

# BLANDFORD SCOUT GROUP

England & Wales - Charity number 1020421

## Details

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**Status** Registered

**Legal form** Other

**Registered** 1993-04-30

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

## Contact

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## Activities

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

**Activities:** The promotion of the Scouting Ethos, for boys and girls aged from 6 to 14, through a range of mental and physical activities designed to produce a self assured member of society.

## Classification

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- **How:** Provides Human Resources, Provides Buildings/facilities/open Space, Provides Advocacy/advice/information
- **What:** Education/training, Amateur Sport, Environment/conservation/heritage
- **Who:** Children/young People, People With Disabilities

## Geography

- **Area of benefit:** IN PRACTICE BLANDFORD
- Dorset

## Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-08-31	£56,553	£52,648	-	-
2024-03-31	£32,490	£36,378	-	-
2023-03-31	£21,648	£29,124	-	-
2022-03-31	£30,910	£25,617	-	-
2021-03-31	£28,941	£25,363	-	-

## Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
<b>Susan Glazzard</b>	Chair	2025-10-11
Caroline Wawman		2023-07-01
Christopher Bartlett		2023-06-01
Jonathan Bowell		2019-06-07
Michael Booth		2022-03-29
Samantha Elliott		2013-04-22

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# Accounts

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Blandford Scout Group

# Trustees' Annual Report & Accounts

For the period from 1st April 2024 to 31st August 2025

Charity registration number: 1020421



## Objectives and Activities

### Purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document

Blandford Scout Group's governing documents are those of The Scout Association. The Scout Association is incorporated by Royal Charter and is a registered charity whose purpose 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.

### Main activities in relation to those purposes for the public benefit, in particular, the activities, projects or services identified in the accounts.

Scouts gives young people skills for life. We actively engage and support them in their personal development, empowering them to make a positive contribution to society.

In partnership with adults, young people take part in fun indoor and outdoor activities. They learn by doing, sharing in spiritual reflection and taking responsibility. They make choices, try new and challenging activities, and live their Scout Promise. All of this is underpinned by our Scout values.

### Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit.

We believe we've met the Charity Commission's public benefit criteria for both the advancement of education, and the advancement of citizenship and community development.

*Identifiable benefit:* The way we help young people in their personal development and empower them to make a positive contribution to society. This benefit is directly linked to the purpose of Scouts.

*Public benefit:* Blandford Scout Group is open to all young people aged 5 3/4 - 14 and adult volunteers who are willing to make the Scout Promise. We help young people step up, speak up and dream big. Most importantly, we help them gain the skills they need to succeed in life. We're proud that all young people, particularly those in deprivation, can benefit from our programme and aren't constrained by their ability to pay the subscription. We do waive subscriptions and apply for grants for those who face financial hardship. The benefits of Scouts are further demonstrated throughout this report.

### Additional information

#### Contribution made by volunteers

##### *Direct Support to Youth:*

Mentoring and Skill Development; leading activities, teaching outdoor skills, helping Scouts earn badges, and fostering their personal growth.

Creating a Positive Environment; promoting inclusivity, fairness, and respect within our group.

##### *Organizational Support:*

Logistics; managing sections, organizing meetings, and planning events and camps.

Finance; fundraising and managing budgets to support the group's activities.

Administration; handling communication, record-keeping, and other administrative tasks.

## A huge thank you to all our volunteers!

Our Scout Group would not be the success it is without your invaluable contributions, no matter the amount of time you give.



thank you!

## Achievements and Performance

Main achievements of our charity, identifying the difference the charity's work has made to the circumstances of its beneficiaries and any wider benefits to society as a whole.

### Investments:

Due to a big Tesco Donation of £1000 we were able to invest in some new kit to aid more events. We purchased 2x Branded Gazebo's £650.99, 2x Cast Iron Double Burner Stoves £136.85 & a Portable 3 Burner Gas Griddle/Hotplate £184.79.

### Gift Aid:

Gift Aid is a government scheme that allows us to reclaim the basic rate tax you pay as a UK taxpayer. It means that we can claim 25p of tax for every £1 you donate at no extra cost to you. If you haven't already, all you need to do is make a Gift Aid declaration via OSM (our online Scouting portal). Please ask if you need help with this.

This financial year covered 17 month period (explanation in Treasurers report page 12) so we did apply for two lots of Gift Aid, totalling £4341.97. We also purchased the weights for the gazebos and Tomahawks & Angels, after one of our leaders attended a course on how to run these sessions. Along with the popcorn fire pans, that we also purchased with this money, it has been a great year for trying new things! Total spend £583.83.

### Fundraising:

Group Quiz Night on 20th April 2024 organised and quiz questions created by our Scout section and they made £207.57. The Scouts also ran a stall at the towns Blandford Yuletide Festival taking an income of £107.50. These events were great for our Scouts to build their confidence and raise money in aid of them going to Essex Jamboree.

### Community Events:

On behalf of the Scout Group, the Cub packs created a fantastic display for the Blandford Forum Christmas Tree Festival, an annual event where many community groups create and display beautiful Christmas decorations on a theme. This was displayed in the pharmacy's window in town.

In November we were asked to support a refreshment tent at Stickland Fireworks. Some of our volunteers (big thank you to them) miraculously ran this event at very short notice and took an income in of £111.88.



In November we attended the annual Remembrance Parade in town. Our young people benefit from attending Remembrance Parades by experiencing first-hand the importance of service, community, and respect for the sacrifices made by others in conflict, fostering a sense of national unity and civic duty, learning about history, and developing gratitude, empathy, and a commitment to peace.

In July 2025 we were able to show off our new gazebos and archery equipment by attending Blandford Forum Community Summer Fayre. We ran an 'have a go archery stall' and raised a whopping £351.68. Many thanks to the volunteers who setup and ran this event. The gazebo's really helped us stand out and we had many enquiries to join our waiting list and general positive chats about the benefits of Scouting.

### **Volunteers Experience:**

In January 2025 our volunteers enjoyed a skittles evening at Bryanston Club and in June 2025 our volunteers had a lovely night off in the woods! Team building, chatting, cooking over the camp-fire followed by sleeping in hammocks and shelters (some of them very pretty!). Our volunteers benefit from these social events as they build stronger social skills and networks, learn and share new skills, improve well-being and confidence and foster a sense of community and shared purpose within our Group.

### **Group Events:**

As a Group we celebrated St Georges Day with an evening event on the 23rd April. We had Beavers, Cubs, Scouts, Explorer Scouts, Young Leaders and all volunteers taking part in many activities around our site, followed by BBQ and renewal of promises. We also went to the Circus in July 2025! This was such a lovely event and big thank you to our volunteers for organising and attending the event.



## Hut Maintenance:

Our boiler was replaced along with all radiator valves at a cost of £6156 and we had all 19 lights replaced in the hut costing £806.46. In the new year bought windy weather and we had to have a new ridge fixed costing £200.

In May 2025 we held a 'Repairs Day' many volunteers turned up to help and we managed to get many jobs ticked off our 'To Do' List. **Thank you to all the families that supported this event.**

Over the last year some Trustees have; replaced all smoke detector and carbon monoxide batteries, set up a reporting/log system for; hut defects, smoke detector tests, section fire drills, emergency exit light tests, fire extinguisher, asbestos, boiler maintenance, PAT and electrical testing, header tank checks and tree inspections, plus created a fire evacuation plan, had an asbestos survey, COSHH sheets, created lone working policy and working at height and regular checks to keep first aid kits restocked and in date. The trustees have also revised the 'Financial Rule' policy and created Expense Card guidance. We have added 'Raising a concern' link to our website to make reporting any issues easier.

## Additional information

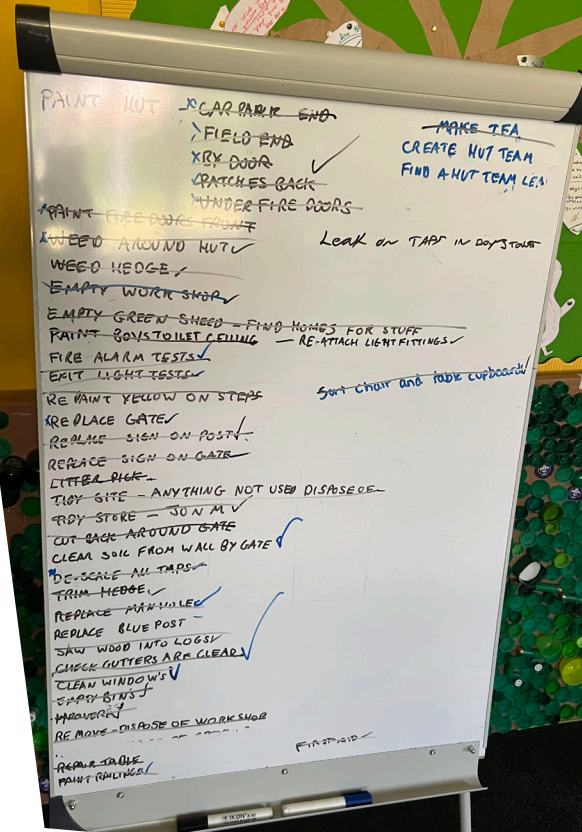
### Achievements against objectives set

As a Group we have offered many exciting opportunities for young people - see the section reports on pages 6-11.

