

BERE REGIS SCOUT GROUP

England & Wales · Charity number 1026937

Details

Status Registered

Legal form Other

Registered 1993-10-08

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

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Activities

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

Activities: Bere Regis Scout Group is a thriving, village-based group serving young people from a number of scattered, mainly rural communities. It has more than 80 young people in membership, evenly split between boys and girls, with 12 adult and 8 young leaders. There is a full range of activities for the Beaver, Cub and Scout sections including sports, camps, trips, and crafts.

Classification

- **How:** Provides Human Resources, Provides Buildings/facilities/open Space
- **What:** Amateur Sport
- **Who:** Children/young People

Geography

- Dorset

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-03-31	£47,346	£39,155	-	-
2024-03-31	£17,497	£23,273	-	-
2023-03-31	£22,033	£25,200	-	-
2022-03-31	£26,011	£22,565	-	-
2021-03-31	£13,932	£10,941	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
David Ventham	Chair	2024-06-19
Emma Menzies		2023-06-21
Janet Southwell-Brown		2025-06-11
Peter William Wells		2025-06-11
SYLVIA DOROTHY BAYLISS		2012-06-09

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Chairman's Report 2025

We are very lucky to have a roster of Leaders and volunteers of Bere Regis Scout Group that there has been such a programme of events during the last year including our 1st Group Scout Camp to Snowdon since COVID which was a resounding success despite some up's and down's!

The group continues to provide a wealth of opportunities each week in a programme of events and activities for Beavers, Cubs, Scouts or Explorers, which enable our young people to learn how to have fun while learning to work with others and develop a range of new skills, increasing their confidence so that they can eventually make their own contributions and maybe solve some of the problems we have not been able to. More on this from Emma our GSL in her report.

With the changes within the hierarchy of the Scout Group, Ian Ventham worked solidly to produce our new constitution. In brief, we now have three tiers of organisation within the group. At the highest level we have the 5 members of the Trustee Board who oversee the governance of the Group. Next we have the Delivery Team which replaces the Executive team. As the name suggests, they enable the Leader Team to deliver the fantastic array of activities and programs throughout the year. At the coalface and the most important is our Leader Team who turn out every week to deliver the program to your youngsters.

Peter Wells and others have produced our Risk Register for the Group which was no mean feat!

Fundraising is an important focus for the group – despite some challenges this year, we are very lucky to have the Black Hill run which provides a significant income to the group. This year has seen other opportunities for fundraising re-invigorated, with the Big Bere Breakfast proving as success. A huge thanks goes out to the breakfast volunteers! This mantle has now been passed on to the Nepal Breakfast team who will continue to provide a valuable community event while raising much needed funds for their trip in 2027. We also held a very successful Curry and Race Night in March with a lot of help from the Whitfield Family and we've got the annual duck race in July and the Black Hill Run in September to finish off our fundraising for this year.

The group have also been successful in securing funding from the Parish Council to replace the rear steps at the hut and to enable us to install a dishwasher and hotplate into the kitchen. A massive thank you must go out to our QM Martin Debenham who provided the practical expertise to repair and replace these changes.

Now onto the most exciting news – Our youngsters are off to Nepal in 2027! What an amazing opportunity for the kids and what an opportunity for you parents to get involved in all the fundraising activities we'll be holding over the coming years for both the Nepal Trip and of course closer to home our general group fundraising to subsidise the fantastic activities we do throughout the year! We've got the Duck Race in July, Black Hill Run in September and possibly another Curry and Race Night in darkest depths of winter! All these

events cannot run without support from you parents! Of course, if you've got any other ideas please bring them to the table.

The group is fortunate to have Emma as group scout leader and she continues to do a fantastic job along with our current leadership team and the future of the group looks very bright. However, whilst we are reasonably strong in our delivery team roles at present, these jobs do turn over and we need to attract more people to help all the time. For instance, in the background we badly need an Honorary Secretary, and someone to fill a vital Trustee position. We could do with more help with our kit, and keeping the hut in good shape. Working more closely with the kids, we could really do with more help in Beavers and Scout sections, not necessarily as uniformed leaders but as regular helpers.

In my head I can hear your groans as I write this! "We are just too busy", "my new job is too demanding", "it's a relief to hand the kids over, so we can get a bit of me-time".

Of course, if everyone said this and didn't offer help there would be no Scout Group for your children nor for the other 87 youngsters in the Group.

Please think hard about making even a modest time commitment. Your own children and all the others would appreciate it immensely, and, you never know, you might find it's fun, rewarding, challenging, and vastly more enjoyable than you ever imagined!

We also continue to participate in discussions with the parish council about the plans for the development of the village hall. At present this is gone a little quiet but we must not rest on our laurels!

We have a few "thank you's" to those of you who are leaving our Group!

Gillian Brindle has stood down after many years on the Executive Committee. We also say goodbye to Catherine Smith who has been our Secretary for many years. Finally Pat Hall, former Leader, who has been our Group President, has decided to step down to concentrate on her growing family of grandkids and now great grandkids! We owe them huge thanks for all the time they served for Bere Regis Scout Group.

