

Annual Report 2023-2024

The Old Boathouse, Old Portsmouth, Hampshire, PO1 2JL



1ST PORTSMOUTH
SEA SCOUTS

Contents

Group Details	2
Trustees	2
Bankers	2
Scout Association Registered Number	2
Charity Registration Number	2
Contact Details	2
Group Scout Leaders Review	3
Treasurer's Report	4
Appendix 1- Group Accounts	5
Appendix 2 – Notes to Accounts	6
Appendix 3 – Scrutineer's Report	7

1st Portsmouth Sea Scouts

The Old Boathouse, Bath Square, Old Portsmouth, PO1 2JL

General Email: enquiries@1stscouts.co.uk **GSL Email:** gsl@1stscouts.co.uk **Website:** www.1stscouts.co.uk

Registered Charity Number(s) 1093625 (England and Wales)

Group Details

Trustees

Mrs Alison Bailey (Chair)

Ms Karen Thompson (Treasurer)

Mr Phillip Jones (GSL)

Miss Aimee Mollart

Mr Steve Giffin

Mr Malcolm Bray

Mr Robert Satterly

Mr Matthew Alred (appointed 5th December 2023)

Mr Robin Searle

Mr Christopher White

Mark Briggs (resigned 5th December 2023)

Bankers

Lloyds Bank Plc

Scout Association Registered Number

3470

Charity Registration Number

1093625

Contact Details

Group Scout Leader
1st Portsmouth Sea Scouts
The Old Boathouse
Bath Square
Old Portsmouth
PO1 2JL
Email: gsl@1stscouts.co.uk

1st Portsmouth Sea Scouts

The Old Boathouse, Bath Square, Old Portsmouth, PO1 2JL

General Email: enquiries@1stscouts.co.uk **GSL Email:** gsl@1stscouts.co.uk **Website:** www.1stscouts.co.uk

Registered Charity Number(s) 1093625 (England and Wales)

Group Scout Leaders Review

2023-24 year has been an extremely busy one for the group with the number of young people remaining steady, our Cub and Scout sections are running at capacity with our linked explorer unit numbers growing and predicted to continue to grow as well.

The group has maintained a waiting list with over 35 young people on, which at this stage we are unable to offer spaces to as the Cub and Scout sections are operating on a one in one out policy. We are restricted in numbers due to many factors including hall size, number of volunteers and especially with the Scout section the number of people we can practically and safely take on the water.

The group has continued to run an extensive and varied programme including a well-attended group camp. This wouldn't be possible without the leaders who run the sections giving up their time. I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the leaders who have provide such a great experience for our young people.

One of my main focuses this year has been the negotiations for the lease on the Scout hut and Scout Beach to secure the future of the group in Old Portsmouth. We are still finalizing the lease but have broadly agreed the terms. This is a big step forward and will make sure the 1st Portsmouth Sea Scouts have a presence in Old Portsmouth for many years to come.

By no means is this project nearly over. There is a still a vast amount of work to be done to bring this to fruition, including planning, fundraising and execution of a full renovation of the Scout Hut. I would like to thank the Project team who have been meeting every month to get this project to the stage it is currently, it's no mean feat.

I would also like to point everyone to our online presence which has been steadily increasing over the past few years thank you to Claire Seek who works magic with the photos and information the leaders send her and is able to create a steady stream of social media content.

I would like to finish by thanking all those adults who support the group either in background roles such as sitting on the Group's Trustee Board, helping with working parties and managing communications, or our very important section volunteers, just to name a few. Without the team of people, the group would not be able to function.

On that note if you would like to be part of this team please do get in touch, we have a variety of different roles available to suit anyone it doesn't have to be a front-line weekly role, it can be flexible around your skill set and the time you are able to offer.

Phillip Jones

Group Scout Leader

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer's Report 2023/24

I can report that the finances of 1st Portsmouth Sea Scouts group are in good order despite the accounts for the year to April 2024 showing a deficit of £3179.

Our accounts are based on payments and receipts from and to our bank accounts so there is often a mismatch of income and expenditure, for example advance payments for camps which appear in the year ahead of the spending. In general, these are not generally significant, however, in anticipation of the final signature of the leases for the Hut and the Beach, we have incurred expenditure of £3509. This relates to solicitors' fees for drafting the documentation of the new lease agreements and surrendering the existing ones. Despite this payment, we have maintained the fund for the planned project (with the help of interest earned) at a little over £62,000.

Subscription income has increased from £11,200 to £14,068. This has also allowed us to claim a further £3,837 in Gift Aid and we are very grateful to all those who have completed their declarations to support this. This is further evidence of the health of the group's finances.

Grants, however, have reduced from £5,205 to £575. This reflects our relatively young fleet of boats, rather than buying boats our most significant equipment purchase has been £4,261 on camping equipment which was at a significant discount due to a pre-insolvency sale and at short notice.

Both grants and fundraising will be key areas for the next few years as we focus on funding of the redevelopment project.

