

# 2ND BALSALL COMMON (METHODIST) SCOUT GROUP

England & Wales - Charity number 1119637

## Details

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**Status** Registered

**Legal form** Other

**Registered** 2007-06-13

**Register** [View on the Charity Commission register](#)

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## Activities

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**Objects:** 3. THE PURPOSE OF SCOUTING IS TO PROMOTE THE DEVELOPMENT OF YOUNG PEOPLE IN ACHIEVING THEIR FULL PHYSICAL, INTELLECTUAL, SOCIAL AND SPIRITUAL POTENTIALS, AS RESPONSIBLE CITIZENS AND AS MEMBERS OF THEIR LOCAL, NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITIES.

**Activities:** 2nd Balsall Common (Methodist) Scout Group operates one Squirrels pack, two Beaver packs, two Cub packs and two Scout packs. Each Group meets weekly in school term-time and activities are organised by leaders which allow the pack members to practice skills which result in badges being awarded. Skills acquired are varied such as swimming, IT, first aid, camping, games.

## Classification

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- **How:** Provides Human Resources, Other Charitable Activities
- **What:** Education/training, Religious Activities, Amateur Sport, Other Charitable Purposes
- **Who:** Children/young People

## Geography

- Coventry City

## Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-03-31	£63,789	£74,037	-	-
2024-03-31	£41,720	£42,099	-	-
2023-03-31	£32,366	£28,464	-	-
2022-03-31	£16,912	£13,980	-	-
2021-03-31	£3,750	£4,287	-	-

## Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
<b>JILL WENDY BOWMAN</b>	Chair	
Alex Dickson		2015-09-12
Andrew Lloyd		2022-09-24
Charlotte Kennedy-Pearce		2021-04-01
Daniel Robinson		2023-09-25
Emma Carter		2024-11-11
Lorna Pursglove		2024-11-11
<b>MARTYN PILLEY</b>		
Penelope Sankey		2024-11-11
Sarah Palmer		2024-11-11

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# Accounts

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# Trustees' Annual Report

For the period

From (start date)       to end date

## Section A

## Reference and administration details

Charity name

2nd Balsall Common (Methodist) Scout Group

Other names the charity is known by

Registered charity number (if any)

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HQ registration number

Charity's principal address

3 Speedwell Drive

Balsall Common

Coventry

Postcode

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Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

*(These will be published in the annual report of the charity and the Charity Register if reporting for a Registered Charity with a charity regulator)*

	Trustee Name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year
1	Jill Bowman	Chair	
2	Louis Burns	Treasurer	
3	Martyn Pilley	Group Lead Volunteer	
4	Alexander Dickson		
5	Andrew Lloyd		
6	Charlotte Pearce		
7	Daniel Robinson		
8	Carl Davies		01/4/24 to 11/11/24
9	Nicola Burns		01/4/24 to 11/11/24
10	Stewart Beck		01/4/24 to 11/11/24
11	Garry Palmer		01/4/24 to 11/11/24
12	Andrew Chalklen		01/4/24 to 11/11/24
13	Alison Lowe		01/4/24 to 11/11/24
14	Emma Carter		11/11/24 to 31/3/25
15	Sarah Palmer		11/11/24 to 31/3/25
16	Lorna Rukin Pursglove		11/11/24 to 31/3/25
17	Penelope Sankey		11/11/24 to 31/3/25

Names and addresses of advisers (optional information but encouraged as best practice)

*(These will be published in the annual report of the charity)*

Type of advisor	Name	Address
Scrutineer	Ann Hulme	2 Chattaway Drive, Balsall Common, CV7 7QH

**Section B**

**Structure, governance and management**

Description of the charity's trusts

Type of governing document

(e.g. trust deed, constitution)

The Group's governing documents are those of the The Scout Association. They consist of a Royal Charter, which in turn gives authority to the Bye Laws of the Association and The Policy, Organisation and Rules of The Scout Association.

How the charity is constituted

(e.g. trust, association, company)

The Group is a trust established under the rules of the Scout Association which are common to all Scout groups. The formal governing document is the constitution adopted on 14th June 2007.

Trustee selection methods

(e.g. appointed by, elected by)

The Trustees are appointed in accordance with the Policy, Organisation and Rules of The Scout Association.

Additional governance issues (optional information but encouraged as best practice)

You may choose to include additional information, where relevant, about:

The Group is managed by the Group Trustee Board, the members of which are the 'Charity Trustees' of the Scout Group which is an educational charity. As charity trustees they are responsible for complying with legislation applicable to charities. This includes the registration, keeping proper accounts and making returns to the Charity Commission as appropriate.

Policies and procedures adopted for:  
a) the induction and training of trustees; b) trustee' consideration of major risks and the systems and procedures to manage them

The Group Trustee Board, which meets 3 to 4 times per year, consists of the Chair, Treasurer and 9 further Trustees (including 1 Ex-Officio Trustee).

Members of the Trustee Board complete the Being a Scouts Trustee learning within the first 6 months of joining the Board.

The Group Trustee Board exists to make sure the charity is well-managed, risks are assessed and mitigated, equipment is in good working order, appropriate insurance is in place, Group finances are administered, everyone follows legal requirements and the organisation's policies and rules. Their support helps other volunteers run high-quality and safe programmes that gives young people skills for life.

**Risk and Internal Control**

The Group Trustee Board has identified the major risks to which they believe the Group is exposed. These have been reviewed and systems have been established to mitigate them. The main areas of risk that have been identified are:

**Damage to equipment.** Equipment is stored at the meeting place and in local off-site secure storage. Sufficient insurance is in place to mitigate against permanent loss.