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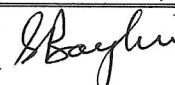
Receipts and Payments Account as at 31st March 2025

2023-2024		£	2024-2025
£		£	£
	Receipts		
6,741	Subscriptions	8,995 ✓	
87	Uniform Sales	411	9,406
2,220	Income from Fundraising Events	15,860	
1,116	Hut Hire	1,010 ✓	
708	General Donations and Grants	1,822 ✓	
	Specific Donations	3,945	
1,799	Gift Aid	1,722 ✓	
617	Mileage donated back	1,209	
305	Interest	340 ✓	25,907
3,905	Scouting Camps and Events		12,034
	Go Cardless (Unallocated)		(0)
17,498			47,346
	Payments		
3,465	Capitation to Area Funds		4,251 ✓
1,945	Hut Maintenance	1,336 ✓	
930	Hut Cleaning	1,937 ✓	
2,689	Electricity, Water, & Wifi	3,767 ✓	
1,442	Insurance	1,590 ✓	8,630
812	Mileage claimed		1,405 ✓
2,697	Scout Uniform and badges		499 ✓
1,245	Section Floats and Expenses		981 ✓
2,019	Fund Raising Costs		3,745
889	General supplies		1,375 ✓
0	Kitchen Equipment		3,595
280	Community Lunch & Remembrance Parade		236
681	Sundry Expenses		1,593
4,111	Scouting Camps and Events		12,843
23,205			39,155
(5,707)	Surplus / (Deficit) for the Year		8,191
1st April			31st March
2024	Funds held in Cash & Bank		2025
1,344	Current Account		2,176
(374)	Less Uncleared Items		(317)
1,321	Saving Account		9,521
10,311	High Interest Account		10,563
12,602			21,943
	Purpose of Reserves at Year End		
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Group Chairman



S Bayliss
Group Treasurer



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Adrian Stuart
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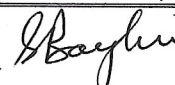
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2022 Chairman's Report

With Covid now in the rear view mirror – hopefully – life at Bere Regis Scout Group is returning to normal. There are ongoing challenges for the group, but there is optimism that the group is heading forward with confidence, ambitious plans and has weathered the storms of the last few years.

A strong core of dedicated volunteers with over 100 years of combined service to generations of young people has ensured that the group remains active and a valued and respected contributor to the local community through giving enormous opportunities to the young people in the village. Huge thanks are due to particularly the triumvirate of Phil, Chris and Neal. The group owes them a debt of thanks. They will not disappear but new recruits are needed. We have been lucky to recruit some new leaders to the group recently but we are always looking for new recruits as leaders and also on the executive committee so this work continues.

As you have heard the groups are all now active again. The programmes are very busy and the executive committee has been keen to support a turbo-charged resumption of activities. We have been able to do this because of the astute management of the finances in recently years which has meant that we remain in a good position financially. The hut is in good order with no significant work required imminently, and we have been able to update the stock of equipment including the tents etc.

In summary, after a challenging few years we are in a good position but are keen to recruit new leaders and members of the executive committee.

LUKE MASSEY

Bere Regis Scout Group

Receipts and Payments Account as at 31st March 2022

2020-21 £		£	2021-2022 £
	Receipts		
0	Subscriptions	6,972	
0	Uniform Sales	51	7,023
	Fund Raising		
0	Income from Fundraising Events	4,039	
99	Hut Hire	330	
1,507	General Donations and Grants	2,430	
10,000	Specific Donations	8,000	
2,162	Gift Aid	372	
0	Mileage donated back	766	
4	Interest	2	15,939
160	Scouting Camps and Events		3,049
<u>13,932</u>			<u>26,011</u>
	Payments		
2,666	To Area Funds (Capitation)		3,341
4,450	Hut Maintenance	1,824	
0	Hut Cleaning	288	
1,764	Electricity, Water, & Wifi	1,509	
868	Insurance	916	4,538
0	Mileage claimed		863
0	Scout Uniform and badges		811
0	Leaders Uniform		0
150	Section Floats and Expenses		1,528
56	Fund Raising Costs		1,498
0	Equipment Purchases		6,309
224	Sundry Expenses		644
764	Scouting Camps and Events		3,033
<u>10,942</u>			<u>22,565</u>
<u>2,990</u>	Surplus / (Deficit) during year		<u>3,445</u>
1st April 2021	Funds held in Cash & Bank		31st March 2022
1,638	Current Account		9,905
16,524	Saving Account		19,526
(60)	Uncleared Items		(7,884)
<u>18,102</u>			<u>21,547</u>
<u>2,990</u>	Change in Assets during the year		<u>3,445</u>

Note

Of the Funds held at 31 March 2022 the sum of £598 is ringfenced as the Williams Trust Reserve.


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TREASURERS REPORT 2022

Despite the difficulties of the past two years, the Groups' finances and the bank balance continue to be healthy. This is however, mainly due to the support of Dorset County Council who have contributed a total of £18000 to the Group for the benefit of the young people who are members of this wonderful organisation.

The members subscriptions of nearly £7000 were only received during 11 months of the year but the Scout Association's Capitation payments didn't take this into account, and reduced this figure by almost half.

We are very grateful to Neal Unitt-Jones for his almost single-handed organisation of the fund-raising Black Hill Run which provided over £2500. We are also grateful for the donation from Bere Regis Surgery for the use of our marquee during the Covid lockdown period. This has enabled us to buy a new one to replace it.

We received very little income in the previous period 2020-2021 and consequently we were able to claim only a very small amount from the Government Gift Aid Scheme this year.

Apart from the replacement of the Marquee, several worn out tents have been replaced, and the Secretary and the Treasurer have received new laptops, which will be useful for several years to come.

Expenses have been kept to the minimum, but it is inevitable that there will be big rises in the year to come for the upkeep of the Scout Hut especially with regard to the electricity, and the general maintenance of the building and the grounds.

Bearing in mind the unprecedented calls on parent's finances, subs will remain at £9.00 per calendar month for the time being, but it may be necessary to review the situation at some time during the coming year.

SYLVIA BAYLISS
Honorary Treasurer