Trustees main objective last year was to complete a 'Safe Scouting Premises Audit' and a 'Risk Register'. Both are available to view on our website.

**Performance of fundraising activities against objectives set** - see financial report

**Investment performance against objectives**  
- see financial report





**“18 months full of  
adventure... we’ve had  
fun exploring, learning,  
creating and connecting!”**

Phobos / Sam Elliott  
Beaver Scout Volunteer



Chief Scout Bronze Awards  
achieved and awarded to:  
4 Deer Park Beavers  
2 Riversdale Beavers

# BEAVERS

Our first term was themed 'Around The World' and we made passports, treasure maps, learnt about travel and safety on trains, planes (including a trip to Bournemouth Aviation Museum) and automobiles!

We followed this with a water filled summer term; making and testing mini rafts, crabbing on Poole Quay and swimming at Shaftesbury Lido.

After the summer we themed the term around 'Survival Skills', having a go at archery, tent erecting, fire building and lighting, map skills, nature hike with litter pick, first aid, knot skills and pioneering. We also had a go at Geocaching in Charlton Marshall.

Before Christmas our Beavers enjoyed a 2 night Home Alone themed sleepover, where they enjoyed making prank and traps!

In the new year we themed the term around the 'Book Reader' Activity Badge. We read and took part in activities based around; The very hungry caterpillar, Winnie the pooh, Love you to the moon and back, The big pancake, Percy the park keeper, Super worm and Guess how much I love you.

We also had a great 2 night Lego themed sleepover at the hut where we did loads of activities which included a walk over to the Library to enjoy their Saturday afternoon Lego workshop.

We invited female family members in for a 'Mothers Day' fun evening where we had lots of mini activities to have fun together and then the Beavers made hot drinks and we shared stories together.

Our next term was filled with activities outside. We learnt how to play rounders, went on a nature / senses walk on the Milldown, had an Olympic themed evening and visited the Blandford Animal Sanctuary and helped feed all their animals.

For Fathers Day we met at Badbury Rings and played some games together around the rings.

This term we also had another go at Archery and used the new Tomahawks / Angels.

In June we joined Cubs for a great two night summer camp at Buddens Activity Centre in Wareham where the Beavers climbed the tower and took to the water on rafts and bell-boats... finished off as always by a great camp-fire with s'mores and singing!

We finished our year off by walking to a local care home and playing some games with the elderly residents, it was great to see the Beavers interacting so well with the older generation.





**From building, biking  
and baking to camping,  
climbing and cooking -  
our Cubs packed the year  
with adventures and fun!**

**Cub Team Leaders**



Chief Scout Silver Awards  
achieved and awarded to:  
4 Shottsford Cubs  
7 Portman Cubs

We started the year creating hedgehog houses for the DIY Activity Badge. These were taken to Bushy Farm Campsite and have now become lovely homes for hedgehogs like Ridley (pictured right) and Hawkeye. In September Cubs continued the badge by making animal bird feeders.

We went to Buddens for Raft Building sessions and an Activity Day where they were super brave and climbed the big tower. During June and July we continued getting out and enjoyed a cycle ride to Stourpaine, an archery session and ended the term with a swim at Shaftesbury Lido.

Some of the Cubs had some training sessions for the County Cub Boot Competition, despite the actual event being cancelled they continued and completed a very long hike around the Cranborne Chase area.

In September the Cubs spent a session blackberry picking and then the following one making a delicious fruit crumble over a fire. We visited the local fire station where we were kindly shown what fire-fighters have to wear, we looked around the engines and the equipment they use. We finished off the term with a great visit to Hollywood bowl to beat the Leaders at bowling!

In the new year the Cubs became scientists and created circuits and made cress heads, they also cooked haggis, neeps and tatties in celebration of St Andrews day plus pancakes in the week of Shrove Tuesday (completing Chef badge) and recorded a Podcast for their Communication Badge. They also took a fantastic trip to London and explored the Science Museum.

The Cubs had a session on bike maintenance before taking to the trailway for a bike ride from Milldown to Stourpaine and back. We also met at Upton County Park and completed a litter-pick for our Community Impact badge.

We enjoyed a great two night Summer Camp in 2024 at Ferny Crofts in the New Forest with Charlton Marshall Cubs and in 2025 at Buddens, near Wareham, with our Beavers.

Cubs went back to basics for the summer term by cooking Dampers over fire, using knot skills to make catapults and they also enjoyed archery and tomahawk sessions... all finished off with the annual fun water activities session and BBQ.

Some Cubs along with others from the Group also volunteered their time to support the Steam Fair at Breamore's Historic Weekend.



# Essex International Jamboree



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**I'm so proud of the way our Scouts have tackled all of these activities, their attitude makes it a pleasure to be part of the Scout team, a team whose attitude always seems to be yes, that seems like a good idea, how can I help.**

**Jonathan Bowell, Scout Team Leader**



**Chief Scout Gold Awards achieved and awarded to:**  
5 Jack Thomas Scouts  
6 Stour Valley Scouts

# SCOUTS

It feels like this report is as much of a review of my journey with Scouts as it is theirs. Prior to this period I was predominantly a Cub leader but to avoid closing a section and to support Jamboree I transitioned over. Since then the Scouts often amaze me with how they step up to any challenge in front of them. This in turn inspires myself and the other leaders to continue offering them new and challenging activities.

During the last 18 months we have grown both Scout troops to the point where Stour Valley Scouts are at capacity and Jack Thomas, although smaller, has around twice as many active members.

Within weekly sessions we have worked towards a number of badges including pioneering (building bridges and moving cars), air activities (aircraft structure and international phonetic alphabets), orienteering both by day and night, target sports (archery, air rifles and tomahawks), outdoor cooking, local history (Tarrant Rushton airfield), fishing (Todber lakes), camp planning, electronics (soldering), science (dancing raisins and volcanoes), survival (knife skills and shelters), communicator (morse code and visiting the Royal Signals museum), skills (cleaning, sewing and changing bulbs), teamwork (wide games and taskmaster), paddle sports (canoeing), navigation (Okeford Hill and route planning for London).

Essex International Jamboree (EIJ) had endless activities available to the Scouts from running a company, driving tanks, shotguns, craft, metal detecting, tribal drumming, running a TV studio... the list goes on and on. They also had the opportunity to mix with thousands of other young people from 27 countries around the world. I still say this is the best thing I have seen done for young people in the UK. Ahead of the Jamboree the Scouts undertook various fundraising activities.

Scouts joined other local Scouts and Explorers and canoed down the river Wye for a weekend. Others joined us for a 20+ mile bike ride in the New Forest, and cooking over fires and sleeping in shelters in the woods above Durweston. Scouts took part in the Monopoly Run, a live game of Monopoly around the streets of London. Our Patrol leaders and assistant patrol leaders joined others from local districts on a camp. We planted trees to widen a hedge line for nature at Bere Marsh Farm. We also had a hike camp where they navigated over 10 miles from Bere Regis to their campsite near Lytchett where they slept in hammocks and sang around the campfire. Last but by no means least 16 brave of our Scouts and 3 leaders took to the skies with the Dorset Gliding Club.



# Financial Review

## Review of the charity’s financial position at the end of the period

This financial report covers a 17 month period from **1st April 2024 to 31st August 2025**. The board of Trustees decided to extend the financial year as a one-off and from now on we will run every 12 months. This decision was made in order to synchronise the financial year with the Scouting year (our largest events run in the summer term however payments for these usually start from the September the previous year so running September to August means money going in is usually spent in the same financial year). **So, it is important to bear this in mind when looking at the accounts as you will see much larger amounts compared to last year.**

Blandford Scout Group remains in a strong position financially. As a charity to support young people we make every effort to spend the money we raise in fulfilling our objectives.

The Group’s principle source of funds are from subscriptions, fundraising, grants and gift aid. The headquarters is funded from rental income.

The annual report works in such a way that the subscription income is split into ‘pots’ (see diagram below). You will see corresponding income and expenditure categories which shows how we assigned the money and how it was spent.

