

FIRST BALDOCK SCOUT GROUP

England & Wales · Charity number 1087365

Details

Status Registered

Legal form Other

Registered 2001-07-05

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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 MEMBERS OF THEIR LOCAL NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITIES

Activities: The activities of the First Baldock Scout Group are as a unit of the Scout Association. The aim of the Scout Association 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.

Classification

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

Geography

- **Area of benefit:** NOT DEFINED IN PRACTICE BALDOCK, LETCHWORTH HERTFORDSHIRE
- Hertfordshire

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-12-31	£40,377	£36,253	-	-
2024-12-31	£16,585	£21,706	-	-
2023-12-31	£54,286	£30,339	-	-
2022-12-31	£43,979	£28,299	-	-
2021-12-31	£33,545	£40,050	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Anthony Charles Gribble		2018-02-21
CHRISTOPHER BENNET		2017-12-01
FIONA JANE POTTS		2018-02-21
Irene Elisabeth Coldrey		2017-12-01
Jacqueline Wakefield		2017-03-22
Nicholas Trevor Daniel Cooke		2018-02-21
Robert Andrew Coldrey		2025-03-26

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Treasurers Report 2025

Overall, the funds available to the group increased by £3719.11 due to an increased balance in the Group account which was at the end of 2025 £39,312.88 with £53,631.84 available in total within the group if all the sections are combined.

Group Costs

Repairs / maintenance

Repairs in 2025 totalled £13,113.51 compared to £4,962.25 in 2024 an increase of £8,151.26 making a total of £18,075.76 spent in two years. This is due to a variety of projects but notably the installation of a new fire alarm system (£5,570.40 and electrical work £5,776.07

Cleaning

Cleaning costs were £1,718.48 in 2025 compared to £2,192.66 in 2024 a difference of £474.18 due invoice dates.

Utilities

Electricity bills have increased to £3,797.84 (2025) from £3,054.70 (2024). This is a notable increase of £743.14

Group Income

Hire

Rent in 2025 £22,528.50 was received compared to 2024 when £9,578.50 was received. Note that the income from Magic Moments for the Summer and Autumn term 2024 are included (due to late payment) in this total. If subtracted the income for hiring the hall in 2025 was £16,000.50 making the income for 2024 £16,106.50.

Balances

- Lloyds current £23,801.15 (for expenditure)
Funds to cover the general maintenance of the hut and other associated costs incurred in the running of the 1st Baldock Scout Group.

- Lloyds £ 15,520.15 (savings)

Funds available in the group

Total funds available in the group's name £53,631.84

Suggested Actions / points to note

- Sections have available £14,310.54 (£83.74 less than in 2024). This does reflect that overall income equals outgoings
- There is no need to increase subs for individual members due to the significant balances held by each section:-

Beavers £4123.76 (-£512.01 on 2024)

Cubs £5,734.38 (-£220.19 on 2024)

Scouts £4,453.40 (+£433.32 on 2024)

- The sections hold significant reserves which ideally need to be redistributed to the Group
- Note electricity costs has increased to £3,797.84 from £1,169.74 in 2023 (if there is a consideration to increase the hall hire cost – see 2024 cost above)
- Renewing the ground lease will incur some legal costs but the extent is unknown (process is ongoing)
- Doors – deposit only has been paid with the balance outstanding (£6.5K)
- Rebuild shed / development of the rear enclosed area
- Potential kitchen refurbishment

**FIRST BALDOCK SCOUT GROUP
GROUP CONSOLIDATED ACCOUNTS - DEC 2025**

RECEIPTS

INCOME	EXECUTIVE		SCOUTS		CUBS		BEAVERS		TOTAL	
Category	YE 2025	YE 2024	YE 2025	YE 2024	YE 2025	YE 2024	YE 2025	YE 2024	YE 2025	YE 2024
Subs			2198.95	3556.77	3880	3945.14	1725.33	2911.18	7804.28	10413.09
Activities / Camps			649.3	1985.31	3059.04	2346.70	731.2	894.97	4439.54	5226.98
Fund raising / Gift Aid			720.72	877.27		530.00			720.72	1407.27
Donations Received	4199.75	273.80	684.67	428.14					4884.42	701.94
Subsidies									0.00	0.00
Refunds / receipts		177.77							0.00	177.77
Rents	22528.5	9578.50							22528.50	9578.50
	£26,728.25	£10,030.07	£ 4,253.64	£ 6,847.49	£ 6,939.04	£ 6,821.84	£ 2,456.53	£ 3,806.15	£ 40,377.46	£ 27,505.55



First Baldock Scout Group Trustee Meeting Minutes

Date: Wednesday 25th March 2026

Time: Post AGM 7pm start

Venue: Scout Hut Park Drive

Agenda

Item No.	Present. Nick Cooke, Jacqui Wakefield, Fiona Potts, Rob Coldrey, Kevin Lock and Allison Barry Introductions were made. Welcome to AB Noted that FP is now GLV as JW has stepped back to team Lead with Beavers NC will ensure that membership for KL is updated	Action update by: - NC
1	Apologises -Chris Bennet,	
2	Minutes of last meeting – 14 th October 2025 Notes and Actions- noted that the plug is now repaired (point 7)	
3	Past Events: AGM A successful event. Beavers and Scouts delivered their section reports. We had a disappointingly small audience.	
4	Future Events: Barbeque 9 th May to be run by Scouts. Practical support from JW and NC Possibility of Wymondley Wood event in July.	NC JW FP
	TRUSTEE GOVERNANCE	
5	Treasurer's report <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Discuss move to Group accounts – request from Beavers and Scouts to have one group account. Cub treasurer is stepping down. Chris Bennet wrote that he is prepared to continue with doing what he currently does. He is planning to move to Suffolk. We need a new treasurer. We understand that banking within the Group is likely to be done differently in future. We want the next treasurer to adopt a more appropriate system. We will continue at present.	CB NC
6	Policy review We follow policy as set out in POR 2. a.	
7	Premises, safety and Insurance -see 10 The 25-year Lease completed on 17 December 2025. The expected date for registration at the Land Registry is now - 25th February 2027 The bill for this should now be paid.	FP CB
8	Risk Management – NC stated that we need a risk register https://www.scouts.org.uk/volunteers/running-things-locally/trustee-boards/risk-register/	
9	Succession Planning <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Rob C has highlighted that there are a few digital systems within 1st B that only he has access to. NC asked for a list. NC agreed that information to be shared with District digital team. Secretary has stepped down. – We want to pass on our grateful thanks to Irene Coldrey for all that she has done. We know that there is no longer a 	RC NC NC

