# 1ST BROOMFIELD SCOUT GROUP

England & Wales · Charity number 1016433

## Details

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| **Status** | Registered |
| **Legal form** | Other |
| **Registered** | 1993-01-21 |
| **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:** Provision of scouting to boys and girls in Broomfield, via Beaver Scout, Cub Scouts and Scout Sections

## Classification

- **How:** Provides Buildings/facilities/open Space
- **What:** General Charitable Purposes, Education/training, The Advancement Of Health Or Saving Of Lives, Amateur Sport, Environment/conservation/heritage, Recreation
- **Who:** Children/young People

## Geography

- **Area of benefit:** NOT DEFINED, IN PRACTICE BROOMFIELD ESSEX
- Essex

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## Finances

| Period end | Income | Expenditure | Assets | Employees |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 2025-12-31 | £43,536 | £41,724 | - | - |
| 2024-12-31 | £55,154 | £71,206 | - | - |
| 2023-12-31 | £38,939 | £40,185 | - | - |
| 2022-12-31 | £34,051 | £38,515 | - | - |
| 2021-12-31 | £37,951 | £32,859 | - | - |
| 2020-12-31 | £33,522 | £29,146 | - | - |

## Trustees

| Name | Role | Appointed |
|---|---|---|
| **Hasad Khan** | Chair | 2022-06-21 |
| Jason Geoffrey Smith | | 2022-06-21 |
| John Edward Wallis ACIB | | 2008-05-01 |
| Linda Jane O'Riordan | | 2023-07-11 |
| Martin Richard Chapman | | 2021-06-18 |
| Megan Paula Janse Van Rensburg | | 2022-06-21 |
| RUTH MARGARET REED | | |

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# Accounts

# The 1st Broomfield Scout Group annual report and accounts for the financial year ended 31st December 2024

Scouts
1st Broomfield

**AGM**
**12th May 2025 7.30pm**
**Scout HQ, School Lane, Broomfield, Chelmsford CM1 7DR**

## Preparing young people with skills for life

**We're Scouts and everyone is welcome here. Every week, we help almost half a million people aged 4-25 develop skills for life. Are you ready to join the adventure?**

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## Volunteer today

**Whether you can spare an hour a month or a day a year, we have hundreds of opportunities both behind the scenes and directly supporting young people. With full support and award-winning training, you can volunteer on a flexible basis. Not only is it incredibly rewarding and great fun, you'll learn some brilliant skills transferable to the workplace too.**

**We welcome volunteers from every community and background. You don't need to have been a Scout. You just need to believe in a more positive future and the difference we can make together.**

# 1st Broomfield Scout Group Contacts

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| Chair | Malcolm Taylor |
| Group Scout Leader | Linda O'Riordan |
| Group Treasurer | John Wallis |
| Monday Scout Leader | Adam Taylor |
| Jötnar Scout Leaders | Charlotte Moore & John Wallis |
| Weds. Cub Leader | Steff Smith |
| Weds. Beaver Leader | Charlotte Moore |
| Thurs. Beaver Leader | Sarah Mott |
| Thurs. Cub Leader | Ruth Reed |
| Kraken Explorer Scouts | Ruth Reed |
| Waiting List | Steff Smith |

# Welcome to our 2025 AGM & Review

Firstly, I would like to thank everyone within the group from Leaders, Assistants and the Trustee Board for all their hard work this year. The volunteers have led a fun, fantastic and full program for all the young people this year and without these imaginative amazing people 1st Broomfield wouldn't exist.

The Leaders continue to provide me with quarterly reports which I put together and submit to the Broomfield Times. There have been some great articles that the sections have submitted and I'm sure you'll recognise some of the photos of the young people that are there to demonstrate what the sections have been up to. The Book Sale in February was yet another great success and I must thank Roger and Sue Cole whose time and effort over the year continues to amaze me. Also, Steff Smith, Linda MacInnes and John Wallis need a mention as they to spend many an hour throughout the year getting ready for the next one. It really is fascinating to see the set up and progress over the week at the scout hut, from a chaotic jumble at the beginning to a truly amazing and well organised sale. Those relatives and young people who come and help can see the transformation over that time.

The book sale along with the skip collection have made it possible to keep our fees low and help subsidise the activities the groups offer.

New from April this year – we have a new Scout section on a Tuesday called Jötnar which has welcomed 14 new scouts which would otherwise have had to sit on a waiting list.

With the funds raised as well as subsiding camps and activities we have purchased 3 new flags. One each for Jötnar, Dinizulu, and Riverside Colony, new first aid kits, 8 new tents for scouts, 4 LED lanterns just to name a small sample.

This year we lost Shane from Mondays scouts to retirement and Amy who has moved onto being the admin for the trustee's board. But she will also be around to attend camps and help as and when she can. So, a big thank you to them.

We have welcomed lots of new helps from Millie and Fiona on Tuesdays Beavers, Matthew to Wednesday Cubs and lots of parent helpers who have been amazing and thank you for stepping up and helping.
I'd also like to congratulate Steff Smith who was awarded the Award of Merit, Cerian Barrell and Paddy Passfield who were awarded the Chief Scouts Commendation.

Finally, I would like to thank Malcolm for all his hard work over the many numbers of years volunteering here at 1st Broomfield and the support he has given me as Group Lead Volunteer for the last 18 months. I'm sure the Trustees and volunteers wish him well with his District Role and all the other things he continues to do locally. I'm hoping he'll still be around to help with the car park during the book sale etc.

**Linda O'Riordan - Group Lead Volunteer**

# Agenda

**1st BROOMFIELD SCOUT GROUP**
**ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING & AWARDS PRESENTATION**

Monday 12th May 2025
7.30 pm

AGENDA

- Introduction and welcome

- Apologies for absence

- Governance Topics
    a. To approve the minutes of the Annual General Meeting held via Zoom on 18th June 2024
    b. Adopt the model constitution from Policy, Organisation and Rules – agreed by the Trust Board at their meeting of 21st January 2025
    c. Note the Group's financial year
    d. Agree the number of members that may be appointed to the Trustee Board
    e. Agree the quorum for future meetings of the Group Scout Council (excluding this AGM)

- Review of the previous year
    a. The Group Lead Volunteer's review of Scouts during the past 12 months in the 1st Broomfield
    b. To receive and consider the Annual Report of the Group Trustee Board, including the annual Statement of the Accounts

- Making Appointments (NB: Members of the Trust Board were appointed for 3-years (until 2027)
  a. Appoint the Group Chair, following recommendations from the Group Trustee Board (3-years until 2028)
  b. Appoint the Independent Examiner

- Closing Remarks

# MINUTES OF THE AGM HELD 18th June 2024

**1.** Introduction & Welcome
Trust Board Chair Malcolm Taylor (MT) welcomed everyone to the meeting and apologised that it was via video-conferencing. This was as a consequence of a lack of participation at the intended AGM, Activity & Awards Afternoon.
He particularly welcomed District Chair Roger Cole (RC), who was attending on behalf of the DC Suzanne Ball, who was on holiday.
MT explained that as a consequence of governance changes the AGM would have a different format to previous years as the Trust Board (previously the Group Executive) was required to advise the AGM attendees of certain financial & governance requirements.
He went on to thank John Wallis (JW), Group Treasurer, for his careful compilation of the Annual Review & Accounts and his fellow Trustees; two of whom, Dawn Butcher & Linda MacInnes had retired at the AGM (Linda however would remain a member of the Book Sale Team).

**2.** Apologies for Absence
Apologies had been given by Linda O'Riordan (Group Lead Volunteer),
Suzanne Ball (DC), Steff & Jason Smith – all on holiday.

**3.** Approval of Minutes of 2023 AGM
MT indicated that for ease he would assume approval unless there was a show of hands in dissent. The Minutes for the 2023 AGM were **AGREED.**

**4.** Governance
The Trust Board is required to advise the Meeting of the adoption of various processes. In the past it had been sufficient to advise Scout HQ and the Charity Commission of such practices but we must now pass the information to you so that you can be assured that the Group is properly managed.

**a.** Adopt the model constitution from Policy, Organisation and Rules The model constitution as outlined in POR was updated once again in March this year. The updated version was **agreed** at the Trust Board's Meeting held on 16th April 2024.
**b.** Note the Group's financial year The Group's financial year continues to run from 1st Jan. to 31st Dec,
**c.** Agree the number of members elected to the Trust Board. The current number of members (including ex-officio and officers) is 10. The Board's proposal is that this number be retained. **AGREED**
**d.** Agree the quorum for the AGM and meetings of the Trust Board. The recommendation is that a quorum for the AGM, as last year, should be 11. **AGREED**
The recommendation is that the quorum for Trust Board Meetings should follow the advice of the Charity Commission - one third of Board members plus one (5) **AGREED**

**5.** Review of the previous year
**a.** The Group Lead Volunteer's review of Broomfield Scouts MT explained that regretfully Linda had been unable to connect to the AGM. He therefore recommended the reports detailed in the Annual Review, which gave a wide summation of activities.

**b.** To receive and consider the Statement of Accounts for the year ended 31st December 2023. JW gave an overview of the accounts which were **AGREED**. Concern was expressed that the additional skip was costing £2,500 pa, wastepaper credits were down yet subs had not increased for a number of years. JW explained that second skip was needed as whilst paper was down cardboard had increased and this took up more space, but weighed less. Without the second skip there would be substantial "wind blow" around the site; additionally, it had become difficult to recruit parents to "skip-jump" – thus there had been no other option. Subs had shown an increase as fewer parents had taken advantage of the yearly subscription with most parents opting for the termly solution. JW advised that from next year there would only be a termly offering. MT indicated that the Trust Board would discuss potential subscription increases at a future meeting.
Allied to this discussion was that the Group's income was (currently) reliant on two cash flow sources – wastepaper & the book sale (with allied activities). JW explained this was the reason why the reserves policy had been adopted to ensure that we held the minimum in reserve to cover the loss of either or both of these revenue streams.
Discussion on hire of HQ for outside functions took place as an alternative source of fundraising, JW has confirmed this is within the scope of our insurance policy, but the bathroom and kitchen facilities would need upgrading and a caretaker would be needed to manage the bookings.

**6.** Appointments
**a.** Appointment Group/Trust Board Chair MT advised that at this point it was the norm to hand over to the Group Lead Volunteer, however Linda had been unable to attend the call. As of this year applicants for various Trust Board appointments were required to submit their interest and following due process the successful candidates would be presented to AGM for approval. Following the process only one name had been submitted. It was therefore proposed that Malcolm Taylor be appointed Trust Board Chair. **AGREED**
**b.** Appointment of Group Treasurer Following a similar process to that above the only candidate was John Wallis. It was proposed he be appointed Group Treasurer. **AGREED**
**c.** Appointment of Members to the Group Trust Board Following similar processes to those outlined above the following individuals were appointed to the Trust Board:

- Sanjay Andersen (2027) Martin Chapman (2027)
- Hasad Khan (2027) Ruth Reed (2027)
- Megan Janse van Rensburg (2027) Jason Smith (2027)
- Rachel Wilshire (2027) All **AGREED**
- plus, Group Lead Volunteer, Chairman (2027) and Group Treasurer (2027)

**d.** To appoint the Independent Examiner JW advised that once again Alun Powell was proposed as the Group's Independent Examiner. **AGREED**
**7.** Closure
MT invited RC to say a few words on behalf of the District. RC congratulated the Board on managing to steer its way through the Transformation process and went on to outline that as a consequence of 'Transformation' the Board was now solely concerned with the finances and governance of the Group. It's Leadership, Section Management/Activities and fund-raising were no longer their responsibility – these rested with the Group's Support functions.
He went on as to how much the Group had achieved over the years and how it had always been one of the District's premier Groups.

# TRUST BOARD REPORT 2024

In last year's report I mentioned the introduction of the Scout Association's "Transformation Programme". The intention was to remove what seemed to be archaic and outdated concepts, and titles, and to introduce a simplified team-based structure. The intention – to clarify responsibilities. This process changed what had been a Group Executive Committee into a Trust Board with the responsibility for the financial wellbeing of the Group and its premises. We are also responsible for the safety of all those who participate in all the activities of the Group. In this regard I am pleased to report that no serious incidents or concerns were reported to the Trustees at our termly meetings.

John, our excellent Treasurer, continues to guide us in maintaining the best financial outcome for our investments and I have no doubt he will expand on this in his report. Whilst our aim is to continue to be self-supporting - our majority sources of income continue to be the bi-weekly collections of paper and cardboard, plus the annual Great Broomfield Book Sale (as usual managed and maintained by our hard-working Fundraising Team).

We too suffer from the same market forces as all households - utility increases (water, gas, electric, waste/rubbish disposal charges) as well as increases in subscription/capitation from Headquarters, County and District (who are also facing increased costs).

Once again John has undertaken an excellent job in negotiating new contracts, to reduce our exposure to risk/rate rises, where he is able.

The income from our major income sources not only enable us to subsidise the costs of our activities but also enabled us, at long last over the summer break to have a heavy reinforced concrete car park laid adjacent to the HQ. For many years we have relied on the reinforced concrete pad upon which to place the waste paper/card skip with the rest of us parking on the mix of soil and road chippings that made up the bulk of the area. The demand to have the skips replaced twice weekly took its toll on the car park and what had been planned for some time at last took place.

Linda, in her report, will advise of the activities undertaken by our young people but it is important to remember that all the leader team, as with our Trustees, are all volunteers and give their time freely.

Once again, last but by no means least, I would like to thank my fellow Trustees for their time and dedication over the past year as we have transformed from the Group Executive to a Trust Board. But sadly, as a consequence of commitments elsewhere, Sanjay Andersen & Rachel Wiltshire had to leave us during the year. I thank them both for the time they been able to freely give to Scouting in Broomfield. I am also pleased to welcome Amy Campbell who joins us as Secretary to the Trust Board.

**Malcolm Taylor**

**Group Chair/Trust Board Chair**

# Treasurers Report 2024

**Reserves Policy of 1st Broomfield Scout Group**

It is the policy of the Group to hold one year's expenditure in reserve to cover loss of our two large income streams namely the Book Sale and Waste Paper recycling (approximately £15,000 in total). These form an exceptionally large part of our fund raising. This reserve policy is reviewed regularly by the Group Executive (Trustees) who are satisfied that sufficient reserves remain to carry on the daily running of the Group.

Following the completion of the new activities/storage building alongside the HQ further reserves will be established to enable provision for a refurbished kitchen area and improved disabled access with improvements to WC facilities. Long term we will also need to build reserves for the rebuilding of the (pre-fab) concrete walls built in 1974 and will not last for ever.

## 1st Broomfield Scout Group Reg. Charity 1016433

## Receipts and Payments Account

**For the year ended 31st December 2024**

### Receipts and payments

| Notes | | | 2023 Unrestricted funds | 2024 Unrestricted funds |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| | **Receipts** | | £ | £ |
| | **Donations, Legacies and similar Income** | | | |
| 1 | Membership Subscriptions | | £8,185 | £7,700 |
| | Donations Received | | £40 | £170 |
| 2 | Gift Aid | | £2,618 | £2,143 |
| 3 | Income for Youth programme and activities | | £16,870 | £19,611 |
| 4 | Legacies | | £0 | £2,000 |
| | | Sub Total | 27,713 | 31,624 |
| | **Grants** | | | |
| 5 | Building Grant | | £0 | £1,500 |
| | | Sub Total | - | 1,500 |
| | **Fundraising events (Gross)** | | | |
| 6 | Book Sale | | £6,545 | £7,014 |
| 7 | Waste Paper income & Recycling Credits | | £3,776 | £13,421 |
| | General Fundraising | | £285 | £0 |
| | | Sub Total | 10,607 | 20,436 |
| | **Scout Hut Income** | | | |
| 8 | Hire of Building | | £250 | £500 |
| | | Sub Total | 250 | 500 |
| | **Investment income** | | | |
| 9 | Bank Interest | | £369 | £1,095 |
| | | Sub Total | 369 | 1,095 |
| | ***Total Gross Income*** | | 38,939 | 55,154 |
| | **Asset and investment sales, etc.** | | £0 | £0 |
| | ***Total receipts*** | | 38,939 | 55,154 |

# 1st Broomfield Scout Group Reg. Charity 1016433

## Receipts and Payments Account

**For the year ended 31st December 2024**

## Receipts and payments

| Notes | | 2023 Unrestricted funds | 2024 Unrestricted funds |
|---|---|---|---|
| | **Payments** | £ | £ |
| | **Charitable Payments** | | |
| 10 | Membership Fees paid to District | -£4,731 | -£5,808 |
| 11 | Youth programme and activities | -£20,806 | -£21,328 |
| 12 | Refunds Issued on Activities | £0 | -£2,651 |
| | Adult Support & Training | -£80 | £0 |
| | Wastepaper Skip Charges | -£2,290 | -£2,298 |
| | Waste Disposal | -£395 | -£401 |
| | Water & Sewerage | -£432 | -£442 |
| 13 | Electricity & Gas | -£1,032 | -£1,788 |
| 14 | Insurance | -£2,105 | -£992 |
| 15 | Repairs & Renewals | -£519 | -£1,259 |
| 16 | Materials & Equipment | -£522 | -£4,084 |
| | Printing & Photocopying | -£242 | -£54 |
| 17 | Uniforms | -£443 | -£536 |
| 18 | AGM & Trustee Expenses | -£353 | -£352 |
| 19 | OSM Bank Charges | -£1,032 | -£999 |
| 20 | Cleaning | -£1,763 | -£1,116 |
| 21 | Donations made | -£107 | -£108 |
| 22 | Badges | -£1,506 | -£1,638 |
| | **Sub Total** | - 38,358 | - 45,855 |
| | Fund Raising Expenses | -£167 | -£286 |
| | ***Total Gross Expenditure*** | - 38,525 | - 46,141 |
| | **Asset and investment purchases etc.** | | |
| | Major Building costs | -£1,660 | -£25,064 |
| | ***Total payments*** | - 40,185 | - 71,206 |
| | ***Net Receipts/(Payments)*** | -£1,246 | -£16,052 |
| | **Cash funds last year end** | £53,524 | £52,278 |
| | ***Cash funds this year end*** | 52,278 | 36,226 |

# 1st Broomfield Scout Group Reg. Charity 1016433
## Receipts and Payments Account

### Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the year

| Notes | | 2023 Unrestricted funds | 2024 Unrestricted funds |
|---|---|---|---|
| | **Cash funds** | £ | £ |
| | Bank current account | £2,429 | £482 |
| | Bank deposit accounts | £24,849 | £15,014 |
| | Bank Notice Account | £25,000 | £20,730 |
| | **Total cash funds** | 52,278 | 36,226 |
| | (agree balances with receipts and payments account) | ok | ok |
| | **Non-Monetary assets for charity's own use** | | |
| | Badge stock | £450 | £450 |
| | Uniform Stock | £495 | £495 |
| | Land and buildings | £389,000 | £389,000 |
| | Scouting equipment, furniture etc (depreciated at 5% p.a.) | £40,903 | £42,738 |
| | Other | | |
| | **Sub total** | 430,848 | 432,683 |
| | **Liabilities** | | |
| | Expenses incurred but not invoiced | £0 | £0 |
| | **Sub total** | £0 | £0 |
| | **Total Group Assets** | 483,126 | 468,909 |

The financial wellbeing of the Group continues to be strong. The accounts are prepared on a receipts and payments basis

The Group continues to grow and flourish with record numbers of young people.

I remain eternally grateful to everyone that helps with the successful annual book sale and to Essex Reclamation Ltd for their strong support of the group with subsidised waste paper collection.

Whilst 2024 shows a deficit position of £16,143, after allowing for a net spend of £23,500 on a new (reinforced) concrete base for the car park, there would have been s an adjusted of £7,357.

I am also extremely grateful for the many hours willingly given for free by our fantastic volunteer team, it can re relentless at times, but also and always extremely rewarding.

Notes to the accounts

1) **Subs –** This is lower in 2024, despite higher numbers due to a significant reduction in parents paying annually at Easter, this effect will be replicated in 2025 as we cease the annual payments option. Subs payments continued to be waived for Uniformed Leaders' children. No payment has been waived for any trustee,
2) **Gift Aid** – The 2023 claim included £1,348 from prior years. The 2024 claim includes £547 from previous years, following a major push to ask parents to complete the Declaration

3) **Income for activities and events** – Parents' contributions to camping and other activities. This shows a further increase as expected in line with increased activity,
4) **Legacies** – A single £2000 legacy received from Tony Clarke – a former Scout Leader and respected member of the Group
5) **Building Grants –** WE are grateful for £1000 from Broomfield Parish Council and £500 from Essex County Scout Council towards the cost of the car park concreting.
6) **Book Sale** – Another fantastic result and another record amount – includes £1850 from sale of higher value books online – Thanks to Roger & Sue Cole and Steff Smith for their sterling efforts throughout the year and not least to all our Book Sale helpers.
7) **Waste Paper Income** - Our income from the waste paper skip (value of paper and Recycling Credits) was lower in 2023 due to (1) a delay in receipt of £3,412 from Chelmsford City Council and (2) £500 drop in amount of paper, Conversely the 2024 monies were higher than normal due to CCC processing Recycling Credit claims within 1-2 months (previously average was 6-7 months). Thank you again to Essex Reclamation Ltd for their continued support, without which we would not be able to continue this facility. Normal annual income is circa £8,000 before skip costs (shown under expenses).
8) **Hire of Building** – This is the annual (subsidised) rent paid by Broomfield Brownies and Kraken Explorers
9) **Bank Interest** – increased following new bank accounts to obtain higher rates, some on a 95-day notice)
10) **Membership Fees** - were paid as normal to district at £44 per child (£41.50 in 2023).
11) **Youth programme and activities** – This is the amount we pay for all camping and hut-based activities before income received from parents.
12) **Refunds Issued on Activities** – during 2024 there was an unusually high number of members who cancelled places at camps – in the main their places were taken by other members so the group did not lose out (which also accounts for higher income – see note 3).
13) **Utility costs** - both showed large rises, due to 3-year fixed contract ending in July 2023, (the most expensive months are Jan – March, so 2024 was the first full year of these costs. A new Hive thermostat has been fitted to reduced heat wastage by allowing remote access
14) **Insurance** – Following a large cost increase, we renegotiated terms to achieve an excellent reduction, without loss of cover.
15) **Repairs & Renewals** – The increase reflects replacement (auto shut off) taps (to reduce wasted water) £250 and £346 for combined gas safety checks and the new Hive thermostat system. We also paid £201 for a 2-year website hosting agreement for the group.
16) **Materials and Equipment** – This includes – 2 x Gas fridges £716, replacement projector £280, 16 new tents £2471, £240 for new compasses.
17) **Uniforms** - **basic** uniform is provided free to leaders, with replacements when required.
18) **AGM & Trustee Expenses** – Include awards presented at the AGM and small gifts to leaders at Christmas.
19) **Bank Charges** - These relates to around 3% of income collected by Direct Debit which is split between database management (Online Scout Manager) and a merchant charge (Go Cardless). Also includes Barclaycard merchant charges for card payments (e.g. at Book Sale). There is also a n annual cost of the database system which is crucial in managing data correctly
20) **Cleaning** – Lower by around £250 due to non-receipt of invoice for final half term period.
21) **Donations** mainly represent joint fundraising for RABI as part of Open Farm Sunday (Archery)
22) **Badges** – all badges are supplied to the young people for joining in or achievement – free of charge.