**Injury to leaders, helpers, supporters and members.** The Group, through capitation fees, contributes to the Scout Association's national accident insurance policy. Risk assessments are undertaken before all activities.

**Reduced income.** The Group is primarily reliant upon income from subscriptions supplemented by occasional fundraising. The Group holds a reserve to ensure the continuity of activities should there be a major reduction in income. The Board could raise the value of subscriptions to increase the income to the Group on an ongoing basis, either temporarily or permanently.

**Reduction or loss of leaders.** The Group is reliant upon volunteers to run and administer the activities of the Group. If there was a reduction in the number of leaders to an unacceptable level in a particular section or the Group as a whole then there would have to be a contraction, consolidation or closure of a section. In the worst case scenario the complete closure of the Group.

**Reduction or loss of members.** The Group provides activities for young people aged 4 to 18. If there was a reduction in membership in a particular section or the Group as whole then there would have to be a contraction, consolidation or closure of a section. In the worst case scenario the complete closure of the Group.

The Group has in place systems of internal controls that are designed to provide reasonable assurance against material mismanagement or loss. These include 2 signatories for all payments and comprehensive insurance policies to ensure that insurable risks are covered.

Section C	Objectives and activities
<p>Summary of the objects of the charity set out in its governing document</p>	<p><b>The Purpose of Scouting</b> Scouting exists to actively engage and support young people in their personal development, empowering them to make a positive contribution to society.</p> <p><b>The Values of Scouting</b> As Scouts we are guided by these values:  <b>Integrity</b> - We act with integrity; we are honest, trustworthy and loyal.  <b>Respect</b> - We have self-respect and respect for others.  <b>Care</b> - We support others and take care of the world in which we live.  <b>Belief</b> - We explore our faiths, beliefs and attitudes.  <b>Co-operation</b> - We make a positive difference; we co-operate with others and make friends.</p> <p><b>The Scout Method</b> Scouting takes place when young people, in partnership with adults, work together based on the values of Scouting and:  - enjoy what they are doing and have fun  - take part in activities indoors and outdoors  - learn by doing  - share in spiritual reflection  - take responsibility and make choices  - undertake new and challenging activities  - make and live by their Promise.</p>
<p>Summary of the main activities in relation to these objects</p>	<p>The main activities carried out by the Group include weekly term-time section meetings for each of our 7 sections (1 Squirrel Dray, 2 Beaver Colonies, 2 Cub Packs and 2 Scout Troops. In addition we have a partnership agreement with Galileo Explorer Scout Unit. Each of these sections offers at least one nights away experience each year but normally many more and we hold regular multi-section nights away events which allow older sections to play a role in the development of younger members as well as their own.</p>

Additional details of the objectives and activities (optional information but encouraged as best practice)

You **may choose** to include further statements, where relevant, about:

- policy on grantmaking;
- contribution made by volunteers;
- policy on investments.

The Group seeks out grant application opportunities which are applied for by the Group Trustee Board if the Group meets the qualifying criteria. Such grant funding is typically utilised to improve the equipment of the Group, allowing us to improve the delivery and range of activities provided to our young people across all sections. Our volunteers make an enormous contribution to the group and the Board thanks them for their time, dedication and resourcefulness.

Public benefit statement

The Group meets the Charity Commission's public benefit criteria under both the advancement of education and the advancement of citizenship or community development headings.

## Section D

## Achievements and performance

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

During the year we delivered Scouting to our 175 youth members with around 34 adult volunteer leaders supported by additional helpers and the Group Trustee Board. Our youth members (excluding explorers) achieved a total of 696 nights away in the year while our adult members achieved a further 137. The Chief Scout's Award relevant to their section was achieved by an amazing 38 of our youth members. Our nights away included a 9 night visit by 53 scouts and explorers and 10 adult members to the Kandersteg International Scout Centre in Switzerland. We supported many county and district events including a county cub/beaver camp and had teams triumph in "Operation Chameleon", a county-organised wide game, and the County Night Hike, both major achievements against very strong competition.

**Section E****Financial Review**

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

**Reserves Policy**

The Group's policy on reserves is to hold sufficient resources to continue the charitable activities of the group should income and fundraising activities fall short. The Group Trustee Board considers that the Group should hold a sum equivalent to six months running costs, circa £5,000.

The Group held reserves of £12,402 (2024: £12,229) against this at year end. This is above the level required for operating expenses but it is considered prudent to maintain a healthy buffer. The year ended 31 March 2025 includes the first full year of the Squirrel Drey that was established in the prior year. There was an increase in the capitation cost year on year of £1,599. £570 was raised in donations and £2,254 from Gift Aid.

Details of any funds materially in deficit (circumstances plus steps to eliminate)

Not applicable.

Further financial review details (optional information)

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant, about:

**Investment Policy**

The Group does not have sufficient funds to consider longer-term investments. The Group has therefore adopted a risk averse strategy to the investment of its funds. All funds are held in cash using only mainstream banks or building societies.

The Group Trustee Board regularly monitors bank balances and the interest rates received to ensure the Group obtains appropriate value and income from its banking arrangements while also keeping administration of such balances to a minimum.

**Section F****Other Optional Information**

Plans for future periods (details of any significant activities planned to achieve them)


The group plans to continue to provide exciting activities for its members which is dependent on continuing to attract adult volunteers to maintain its leadership teams and to engage with parents and carers in a manner that fosters their support.

