

6TH CHRISTCHURCH (BRANSGORE) SCOUT GROUP

England & Wales · Charity number 267707

Details

Other names BRANSGORE SCOUT GROUP

Status Registered

Legal form Other

Registered 1974-06-24

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

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Activities

Objects: THE INSTRUCTION OF BOYS OF ALL CLASSES IN THE PRINCIPLES OF DISCIPLINE, LOYALTY AND GOOD CITIZENSHIP.

Activities: Provide Scouting activities for young people

Classification

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

Geography

- Dorset
- Hampshire

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2024-12-31	£28,731	£23,711	-	-
2023-12-31	£36,148	£40,017	-	-
2022-12-31	£27,665	£27,137	-	-
2021-12-31	£25,859	£60,496	-	-
2020-12-31	£17,117	£5,652	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Donna Lesley Reeves		2017-04-04
James Richard Hanford		2017-04-07
KEVIN Robert William DAWSON		2008-05-19
Mark David Linney		2014-10-15
Simon James WILLIAMS		
Susannah Troye		2022-03-03

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LEAD VOLUNTEER'S REPORT 2024 / SCOUTS SECTION REPORT

New for 2024 was our Bransgore Squirrels Drey, which thanks to Katie, one of our Cub Leaders, supported by Vicky our Beaver leader and some new parent helpers we started in January. The squirrels are the 4- 6 years age group that feed into our Beaver Colony, boosting the group members and introducing these young people to Scouting even earlier in life. The section has been very successful and has grown in numbers as well as leaders and it was fantastic to see the squirrels taking part in Group and District events including the Christchurch District St Georges Day Parade and the Scurry to Moors Valley.

Beavers continued from strength to strength with a full programme of meetings as well as attending the St Georges and Remembrance parades and offering the new Squirrels a view of the exciting activities that they will move onto as they become Beavers. Inventions, Secret Codes, pond dipping, cycling safety just a few of the activities completed toward badges during the terms.

Cubs and Scouts delivered the full range of indoor and outdoor activities with the support of the Leaders and Young Leaders. We said a big thank you to our Scout Leader, Phil as he took a step back from leading regular Scout meetings at the end of the summer term. Phil has moved to support Neptune Explorers and our sections when needed.

Several of our oldest Cubs and our Scouts have taken part in the District 'getting to know you' training events and camps in preparation for the Christchurch District International Camp to Germany in 2025. This will offer all taking part a fantastic experience travelling abroad, meeting German Scouts and staying in two castles!

The Cubs and Scouts took part in several camps, including the spring bank holiday camp, 6'ers and 2nd'ers camp and the Emlyn Competition camp which our Scout team won for the record breaking third year in a row, well done to the team!

The group has raised significant funds from the Mayday Funday and the Bransgore Beer Festival and with a grant awarded by the Coop it has been possible to fund a new internet connection and wifi system across both huts. Thanks go to the Trustees, support team, leaders and parents for helping to raise the funds and to Damian for designing and installing the wifi equipment.

After some 7 years in the role, Marc our Group Chairman stepped down in the autumn. Having delivered some huge improvements to the site and facilities, including masterminding the Anne's Lodge refurbishment, he will be greatly missed. All of us wish Marc well and thank him for this commitment and drive to support our young people and all who now benefit from the vastly improved facilities.

With the legacy of Covid-19 and the increasing impact of social media on our young people's lives, organisations such as the Scout movement are as important as ever in helping to provide learning and guidance through safe and exciting activities. Our four sections continue to support these Scouting principles for our 70+ members, all delivered by our amazing volunteers. Please help where you can to support the group into 2025 and beyond.

Huge thanks to everyone involved in the group past and present. The Leaders, the Assistants, group supporters, Young Leaders, parents, local charities and businesses and all who give their time to support the delivery of such fantastic activities for our young people.

Mark Linney, Group Lead Volunteer, Bransgore Scout Group

SQUIRRELS REPORT 2024

We've had a great first year running the Squirrel Scouts. We started with around 8 Squirrels and are now averaging about 13 Squirrels each week. We have also seen a good retention rate with most of the original Squirrels we started with having recently moved up to Beavers.