**John Wallis**
Group Treasurer

# SECTION REPORTS

## Monday Scout Troop

What a year it's been for 1st Broomfield Scouts! From global adventures to local triumphs, our Scouts have truly embraced every challenge and opportunity thrown their way.

We kicked off with a bang at the **Essex International Jamboree 2024.** This incredible camp brought together Scouts from all over the world for a week of fun, friendship, and non-stop adventure. Our young people got stuck into a huge variety of activities, everything from paddleboarding, climbing, and caving to creative workshops, team challenges, and cultural exchanges. It was an unforgettable experience, and the atmosphere was nothing short of electric. We left feeling inspired, united, and proud to be part of something so big.

Not long after, the spooky spirit took over at **Scarefest** at Gilwell Park. This Halloween-themed weekend was packed with thrilling activities and plenty of eerie excitement. From high ropes to horror trails, and our Scouts even had the chance to talk live on Scout Radio, showing off their confidence and presenting skills to a wider audience.

December brought our **Christmas Hut Sleepover**, packed with festive fun. Scouts took part in a photo scavenger hunt from Hyland's Park to the Hut, decorated our troop Christmas tree, played games, and enjoyed a cheerful evening together. with just the right amount of hot chocolate!

March saw our Scouts rise to the challenge of **County Backpack 2025**, and they didn't just participate—they triumphed! We're proud to say our team placed 1st in the Novice category, a huge achievement and testament to their teamwork, determination, and navigation skills. A massive well done to all Scouts involved—you did 1st Broomfield proud!
Also in March, let's not forget our success at the **Swimming Gala 2025,** where our incredible teams brought home not one but two trophies: Overall Scout Winners and Over Unit Winners! Their determination and team spirit shone through, and we couldn't be prouder of their efforts both in and out of the pool.

In April, we ran our **Survival Camp**, where Scouts embraced the wild and learned vital outdoor skills. From building shelters and chopping wood to mastering axe techniques, fire cooking,

whittling, tracking, signaling, and even launching catapults, our Scouts truly got to grips with survival skills in the great outdoors.

All in all, it's been a year to remember! packed with fun, growth, and unforgettable moments. A huge thank you to all the leaders, volunteers, parents, and most importantly, our amazing Scouts. We can't wait to see what next year has in store!
**Scout Leaders, Adam, Kirstie, Paddy, Shirin.**

## Jötnar Scout Troop (Tuesdays)

Possibly the shortest section report ever… we have been running for 3 weeks. I am immensely grateful to Charlotte for doing all the admin to set us up. We have had an amazing start to the term with this new group and everyone has fitted in fantastically well. **John & Charlotte**

## Wednesday Beavers

The last year has seen Wednesday beavers running with below average numbers due to the bottleneck at scout intake. However, numbers are now heading back up and we have 17 beavers currently enjoying activities with us.

We took advantage of the lovely September weather starting with parachute activities, fencing and making use of our indoor bouldering wall.

We had a great visit from the local community police officer and the children thoroughly enjoyed dressing up in the uniform and exploring the patrol car.
Our autumn investitures were held outdoors in Great Baddow as we undertook the tree trail identifying lots of different species that grow there.

After half term we celebrated the humble apple, making apple pie tarts – yum! We had a fantastic evening at the cinema watching Paddington in Peru; 5 star reviews all round. We were warmly welcomed to St Andrew's Church and we managed to earn our faith badges during our visit.
Then it was Christmas! Crafts, lights, party! Lots of Christmassy fun.

The Spring term started with us learning about being a scout. This was followed by a Burns Night special, including neeps and tatties and the star of the show the haggis. Most tried it, not all enjoyed it!!!!

We managed to enjoy some time around the campfire toasting marshmallows and singing some campfire songs. We earned our builder badge by designing and building miniature gardens. We spent a couple of weeks crafting, working hard to make competition entries for the district craft competition.

We had some successes and came second in the colony challenge. We also have earned our Earth Tribe Award; this is a new badge that encourages us to think about how we can make a difference in our community. We spent time thinking about the rubbish that we see and the problems it causes to wildlife. We then went and spent a session litter picking at Angel Park, collecting several bags of waste.

We have joined with Thursday Beavers to enjoy two camps. The first was at Thriftwood where we enjoyed many of the activities that the scout centre has to offer including cresta run and water zorbing. We also had a sleepover at the museum in Braintree learning about the local naturalist John Ray.

We have had some team member changes this term. John has stepped down after MANY years to open and run our new scout group with me. I too had planned to step down and concentrate solely on scouts, but a lack of recruitment has meant that I am staying at Beavers until a replacement comes forward. So, for a while

I will be doubling up!  I would like to thank John for all that he has done for Beavers over the years, he will be missed, especially the silly handshakes!

We also said a sad farewell to Amy.  She has decided to step away from front line volunteering and will now be helping behind the scenes.  She will be missed at Beavers, and I would like to thank her for her help over her time with us.

Thankfully we have two new volunteers who have come forward.  Millie and Fiona joined us last term and are now fully fledged team members!  I would like to thank them for stepping up and helping Wednesday beavers to continue running.

I would also like to thank Isla, our young leader.  She is a great example to the beavers and is always happy and cheerful, lending help wherever it is needed.

**Charlotte Moore**
**Wednesday Beaver Team Leader**

## Kantankye Cub Pack Report 2024-25

As I write this report we are once more in the midst of preparation for camp – in fact two camps – our Spring Camp at Thriftwood and then only weeks later, Mega Camp in June. Camps and other nights away events are a big part of the Cub experience, these really develop independence and self-reliance, provide the opportunity to learn new skills, and of course, are a lot of fun!

We held a Viking themed camp in May last year, Cubs made Viking axes, helmets, shields and longships. Some of them even made their own beards! They took part in tomahawk throwing, wide games and exploration of the site, fire lighting and campfire games and songs.
We had such a busy summer! Cubs created fantastic machines from junk, we held a mystery evening on International Sherlock Holmes Day, Cubs achieved their First Aid level 2, learned some map skills and enjoyed doing archery. We visited Skreens Park Scout Activity Centre for climbing, paddleboarding and campfires. Cubs also litter picked around the site.
At the end of June, we were back to Thriftwood for a weekend of activities. Cubs enjoyed a session on the demolition inflatables, conquered the assault course, and splashed around on the peddlarz (little paddle boats). The big site campfire in the evening was great! Cubs found their way through the cave bus and finished up with the cresta run, Leaders too!
Autumn saw us back at Riffhams for an Ancient Greece themed camp in the woods. Some Greek food, some mythical based activities - with a twist of course... the leaders have certainly learned a lot about the Labours of Hercules! It was an awesome camp, it's so great to see how the Cubs throw themselves into all the activities, really increasing their independence, skills and confidence, and showing really good teamwork.

Even though the nights were drawing in, Cubs still got out and about. We did our regular delivery of the Broomfield Times (if you live in Longshots, you may have heard us!), Cubs brightened up an area behind the Railway Station by planting up some big pots, and we had an evening playing outside games in the dark.
Back at the Scout HQ Cubs worked on getting the last few activities completed to earn the Essex Challenge badge, including creating some great recruitment posters, learning about Diwali, inventing some interesting new team games, growing cress and eating doughnuts without licking their lips! Cubs also competed in their Sixes in a "minute to win it" evening.
In November Cubs participated in Parliament Week with quizzes, games and a debate and vote on the theme for our camp in January. "Lord of the Rings" was the winning suggestion, this might have been helped by the Leaders voting too! The following week Cubs learned some useful skills; polishing their shoes, ironing neckers (scarves), cleaning windows and practising some useful knots. We returned to Chelmsford Railway Station for a very interesting Rail Safety talk, thanks to Jayne the Rail Engagement Manager for organising this and Darren for a great talk. Cubs then walked into the town centre to see all the Christmas lights and do a "run around" quiz.
Our last week of term we again did our Broomfield Times delivery, we zoomed round very quickly then back to the HQ for a campfire outside and of course, some marshmallow toasting and campfire songs.

We finished the term with a Christmas Sleepover at the Scout HQ, Cubs went out on a night hike, following a map, all made it back to the HQ for pizza and a film. The hike must have worn them out, all slept very well! An interesting start to the Spring Term. Cubs made an egg fly and hunted the wild haggis! The Sixers also organised a games evening, including challenges on the bouldering wall.

Lord of the Rings camp was very successful – great suggestion Noah! Cubs took part in various activities and challenges and earned points to help them in their journey from the Shire to Mordor… Lots of team work and strategy involved. They went through the caving simulator (Mines of Moria), did some air rifle shooting (Gandalf's fireworks), had a go at archery, and finally, the indoor climbing (Mount Doom). Fire lighting was very challenging, sadly only one of the beacons of Gondor was lit… but at least the rings (one per team) were finally cast into the flames of Mount Doom. Certain members of the leader team were VERY keen on this theme and the Cubs really enjoyed the weekend, what a great camp.

At our evening meetings, Cubs did some more map work, they showed a surprising amount of enthusiasm for six figure grid references! They clearly enjoyed representing contours with jam sandwiches, and then eating them…
Cubs completed their digital maker badge, producing some excellent stop frame animations.
Lots of our Cubs and parents helped out at the book sale, helping to make it such a successful event, thanks to all who gave their time!

We had a fun swimming evening, thanks to Andy at Asgard for organising this for us. This set us up nicely for the District Swimming Gala, once again we brought home the Cub trophy! Well done to all who competed!
We worked towards the Chef's badge, learning all about food hygiene and then making some tasty food on a couple of evenings. The Easter hike was a lot of fun, in preparation Cubs had to find locations (yes, those six figure grid references again) plot them on a map and then plan a route. They then set out and were rewarded with Easter goodies at each stop.

We've begun the Summer Term with a great team building evening, plans for the rest of the term include high ropes and paddleboarding at Skreens, gaining the athletics, environmental conservation and air activities badges and some pioneering.
We've packed so much in over the last year. We've held four weekend camps and a sleepover, Cubs have had the opportunity to take part in exciting activities such as climbing, archery, air rifles, tomahawk throwing, bouldering, and paddleboarding. We've practised skills such as fire lighting, pioneering, map reading, first aid and tent pitching. A huge total of 229 badges awarded!
We were very pleased to welcome two new leaders to the team in September, Jayne who moved up from Beavers and Seetha who is completely new to Scouting, we hope they are enjoying their time with Cubs. Our thanks go to everyone who have helped us over the year, a special mention to Jerome who has transported our equipment to every camp, much appreciated.

**Steff, Andrea, Cerian, Megan, Matthew, Jayne & Seetha,**
**The Kantankye Cub Leader Team**

## Riverside Beaver Colony (Thursday Beavers)

Since our last AGM we have been very busy as a colony. We have awarded 5 Chief Scout Bronze Awards which are the highest award a Beaver can achieve. We have awarded a grand total of 263 badges to the Beavers, these range from the County 'Essex 2024' badges to the newer 'You Shaped' badges and our usual Challenge, Staged and Activity badges.
We have hosted a few Guests over the last year, from Rick and his training Guide Dog Pup 'Valiant' who came to talk to us about how the puppies get trained and what happens to the dogs once they leave his care, to Diane a retired Science teacher who came in to help the Beavers perform several different experiments (they particularly enjoyed the vinegar Volcanoes!)

We have also been out and about exploring our local area with last terms litter pick around Andrews Park, Cricket with Simon down at the Broomfield Cricket Club and we also visited St Andrews Church and had some of their ministers help the Beavers explore the different areas of the Church and even try on some of the robes that they use throughout the year (this also meant that most of the Beavers were able to achieve their Faith badges)
We went to Gilwell Park, the home of Scouting for Funday with Wednesday Beavers and Dinizulu Cubs – it was as blast! So much to do…
We entered the District 'Beavers Get Busy' competition, we gained 3rd place for our Colony challenge and several of our Beavers walked away with 1st, 2nd or 3rd places in some of the categories.
We also entered a team into the District Swimming Gala and our super swimmers came 1st overall and collected the Beaver Swimming Trophy.
We had a few joint sleepovers with the Wednesday Colony, one at Thriftwood last October which involved many fun activities and one over at the Braintree Museum where the Beavers got to do some archaeology (this gained them at least two different badges!)
We also had an afternoon River dipping to see what can be found in a small stretch of the River Roding, this always amazes the Beavers with what they can find!

As a pre-Christmas treat, we met over at Cineworld in Braintree to go and watch the third Paddington film, the Beavers absolutely loved this and we had several parents and siblings stay to watch the film too so as not to miss out on the fun!

If you would like to join in the fun we have at Beavers – get in touch, it's very rewarding.
**Riverside Beaver Colony**
**Otter, Heron & Kingfisher**

## Dinizulu Cub Pack Report (Thursdays)

This year we have awarded one Chief Scout Silver award, with several more outgoing Cubs extremely close to completing their awards when they get up to Scouts. We have awarded an amazing number of badges, a total of 385, ranging from the You Shaped badges, the County 'Essex 2024' challenge badge and we focused on the normal Challenge, Staged and Activity Badges.

We have had several Nights Away with a fun summer camp over at Skreens Park where we tried our hands to many activities, we joined the district organised sleepover at Ninja Warrior which many of our Cubs enjoyed and our Spring 'Around the UK in 42 Hours' down in Benfleet which saw the Cubs take on many different national activities and foods, including our own unique take on the Highland Games with 'Haggis racing' that proved most entertaining! The Cubs even got to go swimming so we could see who would make our team for the District Swimming Gala.

We have worked hard on our map reading skills, our knots and on Road Safety over the year. Like the Thursday Beavers we also visited St Andrews Church and got to explore the Christian faith. We welcomed Diane for a fun night of science experiments, how hot air raises and how our pulse/heart rate changes following exercise. We also had a visit from Rick and Valiant and tried to think how much more complicated our lives would be if we had a physical disability to deal with. We too went to see the third Paddington film over at Braintree and had an evening of Cricket with Simon.

We helped to create a wonderful window display of Poppies for the front doors to HQ in honour of Remembrance Day, took part in the Great British Bird Count week for the RSPB. We took time out to work on some calming activities and exercises to enable us to be mindful and aware of how some actions can affect our mental health and wellbeing alongside 'Children's Mental Health Week,' this has led to the discovery of a new "favourite" game for many of the Cubs aptly named the 'Quiet Game' it has also proved very popular with us adults!

The Cubs have done lots of cooking over the year, from pancakes for 'Pancake Day', to stir fry for Chinese New Year and bread on 'Homemade Bread Day'. As well as lots of cooking at camp.
Well done, Cubs, we hope you've all had loads of fun?
With lots of extra parent support from Rosie, Julie, Megan, Siobhan, Martin & Hasad – Thank you!

**Dinizulu Leader Team -Bagheera, Mowgli, Ikki, and Young Leaders - Libby, Ewan & Finn.**

# 1st Broomfield Scout Group Reg. Charity 1016433

## Receipts and Payments Account

**For the year ended 31st December 2024**

## and payments

| Notes | | | 2023 Unrestricted funds | 2024 Unrestricted funds |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| | **Receipts** | | £ | £ |
| | **Donations, Legacies and similar Income** | | | |
| 1 | Membership Subscriptions | | £8,185 | £7,700 |
| | Donations Received | | £40 | £170 |
| 2 | Gift Aid | | £2,618 | £2,143 |
| 3 | Income for Youth programme and activities | | £16,870 | £19,611 |
| 4 | Legacies | | £0 | £2,000 |
| | | **Sub Total** | 27,713 | 31,624 |
| | **Grants** | | | |
| 5 | Building Grant | | £0 | £1,500 |
| | | **Sub Total** | - | 1,500 |
| | **Fundraising events (Gross)** | | | |
| 6 | Book Sale | | £6,545 | £7,014 |
| 7 | Waste Paper income & Recycling Credits | | £3,776 | £13,421 |
| | General Fundraising | | £285 | £0 |
| | | **Sub Total** | 10,607 | 20,436 |
| | **Scout Hut Income** | | | |
| 8 | Hire of Building | | £250 | £500 |
| | | **Sub Total** | 250 | 500 |
| | **Investment income** | | | |
| 9 | Bank Interest | | £369 | £1,095 |
| | | **Sub Total** | 369 | 1,095 |
| | | ***Total Gross Income*** | 38,939 | 55,154 |
| | | **Asset and investment sales, etc.** | £0 | £0 |
| | | ***Total receipts*** | 38,939 | 55,154 |

# 1st Broomfield Scout Group Reg. Charity 1016433

# Receipts and Payments Account

**For the year ended 31st December 2024**

## Receipts and payments

| Notes | | 2023 Unrestricted funds | 2024 Unrestricted funds |
|---|---|---|---|
| | **Payments** | £ | £ |
| | **Charitable Payments** | | |
| 10 | Membership Fees paid to District | -£4,731 | -£5,808 |
| 11 | Youth programme and activities | -£20,806 | -£21,328 |
| 12 | Refunds Issued on Activities | £0 | -£2,651 |
| | Adult Support & Training | -£80 | £0 |
| | Wastepaper Skip Charges | -£2,290 | -£2,298 |
| | Waste Disposal | -£395 | -£401 |
| | Water & Sewerage | -£432 | -£442 |
| 13 | Electricity & Gas | -£1,032 | -£1,788 |
| 14 | Insurance | -£2,105 | -£992 |
| 15 | Repairs & Renewals | -£519 | -£1,259 |
| 16 | Materials & Equipment | -£522 | -£4,084 |
| | Printing & Photocopying | -£242 | -£54 |
| 17 | Uniforms | -£443 | -£536 |
| 18 | AGM & Trustee Expenses | -£353 | -£352 |
| 19 | OSM Bank Charges | -£1,032 | -£999 |
| 20 | Cleaning | -£1,763 | -£1,116 |
| 21 | Donations made | -£107 | -£108 |
| 22 | Badges | -£1,506 | -£1,638 |
| | **Sub Total** | - 38,358 | - 45,855 |
| | Fund Raising Expenses | | |
| | Fund Raising Expenses | -£167 | -£286 |
| | ***Total Gross Expenditure*** | - 38,525 | - 46,141 |
| | **Asset and investment purchases etc.** | | |
| | Major Building costs | -£1,660 | -£25,064 |
| | ***Total payments*** | - 40,185 | - 71,206 |
| | ***Net Receipts/(Payments)*** | -£1,246 | -£16,052 |
| | **Cash funds last year end** | £53,524 | £52,278 |
| | ***Cash funds this year end*** | 52,278 | 36,226 |

# 1st Broomfield Scout Group Reg. Charity 1016433
# Receipts and Payments Account

## Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the year

| Notes | | 2023 Unrestricted funds | 2024 Unrestricted funds |
|---|---|---|---|
| | **Cash funds** | £ | £ |
| | Bank current account | £2,429 | £482 |
| | Bank deposit accounts | £24,849 | £15,014 |
| | Bank Notice Account | £25,000 | £20,730 |
| | **Total cash funds** | 52,278 | 36,226 |
| | (agree balances with receipts and payments account) | ok | ok |
| | **Non-Monetary assets for charity's own use** | | |
| | Badge stock | £450 | £450 |
| | Uniform Stock | £495 | £495 |
| | Land and buildings | £389,000 | £389,000 |
| | Scouting equipment, furniture etc (depreciated at 5% p.a.) | £40,903 | £42,738 |
| | Other | | |
| | **Sub total** | 430,848 | 432,683 |
| | **Liabilities** | | |
| 15 | Expenses incurred but not invoiced | £0 | £0 |
| | **Sub total** | £0 | £0 |
| | **Total Group Assets** | 483,126 | 468,909 |

**The above receipts and payments account and statement of assets and liabilities were approved by the Trustees on**

16 JULY ..... **2025**

**(the date of the Executive Committee meeting that approved the accounts) and signed on their behalf by**

| | Signature | Name |
|---|---|---|
| Chair | Hasad Khan | |
| Treasurer | | JOHN WALLIS |

**Independent examiner's report to the trustees of 1st Broomfield Scout Group**

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the **1st Broomfield Scout Group** for the year ended 31st December 2024.