We are also in the process of moving to a new accounting software system which will enable us to improve the flow of information and provide the opportunity to better track the project and produce better reports.

Karen Thompson
Group Treasurer

Appendix 1- Group Accounts

1st Portsmouth Sea Scouts Income & Expenditure Account 06/04/2023 - 05/04/2024

Income	Amount	Notes
Scout Subscriptions	£8,606.00	
Cub Subscriptions	£3,357.50	
Beaver Subscriptions	£2,080.00	
Boating	£252.45	
Sale Of Equipment	£50.00	
Fundraising	£2,344.12	
Grants	£575.00	
Explorers Levy	£2,985.50	
Gift Aid	£3,837.01	
Donations	£210.00	
Other	£112.01	
Scout Activities	£170.00	
Cub Activities	£120.00	
Badges + Uniform	£654.00	
Water Activities	£0.00	
Interest	£1,933.11	
Explorers	-£676.00	
Camps	£9,516.10	
Total	£36,126.80	



Expenditure	Amount	Notes
Admin	£527.25	
Badges + Uniform	£1,811.93	Note 1
Boating	£9,355.76	Note 2
Camping Equipment	£4,261.40	Note 3
Cub Activities	£462.61	
Hut	£4,174.03	Note 4
Membership Fees	£3,528.00	
Other	£424.49	
Beaver Activities	£80.58	
Scout Activities	£599.62	
Scout Fuel	£125.70	
Training	£200.00	
General Equipment	£348.69	Note 5
Fundraising	£985.58	Note 6
Explorers	£0.00	
Camps	£8,910.40	Note 7
Hut Project	£3,509.60	Note 8
Total	£39,305.64	

Allocated Funds	Amount
Group Development Fund	£64,316.32
Total	£64,316.32

Surplus/Deficit -£3,178.84

Start Balance £69,062.31
Add Income £105,189.11
Closing Balance £65,883.47
Add Expenditure £105,189.11
Error £0.00

1st Portsmouth Sea Scouts

The Old Boathouse, Bath Square, Old Portsmouth, PO1 2JL

General Email: enquiries@1stscouts.co.uk **GSL Email:** gsl@1stscouts.co.uk **Website:** www.1stscouts.co.uk

Registered Charity Number(s) 1093625 (England and Wales)

Appendix 2 – Notes to Accounts

1st Portsmouth Sea Scouts Notes To Accounts

Notes 1 - Badges + Uniform

Category	Amount
Badges	£636.98
Uniform	£1,174.95
Group Clothing	£0.00
Uniform Shop	£0.00
Total	£1,811.93



Notes 2 - Boating

Category	Amount
Boat Equipment	£4,309.51
Boat Equipment Grant Fundex	£0.00
Boat Insurance	£1,053.08
Boat Maintenance	£1,059.57
Boat Servicing	£94.60
Boat Storage	£2,839.00
GF Boating Equipment	£0.00
GF Camping Equipment	£0.00
Total	£9,355.76

Notes 3 - Camping Equipment

Category	Amount
Camping Equipment	£4,261.40
Camping Equipment Grant Fui	£0.00
Total	£4,261.40

Notes 4 - Hut

Category	Amount
Hut Insurance	£630.99
Hut Maintenance	£473.25
Rates	£227.53
Rent	£2,549.00
Utilities	£293.26
Total	£4,174.03

Notes 5 - General Equipment

Category	Amount
General Equipment Grant Fun	£0.00
General Equipment	£348.69
Total	£348.69

Notes 6 - Fundraising

Category	Amount
Fundraising Events	£0.00
General Fundraising	£110.25
Wine Tasting	£452.21
Pie&Mash	£423.12
Total	£985.58

Notes 7 - Camps

Category	Amount
Summer Camp 2023	£0.00
Group Camp 2023	£2,654.66
EU 2024	£5,245.00
Scouts March Camp	£341.84
Group Camp 2024	£668.90
Total	£8,910.40

Notes 8 - Hut Project

Category	Amount
Scout Hut Project - Admin	£3,509.60
Scout Hut Project - Building	£0.00
Scout Hut Project - Other	£0.00
Total	£3,509.60

1st Portsmouth Sea Scouts

The Old Boathouse, Bath Square, Old Portsmouth, PO1 2JL

General Email: enquiries@1stscouts.co.uk **GSL Email:** gsl@1stscouts.co.uk **Website:** www.1stscouts.co.uk

Registered Charity Number(s) 1093625 (England and Wales)

Appendix 3 – Scrutineer's Report

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of 1st Portsmouth Sea Scouts Council

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the 1st Portsmouth Sea Scouts for the year ended 5th April 2024

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees of the 1st Portsmouth Sea Scouts 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 1st Portsmouth Sea Scouts accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 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 1st Portsmouth Sea Scouts as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records.

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.

Signed:



Name:

Maxine Reeves

Address:

37, Warblington Street, Portsmouth, PO1 2ET

Date:

5 September 2024