

# 53RD LEICESTER (BIRSTALL ST JAMES) SCOUT GROUP

England & Wales · Charity number 1181325

## Details

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Other names	BIRSTALL SCOUT GROUP
Status	Registered
Legal form	Other
Registered	2018-12-21
Register	<a href="#">View on the Charity Commission register</a>

## Contact

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## Activities

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**Objects:** TO PROMOTE THE DEVELOPMENT OF YOUNG PEOPLE IN ACHIEVING THEIR FULL PHYSICAL, INTELLECTUAL, SOCIAL AND SPIRITUAL POTENTIAL; AS INDIVIDUALS, AS RESPONSIBLE CITIZENS AND AS MEMBERS OF THEIR LOCAL, NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITIES.

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## Classification

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- **How:** Provides Buildings/facilities/open Space, Provides Services, Provides Advocacy/advice/information
- **What:** General Charitable Purposes
- **Who:** Children/young People

## Geography

- Leicestershire

## Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2024-12-31	£29,912	£28,732	-	-
2023-12-31	£32,308	£33,984	-	-
2022-12-31	£29,885	£33,354	-	-
2021-12-31	£21,286	£24,795	-	-
2020-12-31	£17,223	£11,336	-	-

## Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
<b>Michael Paul Kerchey</b>	Chair	2015-04-23
David John Mason		1994-09-17
Gerald Andrew Sessions		2000-04-15
Keith Baxter Torrance		1994-05-27
NICHOLAS BRYAN		2007-05-01
NICHOLAS FARNHAM		2015-06-20
Reece Edward Stafford Taylor		2025-09-05
Samuel Terrance Bone		2013-09-12
Susan Elizabeth Farnham		2005-06-07
Victor John Dolby		2020-06-11

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# Accounts

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## Birstall Scout Group. Leaders and Trustees Annual Report. 2024/25.

### Group Scout Leaders' Overview

This report covers the period from Easter 2024 to Easter 2025. It has been a successful year with all sections having a busy year taking part in section meetings and outside events. One major one was Group Camp 2024 where all sections took part in outdoor activities, learning new skills, advancing past skills, and making new friendships.

Our annual bonfire night increases in size each year as we grow and has become a well-enjoyed night with singing (even the parents joining in), hot food and a good old firework display. This upcoming year will see our group/sections being involved in more fun experiences and ventures.

Nearly every event of note for every section has already been featured on our 'Birstall Scout Group' Facebook page. If you are not yet a member, you can contact us through the Scout Association's website [here](#).

We would like to thank everybody involved with the everyday running of our scout group who generously volunteer their time to help with events, section nights, trustee meetings and general help. Year on year, our group has gone from strength to strength and long may it continue!!!

The number of youngsters in each Section of the Group is shown in the table. Every section is co-educational.

Including the Joint Group Leaders, there were 19 Leaders and 8 Assistants at the start of the year. At the end of the year, there were 21 Leaders and 8 Assistants plus 7 parent helpers.

Section	Easter 24	Easter 25
Squirrels	10	20
Beavers	37	33
Cubs	34	47
Scouts	17	20
Explorers	0	Coming in Sept
Young Leaders	1	2
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>99</b>	<b>122</b>
Waiting list	7	13

The Scout Association nationally has changed some role titles to include the word 'volunteer'. **EVERY LEADER, ASSISTANT, HELPER AND TRUSTEE AT BIRSTALL SCOUT GROUP IS A VOLUNTEER.** To save space and avoid repetition, we haven't used full titles in this report.

*Nick Farnham & Sue Farnham, Joint Group Leaders*

### Section Reports

#### Squirrels

This year has seen a variety of engaging activities and outings for the Wednesday Squirrels scout group. One of the highlights was the group camp visit, where members enjoyed a jungle trail and showcased their talents in a campfire performance. This experience allowed everyone to bond and made for an enjoyable adventure into the great outdoors.

Throughout the year, regular meetings have provided opportunities for exploration and learning. Activities ranged from local superhero themes to exciting experiments, fostering creativity with tie-dye shirts and kites, and hands-on experiences like cooking and den building. Seasonal

events, such as the Halloween craft session and the festivities surrounding Chinese New Year, added to the vibrancy of the meetings, creating a well-rounded programme for the children.

In addition to the group camp visit, other notable events included an Annual General Meeting where members had a chance to reflect on the past year, a Christmassy Afternoon filled with festive cheer, and a community gathering around Bonfire Night. These events provided wonderful moments for families to connect while celebrating the spirit of scouting together. Throughout the year, six Chief Scout Acorn Awards were presented with five more due, recognising the dedication and commitment of the young scouts.

A heartfelt thank you goes out to all the leaders who have devoted their time and effort to supporting the group, planning activities and ensuring a welcoming environment for everyone. Their input has been invaluable and greatly appreciated by both children and parents alike.

Looking toward the next year, members can anticipate another visit to Group camp, offering even more exciting adventures.

As we move forward, thanks are due as well to the children for their enthusiasm and participation, making the experiences memorable and enjoyable for everyone involved. We also extend our appreciation to the parents and other volunteers who work tirelessly behind the scenes, ensuring the smooth running of the group. It is this support that truly enriches our scouting experience. We look forward to another year of fun and discovery in scouting.

*Maisie Farnham, Squirrel Section Team Leader*

## **Tuesday Beavers**

Beavers have enjoyed another amazing year, with plenty of badges being gained. The Beavers have enjoyed a challenging and varied programme over the past year, which has supported their work towards activity and staged badges. Creating various crafts, cooking, working towards their Gardening badge, bonfire night at the local scout camp to name but a few. We have a number of Beavers who will have achieved their Chief Scout Bronze Award once they've completed the night-away requirement.

The Beavers enjoyed celebrating Diwali; they got to try different Indian foods and learnt about the story and history of how Diwali started. Towards the end of last year, the Beavers also took part in a joint sleepover at the Scout Hut and did various Christmas-themed activities.