<b>Subscriptions</b> <b>£20</b>	per young person every half term (approx 6 weeks)
<b>Census</b> <b>(also known as</b> <b>Capitation)</b> <b>£10</b>	Capitation is collected annually and is currently just under £50 per scout per year. The fee is for The Scout Association’s national and local services, including member insurance, safeguarding programs, leader training, support for District and County administrative functions, and maintaining national facilities. Some Scout Groups ask families to pay this each but have lower Subs, we think it’s best to collect a little more throughout the year so families don’t have to pay the annual fee in one lump sum.
<b>Section Meetings</b> <b>£5</b>	For Beaver, Cub or Scout section and spent on materials, activities, crafts, food etc...
<b>Group</b> <b>£3</b> (or £2.25 if paid via GoCardless)	We use this money to pay for Online Scout Manager, Group events like St Georges Day Celebration, purchasing Group equipment, stocking up the first aid boxes and purchasing the neckers,
<b>Badges</b> <b>£2</b>	Used entirely for purchasing the badges young people receive

There may be a need to tweak the pots slightly for next year as there was a slight over spend in Badges and Group however the rest of the pots had some income left.

It does appear that the Cub section had a lot left to spend however they subsidised some events with section income.

The 'Events' section covers all camps and activities. All events we aim to run to break even, some are ongoing which is why there is more income than expenditure showing.

The Gift Aid and Fundraising pots show the amount received and the amount spent so far.

The income received from renting out our headquarters mostly covers the running costs. This year we invested in a new boiler system (and other bits noted in Hut Maintenance on page 5) which we were able to pay for from income saved from previous years.

Expense Account, is a lump sum of money we have holding for our volunteers to purchase what they need for meetings, events and hut maintenance which then get allocated to the relevant expense pots.

### **Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held**

Total in <b>Group</b> account at the end of this year	<b>£11550.35</b>
of which...	
Events leftover (incl. Poacher 26)	£5494.88
Gift Aid to spend	£3758.14
Fundraising & Grants to spend	£551.15
World Scout Jamboree Support	£526.59
Section/Group/Census left for balance 25/26	£1219.59

Total in **H/Q account** at the end of this year **£9815.02**

Blandford Scout Group Trustee board considers that the group should hold a sum equivalent to six months running costs, circa £6000 in reserve and this is held on deposit in the Blandford Scout Group H/Q bank account.

We would like to continue to build and fundraise to increase this sum, for the ongoing maintenance and possible future rebuild.

We are thankful to Richard Bailey, a parent of one of our volunteers and a retired forensic accountant, for scrutinising our accounts again this year.

I ask that you take a moment to read the audited accounts and if you have any questions just ask.

**Mike Booth**

Treasurer

Blandford Scout Group

<b>BLANDFORD SCOUT GROUP</b>			
<b>Annual Report 01/04/2024 - 31/08/2025</b>			
	<b>2024-2025</b>	<b>2023-2024</b>	
<b>Income</b>			
Badges	1,358.00	790.00	
Census	6,750.00	4,625.00	
Donation	0.00	108.00	
Events - Group/Multi Sections	22,826.70	12,739.95	
Gift Aid	4,341.97	391.96	
Group	2,230.36	0.00	
Membership Deer Park	0.00	0.00	
Scouting Fundraising	2,143.65	1,510.37	
Section: Beavers	683.50	990.00	
Section: Cubs	1,632.00	1,763.83	
Section: Scouts	1,527.50	1,818.00	
The Headquarters: Income	13,059.80	7,752.80	
<b>Expense</b>			
Badges	1,377.01	1,192.24	
Census	6,555.00	5,891.20	
Events - Group/Multi Sections	17,332.42	15,129.04	
Gift Aid	583.83	0.00	
Group	2,798.92	1,995.91	
Insurance	1,596.80	1,509.71	
Scouting Fundraising	1,065.91	1,122.83	
Section: Beavers	557.42	284.84	
Section: Cubs	1,106.85	691.87	
Section: Scouts	1,277.61	729.79	
The Headquarters: Maintenance	13,163.33	5,231.78	
The Headquarters: Rates	267.59	135.68	
The Headquarters: Utilities	4,965.14	2,463.38	
<b>Account balances</b>			
Blandford Scout Group	11,550.35	1,340.77	
Blandford Scout Group H/Q	9,815.02	16,748.08	
Expense Account	694.75	65.62	
<b>Summary</b>			
Account balance brought forward	18,154.47	22,042.83	
Total income	56,553.48	32,489.91	
Total expenditure	52,647.83	36,378.27	
Net income	3,905.65	-3,888.36	
Account balance carried forward	22,060.12	18,154.47	

## Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Blandford Scout Group

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Blandford Scout Group for the period ended 31<sup>st</sup> August 2025.

### Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees of the Blandford 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 Blandford 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.

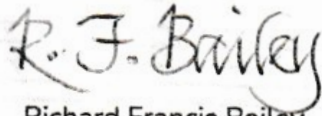
### Independent examiner's statement

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 Blandford Scout Group as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records.

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

Signed:



Name:

Richard Francis Bailey

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

Member of The Association of Accounting Technicians

Address:

1 Meath Green Lane, Horley, Surrey

Date:

25<sup>th</sup> September 2025

# Structure, Governance and Management

## Description of charity's trusts

We are an educational charity operating under The Scout Association's charter, bye-laws, and Policy, Organisation and Rules (P.O.R).

### Type of governing document (trust deed, royal charter)

The governing document for a Scout group is called a Constitution. This formal document, which is a type of constitution for a charity, outlines the group's purpose, governance structure, and operating procedures. Blandford Scout Group has adopted the **model constitution** found in The Scout Association's Policy, Organisation and Rules (P.O.R), scan the QR code to view on scouts.org website.



### How is the charity constituted? (e.g unincorporated association, CIO)

Our scout group is registered with the Charity Commission in England and Wales is constituted as a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO).

### Trustee selection methods including details of any constitutional provisions e.g. election to post or name of any person or body entitled to appoint one or more trustees

We have an open selection process for appointing Trustees. Trustee vacancies are advertised publicly to try and reach a wider range of potential applicants. This gives more people the chance to consider the opportunities and express interest, while increasing the mix of skills and experiences on a Trustee Board.

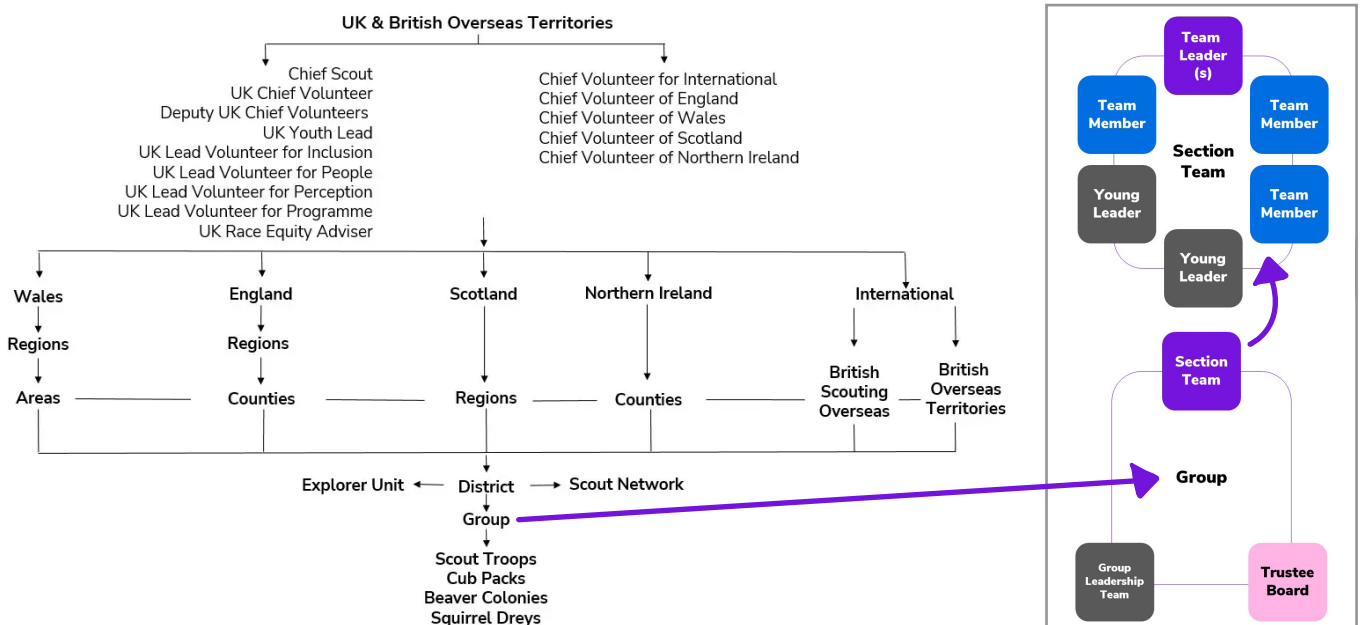
## Additional information

### Policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees

Scout Trustee induction and training policies emphasise mandatory completion of online learning modules covering Safety, Safeguarding, Data Protection, Creating Inclusion, and Who We Are and What We Do.

