular section or the group as a whole then there would have to be a contraction, consolidation or closure of a section. In the worst case scenario the complete closure of the Group. It is proving to be increasingly difficult to recruit adult volunteers. Reduction or loss of members. The Group provides activities for all young people aged 4 to 14. If there was a reduction in membership in a particular section or the group as whole then there would have to be a contraction, consolidation or closure of a section. In the worst case scenario the complete closure of the Group. The group has in place systems of internal controls that are designed to provide reasonable assurance against material mismanagement or loss, these include 2 signatories for all payments and a comprehensive insurance policies to ensure that insurable risks are covered.

Section C	Objectives and activities
Summary of the objects of the charity set out in its governing document	The Purpose of Scouting Scouting exists to actively engage and support young people in their personal development, empowering them to make a positive contribution to society. The Values of Scouting As Scouts we are guided by these values: Integrity - We act with integrity; we are honest, trustworthy and loyal. Respect - We have self-respect and respect for others. Care - We support others and take care of the world in which we live. Belief - We explore our faiths, beliefs and attitudes. Co-operation - We make a positive difference; we co-operate with others and make friends. The Scout Method Scouting takes place when young people, in partnership with adults, work together based on the values of Scouting and: - enjoy what they are doing and have fun - take part in activities indoors and outdoors - learn by doing - share in spiritual reflection - take responsibility and make choices - undertake new and challenging activities - make and live by their Promise.
Summary of the main activities in relation to these objects	The Group's Beaver/Cub/Scout membership numbers continue to average 160-170 over the year. All young people work towards the relevant Chief Scout's Award for their section. River Beavers, the Group's third Beaver colony, was closed at the end of December 2022 as demand for spaces in this Saturday colony was not there, neither was it possible to open a third Cub Pack, due to a lack of adult volunteers, to support the number of Beavers now needing to move to Cubs. All River Beavers were offered places in the Scout Group's other Beaver Colonies. The Scout Group took the decision to focus on two high quality Beaver Colonies, Cub Packs and Scout Troops, along with the new Squirrel Drey, which celebrated its first birthday in February 2023. The programmes offered to Squirrels, Beavers, Cubs and Scouts show a wide range of activities, indoors and outdoors, to build skills, develop and challenge our young people in a fun and exciting way using all aspects of the Scout Method. These balanced programmes are underpinned by the values of Scouting. As young people move through the sections, they are encouraged to become more involved in drawing up their Scouting programme. Summer sees the sailing dinghies, kayaks and power boats being fully used. Scouts spend the summer months on the water. Cubs and Beavers have sessions in various water sports. Leaders are encouraged to train for water activities permit so that they can run these sessions. Nights Away residential trips this year ranged from nights inside at HQ, to Beaver, Cub and Scout camps as well as trips to PGL, Brecon Beacons and the Discovery Sailing Project.

Additional details of the objectives and activities (optional information but encouraged as best practice)

You **may choose** to include further statements, where relevant, about:

- policy on grantmaking;
- contribution made by volunteers;
- policy on investments.

Leadership of the Scout Group totals over 40 adult volunteers. All Executive Committee members are also volunteers. The Group is supported by the parents of the Squirrels/Beavers/Cubs/Scouts and by other members of the local community who volunteer to help when needed on many occasions.

Public benefit statement

The Group meets the Charity Commission's public benefit criteria under both the advancement of education and the advancement of citizenship or community development headings.

Section D

Achievements and performance

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

1st Warsash continues to be a strong Scout Group, reflected in the number of young people in the sections, the number of adult volunteers and the number of young people on the waiting lists. a large number of badges have been achieved, including Chief Scout Awards. Further kayaks have been purchased during the year. Refurbishment of HQ has continued with the toilets being replaced and the Boat House cleared out and racking installed for the winter storage of some of the boats. Community engagement was evident with a strong presence at Warsash Festival, a local community fundraising event. Young people and adults took part on the Scout Group stands.