This year the Beavers have already had a jam-packed programme which includes celebrating Chinese New Year and working on our disability badge with a sensory night. We also became Engineers, making and launching our own Rockets!

After Easter, the Beavers have been invited back to visit Loughborough Greenfields Bowls team and have a go at Lawn Green bowls which we hope will be fully enjoyed by the Beavers and the Club members.

My many thanks to the Tuesday Beaver Leadership team for their very hard work.

*Sarah Putt, Beaver Section Team Leader*

## **Wednesday Beavers**

This past year has been quite engaging for the Wednesday Beavers. Notably, the group enjoyed a variety of exciting events and activities that fostered team spirit and creativity among its members. The group camp, which involved multiple new activities, allowed participants the opportunity to explore and learn in an outdoor setting. Bonfire night was another memorable occasion, featuring hot dogs and a spectacular fireworks display, which made for a wonderful evening spent with families. The Christmas sleepover was particularly enjoyable, with craft activities, games, and films that kept everyone entertained while snuggled in their beds.

Throughout the year, the Beavers held a number of meetings, each designed to teach skills and introduce new ideas. Activities such as cheese rolling, Church games, and various sessions on cooking and painting helped to enrich the group experience. Meetings like 'Introductions, Rules and Respect' and 'Money Skills' provided essential learning opportunities, ensuring that the Beavers developed a well-rounded skill set while having fun. 142 Activity Badges and 6 Chief Scout Bronze Awards have been presented in the last 12 months

We would like to extend our deepest appreciation to all the leaders, especially Ben and Maisie, for their unwavering commitment and creativity in providing new ideas and bringing them to life for the Beavers. Their efforts are invaluable to the success of the group.

Looking ahead to the coming year, there are several exciting activities planned, including another bonfire night, a group camp currently in the planning stage, and a Christmas sleepover with confirmed dates. These events promise to offer plenty more opportunities for fun and learning.

As we reflect on the contributions made by each member, we would like to thank the Beavers for their enthusiasm, which has made this year enjoyable for everyone involved. We also extend our gratitude to the parents and volunteers who offer their support and assistance in running the group behind the scenes. Your involvement helps create a positive environment for the Beavers, and we look forward to another year of adventure and growth in Scouting.

*Sue Farnham, Beavers Section Team Leader*

## **Wednesday Cubs**

This past year has been filled with exciting and diverse activities for the Wednesday Cubs, showcasing their adventurous spirit and enthusiasm for learning new skills. We had several highlights worth noting, including a visit to the fire station, where Cubs had the chance to tour the facility and even experience the smoke house. During a special police visit to our hut, members enjoyed sitting in the police car, which added an element of fun and excitement. The group camp was another memorable experience, allowing participants to engage in a range of new activities and build camaraderie. The Christmas sleepover featured crafts, games, and movies, providing a wonderful way to celebrate the festive season. The end-of-term event at John's Lee Wood offered a relaxed atmosphere for cooking sausages and enjoying the great outdoors.

Throughout the year, the Cubs engaged in numerous meetings, each designed to teach important skills and foster creativity. The sessions included painting Airfix models, competitive games of rounders, and the popular chip shop hike, among others. Specific sessions focused

on practical skills such as cooking, problem-solving, and knot tying. Notably, activities like Pancake Day and Halloween provided a fun way to celebrate with themed events and challenges. All this resulted in 2 Chief Scout Silver Awards and 184 Activity badges being awarded.

We would like to extend our heartfelt thanks to our leaders, Keith, Maisie, Sarah, and Sue, for their unwavering support throughout the year. Their dedication and guidance have significantly contributed to the enjoyment and educational value of our sessions.

Looking ahead, there are plenty of exciting activities planned for the coming year. The group camp is being organised, with its itinerary packed with thrilling new experiences. The Christmas sleepover dates have been set, and we are eagerly anticipating a splash day with the district, along with a night of canoeing in the summer. It promises to be an action-packed year ahead.

As we reflect on the past year's successes, we also appreciate our Cubs for their enthusiasm and positivity, making every moment enjoyable for the leaders. A special thank you goes to parents for their continued support and encouragement, which plays a vital role in the smooth running of our group. We look forward to welcoming new members and sharing more adventures together in the year to come.

*Ben Farnham, Cub Section Team Leader*

### **Thursday Cubs**

As we look back on the past year for the Thursday Cubs, it is evident that we have had an action-packed and fulfilling time. Among the highlights were the wonderful experiences at group camp with the other sections, where Cubs had the opportunity to connect and enjoy the great outdoors together. The Christmas sleepover was also memorable, filled with crafts and games; this event allowed friendships to flourish. Lastly, the end of term surprise at John's Lee Wood saw the Cubs tackle a rather wet night filled with cooking sausages, which certainly added to the adventure.

Throughout the year, our meetings were diverse and enriching. They included a mixture of engaging activities such as game nights, nature walks, and team-building exercises. We also focused on important topics such as road safety, cooking, and disability awareness, incorporating fun elements like kayaking and even an Easter egg hunt. Each meeting provided an opportunity for the Cubs to learn new skills while fostering a sense of camaraderie within the group. This resulted in 268 activity badges being awarded and 2 Chief Scout Silver Award are due to be presented

As we take a moment to express gratitude, a heartfelt thank you goes to our leaders Maisie, Kam, and Shyamal. Their creativity and steadfast support have been invaluable in planning and leading the sessions, ensuring that the young people had a rewarding experience throughout the year.

Looking ahead, there are exciting events on the horizon. In June, the Cubs can look forward to a night of canoeing, a splash day with the district, and another group camp at Oaks. Additionally, plans are underway for another Christmas sleepover, which promises to be filled with fun and festive cheer.

As there are no leavers to mention from the group this year, our focus remains solely on the positive developments ahead. We are grateful to the children for their enthusiasm and energy, which truly makes it enjoyable and fulfilling for all leaders involved. Furthermore, our appreciation extends to the parents for their continued support, and to all the volunteers who work diligently behind the scenes to ensure the smooth running of the group.

Here's to another year of adventures and growth in Scouting!