### The charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works

The Scouts is structured as a federation of charities, with The Scout Association at the national level governing a network of independent charities at local County, District, and Group levels, all operating under the guidance of the national Policy, Organisation and Rules (POR). We are managed by our own Trustee Board, responsible for local operations and member support.



# Reference and Administrative details

## Blandford Scout Group

Registered charity number  
1020421

Blandford Scout Hut, Eagle House Gardens,  
Blandford Forum DT11 7BS

<https://blandfordscoutgroup.com>



## Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

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|----------------------|------------------------------|
| Chris Bartlett       | Group Lead Volunteer         |
| Sybille Maddock      | Chair                        |
| Mike Booth<br>Member | Treasurer & Scout Team       |
| Caroline Wawman      | Trustee                      |
| Jonathan Bowell      | Trustee & Scout Team Leader  |
| Sam Elliott          | Trustee & Beaver Team Leader |

## Declarations

The trustees declare that they have approved this trustees' report for 1<sup>st</sup> April 2024 to 31<sup>st</sup> August 2025

### Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature	
Full name	Sybille Maddock
Position	Chair
Date	30 <sup>th</sup> September 2025

Signature	
Full name	Chris Bartlett
Position	Group Lead Volunteer
Date	30 <sup>th</sup> September 2025





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**Blandford**

**BLANDFORD SCOUT GROUP**

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# Accounts

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**Blandford Scout Group**

# Trustees' Annual Report

For the period

01/04/2023 - 31/03/2024

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## Reference and Administration Details

Blandford Scout Group as listed with Charity Commission for England & Wales

Charity number 1020421

Blandford Scout Group, Eagle House Gardens, Blandford, Dorset DT11 7BS

### Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

Sybille Maddock	Chair
Mike Booth	Treasurer
Christopher Bartlett	Group Lead Volunteer
Caroline Wawman	
Jonathan Bowell	
Samantha Elliot	

### Names of Advisers

Richard Bailey MAAT

## Structure, Governance and Management

*Description of the charity's trusts*

### Governing Document

Blandford Scout 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.

### Constitution

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

### Trustee Selection

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

### **Additional Governance**

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

The Trustee Board consists of the Chair, Treasurer and 4 Trustees and meets every 2 months.

Members of the Trustee Board complete Being a Scouts Trustee learning within the first 5 months of joining the Board.

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

### **Risk and Internal Control**

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

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

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

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

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

**Reduction or loss of members.** The Group provides activities for all young people aged 5 to 18. If there was a reduction in membership in a particular section or the group as whole then there would have to be a contraction, consolidation or closure of a section. In the worst case scenario the complete closure of the Group.

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

## **Objectives and Activities**

### **Summary of the objectives of the charity set out in its governing document**

#### **The Purpose of Scouting**

Scouting exists to actively engage and support young people in their personal development, empowering them to make a positive contribution to society.

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## **The Values of Scouting**

As Scouts we are guided by these values:

**Integrity** - We act with integrity; we are honest, trustworthy and loyal.

**Respect** - We have self-respect and respect for others.

**Care** - We support others and take care of the world in which we live.

**Belief** - We explore our faiths, beliefs and attitudes.

**Co-operation** - We make a positive difference; we cooperate with others and make friends.

## **The Scout Method**

Scouting takes place when young people, in partnership with adults, work together based on the values of Scouting and:

- ★ enjoy what they are doing and have fun
- ★ take part in activities indoors and outdoors
- ★ learn by doing
- ★ share in spiritual reflection
- ★ take responsibility and make choices
- ★ undertake new and challenging activities
- ★ make and live by their Promise.

The activities of the Group are:

- ★ The provision of the Scouting programme for 6 -14 year old members

## **Public Benefit Statement**

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

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# Achievements and Performance

## Beavers



We started the term looking at our environment - we celebrated Earth Day, made bug hotels, learnt about woods and forest including fire safety. We went pond dipping at the river in Spetisbury, Crabbing at Poole Quay and did a litter pick around Blandford. We also enjoyed a session outside on our bikes, cycling around the hut.

By setting up some hazards around the Scout hut the Beavers discovered how to stay safe at home. We had a session on emergency aid and Beavers learnt about environmental hazards and how we treat things like stings, ticks etc. We also taught the Beavers how to light fires safely.

During this term we also enjoyed a joint session to celebrate the King's Coronation; making crowns, royal scavenger hunt and eating coronation cake!

Beavers attended the North Dorset District St Georges Day Parade held in Blandford this year. They also joined the Cubs and Scouts for a brilliant day on Brownsea Island, postponed from Covid! Later in the year we attended the Remembrance Parade in Blandford. We also joined Charlton Marshall Beavers for a brilliant Harry Potter themed sleepover at the hut.





Our Autumn term was themed around 'Travel' with the first meeting going back in time to Ancient Civilisation; creating mummy's with toilet paper, having a go at secret messages using hieroglyphics and learning about ancient Egypt culture. We followed this session by building a huge mediaeval castle. We explored maps and made time machines. Beavers also learnt about the first Scout camp on Brownsea Island and performed a short play in front of their families.

This term we also went out on an adventure lab geocache around Blandford with some cheeky chips at the end!

Later in the term we had a 'Magical' theme; made bath bomb dragon eggs, played dungeons & dragons, soap carving, did some magical cooking and made decorations.



Our Beaver colony joined with The Winterborne Beavers for a great Dungeons and Dragons themed Sleepover at the hut - we made; dragons, knight tabards & swords, dice and a huge cardboard fort. We went on a treasure hunt around Blandford and enjoyed a campfire and film.



During the final term we had a 'Community' theme to the term; we visited the food bank and went on a walk around town taking photos of notable places and services - we later printed these up and created a huge map of Blandford on our noticeboards. We learnt about money and set ourselves a challenge to purchase as much as we could for £1 each and donated the products to the Food bank. Beavers accepted the Scout troops '3 Peaks Challenge' and raised a great amount for them. We had a great evening at the Blandford fire station and finished off the term Ski bobbing near Dorchester.



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## Cubs

Cubs started the term with a spot of gardening, making paper pots and planting tomatoes, sweet peas and sunflowers, Finding out what seasons are best to grow a selection of six fruits and vegetables. Finding out what it is about those seasons that make them the right time to grow our fruit and vegetables. Learning what tools we need to garden and show that we know how to use them safely. Understand what minibeasts are and why they are good for our gardens and outdoor spaces. They pick this up through the year where they plant out the seedlings and grow and look after them. They then picked the tomatoes where they had a good harvest and turned them into a simple tomato sauce.

The Cubs covered the cyclist badge where they learned how to maintain a bike, promote road safety, then went out for a ride where they learned cycle safety.

Celebrated the King's Coronation.

The Cubs carried out an indoor pioneer project, where the cubs had to make their own rope, learn different types of knots and lashings.

The Cubs explore our home town of Blandford taking in key buildings of interest and finish the evening at the chippy where they enjoyed a portion of chips.



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The Cubs had a couple of fun evenings with archery and swimming at the Lido in Shaftesbury.

They celebrated international kite day by making their own kites that they could fly and take home.

Took part in the Great British Beach Clean where they went to Hamworthy Beach and cleaned up the beach. The Great British Beach Clean is a week-long citizen science event, where hundreds of beach cleans take place up and down the UK.



Done various outdoor cooking evenings on the fire pits, cooking potato rosti, and took part in national pizza day and cooked pizza pockets on the fire pits.

Learned how to use a compass and how to read maps in preparation for a treasure hunt where they would need to put these skills to the test to find the treasure!

Took part in the Mexican international festival El Dia De Los Muertos, Day of the Dead, where they made masks and understanding of the festival.

Had fun making bath bombs and enjoyed an end of year Christmas party.

The new year started with a trip up Hod Hill to do a bit of star gazing. Took part in the Great Garden Bird Watch by making bird feeders. Followed by doing science experiments where they learned about energy by making bottle rockets, reactions by using a PH indicator to find out what reacted in vinegar. They also made the solar system by making paper mache planets.

Had a fun evening playing Dungeons and Dragons and finished the term with a celebration of the Holi festival, the festival of colour where they made colourful paintings by swinging paint in buckets over canvas.