**Section G****Declaration**

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signatures

	
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Names

Jill Bowman	Louis Burns
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Positions

Chair	Treasurer
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Date

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# Scrutineer's report to the trustees

## Scrutineer's Report to the Trustees of 2nd Balsall Common (Methodist) Scout Group

I report on the accounts of the Group/District for the year ended 31st March 2025.

### Respective responsibilities of Trustees and Scrutineer

As the Group's trustees you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts; you consider that neither the audit nor independent examination requirements of the Charities Act 2011 apply. It is my responsibility without carrying out an audit or independent examination to scrutinise the accounts and to report to you.

### Basis of Scrutineer's Statement

In accordance with the directions given in the Group's constitution, I have scrutinised the records and the accounts set out on pages 8 to 10.

### Scrutineer's Statement

In my opinion the accounts are in accordance with the records produced to me and comply with the constitution.

Signature

Full name

Address

Date

## Scrutineer's report to the trustees

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*Ann Hulme*

Full name

Ann Hulme

Address

2 Chattaway Drive, Balsall Common, CV7 7QH

Date

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## 2nd Balsall Common (Methodist) Scout Group (Charity no. 1119637) Receipts and payments account

For the year	01/04/2024	To	31/03/2025
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### Receipts and payments

	2024/25 Unrestricted funds £	2023/24 Unrestricted funds £
<b>Receipts</b>		
<b>Donations, legacies and similar income</b>		
Membership subscriptions	12,938	13,080
Donations	570	450
Gift Aid	2,254	2,112
Other similar income	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>15,762</b>	<b>15,642</b>
<b>Grants</b>		
Other grants	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Self-financing events</b>		
Beavers climbing	-	720
Cub camp	5,006	670
Cubs bowling	-	373
Cubs climbing and bouldering	1,487	-
Cubs/Scouts Hado	470	371
Cubs kayaking	102	-
Cubs/Scouts laser quest	1,041	814
Beavers/Cubs sleepover event	3,150	662
Group camp	4,231	3,128
Group leaders' 40th anniversary celebration	-	183
Pantomime and theatre shows	422	-
Scout group Switzerland trip	26,300	9,700
Scouts activity expenses	147	249
Scouts dragon boat racing	378	-
Scouts frisbee golf	-	192
Scouts hiking and camping weekends	1,533	1,603
Scouts ice skating	-	411
Scouts summer camp	2,028	5,730
Scouts Operation Chameleon	1,320	1,110
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>47,615</b>	<b>25,916</b>
<b>Other income</b>		
Rental income	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Investment income</b>		
Bank interest	172	162
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>172</b>	<b>162</b>
<b>Total gross income</b>	<b>63,549</b>	<b>41,720</b>
Asset and investment sales, etc.	240	-
<b>Total receipts</b>	<b>63,789</b>	<b>41,720</b>

## 2nd Balsall Common (Methodist) Scout Group (Charity no. 1119637) Receipts and payments account

For the year	01/04/2024	To	31/03/2025
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### Receipts and payments

	2024/25 Unrestricted funds £	2023/24 Unrestricted funds £
<b>Payments</b>		
<b>Charitable Payments</b>		
Uniform, neckers and badges	1,217	2,601
Capitation	9,120	7,521
Rent	3,672	3,094
Insurance	910	877
Admin/establishment/sundry	123	37
Leaders' training	181	-
Equipment repairs	-	707
Sundry equipment purchased	384	454
Donations out	-	-
GoCardless Charges	1,265	1,207
OSM Charges	60	66
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>16,931</b>	<b>16,564</b>
<b>Self-financing events</b>		
Beavers climbing/bouldering	-	720
Beavers/cubs sleepover	2,664	420
Cub camp	5,255	1,358
Cubs climbing/bouldering	480	-
Cubs/Scouts bowling	180	828
Cubs/Scouts Hado	480	360
Cubs kayaking	50	-
Cubs/Scouts laser quest	1,270	256
Group camp	4,170	5,259
Group activity day	1,441	-
Other Beavers activity expenses	295	422
Other Cubs activity expenses	183	405
Pantomime and theatre shows	493	-
Group leaders' 40th anniversary celebration	-	414
Scouts dragon boat racing	570	-
Scouts frisbee golf	-	188
Scout group Switzerland trip	35,296	3,742
Scouts ice skating	-	417
Scout summer camp	913	5,515
Scouts activity expenses	306	629
Scouts camping and hiking events	1,730	1,330
Scouts Operation Chameleon	1,330	1,080
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>57,105</b>	<b>23,343</b>
<b>Total Gross Expenditure</b>	<b>74,037</b>	<b>39,907</b>
<b>Asset and investment purchases etc.</b>	-	2,192
<b>Total payments</b>	<b>74,037</b>	<b>42,099</b>
<b>Net of receipts/(payments)</b>	<b>- 10,248</b>	<b>- 379</b>
<b>Cash funds last year end</b>	<b>24,106</b>	<b>24,485</b>
<b>Cash funds this year end</b>	<b>13,858</b>	<b>24,106</b>

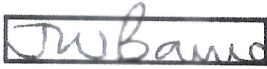

## 2nd Balsall Common (Methodist) Scout Group (Charity no. 1119637) Receipts and payments account

For the year	01/04/2024	To	31/03/2025
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### Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the year

	31st March 2025 Unrestricted funds £	31st March 2024 Unrestricted funds £
<b>Cash funds</b>		
Bank current account	1,456	11,877
Bank deposit account	12,402	12,229
<b>Total cash funds</b>	<b>13,858</b>	<b>24,106</b>
<b>Other monetary assets</b>		
Tax claim	2,304	2,554
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>2,304</b>	<b>2,554</b>
<b>Non monetary assets for charity's own use</b>		
Scouting equipment	4,813	5,731
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>4,813</b>	<b>5,731</b>
<b>Total net assets</b>	<b>20,975</b>	<b>32,391</b>