**Responsibilities and basis of report**

As the charity trustees of the [Insert Scout Group/District name] 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 [Insert Scout Group/District name] 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 [Insert Scout Group/District name] 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: Alun Powell

Name: Alun Powell

Relevant professional qualification or membership of professional bodies (if any): Economist

Address: 14 Butlers Close, Broomfield, Chelmsford CM1 1BE

Date: 5th March 2025

**1ST BROOMFIELD SCOUT GROUP**

England & Wales - Charity number 1016433

# Accounts

# The 1st Broomfield Scout Group annual report and accounts for the financial year ended 31st December 2023

Scouts
1st Broomfield

AGM
18th June 2024 8pm
By Zoom

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**1st Broomfield Scout Group** **Registered Charity no. 1016433**

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**Whether you can spare an hour a month or a day a year, we have hundreds of opportunities both behind the scenes and directly supporting young people. With full support and award-winning training, you can volunteer on a flexible basis. Not only is it incredibly rewarding and great fun, you'll learn some brilliant skills transferable to the workplace too.**

**We welcome volunteers from every community and background. You don't need to have been a Scout. You just need to believe in a more positive future and the difference we can make together.**

# 1st Broomfield Scout Group Contacts

| | |
|---|---|
| Chair | Malcolm Taylor |
| Group Scout Leader | Linda O'Riordan |
| Group Treasurer | John Wallis |
| Scout Leader | Shane Donnelly |
| Weds. Cub Leader | Steff Smith |
| Weds. Beaver Leader | Charlotte Moore |
| Thurs. Beaver Leader | Sarah Mott |
| Thurs. Cub Leader | Ruth Reed |
| Kraken Explorer Scouts | Ruth Reed |
| Waiting List | Steff Smith |

# Welcome to our 2024 AGM & Review

This is my first report as GLV, taking over the mantle from Malcolm.

Firstly, I would like to thank everyone within the group from Leaders, Assistants and Executive Board for making me feel welcome.

My son was a Beaver, Cub and Scout at 1st Broomfield nearly 20 years ago and my daughter Megan is an assistant with Kantankye Cubs, other than this my exposure to Scouting has been very limited and the role of GLV has been huge learning curve for me. Now I am retired I have the chance to do something for the community and the young people in it hence why I agreed to take on the role.

My role within 1st Broomfield is to ensure the Leaders and Assistants are looked after and supported. That a quality programme is given to the young people attending. Ensuring the sustainability of the group and to create a positive and enriching experience of the young people.

The Leaders have provided me with quarterly reports which I put together and submit to the Broomfield Times. There have been some great articles that the sections have submitted and I'm sure you'll recognise some of the photos of the young people that are there to demonstrate what the sections have been up to.

I've under taken a number of reviews and I must thank everyone I have done for being patient whilst I get my head around the process. What shines through is how much all the volunteers love what they are doing.

The Book Sale in February was another great success and I must thank Roger and Sue Cole whose time and effort are mind blowing – apparently its 45 years since the very first book sale. Also, Steff Smith, Linda McInnis and John Wallis need a mention and thank you. It was fascinating to see the set up and progress over the week at the scout hut, from a chaotic jumble at the beginning to a truly amazing and well organised sale – if anyone can set up a time lapse camera for us it would be fascinating for all to see next year. I'm sorry I can't mention everyone who helped set up and provide delicious cakes, but this and the skip collection have made it possible to not put the fees up again this year, the last major change to the fees was back in 2015. So next year please put the February half term in your diaries and come and give a hand setting up as this is when the bulk of the help is needed (even if it's just for a few hours) or helping the Saturday and Sunday with the sale itself or making cakes – as they say many hands make light work.

At present we have 130 young people, 19 adult volunteers and 2 young leaders, with a healthy waiting list. At present we have 2 beaver and 2 Cub colonies and only 1 Scout colony for these young people to feed into, so we are on the search for more volunteers to help out. If you think this is something you may like to have a good at, please do not hesitate to contact me to arrange a taster session.

Finally – I would like to thank all the volunteers who over the last year have helped the group continue to thrive and for making 1st Broomfield Scouts such an enjoyable experience for the young people it service.

**Linda O'Riordan**
Group Lead Volunteer

# AGM Minutes

## MINUTES OF THE AGM HELD 15th June 2023

Group Chairman, Malcolm Taylor, welcomed everyone to the meeting and announced that there would first be some entertainment. The Thursday Beavers & Dinizulu (Thursday) Cubs then put on an excellent sign language performance of "Lost in the Woods" from 'Frozen'.

Following the entertainment the Cubs & Beavers left and Malcolm thanked everyone for coming and once again welcomed everyone and our Guests – Co-District Commissioner Suzanne Ball & District Chairman Roger Cole & his wife. He advised that this was our first face-to-face-AGM for four years and that forthcoming changes within Scouting, that would not affect the young people, within the governance & financial management of the Group would be reflected in the agenda for the meeting.

The most obvious change would be that the Group Executive Committee becomes the Group Trustee Board. This was primarily a titular change as the members of the current Committee were already recognised as Trustees by the Charity Commission. Malcolm thanked John Wallis, Group Treasurer, for the compilation & preparation of the Annual Report & Accounts. The meeting was declared quorate.

Apologies for absence had been given by Jason & Steff Smith, Shane Donnelly, Paddy Passfield, Hasad Khan, Will David & Rachel Wiltshire.

Minutes of the AGM held on 21st June 2022 were APPROVED.

Governance
Malcolm advised that it was required that the Group's Constitution be accepted by the Meeting. The existing Constitution had been amended to reflect changes the Chapter 5 of Policy Organisation & Rules. This had been adopted at the Group Executive Meeting of 25th April 2023. He proposed that this be accepted. Seconded Martin Chapman – APPROVED

To note the Group's financial year is from 1st January to 31st December.
The meeting was required to agree the number of members that may be elected to the Trustee Board. There are currently eight elected members to the Trustee Board.
Malcolm proposed that this number be retained, seconded Martin Chapman – APPROVED

To agree the quorum for meeting of the Group Scout Council (AGM). The recommendation from the last Executive Meeting is that the quorum be set at eleven. Proposed Malcolm Taylor, seconded Martin Chapman – APPROVED
To agree the quorum for trustee Board Meetings. The Charity Commission statement of good practice is that the Trustee Board quorum should be set at one third of trustee Board members plus one (six). This was the recommendation from the last Executive Meeting. Proposed Malcolm Taylor, seconded Rev. Dawn Butcher –
APPROVED
The Annual Report & Accounts had been presented prior to the Meeting. John Wallis, Group Treasurer, gave a brief explanation of the accounts statement and the financial position of the Group.
Appointments

Regretfully a number of individuals had had to stand down during the year due to increased work commitments. Simon Webb (GSL) & Graham Jarvis (Trustee). Malcolm thanked them for their service & assistance. Kirstie Zanco would also be stepping down as a Trustee having taken up an appointment as Assistant Scout Leader.

Suzanne Ball (DC), nominated Malcolm as Group Chairman. APPROVED
Group Secretary, Rachel Wiltshire had been proposed & seconded. APPROVED
Group Treasurer, John Wallis had expressed his willingness to continue to serve. APPROVED
Elected Members to the Group Trustee Board, the following had been proposed –

- Sanjay Anderson
- Martin Chapman
- Will David
- Magan Janse van Rensburg
- Hasad Khan
- Jason Smith
- Rachel Wilshire - All APPROVED

As we did not have a GSL there were no nominations for the Trustee Board.
The following were co-opted to the Trustee Board –

- Rev. Dawn Burcher & Linda MacInnes
- John Wallis asked that the meeting reappoint Alun Powell as the Group's Independent Examiner – APPROVED

Malcolm invited Co-DC Suzanne Ball to say a few words. Suzanne said that as ever it was always good to visit Broomfield. She complimented the young people on their performance and reminded the meeting that Scouting was always in need of volunteers, no matter how little time people had to spare. Malcolm thanked the guests and everyone for their attendance and advised that there would now be awards given to those in attendance.

AWARDS
Wednesday Beaver Colony: Gabriel Nunes-Morais, Matthew Heneo-Barrett, Darla Jackson & Alice Newman
Thursday Beaver Colony: Henry Mitchel, Alex Janse Van Rensburg, Beau Thomas
Dinizulu (Thursday) Cub Pack: Kodi Sayer, Joe Dobinson, Christopher Luetchford

Malcolm explained that the Group had two special awards – The Fred Buck Award for Scouting Spirit and The Derek Cox Award for Thoughtfulness. Both had been donated by the families of these individuals who had been long serving members of the Group. The decision as to whom should receive these awards was made by the leaders.

The recipient of the Fred Buck Award (Ralph Acharya – Kantankye Pack) was not present.

The Derek Cox Award was usually given to an individual who had shown 'thoughtfulness' in their dealings with others. This year there was to be a change to the usual award. Malcolm recounted an incident during the recent Plainsman Hike, in terrible weather conditions when the four young ladies of the Broomfield Scout Team
came across an injured individual. They comforted him, gave first aid, called the ambulance and stayed with the person until assistance came. It was unanimously agreed that it should be given to Isla Packard, Lara Passfield, Layla Arslam & Poppy Moore. The Award was presented to Poppy.

# GROUP EXECUTIVE/TRUST BOARD REPORT 2023

The past year has seen the start of much change; as the Scout Association embark upon its "TRANSFORMATION" programme. This will not affect the way Scouting id provided to our young people but titles and local organisational changes will become apparent.

It has also been a year of change as we welcomed Linda O'Riordan as our Group Scout Leader (or Group Lead Volunteer, in the new parlance) – and I look forward to continuing to work with her in the year to come. One of the main changes within the Transformation process is the change of the Group Executive Committee to a Group Trust Board. The members of the Group Executive Committee have always been Trustees of the Group property, not only in name but as identified by the Charity Commission; the change of title now emphasises that first and foremost.

The Group's main fundraising activities have continued through our waste paper & cardboard collections. We now have two skip changes per week to accommodate the volume of recycled material we receive but also to try and reduce the amount of "windblow" from an overfull skip. Our principal fund-raiser "The Great Broomfield Book Sale" continues apace thanks to the efforts of our dedicated Book Sale Team of Roger, Sue, Steff, John, Linda M and their team of helpers on the weekend.

Without the funds raised from these events we would be unable to offer the many activities that the Group provides and maintain our annual subscription at the same level as five years ago.
Such is the wear and tear on our car park, from the movement of heavy skips, that we have decided to have the entire car park resurfaced to provide a firm surface for vehicle movement. This work will be undertaken during the summer break of 2024.

Over the years we have suffered from incidents of vandalism around the HQ. As a consequence during the past year, we have installed CCTV cameras to provide additional security to the building perimeter and car park. All recordings are kept in accordance with Information Commissioner's recommendations. Recordings are erased after one month – if not required for criminal proceedings.

I would personally like to thank all my colleagues on the Trust Board for their help, assistance and support over the past year and to thanks Rev. Dawn Butcher for her time of the Board and wish her well as she leaves Broomfield to her new Parish in Warley. I would also like to thank Linda MacInnes for her many years of service and support on the Group Executive/Trust Board. Linda will, however, be remaining a member of the Book Sale Team.

**Malcolm Taylor**
Group Chairman/Trust Board Chair

# Treasurers Report 2023

The financial wellbeing of the Group continues to be strong. The accounts are prepared on a receipts and payments basis, which excludes £3,412 received shortly after year-end from Chelmsford City Council.

It is very comforting to see the Group grow and flourish with record numbers of young people – as evidenced by subs payments – which has been held at pre-Covid levels for some years now.

I remain eternally grateful to everyone that helps with the successful annual book sale and to Essex Reclamation Ltd for their strong support of the group with subsidised waste paper collection.

Despite higher utility prices now seen, I remain confident that we have a strong diversified income and this will enable the Group to continue to subside many activities for a growing number of young people (as long as we have leaders to help) and to invest in our equipment and headquarters (e.g., refitted Kitchen and toilet facilities)

As a part time Leader, I am also extremely grateful for the many hours willingly given for free by our fantastic volunteer team, it can re relentless at times, but also and always extremely rewarding.

Notes to the accounts:

1) **Subs –** Another record amount, due to the increased numbers
2) **Gift Aid** – Claimed for the first time since the Pandemic following an increase in valid declarations held (from 30% to 60%). The breakdown is: -
    - 2021 £289
    - 2022 £1059
    - 2023 £1228
    - Interest added £42
3) **Income for activities and events** – Parents' contributions to camping and other activities. This is similar to 2022 after allowance for £10,898 re Essex Jamboree 2024
4) **Book Sale** – Another fantastic result and a new record amount – includes £2202 from sale of higher value books online – Thanks to Roger & Sue Cole and Steff Smith for their sterling efforts throughout the year and not least to all our Book Sale helpers.
5) **Waste Paper Income** - Our income from the waste paper skip (value of paper and Recycling Credits) is lower in 2023 due to (1) a delay in receipt of £3,412 from Chelmsford City Council and (2) £500 drop in amount of paper, which is one reason for doubling skip capacity (at a cost) as overflowing skips were putting people off donating and causing an issue with overflowing skips. Thank you again to Essex Reclamation Ltd for their continued support, without which we would not be able to continue this facility.
6) **Hire of Building** – This is the annual (subsidised) rent paid by Broomfield Brownies
7) **Membership Fees** - were paid as normal to district at £41.50 per child/young leader.
8) **Youth programme and activities** – This is the amount we pay for all camping and hut-based activities before income received from parents.

9) **Wastepaper Skip Charges** – A new cost for the group, but a second weekly collection was deemed unavoidable to prevent overflowing skips (Please flatten all cardboard…)
10) **Utility costs** - both showed large rises, due to 3-year fixed contract ending in July 2023.
11) **Insurance** – This cost increase reflects a re-evaluation rebuild cost of the HQ and buildings We have stayed with The Scout Association insurers (Unity) for many years but will consider other quotes before next renewal.
12) **Repairs & Renewals** – The main element of this charge was £290 for Fire Safety inspection and renewal of extinguishers.
13) **Materials and Equipment** – No major purchases in 2023, the largest single item was some racking in the new Garage £166.
14) **Uniforms** - **basic** uniform is provided free to leaders, with replacements when required.
15) **AGM & Trustee Expenses** – These include awards presented at the AGM and small gifts to leaders at Christmas.
16) **Bank Charges** - These relates to around 3% of income collected via Go Cardless which is split between database management (Online Scout Manager) and a merchant charge (Go Cardless). Also includes Barclaycard merchant charges for card payments (e.g. at Book Sale). Of this figure £398 relates to Essex Jamboree 2024 which is included in payments
17) **Cleaning** – Increased as expected s we did not have a cleaner for much of 2022
18) **Badges** – all badges are supplied to the young people for joining in or achievement – free of charge

**John Wallis**
Group Treasurer

**Reserves Policy of 1st Broomfield Scout Group**
It is the policy of the Group to hold one year's expenditure in reserve to cover loss of our two large income streams namely the Book Sale and Waste Paper recycling (approximately £15,000 in total). These form an exceptionally large part of our fund raising. This reserve policy is reviewed regularly by the Group Executive (Trustees) who are satisfied that sufficient reserves remain to carry on the daily running of the Group.

Following the completion of the new activities/storage building alongside the HQ further reserves will be established to enable provision for a refurbished kitchen area and improved disabled access with improvements to WC facilities. Long term we will also need to build reserves for the rebuilding of the (pre-fab) concrete walls built in 1974 and will not last for ever.

# Receipts and Payments Account

| Notes | Receipts | | 2022 Unrestricted funds | 2023 Unrestricted funds |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| | **Donations, Legacies and similar Income** | | | |
| 1 | Membership Subscriptions | | £7,417 | £8,185 |
| | Donations Received | | £3,918 | £40 |
| 2 | Gift Aid | | £0 | £2,618 |
| 3 | Income for Youth programme and activities | | **£8,120** | **£16,870** |
| | | **Sub Total** | **16,705** | **27,713** |
| | **Grants** | | | |
| | Other Grant | | **£2,867** | **£0** |
| | | **Sub Total** | **2,867** | **-** |
| | **Fundraising events (Gross)** | | | |
| 4 | Book Sale | | **£6,339** | **£6,545** |
| 5 | Waste Paper income & Recycling Credits | | **£7,662** | **£3,776** |
| | General Fundraising | | **£0** | **£285** |
| | | **Sub Total** | **14,001** | **10,607** |
| | **Scout Hut Income** | | | |
| | Sale of Assets | | **£100** | **£0** |
| 6 | Hire of Building | | **£250** | **£250** |
| | | **Sub Total** | **350** | **250** |
| | **Investment income** | | | |
| | Bank Interest | | **£128** | **£369** |
| | | **Sub Total** | **128** | **369** |
| | | ***Total Gross Income*** | **34,051** | **38,939** |
| | | **Asset and investment sales, etc.** | **£0** | **£0** |
| | | ***Total receipts*** | **4,051** | **38,939** |

| Notes | Payments | 2022 Unrestricted funds | 2023 Unrestricted funds |
|---|---|---|---|
| 7 | Membership Fees paid to District | -£2,963 | -£4,731 |
| 8 | Youth programme and activities | -£17,250 | -£20,806 |
| | Refunds Issued on Activities | -£246 | £0 |
| | Adult Support & Training | -£440 | -£80 |
| 9 | Wastepaper Skip Charges | -£166 | -£2,290 |
| | Waste Disposal | -£383 | -£395 |
| | Water & Sewerage | -£330 | -£432 |
| 10 | Electricity & Gas | -£742 | -£1,032 |
| 11 | Insurance | -£1,475 | -£2,105 |
| 12 | Repairs & Renewals | -£8,168 | -£519 |
| 13 | Materials & Equipment | -£2,332 | -£522 |
| | Printing & Photocopying | -£79 | -£242 |
| 14 | Uniforms | -£625 | -£443 |
| 15 | AGM & Trustee Expenses | -£153 | -£353 |
| 16 | Bank Charges | -£530 | -£1,032 |
| 17 | Cleaning | -£634 | -£1,763 |
| | Donations made | -£168 | -£107 |
| 18 | Badges | -£1,763 | -£1,506 |
| | **Sub Total** | **- 38,448** | **- 38,358** |
| | Fund Raising Expenses | -£67 | -£167 |
| | ***Total Gross Expenditure*** | **- 38,515** | **- 38,525** |
| | **Asset and investment purchases etc.** | | |
| | Major Building costs | £0 | -£1,660 |
| | ***Total payments*** | **- 38,515** | **- 40,185** |
| | ***Net Receipts/(Payments)*** | -£4,464 | -£1,246 |
| | **Cash funds last year end** | £57,987 | £53,524 |
| | ***Cash funds this year end*** | 53,524 | 52,278 |

## Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the year

| Notes | Cash funds (Unrestricted Funds) | 2022 | 2023 |
|---|---|---|---|
| | Bank current account | £2,239 | £2,429 |
| | Bank deposit accounts | £27,533 | £24,849 |
| | Bank Notice Account | £23,752 | £25,000 |
| | **Total cash funds** | 53,524 | 52,278 |
| | **Non-Monetary assets for charity's own use** | | |
| | Badge stock | £450 | £450 |
| | Uniform Stock | £495 | £495 |
| | Land and buildings | £389,000 | £389,000 |
| | Scouting equipment, furniture etc (depreciated at 5% p.a.) | £42,533 | £40,903 |
| | **Sub total** | 432,478 | 430,848 |
| | **Liabilities** | £0 | £0 |
| | **Total Group Assets** | 481,928 | 483,126 |

# SECTION REPORTS

## Scout Troop

Busy Year for Scouts. We have three new leaders join us;

Adam Taylor
Shirin Lee
Kirstie Zanco

We managed to get in several camps over the year.

Our first overnight was a hike and a night in the hut with movies. This was an opportunity to have the new scouts experience a night away from home with the group.

We then did a mini summer camp split between Skreens and Riffhams. This comprised of activity days at Skreens and general camping skills at Riffhams. This was particularly well attended.

he next camping trip was the survival weekend at Riffhams in the pouring rain. Challenging for the Scouts and again the best attended survival camp we have had in a couple of years.

Recently we attended both County Backpack which the Novice team won as well as Plainsman Hike.

A number of the Scouts were awarded the Chief Scouts award for the medical incident last year.

We have endeavoured all year to tailor the meetings to achieving the various badges.

The group has grown hugely and we are now up to 34 Scout which is testament to the skill of the leaders and the popularity of the group.

Jamboree coming up and next year's highlight is a planned camping trip to Brownsea Island.

Shane, Paddy, Kirstie, Adam & Shirin.

## Wednesday Beavers

Summer term 2023 was a busy one for Wednesday's beaver colony. We earned several badges: Money Skills badge by discussing how best to spend and save our money, the history of money and the value of different coins; Gardeners badge we learnt about the seasons and growing herbs and our Cycle badge by discussing the importance of bike safety, pumping tyres and showing off our very impressive cycle skills on the field. We were also were out and about this term, making the most of the light nights and improved weather, visiting Riffhams in Danbury and having a go at slack lining and a blindfolded trail.

A long hike (the longest walk ever according to some) was rewarded with a picnic and a play on the fort at Hylands park. Our biggest outing was to Gilwell park, the home of scouting, to the Fundays event. Beavers got to experience a range of activities, from rafting to caving, to grass sledding and more. We continued to make the most of the good weather by enjoying some cricket games up at Broomfield cricket club (a big thank you for hosting us goes to them) and a super night of watery games to cool us down. The last evening of the term saw us on the field donned in our fencing gear as we learned how to duel with a [foam] sword.

During the Summer break we had an extra session to join in with the Dreamlive event that was held for the South Korean Jamboree. We made Korean flags out of hamma beads, mosaic paper and listened to Bear Grylls talk during the opening ceremony. There were a few technical issues but it was a fun morning.

Autumn term was also busy. We did archery on the field, used our bouldering wall, played a range of team and individual games including games using our new parachute. We made good turn mice for International Gratitude Day with Beavers taking them home and adding a knot for each good turn they did. We hiked to Broomfield War Memorial and had a quiet moment of reflection before heading back for a hot chocolate at the hut. Beavers earned their Air Activities 1 badge, their cook's badge and international badge as well as many achieving badges for work they did at home.

