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1st Bramhall Scout Group
Report and Accounts
31 December 2022

1st Bramhall Scout Group**Trust Information and Administration Details****For the period 1 January 2022 to 31 December 2022**

Charity Name	1 st Bramhall Scout Group
Principal Address	The Bramley Centre, Bramley Close Bramhall, Stockport SK7 2DT
Charity Number	1019814
Group Registration Number	4861
Scout District	Ladybrook Valley
Scout County	Greater Manchester East

<u>Trustees</u>	<u>Office</u>	<u>Dates acted if not for whole year</u>
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Doreen Wyld	Vice President	
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1st Bramhall Scout Group. – Trustees Annual Report

Structure, Governance and Management

Introduction

2022 was the first full year of normal scouting after the Coronavirus pandemic and the first year for our newest section – the Squirrels. 1st Bramhall were privileged to be able to welcome the 4 to 6 year olds, one year after this new section was launched nationally.

Tracing its origins back to 1909, only two years after the founding of the Scout Movement, we are one of the oldest Scout Groups in the country. The Group is part of the Ladybrook Valley Scout District, which itself is part of Greater Manchester East Scout County. The Group is registered with The Scout Association under Registration Number 4861 and is established as a Trust under its rules which are common to all Scout Groups. The Group's governing documents are those of The Scout Association. They consist of a Royal Charter which in turn gives authority to the Bye Laws of the Association and The Policy, Organisation and Rules of The Scout Association (POR).

The Group Management

The Group is managed by a Board of Trustees, assisted by an Operations sub-committee which manages the non-Section related activities of the Group. This structure complies with the Policy, Organisation and Rules of The Scout Association.

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

The Board of Trustees consists of:

- "Ex-Officio" Members, appointed by virtue of their role. These are the Group Chairman, Group Secretary, Group Treasurer, Group Scout Leader (GSL) and Deputy Group Scout Leader (DGSL).
- The President and Vice-Presidents are nominated by the Group Scout Leader. The President also takes the lead on Risk.
- The Chair of the Operations sub-committee, who is also the Group Treasurer.

The Operations sub-committee is responsible for the Group's physical assets and so manages the Building, Equipment, Transport and Trailers, Hirings, Fire Safety, Finance and Insurance.

The sub-committee also works closely with the Scout Active Support Unit. This unit comprises parents of Young People and is responsible for engaging with other parents and external parties as well as organising Group Events and Fund raising. The aim is to have more parents involved in the Group, so that the Group can be more successful in achieving its aims.

The members of the Operations sub-committee during 2022 were Richard Baker – Finance, Buildings and Chair of Operations sub-committee; Julie Bottomley – Health & Safety, Buildings and Hiring; Tim Taylor – secretary; Graeme Weatherall - Fire Safety; Paul Rawcliffe – Communications and Website; David Reynolds– committee member; Steven Vinten – Transport and Trailers; and Lynne Ormiston – Hirings. Naseem Al-Swainy also acted as Hirings Manager during the year. Richard Buckley as Group Chairman is also a member of the Operations sub-Committee. The Group thanks them all for their hard work during the year.

The Trustees and the Operations sub-Committee exist to support the Group Scout Leader in meeting his administrative responsibilities, leaving the Leaders to plan activities and run the Section Programmes. Whilst the sub-committee undertakes the administrative duties in accordance with formal Terms of Reference, the Board of Trustees remains responsible for:

- The protection and maintenance of Group property and equipment;
- Ensuring that safety and safeguarding procedures are implemented and operating effectively;
- The raising of funds, the setting of subscription rates and the administration and management of the Group's finances;
- Approving the Annual Report and Accounts and presenting it to the Scout Council at the Annual General Meeting;
- The payment of Capitation Fee;
- The insurance of persons, property and equipment;
- Developing local scouting and promoting a positive local image of scouting;
- Organising Group public occasions;
- Assisting in the recruitment of leaders and other adult support;
- Appointing any sub committees that may be required;
- Appointing Group Administrators and Advisers other than those who are elected.

Risks and Internal Control

The Board of Trustees has identified the following major risks to which they believe the Group is exposed. These are reviewed regularly and systems established to mitigate them.

Injury to leaders, helpers, supporters and members. Through payment of the Capitation Fee to the District and County, the Group contributes to The Scout Association's national accident insurance policy. Through a separate policy with Unity Insurance, any helpers who are not members of the Scout Association are also covered for injury. Risk assessments are prepared for all activities, communicated to all adults taking part and reviewed regularly. Training and the correct qualifications are integral to our safety management process. There are nominated trained First Aiders on all activities. The Group has a Fire Safety Officer who undertakes Fire Safety Assessments, provides Fire Training to Adult Volunteers and Hirers and conducts practice evacuations. The Operations sub-committee reviews and updates the Buildings Risk Assessment. All adult leaders and volunteers in the Group are required to complete the appropriate safety and activity training courses, including the Scout Association Ongoing Safety Course and are expected to be familiar with the Purple Card 'Safe Scouting: A Code of Conduct' and to understand that Safety is a joint responsibility of all adults in the Group, irrespective of their role.

Safeguarding. Keeping young people safe is the paramount responsibility for all adults in Scouting. The DGSL, together with the District Appointments Advisory Committee, ensures that adults are checked through the DBS and the Scout Association's systems before appointment, and that renewal takes place prior to expiry. All adults in the Group are required to complete the Scout Association Safeguarding Awareness Course. The Yellow Card which contains essential information on safeguarding is given to all adults. The GSL is the appointed officer responsible for safeguarding issues to whom all safeguarding concerns should be addressed. Young people are encouraged to raise any concerns affecting them or another member of the Group with a trusted adult and/or with their own parents.

Leader Competence. In order to underpin safe quality Scouting for young people, it is very important that all adults holding Scout appointments receive training that is appropriate to their roles.

Undergoing training within a stated period is a requirement of all appointments. The Scout Association's module-based training scheme for adult volunteers is managed at County level in Greater Manchester East Scout County. In the District, a nominated Assistant District Commissioner working with line managers and the Appointments Advisory Committee support and assist adults to fulfil their training commitment within the time required. The DGSL works with the District personnel to ensure that all training is up to date. Furthermore, as all appointments are for a limited period, a system is in place for reviewing appointments and identifying any further training needs.

