

Annual Report 2024- 2025

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



**1ST PORTSMOUTH
SEA SCOUTS**

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Group Details

Trustees

All trustees appointed at the last group AGM held on the 18th November 2024 unless stated otherwise

Mrs Alison Bailey (Chair)
Ms Karen Thompson (Treasurer)
Mr Phillip Jones (GLV)
Mrs Aimee Jones
Mr Steve Giffin
Mr Malcolm Bray
Mr Robert Satterly
Mr Matthew Alred
Mr Robin Searle
Mr Christopher White
Mr Geoff Long
Mr Tom McKay

Bankers

Lloyds Bank Plc

Scout Association Registered Number

3470

Charity Registration Number

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Group Lead Volunteer's Annual Review

The 2024–25 year has once again been an extremely busy and successful one for the Group. Our youth membership has remained steady, with both the Cub and Scout sections running at full capacity. Our linked Explorer Unit has also continued to grow, and numbers are expected to increase further in the coming year.

We have continued to operate a waiting list; however, we are now starting to catch up with demand, and the list is gradually reducing. Depending on the age at which a young person joins the list, we are often able to offer a space within a few months—something that was not possible a couple of years ago. That said, we still operate a one-in-one-out policy. Capacity remains limited due to several factors, including hall size, the number of available volunteers, and—particularly for the Scout section—the number of young people we can safely and practically take out on the water.

This year the Group continued to deliver an extensive and varied programme, including a well-attended Group Camp. None of this would be possible without the dedication of our leaders, who give up so much of their time to provide high-quality experiences for our young people. I would like to extend my sincere thanks to all our leaders for their commitment and enthusiasm.

A major focus for me this year has been the ongoing negotiations for the lease on the Scout Hut and Scout Beach, an important step in securing the long-term future of 1st Portsmouth Sea Scouts in Old Portsmouth. Ensuring our continued presence in the community for many years to come remains a top priority.

Alongside these negotiations, we have been preparing for the next stages of the Scout Hut redevelopment. Our project team has been working closely with the appointed architects to prepare the schedule of works and the necessary documentation, enabling us to submit planning applications as soon as the lease is formally agreed.

We have also continued our fundraising efforts in support of this project. A particular highlight was the Sponsored Walk in September 2024, during which our young people walked around the perimeter of Portsea Island. This event raised almost £3,000 for the project and allowed many of our young people to earn their Hikes Away badges. Please keep an eye out for future fundraising initiatives—and if you have ideas or are able to help, I would be delighted to hear from you.

Our online presence has continued to grow, thanks to the excellent work of Claire Seek. Her ability to turn leaders' photos and updates into a steady stream of engaging social media content has been invaluable, and I would like to thank her for her ongoing support.

Finally, I would like to express my gratitude to everyone who supports the Group—whether through behind-the-scenes roles such as serving on the Trustee Board, assisting with working parties, helping with communications, or volunteering within the sections. The Group simply could not function without the combined efforts of this dedicated team.

If you would like to join the team, please do get in touch. We have a variety of roles available, many of which are flexible and can be tailored to your skills and availability—being a weekly front-line volunteer is not the only way to contribute.

Phillip Jones – Group Lead Volunteer

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Treasurer's Report

Treasurer's Report 2024/25

General

I can report that the financial position of 1st Portsmouth Sea Scouts remains in good order.

In summary we have more than covered our operating costs allowing donations and fundraising activities to increase the amount that we hold against future project costs.

Income and Expenditure

In the year from April 2024 to 2025 income has exceeded expenditure by over £17,000.

Income has increased by over £9,000 to £45,201.

Subscription income, camps and other activity income has been broadly equal to that of last year. Most of the increase can be attributed to a very generous donation of £5,000 toward the Scout Hut Appeal, an increase of £2,286 in gift aid receipts and an increase in fundraising and grants of £1,754.

Expenditure has reduced by £11,153 to £28,153. We have spent over £12,000 less on boating and camping equipment and on camp expenditure, but much of this variation is due to the cyclical nature of equipment expenditure and a mismatch between the timing of camp receipts and expenditure. We held deposits of £5,920 in the bank relating to 2025/6 camps.