Christmas was great fun. We had a Christmas Lego Sleepover at Braintree Museum with lots of Lego themed activities to keep us going till bedtime. We went into the City Centre to enjoy the Christmas lights and also a bag of chips! Our final Christmas treat was the cinema where we watched Wonka.
During the Spring term beavers earned their Emergency Aid 1 badge learning how to call for help, put someone in the recovery position and how to treat minor injuries. We celebrated Chinese New Year and

St David's Day (a lot of Welsh cakes were made and eaten that night!), and entered the District Craft Competition. The two highlights of the term were our visit to the Council Chambers and CCTV control and our trip to Skreens park to find the Easter Bunnies – the eggs were well earned that night!
This term also saw us say goodbye to Sarah Warren one of our sectional assistants. She has moved to New Zealand to further her career in midwifery. We miss her as she was a valued member of the team but we wish her all the best in her new adventure.

Charlotte, Amy, Jayne, Sarah and John (the BLT)

## Kantankye Cubs (Wednesday) Report

When I wrote last year's report in June, we were getting ready for a camp at Thriftwood, and this was a great success. Loads of activities had been booked - Cubs tackled the assault course, tried their best at climbing on the postman's walk and vertical assault course, had great fun in the peddlarz (little paddle boats) and the cresta run was still as popular as ever. We really enjoyed the site evening campfire, Cerian helped out with this and was amazing! Everyone had such a great time that we have booked again for this summer!

We always try to pack in lots of outdoor activities in the summer term and so made a few visits to Skreens Park Activity Centre. Scout Leaders Shane and Paddy kindly ran a couple of climbing sessions for us and we spent time on the lake paddleboarding. Cubs tried out the zipwire and back on the ground we had campfires with of course, marshmallow toasting. Cubs also "did a good turn" at Skreens by litter picking the site. We finished off the term with the traditional water games and sent the Cubs home nicely soaked through!

A busy start to the Autumn Term, with preparation for Camp as Cubs decorated crockery bags, and then an exciting fencing session – thanks John for running this.

The Autumn camp had a medieval theme, Cubs made shields, swords, helmets and horses. They built castles, did some axe throwing and followed an orienteering course around the site to find their lunch. Saturday evening called for a medieval banquet, with Cubs helping out with the cooking. The weekend finished with a Grand Tournament, to include jousting and sword fighting – points being earned for the most dramatic performance, sound effects provided by Leaders with coconut shells.... It was a great weekend enjoyed by us all.

The rest of the Autumn Term was just as busy, Cubs delivered the Broomfield Times, taught each other (and the Leaders) a new skill, completed the science and the international badge. We visited the Fire Station, Cubs were able to look around, find out about a fire engine, slide down the pole and best of all have a go with a fire hose!

Cubs also took part in Parliament week with games and debating, we hiked around the town centre to complete a quiz and get some chips, and we finished off the term with a Christmas Sleepover at the HQ with loads of games, craft and fun.

January 2024 saw us back at Belchamps for a return of our popular Egyptian themed Camp. Hieroglyphics, wide games in the dark, making canopic jars, navigating through the pyramid (the caving simulator), and the assault course. Pyramid pioneering and wrapping up Cubs in toilet roll! Campfire and the Leaders' favorite activity, the mummification challenge. Leaders had been very busy and creative to

**set this up for the Cubs, who responded with great enthusiasm, and a few screams. A great camp as ever, and we all picked up some Ancient Egyptian facts along the way.**

**Back at the HQ, pack nights continued to be busy, Cubs started completing some of the Essex Challenge activities including a giant marble run, we had a visit from firefighters who brought search and rescue drones, this was a great evening! Thanks to John D. and Simon from LFB.**

**We also had a visit from Essex Police who brought uniforms to try on and a squad car to look around, another really interesting meeting. The Cubs also got to take their own fingerprints! Many thanks to PCSOs Pamela and Molly.**

**Cubs entered the District Handicraft Competition with a number of winners and places, well done Cubs! They made tiny pancakes, cooked over a night light – delicious! Cubs practised putting up tents and had a go on the bouldering wall, John ran a money skills evening for them and they also prepared routes and hiked around Broomfield. Many of our Cub parents helped out delivering book sale flyers, and also with the book sale set up, sale weekend, providing cakes and the clear up, thanks to all those involved.**

**We were able to enter two teams into the District Swimming Gala this year, with great success. Our Cubs won the Cub Cup and as this year there was a Scout team when our massive points total was added to theirs this meant 1st Broomfield won the overall trophy, amazing swimming Cubs, they were also brilliant the way they supported and encouraged each other.**

**Looking ahead, we are off to Riffhams shortly (3rd-5th May) for a Viking themed camp, lots of preparation already underway. We don't currently have anyone to tow the trailer for us to camps – if any parent/carer would be willing to do this in future please do get in touch on the email below.**

**We've had another great year with the Cubs, loads of achievements, fun, skills learned and confidence built. Over 120 badges earned, including 4 Chief Scout's Silver Awards, well done to Ralph, Theo, Freya and Harriet for achieving the highest award in Cubs.**

**Our thanks to everyone who has helped us out over the year, if anyone would like to join in with the fun, we are always happy to welcome new members to the Leader Team. We'd also really like to have some Young Leaders aged 13 – 18, just drop us an email on broomfieldcubs@live.co.uk.**

**The Kantankye Cub Leader Team: Steff, Andrea, Cerian, Maya and Megan**

## Thursday Beavers, 2nd Colony

It's been another fantastically varied and fun-filled year for 1st Broomfield Beavers 2nd Colony!

We began the year with some ***parachute games*** whilst welcoming some new faces to the group!
Before undertaking some more adventurous activities with a spot of ***bouldering*** and ***fencing***.

As we entered autumn, we were blessed with some warm weather for our ***Magical themed Camp*** at ***Thriftwood***. Our budding wizards and witches had great fun participating in a range of activities including the ***Cave Bus***, ***Cresta Run***, ***obstacle course*** alongside a range of ***magical crafting activities*** and ***campfire fun***!

For many of the Beavers this was also their first overnight stay, which they took in their strides fantastically.

With autumn in full swing the Beavers enjoyed an evening out at ***Riffhams*** with ***campfires***, ***marshmallows***, ***camp songs*** and the investment of several of our newest beavers!

The group then had a fantastic time with our local Police Community Support Offices (Karen & Paul).
The Beavers had the opportunity to ask lots of interesting questions, exploring a police car before trying on various bits of kit!

As winter set in and the nights got longer, it didn't stop the Beavers continuing to participate in interesting activities.

This included recognising ***Rememberance Day*** and creating wreaths alongside their own friendship wreathes.

As we approach the end of 2023 the Beavers were again out and about on another sleepover!
This time a ***Lego Brick themed sleepover*** at Braintree Museum. Despite some frosty temperatures outside, the beavers were in amazing spirits playing various lego-theme games before getting tucked up in their sleeping bags.

We rounded off 2023 with a ***Xmas party*** of course! This included Christmas games and food, but the star of the show? The chocolate fountain obviously!
2024 kicked off with ***Civic Week***. Learning about democracy and local government. This included the Beavers quizzing several local councillors, testing out the mayor's chair and meeting bell, before getting a sneak peek at the City's CCTV hub.

We took one giant leap into February with ***Space Week***! A fun evening spotting the International Space Station flying over Chelmsford, learning about the ISS & Mars Perseverance Rover, before exploring some famous constellations via pasta & marshmallows obviously!

February also saw our 3rd overnight of the year with a ***Beavers Around the World themed camp***! After going through passport control, the Beavers had a great time taking part in a range of activities (abseiling, low ropes, wobbly ladder, and a nature walk). With the beavers all suitably tired from their various around the world exploits, we finished off with a nice in-flight meal & in-flight movie!

As we approached the start of Spring the ***Beavers Get Busy*** competition was upon us! As the reigning holders of the trophy 2nd Colony didn't want to give up the title without a fight! The Beavers submitted entries including edible campfires and teddy sleeping bags. Our entry was capped off with a 3D camp diorama that included a treehouse made almost entirely out of lolly sticks! With competition fierce this year, the 2nd Colony were this years Runners Up, which was a fantastic achievement!

To end the term & welcome in the spring the Beavers headed over to Skreens Activity Centre for a very ***VERY*** windy and pretty wet ***Easter themed hike***! But despite the tough conditions the Easter Egg treat to finish saw smiles all round!
As we've entered the spring months the Beavers have continued to keep busy with **Earth Day Celebrations**, ***St George's Day Parade*** & ***Games Week***!

We're all now looking forward to the summer months, where we have lots of other fun filled activities planned!

Also, a big thanks for all our parent helpers who have supported along the way!
**Paul (Heron), Sarah (Otter) & Ruth (Kingfisher)**
**1st Broomfield Beavers 2nd Colony - Section Leaders**

## Dinizulu Cub Pack Report (Thursdays)

We started the summer term last year with 21 Cubs, over the course of the year that went up to 29 and after moving some Cubs on to Scouts we are back to 26, we have a new leader Leo Zanco, Mowgli which is fabulous, Leo was a young leader with us until he turned 18 yrs. and is now a full Leader.
The last year has been very busy, Cubs have learnt so many skills over the course of the year, we started with some Makaton, as part of their Disability Badge, we did fire lighting over at Riffhams and invested our newest members into the section. Cubs have learnt about map skills, and they went on their first unaccompanied hike, which was a great success, the chip shop pit stop mid-point was just enough to keep them going to get to the end, Cubs have since worked out their own hike route – some of these may take a while to complete! They discovered lots of interesting facts about Rainforests for Rainforest Day, and went hunting round the school field to work out how many different varieties of trees we have in the local area and the different levels they grow at to give us our ecosystem compared to that in a Rainforest. We went on a litter pick and decided that some areas of Broomfield are very well looked after and others need a lot more.

We went to the Gilwell Funday in June, Gilwell is the home of UK Scouting, and the Funday is for Beavers and Cubs across the UK, it was a brilliant day out, we did loads of activities, grass sledging, angry birds, rockets with water and air pressure some of the Cubs got wetter than others! rafting, pedal car racing, climbing, inflatable assault courses to name a few, and a picnic lunch with a Magician, we're looking forwards to going again this year!

We had interesting night at Broomfield Cricket Club – we had been practising our throwing so lots of running was needed, now to brush up on our batting skills, thanks to Simon and Spencer for running this evening, it was a great way to end the term.

We had our first proper Summer Camp, over at Skreens, and we had the Scouts join us for some of the time which was great fun, Cubs got to put up their tents, they did some excellent pioneering – once we had worked out our clove hitches and square lashing and achieved some passable washing stands, then we had a great time Kayaking and getting wet! Cubs showered on camp! Thanks to Paddy and Shane the Scout leaders, Cubs did Angel throwing, Abseiling and Air rifles, they did some bushcraft skills and decorated their t-shirts from natural materials, they learnt a new game and brushed up the ancient art of Tree Climbing. Thanks to Martin and Siobhan for staying and helping with this camp. Then it was pack down and yes, the Cubs had to take their tents down themselves – they had watched the scouts earlier in the morning so it wasn't too daunting.

During the Summer Holiday it was the South Korean World Scout Jamboree – you might have seen or heard some of the 'news' on that – well, we met in the HQ and did our best to join the UK Contingent via modern technology, we met for breakfast and made the South Korean flag – then had to hunt and find several other flags and put them together and work out what countries they were from. We listened to our Chief Scout Bear Grylls as he opened the World Scout Jamboree, he was very inspiring. and we played some international games on the field, Cubs wondered where the World Scout Jamboree will be when they are old enough to go?
We started back in September with Knots galore! And the Cubs who had been on Summer Camp had remembered most of how to do the clove hitch, so that was a start, especially when some of the older Cubs went to Situation Skreens, an activity day run by Essex County Scouts – it was a fantastic day and really got us thinking as a team, and we met with lots of Explorers who had been to the WSJ in South Korea so we were able to ask them about it – most said although it wasn't what had been planned they had had a better time and really seen the capital and lots of culture by spending more time in the capital and meeting people. And when we got to the knot base – we nailed it – the explorers sat back

and watched as the Cubs remembered their pioneering skills. Cubs have had a couple of sessions on our bouldering wall which was great, alongside Fencing with John -Thanks John!
Cubs did lots of things for the Broomfield Cottage Gardeners Autumn Show and we had some fabulous entries and winners for this, Well done cubs.

We had a visit from the local Policing Team who spoke to us about being safe, and then they let us try on their police vests, jackets, hats, riot gear and check out the police car and its siren! So much fun! Then after half term we did some Halloween activities, apple bobbing, doughnuts on string, and came up with some Firework safety posters ready for the weekend. Cubs made some excellent Remembrance posters with thoughtful reflections on them. Cubs had a go at ironing their scarves, and sewing on badges with the help of Sarah and Amy, as well as the young leaders too. We had an international night on America and tried some line dancing, learning about Thanksgiving and the story of the Mayflower and Pilgrims, and the Native Americans. We finished the term with a Christmas hike, on what seemed like the wettest day ever! The McD's chips revived everyone and Cubs located all the Christmas items on the list. The following week we didn't care what the weather did, as we enjoyed a chocolate fountain with yummy food and party games wearing our Christmas jumpers.

In January we went to the City Council Chambers and met some of the local Councillors who told us about what they did, and asked us for what we wanted for the city, we also went down into the basement of the building and saw the CCTV room – so many screens! And we spotted another Scout group going through the city centre. The district ran it's Cub Handicraft Competition in March so several weeks saw Cubs making pine cone animals, potato print wrapping paper, more sun catchers, bird feeders, paper flowers and edible snowmen. It was the first time we'd entered this and it was really interesting to see what all the other Packs had done, a great effort Cubs. We also had a couple of nights learning about Money Skills with John, this was really good, and then just as Cubs thought they had sassed it, they had to budget for a camp meal and it needed to be healthy, this was quite challenging!

We also had our Camps, at Thriftwood where we had the Beavers join us for a day and they had a sleepover whilst we camped, it was a very busy camp! Cubs did science, lots of activities, we had a super campfire with the Beavers. Then we had another camp at Hockley and went to Belchamps for some activities, built some great shelters, made light sabres, Mandalorian Magnets, and our own Death Star, we made star constellations with spaghetti and marshmallows, we had lots of parents join us at different times over this camp which was fantastic help – thank you!

Our last camp was at Riffhams, oh it was a wet one!!, but not enough to stop Cubs! We had a lovely campfire with singing led by the Cubs, and marshmallows and smores, we did pioneering ballistas with varying degrees of success! We hiked out to Danbury fortunately at that point it had stopped raining and the sun appeared, Cubs voted on what to have for tea one night, they built more shelters – these were getting quite technical and played wide games in the woods. We watched the Jungle Book film one night which the Cubs enjoyed. Thanks to Siobhan and the parents who all pitched in at different points to help! It took 2 days when we got home for the tents to dry out!

We finished the term with an Easter Hunt at Skreens – again we'd booked the most wet and windy day to do this! Luckily no Cubs took off in the wind and all went home with their choccy Easter Eggs!
All in all, another action-packed year! We're still learning and improving and wanting to do more, over the last year we have awarded 256 Badges, we have had two Cubs gain their Silver Chief Scout Award, which is the highest award a Cub can get, so Well done to Joe and Luke!
We thank all our parents who weekly come along and help out, and join us at camps, do consider joining us on a more regular basis, it doesn't have to be every week and you know you'll have fun!
We also thank our Young Leaders, Libby and Ewan, you inspire the Cubs more than you realise. Thank you!
Dinizulu Leader Team Ruth, Leo and Sarah

# 1st Broomfield Scout Group Reg. Charity 1016433

## Receipts and Payments Account

**For the year ended 31st December 2023**

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| | Donations Received | | £3,918 | £40 |
| 2 | Gift Aid | | £0 | £2,618 |
| 3 | Income for Youth programme and activities | | **£8,120** | **£16,870** |
| | | **Sub Total** | 16,705 | 27,713 |
| | **Grants** | | | |
| | Other Grant | | **£2,867** | **£0** |
| | | **Sub Total** | 2,867 | - |
| | **Fundraising events (Gross)** | | | |
| 4 | Book Sale | | **£6,339** | **£6,545** |
| 5 | Waste Paper income & Recycling Credits | | **£7,662** | **£3,776** |
| | General Fundraising | | **£0** | **£285** |
| | | **Sub Total** | 14,001 | 10,607 |
| | **Scout Hut Income** | | | |
| | Sale of Assets | | **£100** | **£0** |
| 6 | Hire of Building | | **£250** | **£250** |
| | | **Sub Total** | 350 | 250 |
| | **Investment income** | | | |
| | Bank Interest | | **£128** | **£369** |
| | | **Sub Total** | 128 | 369 |
| | | ***Total Gross Income*** | 34,051 | 38,939 |
| | | **Asset and investment sales, etc.** | **£0** | **£0** |
| | | ***Total receipts*** | 34,051 | 38,939 |

# 1st Broomfield Scout Group Reg. Charity 1016433

# Receipts and Payments Account

**For the year ended 31st December 2023**

## Receipts and payments

| Notes | | 2022 Unrestricted funds | 2023 Unrestricted funds |
|---|---|---|---|
| | **Payments** | £ | £ |
| | **Charitable Payments** | | |
| 9 | Membership Fees paid to District | -£2,963 | -£4,731 |
| | Youth programme and activities | -£17,250 | -£20,806 |
| | Refunds Issued on Activities | -£246 | £0 |
| 10 | Adult Support & Training | -£440 | -£80 |
| | Wastepaper Skip Charges | -£166 | -£2,290 |
| | Waste Disposal | -£383 | -£395 |
| | Water & Sewerage | -£330 | -£432 |
| 11 | Electricity & Gas | -£742 | -£1,032 |
| | Insurance | -£1,475 | -£2,105 |
| 12 | Repairs & Renewals | -£8,168 | -£519 |
| 13 | Materials & Equipment | -£2,332 | -£522 |
| | Printing & Photocopying | -£79 | -£242 |
| | Uniforms | -£625 | -£443 |
| | AGM & Trustee Expenses | -£153 | -£353 |
| | OSM Bank Charges | -£530 | -£1,032 |
| | Cleaning | -£634 | -£1,763 |
| 14 | Donations made | -£168 | -£107 |
| | Badges | -£1,763 | -£1,506 |
| | **Sub Total** | - 38,448 | - 38,358 |
| | Fund Raising Expenses | | |
| | Fund Raising Expenses | -£67 | -£167 |
| | ***Total Gross Expenditure*** | - 38,515 | - 38,525 |
| | **Asset and investment purchases etc.** | | |
| | Major Building costs | £0 | -£1,660 |
| | ***Total payments*** | - 38,515 | - 40,185 |
| | ***Net Receipts/(Payments)*** | -£4,464 | -£1,246 |
| | **Cash funds last year end** | £57,987 | £53,524 |
| | ***Cash funds this year end*** | 53,524 | 52,278 |

# 1st Broomfield Scout Group Reg. Charity 1016433
# Receipts and Payments Account

## Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the year

| Notes | | 2022 Unrestricted funds | 2023 Unrestricted funds |
|---|---|---|---|
| | **Cash funds** | £ | £ |
| | Bank current account | £2,239 | £2,429 |
| | Bank deposit accounts | £27,533 | £24,849 |
| | Bank Notice Account | £23,752 | £25,000 |
| | **Total cash funds** | 53,524 | 52,278 |
| | (agree balances with receipts and payments account) | ok | ok |
| | **Non-Monetary assets for charity's own use** | | |
| | Badge stock | £450 | £500 |
| | Uniform Stock | £495 | £700 |
| | Land and buildings | £389,000 | £389,000 |
| | Scouting equipment, furniture etc (depreciated at 5% p.a.) | £42,533 | £40,903 |
| | Other | | |
| | **Sub total** | 432,478 | 431,103 |
| | **Assets** | | |
| 15 | Expenses incurred but not invoiced | £0 | £0 |
| | **Sub total** | £0 | £0 |
| | **Total Group Assets** | 481,928 | 483,381 |

**The above receipts and payments account and statement of assets and liabilities were approved by the Trustees on**

9th JANUARY **2024**

**(the date of the Executive Committee meeting that approved the accounts) and signed on their behalf by**

| | Signature | Name |
|---|---|---|
| Chair | | HAROLD TAYLOR |
| Treasurer | | JOHN WALLIS |

## Independent examiner's report to the trustees of 1st Broomfield Scout Group Scout Council

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the **1st Broomfield Scout Group** for the year ended 31st December 2023.

## Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees of the 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 **Broomfield 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 **Broomfield 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: Alun Powell

Name: Alun Powell

Relevant professional qualification or membership of professional bodies (if any): Economist

Address: 14 Butlers Close. Broomfield, Chelmsford CM1 7BE

Date: 18th April 2024

**1ST BROOMFIELD SCOUT GROUP**

England & Wales - Charity number 1016433

# Accounts

# The 1st Broomfield Scout Group annual report and accounts for the financial year ended 31st December 2022

Scouts
1st Broomfield

## AGM

**15th June 2023 6.30pm**

**Scout HQ, School Lane, Broomfield, CM1 7DR**

## Preparing young people with skills for life

**We're Scouts and everyone is welcome here. Every week, we help almost half a million people aged 4-25 develop skills for life. Are you ready to join the adventure?**

## Volunteer today

**Whether you can spare an hour a month or a day a year, we have hundreds of opportunities both behind the scenes and directly supporting young people. With full support and award-winning training, you can volunteer on a flexible basis. Not only is it incredibly rewarding and great fun, you'll learn some brilliant skills transferable to the workplace too.**

**We welcome volunteers from every community and background. You don't need to have been a Scout. You just need to believe in a more positive future and the difference we can make together.**

## Ways to help at 1st Broomfield: -

- **Trustee Board Member (Management of the Group and its buildings**
- **Skills instructor**
- **Become part of the Leadership Team for Beavers Cubs or Scouts**
- **Activity Helper (e.g., on camps and walks)**
- **I T / Digital / social media**
- **Building & stores repair / maintenance coordinator**

# Welcome to our 2023 AGM & Review

Welcome all.