Damage to buildings, property and equipment. The Group has sufficient insurance cover in place with Unity Insurance for the buildings, contents, public liability, vehicles, trailers, canoes, boats and equipment. Appropriate training is given to all users. Certain items of equipment have been identified for regular checking, testing or maintenance.

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

Reduced income. The Group is reliant upon income from both subscriptions and the hiring of the Bramley Centre to third party organisations. Hiring income could fall due to reduced demand or due to reduced availability as a result of more section activities. The amounts charged for subscriptions and hiring the premises are reviewed by the Trustees annually. Further fund-raising activities could be undertaken for specific purposes.

The Group does hold a reserve to ensure the continuity of activities should there be a major reduction in income.

General Data Protection Regulation 2018 (GDPR). The Group is fully aware of its responsibilities and obligations under GDPR and uses the system for electronic storage and communication managed by Greater Manchester East Scout County. This system ensures that all Personal Data and Scouting Data is held on County servers rather than on personal computers. Procedures for the secure storage of information in paper form are also established. GDPR training has been undertaken by all persons with data handling responsibilities. The Deputy Group Scout Leader and Communications Manager advise the Trustees and Leadership team on GDPR issues with responsibility resting with the Board of Trustees.

Objectives and Activities

The objectives of the group are as a unit of The Scout Association. The aim of The Scout Association is 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. The method of achieving the Aim of the Association is by providing an enjoyable and attractive scheme of progressive training, based on the Scout Promise and Law and guided by adult leadership.

As Scouts, we believe in preparing young people with skills for life. We encourage our young people to do more, learn more and be more. Each week, we give young people in our local area the opportunity to enjoy fun and adventure while developing the skills they need to succeed.

The Scouting Programme is provided to young people between the ages of 4 and 25. The new Squirrels section covers the ages from 4 to 6. The Beaver Section covers the ages from 6 to 8, Cubs cover 8 to 10½, Scouts cover 10½ to 14. 14 to 18 year olds are in the Explorer Unit which is administered by the District. 18 to 25 year olds are in the Scout Network section which is administered by the County. At 1st Bramhall, we operate all the sections between Squirrels and Explorers

The Group meets the Charity Commission's public benefit criteria under the advancement of education heading.

CHAIR'S REPORT 2022

Before attempting to write some words from "The Chair", I always read the rest of the report, and in reality what more is there to add?

Can there be a better place for young people to learn "Skills for Life"?

I'm no fan of sales slogans, but "Skills for Life" really does sum up Scouting, things our members learn will stay with them for life – I know that from personal experience.

It is becoming slightly traditional, but no less sincere than the first time, for me to thank all our adult volunteers; whether they be front of house delivering programme or behind the scenes fixing toilets! (it all needs doing!); the hours people are happy to give to support the Group is heart-warming.

It was great to see so many of the 1st Bramhall Family on Family Camp – a superb weekend, which provided a fantastic opportunity for families to experience some of our programme and glimpse in to what happens on our Camps.

In his GSL's report, Andrew mentions the Active Support Unit, which is a great way for adults to give a few hours to support the group. Whether it's laying turf, marshalling at an event, or cooking burgers at the JOTT BBQ, all help is appreciated and allows our Leaders to concentrate on delivering an exciting programme for our young people.

One of the duties of the Executive Committee is to ensure that we have a safe and fit-for-purpose environment to deliver activities. We have embarked on a significant programme of work on the building and surrounding land, with emphasis on making the outside space more inviting and secure for our younger sections.

Our dedicated Treasurer has provided a detailed report on the Group's financial position later in this report. Through careful management of funds and investments, we are on a sound financial footing, which enables us to provide exciting and adventurous activities for our young people.

As we approach the summer months, I am looking forward to a great programme of Scouting events across all sections; at 1st Bramhall our leaders put on fantastic activities all year round, but things are that extra bit special in the Summer.

Thank you for your continued support.

Best Regards

Richard Buckley

Group Chair

GROUP SCOUT LEADERS REPORT 2022

Throughout the following pages you'll see the review of an impressive range of activities, events, and experiences for all our members - all with the over-riding aim of developing their skills for life.

The balanced programme we deliver every week is, by any measure, phenomenal and that is due to our wonderful team of volunteer Adult Leaders whose commitment, dedication, energy, skill, enthusiasm, and creativity are beyond measure.

And they are joined by our fabulous Young Leaders - all from XBU, our Explorer Unit - who give so willingly of their time, putting back into their Scouting for the benefit of others much of what they have learnt.

We have had a significant and very welcome increase in the number of Adult Leaders this year; we are nearly running out of wall space in the entrance hall for our "Meet the Team" photos - but that's a great problem to have and I'm not complaining!

The year was special in so many ways:

First was the introduction of Squirrels in May - the first (and only) drey in the District, and one of the first in the County - and indeed the Country. And what a fantastic section they are - 1st Bramhall without Squirrels would now be unthinkable. A warm welcome to them all. And already some of our Squirrels have moved up to the next section, Beavers.