The above receipts and payments account and statement of assets and liabilities were approved by the Trustees on **14<sup>th</sup> September 2025** (the date of the Trustee Board meeting that approved the accounts) and signed on their behalf by

Signatures		
Names	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; display: inline-block;">Jill Bowman</div>	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; display: inline-block;">Louis Burns</div>
Positions	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; display: inline-block;">Chair</div>	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; display: inline-block;">Treasurer</div>

**2ND BALSALL COMMON (METHODIST) SCOUT GROUP**

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# Accounts

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**2nd BALSALL COMMON (METHODIST) SCOUT GROUP**

**ANNUAL REPORT**

**YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024**

**Group Registration Number with The Scout Association 44776**

**Registered Charity Number 1119637**

**2nd BALSALL COMMON (METHODIST) SCOUT GROUP**

**ANNUAL REPORT**

**YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024**

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**2nd BALSALL COMMON (METHODIST) SCOUT GROUP  
REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS  
YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024**

Charity name: 2nd Balsall Common (Methodist) Scout Group

Registered Charity Number: 1119637

Group Registration Number  
with The Scout Association: 44776

Charity's Principal Address: 3 Speedwell Drive  
Balsall Common  
Coventry  
CV7 7AU

Trustees:	<i>Ex-Officio:</i>	Group Chair	Jill Bowman
		Group Secretary	Charlotte Pearce
		Group Treasurer	Nicola Burns
		Co-Treasurer	Louis Burns
		Group Scout Leader	Alison Lowe
		Deputy Group Scout Leader	Andrew Lloyd
		Scout Leader	Martyn Pilley
		Scout Leader	Andrew Chalklen
		Cub Leader	Alexander Dickson
		Cub Leader	Stewart Beck
		Beaver Leader	Garry Palmer
		Beaver Leader	Carl Davies
	Squirrel Leader	Lauren Booth	
<i>Nominated:</i>	Church Representative	Jill Bowman	

Bankers: NatWest, 4 High Street, Solihull, B91 3TF

Scrutineer: Ann Hulme

**2nd BALSALL COMMON (METHODIST) SCOUT GROUP  
TRUSTEES' REPORT  
YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024**

**STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT**

**Governing Document and Constitution**

The Group's governing documents are those of The Scout Association. They consist of a Royal Charter which in turn gives authority to the By Laws of the Association and The Policy, Organisation and rules of The Scout Association.

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**Trustees and Management**

The Trustees are appointed in accordance with the Policy, Organisation and Rules of The Scout Association.

The Group is managed by the Group Board of Trustees, the members of which are the 'Charity Trustees' of the Scout Group which is an educational charity. As charity trustees, they are responsible for complying with legislation applicable to charities. This includes the registration, keeping proper accounts and making returns to the Charity Commission as appropriate.

The committee consists of 3 independent representatives, Chairman, Treasurer and Secretary together with the Group Scout Leader, individual section leaders, parent and church representatives, and meets regularly.

This Group Board of Trustees exists to support the Group Scout Leader in meeting the responsibilities of their appointments and is responsible for:

- The raising of funds and the administration of Group finance;
- The insurance of persons, property and equipment;
- Group public occasions;
- Assisting in the recruitment of leaders and other adult support;
- Appointing any sub committees that may be required;
- Appointing Group administrators and advisers other than those who are elected.

**Risk and internal control**

The Group Board of Trustees has identified the major risks to which they believe the Group is exposed, these have been reviewed and systems have been established to mitigate against them. The main areas of concern that have been identified are:

- Damage to/loss of equipment. Equipment is mostly stored at the Church Hall and the Guide Hut on Holly Lane. The Group has sufficient insurance in place to mitigate against permanent loss.

- Injury to leaders, helpers, supporters and members. The Group, through the capitation fees, contributes to the Scout Association's national accident insurance policy. A separate policy is held to cover parent helpers. Risk Assessments are undertaken before all activities.

- Reduced income from fund raising. The Group is primarily reliant upon income from subscriptions and fundraising. The Group does hold a reserve to ensure the continuity of activities should there be a major reduction in income. The Committee could raise the value of subscriptions to increase the income to the group on an ongoing basis, either temporarily or permanently.

- Reduction or loss of leaders. The Group is totally reliant upon volunteers to run and administer the activities of the Group. If there was a reduction in the number of leaders to an unacceptable level in a particular section or the Group as a whole then there would have to be a contraction, consolidation or closure of a section. In the worst case scenario the complete closure of the Group.

**2nd BALSALL COMMON (METHODIST) SCOUT GROUP  
TRUSTEES' REPORT  
YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024**

**Risk and Internal Control (Continued)**

The Group has in place systems of internal controls that are designed to provide reasonable assurance against material mismanagement or loss, these include 2 signatories for all payments and comprehensive insurance policies to ensure that insurable risks are covered.

**OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES**

The objectives of the 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 potential as individuals, as responsible citizens and members of their local, national and international communities. The method of achieving the Aim of the Association is by providing an enjoyable and attractive scheme of progressive training, based on the Scout Promise and Law and guided by adult leadership.

**Public Benefit**

Under the Charities Act 2011, charities must demonstrate that their purposes are for the public benefit. Key features of public benefit include: an identifiable benefit, the benefit must be to the public or a section of the public and people on low incomes must be able to benefit. The trustees have concluded that the Group meets the key principles as described above.

**ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE**

**The Group**

This year the Group has continued to enable some 120 young people to enjoy the benefits of a wide range of Scouting activities.

The Group has been able to expand this year with the Introduction of a new Squirrel section which is a new section open for children aged 4 to 6. This takes the number of sections now up to 7.

Mercury Beavers and Saturn Cubs meet on a Tuesday evening, Tethys Scout troop and Jupiter Cubs ( the new pack) on a Wednesday whilst Mars Beavers and Titan Scouts meet on a Friday evening. Arcturus Squirrels ( the new Drey) meet on a Friday night. All of the sections continue to meet in the Methodist Church Hall.

Our leadership team has stayed reasonably stable this year and we have also welcomed some new adults. All the leaders juggle their busy life with Scouting so that we can continue to operate as one of the most successful groups in the County.

I would like to thank all those who give up their time to help this Group.

**Scouting Activities**

All sections have continued to attach great importance to earning badges, and the desire for learning and development remains strong. We continue to follow the new badge scheme, where there is an emphasis throughout the sections on adventure outdoors, our place in our world and developing our skills.

**2nd BALSALL COMMON (METHODIST) SCOUT GROUP  
TRUSTEES' REPORT  
YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024**

**FINANCIAL REVIEW**

Net payments for the year amounted to £379 (2023: net receipts of £3,665), with cash reserves at the end of the financial year standing at £24,106 (2023: £24,485). With the addition of a new Squirrels pack, subscriptions income increased to £13,080 in the year and due to the increased number of members, capitation also increased to £7,521. The Squirrels, Beavers, Cubs and Scouts groups were very active in the year running various camps, hikes and other activities. A further £9,700 was raised in deposits for a Scouts trip to Switzerland in Summer 2024. Outgoings during the year relating to this trip was £3,742. £450 was raised in donations and £2,112 from Gift Aid.

**Reserves Policy**

The Group's policy on reserves is to hold sufficient resources to continue the charitable activities of the Group should income and fundraising activities fall short. The Group Board of Trustees considers that the Group should hold a sum equivalent to six months running costs, circa £4,000. No transfers were made to or from the reserves during the year ended 31 March 2024.

**Investment Policy**

The Group does not have sufficient funds to consider investment in longer-term investments. The Group has therefore adopted a risk averse strategy to the investment of its funds. All funds are held in cash using only mainstream banks or building societies.

**DECLARATION**

The trustees declare that they approved the trustees' report above on **18th September** 2024.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees by

 J BOWMAN

Chairman

 A LOWE

Group Scout Leader

## Scrutineer's Report to the Trustees of the 2nd Balsall Common (Methodist) Scout Group

I report on the accounts of the Group for the year ended 31 March 2024.

### Respective responsibilities of Trustees and Scrutineer

As the Group's trustees you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts; you consider that neither the audit nor independent examination requirements of the Charities Act 2011 apply. It is my responsibility without carrying out an audit or independent examination to scrutinise the accounts and to report to you.

### Basis of Scrutineer's Statement

In accordance with the directions given in the Group's constitution, I have scrutinised the records and the accounts set out on pages 6-8.

### Scrutineer's Statement

In my opinion the accounts are in accordance with the records produced to me and comply with the constitution.

Signed: A Hulme



Name: Ann Hulme  
Address: 2 Chattaway Drive  
Balsall Common  
CV7 7QH

Date: 18th September 2024

**2nd BALSALL COMMON (METHODIST) SCOUT GROUP**  
**Receipts and Payments Accounts for the Year Ended 31 March 2024**

	2024 £	2024 £	2023 £	2023 £
<b>Receipts</b>				
<b>Donations, legacies and similar income</b>				
Membership subscriptions	13,080		11,141	
Donations	450		400	
		13,530		11,541
<b>Member contributions to activities</b>				
Activity weekend	-		168	
Beavers climbing	720		595	
Cub camp	670		-	
Cubs bowling	373		904	
Cubs Hado	371		-	
Cubs laser quest	814		519	
Cubs sleepover event	662		627	
Group camp	3,128		12,715	
Group leaders' 40th anniversary celebration	183		-	
Pantomime and theatre shows	-		149	
Rough Close fun days	-		280	
Scout group Switzerland trip 2024 deposits	9,700		4,500	
Scouts activity expenses	249		-	
Scouts frisbee golf	192		-	
Scouts hiking and camping weekends	1,603		1,917	
Scouts ice skating	411		294	
Scouts summer camp	5,730		1,510	
Scouts Operation Chameleon	1,110		1,380	
		25,916		25,558
<b>Other group income</b>				
Gift Aid	2,112		1,885	
		2,112		1,885
<b>Investment income</b>				
Bank Interest	162		52	
		162		52
<b>Total gross income</b>		<u>41,720</u>		<u>39,036</u>
Asset and investment sales, etc.		-		-
<b>Total Receipts</b>		<u><u>41,720</u></u>		<u><u>39,036</u></u>