This has been a busy year as the sections returned to full face-to-face meetings. It has also provided us with some additional challenges. We unfortunately had to say farewell to Simon Webb our Group Scout Leader (GSL). Simon had stepped up to fill the GSL role that had been vacant for some time, regrettably Simon's job workload increased and this meant that he was unable to give us his time and thus stepped down.

Tara & Elles, long time stalwarts of the Scout Troop decided to step away at the end of the year and seek pastures new within the Kraken District Explorer Unit. We shall miss them both for their expertise and experience. However, I am pleased to report that Shane has agreed to take on the Scout Leader role and Paddy Passfield has become an Assistant Scout Leader (ASL). We also welcome Kirstie Zanco who has supported the Group on the Executive Committee for many years who has also joined as an ASL.

Our sections are now at full stretch running exciting programmes for our young people. As we increase in numerical strength this increases the load upon our existing leaders so we are in need of volunteers to assist in all of our five sections (2 x Beaver Colonies, 2 x Cub packs and the Scout Troop).

Scouting is currently undergoing a change. Under the new "Transformation Programme" the structure moves to a more team-based approach (one we have used for many years in Broomfield). Thus, sections will have a Team Leader and a group of Team Members (removing the existing role differentiation). The Group Executive Committee's role will also change – becoming a Board of Trustees (this we already are), but with greater emphasis on governance & finance. Exactly how this will function will be made clear later in the year, along with changes to the existing leader training regime.

Full use has been made of the additional facilities provided by our activities building (TMA Building) by all sections. Once again, the Book Sale has been a success, down to the hard work of those who give up a week's leave to set it up and sort the books. We must also mention the continued income from our paper skips (increased to two per week to reduce stray paper caught by the wind). Without the money from these two "income generators" the sections would be unable to provide their wide-ranging activity programme and we would be unable hold our annual subscriptions to their current levels, despite increasing costs. Your continued support for these two activities is greatly appreciated.

So, we look forward to our next year with expectation, and some trepidation, but we will continue to aim to provide good quality scouting and enjoyment to our young people – the citizens of tomorrow.

**Malcolm Taylor**
Group Chairman
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# AGM Minutes

## MINUTES OF THE AGM HELD 21st JUNE 2022

Group Chairman Malcolm Taylor welcomed all to the meeting – which was a hybrid meeting held on Zoom, with some participants at the HQ – especially the District Chairman, Roger Cole.

Despite the restrictions imposed by Covid the Group now had two Beaver Colonies, two Cub Packs, a Scout Troop (bursting at the sems) and a linked Explorer Unit.

The new multiuse activity building (TMA) had been formally opened at the beginning of the year and everyone was looking forward to utilising the traversing wall and additional facilities it would provide.
Malcolm advised that for ease of Zoom he would assume assent to all items unless anyone indicated otherwise.

Apologies for absence were received from Martin Chapman, Kirstie Zanco and Suzanne Ball, Co-District Commissioner.

Minutes for the AGM held on 15th June 2021 were accepted as a true record.

The Annual review had been sent out to all and outlined the activities undertaken by the sections during the year. Again, credit was due to John Wallis, our Treasurer, for his management of the Group finances.

The new GSL, Simon Webb, nominated Malcolm to continue as Group Chairman; Malcolm confirmed his willingness to continue to serve as Chairman.

Election of Group Officers – approved
Group Secretary - Monica McKie
Group Treasurer - John Wallis

Ex-Officio Members of the Executive Committee – approved
Ruth Reed, Kraken ESU

Elected Members of the Group Executive Committee – approved
Beaver – Martin Chapman, Megan Janse Van Rensburg
Cub - Graham Jarvis, Hasad Khan
Scout - Sanjay Andersen, Will Davis, Kirstie Zanco
Jason Smith

Co-opted Members of the Executive Committee – approved
Rev. Dawn Butcher
Linda MacInnes

Alun Powell was proposed as Independent Examiner by John Wallis – approved
At the end of the meeting Roger Cole, District Chairman, advised that two members of the Group had been recognised by the Chief Scout for Meritorious Service. Malcolm Taylor was awarded a Bar to the Award for Merit, and John Wallis given the Award for Merit.

Malcolm thanked Roger for the presentations and said that for a great many years Roger had served the Group in a variety of roles and latterly as a member of the Group Executive Committee and as one of the stalwarts of the Book sale. Whilst he would continue assisting with the Book sale he had stood down from the Executive at this AGM. Malcolm thanked Roger for his service to the Group and presented him with a set of engraved wine glasses on behalf of the Executive.

Malcolm concluded the meeting by thanking everyone for their attendance and hoped that next year we would all be able to meet in person.

# Treasurers Report 2022

The financial wellbeing of the Group continues to be strong, the (anticipated) deficit of £4,464, needs to be read in conjunction with the surplus of £5,092 in 2021. This was due to delayed expenditure and also early receipts of funds (in 2021) for the Troop's summer camp to Dorset, which was paid for via instalments, in advance by parents.

The core income and expenditure has virtually returned to pre-Covid levels and the combination of a very popular Book Sale and the continuing Waste paper recycling will prove to be excellent fundraisers in 2023 and hopefully beyond as they have been for some years. AS noted below, many year-on-year comparisons are difficult as 2021 was a year of 2 halves with the Group only fully opening again in September 2021

Electricity and Gas prices are up for renegotiation in July 2023 and all expenditure will rise, however I still expect cash flow to be in surplus enabling the Group to subside many activities for a growing number of young people (as long as we have leaders to help) and to invest in our equipment and headquarters (e.g., refitted Kitchen and toilet facilities)

Towards the end of 2022 we have stated to trial a second wastepaper skip. We are indebted to Essex Reclamation Ltd for their help with this, and whilst we will initially pay am amount for the extra weekly skip, this will be avoided if we can get extra paper recycled. The previous weekly collection meant that paper was often overflowing despite the good work of our skip jumpers. Quite simply we have doubled capacity at a modest cost per year – and hopefully no cost as the tonnage increases.

Notes to the accounts

1) Subs – a record amount, simply due to the increased numbers in the group. 2021 figure was affected by the Pandemic and delayed re-introduction of subs for existing members.
2) Donations Received – include £1,000 from Barclays re Matched fundraising (re the Book Sale) and £100 from Aaron Guilder, a former Scout.
3) Gift Aid – This was not claimed in 2022 due low number of Gift Aid Declarations (30%), will be claimed in 2023.
4) Activity Income & Expenditure – This is always a measure of success, reflecting more activities undertaken for more young people. 2021 was affected by the pandemic, 2022 was slightly higher than usual due to an excellent Summer Camp in Dorset for the Scout Troop, which accounted for just over £5,000 of the (gross) expenditure. Excluding 2020 and 2021, the annual spend has ranged from £9125 in 2013 to a peak of £21,150 in 2019.
5) Other Grant – The final Covid related Leisure & Hospitality Grant from Chelmsford City Council in January 2022
6) Book Sale – With a lot of deliberation and flexible planning we went ahead with the Book Sale in Feb 2022 with a fantastic result. A new record total raised (£6,339), of which £2750 was received from sale of higher value books online – Thanks to Roger and Sue Cole for their sterling efforts and to all Book Sale helpers.
7) Waste Paper Income - Our income from the waste paper skip (value of paper and Recycling Credits) is relatively consistent and has proved an excellent fund raiser. In a worst-case scenario the extra skip collection per week will cost around £2500 a year, but protect the remaining income of £5,000.
8) Sale of Assets – Broomfield Village Hall kindly gave us a donation of £100 for an under used marquee / tent.
9) Membership Fees - were paid as normal to district at £37.50 per child/young leader. Numbers were still low in February, due to after effects of pandemic but have since grown to record levels, as the subs income testifies.
10) Income for activities and events - comes direct from Parents and rose in line with the increased group size and the Scouts Summer Camp. If should be noted that there has been a greater subsidy this year as Parental support for camps and sleepovers etc. has diminished from pre-Pandemic levels, which increases the subsidy due to lower economies of scale and fixed costs – e.g., if booking a Camp site building.
11) Adult Support & Training - relates to an Archery course for 2 of our Cub instructors, which expands the availability of leaders trained to provide this activity.
12) Utility costs - both showed large rises, due to increased usage (HQ was all but closed in the cold winter months in 2021) and to a lesser degree - estimated bills.
13) Repairs & Renewals – Includes delays in payments from 2021. The largest elements were: - Electrical repairs/improvements £4138, Replacement fire door £2,658, Replacement tyres for trailer £325, Emergency window replacement £360. The remainder was for servicing costs and miscellaneous costs e.g., paper towels.
14) Materials and Equipment - Purchases include £850 for 5 new Vango tents (to cope with increased numbers), £625 for new pioneering pole, £317 for additional climbing equipment (to allow more young people to climb under instruction at the same time) and £163 for an air rifle curtain.
15) Uniforms - basic uniform is provided free to new leaders, and with replacements when required.
17) Cleaning – costs increased as we fully re-started activities after the Pandemic.
18) Badges – costs are much higher due to a combination of increased meetings and young people and also the young people were all issued with 2 badges during the year to celebrate the Queen's Jubilee and also to remember her passing.

**John Wallis**
Group Treasurer – broomfieldtreasurer@gmail.com

**Reserves Policy of 1st Broomfield Scout Group**

It is the policy of the Group to hold one year's expenditure in reserve to cover loss of our two large income streams namely the Book Sale and Waste Paper recycling (approximately £15,000 in total). These form an exceptionally large part of our fund raising. This reserve policy is reviewed regularly by the Group Executive (Trustees) who are satisfied that sufficient reserves remain to carry on the daily running of the Group.

Following the completion of the new activities/storage building alongside the HQ further reserves will be established to enable provision for a refurbished kitchen area and improved disabled access with improvements to WC facilities. Long term we will also need to build reserves for the rebuilding of the (pre-fab) concrete walls built in 1974 and will not last for ever.

# Receipts and Payments Account

| Notes | Receipts | | 2021 Unrestricted funds | 2022 Unrestricted funds |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| | **Donations, Legacies and similar Income** | | | |
| 1 | Membership Subscriptions | | £1,960 | £7,417 |
| 2 | Donations Received | | £297 | £1,168 |
| 3 | Gift Aid | | £0 | £0 |
| 4 | Income for Youth programme and activities | | **£1,738** | **£8,120** |
| | Refunds Received on Activities | | **£0** | **£0** |
| | | **Sub Total** | **3,994** | **16,705** |
| | **Grants** | | | |
| | Building Grant | | **£4,404** | **£0** |
| 5 | Other Grant | | **£16,993** | **£2,867** |
| | | **Sub Total** | **21,397** | **2,867** |
| | **Fundraising events (Gross)** | | | |
| 6 | Book Sale | | **£5,000** | **£6,339** |
| 7 | Waste Paper income & Recycling Credits | | **£7,457** | **£7,662** |
| | | **Sub Total** | **12,457** | **14,001** |
| | **Scout Hut Income** | | | |
| 8 | Sale of Assets | | **£0** | **£100** |
| | Hire of Building | | **£0** | **£250** |
| | | **Sub Total** | **-** | **350** |
| | **Investment income** | | | |
| | Bank Interest | | **£104** | **£128** |
| | | **Sub Total** | **104** | **128** |
| | | ***Total Gross Income*** | **37,951** | **34,051** |
| | | **Asset and investment sales, etc.** | **£0** | **£0** |
| | | ***Total receipts*** | **37,951** | **34,051** |

# Receipts and Payments Account

**For the year ended 31st December 2022**

| Notes | Payments | 2021 | 2022 |
|---|---|---|---|
| | **Charitable Payments** | **Unrestricted funds** | **Unrestricted funds** |
| 9 | Membership Fees paid to District | -£3,822 | -£2,963 |
| 10 | Youth programme and activities | -£4,176 | -£17,250 |
| | Refunds Issued on Activities | £0 | -£246 |
| 11 | Adult Support & Training | -£198 | -£440 |
| 7 | Wastepaper Skip Charges | £0 | -£166 |
| | Waste Disposal | -£379 | -£383 |
| 12 | Water & Sewerage | -£152 | -£330 |
| 12 | Electricity & Gas | -£403 | -£742 |
| | Insurance | -£1,420 | -£1,475 |
| 13 | Repairs & Renewals | -£909 | -£8,168 |
| 14 | Materials & Equipment | -£17,734 | -£2,332 |
| | Printing & Photocopying | -£53 | -£79 |
| 15 | Uniforms | -£70 | -£625 |
| | AGM & Trustee Expenses | -£119 | -£153 |
| | OSM Bank Charges | -£271 | -£530 |
| 17 | Cleaning | -£396 | -£634 |
| | Donations made | -£2,000 | -£168 |
| 18 | Badges | -£472 | -£1,763 |
| | **Sub Total** | - 32,574 | - 38,448 |
| | Fund Raising Expenses | £0 | -£67 |
| | ***Total Gross Expenditure*** | - 32,574 | - 38,515 |
| | **Asset and investment purchases etc.** | | |
| | Major Building costs | -£285 | £0 |
| | ***Total payments*** | - 32,859 | - 38,515 |
| | ***Net Receipts/(Payments)*** | £5,092 | -£4,464 |
| | **Cash funds last year end** | £52,895 | £57,987 |
| | ***Cash funds this year end*** | 57,987 | 53,524 |

# Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the year

| Notes | Cash funds | 31/12/2021 Unrestricted funds | 31/12/2022 Unrestricted funds |
|---|---|---|---|
| | Bank current account | £6,330 | £2,239 |
| | Bank deposit accounts | £28,007 | £27,533 |
| | Bank Notice Account | £23,650 | £23,752 |
| | **Total cash funds** | 57,987 | 53,524 |
| | **Non-Monetary assets for charity's own use** | | |
| | Badge stock | £450 | £450 |
| | Uniform Stock | £495 | £495 |
| | Land and buildings | £389,000 | £389,000 |
| | Scouting equipment, furniture etc (depreciated at 5% p.a.) | £42,440 | £42,533 |
| | **Sub total** | 432,385 | 432,478 |
| | **Liabilities** | | |
| | Expenses incurred but not invoiced | £4,074 | £0 |
| | **Sub total** | £4,074 | £0 |
| | **Total Group Assets** | 486,298 | 486,002 |

# SECTION REPORTS

## Scout Troop

Summer / Autumn 2022

A group of marvellous young ladies battled with the full return of the weekend Plainsman's hike again proving to be the ultimate challenge, but so proud of their achievement, however broken they were they soldiered on to the finish :-) We also had a budding young team take part in the Wanderers hike who did amazing map reading really boasting their confidence overtaking several teams on route.

We attended Epic County camp at Skreens park, and our first camp of this sort since Covid, many new Scouts enjoyed the activities and independence of being a Scout, although sad to note the tuck shop was not open at 6:30 in the morning. A great time was had by all and an easy win for leaders on the organising front.

August Was a welcome return to our summer camp which took place in Dorset and mainly the program remained similar to our last visit in 2017. We had the whole site to ourselves, so enjoyed the open space and independence this gave us. The Scouts did many activities from Archery, paddle boarding, canoeing, swimming. Day visits to Beaulieu motor museum and Swanage beach by steam train, plus a visit to Brownsea Island by ferry, a highlight this time as last visit was in torrential rain. The weather was most kind to us this year as normal summer camp there is always plenty of rain too. For many scouts it was a first time at summer camp and indeed camping with the section, and handled the duration well.

The new year saw a new start with Shane, Paddy taking over the reins where we enjoyed cooking, map reading and hiking.

The County Backpack is a regular event with overnight camping at Thriftwood, for all Essex Scouts. The weekend was notable for both for the amount of mud underfoot but also, we are all very proud of four of our scouts who used their scouting skills to help an ambulance crew assist a member of the public with a broken ankle #skillsforlife.

In April we hiked to Riffhams, Danbury for a Backwoods camp under tarpaulin shelters

We have visited Skreens park a couple of time for many activities such as abseiling, climbing, the new Zip-wire, archery and shooting. This are great activities and paid for by the group from our fundraising.

Finally, a warm welcome to Kirstie to transfers from Trustee to Assistant Scout Leader.

Shane, Paddy and Kirstie

## Wednesday Beavers

Summer / Autumn Term
We are now back up to full numbers with regular attendance.
Jayne Pearson has joined as a sectional assistant, and we've had 2 parents ask to be DBS'd. The second half of the summer term saw us learn cricket skills at Broomfield Cricket Club and enjoy abseiling and crate stacking at Skreens park. We also visited Braintree Museum with the Thursday group for a dinosaur sleepover. This was very well attended and a great fun and informative night was had by all.

We also enjoyed a (very warm) July afternoon River Dipping with the Thursday beavers catching a variety of creatures and identifying them plus some craft making too. This was well supported by parents. The autumn term has seen us gain our Health and fitness and Global Issues badges. We have had a games night with crab football being a huge hit with the children.

September saw our first outdoor camp as a Beaver Colony when we joined with the Thursday group and hundreds of other Beavers at Skreens Park. It is always exciting to join in with other colonies and the young people get to enjoy a full programme with many fun activities.

Winter saw us do a lovely Christmas hike through the snow in Chelmsford town centre (the gritted parts!) and we enjoyed all the lights and an unexpected carol or two from the Salvation Army that just happened to be there at the same time.
We also tried to make popcorn on a campfire – with varying degrees of success (a few even ate the burnt popcorn, but one batch was at least successful., we visited Broomfield Church for Christingle and had fun with junk modelling with a spaceship theme. The highlight of the winter term was probably entering the Beavers Get Busy (Chelmsford District) competition, where (Thanks to Charlotte's creativity and the Beavers craft skills,) we won the Colony Challenge (narrowly beating our Thursday Colony into second place. We also won lots of individual prizes at this craft competition – well done all!
March saw a combined sleepover in the HQ with the Thursday colony, this was a low-cost sleepover with a Secret Agent theme. Lots of fun (and some sleep) had by all.

We have played lots of games, learnt about the value of Money and planted seeds. The recent cycling evening on the school field was certainly the most skilful demonstration of cycling we have seen and a pleasure to see everyone on their bikes.

The absolute highlight must be the Day trip to the World Headquarters of scout – Gilwell park – to join with 1000 beavers from all other England for a fab day of climbing, rafting, Angry Birds, Bouncy Castles / slides, pedal cars, grass sledging, circus skills and caving. It was a long hot day but well worth the trip. with over 40 Beavers and Cubs from Broomfield and one of the largest groups there.

Charlotte, Amy, Jayne, Sarah and John (the BLT)

## Kantankye Cubs (Wednesday) Report

The Kantankye Cub pack have been as busy as ever this year!
We started off Summer last year with a packed term filled with badges and activities; the Cubs learnt how to communicate using semaphore

### Kantankye Cub Pack Report 2022-23

At the last AGM in 2022, we'd just come back from attending Megacamp, a massive County Camp held at Skreens Park. We finished the term off with archery, bouldering, craft and water games and we also held a couple of meetings over the summer holiday in 2022 to give Cubs the opportunity to try paddle boarding and crate stacking.
It was a busy Autumn term with games, pioneering, craft, newspaper fashion show, Dungeons & Dragons and fire safety. We helped in the community by getting out and about delivering the Broomfield Times, those living in Longshots Close may have heard us…
We had an amazing camp at Riffhams in September, with a Jungle book theme. Cubs did Nordic braiding to make tiny Kaa snakes, tarpology and shelter building and battled their way through Shere Khan's lair. Tie dye neckers were messy but a souvenir to keep from the weekend, even more messy were Cubs wading through jelly and baked beans in the "sensory challenge"!

Cubs put in lots of entries to the Broomfield Cottage Gardeners Society Autumn Show and we had a number of winners, well done Cubs!

For Parliament week in November, the Cubs learned about the Houses of Commons and Lords, political parties and prime ministers… They even debated on important topics such as "Should children choose their own bed time?". The pack made a poppy for Armistice Day using handprints and took time to reflect. A highlight of the term has got to be the DIY badge, Cubs measured, marked, sawed, drilled, hammered and painted, many thanks go to Linda, Paddy, Jason, Chris and Mike for their help in running these evenings. Under their expert guidance and careful supervision, the Cubs learned lots of new skills, and the first aid box wasn't needed at all!

We went ahead with our Christmas sleepover at the HQ, even with sub-zero temperatures and snow and ice, although plans had to be changed to take account of the weather. Still an enjoyable evening, lots of party games, home-made pizza and a film.
When we returned after the Christmas break, we held a pack forum, played games, made Cub top trumps and celebrated Burns Night.
We were so pleased to be able to hold our Winter camp at Belchamps, this had been cancelled due to covid in both 2021 and 2022. The camp followed a "Nintendo" theme, although not a games console in sight. Cubs completed challenges to earn coins and stars, looked after eggs – and had to buy them back if they lost them!

They had a go on the pedal carts, took on the assault course, did a bit of pioneering, and of course, cooked marshmallows on the fire.

What an enjoyable camp weekend!

Over the rest of the term, Cubs also celebrated St. David's Day, built Lego bridges, and worked on the Astronomer's badge. The Sixers and Seconders ran one meeting, a lot of games were played! Cubs practised putting up tents and also had a go on the bouldering wall.

We entered two teams in the District Scout Swimming Gala, our Cub swimmers were amazing, not just their swimming but also the level of support they gave other swimmers – they cheered each other, they cheered Dinizulu pack, they cheered anyone else they knew and they gave great encouragement to Cubs struggling to finish, we were really proud of them. They also won the Cub Section and were awarded the District Cup, and scored so highly that even though there were no Broomfield Scout swimmers to add to the score, they still came second overall. What a wonderful evening!

It's been great to be outside for most of the Summer Term so far, we've been down at Centenary Wood helping move bark chippings to the site of the new community garden, we've visited Skreens to do climbing and zip lining, as well as a campfire and Cubs have also helped out by litter picking the site. Many thanks to Shane and Paddy for running the climbing sessions for us. Back at the HQ we've run a couple of archery sessions, and also more fire lighting and backwoods cooking.