We incurred a further £3,211 relating to spend on the future project in addition to the £3,509 incurred last year.

Bank Balances

Our total bank balances increased from £65,883 to £82,931. The project balance at Redwood Bank stood at £64,694.

In summary, a successful year building resilience for future investment.

Karen Thompson

Group Treasurer

Appendix 1- Group Accounts

1st Portsmouth Sea Scouts
Income & Expenditure Account 06/04/2024 - 05/04/2025

Income	Amount	Notes
Scout Subscriptions	£8,506.00	
Cub Subscriptions	£3,130.00	
Beaver Subscriptions	£1,825.00	
Boating	£209.35	
Sale Of Equipment	£0.00	
Fundraising	£3,573.59	
Grants	£1,100.00	
Explorers Levy	£2,466.00	
Gift Aid	£6,122.86	
Donations	£5,458.99	
Other	£268.00	
Scout Activities	£208.00	
Cub Activities	£0.00	
Badges + Uniform	£1,257.00	
Water Activities	£0.00	
Interest	£2,448.22	
Explorers	£96.00	
Camps	£8,532.00	
Total	£45,201.01	

Expenditure	Amount	Notes
Admin	£649.89	
Badges + Uniform	£1,318.22	Note 1
Boating	£5,066.16	Note 2
Camping Equipment	£832.05	Note 3
Cub Activities	£365.70	
Hut	£5,104.58	Note 4
Membership Fees	£4,062.50	
Other	£956.81	
Beaver Activities	£0.00	
Scout Activities	£531.55	
Scout Fuel	£321.00	
Training	£574.35	
General Equipment	£594.50	Note 5
Fundraising	£590.48	Note 6
Explorers	£0.00	
Hut Project	£3,211.44	Note 7
Camps	£3,974.22	Note 8
Total	£28,153.45	

Allocated Funds	Amount
Group Development Fund	£ 77,317.41
Total	£77,317.41

Surplus/Deficit	£17,047.56
Start Balance	£65,883.47
Add Income	£111,084.48
Closing Balance	£82,931.03
Add Expenditure	£111,084.48
Error	£0.00

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Appendix 2 – Notes to Accounts

Notes 1 - Badges + Uniform

Category	Amount
Badges	£630.77
Uniform	£687.45
Group Clothing	£0.00
Uniform Shop	£0.00
Total	£1,318.22



Notes 2 - Boating

Category	Amount
Boat Equipment	£14.99
Boat Equipment Grant Fundec	£0.00
Boat Insurance	£1,181.12
Boat Maintenance	£2,075.10
Boat Servicing	£0.00
Boat Storage	£1,794.95
GF Boating Equipment	£0.00
GF Camping Equipment	£0.00
Total	£5,066.16

Notes 3 - Camping Equipment

Category	Amount
Camping Equipment	£832.05
Camping Equipment Grant Fui	£0.00
Total	£832.05

Notes 4 - Hut

Category	Amount
Hut Insurance	£756.83
Hut Maintenance	£976.19
Rates	£0.00
Rent	£2,979.45
Utilities	£392.11
Total	£5,104.58

Notes 5 - General Equipment

Category	Amount
General Equipment Grant Fun	£0.00
General Equipment	£594.50
Total	£594.50

Notes 6 - Fundraising

Category	Amount
Fundraising Events	£590.48
General Fundraising	£0.00
Pie&Mash	£0.00
Total	£590.48

Notes 7 - Hut Project

Category	Amount
Scout Hut Project - Admin	£0.00
Scout Hut Project - Building	£0.00
Scout Hut Project - Other	£3,211.44
Total	£3,211.44

Notes 8 - Camps

Category	Amount
EU 2024	£1,221.13
Group Camp 2024	£2,017.99
Group Camp 2025	£435.10
Summer Camp 2025	£300.00
Total	£3,974.22

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Appendix 3 – Independent Examiners 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 2025

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.

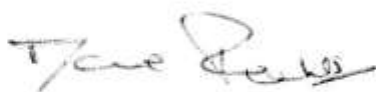
Independent examiner's statement

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 to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed:



Name:

Maxine Reeves

Address:

37, Warblington Street, Portsmouth, PO1 2ET

Date:

10 June 2025