	<p>role of secretary. NC to meet with I C for a comprehensive list of items that she has been dealing with.</p> <p>NC wants to see all the tasks undertaken by trustees before any are allocated.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Booking clerk required- A B stated that she carries out this role for the church. 	NC
10	<p>Trustee Training</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Trustees to understand and comply with the Charity commission guidelines regarding the Prevention of Future Deaths Report <p>The Regulatory Advice note from the Charity Commission was discussed. FP to complete the form on behalf of 1st Baldock as requested by District</p> <p>NC discussed risk assessments at section level.</p> <p>https://prod-cms.scouts.org.uk//media/Ojrnyuw4/regulatory-advice-guidance-to-all-trustees-of-the-scout-movement-from-the-charity-commission.pdf</p>	All
	OPERATIONAL	
11	<p>Hall maintenance / Issues</p> <p>Work in progress</p> <p>None at present</p> <p>Work completed</p> <p>Fire Doors</p> <p>Lease</p> <p>To be discussed</p> <p>All operational matters, maintenance, bookings, to await conversation of NC with IC</p> <p>Side wooden door</p> <p>Shed</p> <p>Removal of the greenery behind the shed</p> <p>We noted that Andy Coldrey is cutting the grass for us and thanks were passed on.</p>	
12	<p>Hall bookings</p> <p>District First Aid Course</p> <p>2nd Baldock Cub Sleep over – Beavers</p> <p>2nd Baldock Cub Sleep over – Cubs</p> <p>Sound Gong Healing - monthly</p> <p>Karate - weekly</p> <p>Dance practice – weekly</p> <p>Redfin Car Club – monthly</p> <p>Rock solid church Group – monthly</p> <p>Hertfordshire Services for Young People - weekly</p>	
13	<p>AOB</p> <p>A request from Tony Gribble, father of an Explorer.</p> <p>The trustees agreed to support 2 Explorers, Finn G and Thomas S who had been with 1st Baldock with a 15% donation of their costs to attend the expedition to the Azores in 2027. We expect a request letter from them and some feedback to the sections on their return.</p>	
	<p>Date of next meetings.</p> <p>Thursday 30th April 8.30pm ZOOM This is intended to be a short meeting to allocate tasks.</p>	

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AGM 2024

Date: Wednesday 27th March 2024

Time: 7.15pm for 7.30pm

Venue: 1st Baldock Scout Hall

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Minutes

PRESENT:

Executive Committee: Paul Wheeler - Chair, Nick Cooke and Irene Coldrey - Secretary

Group Leadership: Jacqui Wakefield- GSL & BSL, Fiona Potts- AGSL & CSL, Rob Hemming – SL, Deb Simpson – SL, Catherine Ashelby – ASL, Barry Dickson – DCSL, James Tiplady BSL, Amy White – ABSL, Laura Higgins – ABSL,

District Leadership: Robert Coldrey- DC

Parents: Kevin Lock and Richard Payne

1	INTRODUCTION The GSL welcomed everyone to the meeting, thanked all for attending and thanked the Leaders and the Exec. for their support.
2	WELCOME by CHAIRPERSON The chair welcomed everyone to the First Baldock Scout Group AGM, and thanked parents, leaders and those representing the District as listed above.
3	APOLOGIES Exec. Committee: Christopher Bennet – Treasurer and Tony Gribble Group Leadership: Chris Lewis- ASL, Fern Boughton – ACSL, Dariusz Kazubek - ACSL District Leadership: Rita Hawkins – Co-Ordinator Editor, Dave Hawkins – District Badge Secretary
4	APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS YEARS AGM The minutes of last year were approved by Robert Coldrey and seconded by Nick Cooke
GOVERNANCE TOPICS	
5	Transition From Exec Committee to Trustee Board Paul Wheeler – Chair, explained that the transition from an executive committee to trustee board is to reflect the Charity Commission guidelines and good practice and is the approach recommended by TSA (The Scout Association). The Trustees focus solely on the governance of the charity, not the delivery of Scouting, which is the responsibility of the Operational Support function.
6	Adopt the model constitution from POR (Policy, Organisation and Rules) Paul Wheeler – Chair, In line with the recommendation from Scout Headquarters. I propose that we adopt the model constitution from Chapter 5 of Policy, Organisation and Rules. A copy of this was available for review and inspection prior to this meeting. https://www.scouts.org.uk/por/5-local-governance-and-finance-of-groups-districts-counties/ Seconded by Robert Coldrey with a show of hands to approve

7	<p>Note The Groups financial year.</p> <p>Paul Wheeler – Chair, Members of the Group Scout Council are asked to note that our charity's financial year is 1st January to the 31st December</p>
8	<p>Agree the number of members that may be elected to the Trustee Board</p> <p>Paul Wheeler – Chair, The Group Scout Council must agree the number of people that can be elected to the Trustee Board. In line with the outgoing Trustee Board of 5 - 12 people can be elected, I propose that the Group Scout Council approves that recommendation.</p> <p>Seconded by Fiona Potts with a show of hands to approve.</p>
9	<p>Agree the quorum for each of the Group Scout Council and meetings of the Group Trustee Board</p> <p>Paul Wheeler – Chair, The Group Scout Council must agree the quorum for Trustee Board meetings, and any sub-committee meetings. The Charity Commission statement of good practice is that the Trustee Board quorum should be set at one third of Trustee Board members plus one and that the sub-committee quorum should be set at one third of Trustee Board members plus one.</p> <p>The recommendation from the outgoing Trustee Board is that the quorum should be as set the Charity Commission good practice statement. It was agreed that a minimum of three should be present.</p> <p>Seconded by Nick Cooke with a show of hands to approve.</p>
<p>REVIEW of the PREVIOUS YEAR</p>	
10	<p>SECTION REPORTS</p> <p>1ST BALDOCK BEAVER COLONIES – TUESDAY and WEDNESDAY</p> <p>It's been a very busy year for the beavers since last April 2023.</p> <p>We began with an ambitious Air Activities sleepover with a planned visit and tour to the Shuttleworth Collection. Unfortunately, the booked coach failed to materialise on the morning so with some quick thinking and a plan from the previous year we all arrived at Baldock train station and descended on Shepreth Wild Animal Park for the day. After what could have been a mini disaster a great day was had by all. We finished the day with a chip shop supper and all beavers settled down for the night sleeping on roll mats in our scout hut. Some of our highlights have seen us complete a hike around Radwell Meadows, receive a visit from the fire service and enjoy a calm and relaxing yoga session. We finished our summer term off with a visit to the fun rings at Gosling ski slope, caught a train to Letchworth to visit Howard gardens and paddle in the lovely springs of Ashwell.</p> <p>For the first time since Covid we returned to Hoo Hill Maze at Shefford to explore the maze in the dark and then get stuck in the mud in their car park! We have also completed some lovely craft activities which included making little Beavers for the Christmas Church Festival, build bridges to support cups of water, complete an egg drop challenge and decorate aprons for Father's Day.</p> <p>Over the last year our beavers have been incredibly busy both at home and during meetings and we have given out an outstanding 444 badges over the year across both colonies. We currently have 32 Beavers spread over two Beaver colonies utilising 5 leaders and 4 young leaders.</p>



Beavers that have achieved our highest award - Chief Scout Bronze, are listed below:

Reuben Smith 18/07/2023	Ivan Varnavas 18/07/2023	Oscar Willoughby 13/02/2024
Kye Higgins 18/07/2023	Oliver Cherry 18/07/2023	Elliott Brown 18/07/2023
Joel Potts 18/07/2023	Thomas Walton 24/01/2024	Oscar Caton 13/02/2024
Buddy Goode-Dooher 27/03/2024		Elliott Tiplady 27/03/2024

1ST BALDOCK CUBS – KNIGHTS

Last year we went to camp with 1st Baldock templars in February to Leslie Sell activity centre. We completed a good deed for the site by collecting sticks and longer branches for the Leslie sell team to continue making their fences.