We've already held the first of two Summer Term camps, over the Coronation weekend we were at Riffhams with a Secret Agent themed camp, Cubs cracked codes, made disguises and produced passports, hiked into Danbury, found their way through the "laser" maze, did target shooting with nerf

guns and catapults, and the whole weekend had to look after the Crown Jewels. They earned "Q-pons" for completing tasks which they exchanged at Q's Commissary for equipment cards necessary to complete their final mission. It was a fantastic weekend, enjoyed by Cubs and Leaders, and it's really great to see the Cubs confidence and independence grow.

We're already planning our next camp at the end of June; this one will be at Thriftwood and lots of activities have already been booked…. We can't wait!

We were sad to say goodbye last summer to Jo, our "Badge Queen", but we have carried on the good work, Cubs have achieved a total of 183 badges in the last year! They've earned Skills, World, Outdoors and Teamwork Challenge badges, and then also Artist, Astronomer, Disability Awareness, DIY, Entertainer, Fire Safety, Physical Recreation, Pioneer, Navigator and Paddle Sports. Some Cubs brought in badge work and evidence from home, completing the Equestrian badge, Snowsports and the Cyclist badge. Hikes away, Time on the Water and Nights away staged badges were also achieved.

We've had a wonderful year with the Cubs, lots of achievements, lots of fun, lots of skills learned, lots of confidence built. Lots of great camps too – thanks go to Chris C. for towing the trailer to and from camp for us, and also many thanks to anyone else who has helped us over the year!

## Steff (Akela), Andrea, Cerian, Maya and Megan (Kantankye Leader Team)

## Thursday Beavers, 2nd Colony

Summer / Autumn Term:

This Autumn term Beavers have been very busy!
We had a great Adventure with the Wednesday Colony – we attended the first County Damboree – Beavers from all over Essex camping outside in Tents at Skreens!! The Leaders went over to Skreens on the Friday afternoon and set up the camp, then the Beavers arrived Saturday morning for an action-packed fun day, they went on the Low ropes, did Bushcraft, minibeast hunting, played games, went on the inflatable assault course, did crafts, met loads of Beavers from across the County, went to a massive campfire and sang campfire songs, then it was bedtime! It was the coldest weekend of the summer so far!! Brrrrrrr! We had hot chocolate for breakfast to warm up. Then more activities until nearly lunch time when it was time to try and get all our kit back into our rucksacks…… thank you to all the leaders and parents who stayed and helped or appeared Sunday to help pack it all down! It was a great first Damboree for us.
Beavers have been to visit White Watch at the Fire station, that was very interesting, seeing in the Fire Engine and trying on the kit the Fire crew wear – it's very heavy. And they let us loose with the hoses…….
We have worked on our Global Activity Badge and learnt about the endangered Sea Turtles, Fair Trade, performed a couple of sketches to highlight the difference between fair and unfair trade. We worked on our Safety badge, learning about stranger danger, emergency services and fire safety. We've visited St Mary's Church to learn a bit about that, they have the same emblem all over the Church that we have on our uniform…. the Fleur-dis-Lis. The rest of the term is equally packed, we have just done a joint activity day at Thriftwood with both Colony's where we joined the Dinizulu Cub Pack who were camping there, we did the zipline, assault course, cresta run and nerf guns, then had pizza for tea and a fabulous campfire with LOADS of singing…. We are heading to Riffhams for games in the woods, learning about Disabilities, having fun for Halloween amongst other activities planned for the rest of the term.

The last half of the winter term saw the Beavers hike into town to the cenotaph, supported with lots of parent helpers. We stopped along the way to discover the Dragon's teeth and discover other details from periods of war, we had a minute silence at the cenotaph.
We also had a Scottish themed evening with the Beavers all making shortbread biscuit and discovering interesting facts about Scotland and playing some highland games – well sort of!!

And we've done lots of Christmas crafting and had lots of seasonal fun – melting snowmen biscuits were delicious…

Spring Term:

We are again running alongside the Wednesday Colony, putting our building skills into action to get our builder badge completed. The Beavers had requested a themed evening so we will be looking to run one night this term on a theme, we will be looking to find out how we can help the Children's Society by joining the Christingle service. This term we also have the district swimming gala to look forward to and also the District Beavers get busy craft competition. all this alongside all of the normal games, cooking, fun evenings working towards badges.
We had more chief scout bronze awards to award last term to Luella and Ronnie, who have now moved up to Cubs.

We had a fabulous end to spring term, both Colonies took part in the District Beavers Get Busy competition, and we won!!! We have a fabulous trophy for the year to show for this, as well as being very excited about winning it!! How are we going to top that this term?!

This term we have already watched the rocket launch going to Jupiter and worked out most of the Beavers (hopefully) will be Explorers by the time it gets to Jupiter!! As it will take longer than they are currently old to get there – about 10 years…

This term Beavers will be busy working things out and exploring the world around them, with problem solving, gardening, pond dipping and going to Riffhams all planned for this half term. Then next half term we are looking to see how active we can be and doing our Cyclist Badge and some mini-Olympic skills, as well as playing cricket and a Hike.

We are planning on entering some of the Cottage Gardeners competition along with the Wednesday Beavers so we'll see how that goes…

We attended the Funday at Gilwell with the Wednesday Beavers on the 10th June, and had a blast there with all the activities on offer.

## Dinizulu Cub Pack Report (Thursdays)

The last year has been awesome! We have grown from 10 Cubs to a current 20 Cubs. And everything is exciting...
We started the 2022 summer term making sweets, Armpit fudge and peppermint creams, we were grateful that none of the fudge bags split whilst they were in anyone's armpit!! We came to the conclusion the fudge would be great with ice cream but was a bit sickly for any of us on its own. We ran our own games night and escape room to work towards some serious problem solving – team working was essential. We had a great night learning Archery – Thank you to John for helping us with that. There were some fabulous shots in the bullseye and some equally impressive misses. We also have John to thank for a Fencing night too.
For the Queens Jubilee we ran a joint evening with the Thursday Beavers, making scones, then our grown-ups were invited in for the evening and Cubs made and served cups of tea/coffee and Beavers made sure that the grownups got scones, jam and cream with their drink. This was a lovely social evening and all the scones got demolished... Thank you to the grown-ups who supported us with the baking and preparation and everyone who came to our tea.
We went on our first County Camp – Megacamp at Skreens Park– what an awesome weekend! there was so much to do and try and see and taste. it was a whirlwind weekend, and we loved it and can't wait for the next one!
We went on a summer hike that finished with chips all round, it was interesting to see all round the new estate and gave us an interesting discussion about changing scenery around us. We finished the term with Cricket, Athletics, Kayaking and a water fight, Cubs had an excellent time and really did do their best at all these activities.

Autumn Term – We started off by working on our Safety badges, in preparation for a night hike, campfires, and fireworks. We worked on our Global badge and World Challenge as we learnt about where our things come from and the pollution and waste across the world and how some of those can affect different animals and habitats.
We went out to Riffhams for a campfire and wide game and just to run in the woods, it was great fun especially as some explorers turned up and nearly joined in with us!
We had camp at Thriftwood over one weekend and had both the Beaver Colonies join us for some activities, cresta run, assault course and campfire songs and pizza, thanks to all the leaders who joined us to make this such a lovely weekend, Cubs made up their own mini show whilst they were there it had everything, singing, dancing and acrobatics!
We visited St Mary's Church and found out some interesting facts about the building and stories behind parts of it. We hiked out from town for Remembrance, that was a nice evening – there were traffic works so the road was lovely and quiet …. well, it might have been if we hadn't of been hiking along it! We did lots of Christmas crafts then missed our party as the road became a skating rink due to the sheet ice on it.
Spring Term – We celebrated Christmas late! But it was still fun. We made our own Christingles with the help of Rev Dawn; they were very nice! We have looked at keeping our bodies healthy with food and activities this term.
We had a sleepover at the HQ, and made some AWESOME pizzas for tea, then we had a campfire with lots of songs. Cubs put up tents on the field and brainstormed for ideas to do next term at Cubs, so many ideas!!

We finally got our Cooking Night, we had some amazing foods to try, pizza and doughballs, beefburgers, pancakes, churros, nachos, then we did Fencing (thank you John!) climbing on the wall, mini crossbows and finished the term doing a treasure hunt round the village, one group got all the way round...
It's been a busy year, our grown-ups have been fabulous at supporting everything we have done, it would be great to have another grown-up or two on the section leader team on a regular basis though, if this sparks your interest come along and join in, it's a great opportunity for having fun.

Ruth and the Cub Leader Team

# 1st Broomfield Scout Group Contacts

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# 1st Broomfield Scout Group Reg. Charity 1016433

## Receipts and Payments Account

**For the year ended 31st December 2022**

## Receipts and payments

| Notes | | | 2021 Unrestricted funds | 2022 Unrestricted funds |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| | **Receipts** | | £ | £ |
| | **Donations, Legacies and similar Income** | | | |
| 1 | Membership Subscriptions | | £1,960 | £7,417 |
| 2 | Donations Received | | £297 | £1,168 |
| 3 | Gift Aid | | £0 | £0 |
| 4 | Income for Youth programme and activities | | £1,738 | £8,120 |
| | Refunds Received on Activities | | £0 | £0 |
| | | **Sub Total** | 3,994 | 16,705 |
| | **Grants** | | | |
| | Building Grant | | £4,404 | £0 |
| 5 | Other Grant | | £16,993 | £2,867 |
| | | **Sub Total** | 21,397 | 2,867 |
| | **Fundraising events (Gross)** | | | |
| 6 | Book Sale | | £5,000 | £6,339 |
| 7 | Waste Paper income & Recycling Credits | | £7,457 | £7,662 |
| | General Fundraising | | £0 | £0 |
| | | **Sub Total** | 12,457 | 14,001 |
| | **Scout Hut Income** | | | |
| 8 | Sale of Assets | | £0 | £100 |
| | Hire of Building | | £0 | £250 |
| | | **Sub Total** | - | 350 |
| | **Investment income** | | | |
| | Bank Interest | | £104 | £128 |
| | | **Sub Total** | 104 | 128 |
| | ***Total Gross Income*** | | 37,951 | 34,051 |
| | **Asset and investment sales, etc.** | | £0 | £0 |
| | ***Total receipts*** | | 37,951 | 34,051 |

# 1st Broomfield Scout Group Reg. Charity 1016433

## Receipts and Payments Account

**For the year ended 31st December 2022**

### Receipts and payments

| Notes | | 2021 Unrestricted funds £ | 2022 Unrestricted funds £ |
|---|---|---|---|
| | **Payments** | | |
| | **Charitable Payments** | | |
| 9 | Membership Fees paid to District | -£3,822 | -£2,963 |
| 10 | Youth programme and activities | -£4,176 | -£17,250 |
| | Refunds Issued on Activities | £0 | -£246 |
| 11 | Adult Support & Training | -£198 | -£440 |
| 7 | Wastepaper Skip Charges | £0 | -£166 |
| | Waste Disposal | -£379 | -£383 |
| 12 | Water & Sewerage | -£152 | -£330 |
| 12 | Electricity & Gas | -£403 | -£742 |
| | Insurance | -£1,420 | -£1,475 |
| 13 | Repairs & Renewals | -£909 | -£8,168 |
| 14 | Materials & Equipment | -£17,734 | -£2,332 |
| | Printing & Photocopying | -£53 | -£79 |
| 15 | Uniforms | -£70 | -£625 |
| | AGM & Trustee Expenses | -£119 | -£153 |
| | OSM Bank Charges | -£271 | -£530 |
| 17 | Cleaning | -£396 | -£634 |
| | Donations made | -£2,000 | -£168 |
| 18 | Badges | -£472 | -£1,763 |
| | **Sub Total** | - 32,574 | - 38,448 |
| | Fund Raising Expenses | | |
| | Fund Raising Expenses | £0 | -£67 |
| | ***Total Gross Expenditure*** | - 32,574 | - 38,515 |
| | **Asset and investment purchases etc.** | | |
| | Major Building costs | -£285 | £0 |
| | ***Total payments*** | - 32,859 | - 38,515 |
| | ***Net Receipts/(Payments)*** | £5,092 | -£4,464 |
| | **Cash funds last year end** | £52,895 | £57,987 |
| | ***Cash funds this year end*** | 57,987 | 53,524 |

# 1st Broomfield Scout Group Reg. Charity 1016433
# Receipts and Payments Account

## Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the year

| Notes | | 31/12/2021 Unrestricted funds | 31/12/2022 Unrestricted funds |
|---|---|---|---|
| | **Cash funds** | £ | £ |
| | Bank current account | £6,330 | £2,239 |
| | Bank deposit accounts | £28,007 | £27,533 |
| | Bank Notice Account | £23,650 | £23,752 |
| | **Total cash funds** | 57,987 | 53,524 |
| | (agree balances with receipts and payments account) | ok | ok |
| | **Non-Monetary assets for charity's own use** | | |
| | Badge stock | £450 | £450 |
| | Uniform Stock | £495 | £495 |
| | Land and buildings | £389,000 | £389,000 |
| | Scouting equipment, furniture etc (depreciated at 5% p.a.) | £42,440 | £42,533 |
| | Other | | |
| | **Sub total** | 432,385 | 432,478 |
| | **Liabilities** | | |
| | Expenses incurred but not invoiced | £4,074 | £0 |
| | **Sub total** | £4,074 | £0 |
| | **Total Group Assets** | 486,298 | 486,002 |

**The above receipts and payments account and statement of assets and liabilities were approved by the Trustees on**

**..... 2023**

**(the date of the Executive Committee meeting that approved the accounts) and signed on their behalf by**

| | Signature | Name |
|---|---|---|
| Chair | | MALCOLM TAYLOR |
| Treasurer | | JOHN WALLIS |

# Independent examiner's report to the trustees of 1st Broomfield Scout Group Scout Council

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the 1st Broomfield Scout Group for the year ended 31st December 2022.

## Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees of the 1st Broomfield 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 Broomfield 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 Broomfield 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: Alun Powell

Name: Alun Powell

Relevant professional qualification or membership of professional bodies (if any): Economist

Address: 14 Butlers Close, Broomfield, Chelmsford CM1 7BE

Date 31 March 2023

**1ST BROOMFIELD SCOUT GROUP**

England & Wales - Charity number 1016433

# Accounts

# The 1st Broomfield Scout Group annual report and accounts for the financial year ended 31st December 2021

Scouts
1st Broomfield



**AGM**
**21st June 2022**
**Via Zoom 8pm**

## Preparing young people with skills for life

**We're Scouts and everyone is welcome here. Every week, we help almost half a million people aged 4-25 develop skills for life. Are you ready to join the adventure?**

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**1st Broomfield Scout Group**

**Registered Charity no. 1016433**

## Volunteer today

**Whether you can spare an hour a month or a day a year, we have hundreds of opportunities both behind the scenes and directly supporting young people. With full support and award-winning training, you can volunteer on a flexible basis. Not only is it incredibly rewarding and great fun, you'll learn some brilliant skills transferable to the workplace too.**

**We welcome volunteers from every community and background. You don't need to have been a Scout. You just need to believe in a more positive future and the difference we can make together.**

## Ways to help at 1st Broomfield: -

- Exec Committee Member (Management of the Group and its buildings and fundraising) – particularly Beaver and Cubs parents/grandparents
- Skills instructor
- Section Leader, Assistant Section Leader or Sectional Assistants
- Activity Helper (e.g., on camps and walks)
- I T / Digital / social media
- Building & stores repair / maintenance

# WELCOME - A word from the Group Scout Leader, Simon Webb

As it's my first AGM as Group Scout leader, I will firstly apologise for not using the correct scout phraseology before I get picked up on it!

From taking on the role in the latter part of last year, it's certainly been an experience not from doing the job, but getting to grips with the ins and outs of the scouting world. It really is a well-run organisation with management on all levels for which we are trained……but it is still a charity run by volunteers who still have a day job to pay the bills. They have given up their own time and well-earned holidays to help.

The 1st Broomfield group has beavers, cubs, scouts and explorers – the latter not officially part of but with the same leaders from other sections.

From my initial perspective, sitting on both the Exec Committee and the scout leaders' group, it's clear that everyone, all being volunteers, have brought together a real need to engage with the kids with a view of giving a real push start into adult life and a commitment with a fantastic grounding into the big wide world.
The exec committee have a really important role to play, to meet the strict regulations of being a charity at the end of the day, to ensure money is spent correctly, to ensure peoples safety, guiding and looking forward to how best to deliver the real aim of scouting.

But the scout leaders, who run and organise events, camping, hikes, swimming galas, climbing walls, archery, fencing…the list goes on and on have really one goal -for the children to enjoy themselves safely and provide new experiences that some may not be fortunate to ever experience. We have real respect for their time, direction and desire to achieve this goal. So, everyone is under constant pressure to ensure that we as volunteers do the right thing.

We had a recent article in the Broomfield Times and with Roger's help – will be submitting a further update on what we have been doing as a group so please do have a read and it'll demonstrate what 1st Broomfield is up to,

As a parent with both kids having gone through the beavers and cubs – now in the scouts, hopefully onto explorers in the next couple of years, Duke of Edinburgh award possibly, the grounding is a fantastic start to adult life. A great start to a CV when looking for a job or future career. As I'm one of those people have that have to spend a lot of time going through CV's – it's the first thing I look for. A lot of people don't realise the impact and influence scouting has on the children going forward.

Although it's great to see a sort of "normality" return to our world, it does highlight the work pre, post and during the pandemic that the leaders and volunteers have and are doing.
But there is only so much they we can do. Please – if you can help out then please let me know.

As Malcolm indicated in his recent letter, the subs may have to be increased if we can't continue the recycling skip due to lack of support in "skip jumping" although there are ongoing discussions with the very generous skip provider about a second skip. The book sale is a real benefit from an income perspective – but we have the same gallant volunteers who spend a week setting the whole thing up, organising the books into sections and again their time.

So – in conclusion – I'd like to thank all the volunteers for their help and really ask if anyone else is prepared to join the team - in any role that they think they can help with – then please contact me.

**Simon Webb** swebb300125@gmail.com

# AGM Minutes

## Meeting held via Zoom - 15th June 2021

Chair Malcolm Taylor welcomed to the AGM on Zoom, Roger Cole as District Chair, Alun Powell as our Independent Auditor.

Malcolm thanked the leaders for carrying on the last year during the pandemic and sorting out the store cupboard, and TMA for overseeing the project management of the Activity Building and Traversing Wall. Roger and Sue were thanked for their online Booksale over the last year. Nigel and Carolyn were thanked for their support over the years as they both standing down from the Exec. Paul Fisher was thanked as he is standing down as Section Assistant for Scouts.

Moving forward to the business at hand Malcolm advised that, for Zoom ease, he would will assume consent to everything unless anyone says otherwise.

Apologies for absence were received from - Will Davis, Ellie Green, Andrea and Maya Robertson. Steff Smith & Suzanne Ball Co-DC

Minutes from last year's AGM, agreed as correct and true.

Booklet with the Annual Review sent out to all with a brief Group report due to most sections not running over the last year. Annual Review thanks to John for good finance management the last year along with the grants from Government from the Hospitality sector. Due to this we haven't charged Subs for the last year and we've maintained our reserves for future projects such as the Kitchen and Toilet updates.

Tara nominated Malcolm to continue as the Group Chair – Malcolm confirmed he was happy to continue.

Group Secretary – Monica McKie
Group Treasurer – John Wallis
Roger Cole nominated to the Group Exec.
Tara Watkins, SL and Ruth Reed, ESL approved as ex-officio members.

Election of members to the Group Executive Committee

Beaver Colony 1 -
Beaver Colony 2 – Martin Chapman
Cub –Will Davis
Scout – Sanjay Anderson & Kirstie Zanco
Linda MacInnes co-opted on to the Exec.

Alun Powell was nominated as Independent Auditor and confirmed he would do this for another year. Everyone was thanked for attending via zoom.

# GROUP EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT 2021

We have, hopefully, left the “Covid Years” behind us and have returned to face-to-face Scouting. A great big thank you to all leaders, volunteers, supporters and Executive Members who have made this possible and also to parents/carers who have again placed their young people in our care.

The last two years have limited our ability to meet, but despite these limitations innovative methods were found to enable our sections to meet. Last year our new Beaver Colony and Cub Pack (Dinizulu) were able to meet face-to-face and we were able to put the finishing touches to our new multi-activity building. As soon as they were able to do so the sections have used the traversing wall within it.

We were able to continue to offer activities (albeit via Zoom and then in limited socially distanced numbers outside) throughout the pandemic as we continued to be able to collect wastepaper and card in the skip – a major source of income generation. Whilst we were unable to hold a book sale in 2021 Roger & Sue Cole were again able to ‘discover’ valuable literary gems from amongst the book stock and sell them via the internet – another source of income. Our thanks to Roger & Sue for continuing to support us in this way. John, I have no doubt will cover the Group Finances in greater detail but it is fair to say that without these sources of income we would have had difficulty in maintaining “services” and activities at the current subscription levels.

The paper skip remains a valuable source of income for the Group but its contents can get out of hand if left to their own devices (and the wind)!! We therefore need volunteers to come forward and help us keep the paper/card in the skip – levelling the contents or ‘stamping it down’; we need “skip jumpers”! If you can assist in this way once a month, please join the rota. Contact me or one of the leaders and we will give you a slot!!! Our own success, in activity provision, has increased members [2 x Beaver Colonies, 2 x Cub Packs and a Scout Troop *(which is bursting at the seams)*] means we need assistance with the sections. If you feel you could help us as a Scout Volunteer at the section meetings, please speak to a leader in the first instance. We can offer the appropriate support and training and what’s more it’s FUN!

At the end of 2021 we welcomed Simon Webb who volunteered to join us as Group Scout Leader (Volunteer Manager). Simon had been a Scout and currently has two children within the Group. I look forward to working with Simon over the coming months for the benefit of the Group.