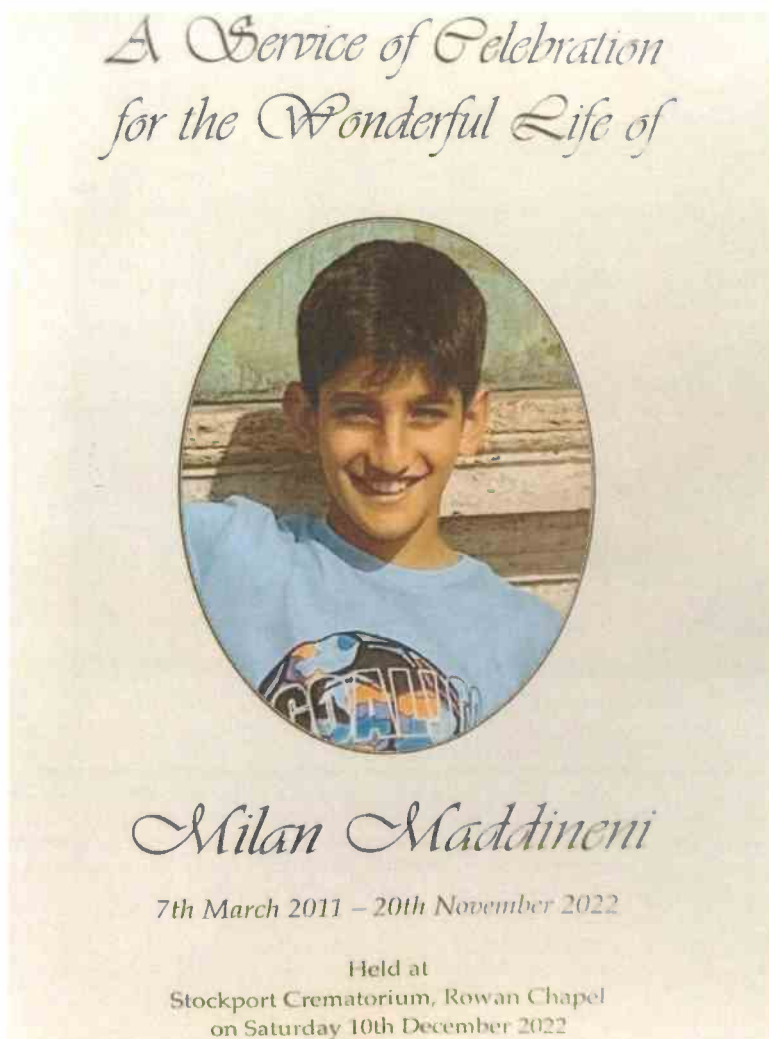
We also gave a huge 1st Bramhall welcome to our Ukrainian friends who had come to stay in the area. We hosted a regular drop-in for Ukrainian guests and their hosts every Sunday afternoon, and organised welcome packs of essential toiletries etc, as well as clothes and games. This was featured on national BBC TV news and locally on the Stockport Council volunteering website. We are delighted that several Ukrainian youngsters have joined us as Cubs and Scouts, with our flagbreaks each week now including the Ukrainian flag.



This year also saw the fruition of our long-anticipated Active Support Unit - launched at Family Camp. Our thanks to Iain Lavelle for taking the lead on this for us. The Unit organised our Scoutpost, the installation of our Christmas Tree, our involvement with the Round Table Santa Christmas float, stewarding at the St Georges Day Parade, and they are currently working on the improvement of our grassed area. The Unit is open to anyone at all who would like to be involved in helping with the myriad of things that need to be done to support the Group, freeing up Leaders to do what they do best - delivering fantastic programmes for our young people.

No review of the year would be complete without mentioning Family Camp in September where over 200 of us spent a fun-packed weekend at Kibblestone Scout Camp in Staffordshire. We are already planning the next one (but not for 2023!)

But this year also saw the terribly sad passing of one of our members Milan Maddineni. Milan joined the Group as a Beaver and went all the way through to Scouts; he was touched by Scouting and he gave so much to everyone in the Colony, the Pack, and the Troop. He was always enthusiastic, helpful, considerate, and was never seen without a huge, infectious smile. He epitomised Scouting's values. It was a very humbling privilege to join literally hundreds of people attending the service celebrating his life, and hear the awe-inspiring tributes to him. In Scouting parlance, Milan had "gone home".



And finally we congratulate one of our Leaders, Sam Rogers ("Rudder"), on completing his Queens Scout Award and becoming a Queens Scout (one of the very last). The highest achievement in Scouting, and one we hope many of our Squirrels, Beavers, Cubs, Scouts, and Explorers will achieve in due course; we will do all we can to make that a reality



Andrew Corrie ("Skip")

Group Scout Leader

ANNUAL CENSUS

The annual census, taken at 31 January 2023, showed 175 (prior year:149) young people in Squirrels, Beavers, Cubs and Scouts with a further 22 (prior year:32) in the Explorer Unit, which is a District Section. All sections operate waiting lists.

Young people	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014	2013
Squirrels	20									
Beavers: Colts	22	19	21	24	23	23	24	22	42	24
Kits	21	21	21	25	23	25	24	25		
Cubs: Pine	27	28	32	33	34	24	33	24	54	36
Fir	20	25	27	28	27	24	27	29		
Scouts	65	56	56	65	41	59	41	44	50	50
Total	175	149	157	175	148	155	149	144	146	110
Explorers	22	32	29	22	23	27	39	47	41	35

Leader/Sectional assistants	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014	2013
Squirrels	8									
Beavers: Colts	5	4	2	4	3	4	3	8	6	2
Kits	6	4	2	4	3	3	3	6		
Cubs: Pine	7	5	3	6	5	3	4	4	8	5
Fir	4	6	3	3	9	7	5	10		
Scouts	17	16	13	15	11	14	10	9	11	9
Total	47	35	23	32	31	31	27	37	25	16

These numbers don't include all the Occasional Helpers and Young Explorer Leaders who are so valuable in assisting on section nights and other activities.

SECTION REPORTS

Squirrels Drey- 2022



We opened our Squirrel Drey in May 2022 with 18 children aged 4-5. All of our sessions have a game, a story and a related main activity. We began by working on our Be Active and Feel Good badges. This included learning about feelings, building blanket forts and having a fun yoga session.



Blanket Forts

We held our first investiture on 20th June. This included investing all of our Squirrels and our new leaders. The children were really proud to be the first Squirrel Drey in the area.



Mass Investiture

We finished the term with our first trip outside the hut to Bramhall Park for a Scavenger hunt.



When we returned in September, 6 new Squirrels joined the group. We enjoyed building our own model campfires, toasting marshmallows and learning campfire songs.

This was great preparation for Family Camp. 8 of our Squirrels joined us on camp with their families. They had great fun joining in with the activities and meeting other leaders and sections. They enjoyed standing at the front of the flag break with Skip to be introduced to the Group. Favourite activities included the Blindfold Trail and whizzing downhill on the carts.

In the winter we started to learn about different celebrations for our Let's Celebrate badge. We learned about Diwali, Hanukah and Christmas. We also made use of our free Lego from IET to build some bridges and animal homes. We finished the term with a visit from Reverend Calum Piper from St Michael's church. We also held our first 'nut run' as our first Squirrels moved on to Beavers.

We look forward to many more adventures together!

Thanks to the 2022 team Little Beaver, Nutella, Kit, Jay, Paddle, Hawkeye and Nutkin for all of their invaluable help. Thanks also to our parent helpers.

Louise Eagle "Nala"

Colts Beaver Colony - 2022

The annual report gives a chance to reflect on how much we do in the Beaver Section. It is amazing how much we can cram into a year, and how keen our Turquoise Ninjas are to push themselves outside their comfort zones.