**2nd BALSALL COMMON (METHODIST) SCOUT GROUP**  
**Receipts and Payments Accounts for the Year Ended 31 March 2024**

	2024	2024	2023	2023
	£	£	£	£
<b>Payments</b>				
<b>Youth programme and activities</b>				
Beavers camp	-		173	
Beavers climbing/bouldering	720		1,668	
Beavers sleepover	420		-	
Cub camp	1,358		-	
Cubs bowling	216		198	
Cubs Hado	360		170	
Cubs laser quest	256		519	
Group camp	5,259		7,332	
Other Beavers activity expenses	422		520	
Other Cubs activity expenses	405		194	
Other Scout activity expenses	-		30	
Pantomime and theatre shows	-		290	
Rough Close fun day	-		206	
Group leaders' 40th anniversary celebration	414		-	
Scout group Switzerland trip 2024	3,742		633	
Scout summer camp	5,515		6,296	
Scouts activity expenses	629		-	
Scouts bowling	612		-	
Scouts camping and hiking events	1,330		1,819	
Scouts frisbee golf	188		-	
Scouts ice skating	417		437	
Scouts Operation Chameleon	1,080		1,380	
	<u>1,080</u>		<u>1,380</u>	
		23,343		21,865
<b>Group expenses</b>				
Uniform, neckers and badges	2,601		1,956	
Capitation	7,521		6,318	
Rent	3,094		2,399	
Insurance	877		1,090	
Admin/establishment/sundry	37		69	
Equipment repairs	707		-	
Group equipment	454		-	
Donations out	-		250	
GoCardless Charges	1,207		1,159	
OSM Charges	66		28	
	<u>66</u>		<u>28</u>	
		16,564		13,269
<b>Total gross expenditure</b>		<u>39,907</u>		<u>35,134</u>
Asset and investment purchases, etc.		2,192		237
<b>Total payments</b>		<u>42,099</u>		<u>35,371</u>
<b>Net (payments)/receipts</b>		(379)		3,665
<b>Cash funds last year end</b>		24,485		20,820
<b>Cash funds this year end</b>		<u><u>24,106</u></u>		<u><u>24,485</u></u>

**2nd BALSALL COMMON (METHODIST) SCOUT GROUP**  
**Statement of assets and liabilities at 31 March 2024**

		2024	2024	2023	2023
		£	£	£	£
<b>Cash funds</b>					
Bank Current Account			11,877		12,418
Deposit Account			12,229		12,067
<b>Total cash funds</b>			<u>24,106</u>		<u>24,485</u>
<b>Other monetary assets/(liabilities)</b>					
Tax claim			2,554		2,112
			<u>2,554</u>		<u>2,112</u>
<b>Non monetary assets for Group's own use</b>					
Scouting equipment	Brought forward		4,643		5,348
	Additions:				
	Canoes		-		-
	Other equipment		2,192		237
			<u>6,835</u>		5,585
	Disposals		-		-
	Depreciation		(1,103)		(942)
	Carried forward		<u>5,731</u>		<u>4,643</u>

**Future obligations**

Rent is payable for hire of the church hall three times a year. The current rent is £1,170 per term. There is no formal lease and the rent is agreed annually.

The above receipts and payments account and statement of assets and liabilities were approved by the Trustees on 18th September 2024 and are signed on their behalf by :

J Bowman

J BOWMAN

Chairman

N Burns

N BURNS

Treasurer

2nd BALSALL COMMON (METHODIST) SCOUT GROUP  
 YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

Depreciation

		NBV B/fwd £	Acquisitions £	Disposal £	Net £	Depn £	NBV c/fwd £
Equipment	15%	3,860	2,192	-	6,052	(908)	5,144
Canoes	25%	783	-	-	783	(196)	587
		<u>4,643</u>	<u>2,192</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>6,835</u>	<u>(1,103)</u>	<u>5,731</u>

**2nd BALSALL COMMON (METHODIST) SCOUT GROUP  
YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024**

	£	£
<b>Balance per bank statement 31.03.24</b>		11,887
<b>Less unrepresented payments :</b>		
Expense claim	(10)	
	<hr/>	(10)
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		11,877
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<b>Balance per cash book 31.3.24</b>		11,877
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**2ND BALSALL COMMON (METHODIST) SCOUT GROUP**

England & Wales - Charity number 1119637

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# Accounts

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**2nd BALSALL COMMON (METHODIST) SCOUT GROUP**

**ANNUAL REPORT**

**YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023**

**Group Registration Number with The Scout Association 44776**

**Registered Charity Number 1119637**

**2nd BALSALL COMMON (METHODIST) SCOUT GROUP**

**ANNUAL REPORT**

**YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023**

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**2nd BALSALL COMMON (METHODIST) SCOUT GROUP  
REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS  
YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023**

Charity name: 2nd Balsall Common (Methodist) Scout Group

Registered Charity Number: 1119637

Group Registration Number  
with The Scout Association: 44776

Charity's Principal Address: 3 Speedwell Drive  
Balsall Common  
Coventry  
CV7 7AU

Trustees:	<i>Ex-Officio:</i>	Group Chair	Jill Bowman
		Group Secretary	Charlotte Pearce
		Group Treasurer	Nicola Burns
		Co-Treasurer	Louis Burns
		Group Scout Leader	Alison Lowe
		Deputy Group Scout Leader	Andrew Lloyd
		Scout Leader	Martyn Pilley
		Scout Leader	Andrew Chalklen
		Cub Leader	Alexander Dickson
		Cub Leader	Stewart Beck
		Beaver Leader	Garry Palmer
		Beaver Leader	Carl Davies
	<i>Nominated:</i>	Church Representative	Jill Bowman

Bankers: NatWest, 4 High Street, Solihull, B91 3TF

Scrutineer: Ann Hulme

**2nd BALSALL COMMON (METHODIST) SCOUT GROUP  
TRUSTEES' REPORT  
YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023**

**STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT**

**Governing Document and Constitution**

The Group's governing documents are those of The Scout Association. They consist of a Royal Charter which in turn gives authority to the By Laws of the Association and The Policy, Organisation and rules of The Scout Association.