Finally, but by no means least we need a few more parent members (particularly from the Beaver & Cub sections) to join us on the Group Executive. You will be able to bring an additional perspective to our meetings. We meet once a term in the HQ, in convivial surroundings. As with any role within Scouting training is given. If you are able to assist and support us in this way, please do contact me.

**Malcolm Taylor**
Group Chairman
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# Treasurers Report 2021

In summary we have a £5,092 surplus for 2021 which was higher than expected due to the additional Covid related grants of £16,993 received from Chelmsford City Council, resulting in a year-end bank balance of £57,987, which is around £10,000 higher than anticipated.

As a result of these extra grant monies, the Executive Committee agreed to donate £2,000 to Chelmsford District Scouts – to be allocated to other scout groups in Chelmsford District who were in financial need (e.g., losses caused by Covid)

Whilst the cash reserves have risen somewhat unexpectedly, these are exceptional times and we have significant expenditure in the pipeline for new / improved toilet facilities and a refitted kitchen.

**Notes to the Accounts**

1) Subs – Whilst the accounts show an increase from 2020, we only collected around half of a full year's total, due to many sections not operating a full face-to-face programme until Summer/Autumn 2021.
2) Donations Received – The majority of this total is the sum of £271 was kindly donated by Sunrise Online Retail to cover fire damage costs following an act of arson in the waste paper skip.
3) Gift Aid – This will be claimed in 2022 for the 2-year period
4) Activity Income & Expenditure naturally shows a further drop - simply due to lockdown and a lack of large events with uncertainty around Covid and many inexperienced young members who have not attended for 12-15 months. We typically spend £6-10,000 in a normal year
5) Building Grants – These relate to 2 grants, received as expected and as noted in last year's Annual Report from Essex Scouts County Grants Board £3,404 and Essex County Council Locality Fund £1,000.
6) Other Grant – Chelmsford City Council hospitality support / restart grants paid in four further amounts due to the additional Covid related lockdowns in early 2021.
7) Whilst we did not hold a face-to-face book sale in 2021, an incredible amount of work was done behind the scenes selling many books online instead, many thanks to those involved in the socially distanced sorting and selling, which naturally was not easy.
8) Our income from the waste paper skip (the value of paper and receipt of "recycling credits") is relatively consistent and has proved an excellent Covid-proof fund raiser.
9) Membership Fees were paid as normal to The Scout Association via Chelmsford District Scouts at £39 per child/young leader – this was paid irrespective of whether we collected subs, which were only re-started when each individual section met face to face again.
10) Payments for activities and events etc. dropped in line with the associated income from activities, this generally relates to the same events (e.g., a subsidised camp) (see note 4). The net value of these two amounts forms the net subsidy provided by the Group to parents.
11) Electricity & Gas costs dropped as the HQ was closed during the coldest period of Lockdown. We have a 3-year fixed contract running to July 2023 so we are protected for the time being against the current spike in energy prices.
12) Repairs & Renewals - significant items within this category were £343 for additional / replacement fire extinguishers and associated checks, £271 waste disposal costs for one tonne of non-recyclable / fire damaged paper in the wastepaper skip and £165 for a service for our equipment trailer.
13) Materials and Equipment - Purchases include £16,210 for the new adjustable freestanding climbing wall, £706 for 3 new tables and a new table trolley, £291 for a new gun cupboard for our air rifles and £128 for replacement climbing rope and pulleys
14) Donations Made - This includes the £2,000 mentioned above to cover scout groups in financial hardship
15) Expenses incurred but not invoiced: related to the Heating/lighting/electrical costs for the new building. At the time of this report all invoices relating to the new Garage have now been paid.

# Receipts and Payments Account

For the year ended 31st December 2021

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| | *Total Gross Expenditure* | -£26,576 | -£32,574 |
| | **Asset and investment purchases etc.** | | |
| | Major Building costs | -£25,301 | -£285 |
| | *Total payments* | -£51,877 | -£32,859 |
| | *Net Receipts/(Payments)* | £4,376 | £5,092 |
| | Cash funds last year end | £48,519 | £52,895 |
| | *Cash funds this year end* | £52,895 | £57,987 |

## Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the year

| Notes | | 31/12/2020 Unrestricted funds | | 31/12/2021 Unrestricted funds |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| | **Cash funds** | £ | | £ |
| | Bank current account | £4,341 | | £6,330 |
| | Bank deposit accounts | £33,004 | | £28,007 |
| | Bank Notice Account | £15,550 | | £23,650 |
| | **Total cash funds** | £52,895 | | £57,987 |
| | **Non-Monetary assets for charity's own use** | | | |
| | Badge stock | £450 | | £450 |
| | Uniform Stock | £0 | | £495 |
| | Land and buildings | £389,000 | | £389,000 |
| | Scouting equipment, furniture etc (depreciated at 5% | £26,939 | | £42,440 |
| | Other | | | |
| | **Sub total** | £416,389 | | £432,385 |
| | **Liabilities** | | | |
| 15 | Expenses incurred but not invoiced | | | £4,074 |
| | **Sub total** | £0 | | £4,074 |
| | **Total Group Assets** | £469,284 | | £486,298 |

**Reserves Policy of 1st Broomfield Scout Group**

It is the policy of the Group to hold one year's expenditure in reserve to cover loss of our two large income streams namely the Book Sale and Waste Paper recycling (approximately £15,000 in total). These form an exceptionally large part of our fund raising. This reserve policy is reviewed regularly by the Group Executive (Trustees) who are satisfied that sufficient reserves remain to carry on the daily running of the Group.

Following the completion of the new activities/storage building alongside the HQ further reserves will be established to enable provision for a refurbished kitchen area and improved disabled access with improvements to WC facilities. Long term we will also need to build reserves for the rebuilding of the (pre-fab) concrete walls built in the 1970's which will not last for ever.

**John Wallis**
Group Treasurer – broomfieldtreasurer@gmail.com

## Scout Troop

It's been a tough climb this year to gain some momentum back after Covid, we have managed to keep a steady number in Scouts with many joining us for the first time.

We restarted in May last summer term and got straight to get doing those activities we have much missed at Scouting which included paddle boarding, crate stacking, climbing, very muddy den building, golf at Rascal Bay, and of course fire lighting over Riffhams.

September back to usual with us baking up a storm to support Broomfield Football club for their Macmillan Coffee morning and raised £600. October saw us return to enter the plainsman/Wanderers' hike again after missing a couple of years, the route was set around Riffhams to give us some familiar grounds to getting back to hiking. Then after 103 weeks without camping we finally managed to get a small Troop camp over to Thriftwood for some activities and usually exploring in the woods and getting back into cooking on open fires.

We held a Christmas creative challenge day along with 26th Chelmsford, lots of craft activities were completed and challenge badge gained, and lotssssss of cooking, from our annual cooking competition, from pancakes to stir-fry and we finished with a fantastic effort for the official opening of the bouldering wall - afternoon tea for our donors and local councillors.

A great survival camp and hike was enjoyed by all and fab to be camping again, scouts hiked to camp and constructed their own bivvies to sleep in. Plainsman moved backed to its regular slot in May so again we entered a team in each, and what and marvellous effort they made. it was a long hike!

Lots of activities this term aimed to ticking off some tasks towards Chief Scout Gold awards and importantly we are looking forward once again to summer CAMP in Dorset! We are looking for some additional adults to come join our leadership team, if anyone wants to know more, please come and speak to any of us, you just need to be keen and willing. Thanks

Tara

## Wednesday Beavers




Summer 2021

At the beginning of the pandemic in 2020 we ran a few sessions on zoom. Unfortunately, we had very little uptake so the decision was made to wait until f2f scouting could begin. We returned in May 2021 starting with a fish and chip hike. We hiked from the hut to Angel Park via the fields behind Berwick Avenue. Children were accompanied by parents and we had good support. The following week we ventured to Hylands Park for a scavenger hunt. Next, we had a night of archery, mini cross bows and codes followed by low ropes course at Skreens Park. We invested our new beavers at Riffhams after enjoying time in the woods. To end the term, we had a bike night on the field and a night of Olympic activity.
Our numbers have reduced significantly over the pandemic; we currently have 12 beavers. However, we have a strong leadership team. We have Sarah who is awaiting her appointment interview for Colony Assistant and Amy has just joined and wants to become a uniformed leader.

Autumn 2021
The autumn term has been a busy one for Beavers. We had 15 beavers regularly attending and have a strong team of 5 adults. We also have a young leader attending regularly for his D of E. Bronze award. Beavers have had the opportunity to attend a Saturday at Riffhams and Thriftwood. This provides opportunities for more adventurous activities including the cresta run, peddlerz and assault course. These were well supported by parents.

For our weekly meetings we have hiked to Little Waltham, stopping for a picnic on route, we've done archery, mini-crossbows, had a very informative talk from the foodbank, made a wreath for Remembrance Day and played lots of games. Beavers have earned their money skills badge (a new badge this year) and their builder badge. We had a great hike around the city centre admiring the Christmas lights and sampling some chips and enjoyed a game of bowling for our Christmas outing. Unfortunately, we had a couple of weeks where we could not meet due to
Covid affecting the leader's availability.
However, the space badge we should have worked on will now be earned in the Spring term

Winter 2021
This term has been very busy with lots of badge work being completed. Sadly, we had to say goodbye to Gemma who has moved out of the area. We are really going to miss her and it means that we are down to only one warranted leader. However, we do have 4 regular adults and also Alex Passfield is attending for his DofE Silver award.
The first session back was all about the promise. We looked at each part of the promise and also at the history of scouting. The following week we started work on one of the newer badges The Great Outdoors stage 1. We covered all the requirements for this badge, other than the at home sleepover, over the next few weeks. We covered the communicator badge with a spy night, deciphering codes and playing hide and seek using telephone and text communication. We cooked up a 'lovely' chow mein for Chinese New Year and managed to complete our space badge which we missed out on last year. We were lucky to have Amy's husband Andy to come in a talk to us about the James Webb telescope. Unfortunately, it was rather cloudy but we made use of technology and used apps to spot where constellations were behind the clouds! The second half of half term started with Pancake Day. Lots of delicious pancakes were consumed!!! Then it was World

Book Day. We all dressed up as a book character (Harry Potter was a favourite) and many beavers earned their book reader badge. We've been trying to teach the beavers some games as this is something most do not have experience of. We've had hungry hippos, hockey, who's missing and lots more. We've also tried to learn some knots and a special mention has to go to John and Alex for an incredible display of patience! For the last 2 sessions we have planned to use our climbing wall, with Anne-Marie leading small groups, some emergency aid, and an Easter Hike. We are also having a sleepover over for the first time since lockdown, joining with the other colony to have a basic skills camp.

SUMMER 2022

We have been very busy since the last report. In March we joined together with Thursday beavers to have our very first sleepover since Covid. We concentrated on scouting skills and beavers put up tents, cooked over a fire, roasted marshmallows, sewed badges on their camp blankets, used a compass to collect clues and much more.

To round off the term we had an Easter Bunny hunt, walking from Broads Green across the footpaths to Broomfield church. We were very lucky that the Easter Bunny had left us some goodies on the way for us to collect and enjoy!

We started the summer term with archery, learning the green cross code, fencing, and beginning to get ready for the Queen's jubilee.

We are looking forward to our next sleepover which is at Braintree Museum with a dinosaur theme!

We have also recruited another member of the team Jayne Pearson which is great. This means we have a great adult to child ratio at most sessions. However, we really need someone to come on board to be an assistant section leader so there is another person able to run the group when the leader is unavailable.

Charlotte and the BLT

## Kantankye Cubs (Wednesday) Report

The Kantankye Cub pack have been as busy as ever this year!

We started off Summer last year with a packed term filled with badges and activities; the Cubs learnt how to communicate using semaphore and delivering messages across the length of the field, combined football and golf to design their own mini footgolf courses to complete, also many visits to Riffhams campsite to observe how seasons affect the nature and environment. This meant the Cubs completed their naturalist and athletics badge. This term they also braved the heights of high ropes, hit the targets in archery, duelled each other in fencing, paddled around in kayaking and tried not to fall in whilst paddleboarding. Phew!

Moving into the autumn and the Cubs had a heated debate for parliament week and pitched their own designs and ideas for new camp gadgets for a mock up “Dragons Den”. The lazy bot and the peg remover sounded very enticing! They also tested their problem solving and cunning through attempting to build the strongest Lego bridges and playing games of giant battleships. The sixers and seconders took over for a week and designed their own evening to run. Some future leaders in the making, maybe! The Cubs had to brave the pirates during an activity weekend at Riffhams, rescuing their lunch from trees by lighting fires… Following the bloody (ketchup) trail of the missing Davis Grug… Battling an obstacle course… Tasting some unusual foods and working their way through Shere Khan’s Lair.

Spring came along and didn’t disappoint! Badges were earnt left and right through learning about burns, scalds, asthma, slings, bandages and the recovery position. First aid achieved. Then jumping straight into map symbols, 6 figure grid references and a hike using maps and waypoints to find their own way around Broomfield. Map reading ticked off. Disability was next on the list as the Cubs were keen to learn about how people thrive with different conditions and some of the challenges they face. It isn’t all about badges though as the Cubs participated in many district events; showing off their crafting skills and being awarded handsomely for their efforts in the craft competition. The flash mob in central Chelmsford was an engaging way to show scouting off to the public. A special mention must go to the swimmers who competed in the swimming gala, their points contributed to allow 1st Broomfield to place 2nd overall! Well Done!

This year we have finally been able to get back into the full groove of scouting and taken the cubs out to camp and given them nights away. For some this was their first time away from home and what a time they had. We

started off light with a sleepover at the hut filled with hikes, homemade pizzas with some unusual topping combinations, squishy biscuits over the fire and games. Stepping into May, the Cubs travelled to Belchamps to finally solve the mystery of “Where’s Wally?”. The Cubs hunted him down through Hockley woods to no avail. They also re-enacted many scenes where Wally had been spotted previously with his friends. The costumes themselves were entertaining enough! We were impressed with how well the Cubs conducted themselves and embraced new challenges.

This term so far, we have been taken over by May the 4th (be with you), how to pack for camp (Dennis can’t come with us!), bouldering on the new wall, archery and plenty of craft. Preparations for the county ran Megacamp in June are in full swing. Watch out fellow swashbucklers, Kantankye are out to have the best time! All of this wouldn’t be possible without the many voluntary hours behind the scenes that are given by the leadership team. Planning meetings, strange ideas that turn into activities, risk assessments and all the prep/packing and unpacking for camps. If you are reading this and would like to contribute in some way, please come and talk to us! Even if you can only contribute a small amount, or have an unusual skill we can feature, that would help us massively. Thank you.

**Kantankye Leadership Team – Steff, Andrea, Jo, Maya, Megan, Cerian and Patrick.** 😊

## Thursday Beavers, 2nd Colony




Autumn Term:

We started welcoming some new Beavers into the colony - our first meeting back we focused on what being a Beaver meant and looked at the History of Scouting (as Beavers turned 35 in 2021).

We held a joint Activity Day at Riffhams with the Wednesday Colony with activities ranging from cooking camp pizzas on an open fire, to slack-lining, a blind trail through the woods and some trebuchet building, I think it was fair to say that all the Beavers (and some parents) had a wonderful time

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Over the following weeks we hiked out to Little Waltham from the HQ, did Archery, climbing on the new climbing wall, Mini Crossbows and Circus skills (sadly not many of the Beavers could juggle).

John came in to discuss savings and values. Excitingly the Beavers all completed their Money Skills badges. We looked at endangered animals from around the world with all the Beavers making an animal mask.

For Halloween we had an evening of fun, the Beavers worked in teams to complete challenges.

We had a lady come in from Chelmsford Food Bank one evening - the Beavers had brought in some donations for her to take away with her

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We walked up to the St Mary's Church and the War Memorial for Remembrance Day. The Beavers looked at all the names on the memorial and the different stained-glass windows in the Church and they enjoyed spotting all the different parts of the windows.

We had an evening looking at Space and the planets - we had different items of fruit to show the difference in the sizes of planets. We went on a hike through the city center to look at all the Christmas Lights and the children sang with the Salvation Army brass band.




Spring Term:

In this spring term we teamed up with the Wednesday Beavers and (finally) had our first Beaver Sleepover. We spread the sleepover across two nights to enable as many as possible to join in and to allow us to actually fit them in the HQ.
Most of our colony came over the two nights. With the exception of one child who had camped with family before, none of the Beavers had camped with Scouting or even spent a night away from home before! They all did amazingly well and had a wonderful time.

We covered a range of topics and activities this term, making plate bags ready for our sleepover, cooking a stir fry for Chinese New Year, planting some seeds both for Mother's Day and to watch how different plants grow across the seasons and celebrated World Book Day with some fun costumes.

It also wouldn't have been the spring term without pancake day. We looked at how other countries celebrate Pancake Day.

Our Colony took part in the District Swimming Gala. Our team came in 4th place. Considering none of them knew what to expect beforehand we were very proud of them.

With the conflict breaking out in Ukraine we took time to discuss the situation with the Beavers. Many of them had questions in relation to the refugees and what was happening with the conflict.
We looked at some notable refugees from history -some fictional who most of them knew such as Paddington Bear, the Children from the Narnia stories and some that they didn't know as refugees - Albert Einstein, Anne Frank, Rita Ora and Mo Farrah.



We looked at Global issues such as poverty and famine as well as looking at the different Beavers from around the world - Joey Scouts in Australia, the Grasshopper Scouts in Japan (the Beavers found this to be the funniest) and how the promise and the promise badge changes very slightly from country to country. We looked at our promise badge and what the different parts represent.

We had some first aid, mixed in with our communicator badges and how to make a phone call or how to send an email. We had the Javelins out on the field along with having another go on the climbing wall. We did an Easter Hike out to Broads Green in the very changeable weather, as it started out sunny and ended in a snow flurry!

We also had our first Beaver of the colony achieve his bronze award this term.




<u>Summer Term:</u>

We have had another handful of new Beavers to welcome in this term so far with more due to start after the half term holidays. We have looked at all the different collections the Beavers have, from Feathers, to Stones, to Sea Shells and Shark Teeth and even the Lego cards that Sainsbury's have done over the last couple of years.

We have had an evening of Games - Jenga / Connect Four and even a mini escape room style challenge! The Beavers had to find the clues to unlock a surprise at the end of the meeting.
We have covered the Green Cross Code and safety aspect of different sports, such as Archery, Climbing and even Fencing.

Still to come this term we have a Jubilee party planned. We also have some Paddle Boarding and Abseiling over at Skreens planned and some science experiments to hopefully shock and awe the Beavers.

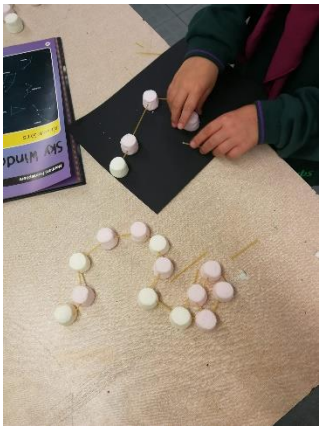
We have a joint sleepover planned with the Wednesday Beavers coming up for a night at Braintree Museum, along with the preparations firmly underway for the district 'Beavers In Tents' event happening in September.

## Dinizulu Cub Pack Report (Thursdays)

The 2nd Cub Pack opened on the 9th Sept 21, as a trial section, we started with 5 Cubs, 2 that had moved up from the Thursday Beaver section and 3 children from both the previous waiting list or general enquires. Since then, we have slowly grown to now having 11 Cubs with Beavers moving up to us and some coming in via join enquires. Many of our Cubs attend different schools so they have had to learn to be part of a new 'team' and make new friends – which has been achieved brilliantly under the strange times we've been in. It has been great seeing the Cubs getting on so well and how they adapt to new members and making them all feel welcome.

We have tried to ease the Cubs into 'Scouting' activities so we started in September with how Scouting started, so they understood what was happening when they got invested. We have explored local maps and they planned out a local hike

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We had a night doing the 'Space badge', marshmallow constellations!
we have learnt about the Chelmsford Foodbank and how we need to live our scout promise 'to help other people', we were shocked to learn that there are over 2500 children in Chelmsford relying on the Foodbank each week.
We went on a Christmas Lights night hike round the city, finishing at McDonald for chips! And had a Christmas Film and Activity night with the Thursday Beavers to end the term, some even took their Gingerbread masterpieces home.....

January started with the exciting news that Cubs Mega camp would be happening this year! 2 days of fun activities all geared at Cubs at Skreens Park, the downside? - all our Cubs had virtually no experience of sleepovers or camping, and after the last two chaotic years we've had, our adults equally had no idea what was expected of 'camp' let alone the Cubs not being with their 'adult'. We invited the adults in to a PowerPoint presentation on what Mega Camp was about, we arranged a Sleepover at the HQ to test the water.... we had 8 Cubs attend the sleepover. They had a fabulous time, we did Archery, stitched a badge on a camp blanket, played wide games, they put up tents and we did some Youth Shaped Scouting – they tell us what they'd like to do at Cubs – when one Cub said 'can we go to McDonalds?' it was funny when the others said 'we've done that already!' (I guess we're on for another hike finishing at McDonalds again then...)

We started last term with a campfire and marshmallows and campfire songs, great Scouting activities that were all new to our Cubs, one Cub declared that night 'the best night ever!!'. In preparation for Mega camp and camping in general Cubs decorated their own Crockery bags –so all their camp crockery and cutlery are stored safely ready for the next camp and can be easily found at camp. Cubs got stuck in with prepping and cooking stir-fries for Chinese New Year – yes, they do eat veg!
And later on, they made pancakes and learnt about Shrove Tuesday around the world. For World book week we looked at Refugees, some are very famous now. This was high-lighted with the Ukraine crisis going on, we looked at how we might react to having to leave our homes, possessions and friends behind and we found this very difficult. We tried to build a model of an emergency 'home' what we would need most for a family that were Refugees, it was interesting finding out what some Cubs felt were necessities and how they wanted it to be as near as a home from home as could be.