2022 started in January with a trip to the Panto. The annual trip organised by the District had been paused during Covid, so Teddy stepped in and organised a 1st Bramhall Beavers trip to see Dick Whittington at the Plaza. It was loud and funny, and the Beavers loved it.

Our programme in January included a night on Birdwatch, where we made bird feeders and learnt about the different garden birds. In February we completed our Health & Fitness badge with a programme built around Winter Olympics. We took part in speed skating, the luge and curling, and we all won medals!



In March we had a special guest, as Doctor Vinten came and talked about her job as a family doctor and the Beavers got to use some of the equipment in her doctor's bag! We also had a sleepover at the hut, where we cooked our own tea to earn the Cooks badge, had a night hike to Bramhall Park and a terrific indoor camp fire led by Tigger, where we learnt some great new campfire songs. Thank you Tigger!



In April, we paraded smartly through Bramhall for St George's Day and had an evening on friendship and learning and understanding our differences.



May was a fun packed month. It saw us making seed pots and planting seeds. We had a joint meeting in Bruntwood Park with Kits where we climbed trees and enjoyed the playground. We joined the rest of the Group for JOTT, walking on a glorious afternoon, earning a hikes badge and enjoying a great BBQ back at the hut. We completed our Safety badge and had an amazing afternoon at Sale Water Park earning our Time on the Water badge in Katacanoes! We celebrated the Jubilee with a tea party and games.

June saw us making Coasters for Father Day, completing our Cycling badge, and learning how to light fires with flint and steel.

In July we practised navigation in Bramhall Park, learning how to read maps, and we had a terrific outdoor session involving lots of water and rockets! We went to the Cinema to see Lightyear and ate lots of popcorn!

In September we went on Family Camp and had adventures trying new challenging activities and trying to beat Suds at Rock, Paper, Scissors.



October saw us completing our Global Issues badge, making water filters and seeing who could produce the cleanest water. We learnt about endangered animals and fair trade, and Digger ran a session on Saving Energy. We all dressed up for our annual Halloween party and had fun playing spooky games and crafts, and eating quite a few sweets! We also attended the District Chief Scout Bronze Award Ceremony where 9 Colts Beavers were awarded this very special achievement.

November saw us collecting Junk and earning our Builders badge by building a crazy golf course. We had lots of parents come and join in and help and it was a really great night, building our course and then playing on it. We then moved onto our Space badge, where we learnt about the planets and made constellation biscuits. We finished the month with a Sleepover at Catalyst Science Museum in Widnes with our friends from Kits. We had an amazing time playing on all the interactive exhibits, watching a Night at the Museum and sleeping in the glass observatory. We also had a science show and made soap, although I am not sure how clean it would have got us!



December saw us celebrate Christmas with seasonal crafts and games, topped off with a traditional Christmas party.

And so for this years stats! We awarded 285 badges in 2022, including 8 Chief Scout Bronze awards, 47 Challenge badges and 221 activity badges across 16 different badge types. 2022 was definitely a year to celebrate achievement.

I must end as always by thanking all the leadership team whose different skills and interests make it possible to deliver such a fun and varied programme for our young people, it really is a team effort.

Thank you, Keego, Silva, Skater, Tigger & Digger. Thank you also to our Young Leaders who provided such a valuable source of help throughout the year whilst juggling the increasing demand of school and college; thank you, Sprinter, Coffee and Edge.

Thank you to all of our parents who have stepped forward to support us when we needed additional help or to just join in our sessions, I particularly enjoyed seeing how involved and competitive you got during our Junk golf evening, some of the Beavers didn't get a look in! Thank you to the Exec who support us behind the scenes ensuring we have whatever we need to run the Colony and a special thank you to Richard Baker for being our Treasurer and never saying no to our requests!

However, the biggest thank you of all goes to the Beavers. Their enthusiasm, inquisitiveness, desire to try new things and most of all have fun is the reason we as leaders turn up every week. 2023 is already proving to be an exciting, fun packed year and I look forward to us all continuing to have adventures, building skills and making memories together.

Amanda Hudghton – Beaver Scout Leader (BSL): Colts Beavers

Kits Beaver Colony - 2022

We started 2022 with the annual panto trip to Stockport Plaza. Unfortunately, not as part of a district event this time, but still a great joint experience for Kits and Colts Beavers.



During our first term, we made fruit kebabs and sandwiches as part of the Cook Badge. We celebrated Chinese New Year by making tiger masks. We explored space and the night sky using a cool planet app and made constellations out of cocktail sticks and raisins.



For the first time in a while, we were able to celebrate St George's Day, with a parade through Bramhall followed by a group service at St Michaels Church. This was a fabulous, greatly missed and well supported event.



The late spring and early summer term brought warmer weather and lighter nights which meant we could get outdoors!

We had great fun climbing trees in Bruntwood Park, (another joint event with Colts Beavers.) We went bug hunting in Carrwood. We planted flowers and vegetable seeds as part of our Gardener Badge and collected leaves and twigs to make natural works of art.



We also had a fantastic afternoon 'messing about in boats' with Peak Sports at Trafford Water Park, learning about water safety, canoeing, and kayaking followed by an impromptu 'dip' in the lake.



We finished off the summer term with wide games and badge presentation in Bramhall Park and invested Rainbow as an 'Assistant Leader.'



We started the Autumn term with a hike and pond dipping adventure in Happy Valley, which was great fun although a little soggy for some!



At the end of September, we hosted a fabulous Family camp weekend where a record number of families from all sections joined us at Kibblestone Scout Camp in Staffordshire for a fun packed weekend of scouting activities including a traditional campfire!



As the dark nights set in, our meetings were back in the Bramley Centre, where we enjoyed den building and junk modelling as part of the Builder Badge. We had a visit from Dr Glen who taught us all about the heart and basic first aid skills and we had our much-loved Halloween fancy dress party.



ur next Beaver sleepover event took place in November, where Kits and Colts came together to experience a 'Night at the Museum' sleeping in the observatory at Catalyst Science Museum in Widnes. The Beavers enjoyed carrying out science experiments, making soap and watching a live science show. This fabulous event was excellent fun for Beavers and Leaders alike.



For the remaining months the Beavers recognised Remembrance Day, made (and ate) bonfire biscuits, celebrated St Andrew's Day, and learned about the patron saints, and made Xmas Crackers! It's certainly been another jam-packed year for Kits Beavers!





We've awarded over 200 badges, including 6 Chief scout Bronze Awards, and have seen our colony grow to 21 regular attendees.