Section E	Financial Review
Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves	Reserves Policy The Group's policy on reserves is to hold sufficient resources to continue the charitable activities of the group should income and fundraising activities fall short. The Group Executive Committee considers that the group should hold a sum equivalent to 4 months running costs, circa £16K. The Group held unrestricted reserves of approximately £37k at the year end.
Quantify and explain any designations	
Details of any funds materially in deficit (circumstances plus steps to eliminate)	None
Further financial review details (optional information)	
You may choose to include additional information, where relevant, about: - the charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising); - how expenditure has supported the key objectives of the charity; - investment policy and objectives;	Investment Policy The Group's Income and Expenditure is very small and as a consequence does not have sufficient funds to invest in longer-term investments such as stocks and shares. The Group has therefore adopted a low risk strategy to the investment of its funds. All funds are held in cash using only mainstream banks or building societies or The Scout Association's Short Term Investment Service. The Group Executive regularly monitors the levels of bank balances and the interest rates received to ensure the group obtains maximum value and income from its banking arrangements. Occasionally this may involve using an account that requires a period of notice before funds may be withdrawn, before doing so the Group Executive considers the cash flow requirements.

Section F	Other Optional Information
Plans for future periods (details of any significant activities planned to achieve them)	Refurbishment of HQ continues, focusing on the flooring, training room and storage areas. Further adult volunteer recruitment is essential to maintain the strength of the Scout Group going forwards. This is proving to be an increasingly difficult task.

Section G	Declaration						
The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above							
Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees							
Signature(s)	 						
Full name(s)	<table border="1"> <tr> <td>Trevor Stabb</td> <td>Claire O'Neill</td> </tr> </table>	Trevor Stabb	Claire O'Neill				
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1st Warsash Sea Scout Group

Receipts and Payments Account

Year start date

Year end date

01-Apr-22	To	31-Mar-23
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Receipts and payments

2022/23

2021/22

Unrestricted
funds
£

Restricted
funds
£

Unrestricted
funds
£

Restricted
funds
£

Receipts

Donations, legacies and similar income		
Membership subscriptions	27,892	
Less: Membership subscriptions paid on (National/County/Area/District)	-9,953	
Net membership subscriptions retained	17,939	
Donations	669	
Gift Aid	0	
Income from Section Activities	31,972	
Income from Uniform / Woggles	1,904	
Explorers Rents	375	
Warsash Wasps recharge	799	
Sailing Fees	0	
Misc receipt	40	
Water refund	13,032	
Sub total	66,730	0
Grants		
Other grants	1,000	26,747
Move Covid funds to HQ Project	-6,000	6,000
Sub total	1,000	32,747
Fundraising (group)		
Warsash Festival	1,473	
	1,473	0
Investment income		
Bank interest	111	
Other investment income	-	
Sub total	111	0

25,115	
-9,055	
16,060	
1,709	
0	
23,996	
541	
100	
4,155	
928	
43	
47,532	0
30,467	18,521
30,467	18,521
0	
0	0
-	
-	
0	0

Total Gross Income

69,314

32,747

77,999

18,521

Asset and investment sales, etc.

2,300

5,667

Total Receipts

71,614

32,747

83,666

18,521

1st Warsash Sea Scout Group

Receipts and Payments Account

Year start date

Year end date

01-Apr-22	To	31-Mar-23
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Receipts and payments

	2022/23		2021/22	
	Unrestricted £	Restricted £	Unrestricted £	Restricted £
Payments				
Charitable Payments				
Youth programme and activities	42,975		23,004	
Adult support and training	202		660	
Ground Lease	1,598		1,514	
Water and Sewerage	22,085		6,638	
Electricity and Oil	538		275	
Buildings Insurance	2,976		3,239	
HQ Maintenance, Cleaning, Waste Disposal	3,180		1,072	
HQ Refit Costs		29,409		6,061
Equipment (Boats and Camping)	2,866	7,886	16,502	
Donation to Charity	-		-	
Administrative Expenses	1,760		2,083	
QM, Sundry Payments			96	
Boating (Maintenance, Insurance, Fuel, Sailing Club fees)	2,157		7,080	
Badges, Clothing & Handbooks	5,785		2,066	
Bank Charges	1,579		1,101	
Sub total	87,701	37,295	65,329	6,061
Fundraising expenses				
Warsash Festival	267		-	
Misc	20		-	
Move Covid funds to HQ Project	0	6,000		
Sub total	287	6,000	-	-
Total Gross Expenditure	87,988	43,295	65,329	6,061
Total payments	87,988	43,295	65,329	6,061
Net of receipts/(payments)	- 16,374	- 10,548	18,337	12,460
Cash funds last year end	53,693	40,979	35,356	28,519
Cash funds this year end	37,319	30,431	53,693	40,979

Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the year

	2022/23		RESTATED 2021/22	
	Unrestricted £	Restricted £	Unrestricted £	Restricted £
Cash funds				
Bank current account (adjusted)	37,319	30,431	53,693	40,979
Bank deposit account				
Building society account				
The Scout Association Short Term Investment Service				
Cash/Floats	-		-	
Total cash funds	37,319	30,431	53,693	40,979
Other monetary assets				
Tax claim	-		-	
Debts County/Area/District/Group	-		-	
Insurance claim	-		-	
Sub total	-	-	-	-
Investment assets				
Investment property - detail	-		-	
Quoted investments	-		-	
Other investments - detail	-		-	
Sub total	-	-	-	-
Non monetary assets for charity's own use				
HQ Furniture & Fittings	27,500		25,000	
Land and buildings	-		-	
Trailers	2,844		2,586	
Camping Equipment	17,822		17,822	
Boats & Equipment	77,774		79,844	
Sub total	125,940	-	125,252	-
Liabilities				
Accounts not yet paid	-		-	
Expenses incurred but not invoiced	-		-	
Subscriptions not yet paid	-		-	
Loan - detail	-		-	
Trinity House Grant	-		-	
H007	-		-	
Sub total	-	-	-	-

NOTE

The Scout HQ property has historically been shown in the Statement of Assets & Liabilities as an asset. Upon review, this is incorrect as the property is occupied under a lease from Fareham Borough Council. Under FRS102 this is an operating lease and there is no impact on the Statement of Assets & Liabilities. The lease costs are accounted for in the Income Expenditure statement and it has therefore been removed from the Statement of Assets & Liabilities.

The above receipts and payments account and statement of assets and liabilities were approved by the Trustees on 28/06/2023 (the date of the Executive Committee meeting that approved the accounts) and signed on their behalf by

Signature	Print Name		
	Trevor Stabb	Chair	
	Kelly Semke	Treasurer	

Independent Examiners report to the Trustees of 1st Warsash Sea Scout Group

I report to the Trustees on my examination of the accounts of the 1st Warsash Sea Scout Group for the year ended 31st March 2023.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees of the 1st Warsash Sea Scout Group you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act").

I report in respect of my examination of the 1st Warsash Sea Scout Group accounts carried out under section 145 of the Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145 (5) (b) the Act.

Independent Examiners Statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the 1st Warsash Sea Scout Group as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records.

I have no concerns and I have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed:



Name: Richard Wragg

Address: 4 Chiltern Close, Totton, Hampshire, SO40 7PT

Date: 26 January 2024

1ST WARSASH SEA SCOUT GROUP

England & Wales - Charity number 1013172

Accounts

Trustees' Annual Report

For the period

From (start date)

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 to end date

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Section A Reference and administration details

Charity name	1st Warsash Sea Scout Group								
Other names the charity is known by	1st Warsash Sea Scouts								
Registered charity number (if any)	1013172								
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Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

	Trustee Name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year
1	Trevor Stabb	Chair	
2	James Winterton	Vice-Chair	
3	Louise Roberts	Acting Group Scout Leader	
4	Kelly Semke	Treasurer	01/10/2021 - 31/3/22
5	Claire O'Neill	Secretary	
6	Chris Pilling	Assistant Group Scout Leader	
7	Carol Dawson	Fundraising	
8	Richard Marrington	Section Leader (Wight)	
9	Leeann Tanner	Section Leader (Red Oaks)	

Names and addresses of advisers (optional information but encouraged as best practice)

Type of advisor	Name	Address

Section B**Structure, governance and management**

Description of the charity's trusts

Type of governing document

(e.g. trust deed, constitution)

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How the charity is constituted

(e.g. trust, association, company)

The Group is a trust established under its rules which are common to all Scouts.

Trustee selection methods

(e.g. appointed by, elected by)

The Trustees are appointed in accordance with the Policy, Organisation and Rules of The Scout Association.

Additional governance issues (optional information but encouraged as best practice)

You may choose to include additional information, where relevant, about:

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Members of the Executive Committee complete the required 'Getting Started' training within the first 5 months of joining the committee.

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The maintenance of Group property;
The raising of funds and the administration of Group finance;
The insurance of persons, property and equipment;
Group public occasions;
Assisting in the recruitment of leaders and other adult support;
Appointing any sub committees that may be required;
Appointing Group Administrators and Advisors other than those who are elected.