Cubs have learnt the basics for their Emergency Aid level 1 badge, they have learnt about fairness towards their Global Badge, tried out the Climbing Wall, and went out for a freezing cold Easter Hike – the adults were the ones that missed seeing the ‘Easter bunny’ hop off as it left us some treats!

This term Cubs learnt more about scouting and the first Scout camp at Brownsea Island, and made armpit fudge – delicious but quite sickly! They have also had a go at Fencing – that was more tiring than they anticipated.

We have just had a great weekend camp at Riffhams sleeping in tents outdoors and enjoying campfires, wide games, building bivvies and putting up tents and taking them down of course.

Thanks to our parent helpers for coming along and joining in to make sure we all have great Scouting fun!
We can’t wait for our next big adventures!!
Bagheera and King Louis

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| | Major Building costs | -£25,301 | -£285 |
| | ***Total payments*** | - 51,877 | - 32,859 |
| | ***Net Receipts/(Payments)*** | £4,376 | £5,092 |
| | **Cash funds last year end** | £48,519 | £52,895 |
| | ***Cash funds this year end*** | 52,895 | 57,987 |

# 1st Broomfield Scout Group Reg. Charity 1016433
## Receipts and Payments Account

### iabilities at the end of the year

| Notes | | 31/12/2020 Unrestricted funds | | 31/12/2021 Unrestricted funds |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| | **Cash funds** | £ | | £ |
| | Bank current account | £4,341 | | £6,330 |
| | Bank deposit accounts | £33,004 | | £28,007 |
| | Bank Notice Account | £15,550 | | £23,650 |
| | **Total cash funds** | 52,895 | | 57,987 |
| | (agree balances with receipts and payments account) | ok | | ok |
| | **Non-Monetary assets for charity's own use** | | | |
| | Badge stock | £450 | | £450 |
| | Uniform Stock | £0 | | £495 |
| | Land and buildings | £389,000 | | £389,000 |
| | Scouting equipment, furniture etc (depreciated at 5% p.a.) | £26,939 | | £42,440 |
| | Other | | | |
| | **Sub total** | 416,389 | | 432,385 |
| | **Liabilities** | | | |
| 15 | Expenses incurred but not invoiced | | | £4,074 |
| | **Sub total** | £0 | | £4,074 |
| | **Total Group Assets** | 469,284 | | 486,298 |

**The above receipts and payments account and statement of assets and liabilities were approved by the Trustees on**

11th JANUARY 2022

**(the date of the Executive Committee meeting that approved the accounts) and signed on their behalf by**

| | Signature | Name |
|---|---|---|
| Chair | | MALCOLM TAYLOR |
| Treasurer | | JOHN WALLIS |

# Treasurers Report 2021

In summary we have a £5,092 surplus for 2021 which was higher than expected due to the continued of Covid related grants of £16,993 from Chelmsford City Council.

We therefore have a year-end bank balance of £57,987, which is around £10,000 higher than anticipated.

As a result of the extra grant monies received, the Exec Committee agreed to donate £2,000 to Chelmsford District Scouts – to be allocated to other scout groups in financial need at that difficult time for many.

We also received the remaining 2 building grants as expected and in last year's Report being Essex Scouts County Grants Board £3,404 and Essex County Council Locality Fund £1,000.

Whilst the cash reserves have risen somewhat, these are exceptional times and we have significant expenditure in the pipeline for new toilet facilities and a refitted kitchen.

Notes to the Accounts

1) Subs – Whilst an increase on 2021, we only collected around half of a full year's total, due to many sections not operating a full face-to-face programme until Summer/Autumn 2021.
2) Donations Received – The majority of this total is the sum of £271 kindly donated by Sunrise Online Retail to cover fire damage costs following an act of arson in the waste paper skip.
3) Gift Aid – This will be claimed in 2022
4) Activity Income & Expenditure naturally shows a further drop - simply due to lockdown and a lack of large events with uncertainty around Covid and many inexperienced young members who have not attended for 12-15 months. We typically we spend £6-10,000 in a normal year
5) Building Grants – as commented above
6) Other Grant – Chelmsford City Council hospitality support /restart grants paid in four further amounts due to the additional Lockdowns in early 2021.
7) Whilst we did not hold a face-to-face book sale in 2021, an incredible amount of work was done behind the scenes selling some of the books online, many thanks to all involved in the socially distanced sorting and selling, which was not easy.
8) Our income from the waste paper skip (value of paper and Recycling Credits) is relatively consistent and has proved an excellent Covid proof fund raiser.
9) Membership Fees were paid as normal to district at £39 per child/young leader
10) Payments for activities and events etc. dropped in line with the associated income (see note 4)
11) Electricity & Gas costs dropped as the HQ was closed during the coldest period of Lockdown. We have a 3-year fixed contract running to July 2023 so we are somewhat protected from the current spike in energy prices
12) Repairs & Renewals - significant items within this category were £343 for additional (new building) and replacement fire extinguishers and associated checks, £271 for fire damage costs to disposal of 1 tonne of non-recyclable paper waste by Essex Reclamation Ltd (a sum kindly covered – see note (2) and £165 for a service for the trailer.
13) Materials and Equipment Purchases include £16,210 for the new climbing wall (Dream Climbing Walls Ltd), £706 for 3 new tables and a new table trolley (heavily used in our book sales), £291 for a new gun cupboard for the air rifles, and £128 for new ropes and pulleys – a lot of our old rope is very old and unusable
14) This includes £2,000 as mentioned above to cover scout groups in financial hardship as a result of Lockdown and the need to pay membership fees and other fixed costs
15) Expenses incurred but not invoiced is the Heating/lighting/electrical costs for the new building

John Wallis
Group Treasurer
10.01.2021

## Independent examiner's report to the trustees of 1st Broomfield Scout Group Scout Council

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the **1st Broomfield Scout Group** for the year ended 31st December 2021.

## Responsibilities and basis of report

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

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Signed: Alun Powell

Name: Alun Powell

Relevant professional qualification or membership of professional bodies (if any): Economist

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Date: 6 April 2022

**1ST BROOMFIELD SCOUT GROUP**

England & Wales - Charity number 1016433

# Accounts

# The 1st Broomfield Scout Group annual report and accounts for the financial year ended 31st December 2020




AGM
15th June 2021
Via Zoom
7pm

#SkillsForLife

Scouts
1st Broomfield

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1st Broomfield Scout Group

Registered Charity no. 1016433

# Volunteer Today

Whether you can spare an hour a month or a day a year, we have hundreds of opportunities both behind the scenes and directly supporting young people. With full support and award-winning training, you can volunteer on a flexible basis. Not only is it incredibly rewarding and great fun, you'll learn some brilliant skills transferable to the workplace too.
We welcome volunteers from every community and background. You don't need to have been a Scout. You just need to believe in a more positive future and the difference we can make together.

## Ways to help: -

- Volunteer Manager (Group Scout Leader)
- Exec Committee Member (Management of the Group and its buildings and fundraising)
- Skills instructor
- Section Leader, Assistant Section Leader or Sectional Assistant
- Activity Helper (e.g. on camps and walks)
- IT / Digital / Social Media
- Building & stores repair / maintenance

**If you or anyone you know, would like to help in any way including joining the Exec. Committee, please contact Malcolm Taylor**

walkingmac49@gmail.com

# AGM Minutes

**1st Broomfield Scout Group AGM Minutes 25th Sept 2020**

The AGM was held via Zoom due to COVID restrictions on numbers of people able to meet face to face. Malcolm Taylor, Chair, welcomed those attending and welcomed one of our new District Commissioners, Suzanne Ball. Malcolm requested that only if there was dissent to any points raised that they were communicated, otherwise everything would be accepted as agreed.

There were apologies of absence from Sarah Matthews who is project managing our new building.

The minutes of the last AGM on the 21st March 2019 were accepted.

John Wallis, Treasurer, talked us through the Annual Report and Accounts for the last year 2019/2020, we are in a positive financial position due to careful management and the finding of grants for the new building and the equipment wanted for it. These were accepted with no questions. Tara Watkins, Scout Leader, asked for formal thanks to be noted for John's careful financial work on the Jamboree and Disney refunds to parents and leaders owed from these cancelled events.

Ruth Reed, Acting Group Scout Leader, nominated Malcolm Taylor for a further year as Group Chairperson, this was accepted. Thanks to Malcolm for his work in sourcing several grants to assist with financing the new activity building.

Malcolm elected the Group Secretary, Monica McKie has volunteered for this role. Group Treasurer was elected as John Wallis, both of these roles were accepted. Thanks to both for this.

Roger Cole was duly approved as the GSL's nomination to the Exec committee. Which was accepted.

The election of members to the Group Exec Committee were from Cubs- Will Davis, Scouts- Sanjay Anderson and Kirstie Zanco. It was noted that there are currently no Beaver parents on the Exec and it would be beneficial to seek a parent to join. Linda MacInnes is our independent volunteer on the Exec.

Co-opted members to the Group Exec Committee are Nigel Wood and Ruth Reed, Ruth as Kraken ESU leader which partners with the Group.

Alun Powell was appointed as Independent Examiner for the next years accounts, this was accepted.

Suzanne Ball said thanks to all the leaders and Exec members for all they do for the Group and the youth of the village, she acknowledged that we are in unprecedented times and hopes that we will come out of this soon so we can resume the activities with the young people that they and we are missing at this time.

Malcolm thanked everyone for taking the time to join the zoom call and closed the AGM for the year.

# ANNUAL REVIEW 2020

To say that the past year has been "different" is somewhat of an understatement! Effectively since March 2020 the country has been in one lockdown or another and subject to a range of restrictions. These in turn have given rise to a range of limitations with regard to the way the sections have been able to undertake their usual face-to-face Scouting.

As a consequence of social distancing and limitations on the numbers of young people, and adults, that can meet within a specific area (primarily outside) some sections have been able to meet via Zoom/video-conferencing. This has presented its own challenges with leaders dropping off "goodie bags" containing the items need for a particular week's activity. Despite this I am pleased to report that our membership has remained more or less the same.

At the beginning of 2020 we welcomed the Kraken Explorer Unit to our HQ – this now enables us to cater for the full 'scouting range' of 6 – 18 years. Whilst Kraken are a District unit, rather than a Broomfield one, close links have been established been the Group, Scout Troop and Explorer Unit.
I mentioned last year that a new activities building was put up just before the first lockdown hit – to enable the construction to be cleared from the company's books. As a consequence of the speed of erection we were unable to seek funding for the construction and it was paid for from Group Reserves. We were however able to acquire grant funding from a number of sources to cover the costs of the electrical installation and the construction of a bespoke traversing (climbing sideways!) wall. These have been completed and we look forward to including this new activity within those that we can offer to our young people.

Once "normality" returns it is our intention to welcome our grant funders to the formal opening of the building.

It is right that I should thank Tim & Sarah Matthews of TMA Chartered Surveyors for the assistance they have given us over the year, with regards to the project management of the new building.

Before the year commenced Ruth Reed had given notice that she wished to stand down from the role of Group Scout Leader (she had warned us two years ago), as a consequence of increasing work commitments. Ruth still intends to assist with other sections within the Group. We will miss Ruth's support to everyone in whilst in the role and especially the assistance she was able to give us on the Group Executive. We have also had to say farewell to Paul Fisher, a Scout Section Assistant for over 12 years, who has had to leave us for family commitments. We wish him well for the future.

We are still looking for a Group Scout Leader ( a uniformed management role of scout volunteers) if you know of anyone who would like to help scouting in that role [who wants to try something new, make new friends, do something for the community and keep their bodies and brains active and happy] please feel free to contact me. There are many roles within the Group, and we are always looking for help, from helping the sections to just assisting when and where required (e.g., making tea, helping sort out the paper skip) again give me a call for a chat.

Finally, but by no means least I would like to thank my colleagues on the Group Executive; without them a lot of the outcomes over the past year would not have been possible.

Malcolm Taylor
Group Chairman
01245 440469 – walkingmac49@gmail.com

# FINANCIAL REVIEW

2020 provided an unexpected surplus of £4,225 and a year-end total bank balance of £52,743

Significant expenditure was delayed due to Lockdown, and was therefore delayed and /or planned for 2021.:-

a) £3,528 for heating/lighting and electricity for The Multi Activity building
b) £546 for a 5-year electrical check of HQ
c) £16,290 to cover the cost of the new climbing Wall

The total cost of The Multi Activity building (for 2020 and 2021 combined) is expected to be:

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| a. | Building/professional fees | £25,301 |
| b. | Heat Light Power | £3,528 |
| c. | Climbing Wall | £16,290 |
| | Total | £45,119 |

We have received the following grants (either for the building itself or the Climbing Wall):

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| a. | Broomfield Parish Council | £2,000 |
| b. | Tom Amos Charity | £5,000 |
| c. | Leslie Sell Charitable Trust | £750 |
| d. | Rank Foundation | £700 |
| e. | Charles S French Charitable Trust | £2,000 |
| f. | Essex Association of Local Councils | £5,000 |
| g. | Essex Scouts County Grants Board | £3,404 (paid in 2021) |
| h. | Essex County Council Locality Fund | £1,000 (paid in 2021) |
| | Total | £19,854 |

The net cost to the Scout Group for The Multi Activity building and climbing wall is therefore just over £25,000 which is affordable without affecting our Reserves policy

Following Lockdown in March 2020 and receipt of the initial £10,000 Hospitality Grant from Chelmsford City Council, we took the decision to pause the charging of subs, until such time as normal activities returned.

Notwithstanding this, we had to pay Capitation at £32.50 per child and young leader, which covers insurance for all members of the Scout Association and other “head office/central” costs

The main activity of the year (regrettably) was issuing many refund payments for cancelled camps and trips, although I am thankful that we did not lose any deposits as a result of the camp cancellations.

My thanks also to Alun Powell for his continued support as our Independent Examiner

John Wallis
Group Treasurer

# Receipts and Payments Account

## For the year ended 31st December 2020

| Receipts | Notes | 2019 | 2020 |
|---|---|---|---|
| Membership Subscriptions | | £5,840 | £634 |
| District Subs | | -£3,055 | -£3,478 |
| Net Subs | 1 | **£2,785** | **-£2,844** |
| Book Sales | | £4,162 | £5,406 |
| Donations Received | 2 | £2,685 | £1,710 |
| Gift Aid | | £1,007 | £881 |
| Local Authority / Other Grants | 3 | £0 | £12,635 |
| Building & Climbing Wall Grants | 4 | £0 | £15,450 |
| Waste Paper income & Recycling Credits | | £7,220 | £7,176 |
| Fundraising | | £930 | £245 |
| Interest Received | | £234 | £165 |
| Property Rent Income | 5 | £560 | £35 |
| Activity income | 6 | £16,149 | £3,137 |
| Refunds Issued on Activities | 7 | £0 | -£10,473 |
| Total Gross Income/Receipts | | £35,732 | £33,522 |
| **Payments** | | | |
| Activity Expenditure | 6 | -£21,150 | -£6,665 |
| Refunds Received on Activities | 7 | £0 | £8,781 |
| Adult Support & Training | | -£140 | -£180 |
| Waste Disposal | | -£359 | -£379 |
| Water & Sewerage | | -£347 | -£151 |
| Electricity & Gas | | -£559 | -£494 |
| OSM Bank Charges | | -£375 | -£271 |
| Insurance | 8 | -£1,184 | -£1,359 |
| Repairs & Renewals | | -£944 | -£288 |
| Materials & Equipment | 9 | -£1,968 | -£1,071 |
| Printing & Photocopying | | -£7 | -£61 |
| Uniforms | | -£510 | -£290 |
| AGM & Trustee Expenses | | -£935 | -£132 |
| Cleaning | | -£842 | -£459 |
| Donations Made | | -£112 | -£19 |
| Badges | | -£1,218 | -£751 |
| Fund Raising Expenses | | -£42 | -£56 |
| Total Gross Expenditure | | £30,691 | £3,845 |
| Asset and investment purchases | 10 | £0 | -£25,301 |
| Total payments | | £30,691 | £29,146 |
| Net Receipts/(Payments) | | £5,041 | £4,376 |
| Bank current account | | £3,329 | £4,341 |
| Bank deposit accounts | | £40,006 | £48,553 |
| Earmarked deposit accounts | | £5,184 | £0 |
| Total cash funds | | £48,519 | £52,895 |
| **Non-Cash Assets** | | | |
| Badge stock | | £450 | £450 |
| Land and buildings | | £364,000 | £389,000 |
| Scouting equipment etc. (depreciated at 5% p.a.) | | £27,286 | £26,939 |
| Sub total | | £391,736 | £416,389 |
| Total Group Assets | | £440,255 | £469,284 |

# NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

1. Subs - amount collected in 2020 represents outstanding (term) payments for the January to April for those parents that did not pay annually at Easter 2019. Following Lockdown in March 2020, no further Subs were charged during 2020 due to Lockdown and intermittent re-starts.
2. Donations Received – include £1000 from Barclays (matched fundraising) and £650 from Kelly Turkeys.
3. Local Authority Grants – Chelmsford City Council "COVID" hospitality grants paid in three amounts, based on the HQ's rateable value. Nb £200 of this amount was received from Essex County Scout Council to assist with the opening of a second Beaver Colony.
4. Building Grants - monies received from various organisations for The Multi Activity building and climbing wall
5. Property Rent Income again reflects Lockdown and no rent was charged to the Guides and Brownies – the shortfall being easily covered by the hospitality grant
6. Activity Income & Expenditure shows a large drop - simply due to Lockdown and cancellation of 80% of our events for the year.
7. Refunds Paid and Received on activities - these are mainly for the Scouts' planned Eurodisney trip and summer Jamboree, with a few smaller (local) activities. We did not incur any losses. The deposits that we had paid, were returned enabling us to pay monies back to parents. The surplus funds held (from fundraising and donations) have been transferred to the main Scout Troop Account to subsidise future events.
8. Insurance costs have risen due to inflation and the addition of The Multi Activity building.
9. Materials and Equipment Purchases include new chairs (£780) and new store room shelving / boxing £248.
10. This represents the cost of The Multi Activity building – construction and planning fees. Thanks to Sarah and Tim Matthews of TMA Associates who have donated much of their time and expertise on project management.

**Reserves Policy**

It is the policy of the Group to hold one year's expenditure in reserve to cover loss of our two large income streams namely the Book Sale and Waste Paper recycling (approximately £15,000 in total p.a.). These form an exceptionally large part of our fund raising. This reserve policy is reviewed regularly by the Group Executive (Trustees) who are satisfied that sufficient reserves remain to carry on the daily running of the Group.

Following the completion of The Multi Activity building, further reserves will be retained to enable provision for a refurbished kitchen area and improved disabled access / improvements to WC facilities. Long term we will also need to build reserves for the rebuilding of the (pre-fab) concrete walls built in the 1970's which will not last for ever.

# What We Do

Scouting provides young people with opportunities to participate in programmes, events, activities and projects that contribute to their growth as active citizens. Through these initiatives, young people become agents of positive change who inspire others to take action." We prepare young people with skills for life"

# Our Vision for 2025

By 2025* we will have prepared more young people with skills for life, supported by amazing leaders delivering an inspiring programme.

We will be growing, more inclusive, shaped by young people and making a bigger impact in our communities.

**Due to the impact of COVID-19, our Skills for Life strategy has been extended until 2025*

## Our goals

Our plan is to build on the success of the previous plan: to continue to grow, become more inclusive, to be shaped by young people and to make a bigger impact in our communities. We have set new goals for 2025. There are specific goals for Scotland.

### 1. Growth

As a movement, we have grown for the last 13 years. We want to continue that positive trend, bringing skills for life to more young people across the UK.

By 2025 we will have:

- 50,000 more young people aged 6-18 in Scouts
- 10,000 more frontline adult volunteers (Section Leaders and Assistant Section Leaders)
- 5,000 more Young Leaders

### 2. Inclusivity

Scouts is open to all. We now have over 102,000 girls and have started 834 sections in areas of deprivation since 2013. We believe it's a priority to reflect the diversity of the communities we are in.

By 2025:

- we will have started Scouts in 500 more areas of deprivation reaching young people who could benefit the most
- our adult volunteers will reflect the demographics of our society

### 3. Youth Shaped

Over the last four years, there has been a growing momentum to ensure young people are shaping their experiences and taking on leadership roles at Scouts. We want to continue to build on this.

By 2025:

- 250,000 young people will be shaping their experiences at Scouts
- 50% of young people will be achieving the top awards

### 4. Community Impact

Since the launch of our social action campaign, A Million Hands, in 2015, over 250,000 young people have had the opportunity to take part in high quality social action on four big issues of our time. The campaign won 'Cross-Sector Partnership of the Year' at the Charity Times Awards in 2016.

By 2025:

- at least 250,000 young people will be making a positive impact in their community each year
- 50% of young people will be achieving the top awards

## Achieving our goals

Our volunteer members are key to the success of this plan, so we have developed a series of actions that members can take to help achieve these goals.

For more information visit https://www.scouts.org.uk/about-us/strategy/our-vision-for-2025/

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# 1st Broomfield Scout Group

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| **Liabilities** | | |
| Funds owing to Explorer Group | £0 | £0 |
| Other | | |
| **Sub total** | £0 | £0 |
| **Total Group Assets** | 440,255 | 469,284 |

**The above receipts and payments account and statement of assets and liabilities were approved by the Trustees on**

15/6/2021 ..... 2021

**(the date of the Executive Committee meeting that approved the accounts) and signed on their behalf by**

| | Signature | Name |
|---|---|---|
| Chair | | MALCOLM TAYLOR |
| Treasurer | | JOHN WALLIS |

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Signed: Alun Powell

Name: Alun Powell

Relevant professional qualification or membership of professional bodies (if any):Economist

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Date: 27 April 2021