I'd like to thank the amazing leaders who support our activities week in week out, Rikki, Rainbow, Luna, Willow, and Beefy and special thanks for the ad-hoc support to Pogo, Harrier and Keego.

Finally, I'd like to recognise 3 fantastic young people, Alfie, Jack, and James. All of whom joined 1st Bramhall as Beavers and now form part of the Young Leaders Team. You are outstanding role models for our Beavers, and I'd like to thank you for the energy and enthusiasm you bring to each meeting.

Teddy

Kate Vincent
Beaver Scout Leader 1st Bramhall Kits Beavers



Fir Cub Pack - 2022

It has been a packed-full 12 months with the Cubs doing an amazing job as always.

Massive thanks to the leadership team of Kwasim (Adam), Little Beaver (Kae) and Baloo (Angela), together with Kinder (Chris), Bueno (Bethan), and Barry, together with Suds (Amanda) for her support at Camp. We also have two amazing Explorer helpers: Coffee (Jacob) and Shaw Shaw (Alex).

Our Year started with Chinese New Year at the amazing restaurant Rainbow 88 with the wonderful Linda being an amazing host. The Cubs had a great time with great food



Beginning of March, we had our winter camp indoors at the Bramley Centre. After gathering, we took a minibus trip to Linnet Clough where we went on a Hike and Hunt around Marple and Strines and then we returned to the hut for more fun-filled activities.



April took us away again to Ashworth Valley for the weekend - outdoor and indoor camping. We crammed in so many activities from popcorn making to rocket building and raft racing down the river. Then on the Sunday, we joined in with the District for the St George's Day Parade and the weather held out for us all.



July took us away on summer camp with Kwasim taking charge and running an amazing camp. The matching Tie Dye t-shirts were a big hit with the Cubs, as was the massive water fight in the lovely sunny weather. We made rafts going out on the river and sang as loud as we could, even teaching a new song to a cub pack from Stockport that we met.





Fir Pack ended the year with a Christmas party at Chill Factor and we invested Baloo and our new Cubs at the top of the slide. The Cubs had an amazing time as always, doing all the different activities and racing each other down the snow.



2023 has started well with the Cubs working hard to complete their badges and taking the annual walk from Bramhall to Poynton to get our Chippy reward. Well worth the 2 hours in the dark and the question "are we there yet".

Akela (Caroline Noone)

Pine Cub Pack – 2022



2022 was a great year for Pine Pack

One of our most important achievements in 2022 was to welcome Martin (Ikki), Glyn (Baloo), and Adam (Bagheera) as new leaders. This brings our total of leaders up to six which in turn means we have been able to keep the numbers of cubs in the pack as high as 32 all year.

They have been a great bunch this year and have kept us on our toes throughout:



1. Tuesday night fun and games

Like all the sections, we have a balanced programme which means we have a variety of activities, all with different aims, but overall providing the chance for all cubs to push themselves to their limits, learn new skills, and most importantly have some fun in a safe and supportive environment.

As an example, we had a trip to Chill Factor with the simple rule to try a new sport; for those cubs who have skied previously they had to try boarding or vice versa. It was also a great chance to invest some of our new cubs. We love to invest cubs in different places, this was a new one for us.



We also tried other adventures including climbing at Awesome Walls which was another chance to push their own limits and try new things.



However, not all our Tuesday nights are big adventurous activities, this year most of our cubs completed their Scientist badge...



...and did craft activities such as making these Snowmen showing the diversity of the activities that we get up to on Tuesday evenings.



2. *Camp*

Summer Camp is always a highlight and we had a great weekend at Hesley Wood near Sheffield this year.

Camp is a great way to let the cubs develop their independence, enjoy communal living, spend time together developing friendships and of course, just have fun.

This year they had a chance to take part in canoeing, archery, and grass sledding, as well as just chilling round the campfire with marshmallows – nothing better!



3. *Being part of the community*

A really important part of being part of the scouting family is to make an active contribution to our community.

This might be in the form of one of our Group activities such as the 24 hour games marathon where the cubs took part in "The Chase" and "Would I lie to you" displaying a slightly worrying ability to lie very convincingly. Dodgy outfits from the leaders were considered de rigueur.



We also make sure we directly help the community with litter picks...



...and provide a proud representation of the youth of Bramhall on Remembrance Sunday



4. *Badges and Awards*

All of this leads to lots of badges and culminates, for some, in the award of the Silver Chief Scouts Award. 2022 was a record year for us with eight cubs gaining this award, the highest that a cub can achieve.



5. *And Finally*

I just wanted to end this year's report with a personal thank you to the whole family that is 1st Bramhall for their support of all our Ukrainian guests this year. We started 2022 with no idea that we would soon be welcoming refugees into our community and homes. However, when it became clear in March that several families would be arriving, everyone in 1st Bramhall stepped up to help with donations of clothing, toys, bikes and beautiful donations of toiletries which I know were really appreciated.

A special thank you however needs to go to the Group Exec who supported the idea of having get togethers on Sunday afternoons, and most importantly Barry, Dawn, Doreen, Brian, Richard B and Ollie who did the leg work of putting them on week after week. These were a real lifeline for all those who attended and it is a measure of their success that they were only needed for six months, by which time the Ukrainian families had built their own support networks.

As a result of all this work we were able to welcome Ukrainian children into the group, and for at least some of them, this was their first chance to develop friendships with English children. I think we all saw how much they enjoyed family camp and how scouting has provided a solid base for them to start to integrate into the community.

To me, this has shown scouting at it's best and I am extremely proud to be a member of such a wonderful group as 1st Bramhall.



**Richard Edmondson
Akela**

Scout Troop Section Report 2022

2022 in numbers

Started with 56 Scouts - Ended with 65 Scouts

Maximum Overnights available per person: 20

Total overnights earned: 513

Our winter expedition was a great way to start the new year. 26 scouts braved the chilly weather and enjoyed a fabulous weekend walking in the Lake District and staying at Ennerdale Scout Centre.