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Throughout the year the cubs also did larger activities which included going to the Climbing Project in Poole where they learned to climb an artificial wall. Took part in the district St Georges Day Parade which was held in our home town of Blandford, took part in their



yearly weekend Remembrance camp before joining the rest of the group in the Remembrance parade in town. They had an activity day at Buddens Activity Center where they did raft building, tomahawk throwing, rifle shooting and did the zip line! There was a group visit with the beavers and scouts to Brownsea Island where we all had a good exploration of the island and an opportunity to have a group photo around the founders' stone.

The Cubs had various camps throughout the year with their main camp of the year at Buddens Scout campsite where they did many different activities over the weekend.

## Scouts

Scouts started the year on an Easter Camp, this involved either a cycle ride to Sturminster Newton and back or a hike from Shroton over the hills. Once back at the hut they put up their own tents and cooked their own meals they had prepared.



Scouts learnt about fire safety followed by a fire lighting session. They also learnt about geocaches and GPS and later spent a couple of weeks laying routes for the opposite Troop and finding the caches. Scouts brushed up on their knot tying skills by making some great knot boards and later put their knots and lashing skills to use building shelters. They also had a great evening at Badbury Rings doing a scavenger hunt and another exploring Puddletown Forest. Scouts also had an Archery session and ended the term with fun water activities.



Scouts attended the North Dorset District St Georges Day Parade and joined the rest of the Beavers and Cubs for a day on Brownsea Island, completing the last ever JOTT (Jamboree on the trail). In June the Scouts joined the other Scouts in North Dorset District at a Backwoods Camp at Cann Common where they did; archery, car maintenance, pioneering, cooking and knife skills.



After the summer Scouts learnt about water safety in preparation for the great fishing session at Todber Lakes. Later into the term we looked at Astronomy and walked up Hod Hill in the dark to get an even better view of the night sky. Later in the term Scouts went to Blandford Fire Station and investigated other local places of interest. In November Scouts attended the Blandford Remembrance Sunday parade. As the

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Scouts were raising money for Essex Jamboree 24 and YMCA they spent a few sessions making crafts to sell at the Blandford Yuletide Festival, which went very well!



We started the new year with lots of team building exercises, room sessions and later a treasure hunt around Blandford. We borrowed knives from Sturminster Newton Group and ran a good session on knife safety and developing

skills. Scouts also learnt how to solder using some great light up badge kits we purchased. For Children's Mental Health Week we had a parent come and run a session on how to improve our mental health but also look after others too. We ran a crazy 'I'm a celebrity get me out of here session' where Scouts took part in many personal and team challenges including eating BBQ crickets!



Scouts set the rest of the Group a '3 Peaks Challenge' to raise money for Essex Jamboree in 2024 and were really pleased by the Beavers, Cubs and Adult support, raising £1354.50! Some Scouts were also doing lots of fundraising for the YMCA and slept in boxes during a damp night in March and raised £1447. Over the same weekend we had some Scouts take part in the East Dorset District 'Order of the boot' event starting at

Badbury Rings - an overnight walking event that puts the navigation skills to the test using

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map and compasses, no GPS! The Scouts ended the year doing a great but wet backwoods camp near Bere Regis.



## Financial Review

### Treasurer Report 2023 – 2024

This is my first year as Treasurer of Blandford Scout Group. Being treasurer has given me an insight into the tremendous hard work and dedication the volunteers give to the young people. Last year we spent over £14000 on group events. From Beaver sleepovers to group summer camp – these have all enriched the lives of the young people and next year we hope to spend more!

We are privileged to own our own HQ but this brings challenges – it costs money and time to maintain such a precious community resource. We have been hit by huge increases in utility bills which has led to us spending more on HQ than we received in rent. Following a review of the rental charges have recently increased the cost of hiring the hut as well as storage costs for regular users. We will continue to invest in the HQ, most recently having all lights replaced for brighter and more efficient lighting.

The board of Trustees remain eternally grateful to Jon Bowell for his continued commitment to the premises and ensuring our HQ remains a safe and desirable community asset.

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For the last financial year, the scouting account is also showing more expenditure than income. This is due to us paying up front for Essex International Jamboree and most parents paying monthly instalments. We expect this to break even once all income and expenditure has been accounted for.

We are thankful to Richard Bailey, a parent of one of our volunteers and a retired forensic accountant, for scrutinising our accounts and offering advice on how to improve them for next year. We are pleased to report he did sign them off and we look forward to working with Richard again in the future.

I ask that you take a moment to read the audited accounts and if you have any questions just ask.

Mike Booth

Treasurer Blandford Scout Group

## Blandford Scout Group

### Income and Expenditure for the period 1<sup>st</sup> April 2023 – 31<sup>st</sup> March 2024

	2023-2024	2022-2023
<b>Income</b>		
Badges	790.00	0.00
Census - Income	4,625.00	3,657.50
Donation	108.00	0.00
Events - Group/Multi Sections	12,739.95	4,849.96
Gift Aid	391.96	1,288.15
HQ Misc Income	139.34	77.97
Membership Deer Park	435.00	510.00
Membership Jack Thomas	630.00	780.00
Membership Portman	870.00	980.00
Membership Riversdale	555.00	660.00
Membership Shottsford	893.83	925.00
Membership Stour Valley	1,188.00	1,050.00
Rent	7,613.46	5,122.06
Scouting Fundraising	1,510.37	1,150.84
<b>Expense</b>		
Admin	79.95	0.00
Adults & Leaders Expense	303.50	381.56
Badges	1,192.24	67.10
Census - Expense	5,891.20	5,605.50
Events - Deer Park	438.16	0.00

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Events - Group/Multi Sections	14,690.88	4,162.42
HQ Expenses	326.65	354.40
Insurance	1,509.71	1,455.59
Meetings - Deer Park	190.17	424.42
Meetings - Jack Thomas	277.36	450.63
Meetings - Portman	457.57	685.78
Meetings - Riversdale	94.67	437.63
Meetings - Shottsford	234.30	722.28
Meetings - Stour Valley	452.43	550.77
Membership Costs	832.62	445.08
Rates	135.68	293.14
Scouting Equipment/Maintenance	779.84	193.96
Scouting Fundraising	1,122.83	1,023.18
Utilities	2,463.38	1,199.23
Venue Maintenance	4,694.16	9,242.08

**Account balances**

Blandford Scout Group	1,340.77	4,158.17
Blandford Scout Group H/Q	16,748.08	17,884.66
Expense Account	65.62	0.00

**Summary**

Account balance brought forward	22,042.83	29,518.31
Total income	32,489.91	21,648.48
Total expenditure	36,378.27	29,123.96
Net income	-3,888.36	-7,475.48
Account balance carried forward	18,154.47	22,042.83

## Scrutineers Report to the Trustees of

### Blandford Forum Scout Group

I report on the accounts of the Group/District for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 2024

#### Respective responsibilities of Trustees and Scrutineer

As the Group's/District's trustees you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts; you consider that neither the audit nor independent examination requirements of the Charities Act 2011 apply. It is my responsibility without carrying out an audit or independent examination to scrutinise the accounts and to report to you.

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## Basis of Scrutineers Statement

In accordance with the directions given in the Group's/District's constitution, I have scrutinised the records and the accounts set out on pages 1 to 5

## Scrutineers Statement

In my opinion the accounts are in accordance with the records produced to me and comply with the constitution.

Name: Richard Bailey MAAT  
Address: 1 Meath Green Lane  
Horley  
Surrey  
Date: 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2024

## Declaration

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Full Name: Chris Bartlett

Position: Group Lead Volunteer

Signature: 

Date: 12/06/2024

Full Name: Sybille Maddock

Position: Chair

Signature: 

Date: 12/06/2024

**BLANDFORD SCOUT GROUP**

England & Wales - Charity number 1020421

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# Accounts

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## Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From 01/04/2021 Period start date To 31/03/2022 Period end date

Charity name: Blandford Scout Group

Charity registration number: 1020421

## Objectives and Activities

	SORP reference	
Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document	Para 1.17	<p><b>The Purpose of Scouting</b> Scouting exists to actively engage and support young people in their personal development, empowering them to make a positive contribution to society.</p> <p><b>The Values of Scouting</b> As Scouts we are guided by these values:  <b>Integrity</b> - We act with integrity; we are honest, trustworthy and loyal.  <b>Respect</b> - We have self-respect and respect for others.  <b>Care</b> - We support others and take care of the world in which we live.  <b>Belief</b> - We explore our faiths, beliefs and attitudes.  <b>Co-operation</b> - We make a positive difference; we co-operate with others and make friends.</p> <p><b>The Scout Method</b> Scouting takes place when young people, in partnership with adults, work together based on the values of Scouting and:  - enjoy what they are doing and have fun  - take part in activities indoors and outdoors  - learn by doing  - share in spiritual reflection  - take responsibility and make choices  - undertake new and challenging activities  - make and live by their Promise.</p>
Summary of the main activities in relation to those purposes for the public benefit, in particular, the activities, projects or services identified in the accounts.	Para 1.17 and 1.19	<p>Committee / Group activities</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Clearing of the outside area, removal of rubble and stone, flattening the area and planting grass seed</li> </ul> <p>Scout Section Activities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• St George's Day District celebration and renewal of promises - Zoom</li> </ul>