Section B	Structure, governance and management (continued)
	Risk and Internal Control The Group Executive Committee has identified the major risks to which they believe the Group is exposed, these have been reviewed and systems have been established to mitigate against them. The main areas of concern that have been identified are: Damage to the building, property and equipment. The Group would request the use of buildings, property and equipment from neighbouring organisations such as the church, community centre and other Scout Groups. Similar reciprocal arrangements exist with these organisations. The Group has sufficient buildings and contents insurance in place to mitigate against permanent loss. Injury to leaders, helpers, supporters and members. The Group through the capitation fees contributes to the Scout Associations national accident insurance policy. Risk Assessments are undertaken before all activities. Reduced income from fund raising. The Group is primarily reliant upon income from subscriptions and fundraising. The group does hold a reserve to ensure the continuity of activities should there be a major reduction in income. The Committee could raise the value of subscriptions to increase the income to the group on an ongoing basis, either temporarily or permanently. Reduction or loss of leaders. The group is totally reliant upon volunteers to run and administer the activities of the group. If there was a reduction in the number of leaders to an unacceptable level in a particular section or the group as a whole then there would have to be a contraction, consolidation or closure of a section. In the worst case scenario the complete closure of the Group. Reduction or loss of members. The Group provides activities for all young people aged 4 to 14. If there was a reduction in membership in a particular section or the group as whole then there would have to be a contraction, consolidation or closure of a section. In the worst case scenario the complete closure of the Group. The group has in place systems of internal controls that are designed to provide reasonable assurance against material mismanagement or loss, these include 2 signatories for all payments and a comprehensive insurance policies to ensure that insurable risks are covered.

Coronavirus.

The outbreak of Coronavirus in March 2020 led to the halt of face-to-face Scouting and a change to certain risks for the Group. Face-to-face Scouting resumed in April 2021.

1. Reduced income as a result of reduced subscriptions, fewer grants being available and fewer opportunities for fundraising. The Group has been successful in obtaining Covid-19 grants from the Retail, Leisure and Hospitality fund. All expenditure has been reviewed and reduced wherever possible. A variety of scenarios have been budgeted for. Actual income and expenditure will continue to be monitored to ensure that the Group continues to be a going concern for the next financial year.
2. There is a possibility of a reduction in leader numbers but although this has not been seen so far, it is proving difficult to recruit new leaders.
3. There is a possibility of a reduction in the numbers of young people. Our numbers are currently steady.
4. Additional health risks from Coronavirus when face-to-face Scouting. The Scout Association has issued a framework to follow which is aligned with Government approved guidance for the youth sector, developed by the National Youth Agency. A new process of risk assessments and approvals around Covid-19 has been put in place that must be followed. The Scout Association determines how face-to-face Scouting is carried out. As of 31 March 2022, all restrictions have been lifted but leaders should be mindful that Covid-19 is still about.

Section C	Objectives and activities
Summary of the objects of the charity set out in its governing document	The Purpose of Scouting Scouting exists to actively engage and support young people in their personal development, empowering them to make a positive contribution to society. The Values of Scouting As Scouts we are guided by these values: Integrity - We act with integrity; we are honest, trustworthy and loyal. Respect - We have self-respect and respect for others. Care - We support others and take care of the world in which we live. Belief - We explore our faiths, beliefs and attitudes. Co-operation - We make a positive difference; we co-operate with others and make friends. The Scout Method Scouting takes place when young people, in partnership with adults, work together based on the values of Scouting and: - enjoy what they are doing and have fun - take part in activities indoors and outdoors - learn by doing - share in spiritual reflection - take responsibility and make choices - undertake new and challenging activities - make and live by their Promise.
Summary of the main activities in relation to these objects	The Group's Beaver/Cub/Scout membership numbers continue to average 160-170 over the year. All young people work towards the relevant Chief Scout's Award for their section. A new Squirrel Drey was opened on 1 Feb 2022 for 4-5 year olds. This is a new initiative by the Scout Association. The programmes offered to Squirrels, Beavers, Cubs and Scouts show a wide range of activities, indoors and outdoors, to build skills, develop and challenge our young people in a fun and exciting way using all aspects of the Scout Method. These balanced programmes are underpinned by the values of Scouting. As young people move through the sections, they are encouraged to become more involved in drawing up their Scouting programme. We were delighted to return to face-to-face Scouting in April 2021, albeit with restrictions to minimise the spread of Covid-19. Water activities resumed using the sailing dinghies and kayaks which we have invested in. Scouts spend the summer months on the water. Cubs and Beavers have sessions in various water sports. Leaders are encouraged to train for water activities permit so that they can run these sessions. Nights Away residential trips have resumed to encourage the independence and resilience of our young people, ranging from nights inside at HQ, to Beaver, Cub and Scout camps. The Sea Scout Group has Royal Naval recognition and can therefore draw on activities offered by the Royal Navy for members of the Scout Association.