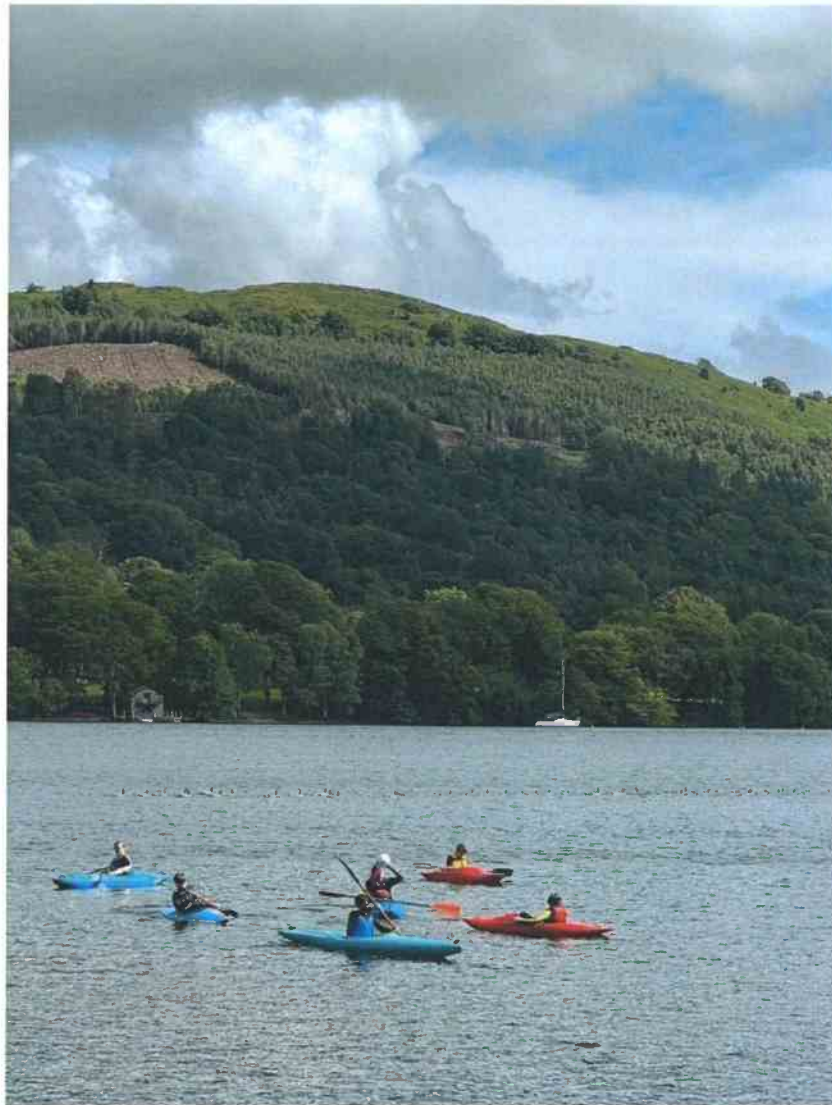
2022 was jam packed with activities. In January the scouts put on a fantastic panto, specially written by Kite. Then we had a 24hr game show raising money for McMillan.

The scouts took on the Million Hands Project in March. The patrols were tasked with creating and delivering a project for positive change. We were blown away by the creativity and enthusiasm of the scouts. Craft sales, cake sales, a charity car wash, even a website that encourages people to turn off their engines at traffic lights. It was a great example of what the scouts can do by themselves when given the opportunity. In March we also took on the 310,000 steps challenge and raised money for the Samaritans.

As the weather started to warm we did a spring night hike, a PLs training day and then a Scoutcraft Camp. The scouts spent a great weekend at Barnswood campsite learning all the skills that they would need on our summer camp.

At the start of July, the Watersports Camp was attended by 41 Scouts who enjoyed sailing, waterskiing, kayaking, paddle boarding and raft building on the beautiful Lake Windermere.





Summer Camp 2022 was at Loch Tummel in Scotland. A fabulous field on the Loch side was home to 28 scouts and 14 leaders for 9 glorious summer days. The scouts camped, cooked, played, and sang. We also waterskied, sailed, paddle boarded and kayaked. This was topped off with a trip to the Edinburgh Tattoo.





Our local bases activities included caving, swimming, candle making and yoga and we had a 1st Bramhall Masterchef with the winning Patrol going through to the District final.

We did even more fundraising with another amazing 24 hour event, this time 24 x one hour events back to back, raising money for the group and for New Mills Community project and at Christmas we made gift boxes for Age UK.

All these fantastic activities count towards earning badges and we awarded an incredible 228 badges in total. The top award in the scout section is the Chief Scouts Gold Award and takes hard work, determination and great leadership skills. We are delighted that the following scouts achieved their Chief Scouts Gold Award in 2022.

Seb Holmes

Charlotte Taylor

Jasper Prince

Martha Shelton

Felix Prince

Ross Hallinan

Austin King

These incredible experiences take a lot of organising and running and we are so grateful for our amazing leadership team. In 2022 we said (a temporary) goodbye to Owen, Jess, Holly, Henry and Mae as they went off to Uni, travelling or starting work. We miss you and hope to see you all soon.

We were very lucky to say hello to Sam Rogers (Rudder) and Jess Watson (Crag) who joined us late 2021 and have both been invaluable in 2022. We were so pleased that in 2022 Sam was presented with his Queen's Scout Award. Well done Sam.

Peter Boxall – "Whittle" – Scout Troop Section Leader

The XBU Explorer Section - 2022

Our Explorer programme is always targeting communication, leadership, listening skills, negotiation, and practical life skills, all aimed at helping with the Explorer's own development, whilst maintaining the advised scouting development Zones of **Beliefs and Attitudes, Community, Fitness, Creative, Global & Outdoor and Adventure**.

This year we enjoyed a varied and much more traditional year of activities.

In August 2022 we completed a 26km long Peak District hike taking in the plane wrecks at Bleaklow



Our summer camp was in North Devon where we found a wealth of things to do at one of the best campsites to date



During camp we managed to invest 8 Explorers on a moving steam train and spent loads of time on the coastline completing the most amazing night hike, cycling the Tarka Trail, sailing in cardboard boats, going to an aqua park, playing frisbee golf, going on a high ropes course, enjoying beach BBQ's, paddle boarding, coasteering and exploring the local coastline as well as Exmoor.



Here is a picture of possibly the best beach in Devon



In November we also managed to do a Remembrance Day hike to take part in the annual service at the top of Great Gable in the Lakes. This is such a poignant way to mark the occasion.



DofE also provides an excellent basis for the programme where there is a heavy mix of “Out and about” activities involving navigation, survival, cooking and communication skills. DofE without doubt provides young people with the tools to tackle the challenges of their future lives and because it's led by the individual, it demonstrates high levels of personal commitment which breathes life into any CV.