*Sue Farnham, Cub Section Team Leader*

## **Scout Section**

As we reflect on the past year, it is important to highlight the significant achievements and engaging activities that have shaped our scout group's journey. One notable aspect was the extensive preparation work on skills for the Rambling Fox challenge, where our scouts demonstrated exceptional proficiency and enthusiasm, culminating in their successful participation. These skills included map reading and navigation, first aid and teamwork, and we are very proud of how well they did in this county competition.

This year, we have awarded a total of 118 badges, which speaks volumes about the commitment and progress made by our scouts.

During the year, we organised a variety of engaging events that provided our scouts with opportunities for adventure and learning. The group camp and scout camp in June provided memorable experiences in the outdoors. The sleepover at Conkers allowed for a unique blend of fun and camaraderie, while bonfire night offered a delightful occasion for families to gather. The Walesby scout camp further enriched our scouts' experiences with a chance to try more adventurous activities, bond and develop essential outdoor skills.

Our past meetings were equally diverse and aimed at broadening the scouts' skill sets. From yoga and backwoods cooking to rifle shooting and pioneering skills, the activities were designed to challenge and engage them in various ways. The Halloween Party was particularly memorable; who will forget the flour wars that took place?!? The escape room experience just before Christmas was brilliant, fostering creativity, critical thinking and teamwork. Our scouts were all successful in escaping and were a credit to our group. Another highlight was two of our scouts making their promise in front of the Christmas decorations at Leicester's Town Hall Square. The range of activities illustrates our commitment to offering a well-rounded programme for all scouts.

As we look forward to the upcoming year, there is much to be excited about. Plans are in place for more camping trips. Preparation is also underway for an anticipated trip to Belgium, which promises to add an exciting dimension to our scouting experience.

It is with mixed emotions that we acknowledge the departure of some of our older scouts as they will transition to the Explorer section. Their contributions to our group have been invaluable, and they will undoubtedly be missed by both leaders and fellow scouts. We wish them all the best as they embark on this new and exciting phase of their scouting journey.

This year has been enriched by the hard work and dedication of our leaders: Nick, Kam, Emma, Daniella, Jess, Sarah, and Rachel. Their tireless efforts have been instrumental in delivering a rewarding experience for our scouts, and we extend our heartfelt thanks to them.

Lastly, a big thank you goes out to all the children for their enthusiasm and spirit that makes scouting enjoyable. To the parents, your support remains crucial in helping us provide a solid foundation for our scouts, and we appreciate all the effort from our volunteers who work diligently behind the scenes.

The adventure continues, and we look forward to another exciting year of scouting together

*Rachel Turney, Scout Section Team Leader*

### **Trustees Report**

Our official title is the 59 Leicester (Birstall St James) Scout Group although we are better known as Birstall Scout Group. Our address is the Scout Hut, Birstall Road, Birstall LE4 4DJ.

We are registered with the Scout Association, number 12137/3. The Association's Royal Charter gives authority for the Association's bye-laws and rules under which we are governed. The Group adopts the policies of the Scout Association. We are an unincorporated educational charity and, since 2018, have been registered in our own right with the Charity Commission, number [1181325](#). Our key policies are included on the Commission's website. They will be reviewed in 2025/26. We are a member (ID:32383) of the National Council of Voluntary Organisations.

We do not employ any staff. The Hut is cleaned by a self-employed cleaner. All other regular work connected with the Group is carried out by volunteers.

The trustees have met three times since the last Annual General Meeting (less than usual due to a combination of factors). A list of trustees is shown at the end of this report. All have served for the full year.

## **Objectives**

The objectives of the Group are those of the Scout Association: to help young people develop skills, values, and confidence to become responsible members of their communities. Scouting provides opportunities for young people to have fun, experience the outdoors, and take part in a range of activities.

Other aims include helping young people to:

- make new friends, gain confidence, and reach their full potential
- develop the skills, values, and confidence they need to make ethical choices
- identify opportunities to help others and get involved in their community
- appreciate the features and diversity of society

The Scout Association's core values include integrity, respect, care, belief, and co-operation.

## **Achievements and Performance**

The Leaders' Reports earlier in this document highlight the wide range of achievements within the Group during the year. The Trustees wish to place on record their appreciation of the time, effort and commitment of all leaders, assistants and parent-helpers who made this happen. It's worth repeating that EVERYONE connected with the group is a volunteer.

## **Constitution and Trustees Review**

We adopted a new constitution in 2018 when we became a registered charity in our own right. The Scout Association has recently produced a recommended operating plan for trustees and a new model constitution. During the past year, we have reviewed the responsibilities of trustees; hence the slightly amended format of this report. We have also carried out a skills analysis to identify any areas of relative weakness. New trustees who could assist with the Group's communications and marketing would be welcome. An article in March's Birstall Post reported on recent activities and included a call for new adult helpers including 'back office'.

We have started work on a risk register. Actions still to be completed include the introduction of a public benefit statement and a data protection policy (considering when we are data controller and data processor). Our data controller is Sue Farnham. We are looking to adopt the model constitution in 2026.

Trustees currently serve a one-year term, renewable at each AGM. That will become a three-year term when the new constitution is introduced.

## **Premises and Property**

We own the Scout Hut freehold. The buildings are insured for £203,425 and the contents for £24,310. These sums are index-linked. The Group's insurance policies include protection for claims following injury to third parties or damage to their property.

The buildings are inspected regularly and maintained by volunteers, mainly trustees. We haven't needed to carry out any major work in the past year and none is scheduled.

The trustees look to generate income by letting the Hut when it's not required for scouting activities. It's used for maths and English classes by the local branch of Kumon UK on Mondays, Thursdays and Saturdays. Enquiries about hire should be made to Nick Bryan at [nickjbryan5@gmail.com](mailto:nickjbryan5@gmail.com) or any trustee.

Camping and other equipment is checked after each use. It is replaced if not fit-for-purpose or out-of-date. We replaced more camping equipment than usual in 2024, as highlighted in the Treasurer's report.