The older cubs enjoyed themselves, as always, at a wonderful weekend of sixers and seconder. With many of them completing parts of their base requirements for their you shape award and towards their Chief Scouts Silver. It is always a very rewarding experience for the older children.

We enjoyed an excellent St Georges Parade, hosted by 2nd Baldock, in Baldock (with the addition of the emergency text broadcast halfway through the service).

For our summer term: members of the 1st Baldock Group joined in with the greenway walk and it was excellent to see such a promising turnout. We hope to see more young people at this year's event on the 19th May.

We also enjoyed our summer camp at Boyd Field with all the cubs participating in paddleboarding, firelighting and cooking over an open fire, and climbing. This is always an opportunity for all the cubs to learn how to work within a team. We also enjoyed the company of a group of scouts from Holland who joined us for breakfast on the Sunday morning.

The end of term picnic at Wymondley Wood is always a pleasant end to the term when all the children and parents from across the sections can get together to enjoy themselves.

We returned in the autumn with some cubs having an excellent time at PGL in October. This is always a highlight of the year for our young people, and they always bring back so many good memories from their 2 nights away. These include midnight snacks to crate stacking.

Remembrance Parade had a good turnout from the pack.

We had a good year thanks to all the Cubs for contributing to a great Pack. Thanks to the parents for supporting their Cubs and allowing them to join in with all the activities and events that we offer to them. Thanks to all the Young Leaders and Leaders for being a superb team. Well done to the Cubs who achieved their Chief Scouts Silver Award.

How many badges this year? 396, including 21 different activity badges. Amazing achievement everyone, well done.

Fiona, Akela Rob, King Louie Darek, Swift Fern, Shere Khan Penny, Kaa

Knights Chief Scout Silver Award

Edgar Chapman	James Dunstan	Jake Gribble
Benjamin Sterling	Alex Sander	Logan Hemmings
Oliver Turner	Harry Patrick	

1ST BALDOCK CUBS – TEMPLARS

I joined the group at the start of the year and quickly realised that Akela Fiona and team have done a great job and I have joined a great pack. We currently have 17 Cubs and looking forward to having some more.

Catherine attends every week, and we really hope she decides to become a leader. We are very lucky to have Ryan as a young leader who has been incredibly helpful as she knows the Cubs, and the vast equipment store. We have a few amazing parents and relatives that help most weeks. Without this help the pack could not function, but we always need more.

We have done a lot of team activities including a trade post and the Cubs did brilliantly at the great egg race. The Cubs have learnt about the environment as well as doing some arts and craft. All the Cubs spoke about their hobbies and collections, its great to see their other interests. The Cubs have gained their home safety badge as well as worked towards their skills badge, so they should all be helping you at home, in a safe manner, well we tried.

Some Cubs attended the camp at Leslie Sell with the Knights and we have five attending the district sixers and seconders camp.

Yours in Scouting
Barry Dickinson – Akela, District Cub Scout Leader

Templars Chief Scout Silver Awards

Phoenix Perrott	Isaac Brown	William Patmore
Rowan Potts	Lucas Hammond	Arthur Brewster
Isaac Dumpleton	Arthur Roberts	

1ST BALDOCK SCOUT TROOP

A time to celebrate!

- As one of the largest troops in the district they have taken part in a wide variety of activities and events from cooking competitions and individuals completing expeditions and explorations.
- Thank you to all the parents for your support with the parents' rota and also the adhoc-requests, and most of all to the leaders (Chris, Catherine, Josh and Rob), who, by giving up their evenings and weekends allows so many young people to enjoy scouting. Not for getting the scout themselves for their commitment.

Challenges!

No great change on the 2022 report. There needs to be some level of change within the troop to ensure the on-going retention of leaders delivering the high-quality program to young people on a regular basis.

- **Badges and Awards**

- The Troop has had a tremendous year in achieving:
- A total of 314 badges were awarded, notably
 - 6 Individuals joined the troop (Membership Award)
 - Other badges include communicator, astronautics, communicator, Master at arms and swimmer.
 - 20 different nights away badges
 - Challenge awards (1 Adventure, 2 Creative, 12 Expedition, 9 personal, 3 Skills, 10 team leader, 8 Teamwork and 3 World)
 - Other badges include, Entertainer, Firesafety, Hikes, Master at Arms, and swimmer.
- Activities
 - The Troop has taken part in Green Beret with L & B District
 - Fire & Ice (the muddy one!!!)
 - Came 1st in the County Triathlon (Congratulations to James Boar, Chloe Water, Finn Gribble, and Thomas Stirling)
 - The district shooting and archery competition.
 - Also, Troop and Group activities including Ice-skating, Camp at Gilwell Park, Santa sleigh, Aqua Park and Remembrance Sunday parade

Congratulations to all scouts who have completed their Gold Scout Award.

**Zac Gribble, Ruby Eckers, Hannah MacArthur, Jan Kazubek, Samuel Atkinson,
Linus Rix-White and Chloe Water.**

Looking forward to the 2024 and all the challenges it will bring.

Deborah Simpson
Scout Leader

STOP PRESS!

Chief Scout Gold awards already presented in 2024 to Isaac West, Oliver Cooke, and the Scout you shape award completed by Hannah MacArthur.

11 **CHAIRS REPORT**

Report from the Chairman of the Executive Committee of Baldock 1st Scouts - March 2024

I would like to welcome everyone to the Annual General Meeting of 1st Baldock Scout group. I do hope you all enjoy the evening, and please do enjoy the refreshments provided as well.

Baldock 1st Executive committee has had another successful year, and I would like to give thanks to all the officers, leaders, and members of the committee for their help and support. Just to remind you that the executive committee are responsible the running of the hall and are not directly involved in the various activities of the Scout sections. It is our responsibility to ensure the Scout Hut is a safe and secure environment for all of the Scouting activities, and also for all of the other users of the Scout Hut.

1st Baldock is very lucky to have a number of regular users of the hall. The income from the regular users does allow us to maintain the property to a good standard, and we also benefit from past investments including the air pump heating system, led lighting, and

soundproofing to the main hall. This does make the hall a great place for Scouting, but also a really good facility for our other users.

I am pleased to report we have had a relatively quiet year, with no exceptional costs incurred in maintaining the hall. We have this year fitted a new CCTV system, which should help with the security of the hall and surrounding areas. We have previously suffered with low-level vandalism, which has included graffiti and damage to the storage container at the rear, plus some damage to the window grilles. We have had no further incidents since the installation, and we are able to access past recording to potentially identify perpetrators, and we are hoping that a good CCTV system will act as a real deterrent.

We have also upgraded the outdoor lighting which will enable us to continue with outdoor activities when we move into the autumn and winter months.