The Group is a trust, established under its rules which are common to all Scout Groups. The formal governing document is the constitution adopted 14 June 2007.

**Trustees and Management**

The Trustees are appointed in accordance with the Policy, Organisation and Rules of The Scout Association.

The Group is managed by the Group Board of Trustees, the members of which are the 'Charity Trustees' of the Scout Group which is an educational charity. As charity trustees, they are responsible for complying with legislation applicable to charities. This includes the registration, keeping proper accounts and making returns to the Charity Commission as appropriate.

The committee consists of 3 independent representatives, Chairman, Treasurer and Secretary together with the Group Scout Leader, individual section leaders, parent and church representatives, and meets regularly.

This Group Board of Trustees exists to support the Group Scout Leader in meeting the responsibilities of their appointments and is responsible for:

- The raising of funds and the administration of Group finance;
- The insurance of persons, property and equipment;
- Group public occasions;
- Assisting in the recruitment of leaders and other adult support;
- Appointing any sub committees that may be required;
- Appointing Group administrators and advisers other than those who are elected.

**Risk and internal control**

The Group Board of Trustees has identified the major risks to which they believe the Group is exposed, these have been reviewed and systems have been established to mitigate against them. The main areas of concern that have been identified are:

- Damage to/loss of equipment. Equipment is mostly stored at the Church Hall and the Guide Hut on Holly Lane. The Group has sufficient insurance in place to mitigate against permanent loss.

- Injury to leaders, helpers, supporters and members. The Group, through the capitation fees, contributes to the Scout Association's national accident insurance policy. A separate policy is held to cover parent helpers. Risk Assessments are undertaken before all activities.

- Reduced income from fund raising. The Group is primarily reliant upon income from subscriptions and fundraising. The Group does hold a reserve to ensure the continuity of activities should there be a major reduction in income. The Committee could raise the value of subscriptions to increase the income to the group on an ongoing basis, either temporarily or permanently.

- Reduction or loss of leaders. The Group is totally reliant upon volunteers to run and administer the activities of the Group. If there was a reduction in the number of leaders to an unacceptable level in a particular section or the Group as a whole then there would have to be a contraction, consolidation or closure of a section. In the worst case scenario the complete closure of the Group.

**2nd BALSALL COMMON (METHODIST) SCOUT GROUP  
TRUSTEES' REPORT  
YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023**

**Risk and Internal Control (Continued)**

The Group has in place systems of internal controls that are designed to provide reasonable assurance against material mismanagement or loss, these include 2 signatories for all payments and comprehensive insurance policies to ensure that insurable risks are covered.

**OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES**

The objectives of the 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 potential as individuals, as responsible citizens and members of their local, national and international communities. The method of achieving the Aim of the Association is by providing an enjoyable and attractive scheme of progressive training, based on the Scout Promise and Law and guided by adult leadership.

**Public Benefit**

Under the Charities Act 2011, charities must demonstrate that their purposes are for the public benefit. Key features of public benefit include: an identifiable benefit, the benefit must be to the public or a section of the public and people on low incomes must be able to benefit. The trustees have concluded that the Group meets the key principles as described above.

**ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE**

**The Group**

This year the Group has continued to enable some 120 young people to enjoy the benefits of a wide range of Scouting activities.

The Group has been able to expand this year and added a second Cub pack so we now have two Beaver Colonies, two Cub Packs and two Scout Troops. We still have waitlists for some ages.

Mercury Beavers and Saturn Cubs meet on a Tuesday evening, Tethys Scout troop and Jupiter Cubs ( the new pack) on a Wednesday whilst Mars Beavers and Titan Scouts meet on a Friday evening. All of the sections continue to meet in the Methodist Church Hall.

Our leadership team has stayed reasonably stable this year and we have also welcomed some new adults. All the leaders juggle their busy life with Scouting so that we can continue to operate as one of the most successful groups in the County.

I would like to thank all those who give up their time to help this Group.

**Scouting Activities**

All sections have continued to attach great importance to earning badges, and the desire for learning and development remains strong. We continue to follow the new badge scheme, where there is an emphasis throughout the sections on adventure outdoors, our place in our world and developing our skills.

**2nd BALSALL COMMON (METHODIST) SCOUT GROUP  
TRUSTEES' REPORT  
YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023**

**FINANCIAL REVIEW**

Net receipts for the year amounted to £3,665 (2022: £2,932), with cash reserves at the end of the financial year standing at £24,485 (2022: £20,820). With the addition of a second Cubs pack, subscriptions income increased to £11,141 in the year and due to the increased number of members, capitation also increased to £6,318. The Beavers, Cubs and Scouts groups were very active in the year running various camps, hikes and other activities. £4,500 was raised in deposits for a Scouts trip to Switzerland in Summer 2024. Outgoings during the year relating to this trip was £633. £400 was raised in donations and £1,885 from Gift Aid.

**Reserves Policy**

The Group's policy on reserves is to hold sufficient resources to continue the charitable activities of the Group should income and fundraising activities fall short. The Group Board of Trustees considers that the Group should hold a sum equivalent to six months running costs, circa £4,000. No transfers were made to or from the reserves during the year ended 31 March 2022 however a transfer of £3,000 has been made since the year end.

**Investment Policy**

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**DECLARATION**

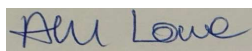
The trustees declare that they approved the trustees' report above on 25th September 2023.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees by



J BOWMAN

Chairman



A LOWE

Group Scout Leader

## **Scrutineer's Report to the Trustees of the 2nd Balsall Common (Methodist) Scout Group**

I report on the accounts of the Group for the year ended 31 March 2023.