We are proud to be able to provide a significant amount of volunteer help for the other sections, which continues to ensure a positive representation of the Explorer section within all the 1st Bramhall sections. We show Beavers, Cubs and Scouts where their scouting adventure can lead them.

One last thing is to thank all the leaders and support people at 1st Bramhall, because without the help and support of so many people we would not have been able to provide the programme we deliver. For example one leader on summer camp chose to attend rather than let everyone down, despite his business completing a merger halfway through camp which put himself under immense pressure. But this shows the huge and valued commitment of our leadership team.

Here's to an equally successful 2023

Paul Winterburn – “Pedal” – Explorer Scout Leader

Financial Review

2022 was a much more “normal” year from a financial perspective as well as from a “scouting” perspective. This is reflected in the financial results over the following pages, where comparisons with the previous year reflect the impact of Covid.

Our finances remain sound, with our cash balance growing in the year by £4,037 and our operating surplus from our Group and Section activities being a modest £810.

Subscription income in the year grew by £3,527 (16%) mainly as a result of higher numbers of young people, helped by the launch of the new Squirrel section. We were pleased to see that income from letting the Bramley Centre to community groups nearly doubled to £19,716, which is back to pre-pandemic levels. Gift Aid income was £1,264 lower than the previous year, but this was because in 2021 we undertook an exercise to maximise the number of Gift Aid declarations which brought in Gift Aid from previous years.

Raising funds for other charities was again popular with the Young People, with the 24 hour Marathons, the Scout Pantomime, ScoutPost, the 310,000 Steps challenge and the Million Hands Project raising funds for various charities including the New Mills Youth and Community Project, St Anns Hospice, the Samaritans and Manchester Childrens Hospital.

In the year, we continued our programme of investment in Scouting activities by purchasing a variety of equipment. This included 6 new Kayaks and a new 10 metre “party” tent, which, amongst other uses, acts as the “Central” on camps where cooking, eating and meetings take place (when not done in patrols). We also purchased new water skis, an additional StandUp paddle board, a gas BBQ and an AV Projector.

After taking advantage in 2021 of the closure of our Headquarters building, we didn’t undertake any more major works in 2022, concentrating on various essential repairs and maintenance, including refurbishing the cooker and upgrading the signage above the front door to incorporate the new Scout logo and the Squirrel section.

The cost of running the Bramley Centre Headquarters building (cleaning, utilities, rates, insurance etc) rose to more “normal” levels but we were particularly hit by the increase in Electricity prices where the cost almost doubled to £3,000. Fortunately, our gas price is fixed until 2024 at pre-increase rates.

Future plans

We intend to continue our programme of improving the Bramley Centre and purchasing equipment to support the Scouting programme. 2023 will see the front area remodelled to create a secure grassed play/activity area and the gutters will be replaced to finally solve the water ingress problem which has damaged the brickwork, windows and interior. Further internal improvements will also take place. Expenditure on the Scouting programme will include replacing all the cub tents and it is intended to replace a minibus in 2023 or 2024 if a suitable vehicle can be found.

Reserves Policy

The group's policy on reserves is to hold sufficient resources to continue the charitable activities of the Group should income fall short or large amounts of expenditure are required on, for example, repairs and maintenance on the Bramley Centre building or on transport. The Board of Trustees considers that the current level of reserves is sufficient.

Investment Policy

The Group has adopted a risk averse strategy to the investment of its liquid funds which are held in cash using a mainstream bank. Longer term investments are split between a low-risk investment – a National Savings Investment Account and an Invesco Managed Fund.

Declaration

The Trustees declare that they have approved the Trustees' Annual Report above.

Signed on behalf of the Charity's Trustees:



Richard Buckley

Chairman

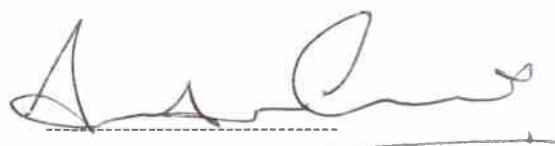
Date: 13/5/23



Timothy Taylor

Secretary

Date: 13/5/23



Andrew Corrie

Group Scout Leader

Date: 13/5/23

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Independent Examiner's Report

I report on the accounts of the Charity for the year ended 31 December 2022, which are set out on pages 44 to 53

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act;
- follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act; and
- state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the general Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a "true and fair view" and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent examiner's statement

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

- 1 which gives me reasonable cause to believe that, in any material respect, the requirements:
 - to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act; and
 - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 Acthave not been met; or
- 2 to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Gary Wood, FCCA
G.J. Wood & Co. Ltd.
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25 April 2023

1st Bramhall Scout Group

Balance Sheet

31 December 2022

	Note	2022 £	2021 £
Fixed assets			
Tangible assets	2	328,059	332,841
Investments	3	81,281	80,857
		<u>409,340</u>	<u>413,698</u>
Current Assets			
Bank and cash (Group)		49,166	46,469
Bank and cash (Sections)		3,329	1,989
Debtors		-	-
		<u>52,495</u>	<u>48,458</u>
Current Liabilities			
Other creditors		449	1,580
		<u>449</u>	<u>1,580</u>
Net Current Assets		<u>52,046</u>	<u>46,878</u>
Total Assets less Current Laibilities		<u>461,386</u>	<u>460,576</u>
Funds			
General Unrestricted Fund		334,662	336,852
Revaluation reserve		111,458	111,458
Transport Reserve Fund		15,266	12,266
		<u>461,386</u>	<u>460,576</u>

Approved on behalf of the Group Executive Committee on 13/5/23

 Chair

 Treasurer

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Notes to the Financial Statements

31 December 2022

1 Accounting policies

a) Basis of accounting Receipts and Payments

The accounts for both the current and comparative years have been prepared under the receipts and payments basis as permitted under the Charities Act 2011.

Land and buildings

Land and buildings have been revalued by the trustees and are included in the accounts at their valuation, in accordance with applicable accounting standards.

b) Capital expenditure

Fixed assets are shown in the accounts at cost less accumulated depreciation, with the exception of land and buildings, which is shown at the Trustees valuation of £340,000.