We are still looking to replace the wooden storage shed at the rear. I would like to thank Irene for her efforts in tidying the area at the rear of the hall which had become very overgrown with brambles and weeds, plus the ivy which was growing onto the roof. Unfortunately, when we remove the shed it is likely that the cladding on the wall of the old Hall will also require replacement, so we have to be prepared for the extra costs.

We have also maintained a substantial contingency fund held for the roof replacement, which is currently over its suggested lifespan. The roof is currently watertight, but we are aware the material used was of a lighter weight and will be quite costly to replace.

You will see in the financial report that we have a substantial amount of funds available to spend on the Hall as required. Apart the contingency reserved for the roof replacement, we also have funds available for other projects. We are considering modernising the kitchen and would also welcome any suggestions on how the Hall can be improved and upgraded.

A reminder that we will be holding our usual Scouts burger stall at the Street Fair on 14th May. We are looking for lots of help from our Scouts, and from parents as well. We look forward to serving you one of our lovely burgers or hot dogs.

I do thank everyone for coming along tonight to support us, and hope you enjoy the rest of the evening.

Paul Wheeler
Chairman - Baldock 1st Executive Committee

12 **TREASURERS REPORT 2023**

Overall, the funds available to the group increased by £6,693.10 due to significant increased balances in the following group / section accounts: -

Group £5,141.71

Scouts £923.68

Group Costs

Repairs / maintenance

Repairs in 2023 totalled £3,155.02 compared to £7,137.77 in 2022 a decrease of £3,982.75 making a total of £10,292.79 spent in two years. This is due to a variety of projects but notably the installation of CCTV and further repairs to the fabric of the building.

Cleaning

Cleaning costs were £2,267.75 in 2023 compared to £1805.62 in 2022 a difference of £462.13 due the hourly cost increasing again.

Utilities

Gas and Electricity bills have increased to £1769.74 (2023) from £1711.82 (2022). Currently the hut is using a fixed price tariff which is currently favourable in the current economic climate. Note the Group has only paid one water bill for £70.00 during 2023 with another update being requested.

Group Income

Hire

Rent in 2023 £11,865.20 was received compared to 2022 when £15,545.00 was received a decrease of £3,679.80 This is due to: -

- Autumn hall hire by Magic Moments was not paid. In 2022 the equivalent payment was £5,400. Therefore, I expect the hall hire to be at least that received in 2022.

Balances

- Lloyds current £25,290.27 (for expenditure)

Funds to cover the general maintenance of the hut and other associated costs incurred in the running of the 1st Baldock Scout Group.

- Lloyds £ 15,090.16 (savings)

There is a minimal amount of money kept as cash (less than £40) and on account for badges (less than £300) throughout the different section in the group.

Funds available in the group

Total funds available in the group's name £55,322.54

Suggested Actions

- Sections have available £14,942.11 (£1.88 more than in 2022) needing to ensure funds raised are spent on activities without accruing significant reserves unless there is a planned financial commitment benefitting the whole section e.g., new equipment. Due to this amount being £1.88 more than in 2022 sections are now spending what they receive and unlike previous years are not accruing greater reserves. Therefore, there is no need to increase subs for individual members.
- Priorities for future – the renewal of the ground lease will incur some legal costs, but the extent is unknown.

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RECEIPTS

INCOME Category	EXECUTIVE		SCOUTS		CUBS - KNIGHTS		CUBS - TEMPLARS		BEAVERS		TOTAL	
	YE 2023	YE 2022	YE 2023	YE 2022	YE 2023	YE 2022	YE 2023	YE 2022	YE 2023	YE 2022	YE 2023	YE 2022
Subs	6545.00	6042.00	3255.50	3791.46	2765.00	2461.07	1792.15	1727.13	3729.00	2866.64	18086.65	16888.30
Activities / Camps			2336.09	3058.78	1434.00	1971.00	1434.68	1378.81	1021.46	961.39	18091.43	7369.98
Fund raising / Gift Aid	893.70		524.47	1079.05		1032.16			325.00		1743.17	2111.21
Donations Received	3971.13	4808.09	528.20	933.79							4499.33	5741.88
Subsidies						60.98					0.00	60.98
Refunds / receipts		287.96				2016.06					0.00	2304.02
Rents	11865.20	15545.00									11865.20	15545.00
	£23,275.03	£26,683.05	£ 6,644.26	£ 8,863.08	£ 4,199.00	£ 7,541.27	£ 3,226.83	£ 3,105.94	£ 5,075.46	£ 3,828.03	£ 54,285.78	£ 50,021.37
									less subs payment		£ 6,545.00	£ 6,042.00
									Declared receipts		£ 47,740.78	£ 43,979.37

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EXPENDITURE

EXPENDITURE Category	EXECUTIVE		SCOUTS		CUBS - KNIGHTS		CUBS - TEMPLARS		BEAVERS		TOTAL	
	YE 2023	YE 2022	YE 2023	YE 2022	YE 2023	YE 2022	YE 2023	YE 2022	YE 2023	YE 2022	YE 2023	YE 2022
Capitation (subs to District)	6545.00	6042.00									6545.00	6042.00
Lease/Rent	168.61	352.19									168.61	352.19
Water Rates	70.94	309.30									70.94	309.30
Heat/Light	1769.74	1711.82									1769.74	1711.82
Insurance	3294.45	2934.79									3294.45	2934.79
Repairs	3155.02	7137.77									3155.02	7137.77
Cleaning	2267.75	1805.62									2267.75	1805.62
Donation							110.00				0.00	110.00
Internet	561.78	329.29										
Activities			4078.03	3289.35	3374.90	3400.68	1642.06	1960.91	2064.78	1275.88	11159.77	9926.82
Fund Raising Costs	40.00	143.00				1239.38						
Admin Expenses			56.73	71.92	138.15	101.14			327.00	72.30	521.88	245.36
Other Expenses	260.00						795.00				260.00	795.00
Equipment / Purchases			50.85	859.98		130.89	3.90	5.65		44.93	54.75	1041.45
Training/Uniform (& Badges)			208.9	369.33	579.95	717.03	282.20	369.44		383.40	1071.05	1839.20
Sundry				0.61		60.00				30.00	0.00	90.61
TOTAL	£18,133.29	£ 20,765.78	£ 4,394.51	£ 4,591.19	£ 4,093.00	£ 5,649.12	£ 1,928.16	£ 3,241.00	£ 2,391.78	£ 1,806.51	£ 30,338.96	£ 34,341.93
									less subs payment		£ 6,545.00	£ 6,042.00
									Declared receipts		£ 23,793.96	£ 28,299.93
											23793.96	28299.93

**FIRST BALDOCK SCOUT GROUP
GROUP CONSOLIDATED ACCOUNTS - DEC 2023**

	EXECUTIVE	SCOUTS	CUBS - KNIGHTS	CUBS - TEMPLARS	BEAVERS	TOTAL
OPENING						
Current (including cash, badge	20148.53	3593.89	2415.58	3193.82	4187.46	33539.28
Deposit	15090.16					15090.16
	£ 35,238.69	£ 3,593.89	£ 2,415.58	£ 3,193.82	£ 4,187.46	£ 48,629.44
CLOSING						
Current (including cash, badge	25290.27	3588.64	2794.84	3447.49	5111.14	40232.38
Deposit	15090.16					15090.16
	£ 40,380.43	£ 3,588.64	£ 2,794.84	£ 3,447.49	£ 5,111.14	£ 55,322.54
Year + / -	£ 5,141.74	-£ 5.25	£ 379.26	£ 253.67	£ 923.68	£ 6,693.10