The Squirrels enjoyed getting involved with the variety of games and activities we planned over the last year. Many of which have earned them sections of the Squirrel badges. We made paper mache models of the solar system and eaten many Jaffa cakes and Oreos to facilitate showing the phases of the moon for the space explorer badge. We read many books and coloured in large cardboard models of pirate ships and castles for the storytime badge and grown our own plants for the let it grow badge.

We have completed visits to a local fire station, been to Sopley salads to see how plants are grown and pond dipping at Mill Lawn. We have also taken part in a district Squirrels Scurry at Moors Valley and a district Squirrel Christmas party.

We enjoyed our first campfire where we roasted marshmallows and sang some campfire songs.

We have had 4 Squirrels complete the Chief Scout Acorn which involves completing all 4 challenge badges.

I'm very thankful to the generous amount of parent help regularly offered. As well as the leaders Ash (Bethany), Rowan (Tanya) and Puffin (who helped us when we were all clueless).

Katie (Willow) Squirrels Leader

BEAVERS REPORT 2024

We have had another busy year of scouting with the Beavers. We average about 15 children each week. We had a visit from a local paramedic to show us some basic first aid skills. We enjoy our food too, and tried different things when learning about Burns Night, Chinese New Year, Pancake Day, Italy and much more!

In the District, we took part in the Annual Painting competition which we won. We have also taken our older Beavers up to Braggers Wood to try different adventurous activities before they leave us for Cubs.

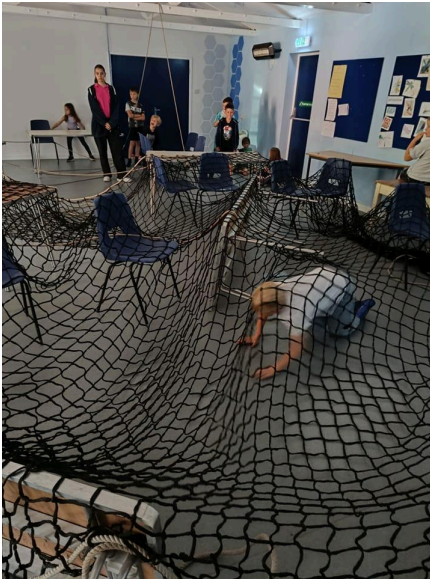
We have also been out and about. We went pond dipping at Mill Lawn, and most people got back dry! We helped the village Christmas vent by litter picking afterwards, and we have also been working on or recycling throughout the year.

We held a sleepover in the summer and learnt how to put up tents and other camping skills. We also completed some obstacle courses.

At the end of the year, we had a Christmas party with the Squirrels, complete with a very special guest who bought his "Naughty or Nice" book with him. Thankfully, they were all on the right list!

Thank you to our lovely Young Leaders who help each week – Kookaburra, Nightjar and Flamingo. As always, Crane and all the parents for their invaluable help throughout the year.

Vicky (Puffin), Beaver Leader



CUBS REPORT 2024

The Cubs ran a full programme of activities throughout the year with the support of the Leaders, Young Leaders, GSL and some parents. The meetings covered a wide range of badge activities as well as a selection of off-site trips including a hike on Wilverley, a walk around Christchurch, litter picking round Bransgore, going to FONFA, and a visit to Highcliffe Castle. We did lots of science and lots of cooking, including making tea, jam tarts, pancakes, and an evening meal. We learnt about other countries and their celebrations. We had a visit from the RNLI to talk about water safety. The Science Dome taught us about the universe. The Cubs did lots of knots and lashings, culminating in eating our knots!

The Cubs joined the Bransgore Scouts and the whole of the Christchurch District at the Spring Bank Holiday Camp at Braggers Wood in May which was a fantastic weekend with lots of fun activities. We also hiked with Christchurch Cubs around Hengistbury head and the New Forest. We also had a joint camp with the Scouts at our HQ in the Summer, which was a lot of fun and the Cubs were extremely jealous of the Scouts sleeping overnight in the hammocks that the Cubs created in the woods.