## **Finance**

Our accounts are prepared on a receipts/payments basis for a financial year ending on 31 December. Two signatures are required on cheques. There is an equivalent security system for bacs payments. The second signatory is the Group Lead, Nick Farnham. The 2024 accounts have been independently scrutinised and are included in this report.

In addition to a current account with Barclays Bank, our reserve funds are held in a Common Investment Fund (COIF) operated by CCLA Investment Management Ltd. Our total balance equates to around four months of operating costs. In the event of major expenditure being needed - planned or unplanned - we are aware of the sources of grants for which we might successfully bid.

## **Treasurer's Comments on 2024 Accounts**

At the year end, we had an operating profit of £1,179 and a balance of £10,740. This is a satisfactory result and gave us a good footing to start 2025.

Income. For Events there is an overspend of £1,251 being the difference between £10,307 expenditure against £9,056 income. This is mainly due to a Sleepover at the Space Centre where the majority of the income, £598, was taken in 2023 with all the expenditure being in 2024. There was a loss of £640 for the Walesby Scout Camp in September. There was a £398 loss for Fundraising, because the expenditure for the Proms in 2023 was not claimed until 2024.

Expenditure. There was an increase in spending on Equipment because numerous tents and other camping items needed replacing. The cost of Utilities dropped considerably after I was able to negotiate a better deal for Gas and Electricity. Administration Costs are accounted for by the cost of our operating system, Online Scout Manager (OSM), and the auditor.

We pay a total membership fee (capitation) up the line of £53.90 per member. £38.00 goes to National HQ, £11.20 to County and £4.70 to District/John's Lee Wood/St George's Day. The national levy increased by £2 (6%) over the previous year. Other charges were unchanged.

## Income & Expenditure Account for 2024

	2024		2023
	£		£
<b>INCOME</b>			
Membership Fees	15,423		14,682
Events	9,056		7,443
Donations	-		984
Grants	-		3,000
Uniforms	5		14
Fundraising	273		1,000
Gift Aid	2,932		2,675
HQ Hire	2,098		2,314
Bank Interest	125		196
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>29,912</b>	<b>32,308</b>
<b>EXPENDITURE</b>			
Events	10,307		7,777
Badges	1,042		1,381
Section Activities	2,504		2,169
Equipment	1,665		505
Fundraising	671		132
Capitation & Membership Costs	5,608		7,024
Repairs & Renewals	1,776		7,673
Insurance	1,058		996
Utilities	2,583		3,948
Meetings	452		874
Training	-		261
Uniforms	156		358
Administration Costs	910		886
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>28,732</b>	<b>33,984</b>
<b>EXCESS OF INCOME OVER EXPENDITURE</b>		<b>1,180</b>	<b>- 1,676</b>

## Balance Sheet

	£	£
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>		
COIF Charities Deposit Fund	2,500	2,500
Cash at Bank	8,240	7,060
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>10,740</b>	<b>9,560</b>
Represented by:-		
<b>ACCUMULATED FUND</b>		
Opening Balance	9,560	11,236
Excess of Income over Expenditure	1,180	- 1,676
	10,740	9,560

## **Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of 53rd Leicester [Birstall St James] Scout Group**

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

### **Responsibility of Group Executive Committee**

As the charity's trustees, the Group Executive Committee is responsible for the preparation of the accounts.

### **Basis of Examiner's Report**

My examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the Group and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit. Consequently, I do not express an audit opinion on the view given by the accounts.

### **Independent Examiner's Statement**

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

- 1] to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached,
- 2] which gives me reasonable cause to believe that, in any material respect, the accounting rules of the Group's constitution have not been met.

A F Tomlinson, Accountant, 10 Melba Way, Birstall, Leicester LE4 4GT

17 April 2025

The current trustees are:

Michael Kerchey	Chair		Vic Dolby	Trustee
Nick Farnham	Joint Group Lead		David Mason	Trustee
Sue Farnham	Joint Group Lead		Ged Sessions	Trustee
Nick Bryan	Treasurer		Keith Torrance	Trustee & Secretary
Sam Bone	Trustee			

Trustees Report signed by:

..... Date:.....

Michael Kerchey (Chairman)

..... Date: .....

Nick Bryan (Treasurer)

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# Accounts

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# **53rd Leicester (Birstall St. James) Scout Group**

## **93<sup>rd</sup> ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

**FRIDAY 17<sup>th</sup> May 2024 at 19:30,**

**Birstall Scout Headquarters**

### **AGENDA**

1. Apologies.
2. Minutes of previous Annual General Meeting.
3. Treasurer's Report
4. Approval of Annual Report and Accounts
5. Appointment of Group Executive Committee.
  - a) Approval of nomination of Group Chairman.
  - b) Approval of nominations to Executive Committee.
  - c) Election of other Executive Committee members.
  - d) Election of Group Secretary.
  - e) Election of Group Treasurer.
5. DC or representative Address.

### **Group Scout Leaders Annual Report 2023/2024.**

Since Covid disappeared there has been many section activities throughout the group to make up for lost time.

We had a Coronation camp at Walesby scout campsite in Nottinghamshire. Fifty members took part for a long weekend and explorers stayed an extra an extra night. DHL kindly lent us a van to take equipment.

At the end of May members from the scout section accompanied me for a 5 day stay at Great Tower scout campsite where various new activities were tried

Bonfire Night took place in November with a fantastic turn out by members and their parents. We had a good old fashioned sing song around the campfire including fireworks. The night was finished with a good old hot dog and refreshments.

Remembrance parade took place in November at St James church on school lane with a good turnout of leaders and scouts.

Explorers section has now closed due to a lack of members requiring this section, we shall be opening it again once we have enough interest.

Monday Cubs is now on Thursday run by Kam and Sham.

Scouts Have now moved to a Monday from Friday and has new leaders in the shape of Rachel, Sarah T, Myself, Danielle, and a young leader called Jess.

It has been a remarkably busy year with all section and group events, activities. Member numbers have stayed around about the same with a lot of recommendations from parents.