APPOINTMENTS

13 RE-APPOINT/ APPOINT GROUP CHAIR / TREASURER / SECRETARY

The following were put forward for re-election:

Paul Wheeler – Chair, proposed by Fiona Potts and seconded by Rob Coldrey

Chris Bennett – Treasurer, proposed by Irene Coldrey and seconded by Jacqui Wakefield

Irene Coldrey – Secretary, proposed by Paul Wheeler and seconded by James Tiplady

14	<p>ELECTION OF MEMBERS TO THE GROUP TRUSTEE BOARD</p> <p>Nick Cooke and Tony Gribble – Committee Members proposed by Irene Coldrey and seconded by Paul Wheeler</p>
15	<p>ELECTION OF INDEPENDENT EXAMINER</p> <p>Michael Robert Bullard was proposed as Independent Examiner proposed by Irene Coldrey and seconded by Fiona Potts.</p>
16	<p>PRESENTATION OF AWARDS</p> <p>LONG SERVICE AWARD Presented by Robert Coldrey DC</p> <p>James Tiplady – 10 Years Service</p> <p>AGSL (Assistant Group Scout Leader) WOOD BADGE</p> <p>Fiona Potts</p>
17	<p>AOB</p> <p>Rob Hemming would like to thank the work of the Trustee Board on the continued undating of the scout hut particully the sound proofingand new heating system both of which have made a huge difference.</p>
	<p>Formal Meeting closed at 8.15 pm</p>
	<p>Refreshments</p>

**FIRST BALDOCK SCOUT GROUP
GROUP CONSOLIDATED ACCOUNTS - DEC 2023**

	EXECUTIVE		SCOUTS		CUBS - KNIGHTS		CUBS - TEMPLARS		BEAVERS		TOTAL	
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Year + / -	£	5,141.74	-£	5.25	£	379.26	£	253.67	£	923.68	£	6,693.10

Treasurers Report 2023

Overall, the funds available to the group increased by £6,693.10 due to significant increased balances in the following group / section accounts:-

Group £5,141.71

Scouts £923.68

Group Costs

Repairs / maintenance

Repairs in 2023 totalled £3,155.02 compared to £7,137.77 in 2022 a decrease of £3,982.75 making a total of £10,292.79 spent in two years. This is due to a variety of projects but notably the installation of CCTV and further repairs to the fabric of the building.

Cleaning

Cleaning costs were £2,267.75 in 2023 compared to £1805.62 in 2022 a difference of £462.13 due the hourly cost increasing again.

Utilities

Gas and Electricity bills have increased to £1769.74 (2023) from £1711.82 (2022). Currently the hut is using a fixed price tariff which is currently favourable in the current economic climate. Note the Group has only paid one water bill for £70.00 during 2023 with another update being requested.

Group Income

Hire

Rent in 2023 £11,865.20 was received compared to 2022 when £15,545.00 was received a decrease of £3,679.80 This is due to:-

- Autumn hall hire by Magic Moments was not paid. In 2022 the equivalent payment was £5,400. Therefore I expect the hall hire to be at least that received in 2022.

Balances

- Lloyds current £25,290.27 (for expenditure)

Funds to cover the general maintenance of the hut and other associated costs incurred in the running of the 1st Baldock Scout Group.

- Lloyds £ 15,090.16 (savings)

There is a minimal amount of money kept as cash (less than £40) and on account for badges (less than £300) throughout the different section in the group

Funds available in the group

Total funds available in the group's name £55,322.54

Suggested Actions

- Sections have available £14,942.11 (£1.88 more than in 2022) needing to ensure funds raised are spent on activities without accruing significant reserves unless there is a planned financial commitment benefitting the whole section e.g., new equipment. Due to this amount being £1.88 more than in 2022 sections are now spending what they receive and unlike previous years are not accruing greater reserves. Therefore, there is no need to increase subs for individual members.
- Priorities for future – the renewal of the ground lease will incur some legal costs but the extent is unknown

FIRST BALDOCK SCOUT GROUP

England & Wales - Charity number 1087365

Accounts



First Baldock Scout Group

AGM 2023

Date: Thursday 30th March 2023

Time: 7pm

Venue: 1st

Charity Number 1087365

Minutes

PRESENT:

Executive Committee: Paul Wheeler – Chair, Christopher Bennet – Treasurer, Anne Nunn, Nick Cooke and Irene Coldrey – Secretary.

Group Leadership: Jacqui Wakefield – GSL & BSL, Fiona Potts, Deb Simpson- SL, Rob Hemming – ASL, Fern Boughton - ACSL.and Ashley Scaife, - ABSL

District Leadership: Robert Coldrey - DC & ACSL, Elizabeth Aird - DYC

Parents: Dawn Perrott, Lee Perrott, Arthur Francisco, Patrick Pelford, Anastasia Poulou and Richard Brown

INTRODUCTION The GSL welcomed everyone to the meeting and said how pleased she was to be holding our first face to face AGM for three years, she thanked all for attending and thanked the Leaders and the Exec. for their support.
WELCOME by CHAIRPERSON The chair welcomed everyone to the First Baldock Scout Group AGM, and thanked parents, leaders and those representing the District as listed above. He welcomed our new DC (Robert Coldrey) to the meeting.
APOLOGIES Group Leadership: Chris Lewis – ASL, Dan Grocott – CSL, Matt Inman – Network, James Tiplady – ABSL, Catherine Ashelby - ASL, Maria Procter - ABSL, Jenny Dorman - ABSL, Laura Higgins -ABSLS and Dariusz Kazubek - ACSL District Leadership: Clare Greener – Acting ADC Scouts, Ros Wing – ADC Cubs, Hayley Palmer – ADC Beavers, Clair Calver – District Explorers Scout Commissioner and Rita Hawkins – Co-Ordinator Editor
APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS YEARS AGM The minutes of last year were approved by Anne Nunn and seconded by Rob Hemmings.
CHAIRMAN'S REPORT <u>Report from the Chairman of the Executive Committee of Baldock 1st Scouts - March 2023</u> I am delighted to welcome everyone to the first AGM in three years that we have been able to hold in person, rather than remotely. It is good to see everyone back in our Scout Hall. I am also delighted that we have all been able to return to Scouting in the traditional sense and hold indoor meetings over the wintertime. It is good to see everything returning to a normal, although we must never forget the people that we lost, the sacrifices that were made, and the effects that COVID has had on all of us.

Baldock 1st Executive committee has had another successful year, and I would like to give thanks to all the officers, leaders, and members of the committee for their help and support, especially having to return to the Scout Hut to hold committee meetings, although zoom meeting did work rather well. The financial report from our treasurer does show a worthwhile surplus on activities in the year 2022/2023.

