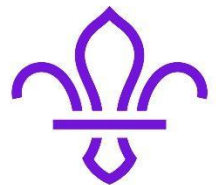


# Scouts

## 1st Bedworth

**Preparing young people  
with skills for life**

**AGM Report  
2023 - 2024**



# Scouts

# Group details

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# Members of the Group Trustee Board during 2023 – 2024

Jason Arrowsmith	<i>Group Chairperson</i>
Andy Clarke	<i>Group Lead Volunteer (Group Scout Leader)</i>
Luke Davis	<i>Group Treasurer</i>
Samantha Checklin	<i>Group Secretary</i>
Victoria Coyle	<i>Elected Member</i>
Richard Ellis	<i>Elected Member</i>
Charlie Hart	<i>Beaver Team Leader (Beaver Scout Leader)</i>
Danielle Randle	<i>Cub Team Leader (Cub Scout Leader)</i>
Phil Meek	<i>Explorer Team Leader (Explorer Scout Leader)</i>

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# Did you know?

1st Bedworth held its first meeting in 1910 and has been a constant presence in the Bedworth Community since that date with thousands of youngsters and adults 'passing through our doors'.

We celebrated our 'official' centenary in 2014 because we didn't register with 'Headquarters' until 1914 for reasons that are lost in history.

We are one of the largest Scout Groups in Warwickshire and still growing.

We currently have 31 Beavers in our Beaver Colony, 42 Cubs in 2 Cub Packs, 52 Scouts in 2 Scout Troops & 24 Explorers in our Explorer Unit.

Our youngsters are supported by 45 adults in Leader or Support roles. All of these adults are volunteers and receive no payment.

Haddon (Tuesday) Scout Troop was the very first 'girls only' Scout Troop in England & Wales and we believe it was the only 'girls only' Troop until we merged the two Troops together in 2023.

All of the Adult members of 1st Bedworth have enhanced DBS (CRB) Disclosures, are first aid trained and receive additional training appropriate to their role.

During an average year:

- Members of 1st Bedworth camp for over 900 nights on 20 different overnight activities
- Members earn over 1500 activity badges and our badge bill is around £1700
- It costs around £8,500 to light, heat, insure & maintain our headquarters building (Scout Hut)
- We provide over 9000 contact sessions for our youth members

With the exception of some large equipment purchases, all of the costs of providing the headquarters building, running weekly activities, buying badges, insurance, training leaders and so on are paid by the monthly membership fee (subs) of £12 (increased to £13 in May 2024) that each youth member pays.

# Group Chairperson's Report

Firstly, I would like to say a huge thank you to the Executive Committee, leaders and supporters of all the sections at 1st Bedworth Scout Group. They have been amazing throughout this challenging year. People have been very generous with their free time and helped in various ways including attending our meetings, fundraising, providing transport and general maintenance of the scout hut. This great team helps to keep our group going. Without you we could not deliver scouting, thank you.

## Delivering the Scouting Programme

Please read our Annual Section Reports from Beavers, Cubs, Scouts, and Explorers. I hope you agree that the activities, camps, programmes and achievements undertaken this last year with young people are impressive.

The Beaver, Cub, Scout and Explorer Sections continue to deliver a wide range of activities and opportunities including district camp, cub & scout canal narrowboat camp, beavers Gulliver's World trip, group summer camp, Explores Nike. The group took part in the district St George's day parade and Bedworth's Armistice Day parade. In total this is over 30 different camps and activities across the group. This is on top of the weekly meetings being delivered every week giving our young people skills they will use for the rest of their lives.

I am also pleased to report our leaders have continued to undertake the necessary training to deliver Scouting of the highest quality. We are also investing in our Young Leaders and it's great to see their enthusiasm and commitment to the group - thank you.

## Help and support going forward

As Scouting continues to evolve, we have implemented the Scout Group's Trustee Board. The group trustees will continue to provide charity governance to the group whilst the Group Leadership team will deliver the operational tasks within the group.