As always, a big thanks to all the leaders and exec for making Birstall scout group so GREAT.

**Nick F**  
**Group Scout Leader**  
**Scout Leader**

### **Thursday Night Cubs Annual Report 2023/2024.**

Leading up to the Summer last year we took part in lots of outdoor activities such as fire lighting, hiking, and the annual sausage sizzle.

Then the Scout leaders left so Rachel bravely decided to take up the position of Scout Leader, we made a decision to move Cubs to a Thursday and a new leadership team was formed. In September we came back on the new night a little worried we might lose members, but they all came back, and some brought their friends. With lots of new members and some joining us from Beavers we were able to go back to basics and start learning new skills.

We attended Bonfire night with fireworks and hot dogs. We celebrated Diwali with lots of crafts and Halloween with scary games.

We joined Wednesday Cubs and the Beavers for a Christmas sleepover. We took part in lots of festive crafts, games, films and went to bed.

We have worked hard to earn 169 badges through the year, some of us will achieve our Chief Scout awards soon.

We have just made an Airfix model Jaguar which took us 2 weeks to complete. The kits came free from Airfix – Thank you.

Last month we joined the other sections at Conkers for a sleepover. We had a brilliant time and took part in lots of activities.

I would like to Thank Rachel for all her hard work over the years and wish her Good Luck with the Scouts. Also, Kam, Shyamal, and Maisie for supporting the section on its new night.

**Sue Farnham**  
**Cubs Scout Leader**

## **Tuesday Beaver Annual Report 2023/2024.**

Beavers have enjoyed another amazing year, with plenty of badges being gained.

The Beavers have enjoyed a challenging and varied programme over the past year which has supported in their work towards activity and staged badges. Creating various crafts, cooking, and various other activities. We had a day visiting Stonehurst farm travelling there by public transport followed by a sleepover with Wednesday Beavers, at the H.Q. We also attended the groups annual bonfire night at the local scout camp.

Towards the end of last year, the Beavers took part in a joint sleepover at the Scout Hut and did various Christmas themed activities. The Beavers also enjoyed celebrating Diwali; they got the chance to try different Indian foods and learnt about the story and history of how Diwali started.

This year the Beavers have already had a jam-packed programme which includes celebrating Chinese New Year, starting the gardening badge and a group day out and sleepover at Conkers.

Also, the Beavers have been over to Visit Loughborough Greenfields Bowls Club and had a go at Lawn Green bowls which was fully enjoyed by the Beavers and the Club members who kindly helped out.

The intake list is plentiful, and we are happily running at 12 Beavers and will be able to for the foreseeable future.

Many thanks to the Tuesday Beaver Leadership team for their extremely hard work.

**Sarah Putt Tuesday Beaver Leader.**

## **Squirrels Annual Report 2023/2024.**

The Squirrel Drey number remain stable with Young people moving to Beavers and being replaced by members from our healthy waiting list.

They work with real enthusiasm for their badges and have earned 189 this year with 7 Chief Scout Acorns.

They enjoy learning basic skills such as cooking, hiking, first aid and love when leaders join in or demonstrate.

They joined the group for Bonfire night with singing, fireworks and delicious hotdogs.

They Squirrel Drey has parents who are willing to come and support the leaders every week and we are so grateful for the help. There is always room for more help as the squirrels take a lot longer with activities.

Thank you to all the leaders and parents who support this section.

We are so looking forward to camp !!!!!!!

**Maisie Farnham**

**Squirrel Scout Leader**

### **Wednesday Beaver Annual Report 2023/2024.**

Wednesday Beavers is a very full and busy Colony. During the last year we have worked hard earning badges while having fun, cooking, planting, first aid and lots of sport activities. As a colony we have earned a total of 270 badges between us.

During the summer months we spent time out and about with lots of Hikes, pond dipping at the lakes, nature walks, eating chips and at sausage sizzle at Johns lee wood.

We had a visit to Stonehurst farm organised by Sarh. There were lots to see and do followed by a ride on a tractor. More chips before we slept over in our hut.

Bonfire night was fantastic as always with singing, fireworks, and hot dogs.

We had lots of celebrations throughout the year and slept over at the hut for Christmas which included craft, a giant snowball fight and a film before bed.

After Christmas we did activities to support the birds through the winter.

Another sleepover in the spring took us to Conkers with the Cubs and Scouts. We had a fantastic day, and the weather was kind after all the floods.

We took part in Den building, Barefoot walks, play areas galore, activity trails, mazes and much more. The Scout leaders organised wide games before a film and then to sleep or not.

Thank you to our leaders Maisie and Ben for all the ideas, time, and energy.  
Thank you to the parents for your support.

Thank you to all the leaders of Birstall Scout Group for the Group Event we take part in.

**Sue Farnham Wednesday Beaver Leader.**

## **Wednesday Night Cubs 2022/2023.**

The Numbers of members have stabilised a little in this pack but we are still very busy. Last summer we spent a lot of time outside doing pond dipping, hiking, playing games, doing sports, and to finish the term we met at Johns lee Wood for wide games and a sausage sizzle.

We learnt new skills, such as cooking, first aid, and others we haven't quite mastered such as knots and listening, but we persevere. We had a go at shooting with air rifles and some of us were quite good. We have earned 253 badges including 5 Chief Scout Silver Award this year.

We attended Bonfire Night with singing, fireworks, and hot dogs, which was a fantastic night.

Next came all the celebrations of Diwali and Halloween to take us up to Christmas and the annual sleepover. We had a massive snowball fight and did lots of craft. Some of us slept a little bit!!!!

In the new year we supported the birds making feeders. We made Spitfire Airfix models which took us 3 weeks to complete but they did look good once they were finished. Thanks to Airfix for the free kits.

We had a sleepover at Conkers at the end of April. It was a fantastic experience with lots to do. We took part in the activity trail, den building, mazes, caving, and lots more.

Thanks to the leaders Keith, Sarah, Ben and Maise who give lots of time and energy to this section and support with the planning.