We have benefited from increased rental income from the other users of the property. Our main tenant, Magic Moments, has now returned to 5 days a week, as demand for childcare increases. We also have other regular tenants that have now returned including a group from Christchurch, and we have a new tenant Redfin Models. They use our hall for racing model cars everyother Friday evening, which does sound quite exciting! There has also been an increase in bookings for birthday parties and other family celebrations. These do bring valuable revenue, and I would remind everyone that the hall is available to hire for all Scouting families, plus users from the local community as well. We have continued to invest in the fabric of the building but also spent money on unexpected repairs.

The items completed this year which include: -

- Sound Deadening pads to be fitted to the roof of the main hall
- Repair to the entrance door and wooden surround in the old hall
- Repair and replacement of external cladding to the exterior as required

The sound deadening pads were fitted by a working party in August last year and have made a substantial difference to the echo and noise reverberations in the hall. 30/40 children in the hall at one time can and do make a lot of noise, and the feedback from the leaders has been very positive. We have also maintained a substantial contingency fund held for the roof replacement, which is currently over its suggested lifespan. The roof is currently watertight, but we are aware the material used was of a lighter weight and will be quite costly to replace.

We have also started discussions with the local council to extend the lease on the hall, which ends in 2024, and we have requested an extension for a further 25 years. We will report as soon as we have more progress on any negotiations.

We are very fortunate to have invested in new heat pump technology to replace our old gas heating system. This has kept our energy costs to a sensible level, plus the great work from our treasurer in getting a fixed rate two years ago on our electricity supply, so we have been very well insulated from the dramatic increase in electricity costs. This rate does come to an end soon, but fortunately wholesale charges are starting to come down. We should however be aware that our energy bills are likely to rise from the low levels we have been paying.

This year we are planning on fitting a CCTV system to the hall, and we are getting quotes from different suppliers. Unfortunately, we have suffered some low-level vandalism over the past few years, which has included graffiti and damage to the storage container at the rear, plus some damage to the window grilles. A new system will allow us to potentially identify perpetrators, plus act as an extra deterrent.

We are also looking to replace the wooden storage shed at the rear, which is quite rotten, and to also clear the area at the rear which has become quite overgrown with brambles and weeds. We will be organising a working party early summer to start on this work. Happy to take the names of any volunteers tonight!

We will also be holding our usual Scouts burger stool at the Street Fair in May. We are looking for lots of help from our Scouts and do please pop down for one of our lovely burgers or hot dogs.

I do thank everyone for coming along tonight to support us, and hope you enjoy the rest of the evening.

Paul Wheeler

Chairman - Baldock 1st Executive Committee

TREASURERS REPORT

Auditors Report 2022

Overall, the funds available to the group increased by £10,172.11 due to significant increased balances in the following group / section accounts: -

Group £5,788.88, Scouts £1,694.74, Knights £2,339.03

Group Costs

Repairs / maintenance

Repairs in 2022 totalled £7,137.77 compared to £17,381.35 in 2021 a decrease of £10,243.58 making a total of £24,519.12 spent in two years. This due to a variety of projects but notably the installation of a new heating system last year, exterior maintenance including the refurbishment of window grills. This year's work includes acoustics panels fitted in the new hall along with the exterior cladding repaired.

Cleaning

Cleaning costs were £1805.62 in 2022 compared to £1604.77 in 2021 a difference of £113.06 due the hourly cost increasing.

Utilities

Gas and Electricity bills have decreased to £1711.82 (2022) from £1996.87 (2021) due to the more efficient heating system / LED lights. Currently the hut is using a fixed price tariff which is currently favourable in the current economic climate.

Group Income

Hire

Rent in 2022 £15,545.00 was received compared to 2021 £10,965.00 an increase of £4,580.00 This is due to: -

- More bookings e.g., Christchurch / Redfin / weekend events

This means hut rental in 2020 was approximately half that of 2019. The receipt of £10,000 from HDC covered this deficiency.

Balances

Are held with the aims of the funds to provide the necessary funds to

- Lloyds current £19,564.59 (for expenditure) :-

Funds to cover the general maintenance of the hut and other associated costs incurred in the running of the 1st Baldock Scout Group.

Note – unlike previous years there are no outstanding refunds / invoices awaiting payment. This effects the difference between this / last years balances by about £4,000.

- Lloyds £ 15,090.16 (savings)
- Barclays £7,841.04 (refurbishment fund)
- Barclays £1921.42 (winding up fund) - Funds to cover the costs of 'winding up' 1st Baldock scout Group as a legal entity.

Funds available in the group

Total funds available in the group's name £49,594.98

Suggested Actions

- Sections have available £14,940.23 needing to ensure funds raised are spent on activities without accruing significant reserves unless there is a planned financial commitment benefitting the whole section e.g., new equipment.
- Priorities future maintenance / site developments continued to be identified.

**FIRST BALDOCK SCOUT GROUP
GROUP CONSOLIDATED ACCOUNTS - DEC 2022**

RECEIPTS

INCOME Category	EXECUTIVE		SCOUTS		CUBS - KNIGHTS		CUBS - TEMPLARS		BEAVERS		TOTAL	
	YE 2022	YE 2021	YE 2022	YE 2021	YE 2022	YE 2021	YE 2022	YE 2021	YE 2022	YE 2021	YE 2022	YE 2021
Subs	6042.00	4944.00	3791.46	2976.59	2461.07	1710.00	1727.13	1520.24	2866.64	2508.12	16888.30	13658.95
Activities / Camps			3058.78	1945.32	1971.00	1477.09	1378.81	746.56	961.39	400.98	7369.98	4569.95
Fund raising / Gift Aid			1079.05		1032.16						2111.21	0.00
Donations Received	4808.09	3556.43	933.79	200.00		219.68					5741.88	3976.11
Subsidies				4.38	60.98	370.77					60.98	375.15
Refunds / receipts	287.96				2016.06						2304.02	0.00
Rents	15545.00	10965.00									15545.00	10965.00
	£26,683.05	£19,465.43	£ 8,863.08	£ 5,126.29	£ 7,541.27	£ 3,777.54	£ 3,105.94	£ 2,266.80	£ 3,828.03	£ 2,909.10	£ 50,021.37	£ 33,545.16
									less subs payment		£ 6,042.00	£ 4,944.00
									Declared receipts		£ 43,979.37	£ 28,601.16