The pack maintained around 20 Cubs on average. Parents continued to provide much valued support to the section and our Young Leaders did a great job helping to keep the meetings in order and helping to plan the programme and organising and running games and bass.

Thanks again to everyone involved in keeping this section going and driving all the exciting activities.

Sarah Benwell, Cub Leader

LEADERSHIP TEAM

Leader Support

Mark Linney	Lead Volunteer
Helen Williams	Membership Secretary

Squirrels

Katie Addison	Squirrel Leader
Tanya Axe	Assistant Squirrel Leader
Beth Cohu	Assistant Squirrel Leader
Maddie John	Young Leader

Beavers

Vicky Stimpson	Beaver Leader
Gary Baxter	Assistant Beaver Leader
Imogen Reeves	Young Leader
Katie Gyles	Young Leader
Amber Stimpson	Young Leader

Cubs

Sarah Benwell	Cub Leader
Ben Linford	Assistant Cub Leader
Monica Sanchez	Assistant Cub Leader
Ben Cohu	Young Leader
Matt Linford	Young Leader

Scouts

Katherine Angel	Assistant Leader
Brett Troye	Section Assistant
James Baulch	Section Assistant
Shaun Parker	Section Assistant

GOVERNANCE

Trustee Board Members

Vacancy	Group Chair
Kevin Dawson	Group Treasurer and archery and rifle permits Secretary
Jim Hanford	Trustee
Simon Williams	Trustee
Donna Reeves	Trustee
Suzi Troye	Trustee
Jo Donaldson	Trustee

Volunteer Support Team Members

Alun John	Team member
Damian Wynn-Hughes	Team member
Andrew Newey	Team member

Committee support

Lord Willie Manners	Honorary President
John Malins	Auditor
Amanda Linford	Hall Bookings Secretary

CHAIR'S REPORT

Everything behind the scenes in Scouting, seems to move slowly. Its only when you look back at the end of the year that you realise how much has happened and how much everything has crept forwards. I guess this is to contrast the sections that seem to rush around, cramming so much into a year.

Behind the scenes this year was dominated by the changes from a Committee to a Board of Trustees. It may seem that it was just a change in name, however, it involved bringing the structure of our group up to date and ensuring compliance to the rules of the Charity Commission. It has meant that there is now more emphasis on governance and ensuring that the correct policies and procedures are in place. We obviously had the majority of these in place prior to transition, but there was still a lot of work to pull everything into one place and reflect necessary changes. It has been difficult and unfortunately it still needs the finishing touches to be applied.

I would like to thank all the volunteers that have made this such a great year. The trustees & support team have given so much time in the background to ensure that the young people can enjoy a varied and challenging program. The leaders have all been amazing in organising that great programme of events and giving up so much time to allow the young people to grow and develop in their care. Finally, I must thank our landlord and Honorary President Lord Manners for his continued support to the group.

Marc Stimpson, Group Chair (retired)

SUPPORT TEAM-LEADER'S REPORT

Well, as announced at last year's Annual review, we started 2023 by finally getting Building Regulation sign off following our renovation of Anns Lodge. The building has now become an amazing asset for the Group as well as an asset for the village as a whole. It is great to see so many other charities and groups using the building. It has taken so many years and it seems such a long time ago, that I suggested the project and thought that we could just do a few repairs and splash some paint around. Little did I know that we would end up stripping it down to a bare frame and starting again. But we did, and the results are outstanding. It has involved so many people over the years and I would like to thank them all for their hard work.

I must also thank the Co-Op for their generous grant that has enabled us to get a proper fixed phone line into the building and therefore reliable internet. Thank you to everyone that helped on that project.

As usual we had some successful fundraising events this year, our policy of concentrating on only a few larger events paid off with the Group raising money at both the May Day Fun Day and the Beer festival, and I must thank the Rotary club for enabling us to be at these events.