**Sue Farnham Cub Scout Leader**

## **Scouts Annual Report 2023/2024.**

The scout section is under new leadership and so we've decided to spice up our annual report by submitting a presentation to be shown at the AGM. Pictures speak louder than words and when you watch it, you'll see it demonstrates the huge breadth of amazing experiences our scouts have had during the last year.

The Scout Leaders"

**Rachael Turney Scout Leader**

## **Treasurer's Report**

In 2023 we were back to normal operating conditions. We made an operational loss of £1676 which was the result of having to renew the hut floor at a cost of

£5422. We were assisted in this by a grant of £3000 from the Edith Murphy Trust.

It should be noted that all figures in the Income and Expenditure account are gross figures, this is a Charity Commission requirement.

### **Income**

Items to note are of course the £3000 grant which I mentioned in the introduction. Gift Aid is now back to normal after the pandemic, although the figure of £2675 is also an indicator that more people are signing up for it. Events made a slight loss of £334 which is considered reasonable on a turnover of over £7000. Fundraising shows a net income of £868 but this figure is skewed because we didn't get the invoice of £400 for the Last Night of the Proms band until after the end of the financial year.

### **Expenditure**

Section Activities, which are those that take place on meeting nights, stayed roughly the same. Equipment expenditure was a lot less because a lot of equipment was renewed in the previous year. Capitation for the year was £6570 and costs of collecting membership fees being £454.

Repairs and Renewals includes the cost of the new floor which I mentioned in my introduction, the rest being made up of new LED lights throughout at a cost of £427, cleaning at £666 and general maintenance.

Utilities include gas and electric, at £3100, water rates and broadband. Administration costs include the cost of OSM software and auditor.

### **General comments**

The main event that affected the figures for 2023 was of course the renewal of the floor, but when taking this into account it still leaves us with a healthy balance of £9560 which is a good start to the current year.

**Nick Bryan – Group Treasurer.**

53rd LEICESTER [BIRSTALL ST JAMES] SCOUT GROUP  
**INCOME & EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER 2023**

		2023		2022
	£	£	£	£
<b>INCOME</b>				
Membership Fees		14682		15131
Events		7443		9366
Donations		984		1034
Grants		3000		0
Uniforms		14		62
Fundraising		1000		1650
Gift Aid		2675		281
HQ Hire		2314		2328
Bank Interest		196		54
		32308		29906
<b>EXPENDITURE</b>				
Events	7777		11391	
Badges	1381		1908	
Section Activities	2169		2421	
Equipment	505		2041	
Fundraising	132		1030	
Capitation & Membership costs	7024		6797	
Repairs & Renewals	7673		2779	
Insurance	996		1033	
Utilities	3948		2325	
AGM & Leaders Meetings	874		779	
Training	261		0	
Uniforms	358		886	
Administration Costs	886		436	
		33984		33826
<b>EXCESS OF EXPENDITURE OVER INCOME</b>		<b>(1676)</b>		<b>(3920)</b>

**53rd LEICESTER (BIRSTALL ST JAMES) SCOUT GROUP**  
**BALANCE SHEET as at 31st DECEMBER 2023**

	2023	2022
	£	£
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>		
COIF Charities Deposit Fund	2500	5000
Cash at Bank	7060	6237
	<u>9560</u>	<u>11237</u>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>9560</b>	<b>11237</b>
Represented by :-		
<b>ACCUMULATED FUND</b>		
Opening Balance	11236	15157
Excess of Expenditure over Income	-1676	-3920
	<u>9560</u>	<u>11237</u>

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**Vic Dolby**

**Group Secretary**

**53RD LEICESTER (BIRSTALL ST JAMES) SCOUT GROUP**

England & Wales - Charity number 1181325

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# Accounts

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# **53rd Leicester (Birstall St. James) Scout Group**

## **92nd ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

**THURSDAY 25<sup>th</sup> May 2023 at 19-30,**

### **Birstall Scout Headquarters**

#### **AGENDA**

1. Apologies.
2. Minutes of previous Annual General Meeting.
3. Treasurer's Report
4. Approval of Annual Report and Accounts
5. Appointment of Group Executive Committee.
  - a) Approval of nomination of Group Chairman.
  - b) Approval of nominations to Executive Committee.
  - c) Election of other Executive Committee members.
  - d) Election of Group Secretary.
  - e) Election of Group Treasurer.
5. DC or representative Address.

#### **Group Scout Leaders Annual Report 2022/2023.**

This year has been a whirlwind of a year with activities and camps galore to make up for lost time from covid plus our group 90<sup>th</sup> year birthday celebrations.

Our first event was a joint venture with Birstall guide group which was St. George's day parade. It was a great day had by all that turned up.

Our group camp this year was outside of Leicestershire at Walesby scout camp, Nottinghamshire where all activities are laid on by the staff involved in the centre. We had 58 members / 12 leaders attend from different sections. Bases are set up with various activities and the children can go to different bases and take part in new experiences. I made it a longer camp for some of the Scout / Explorer section to make it a real trip away. Part of this camp was funded by our group as part of the birthday celebrations. Big thanks to DHL who supplied a van to move the kit and to the parents who helped with this camp.

Our next big event was our birthday party which took place at Leicester Outdoor Pursuits Centre and involved them in a full day of water sports and squirrels came for a few hours to be involved. We ended the day with a BBQ and birthday cake for all the members / parents who attended. 78 members took part in the water sports with 58 plus parents staying for the BBQ. District commissioner for Northeast, Bijal cut the cake.

Last night of the proms which was organised by Sam Bone (Scout leader) took part for its second year at St James Church, Birstall to help fund raise for the group and the church. Even more participants turned up this year and it's becoming a regular fund raiser for the group. Thanks to Sam and the adult leaders who helped.

Bonfire night was celebrated in true fashion with 89 members plus family who turned out in some nasty weather, but it didn't dampen people's enthusiasm to sing in the rain. The night started with a good old fashioned sing song around the campfire, the rain stopped just in time for the extra spectacular firework display by Beaver leader Simon Dolby and it was the end of the end to our birthday celebrations.