You may choose to include further statements, where relevant, about: • policy on grantmaking; • contribution made by volunteers; • policy on investments.	Leadership of the Scout Group totals over 40 adult volunteers. All Executive Committee members are also volunteers. The Group is supported by the parents of the Squirrels/Beavers/Cubs/Scouts and by other members of the local community who volunteer to help when needed on many occasions.
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Public benefit statement	The Group meets the Charity Commission's public benefit criteria under both the advancement of education and the advancement of citizenship or community development headings.
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Section D	Achievements and performance
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Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year	The Scout Group has continued to review its boats and the equipment in the Boat House during the year following the success in grant applications, disposing of equipment which had no ongoing use for the Scout Group. New kayaks have been purchased for Cubs and Scouts. A Squirrel Drey was opened on 1 February 2022 for 4 - 5 year olds. 12 Squirrels and 4 leaders were recruited. The stairs have been replaced at HQ and the walls plastered. A new mess tent has been purchased using grant money. The leadership teams continued to adapt to Covid-19 and to offer run and exciting programmes to all age groups.
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Section E	Financial Review
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Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves	Reserves Policy The Group's policy on reserves is to hold sufficient resources to continue the charitable activities of the group should income and fundraising activities fall short. The Group Executive Committee considers that the group should hold a sum equivalent to 4 months running costs, circa £10K. The Group held unrestricted reserves of approximately £5k (including the confirmed water rebate) at year end. The Group held a further £33k of ring-fenced Covid grants, which are not restricted but have been allocated to Group to cover future costs if required.
Quantify and explain any designations	
Details of any funds materially in deficit (circumstances plus steps to eliminate)	None

Further financial review details (optional information)

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant, about:

- the charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising);
- how expenditure has supported the key objectives of the charity;
- investment policy and objectives

Investment Policy (Specimen 1)

The Group's Income and Expenditure is very small and as a consequence does not have sufficient funds to invest in longer-term investments such as stocks and shares. The Group has therefore adopted a low risk strategy to the investment of its funds. All funds are held in cash using only mainstream banks or building societies or The Scout Association's Short Term Investment Service.

The Group Executive regularly monitors the levels of bank balances and the interest rates received to ensure the group obtains maximum value and income from its banking arrangements. Occasionally this may involve using an account that requires a period of notice before funds may be withdrawn, before doing so the Group Executive considers the cash flow requirements.

Section F

Other Optional Information

Plans for future periods (details of any significant activities planned to achieve them)

The toilets at HQ are being refurbished in June 2022, to include disabled facilities, following the successful application for grants for this project.

The River Beaver colony will be closed on 31 December 2022 due to a lack of leaders to run this colony and to a lack of demand for a Saturday meeting time. All Beavers in this colony will move to one of the other Beaver colonies in the Scout Group, or to Cubs if old enough.

Section G

Declaration

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)




Full name(s)

Trevor Stabb

Claire O'Neill

Position (eg Secretary, Chair)

Chair

Secretary

Date

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1st Warsash Sea Scout Group Receipts and Payments Account

Year start date

Year end date

01-Apr-21

To

31-Mar-22

Receipts and payments

2021/22

2020/21

Unrestricted funds

Unrestricted funds

£

£

Receipts

Donations, legacies and similar income		
Membership subscriptions	25,115	19,450
Less: Membership subscriptions paid on (National/County/Area/District)	-9,055	-7,560
Net membership subscriptions retained	16,060	11,890
Donations	1,709	1,613
Gift Aid	0	0
Income from Section Activities	23,996	-3,212
Income from Uniform / Woggles	541	
Explorers Rents	100	390
Warsash Wasps recharge	4,155	8,300
Sailing Fees	928	0
Misc receipt	43	
Sub total	47,532	18,981
Grants		
Other grants	48,988	32,859
Sub total	48,988	32,859
Fundraising (group)		
Easter Egg Hunt / raffle	0	10
	0	10
Investment income		
Bank interest	-	-
Other investment income	-	-
Sub total	0	0
Total Gross Income	96,520	51,851
Asset and investment sales, etc.	5,667	1,710
Total Receipts	102,187	53,561