After the transition from a committee to a Trustee board and a Support team, the support team has not been as well supported as we would hope. Unfortunately, some meetings have been poorly attended. And though I am grateful to those that have got involved, I would really emphasise the importance of this team in the running of the Sections and ask everyone to consider getting involved. The time commitment can be as much or as little as you can give.

Marc Stimpson, Team Leader of the Support team

PERSONAL MESSAGE

As the end of 2023 approached, I found myself not enjoying Scouting as much as used to and needing a break. Following discussion with the Trustees it was decided that I should step away with immediate effect, giving them several months prior to the busy spring months to fill the gap. I am sorry to have done this, but I had tried for a while to reduce my workload from Scouts and a clean break was the only way I could see to achieve this.

I have thoroughly enjoyed my 12 years on the committee and am so grateful to all the help and support from everyone. I have made many friendships through Scouting that I know will last for years to come. I like to think that, as a team, we have achieved a lot in that time and the Group is in a stronger position than when I joined. And though I have put in a lot of time over the years, it pales into insignificance when I think about what my children have gained during their time in the sections.

I hope to be involved in the Group again in the future, but for now I need a rest, and the Group needs someone else to take the helm, maybe you??

Marc Stimpson, Group Chair (retired)

TREASURER'S REPORT

From a financial perspective, 2024 was a pretty standard affair, so there isn't much of note to report:

- Membership fees increased by 30% as, for the first time in a few years, Christchurch District passed on the County portion of the membership fee to the groups
- Hall bookings are still healthy, including another regular dog training session
- The Coop continue to provide good financial support
- The fundraising total was down slightly on the previously record years

Unfortunately, 2024 saw the final donation from the Christchurch Runners as they no longer run their Christmas 10K race, where we provided gazebos and equipment for the soup kitchen and first aid tent.

Once again, our level of fundraising and donations have allowed us to hold our subscriptions for young people in the Group at the same rate.

The result of the above means that the financial position of the Group improved during 2024 with a surplus of £5,020 of receipts over payments leaving a closing balance of £19,874.

The Trustee Board and I are grateful to John Malins for conducting the independent examination of the accounts and for his continued guidance and advice.

Kevin Dawson, Group Treasurer

RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT SUMMARY

For the year ended 31st December 2024

	This Year	2023
	£	£
Total receipts for the year	28,731	33,699
Total payments for the year	(23,711)	(37,567)
Net receipts / (payments) for the year	5,020	(3,869)
Cash, Bank and similar funds brought forward	14,855	18,723
Cash, Bank and similar funds carried forward	19,874	14,855

The above account and accompanying statement of assets and liabilities were approved by the Trustees on 12 May 2025, and signed on their behalf by

J Hanford – Secretary

K Dawson – Group Treasurer

RESERVES POLICY

The Group's policy on reserves is:

- 1) To hold sufficient funds as contingencies to enable the Group to operate normally in the event of any unanticipated loss of income or increased expenditure, and
- 2) To maintain a specific building fund to cover future liabilities associated with the premises of the group

At the 31st December 2024 the general reserves of the Group amounted to **£19,874**. This figure includes a security fund of £5,000.

The Group is a trust established under its rules, which are common to all Groups.

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

The accounts have been drawn up on the receipts and payments basis, which is consistent with the previous year.

Approved by the Trustees on 10th May 2025 and signed on their behalf by

J Hanford – Group Chair

RECEIPTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2024

	This Year	2023
	£	£
MEMBERS SUBSCRIPTIONS	9,804	8,880
Less Membership Fees	3,174 ¹	2,450 ²
	<u>6,630</u>	<u>6,431</u>
INVESTMENT INCOME RECEIVED		
Bank Interest	0	0
Building Society Interest	75	0
	<u>75</u>	<u>0</u>
DONATIONS / GRANTS		
Use of Halls	10,591	9,896
Other	1,954	5,732 ³
	<u>12,545</u>	<u>15,628</u>
ACTIVITIES		
Camp Fees	1,820	3,324
Outings	1,156	1,160
	<u>2,976</u>	<u>4,484</u>
FUND RAISING (Gross)		
Bransgore Fun Day	784	921
Tent and Marquee Hire	150	95
Beer Festival	3,329	3,778
Sundries	95	69
	<u>4,358</u>	<u>4,862</u>
OTHER INCOME		
Badge Receipts	0	0
Gift Aid	2,139	2,192
Uniform	8	68
Miscellaneous	0	35
	<u>2,147</u>	<u>2,294</u>
ASSET AND INVESTMENT SALES	0	0
TOTAL RECEIPTS FOR THE YEAR	<u>28,731</u>	<u>33,699</u>