Remembrance Parade was held at St James Church where Leaders / Scouts / Explorers and a few Cubs / Beavers attended this yearly event organised by Birstall British Legion. It was a good turnout for the group, and everybody was well behaved apart from some bad singing from some of the leaders.

Throughout the year all sections have been taking part in group activities as well as their own nights away and day activities.

Our member numbers for the year have gone up with the introduction of a new section called Squirrels for the 4-6-year-olds and we were the first in the county to have a Squirrel's section and it was the first Squirrel section to achieve a top award of "Acorn" to a member of that section which is a great achievement to the members and leaders.

During the year we have had an influx of people becoming leaders and parents wanting to help on camps etc. Without help from parents and adults wanting to become leaders then Birstall Scout Group wouldn't be where it is, helping children in new life experiences and social experiences.

As always our group wouldn't function without its backroom staff "The Committee", its fabulous Leaders - new & old and help from parents - From myself and Birstall Scout Group members we can't thank enough these people that volunteer on a regular basis to help with our children's life endeavours and I'm sure next time you see these people a small thank you or even a nice Christmas present would be enough to show how much you appreciate them.

As from next September term we will be having a staff reshuffle due to some leaders leaving. Gareth, Nick G, and Steve from our scout section will be leaving our group due to family commitments and work issues so I want to wish them all the best in their future endeavors.

Sam B, Ben M, Tom will be moving from our Scout section to the Explorer section and Rachael, Sarah T will be taking over the Scout section with help from myself Nick F.

One final note, if any member is struggling financially and has any issues then please speak to either myself or your leader because we are here to help with any issues involving Birstall Scout Group.

With all my thanks to our staff and its members who constantly make me smile.

**Nick Farnham**

**Group Scout Leader**

### **Monday Night Cubs Annual Report 2022/2023.**

The members in this section have enjoyed a fulfilling programme and taking part in more adventurous activities due to the lower numbers.

Events include the Bonfire night which was very wet. A lot of people were put off by the weather but those who "put on a coat" had a fantastic time.

Group Camp, which is always a brilliant camp was held at Walesby this year. Activities included several water sports, shooting, archery, climbing and lots of others. Thanks to Nick who always puts this together and cooks the dinner.

Christmas again brought the sleepover; it is always an exciting event with lots of games and activities but not much sleep.

The Coronation camp ended the year with a fantastic long weekend for 20 young members.

20 Day visitors joined us on Saturday with a full activity day for all. We were asked to take part in "Ring for the king" at the campsite and I think we did Birstall proud. Rachel did a superb job pulling this all together.

The young people have worked really hard this year earning 332 badges, 6 of those being the Chief Scout Silver Award which is the top award in Cubs.

Thank you to everyone who is involved with this section.

**Monday Cub Leader Team.**

### **Tuesday Beaver Annual Report 2022/2023.**

Beavers have enjoyed another amazing year, with plenty of badges being gained.

The beavers have enjoyed a challenging and varied programme over the past year which has supported their work towards activity and staged badges. Creating various crafts, cooking, bonfire night at the local scout camp to name but a few.

Towards the end of last year, the Beavers took part in a joint sleepover at the Scout Hut and did various Christmas themed activities. The Beavers also enjoyed celebrating Diwali; they got the chance to try different Indian foods and learnt about the story and history of how Diwali started.

This year the Beavers have already had a jam-packed programme which includes a visit to St James Church to help towards their faith and Community badge. Also, the Beavers have been over to Visit Loughborough Greenfields Bowls team and had a go at Lawn Green bowls which was fully enjoyed by the Beavers and the Club members.

The intake list is plentiful, and we are happily running at 18 Beavers and will be able to for the foreseeable future.

My many thanks to the Tuesday Beaver Leadership team for their very hard work.

**Simon Dolby, Sarah Putt Tuesday Beaver Scout Leaders.**

### **Squirrels Annual Report 2022/2023.**

Our Birstall Squirrel Drey has come above and beyond in the last year. They get out and about in the community making sure they help in all the ways they can.

We enjoyed our day out at the LOPC and birthday BBQ in September. Thanks to Michele and the parents who helped me facilitate all the activities and thanks to Katies Characters for their input. It was a great day out.

Squirrels are a busy bunch and have tried their hardest to achieve 310 badges in the last year, 13 of those being the top award, the Chief Scout Acorn.

We have had massive support from leaders who are willing to be involved but always have room for more adults,

We are very proud of our young people.

**Maisie Farnham**

**Squirrel Leader**

**Sue Farnham**

**Squirrel Leader**

### **Wednesday Beaver Annual Report 2022/2023.**

Wednesday Beavers is a full active Colony and have worked hard to achieve 416 badges, including 5 Chief Scout Bronze Awards which is the highest award in Beavers.

There was a Birthday celebration at LOPC with lots of exciting things to take part in. A BBQ and Cake to eat.

We took part in a Group camp at Walesby forest with lots of water and land-based activities. Beavers had a great time.

Christmas brought us the Christmas sleepover. We spent all night doing crafts, games, and watched movies till early morning.

We visited the Cub and Scout section at their camp for the Coronation. Activities started as soon as we arrived and didn't stop until it was time to leave, we even visited the church and rang the bells for the new king in our lunch break. Camp lunch was delicious, and everyone left truly exhausted but will remember where they were when the king was crowned.

Thank you to all the leaders that support this section with time, ideas and energy.

### **Maisie Farnham Wednesday Beaver Leader.**

#### **Wednesday Night Cubs 2022/2023.**

We are a big pack but still we managed to earn 545 badges with 3 being the Chief Scout Silver Award.

Well done everyone.

Activities last year included a day at LOPC for a full activity day followed by a BBQ for our 90th Birthday celebrations. Young people took part in canoeing, climbing, archery and many more.

We joined with the 1st Swallowfield Cubs for a trip to the Space Centre. Birstall Cubs were very welcoming, and they joined us for a fish and chip supper before sleeping over in the Scout HQ. It made Birstall leaders proud to see our cubs helping set up and pack away without being asked.