1st Warsash Sea Scout Group Receipts and Payments Account

Year start date

Year end date

01-Apr-21	To	31-Mar-22
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Receipts and payments

	2021/22 Unrestricted funds £	2020/21 Unrestricted funds £
Payments		
Charitable Payments		
Youth programme and activities	23,004	- 3,023
Adult support and training	660	130
Ground Lease	1,514	1,598
Water and Sewerage	6,638	1,090
Electricity and Oil	275	962
Buildings Insurance	3,239	2,792
HQ Maintenance, Cleaning, Waste Disposal	1,072	3,334
HQ Refit Costs	6,061	-
Equipment (Boats and Camping)	16,502	5,687
Donation to Charity	-	-
Administrative Expenses	2,083	1,410
QM, Sundry Payments	96	1,695
Boating (Maintenance, Insurance, Fuel, Sailing Club fees)	7,080	2,148
Badges & Handbooks	2,066	1,214
Bank Charges	1,101	69
Sub total	71,391	19,107
Fundraising expenses		
Easter Egg Hunt	-	-
Warsash Festival	-	-
Sub total	-	-
Total Gross Expenditure	71,391	19,107
Total payments	71,391	19,107
Net of receipts/(payments)	30,796	34,453
Cash funds last year end	63,876	29,422
Cash funds this year end	94,672	63,876

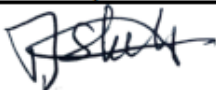
Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the year

	2021/22	2020/21
	Unrestricted funds £	Unrestricted funds £
Cash funds		
Bank current account (adjusted)	94,672	63,876
Bank deposit account		
Building society account		
The Scout Association Short Term Investment Service		
Cash/Floats	-	-
Total cash funds	94,672	63,876
Other monetary assets		
Tax claim	-	-
Debts due from the County/Area/District/Group	-	-
Insurance claim	-	-
Sub total	-	-
Investment assets		
Investment property - detail	-	-
Quoted investments	-	-
Other investments - detail	-	-
Sub total	-	-
Non monetary assets for charity's own use		
HQ Furniture & Fittings	25,000	20,000
Land and buildings (revised Insurance Value)	631,279	609,933
Trailers	2,586	2,500
Camping Equipment	17,822	15,157
Boats & Equipment	79,844	64,619
Sub total	756,531	712,209
Liabilities		
Accounts not yet paid	-	-
Expenses incurred but not invoiced	-	-
Subscriptions not yet paid	-	-
Loan - detail	-	-
Trinity House Grant	-	-
H007	-	-
Sub total	-	-

Contingent liabilities and future obligations

1. **Ground Rent** : 33% share (Fareham Borough Council) with Warsash Wasps Football Club, payable quarterly.
2. **Water Rates** : 5% share of Southern Water Services Plc charges with Warsash Wasps Boys Football Club.
3. **Land & Buildings**: 40% share of headquarters building at the Recreation Ground, New Road, Warsash, Southampton by

The above receipts and payments account and statement of assets and liabilities were approved by the Trustees on 23/05/2022 (the date of the Executive Committee meeting that approved the accounts) and signed on their behalf by

Signature	Print Name
	Trevor Stabb Chair
	Kelly Semke Treasurer

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of 1st Warsash Sea Scout Group

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the **1st Warsash Sea Scout Group** for the year ended 31 March 2022.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees of the **1st Warsash Sea Scout Group** you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').

I report in respect of my examination of the **1st Warsash Sea Scout Group** accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the **1st Warsash Sea Scout Group** as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed:



Name: Vicky Inch

Address: 84 Wilton Gardens, Southampton, SO15 7QR

Date: 24/01/2023

1ST WARSASH SEA SCOUT GROUP

England & Wales - Charity number 1013172

Accounts

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of the

1st Warsash Sea Scout Group

I report on the accounts of the Group for the year ended 31st March 2021, which are set out on page 1 to 4.

Respective responsibilities of Trustees and Examiner

As the charity's Trustees you are responsible for the preparation of the Accounts: you consider that the audit requirement of Section 42 (2) of the Charities Act 2003 (The Act) does not apply. It is our responsibility to state, on basis of procedures specified in the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners under Section 43 (7) (b) of the Act, whether particular matter have come to my attention.

Basis of Examiner's report

Our examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the Charity and a comparison of the account, and seeking explanations from you as Trustees concerning any sure matters. The procedures undertaken do not express an audit opinion on the view given by the accounts.