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Supported Mayoral Fun Day</li> <li>• Opening of 2<sup>nd</sup> Scout Troop in September</li> <li>• 80+ members attended Remembrance parade</li> <li>• Attended Yuletide festival with homemade recycled Christmas tree lanterns</li> <li>• Town Council Expo to promote Scouting in Blandford</li> <li>• Beaver section activities included – campfires, painting and hiding stones, Hazard Hike, trip to the local supermarket. Activity Day with archery, crate stacking and caving in a bus. Health and Safety, a sleepover and many more activities.</li> <li>• Cub section activities included – bike rides, outdoor games, community walks and orienteering. Cubs learned about Mexico, Geo-Caching, First Aid, Bike Maintenance, knots and lots more.</li> <li>• Scout section activities included - Scout skills; pioneering, knives &amp; saw skills, fire lighting and navigation. Hikes and night hikes, rifle shooting, visiting the Gurkha temple at Blandford Camp and an expedition with overnight camp, plus lots more</li> </ul>
Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit	Para 1.18	The Group meets the Charity Commission's public benefit criteria under both the advancement of education and the advancement of citizenship or community development headings.

### Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

	SORP reference	
Policy on grant making	Para 1.38	
Policy on social investment including program related investment	Para 1.38	
Contribution made by volunteers	Para 1.38	
Other		

## Achievements and Performance

	SORP reference	
Summary of the main achievements of the charity, identifying the difference the charity's work has made to the circumstances of its beneficiaries and any wider benefits to society as a whole.	Para 1.20	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>In April a working party got together to clear the area to the right of the entrance gate. Loads of rubble, stones, bricks, metal sheets, roots and weeds were removed to make it safer for any young people (and adults). The weeds have grown back, and we need to decide what to do with the area, but at least it is safe now.</li> </ul> <p>BSG took part in the Yuletide Festival, supporting the Yuletide Festival Committee as well as fundraising for our group.</p> <p>The group is fully inclusive, and we pride ourselves on giving everyone an equal opportunity.</p>

### Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Achievements against objectives set	Para 1.41	
Performance of fundraising activities against objectives set	Para 1.41	
Investment performance against objectives	Para 1.41	
Other		

## Financial Review

Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period	Para 1.21	Our financial position at the end of March 2022 was broadly the same as at the start of the period in April 2021. We have continued to be well supported by the families in the local area meaning that all our sections are oversubscribed and we have a waiting list for each which allows us to collect the maximum amount of membership payments to go towards the running of the scout hut and the activities which the young people undertake during their meetings. We have a number of regular hirers meaning our hut income is stable and covers most of the running costs. Overall our funds held has increased by £5,000 over the course of the year.
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	Para 1.22	Our group, like most charities, hold some funds in reserve. Our level of reserves is set to ensure that there are sufficient resources to continue the core charitable activities of the group should income and fundraising activities fall short. The group executive committee considers that the group should hold a sum equivalent to three months running costs in Scouting account and a sum equivalent to six months running costs £4,000 in HQ account in reserve and this is held on deposit as detailed in article 2a of the Reserves policy. Should the level of reserves fall below the target level, the group executive committee will make efforts to restore the level within the next financial year. The amount of reserves held are: £4,000 in HQ a/c + three month running costs in Scouting a/c
Amount of reserves held	Para 1.22	Current combined bank balances total just over £29,000 at the end of the period, an increase of £5,000 from the start of the year. Reserves held are sufficient and meet the requirement to hold three months running costs in the scouting account and six months running costs in the HQ account.
Reasons for holding zero reserves	Para 1.22	n/a
Details of fund materially in deficit	Para 1.24	n/a
Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern	Para 1.23	n/a

**Additional information (optional)**

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

The charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising)	Para 1.47	The majority of our funds come from the membership fees our young people pay, regular hirers of our scout hut and fundraising for specific projects.
Investment policy and objectives including any social investment policy adopted	Para 1.46	The group does not have sufficient funds to invest in longer term investments. The Group has therefore adopted a risk averse strategy to the investment of its funds. All funds are held in cash using only mainstream banks or building societies.
A description of the principal risks facing the charity	Para 1.46	
Other		

## Structure, Governance and Management

Description of charity's trusts:		
Type of governing document (trust deed, royal charter)	Para 1.25	The Group's governing documents are those of The Scout Association. They consist of a Royal Charter, which in turn gives authority to the Bye Laws of the Association and The Policy, Organisation and Rules of The Scout Association.
How is the charity constituted? (e.g unincorporated association, CIO)	Para 1.25	The Group is a trust established under its rules which are common to all Scouts.
Trustee selection methods including details of any constitutional provisions e.g. election to post or name of any person or body entitled to appoint one or more trustees	Para 1.25	The Trustees are appointed in accordance with the Policy, Organisation and Rules of The Scout Association.

### Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees	Para 1.51	<p>The Group is managed by the Group Executive Committee, the members of which are the 'Charity Trustees' of the Scout Group. As charity trustees they are responsible and act collectively as Charity Trustees:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Comply with the Policy, Organisation and Rules of The Scout Association</li> <li>• Protect and maintain any property and equipment owned by and/or used by the Group</li> <li>• Manage the Group finances</li> <li>• Provide insurance for people, property and equipment</li> <li>• Provide sufficient resources for Scouting to operate. This includes, but is not limited to, supporting recruitment, other adult support, and fundraising activities</li> <li>• Promote and support the development of Scouting in the local area</li> <li>• Manage risk and implement the Safety Policy locally (review incidents to prevent further ones)</li> <li>• Ensure that a positive image of Scouting exists in the local community</li> <li>• Appoint and manage the operation of any sub- Committees, including appointing Chair to lead the sub-Committees</li> <li>• Ensure that Young People are meaningfully involved in decision making at all levels within the Group (under 18's can form a sub committee)</li> <li>• Appoint administrators, advisors and co-opted members</li> </ul>
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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Approve annual report and accounts, present to Scout Council at AGM and submit to the charity commission</li> <li>• Maintain appropriate confidentiality - don't discuss committee business outside of meetings</li> <li>• The opening, closure and amalgamation of Sections in the Group as necessary</li> </ul>
The charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works	Para 1.51	<p>EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS:  Group Scout Leader  Group Chairperson  Group Treasurer  Group Secretary  Section Leaders</p> <p>Ex-officio members have a role on the Committee due to their role in Scouting.</p> <p>ELECTED MEMBERS:  Bookings Secretary  Trustee/Parent  Trustee/Community Volunteer</p>
Relationship with any related parties	Para 1.51	
Other		

## Reference and Administrative details

Charity name	Blandford Scout Group
Other name the charity uses	n/a
Registered charity number	1020421
Charity's principal address	Blandford Scout Hut Eagle House Gardens Blandford Forum DT11 7BS

**Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity**

	<b>Trustee name</b>	<b>Office (if any)</b>	<b>Dates acted if not for whole year</b>	<b>Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)</b>
1	Sam Elliott	Group Scout Leader		
2	Sybille Maddock	Chairperson		
3	Amy Dennis	Treasurer		
4	Mike Booth	Group Secretary		
5	Jonathan Bowell	Elected Member		
6	Rebecca Rodwell	Elected Member		
7	Christine Minchella	Elected Member		
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**Corporate trustees – names of the directors at the date the report was approved**

<b>Director name</b>		

**Name of trustees holding title to property belonging to the charity**

<b>Trustee name</b>	<b>Dates acted if not for whole year</b>	

## Funds held as custodian trustees on behalf of others

Description of the assets held in this capacity	
Name and objects of the charity on whose behalf the assets are held and how this falls within the custodian charity's objects	
Details of arrangements for safe custody and segregation of such assets from the charity's own assets	

### Additional information (optional)

#### Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address
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#### Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (Optional information)

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## Exemptions from disclosure

Reason for non-disclosure of key personnel details

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## Other optional information

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## Declarations

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

<b>Signature(s)</b>		
<b>Full name(s)</b>	Sybille Maddock	Sam Elliott
<b>Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)</b>	Chairperson	Group Scout Leader
<b>Date</b>	06/01/2023	