Throughout the past 12 months we have continued to reach out to parents and guardians through our leaders to provide support to the group for which we have had a great response. This has enabled us to deliver many of our activities and camps and complete maintenance days at the scout hut. The group are extremely grateful for your ongoing and continued support and would very much welcome any new volunteers and encourage existing volunteers to continue.

Finally, thank you again to all members for their continued engagement in the group, and we encourage you all to continue to give feedback on the group's activities no matter how big or small, to ensure the group can continue to deliver the best Scouting experience possible.

**Jason Arrowsmith**  
*Group Chairperson*

# Group Lead Volunteer's Report

During the course of the last year, we have continued Scouting in full swing and that could not have happened without the support of every volunteer, Youth Member and their families coming together as a team. **Thank you.** 1st Bedworth has seen over 30 camps and extra activities over the last year, on top of our regular weekly meeting nights.

It was a good year for 1st Bedworth which has seen our membership steadily increase, our members taking part in a huge variety of activities which are delivered by a dedicated and enthusiastic volunteer team, supported by our amazing Trustees and Support teams, and work underway behind the scenes to look to the future and laying the foundation for some changes coming soon.

We are in a strong position going forward. We continue to be one of the most active Groups in Nuneaton. Our headquarters building known as the 'Scout Hut' is fit for purpose and provides a great base for our weekly meetings and for overnight activities. We are continuing to steadily develop our facilities. Over the last year we have seen the continuation of the reboarding of the exterior walls and the updating of the outdoor lighting. Thank you to everyone who has been involved with any aspect of this work.

Our members in all Sections have been working hard towards their badges and awards and a massive total of **759 activity badges** and challenge awards, **8 Chief Scout Bronze** awards, **1 Chief Scout Silver** awards and **5 Chief Scout Gold** awards have been awarded across the Group.

1st Bedworth has been incredibly active in the community over the last year, with members of our Leadership team supporting Nuneaton District with activities for the King's Coronation celebrations, and Mel & Jess, two of our Leaders, helping out at Windsor on the big day.

We have assisted with the Bedworth Lions Santa Run and the Civic Bonfire for a number of years now. We are always out in force on the British Legion Remembrance Day Parade and we have a growing presence on the annual Armistice Day Parade.

Jamie and Tash, who are Explorer Scouts and Young Leaders, successfully attended the World Scout Jamboree in South Korea after many months of hard work fundraising for the opportunity. The 25th World Scout Jamboree was held at the 8.84-square kilometre SaeManGeum coastal campsite in South Korea from 01 August 2023 to 12 August 2023. Hosting more than 40,000 young people and volunteers from around the world, the theme and focus for the Jamboree was to 'Draw Your Dream'. While there were some challenges faced during this Jamboree, and it evolved into a different experience than what was planned, our members were safe and had an incredible time creating lasting friendships and memories.

We are very proud of Peter, who is a Network Scout and Leader, who is working incredibly hard raising the funds to attend an international Network event.

Since we launched our parent rota in November 2021, where we are asking that all parents/carers commit to volunteering at least 1 night every 6 months at a meeting with (or without!) their child, we have had a huge total of **140 extra volunteers** on meeting nights and even more on different camps and activities. Your help and support has been invaluable to the successful running of our Group; **thank you.**

A huge thank you to our Young Leader Team who are active and provided superb Leadership support to our

Beavers, Cubs and Scouts. Young Leaders are aged between fourteen and eighteen years old. They give up a lot of their time to work on their Leadership training and to play a full part as members of the Section Leadership teams to plan and run activities for our younger members. They receive training which includes safeguarding and First Aid to give them the tools they need for this very important role.

I would like to thank all of the volunteers of the Leadership and Support teams for their dedication and hard work providing a first rate Scouting experience for all of our members. I would also like to thank all of our Beavers, Cubs, Scouts & Explorers for being so enthusiastic and supporting our activities, demonstrating great teamwork and supporting each other and their Leaders. You are a credit to your parents and peers.

Finally I would like to thank all of our parents and carers who, week after week, make sure our members are able to attend their activities, supporting the Leaders and for helping their child/ward get the most out of Scouting.