The cost of equipment is written off in full during the year of acquisition. For insurance purposes, equipment is valued at £65,117.

c) Depreciation

Provision for depreciation is made at the following rates:

Buildings	0.5 % straight line
Garage	5% straight line
Minibus, trailers and boats	25% on a reducing balance basis

2 Tangible fixed assets

	Land & Building	Garage & toilets	Minibus, trailers & boats	Total
Cost or valuation				
At 1 January 2022	340,000	29,230	26,934	396,164
At 31 December 2022	340,000	29,230	26,934	396,164
Depreciation				
At 1 January 2022	34,000	8,872	20,451	63,323
Depreciation for the year	1,700	1,462	1,620	4,782
	35,700	10,334	22,071	68,105
Net Book value 2022	304,300	18,896	4,863	328,059
Net Book value 2021	306,000	20,358	6,483	332,841

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Notes to the Financial Statements

31 December 2022

3 Investments	2022 £	2021 £
National Savings Investment Account	61,756	61,699
Invesco Managed Growth	19,525	19,158
	<u>81,281</u>	<u>80,857</u>

The market value of the Invesco Managed Growth Fund at 31 December 2022 was £23,344 (2021 £24,696).

4 Funds

The Group Executive approved a transfer of of £3,000 from the General Unrestricted Fund to a general designated fund, the Transport Reserve Fund. This fund has been set up to provide for future vehicle replacement costs.

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Squirrel Drey Statement of Financial Activities

31 December 2022

	2022 £
Incoming resources	
Subscriptions from group	575
	<u>575</u>
Resources expended	
Activities	446
Badges/trophies	92
Camps	
Equipment and consumables	26
Uniforms	11
Sleepover	
	<u>575</u>
Net incoming (outgoing) resources	-
Bank and cash balance at 1 January 2022	-
Bank and cash balance at 31 December 2022	<u>-</u>

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Beaver Colony Statement of Financial Activities

31 December 2022

	2022	2021
	£	£
Incoming resources		
Subscriptions from group	1,410	1,058
Pantomime	201	332
Camps	-	750
Sleepover	1,650	-
Sundry income	16	25
	<u>3,277</u>	<u>2,165</u>
Resources expended		
Activities	1,401	603
Uniforms	-	11
Badges/trophies	51	163
Camps	-	528
Equipment and consumables	41	25
Pantomime	556	515
Sleepover	1,468	-
	<u>3,517</u>	<u>1,845</u>
Net (outgoing) incoming resources	(240)	320
Bank and cash balance at 1 January 2022	322	2
Bank and cash balance at 31 December 2022	<u>82</u>	<u>322</u>

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Pine Cub Pack Statement of Financial Activities

31 December 2022

	2022	2021
	£	£
Incoming resources		
Camps	650	1,015
Activities	398	-
Subscriptions from group	-	500
	<u>1,048</u>	<u>1,515</u>
Resources expended		
Activities	576	221
Badges and trophies	245	144
Camps	458	1,448
	<u>1,279</u>	<u>1,813</u>
Net (outgoing) resources	(231)	(298)
Bank and cash balance at 1 January 2022	564	862
Bank and cash balance at 31 December 2022	<u>333</u>	<u>564</u>

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Fir Cub Pack Statement of Financial Activities

31 December 2022

	2022	2021
	£	£
Incoming resources		
Camps	1,767	350
Activities	115	120
Subscriptions from group	1,873	1,530
	<u>3,755</u>	<u>2,000</u>
Resources expended		
Activities	1,045	1,584
Camps	2,362	456
	<u>3,407</u>	<u>2,040</u>
Net incoming (outgoing) resources	348	(40)
Bank and cash balance at 1 January 2022	54	94
Bank and cash balance at 31 December 2022	<u>402</u>	<u>54</u>

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Scout Troop Statement of Financial Activities

31 December 2022

	2022	2021
	£	£
Incoming resources		
Activities	400	-
Camps	14,295	8,548
Subscriptions from group	2,000	(112)
	<u>16,695</u>	<u>8,436</u>
 Resources expended		
Activities	1,717	1,188
Camps	13,184	7,572
Equipment and consumables	251	57
Uniforms	-	39
Bank charges	81	96
	<u>15,233</u>	<u>8,952</u>
 Net incoming (outgoing) resources	1,462	(516)
 Bank and cash balance at 1 January 2022	1,049	1,565
 Bank and cash balance at 31 December 2022	<u>2,511</u>	<u>1,049</u>

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Group Statement of Financial Activities

31 December 2022

	2022	2021
	£	£
Incoming resources		
Gift Aid	5,287	6,551
Letting income	19,716	10,481
Other income	1,096	3,379
Subscriptions	26,153	22,626
Covid-19 grant	-	9,669
24hr Marathons	1,370	-
Bonfire Night	1,339	-
JOTT	111	-
September 2022 Family Camp	9,359	-
	<u>64,431</u>	<u>52,706</u>
Investment income and interest		
Bank deposit interest	210	11
Invesco Perpetual income	367	-
	<u>577</u>	<u>11</u>
Total incoming resources	<u>65,008</u>	<u>52,717</u>
Resources expended		
Property costs		
Building maintenance	3,785	14,342
Cleaning	6,179	5,294
Electricity	2,917	1,526
Gas	616	630
General rates	607	214
Internet and telephone	305	281
Water rates	482	249
	<u>14,891</u>	<u>22,536</u>
Group Scout costs		
Camp	7,049	195
Capitation fee	6,333	6,280
Group Scout Activities	59	133
OSM costs	157	111
Other expenses	102	296
Payments to sections	5,858	2,976
Training	802	540
Uniform and badges	2,952	1,922
XBU Explorer support	892	-
	<u>24,204</u>	<u>12,453</u>

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Group Statement of Financial Activities

31 December 2022

	2022	2021
	£	£
Other resources expended		
Examiner's fee	120	120
Bank charges	164	193
Depreciation	4,782	5,322
Equipment	7,416	7,110
Insurance	6,175	6,154
Other expenses	104	292
Printing, stationery and sundry	112	41
Vehicle and transport costs	5,081	7,372
Charitable Donations	1,141	-
Ukraine Social costs	218	-
Bonfire Night	754	-
Website	375	-
	<u>26,442</u>	<u>26,604</u>
Total resources expended	<u>65,537</u>	<u>61,593</u>
Net (outgoing) resources	(529)	(8,876)
Funds at 1 January 2022	347,129	356,005
Funds at 31 December 2022	<u>346,600</u>	<u>347,129</u>