Independent Examiner's Statement

In connection with our examination, no matter has come to our attention:

1. Which gives us reasonable cause to believe that in an material respect the requirement: to keep accounting records in accordance with Section 41 of the Act and to prepare accounts which accord with accounting records and to comply with the accounting requirement of the Act have been met, or
2. to which in our opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached,
3. which gives us reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the accounting rules of the Group/District's Constitution have been met.

Signed: 

Name Terance A. Hale FFA/FIPA FIAB FFTA AIAAP

Position: Accountant

Qualification: Fellow of the International Association of Accountants & Federation of Tax Advisers, & International Association of Book-Keepers.

Name of Firm: Warsash Accountants Limited

Address: Downlands, 102 Osborne Road, Warsash, Southampton. Hampshire, SO31 9GH

Date: 27th June 2021

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HQ registration number

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Postcode

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2. There is a possibility of a reduction in leader numbers but this has not been seen so far. As of March 2021, a small number of leaders have left but more leaders have joined so that leader numbers have increased.

3. There is a possibility of a reduction in the numbers of young people. A small number of young people have not continued with online Scouting in summer 2020 and will not be returning in Autumn 2020. Their places will be filled from the Group waiting lists. As of March 2021, young people numbers have increased.

4. Additional health risks from Coronavirus when face-to-face Scouting. The Scout Association has issued a framework to follow which is aligned with Government approved guidance for the youth sector, developed by the National Youth Agency. A new process of risk assessments and approvals around Covid-19 has been put in place that must be followed. The Scout Association will determine when and how face-to-face Scouting is carried out.

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Many of the activities in the programmes normally take place on the water in the summer months, making use of the equipment which we have invested in, however this was not possible in summer 2020. Time has been spent by the leaders in reviewing the equipment which we do have, selling surplus kit and investing in new boats following successful fundraising. The Scout Group is in a good position to resume water activities in summer 2021.

Additional details of the objectives and activities (optional information but encouraged as best practice)

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The Group meets the Charity Commission's public benefit criteria under both the advancement of education and the advancement of citizenship or community development headings.

Section D

Achievements and performance

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

The Scout Group has reviewed its boats and the equipment in the Boat House during the year following the success in grant applications, making use of the time to dispose of equipment which had no ongoing use for the Scout Group.

A third Beaver Colony (River) was opened in September 2020.

An outdoor meeting area has been set up next to the Boat House at the Scout HQ to enable Scouting to continue outside, socially-distanced. Matting has been pegged down and tree-stump seats placed in the area.

The guttering has been replaced around the whole building and the drains cleared in front of the building.

The impact of Coronavirus and the end of face-to-face Scouting in March 2020 saw Scouting move online to Zoom meetings and badges at home. The creative and adaptability of the leadership teams is to be commended.

Section E

Financial Review

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

Reserves Policy

The Group's policy on reserves is to hold sufficient resources to continue the charitable activities of the group should income and fundraising activities fall short. The Group Executive Committee considers that the group should hold a sum equivalent to 4 months running costs, circa £6.5K.

The Group held unrestricted reserves of approximately £8K against this at year end. The Group held a further £35.9K of restricted reserves linked to ring-fenced grants. This includes Covid grants which are not restricted but have been allocated for a specific use.

Quantify and explain any designations

Details of any funds materially in deficit (circumstances plus steps to eliminate)

None

Further financial review details (optional information)

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant, about:

- the charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising);

- how expenditure has supported the key objectives of the charity;

- investment policy and objectives

Investment Policy (Specimen 1)

The Group's Income and Expenditure is very small and as a consequence does not have sufficient funds to invest in longer-term investments such as stocks and shares. The Group has therefore adopted a low risk strategy to the investment of its funds. All funds are held in cash using only mainstream banks or building societies or The Scout Association's Short Term Investment Service.

The Group Executive regularly monitors the levels of bank balances and the interest rates received to ensure the group obtains maximum value and income from its banking arrangements. Occasionally this may involve using an account that requires a period of notice before funds may be withdrawn, before doing so the Group Executive considers the cash flow requirements.

Section F

Other Optional Information

Plans for future periods (details of any significant activities planned to achieve them)

Plans are being drawn up to further improve the Scout HQ. An expression of interest has been submitted to the Scout Association for starting Squirrels, the new section for 4-6 year olds.