**FIRST BALDOCK SCOUT GROUP
GROUP CONSOLIDATED ACCOUNTS - DEC 2022**

EXPENDITURE

EXPENDITURE Category	EXECUTIVE		SCOUTS		CUBS - KNIGHTS		CUBS - TEMPLARS		BEAVERS		TOTAL	
	YE 2022	YE 2021	YE 2022	YE 2021	YE 2022	YE 2021	YE 2022	YE 2021	YE 2022	YE 2021	YE 2022	YE 2021
Capitation (subs to District)	6042.00	4944.00									6042.00	4944.00
Lease/Rent	352.19	177.96									352.19	177.96
Water Rates	309.30	562.11									309.30	562.11
Heat/Light	1711.82	1996.87									1711.82	1996.87
Insurance	2934.79	2783.39									2934.79	2783.39
Repairs	7137.77	17381.35									7137.77	17381.35
Cleaning	1805.62	1604.77									1805.62	1604.77
Donation					189.68		110.00	70.00			110.00	259.68
Internet	329.29	792.39										
Activities			3289.35	3634.38	3400.68	1648.92	1960.91	705.80	1275.88	988.58	9926.82	6977.68
Fund Raising Costs	143				1239.38							
Admin Expenses			71.92	64.7	101.14	111.65			72.30	134.74	245.36	311.09
Other Expenses							795.00				795.00	0.00
Equipment / Purchases			859.98	986.99	130.89	126.83	5.65		44.93	88.84	1041.45	1202.66
Training/Uniform (& Badges)			369.33	316.26	717.03	409.40	369.44	370.77	383.40	707.64	1839.20	1804.07
Sundry			0.61	35.00	60.00			10.00	30.00		90.61	45.00
TOTAL	£20,765.78	£ 30,242.84	£ 4,591.19	£ 5,037.33	£ 5,649.12	£ 2,486.48	£ 3,241.00	£ 1,156.57	£ 1,806.51	£ 1,919.80	£ 34,341.93	£ 40,050.63
									less subs payment		£ 6,042.00	£ 4,944.00
											£ 28,299.93	£ 35,106.63
											28299.93	35106.63

**FIRST BALDOCK SCOUT GROUP
GROUP CONSOLIDATED ACCOUNTS - DEC 2022**

	EXECUTIVE	SCOUTS	CUBS - KNIGHTS	CUBS - TEMPLARS	BEAVERS	TOTAL
OPENING						
Current	13797.32	1556.98	1848.43	3328.88	3702.94	24234.55
Deposit	15068.55					15068.55
Cash		119.77				119.77
U Cheques						0.00
	£ 28,865.87	£ 1,676.75	£ 1,848.43	£ 3,328.88	£ 3,702.94	£ 39,422.87
CLOSING						
Current	19564.59	3371.49	4187.46	3193.82	4187.46	34504.82
Deposit	15090.16					15090.16
Cash						0.00
U Cheques						0.00
	£ 34,654.75	£ 3,371.49	£ 4,187.46	£ 3,193.82	£ 4,187.46	£ 49,594.98
Year +/-	£ 5,788.88	£ 1,694.74	£ 2,339.03	-£ 135.06	£ 484.52	£ 10,172.11

4	<p>ELECTION OF INDEPENDENT EXAMINER Michael Robert Bullard was proposed as Independent Examiner by Irene Coldrey and seconded by Rob Coldrey.</p>												
5	<p>ELECTION OF GROUP EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE The following were put forward for re-election, and were proposed by Rob Hemmings and seconded by Rob Coldrey:</p> <table data-bbox="151 392 1141 548"> <tr> <td>Paul Wheeler</td> <td>as Chairman</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Chris Bennett</td> <td>as Treasurer</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Irene Coldrey</td> <td>as Secretary</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Nick Cooke and Tony Gribble</td> <td>as Committee members</td> </tr> </table> <p>Anne Nunn a committee member for the last 5 years has decided to re-sign, we would like to thank her for all her work and support over this time.</p> <p>We are very pleased to welcome Lee Perrott onto the committee and look forward to working with him. His election was proposed by Rob Hemmings and seconded by Rob Coldrey.</p>	Paul Wheeler	as Chairman	Chris Bennett	as Treasurer	Irene Coldrey	as Secretary	Nick Cooke and Tony Gribble	as Committee members				
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6	<p>SECTION REPORTS</p> <p>1ST BALDOCK BEAVER COLONIES TUESDAY and WEDNESDAY It's been a very busy year for the beavers since last April 2022.</p> <p>We began with an ambitious walk to Clothall church to look at the beautiful and very old stained-glass windows as part of our Faith and Navigator badges. We spent longer than planned in church so the journey back was made at pace to try and get home in time and we marched some very tired Beavers back into Baldock that night. Some of our highlights have seen us complete our Experiment badge where we made elephant toothpaste which the Beavers found very exciting. We've experimented with food, trying some traditional foods from Korea (Tuesdays) and Germany (Wednesdays). We have embraced our local area and enjoyed a bug hunt at Radwell Meadows, visited our local fire station on Weston Way and also enjoyed meeting some of the lovely little residents at our local Pets at Home store where we were allowed to hold and stroke some tiny furry friends. We finished our summer term off with a visit to the Fit 4 OCR where the Beavers loved the mud and water. For the first time this year we also attended the County led Beavers in Tents sleepover at Wymondley Woods. Where on one of the hottest weekends, our Beavers enjoyed sleeping out in tents overnight and completing some traditional scout and outdoor activities.</p> <p>We have also completed some lovely craft activities which included making Christmas trees for the Church Festival, painted rocks for Father's Day and made some very creative paper airplanes to complete our air activities badge.</p> <p>Over the last year our beavers have been incredibly busy both at home and during meetings and we have given out an outstanding 435 badges over the year across both colonies.</p> <p>We currently have 42 Beavers spread over two Beaver colonies utilising 6 leaders and 4 young leaders.</p> <p>Beavers that have achieved our highest award - Chief Scout Bronze, are listed below:</p> <table data-bbox="151 1657 1141 1814"> <tr> <td>Tomek Kazubek</td> <td>Harry Horne</td> <td>Arthur Crisp</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Bradley Bowyer Clarke</td> <td>Leo Andrews</td> <td>Daniel Wootten</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Aiden Barry</td> <td>James Barry</td> <td>George Evans</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Matthew Ironmonger</td> <td>Henry Lynam</td> <td></td> </tr> </table>	Tomek Kazubek	Harry Horne	Arthur Crisp	Bradley Bowyer Clarke	Leo Andrews	Daniel Wootten	Aiden Barry	James Barry	George Evans	Matthew Ironmonger	Henry Lynam	
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1ST BALDOCK CUBS- TEMPLARS and KNIGHTS

This year the cubs report was shown via a slide show of what the young people had been doing, this included: making models, walking, healthy eating, cyclo-cross, tree planting, quizing, climbing wall, a visit to the fire station, camping with camp fire cooking, growing things and yoga.

Both packs put on a joint concert at Christmas which was excellent and raised £508.38 for Water Aid, Fern Boughton said that we are very lucky to have such a talented group of young people.

Fiona Potts who is Akela for both packs, stressed that she needed more leaders in order to continue.

902 badges were presented between the two packs.

Many congratulaions to follwoing cubs who completed their Cheif Scout Silver Award:

Oscar Lynam, Richie Hawkins, Samuel MacArthur, Felix Howell, Harry Mortlock, Edward Fulcher, Hannah Cooke, Thomas Bradshaw, Sam Perkins, Cameron Chivers, Thomas Sterling, Issac Brown and Phoenix Perrott.

1ST BALDOCK SCOUT TROOP

Tremendous Year for Scouts!