**Scout Income**

Deer Park Beavers	£	973.54
Riversdale Beavers	£	880.42
Portman Cubs	£	2,015.69
Shottsford Cubs	£	2,776.26
Stour Valley Scouts	£	2,176.55
Jack Thomas Scouts	£	1,076.12
Tuck Shop	£	-
Scout FR	£	231.96
Gift Aid	£	866.25
Misc	£	5,648.40
HQ related	£	-

**Totals £ 16,645.19**

**HQ Income**

Float	£	-
HQ FR	£	-
Hall Hire	£	3,050.00
Charity Donations	£	-
Misc.	£	11,214.55

**Totals £ 14,264.55**

**Scout Expenditure**

Deer Park Beavers	£	536.77
Riversdale Beavers	£	505.37
Portman Cubs	£	1,654.12
Shottsford Cubs	£	1,698.34
Stour Valley Scouts	£	1,018.64
Jack Thomas Scouts	£	612.23
Winterbourne Whitechurch	£	45.90
Adults & Leaders	£	439.71
Tuck Shop	£	-
Scout FR	£	-
Badges General	£	348.25
Supplies & Misc	£	2,177.54
Capitation	£	5,572.00
Transfer to HQ account	£	-

**£ 14,608.87**

**HQ Expenditure**

Float	£	-
HQ FR	£	-
HQ Expenses	£	831.83
Grounds Maintenance	£	470.08
HQ Maintenance	£	1,191.29
HQ Projects	£	-
Equipment	£	8.49
Insurance	£	1,292.94
Power	£	1,153.01
Rates	£	130.70
Water	£	308.13
Misc	£	5,622.00

**£ 11,008.47**

**Scouting Account**

Opening Balance	£	2,221.85
Income Total	£	16,645.19
Expenditure Total	£	14,608.87

**Balance £ 4,258.17**

**HQ Account**

Opening Balance	£	22,004.06
Income Total	£	14,264.55
Expenditure Total	£	11,008.47

**Balance £ 25,260.14**

**Combined Accounts**

Opening Balance	£	24,225.91
Income Total	£	30,909.74
Expenditure Total	£	25,617.34

**Balance £ 29,518.31**

24 May 22

Independent examiner



C. Westbrook 24th May 2022

BLANDFORD SCOUT GROUP  
Balance of Accounts - Financials 01.04.2021 to 31.03.2022

**Notes**

**Scouting Income**

Misc	£	39.90	Winterbournes reimbursement for Activity day badges and refreshmenst
	£	5.00	A Tanner Xmas meal
	£	1.50	Uniform Donations
	£	5,572.00	Transfer from HQ to cover Capitation payment
Fundraising	£	117.96	Mayor's activity day
	£	99.00	Yuletide

**HQ Income**

Fundraising			
Misc	£	8,000.00	Dorset Council - Leisure Grant
	£	13.53	Amazon Smile received 24/05/21
	£	11.09	Amazon Smile received 17/08/21
	£	7.59	Amazon Smile received 13/12/21
	£	8.00	SSE Wayleave
	£	17.38	Amazon Smile received 23/02/22
	£	489.96	Transfer from Scouting - September to December 2021 term

**Scouting Expenditure**

Transfer to HQ account Supplies & Misc	£	49.98	OSM Accountacy Tools & Waterproofing for tents
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Scout Fundraising

**HQ Expenditure**

Misc	£	50.00	Refund of hut booking due to cancellation
	£	5,572.00	Transfer to Scouting to cover Capitation due to lack of funds in account

**Fundraising totals (inc prior years)**

Works to Hut and Grounds	£	5,111.63
Nature Reserve	£	1,000.00
Scouting events	£	758.31

# INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNTS

## Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/  
members of

**BLANDFORD SCOUT GROUP**

On accounts for the year  
ended

**31<sup>ST</sup> March 2022**

**Charity no**

**1020421**

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**Signed:**



**Date:** 24<sup>th</sup> May 2022

**Name:**

Colin Westbrook. GSL St Mary Gillingham Scout Group

**Address:**

The Cedars, Bay Lane, Gillingham, Dorset SP8 4ER

**BLANDFORD SCOUT GROUP**

England & Wales - Charity number 1020421

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# Accounts

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## Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From 01/04/2020 To 31/03/2021

Charity name: Blandford Scout Group

Charity registration number: 1020421

## Objectives and Activities

	SORP reference	
Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document	Para 1.17	<p><b>The Purpose of Scouting</b> Scouting exists to actively engage and support young people in their personal development, empowering them to make a positive contribution to society.</p> <p><b>The Values of Scouting</b> As Scouts we are guided by these values:  <b>Integrity</b> - We act with integrity; we are honest, trustworthy and loyal.  <b>Respect</b> - We have self-respect and respect for others.  <b>Care</b> - We support others and take care of the world in which we live.  <b>Belief</b> - We explore our faiths, beliefs and attitudes.  <b>Co-operation</b> - We make a positive difference; we co-operate with others and make friends.</p> <p><b>The Scout Method</b> Scouting takes place when young people, in partnership with adults, work together based on the values of Scouting and:  - enjoy what they are doing and have fun  - take part in activities indoors and outdoors  - learn by doing  - share in spiritual reflection  - take responsibility and make choices  - undertake new and challenging activities  - make and live by their Promise.</p>
Summary of the main activities in relation to those purposes for the public benefit, in particular, the activities, projects or services identified in the accounts.	Para 1.17 and 1.19	<p><b>Group Activities:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• New road/path laid around the building</li> <li>• Maintenance to the internal state of the building and the grounds.</li> </ul> <p><b>Scout Section Activities:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Online sessions earning badges and awards</li> </ul>

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Many families took part in virtual camps run by our Group, County and HQ.</li> <li>• Those members that didn't join online zoom sessions also had access to our (paid for) online system to view and upload badge work to continue their Scouting.</li> <li>• Over 400 badges were sourced and delivered directly to young people</li> <li>• 6x Beaver Scouts and 6x Cub Scouts achieved their top Chief Scout Awards</li> </ul>
Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit	Para 1.18	The Group meets the Charity Commission's public benefit criteria under both the advancement of education and the advancement of citizenship or community development headings.

### Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

	SORP reference	
Policy on grant making	Para 1.38	
Policy on social investment including program related investment	Para 1.38	
Contribution made by volunteers	Para 1.38	
Other		

### Achievements and Performance

	SORP reference	

<p>Summary of the main achievements of the charity, identifying the difference the charity's work has made to the circumstances of its beneficiaries and any wider benefits to society as a whole.</p>	<p>Para 1.20</p>	<p>The Committee continued to meet over Zoom every other month, discussing and carrying out the work of the Executive Committee. Some of the achievements during the lockdowns and easing of restrictions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Engaged with a contractor to redo the path around the Scout Hut, to get rid of all the potholes and to extend the parking area.</li> <li>• The Assistant GSL, together with a friend of his, trimmed back all the overgrown hedges to help make the outside area look tidier.</li> <li>• A great amount of work was done by the GSL and Leaders in and around the hut, including sanding the floor in the main part of the building, repairing the toilets, painting the walls, clearing and tidying the outside storage area/</li> <li>• Risk assessments were carried out to accommodate the varying levels of guidelines throughout the pandemic, to facilitate the safe hiring of the hut.</li> <li>• The Committee created and approved Financial Regulations and updated the hire terms and conditions.</li> <li>• The outside gas pipe has been replaced to conform with current regulations.</li> <li>• A fire risk assessment was carried out and action was taken where we fell short, like updating signage and repairing the fire door in the Beaver Room.</li> </ul> <p>BSG has been busy despite not being able to meet in person and we have achieved quite a bit last year to make it better and safer for everyone.</p> <p>The group is fully inclusive, and we pride ourselves on giving everyone an equal opportunity.</p>
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**Additional information (optional)**

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

<p>Achievements against objectives set</p>	<p>Para 1.41</p>	

Performance of fundraising activities against objectives set	Para 1.41	
Investment performance against objectives	Para 1.41	
Other		

