



Group Report

Another twelve months have sped by with lots of our volunteers moving sections and new faces joining the team who help offer Skills for Life to our Beavers, Cubs, Scouts and Explorers. Its great to have more hands helping to provide those skills – it takes the pressure of each individual if everyone is able to help just a little bit.

Our Board of Trustees has remained the same for a number of years but this year our chair, Ian Symonds, stood down. Ian was encouraged to join the group by his brother, Mark (who was the Explorer Leader at the time) and he stayed on for a number of years despite Mark moving on and Ian not living locally – Zoom meetings helped and I am extremely grateful for the support Ian gave me – he got used to receiving ranting emails from me when I got frustrated with different aspects of Scouting and helped me to work out the best way forward. We wish him all the best as he moves on.

Fortunately for the Group (and for my confused brain) we have a replacement for Ian – another Ian – but this time Ian (Booth) has children in the group and lives locally. Ian has experience of Sea Scouts, having been a member at Barton-on-Sea and also of chairing meetings. The other long-standing members who complete our team are John, Pat, Chris and Tim – they all work hard behind the scenes to ensure the group is safe and compliant – as well as ensuring our buildings and kit are kept in good working order.

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.

A big thank you to everyone who has been part of our team.

Martine Coatham, Group Lead Volunteer



Sandleheath Sea Scouts

1) Statement of Financial Activities Summary for the year ended 31st March 2025

	This Year £	Last Year £
Total Income	37,523.68	34,747.64
Total Expenditure	38,658.30	38,388.75
Net Income (Expenditure)	- 1,134.62	- 3,641.11
Fund Balances Brought Forward	28,847.21	32,488.32
Fund Balances Carried Forward	27,712.59	28,847.21

2) Income

	This Year £	Last Year £
Membership Subscriptions	10,029.87	11,084.82
Explorer Subscriptions	2,628.00	2,646.00
Interest	296.02	260.91
Donations	220.00	1,477.00
Activities		
General	4,279.00	3,353.13
Camp	4,220.23	5,952.85
DoE	678.00	224.00
Fundraising		
General	5,104.21	473.30
100 Club	522.00	552.00
Other		
Clothing Sales	36.30	13.00
Gift Aid	2,644.05	4,369.53
Sale of Equipment	1,500.00	10.00
Rent of Building	4,743.00	4,081.10
Rent Deposits	605.00	250.00
Miscellaneous	18.00	-
Sub total	9,546.35	8,723.63
Total Income	37,523.68	34,747.64

3) Expenditure

	This Year £	Last Year £
Premises		
Light & Heat	777.70	4,314.07
Insurance	3,753.94	3,477.70
Repairs & Renewals	1,535.98	4,509.04
Water	151.17	145.20
Alarms etc	1,181.22	1,014.30
Cleaning	1,712.50	1,612.50
Sub total	9,112.51	15,072.81
Activities		
General	9,591.63	6,373.29
Camp	6,204.15	4,489.98
DoE	369.46	100.00
Fundraising		
General	27.20	38.53
100 Club prizes	360.00	360.00
General Expenses		
Equipment Maintenance	1,988.98	3,740.60
Admin/Establishment	4,181.20	4,059.10
Explorer Capitation	774.00	819.00
Training	365.00	42.00
Clothing	29.99	1,166.34
Badges	434.18	562.10
Deposit Refunds	536.00	465.00
Other		-
Sub total	8,309.35	10,854.14
Equipment	4,684.00	1,100.00
Total Expenditure	38,658.30	38,388.75

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 2025, 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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Date: 29/10/2025.