**Andy Clarke**

*Group Lead Volunteer (Group Scout Leader)*

# Treasurer's report

1st Bedworth Scout Group has had a very good year, with stable growth in our membership and a variety of adventurous activities throughout the year. The overall accounts show a cash surplus of £492.

Our overall Subscriptions Received increased from £13,622 to £16,447, which includes gift aid claims of £2,681. Our subscription fees received was £13,766, up £136 on last year. Subs compliance is slightly down year on year, something the group leadership team is actively working on. We appreciate all of your support in paying your child's subs in a timely manner so that we can continue to provide fun and adventure for your children. Last year we increased our Subscription fees from £10 to £12 per month, the first Subs increase in 8 years. The small surplus shows the necessity of this decision as we faced rising operating costs.

Our overall expenses decreased by around 18% from £41,344 to £34,009, however this is predominantly driven by less expenses on large camps which are covered outside of Subscription Fees. Outside of this our running costs have remained relatively flat across the year, mostly due to the first half of the year being protected by fixed energy rates. The second half of the year saw an increase in costs that is expected to continue into the next financial year.

Overall 1st Bedworth has been very successful in managing expenses in line with the cost of living impact, and is in a strong position to continue doing so in the future.

**Luke Davis**  
*Group Treasurer*



# Beaver Section Report

2023/2024 has been a great year for the beavers, we joined the rest of the group at the Nuneaton District Camp, which saw the beavers camping in a tent for two nights, taking part in a variety of activities such as kayaking, go karting, bouldering and rifle shooting.

We also joined the rest of the beavers from nuneaton district on an exciting trip to Gullivers Kingdom,

The winter took us on our winter camp, where we completed the experiments badge as we transformed the scout hut into our very own science lab!

We have awarded a massive **180 badges** this year, with **eight of the Beavers completing their Chief Scout Bronze award**, which is the highest award in the Beaver Section. A massive thank you to all the parents that we have had support us via the Parent Rota, your continued support allows us to provide such a varied programme for the Beavers.

Finally a massive thank you to Graham Cheney and Jo Ridgway for all their support and hardwork and good luck to them and the other leaders with the reopening of Woodward beaver colony

The beavers have had a great year and we look forward to the adventures the next year brings.

**Charlie Hart**

*On behalf of the Beaver Leadership Team*

# Cub Section Report

This past year has been marked by tremendous accomplishment, learning, and adventure for Hopkins and Walton Cub Packs. The achievements and the development of our Cub Scouts have been remarkable, thanks to the unwavering dedication of our volunteer leaders and the continuing support of the parents.

We extend our heartfelt gratitude to all the parents whose support, whether through volunteering or even driving Cubs to events, has been invaluable. Your involvement is crucial to our success.

Over the year we have awarded a total of **273 badges, 26 joining in awards, and 1 Chief Scout Silver Award.**

We have organised several successful camping trips, including Narrowboat camp, Summer Camp and our District Cubs camp, providing the opportunity to learn essential and fun outdoor skills.

A huge congratulations to the Cubs for their hard work and involvement. Keep up the excellent work, and we look forward to the exciting plans and achievements in the coming years.

**Dale Hammond & Danni Randle**

*On behalf of the Cub Leadership Team*

# Scout Section Report

2023/24 has been a brilliant year for both Haddon and Wilson Troops, with **224 badges** in total being awarded to Scouts in both Troops, along with **4 Chief Scout Gold Awards**.

Over the past year Scouts have had the opportunity to take part in a multitude of camps and activities. Some highlights include; hill walking and kayaking down the river Wye in Wales; the super troop challenge where Scouts hiked to bases, completed challenges, and raced to arrive back at the Scout Hut first; a week long summer camp at Phasels Wood where Scouts took part in adventurous on site activities, and also had the opportunity to visit the natural history and science museums in London, and have a swim in Hyde Park; and most of all the fundraising camp in February 2024 where Scouts managed to raise a total of £516.64 for their chosen charities.