## Financial Review

<p>Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period</p>	<p>Para 1.21</p>	<p>Our financial position at the end of March 2020 was broadly the same as at the start of the period in April 2019. We have continued to be well supported by the families in the local area meaning that all our sections are oversubscribed and we have a waiting list for each which allows us to collect the maximum amount of membership payments to go towards the running of the scout hut and the activities which the young people undertake during their meetings. We have successfully fundraised just over £9,000 towards the repair of the roof to the scout hut and have a number of regular hirers meaning our hut income is stable and covers most of the running costs. Overall our funds held has increased by £4,000 over the course of the year.</p>
<p>Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held</p>	<p>Para 1.22</p>	<p>Our group, like most charities, hold some funds in reserve. Our level of reserves is set to ensure that there are sufficient resources to continue the core charitable activities of the group should income and fundraising activities fall short. The group executive committee considers that the group should hold a sum equivalent to three months running costs in Scouting account and a sum equivalent to six months running costs £4,000 in HQ account in reserve and this is held on deposit as detailed in article 2a of the Reserves policy. Should the level of reserves fall below the target level, the group executive committee will make efforts to restore the level within the next financial year. The amount of reserves held are: £4,000 in HQ a/c + three month running costs in Scouting a/c</p>
<p>Amount of reserves held</p>	<p>Para 1.22</p>	<p>Current combined bank balances total just over £20,000 at the end of the period, an increase of £4,000 from the start of the year. Reserves held are sufficient and meet the requirement to hold three months running costs in the scouting account and six months running costs in the HQ account.</p>
<p>Reasons for holding zero reserves</p>	<p>Para 1.22</p>	<p>n/a</p>
<p>Details of fund materially in deficit</p>	<p>Para 1.24</p>	<p>n/a</p>
<p>Explanation of any uncertainties about the</p>	<p>Para 1.23</p>	<p>n/a</p>

charity continuing as a going concern		
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**Additional information (optional)**

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

The charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising)	Para 1.47	The majority of our funds come from the membership fees our young people pay, regular hirers of our scout hut and fundraising for specific projects.
Investment policy and objectives including any social investment policy adopted	Para 1.46	The group does not have sufficient funds to invest in longer term investments. The Group has therefore adopted a risk averse strategy to the investment of its funds. All funds are held in cash using only mainstream banks or building societies.
A description of the principal risks facing the charity	Para 1.46	
Other		

## Structure, Governance and Management

Description of charity's trusts:		
Type of governing document (trust deed, royal charter)	Para 1.25	The Group's governing documents are those of the The Scout Association. They consist of a Royal Charter, which in turn gives authority to the Bye Laws of the Association and The Policy, Organisation and Rules of The Scout Association.
How is the charity constituted? (e.g unincorporated association, CIO)	Para 1.25	The Group is a trust established under its rules which are common to all Scouts.
Trustee selection methods including details of any constitutional provisions e.g. election to post or name of any person or body entitled to appoint one or more trustees	Para 1.25	The Trustees are appointed in accordance with the Policy, Organisation and Rules of The Scout Association.

### Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees	Para 1.51	<p>The Group is managed by the Group Executive Committee, the members of which are the 'Charity Trustees' of the Scout Group. As charity trustees they are responsible and act collectively as Charity Trustees:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Comply with the Policy, Organisation and Rules of The Scout Association</li> <li>• Protect and maintain any property and equipment owned by and/or used by the Group</li> <li>• Manage the Group finances</li> <li>• Provide insurance for people, property and equipment</li> <li>• Provide sufficient resources for Scouting to operate. This includes, but is not limited to, supporting recruitment, other adult support, and fundraising activities</li> <li>• Promote and support the development of Scouting in the local area</li> <li>• Manage risk and implement the Safety Policy locally (review incidents to prevent further ones)</li> <li>• Ensure that a positive image of Scouting exists in the local community</li> <li>• Appoint and manage the operation of any sub- Committees, including appointing Chair to lead the sub-Committees</li> <li>• Ensure that Young People are meaningfully involved in decision making at all levels within the Group (under 18's can form a sub committee)</li> <li>• Appoint administrators, advisors and co-opted members</li> </ul>
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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Approve annual report and accounts, present to Scout Council at AGM and submit to the charity commission</li> <li>• Maintain appropriate confidentiality - don't discuss committee business outside of meetings</li> <li>• The opening, closure and amalgamation of Sections in the Group as necessary</li> </ul>
The charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works	Para 1.51	
Relationship with any related parties	Para 1.51	
Other		

## Reference and Administrative details

Charity name	Blandford Scout Group
Other name the charity uses	n/a
Registered charity number	1020421
Charity's principal address	Blandford Scout Hut Eagle House Gardens Blandford Forum DT11 7BS

**Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity**

	<b>Trustee name</b>	<b>Office (if any)</b>	<b>Dates acted if not for whole year</b>	<b>Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)</b>
1	Sam Elliott	Group Scout Leader		
2	Sybille Maddock	Chairperson		
3	Amy Dennis	Treasurer		
4	Jonathan Bowell	Elected Member		
5	Rebecca Rodwell	Elected Member		
6	Christine Minchella	Elected Member		
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**Corporate trustees – names of the directors at the date the report was approved**

<b>Director name</b>		

**Name of trustees holding title to property belonging to the charity**

<b>Trustee name</b>	<b>Dates acted if not for whole year</b>	

## Funds held as custodian trustees on behalf of others

Description of the assets held in this capacity	
Name and objects of the charity on whose behalf the assets are held and how this falls within the custodian charity's objects	
Details of arrangements for safe custody and segregation of such assets from the charity's own assets	

### Additional information (optional)

#### Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address
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#### Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (Optional information)

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## Exemptions from disclosure

Reason for non-disclosure of key personnel details

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## Other optional information

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## Declarations

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

<b>Signature(s)</b>		
<b>Full name(s)</b>	Sybille Maddock	Sam Elliott
<b>Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)</b>	Chairperson	Group Scout Leader
<b>Date</b>	16/01/2022	

BLANDFORD SCOUT GROUP  
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**Scout Income**

Deer Park Beavers	£	301.31
Riversdale Beavers	£	145.26
Portman Cubs	£	1,093.31
Shottsford Cubs	£	1,509.14
Stour Valley Scouts	£	582.99
Tuck Shop	£	-
Scout FR	£	-
Gift Aid	£	643.75
Misc	£	118.98
HQ related	£	-

**Totals £ 4,394.74**

**Scout Expenditure**

Deer Park Beavers	£	340.20
Riversdale Beavers	£	287.82
Portman Cubs	£	921.34
Shottsford Cubs	£	806.74
Stour Valley Scouts	£	724.17
Winterbourne Whitechurch	£	41.68
Adults & Leaders	£	90.68
Tuck Shop	£	52.94
Scout FR	£	-
Badges General	£	308.74
Supplies & Misc	£	274.51
Capitation	£	4,794.00
Transfer to HQ account	£	-

**£ 8,642.82**

**HQ Income**

Float	£	-
HQ FR	£	185.02
Hall Hire	£	1,400.00
Charity Donations	£	-
Misc.	£	22,961.24

**Totals £ 24,546.26**

**HQ Expenditure**

Float	£	-
HQ FR	£	77.14
HQ Expenses	£	896.88
Grounds Maintenance	£	933.00
HQ Maintenance	£	393.95
HQ Projects	£	11,440.00
Equipment	£	41.98
Insurance	£	1,251.56
Power	£	1,390.35
Rates	£	-
Water	£	295.56
Misc	£	-

**£ 16,720.42**

**Scouting Account**

Opening Balance	£	6,469.93
Income Total	£	4,394.74
Expenditure Total	£	8,642.82

**Balance £ 2,221.85**

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C. Westbrook  
GSL St Mary Gillingham

09 May 21

BLANDFORD SCOUT GROUP  
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**Notes**

**Scouting Income**

Misc	£	87.80	Sale of Weekender Bagdes which Sam over-ordered (£105 is the cost of the additional badges showing in the Badges General expenditure)
		£27.00	Scout Association (Received 09/03/21)
Fundraising			

**HQ Income**

Fundraising	£	105.02	Donation from John Kerley for hire of sander for wooden floor in hut
Misc	£	3,000.00	Blandford Forum Town Council - Support Grant for resurfacing the road around the hut
	£	459.54	Transfer of portion of subs for electric etc
	£	10,000.00	Dorset Council Retail, Hospitality & Leisure Grant
	£	9.67	Amazon Smile (received 21/05/20)
	£	15.53	Amazon Smile (received 13/08/20)
	£	11.02	Amazon Smile (received 16/11/20)
	£	16.48	Amazon Smile (received 11/02/21)
	£	1,334.00	Dorset Council - Local Restriction Support Grant - 5 Nov - 2 Dec 20
	£	2,001.00	Dorset Council - Local Restriction Support Grant - 5 Jan - 15 Feb 21
	£	4,000.00	Dorset Council - Closed Business Lockdown Payment
	£	2,096.00	Dorset Council

**Scouting Expenditure**

Transfer to HQ account	£	459.54	Transfer of portion of subs for electric etc
Supplies & Misc	£	42.00	Unity Insurance - Personal accident for helpers
	£	143.86	Go Daddy website
	£	18.00	OSM - Upgrade Adults
	£	38.09	Go Daddy renewal
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Scout Fundraising			

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# INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNTS

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**Date:** 8<sup>th</sup> May 2021

**Name:** Colin Westbrook GSL St Mary Gillingham Scout Group

**Address:** The Cedars, Bay Lane, Gillingham, Dorset SP8 4ER