Camps included the Walesby Group camp which was full of activities, a lot on the water, and others such as climbing, archery.

The Coronation camp was full of activities, and we were busy from the moment we got there till we left. Lots of food (thanks Maisie) and not much sleep kept us going through this extra-long weekend. The King was crowned, and we rang the church bell to celebrate.

Thank you to all the leaders that support this section and to others who give us ideas.

### **Sue Farnham Cub Scout Leader**

#### **Scouts Annual Report 2022/2023.**

This year has been challenging for the scout section. Due to commitments away from Birstall and/or scouting the leaders will be leaving the section at the end of the academic year. We thank them all for their commitment and dedication over the past 12 years to this section. It was with deep regret that as part of the handover of scouts to the new leadership team that the section has had to reduce to bi-weekly meetings. Requests for support from parents / volunteers were unsuccessful and the resulting effect has seen section membership decline over the past 12 months particularly since the reduction in meeting frequency, we are also conscious that this has caused challenge for parents. The section has continued to support a wide range of activities, however, as transition to new leadership has drawn closer there has been a reduced focus on badgework with the aim of creating a strong culture to within the scouts to pass on and enable a future rebuild of the section. We wish the new leadership team every success in redeveloping the section and would plea to all parents to value and support the work undertake to support scouting in Birstall.

The current leadership would like to thank Nick Farnham and Vic Dolby for their unwavering support in their tenures as GSL. Also the other section leaders for the opportunities that they have provided over the last 12 years.

**Gareth Woods Scout Leader**

### **Explorer Scouts 2022/2023.**

First night back was 13<sup>th</sup> September where we were planning for the upcoming term and year. This included Rifle shooting, Fencing, chip shop hike, shelter building, cooking, gaming night, Performing arts, Creative arts, Modelling, Coronation cooking, shooting, First aid and paddle boards.

We are in the stages of planning to do an overnight camp in open shelters at the end of this term at Johns Lee Wood.

We have completed a lot of scouting badges this year and is a great achievement for the Explorers.

We have had 7 Explorers leave over the year due to them being of leaving age of 18.

Member numbers are 8.

**Nick Farnham Explorer Scout Leader.**

### **Treasurer's Report**

Last year was very busy for the group mainly because of the 90<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebrations which took place. These should have happened in 2020 but for obvious

reasons were delayed. On top of this we are now dealing with a large increase in membership partly accounted for by the introduction of a Squirrel section but also increases across the board.

### **Income**

It should be noted that all figures in the Income and Expenditure account are gross figures, this is a Charity Commission requirement.

Subscriptions were back to a pre covid level. As parents will know we introduced an OSM based payment system last year and this has been very successful in keeping track of subs and events payments. Income for events of £9566 was offset against an expenditure of £11354 giving a loss of £ 1788, this loss was budgeted for as part of the 90<sup>th</sup> celebrations. Fund raising gave a net profit of £1649 less expenses of £1030 which comes to £619. Gift Aid was £281, the low figure being a reflection of the fact we only charged a minimum amount for subs in the previous year. HQ hire continues to give us a useful income,

### **Expenditure**

With the resumption of normal service Section Activities increased back to more normal levels. Events and Fund Raising expenses I have mentioned in the previous section. Equipment consists of new and extra camping equipment and some new, lighter air rifles. Capitation is the money we need to send to Scout HQ to keep them going and again reflects the increase in membership. Light and heat jumped last year as it did for everyone and will double this year. The OSM software was a lot less than the previous year because of an adjustment for overpayment.

### **General comments**

At the end of last year we took the difficult decision to increase subs which had been at the same level for around thirteen years. The main reason for the decision was the increase in energy prices which will increase our annual bill to around £3000 this year, this against an average cost of £900 before the pandemic. The operating loss of £3469 is accounted for by the Events overspend plus the increase in energy costs and loss of Gift Aid income. However, barring unforeseen disasters, we are now back on an even keel.

**Nick Bryan - Group Treasurer.**

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INCOME & EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER 2022**

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	£	2022 £	£	2021 £
<b>INCOME</b>				
Subscriptions		14911		1600
Uniforms		62		297
Donations		1034		0
Grants		0		16728
Events		9566		428
Fundraising		1649		260
Gift Aid		281		0
HQ Hire		2328		1972
COIF Charity Fund Interest		54		1
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		<b>29885</b>		<b>21286</b>
<b>EXPENDITURE</b>				
Uniforms	886		1110	
Badges	1907		1723	
Section Activities	2640		1890	
Events	11354		1150	
Fund Raising Expenses	1030		0	
Kandersteg	0		1250	
Equipment	2041		378	
Capitation	6373		4205	
Insurance	1033		1238	
Light & Heat	1536		106	
Water Rates	457		421	
Repairs & Renewals	1455		9398	
Broadband	326		291	
Cleaning	728		690	
Accountancy	450		300	
Finance Charges	418		0	
OSM Software	98		609	
AGM Expenses	274		0	
Leaders Meeting	309		0	
Stationery	19		0	
Miscellaneous Expenses	20		36	
		-----		-----
		<b>33354</b>		<b>24795</b>
<b>EXCESS OF EXPENDITURE OVER INCOME</b>		-----		-----
		<b>(3469)</b>		<b>(3509)</b>
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**53rd LEICESTER [BIRSTALL ST JAMES] SCOUT GROUP  
BALANCE SHEET as at 31st DECEMBER 2022**

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	<b>2022</b>	<b>2021</b>
	£	£
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>		
COIF Charities Deposit Fund	5000	13000
Current Account	5597	1525
Expense Account	159	0
Ring Fence Account	450	0
	-----	-----
Less :-	11206	14525
<b>CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>		
Accruals	450	300
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<b>NET ASSETS</b>	<b>10756</b>	<b>14225</b>
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Represented by :-		
<b>ACCUMULATED FUND</b>		
Opening Balance	14225	17734
Excess of Expenditure over Income	-3469	-3509
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	<b>10756</b>	<b>14225</b>
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