We are proud of the achievements Scouts have made this year and the ones they will continue to make. We would like to thank the continuous support of the Haddon and Wilson leadership team for showing up each week and to the planning meetings to deliver a brilliant programme. We would like to thank Andy for his support to the Scout sections and the wider Group. We would also like to thank Jason Arrowsmith, Jo Arrowsmith, Richard Bond, Joanne Bond, Richard Walton, and Paul Tedds for their support on summer camps.

**Mel Bond & Stuart Dunnigan**

*On behalf of the Scout Leadership Team*

# Explorer Section Report

At Explorers we try to make the program enjoyable and educational by offering a varied program. We try to teach the members all the life skills to be able to cope in today's society from cooking and socialising, to working with people they would not normally choose to work with. In addition to the normal meeting nights the Explorers have taken part in several activities involving the other Explorer Units from Nuneaton and Bedworth District like the district activity day, being able to meet new explorers or realising that people they already know are also explorer scouts.

The young leaders have been very helpful with some of them helping plan some programmes and others engaging the members of other sections and helping deliver the programmes.

The explorer unit has dropped in size this year but is steadily growing again and all of the explorers we have all have no problem getting involved in any activity.

It has been a pleasure working with and getting to know all of the Explorers as we have a variety of personalities within the Unit which makes it enjoyable to see how each member develops by learning new skills.

**Phil Meek**

*On behalf of the Explorer Leadership Team*

1<sup>st</sup> BEDWORTH SCOUT GROUP  
ANNUAL REPORT AND ACCOUNTS  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED  
31 MARCH 2024

Registered Charity Number 1062109

Armstrongs Bishop Simmons Limited  
Gethin House  
36 Bond Street  
Nuneaton  
Warwickshire  
CV11 4DA

## **Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of the 1<sup>st</sup> Bedworth Scout Group**

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31 March 2024, which are set out on pages 2 to 6.

### **Responsibilities and basis of report**

As the charity's trustees 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 charity's accounts carried out under section 145 of the Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) 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 charity as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair view' which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

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.

Mrs J A Biggs FCCA, CTA  
Armstrongs Bishop Simmons Limited  
Chartered Accountants  
Gethin House  
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Nuneaton  
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Date:

**1st BEDWORTH SCOUT GROUP****STATEMENT OF INCOME AND EXPENDITURE FOR YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024**

	<b>Note</b>	<b>2024</b> <b>£</b>	<b>2023</b> <b>£</b>
<b>Income</b>			
Subscriptions received	7	16,447	13,622
Camps and activities	8	12,793	16,601
Fund raising activities	9	205	976
Rent and other income	10	5,057	49,469
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		34,501	80,668
<b>Expenditure</b>			
Fund raising costs	12	2,015	2,064
Activities and awards	13	17,806	23,494
Rent, rates and insurance	14	3,586	3,869
Power, light and heat	15	2,260	2,402
Printing, postage and stationery	16	464	-
Equipment hire and maintenance	17	-	-
Premises expenses	18	380	1,551
Accountancy		540	516
Other costs	20	6,957	7,052
BBC Children in Need grant expenditure	21	-	396
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		34,009	41,344
<b>Surplus before depreciation</b>		<hr/>	<hr/>
		492	39,324
Depreciation	19	-	-
		<hr/>	<hr/>
<b>Net Surplus</b>		<hr/> <hr/>	<hr/> <hr/>
		492	39,324

**1st BEDWORTH SCOUT GROUP****BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31 MARCH 2024**

	<b>Note</b>	<b>2024 £</b>	<b>2023 £</b>
<b>Fixed Assets</b>			
Leasehold Property		-	-
Equipment		-	-
Furniture and Fixtures		-	-
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	1	-	-
<b>Current Assets</b>			
Stock	2	694	1,113
Prepayments	3	3,558	3,224
Bank	4	118,766	117,623
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		123,019	121,960
<b>Current Liabilities</b>	5	1,083	516
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<b>Net Current Assets</b>		121,936	121,444
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<b>Net Assets</b>		121,936	121,444
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<b>Financed by:</b>			
Revaluation reserve	6	-	-
Surplus brought forward		121,444	82,120
Surplus for year		492	39,324
Transfer to revaluation reserve	6	-	-
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Surplus carried forward		121,936	121,444
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		121,936	121,444
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## 1st BEDWORTH SCOUT GROUP

## NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

Note	Description	2024 £	2023 £
1	Fixed Assets		
	Leasehold Property	50,000	50,000
	Leasehold Property Depreciation	( 50,000)	( 50,000)
	Equipment	17,337	17,337
	Equipment Depreciation	( 17,337)	( 17,337)
	Furniture and Fixtures	585	585
	Furniture and Fixtures Depreciation	( 585)	( 585)
		<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
On 1st April 1998, the scout hut and equipment were revalued at £50,000 and £9,750 respectively.			
Fixed assets are depreciated, on a straight line basis, over their estimated useful lives. Estimated useful lives are as follows:			
	Leasehold property	20 years	20 years
	Equipment	7 years	7 years
	Furniture and fixtures	7 years	7 years
2	Stocks of Miscellaneous Goods	<u>694</u>	<u>1,113</u>
3	Prepayments	<u>3,558</u>	<u>3,224</u>
Prepayments represent insurance premiums either paid or contracted for in advance of the period of service/ cover and therefore not charged to the Statement of Income and Expenditure.			
4	Bank Current Account	3,205	4,819
	Capitation Account	80,328	82,845
	Building Fund	27,859	27,370
	OSM Account	769	1,358
	Natwest Account	6,291	
	Petty Cash	315	1,231
		<u>118,766</u>	<u>117,623</u>
5	Accruals	<u>1,083</u>	<u>516</u>

## 1st BEDWORTH SCOUT GROUP

## NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

Note	Description	2024 £	2023 £
6	Revaluation Reserve	-	-
	The balance on the revaluation reserve represents the £59,750 surplus on revaluation of the leasehold property and equipment, less cumulative depreciation of £59,750 charged on the revalued assets.		
7	Subscriptions Received	13,766	13,622
	Gift Aid Received	2,681	-
		16,447	13,622
8	Income - Camps and Activities	12,793	16,601
9	Income - Fund Raising Activities	-	-
	Income - Tuckshop	205	976
		205	976
10	Donations Received	370	47,534
	Interest Received	1,971	500
	Miscellaneous Income	31	313
	Uniforms	2,685	1,122
		5,057	49,469
11	Local Authority COVID Related Support Grants	-	-
	Scouts Association Recovery Fund	-	-
		-	-
12	Goods Purchased for Resale	1,596	1,641
	Opening Stock	1,113	1,536
	Closing Stock	( 694)	( 1,113)
		2,015	2,064
13	Activities and Awards	15,311	19,002
	Badges and Awards	1,047	2,121
	Equipment and Supplies	1,448	2,371
		17,806	23,494

## 1st BEDWORTH SCOUT GROUP

## NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

Note	Description	2024 £	2023 £
14	Rates & Water Rates	635	759
	Premises and Equipment Insurance	2,951	3,110
	Ground Rent	-	-
		<u>3,586</u>	<u>3,869</u>
15	Electricity	<u>2,260</u>	<u>2,402</u>
16	Website costs	-	-
	Office Stationery	464	-
		<u>464</u>	<u>-</u>
17	Mini Bus Hire	-	-
	Equipment Repairs	-	-
		<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
18	Buildings Maintenance	<u>380</u>	<u>1,551</u>
19	Leasehold Premises Depreciation	-	-
	Equipment Depreciation	-	-
		<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
20	Training Costs	347	575
	Capitation Fees	5,528	5,529
	Bank Charges	125	170
	Computer Costs	-	-
	Licences	96	225
	Miscellaneous Expenses	861	553
		<u>6,957</u>	<u>7,052</u>
21	IT Equipment	-	-
	Expedition Kits	-	-
	Repayment	-	396
		<u>-</u>	<u>396</u>