### **Respective responsibilities of Trustees and Scrutineer**

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In my opinion the accounts are in accordance with the records produced to me and comply with the constitution.

Signed: A Hulme

Name: Ann Hulme  
Address: 2 Chattaway Drive  
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CV7 7QH

Date: 25th September 2023

**2nd BALSALL COMMON (METHODIST) SCOUT GROUP**  
**Receipts and Payments Accounts for the Year Ended 31 March 2023**

	2023	2023	2022	2022
	£	£	£	£
<b>Receipts</b>				
<b>Donations, legacies and similar income</b>				
Membership subscriptions	11,141		10,210	
Less: Membership subscriptions paid on (National/County/Area/District)	(6,318)		(5,576)	
Less: GoCardless Charges	<u>(352)</u>		<u>(320)</u>	
Net Membership subscriptions retained	4,471		4,314	
Donations	400		550	
Gift Aid	1,885		1,225	
Group Camp	12,715		3,915	
Summer Camp	1,510		1,680	
Operation Chameleon	1,380		1,080	
Hiking and camping weekends	1,677		-	
Hado	-		280	
Frisbee golf	-		147	
Bowling	904		135	
Ice Skating	294		-	
Pantomime and theatre shows	149		127	
Climbing	561		1,721	
Bouldering	34		612	
Rough Close fun days	280		680	
Crazy golf	-		300	
Laser Quest	519		145	
Sleepover event	627		-	
Activity weekend	168		-	
Night hike	240		-	
Scout group Switzerland trip 2024 deposits	<u>4,500</u>		<u>-</u>	
<b>Sub total</b>		32,314		16,911
<b>Investment income</b>				
Bank Interest	<u>52</u>		<u>1</u>	
<b>Sub total</b>		52		1
<b>Total Gross Income</b>		<u>32,366</u>		<u>16,912</u>
Asset and investment sales, etc.		-		-
<b>Total Receipts</b>		<u><u>32,366</u></u>		<u><u>16,912</u></u>

**2nd BALSALL COMMON (METHODIST) SCOUT GROUP**  
**Receipts and Payments Accounts for the Year Ended 31 March 2023**

	2023	2023	2022	2022
	£	£	£	£
<b>Payments</b>				
<b>Charitable Payments</b>				
Youth programme and activities				
Pantomime and theatre shows	290		153	
Group camp	7,332		-	
Scout Camp	6,296		3,836	
Scout Camp refunds	-		165	
Scout group Switzerland trip 2024	633		-	
Operation Chameleon	1,380		-	
Camping and hiking events	1,819		-	
Beavers camp	173		-	
Crazy Golf	-		172	
Frisbee golf	-		141	
Hado	170		300	
Ice skating	437		-	
Climbing/bouldering	1,668		1,973	
Rough Close fun day	206		585	
Bowling	198		210	
Other Scout activity expenses	30		428	
Laser Quest	519		135	
Other Cubs activity expenses	194		73	
Other Beavers activity expenses	520		42	
Uniform, neckers and badges	1,956		657	
Rent	2,399		2,156	
Insurance	1,090		762	
Admin/establishment/sundry	69		-	
Donations out	250		-	
GoCardless Charges	807		341	
OSM Charges	28		51	
<b>Sub total</b>	<u>28</u>	<u>28,464</u>	<u>51</u>	<u>12,180</u>
<b>Total Gross Expenditure</b>		<u>28,464</u>		<u>12,180</u>
Asset and investment purchases, etc.		237		1,800
<b>Total Payments</b>		<u><u>28,701</u></u>		<u><u>13,980</u></u>
<b>Net (Payments)/Receipts</b>		3,665		2,932
<b>Cash funds last year end</b>		20,820		17,888
<b>Cash funds this year end</b>		<u><u>24,485</u></u>		<u><u>20,820</u></u>

**2nd BALSALL COMMON (METHODIST) SCOUT GROUP**  
**Statement of assets and liabilities at 31 March 2023**

		2023	2023	2022	2022
		£	£	£	£
<b>Cash funds</b>					
Bank Current Account			12,418		11,805
Deposit Account			<u>12,067</u>		<u>9,015</u>
<b>Total cash funds</b>			<u><u>24,485</u></u>		<u><u>20,820</u></u>
 <b>Other monetary assets/(liabilities)</b>					
Tax claim			<u>2,112</u>		<u>1,885</u>
			<u><u>2,112</u></u>		<u><u>1,885</u></u>
 <b>Non monetary assets for Group's own use</b>					
Scouting equipment	Brought forward		5,348		4,655
	Additions:				
			-		-
			-		-
	Other equipment		<u>237</u>		<u>1,800</u>
			5,585		6,455
	Disposals		-		-
	Depreciation		<u>(942)</u>		<u>(1,107)</u>
	Carried forward		<u><u>4,643</u></u>		<u><u>5,348</u></u>

**Future obligations**

Rent is payable for hire of the church hall three times a year. The current rent is £962 per term. There is no formal lease and the rent is agreed annually.

The above receipts and payments account and statement of assets and liabilities were approved by the Trustees on 25th September 2023 and are signed on their behalf by :

 ..... J BOWMAN Chairman

 ..... N BURNS Treasurer

2nd BALSALL COMMON (METHODIST) SCOUT GROUP  
 YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

Depreciation

		NBV B/fwd £	Acquisitions £	Disposal £	Net £	Depn £	NBV c/fwd £
Equipment	15%	4,304	237	-	4,541	681	3,860
Canoes	25%	1,043	-	-	1,043	261	783
		5,348	237	-	5,585	942	4,643