

Scouts



**1st Sandleheath
Sea Scout Group**

Waterlines

AGM 2024

Group Report

Another Scouting year has quickly disappeared with lots of activities and fun had throughout the sections. There has been a lot of changes at national level – the most recent being the announcement that Bear Grylls will be stepping down as Chief Scout with Dwayne Fields taking over the role – I will be interested to learn more about him over the next few months.

The changes hopefully won't be obvious at section level – our leaders/volunteers have new names in the Scout handbook but it doesn't change the roles that they will be doing, offering great experiences to our young people.

Those of you who know me will understand how much work goes on behind the scenes to keep the sections running – making sure all the leaders and helpers have the right training and safety checks in place – quite rightly there has been a push from Scout HQ to make sure all the boxes have been ticked and we don't overlook things because we have always "done it that way". If you are able to help support the sections in anyway – even offering to run/plan one session will help the leaders enormously – so if you have a skill that the Beavers/Cubs/Scouts/Explorers could/should learn, please let us know: bike maintenance, star gazing, baking, first aid, sewing – these are all Skills for Life.

Thank you to everyone who has helped make being a member of Sandleheath Sea Scouts & Avon Valley Explorers enjoyable this year.

Martine Coatham, Group Lead Volunteer

A note from our Chair:

There's been another fantastic year for the Scout group, with a wide range of activities and engagement. We've had some new leaders and people taking on extra duties. It's great to hear of the amazing adventures and activities the Scouts are getting involved with, from canoe to sailing, hiking to camping, taking on the Duke of Edinburgh Award scheme. We've had great attendance across the age groups, and we have a significant number of children wishing to join. We've had some parents helping out and I'm sure they've found that exceptionally rewarding, while being pivotal in keeping the groups' activities exciting, challenging, yet safe.

The leaders have run successful camps through the year and 3 of our young people attained their Duke of Edinburgh Gold Award. To make all this happen requires entirely on volunteers. We are always short of parental assistance so please consider assisting in whatever way possible, it's a very rewarding experience.

Ian Symonds, Group Chair

Sandleheath Sea Scouts

1) Statement of Financial Activities Summary for the year ended 31st March 2024

	This Year £	Last Year £
Total Income	34,747.64	31,494.14
Total Expenditure	38,388.75	37,193.64
Net Income (Expenditure)	- 3,641.11	- 5,699.50
Fund Balances Brought Forward	32,488.32	38,187.82
Fund Balances Carried Forward	28,847.21	32,488.32

2) Income

	This Year £	Last Year £
Membership Subscriptions	11,084.82	12,205.91
Explorer Subscriptions	2,646.00	-
Interest	260.91	60.00
Donations	1,477.00	1,267.00
Activities		
General	3,353.13	3,682.00
Camp	5,952.85	6,075.00
DoE	224.00	625.00
Fundraising		
General	473.30	821.43
100 Club	552.00	564.00
Other		
Clothing Sales	13.00	15.50
Gift Aid	4,369.53	-
Sale of Equipment	10.00	-
Rent of Building	4,081.10	5,364.30
Rent Deposits	250.00	568.00
Miscellaneous	-	246.00
Sub total	8,723.63	6,193.80
Total Income	34,747.64	31,494.14

3) Expenditure

	This Year £	Last Year £
Premises		
Light & Heat	4,314.07	2,735.12
Insurance	3,477.70	3,256.83
Repairs & Renewals	4,509.04	1,873.31
Water	145.20	120.97
Telephone	-	151.43
Alarms etc	1,014.30	1,457.85
Cleaning	1,612.50	1,855.96
Sub total	15,072.81	11,451.47
Activities		
General	6,373.29	6,586.17
Camp	4,489.98	4,904.58
DoE	100.00	749.63
Fundraising		
General	38.53	-
100 Club prizes	360.00	360.00
General Expenses		
Equipment Maintenance	3,740.60	5,050.11
Admin/Establishment	4,059.10	4,829.63
Explorer Capitation	819.00	-
Training	42.00	377.00
Clothing	1,166.34	53.00
Badges	562.10	391.05
Deposit Refunds	465.00	671.00
Other	-	-
Sub total	10,854.14	11,371.79
Equipment	1,100.00	1,770.00
Total Expenditure	38,388.75	37,193.64

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of the 1st Sandleheath Sea Scout Group

I report on the accounts of the 1st Sandleheath Sea Scout Group for the year ended 31st March 2024, which are attached.

Respective Responsibilities of Trustees and Examiner

As the Charity's Trustees you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts; you consider that the audit requirement of Section 43(7) of the Charities Act 1993 (the Act) does not apply.

It is my responsibility to state, on the basis of procedures specified in the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners under Section 43(7) of the Act, whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of Examiner's Report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and comparison of the accounts with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as Trustees concerning such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit and consequently I do not express an audit opinion on the view given by the accounts.

Independent Examiner's Statement

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

1. which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements
 - to keep accounting records in accordance with Section 41 of the Act
 - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records
 - to comply with the accounting requirements of the Act,have not been met, or
2. to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.
3. which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material aspect the accounting rules of the Group's constitution have not been met.

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