Section G

Declaration

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)

Full name(s)

Alex Rhodes Claire O'Neill

Position (eg Secretary, Chair)

Chair Secretary

Date

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1st Warsash Sea Scout Group

Receipts and Payments Account

Year start date

Year end date

01-Apr-20	To	31-Mar-21
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Receipts and payments

	2020/21 Unrestricted funds £	2019/20 Unrestricted funds £
Receipts		
Donations, legacies and similar income		
Membership subscriptions	19,450	18,565
Less: Membership subscriptions paid on (National/County/Area/District)	-7,560	-7,162
Net membership subscriptions retained	11,890	11,403
Donations	1,613	2,248
Gift Aid	0	0
Income from Section Activities	-3,212	23,732
Explorers Rents	390	588
Warsash Wasps recharge	8,300	6,249
Sailing Fees	0	0
H0018 Camp	0	0
Sub total	18,981	44,219
Grants		
Other grants	32,859	10,450
Sub total	32,859	10,450
Fundraising (group)		
Warsash Festival	0	2,757
Easter Egg Hunt / raffle	10	135
	10	2,892
Investment income		
Bank interest	-	-
Other investment income	-	-
Sub total	0	0
Total Gross Income	51,851	57,561
Asset and investment sales, etc.	1,710	4,400
Total Receipts	53,561	61,961

1st Warsash Sea Scout Group Receipts and Payments Account

Year start date

Year end date

01-Apr-20	To	31-Mar-21
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Receipts and payments

	2020/21 Unrestricted funds £	2019/20 Unrestricted funds £
Payments		
Charitable Payments		
Youth programme and activities	- 3,023	30,415
Adult support and training	130	320
Ground Lease	1,598	1,462
Water and Sewerage	1,090	8,293
Electricity and Oil	962	2,932
Buildings Insurance	2,792	2,706
HQ Maintenance, Cleaning, Waste Disposal	3,334	11,042
Equipment (Boats and Camping)	5,687	2,623
Donation to Charity	-	654
Administrative Expenses	1,410	1,631
QM, Sundry Payments	1,695	1,668
Boating (Maintenance, Insurance, Fuel, Sailing Club fees)	2,148	5,168
Badges & Handbooks	1,214	1,665
Bank Charges	69	120
Sub total	19,107	70,700
Fundraising expenses		
Easter Egg Hunt	-	397
Warsash Festival	-	880
Sub total	-	1,276
Total Gross Expenditure	19,107	71,976
Total payments	19,107	71,976
Net of receipts/(payments)	34,453	- 10,015
Cash funds last year end	29,422	39,437
Cash funds this year end	63,876	29,422

Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the year

	2020/21	2019/20
	Unrestricted funds	Unrestricted funds
	£	£
Cash funds		
Bank current account (adjusted)	63,876	29,422
Bank deposit account		
Building society account		
The Scout Association Short Term Investment Service		
Cash/Floats	-	-
Total cash funds	63,876	29,422
Other monetary assets		
Tax claim	-	-
Debts due from the County/Area/District/Group	-	-
Insurance claim	-	-
Sub total	-	-
Investment assets		
Investment property - detail	-	-
Quoted investments	-	-
Other investments - detail	-	-
Sub total	-	-
Non monetary assets for charity's own use		
HQ Furniture & Fittings	20,000	9,480
Land and buildings (revised Insurance Value)	609,933	589,308
Trailers	2,500	2,500
Camping Equipment	15,157	15,157
Boats & Equipment	64,619	60,642
Sub total	712,209	677,087
Liabilities		
Accounts not yet paid	-	-
Expenses incurred but not invoiced	-	-
Subscriptions not yet paid	-	-
Loan - detail	-	-
Trinity House Grant	-	-
H007	-	-
Sub total	-	-

Contingent liabilities and future obligations

1. **Ground Rent** : 33% share (Fareham Borough Council) with Warsash Wasps Football Club, payable quarterly.
2. **Water Rates** : 5% share of Southern Water Services Plc charges with Warsash Wasps Boys Football Club.
3. **Land & Buildings**: 40% share of headquarters building at the Recreation Ground, New Road, Warsash, Southampton by

The above receipts and payments account and statement of assets and liabilities were approved by the Trustees on 05/05/2021 (the date of the Executive Committee meeting that approved the accounts) and signed on their behalf by

Signature	Print Name
	Alex Rhodes Chair
	Natalija Edwards Treasurer