- As one of the largest troops in the District they have taken part in a wide variety of activities and events from cooking competitions and individuals completing expeditions and explorations.
- Thank you to all the parents for your support with the parents rota and also the adhoc-requests, and most of all to the leaders (Chris, Catherine, Josh and Rob), who, by giving up their evenings and weekends allows so many young people to enjoy scouting. Not for getting the scout themselves for their commitment.

Challenges!

2022 has been a tremendous year for 1st Baldock Scouts, but it has also been extremely challenging for the leaders. The team are still fatigued from the covid controls, together with consistently high attendance leaves very little respite for the team. Also transport strikes, work and home logistics makes last minute changes a frequent reality. There needs to be some level of change within the troop to ensure the on-going retention of leaders delivering the high-quality program to young people on a regular basis.

Badges and Awards

- The Troop has had a tremendous year in achieving:
- A total of 593 badges were awarded, notably.
 - 14 Individuals joined the troop (Membership Award)
 - 20 different nights away badges
 - Challenge awards (1 Adventure, 2 Creative, 12 Expedition, 9 personal, 3 Skills, 10 team leader, 8 Teamwork and 3 World)
 - Other badges include, Entertainer, Firesafety, Hikes, Master at Arms and swimmer.
- Activities

- The Troop has taken part in Green Beret
- The district shooting and archery competition (Team won with joint first for Shooting)
- Circus skills workshop and St Georges Day service.
- Also Troop and Group activities including; Ice-skating, Joint spring camp with 2nd Baldock, Santa sleigh, Aqua Park Remembrance Sunday parade

**Congratulations to all scouts who have completed their Gold Scout Award.
Barney Briant, William McCallion, Rowan Chrimes, Samuel Johal,
Theo Baker and Thomas Ironmonger**

Looking forward to the 2023 and all the challenges it will bring.

Deborah Simpson
Scout Leader

STOP PRESS!

Just to let you know that the 2023 Hertfordshire County Triathlon was won by 1st Baldock. Congratulation to James Boar, Chloe Water, Finn Gribble, and Thomas Stirling for such a tremendous effort and teamwork.

PRESENTATION OF AWARDS

CHIEF SCOUT SILVER AWARD- Presented by Robert Coldrey (DC) and Fiona Potts (CSL)

Edward Fulcher, Issac Brown and Pheonix Perrott

YOU SHAPE AWARD- Presented by Robert Coldrey (DC) and Elizabeth Aird (DYC)

Edward Fulcher

LONG SERVICE AWARD

Catherine Ashelby – 15 Years Service (Absent)

AOB

None

Formal Meeting closed at 7.42pm

Refreshments

**FIRST BALDOCK SCOUT GROUP
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OPENING					
Current	13797.32	1556.98	1848.43	3328.88	3702.94
Deposit	15068.55				
Cash		119.77			
U Cheques					
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CLOSING					
Current	19564.59	3371.49	4187.46	3193.82	4187.46
Deposit	15090.16				
Cash					
U Cheques					
	£ 34,654.75	£ 3,371.49	£ 4,187.46	£ 3,193.82	£ 4,187.46
Year + / -	£ 5,788.88	£ 1,694.74	£ 2,339.03	-£ 135.06	£ 484.52

TOTAL

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£	39,422.87
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£ 10,172.11

Auditors Report 2022

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Scouts £1,694.74

Knights £2,339.03

Group Costs

Repairs / maintenance

Repairs in 2022 totalled £7,137.77 compared to £17,381.35 in 2021 a decrease of £10,243.58 making a total of £24,519.12 spent in two years. This due to a variety of projects but notably the installation of a new heating system last year, exterior maintenance including the refurbishment of window grills. This year's work includes acoustics panels fitted in the new hall along with the exterior cladding repaired

Cleaning

Cleaning costs were £1805.62 in 2022 compared to £1604.77 in 2021 a difference of £113.06 due the hourly cost increasing.

Utilities

Gas and Electricity bills have decreased to £1711.82 (2022) from £1996.87 (2021) due to the more efficient heating system / LED lights. Currently the hut is using a fixed price tariff which is currently favourable in the current economic climate.

Group Income

Hire

Rent in 2022 £15,545.00 was received compared to 2021 £10,965.00 an increase of £4,580.00 This is due to:-

- More bookings e.g. Christchurch / Redfin / weekend events

This means hut rental in 2020 was approximately half that of 2019. The receipt of £10,000 from HDC covered this deficiency.

Balances

Are held with the aims of the funds to provide the necessary funds to

- Lloyds current £19,564.59 (for expenditure):-

Funds to cover the general maintenance of the hut and other associated costs incurred in the running of the 1st Baldock Scout Group.

Note – unlike previous years there are no outstanding refunds / invoices awaiting payment. This effects the difference between this / last years balances by about £4,000.

- Lloyds £ 15,090.16 (savings)
- Barclays £7,841.04 (refurbishment fund)

- Barclays £1921.42 (winding up fund) - Funds to cover the costs of 'winding up' 1st Baldock scout Group as a legal entity.

Funds available in the group

Total funds available in the group's name £49,594.98

Suggested Actions

- Sections have available £14,940.23 needing to ensure funds raised are spent on activities without accruing significant reserves unless there is a planned financial commitment benefitting the whole section e.g. new equipment
- Priorities future maintenance / site developments continued to be identified

FIRST BALDOCK SCOUT GROUP

England & Wales - Charity number 1087365

Accounts

Auditors Report 2021

Overall, the funds available to the group decreased by £12,240.96. This is due to a decrease in the available funds within the groups executive account of £10,776.51

Group Costs

Repairs in 2021 totalled £17,381.35 compared to £12,132.92 in 2020 an increase of £5248.43, making a total of £29,514.27 spent in two years. This due to a variety of projects which includes installing a new heating system, exterior maintenance and refurbishment of window grills.

Cleaning costs were £1604.77 in 2021 compared to £1491.71 in 2020 a difference of £113.06 due the hourly cost increasing.

Gas and Electricity bills have increased to £1996.87 in 2021 from £1794.52 in 2020 but there is a pending refund of £1512.09 from the gas supplier.

Rent in 2021 £10,965.00 was received compared to 2020 £12,058.28 a decrease of £1580.24 This is due to:-

- Lockdowns
- Fewer bookings e.g. Christchurch

This means hut rental in 2020 was approximately half that of 2019. The receipt of £10,000 from HDC covered this deficiency.

Balances

Are held with the aims of the funds to provide the necessary funds to

- Lloyds current £13,797.32 (for expenditure):-

Funds to cover the general maintenance of the hut and other associated costs incurred in the running of the 1st Baldock Scout Group.

- Lloyds £ 15,067.67 (savings)
- Barclays £7,841.04 (refurbishment fund)
- Barclays £1921.42 (winding up fund) - Funds to cover the costs of 'winding up' 1st Baldock scout Group as a legal entity.

Funds available in the group

Total funds available in the group's name £49,064.68 (a decrease of £12,240.96 compared to 2020)

Suggested Actions

- Sections have available £10,437.23 and need to ensure funds raised are spent on activities
- Priorities future maintenance / site developments