¹ In 2024 TSA increased their rate by £2/YP, and Christchurch District passed on the County charge to the Groups

² In 2023, Christchurch District did not make a charge to the Groups and also paid the County portion of the fee

³ This includes £4,500 from the Rotary Club

SUB-TOTAL	<u>23,513</u>	<u>20,314</u>
CAPITAL EXPENDITURE:		
Equipment	78	948
HQ	120	0
Ann's Lodge	0	19,497 ⁷
General Site	0	6,439 ⁸
Less insurance claim	0	(9,630) ⁹
	<u>198</u>	<u>17,254</u>
TOTAL PAYMENTS FOR THE YEAR	<u>23,711</u>	<u>37,567</u>

⁷ This completes the majority of the work on refurbishing Ann's Lodge

⁸ Resurfacing of the driveway from the main road and car park area in front of HQ

⁹ This was to repair the extensive damage caused to the front corner of Ann's Lodge by the car park

STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES AS AT 31ST DECEMBER 2024

	This Year	2023
	£	£
MONETARY ASSETS		
Current Account	14,726	9,794
Savings account	5,105	5,030
Cash in Hand	44	31
	<u>19,874</u>	<u>14,855</u>
OTHER MONETARY ASSETS		
Tax Claim for Year Ending (Estimate)	2,000	2,000
Debts due to Group / District	0	0
	<u>2,000</u>	<u>2,000</u>
INVESTMENT ASSETS		
Government stocks at market value	0	0
Other quoted securities at market value	0	0
Other investments	0	0
Property held for investment purposes	0	0
	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
NON-MONETARY ASSETS (Assets for Charity's own use)		
Badge Secretary's Stock	200	200
Group / District Shop Stock	0	0
Land and Buildings	380,000	380,000
Scouting Equipment, Furniture, etc.	35,000	35,000
	<u>415,200</u>	<u>415,200</u>
LIABILITIES (Payable after more than one year)		
Loan	0	0
	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
CONTINGENT LIABILITIES AND FUTURE OBLIGATIONS		
	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT

To the Trustees of the 6th Christchurch (Bransgore) Scout Group Scout Council:

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the 6th Christchurch (Bransgore) Scout Group for the year ended 31st December, 2024 which are set out on the previous pages.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

As the charity trustees of the 6th Christchurch (Bransgore) Scout Group you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').

I report in respect of my examination of the 6th Christchurch (Bransgore) Scout Group accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent Examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the 6th Christchurch (Bransgore) Scout Group as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed:

Name: J Malins
Qualification: Chartered Management Accountant (A.C.M.A.)
Address: 205 Salisbury Road, Burton, Christchurch, Dorset. BH23 7JT
Date: 16th May 2025

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Last year was a busy year throughout, from early in the spring term, activities were delivered across all sections and further site developments completed.

All three sections, the Beavers, Cubs and Scouts delivered the full range of indoor and outdoor activities with the support of the Leaders and Young Leaders. We gained a new Assistant Cub Leader and offered a place in Scouts to a Ukrainian refugee living in the village who attends the school with many of our Scouts. This offer came with the additional support of his mum who has joined as a volunteer in the role of Assistant Scout Leader.

Continuing the international theme, our Scouts met up with a German group that were camping at Avon Tyrrell campsite for an evening of games, exchange of traditional snacks and sharing a campfire. This gave the Scouts a view of the very different style of tents used in Germany and we were able to help them with some stoves and gas as well as tips on the best way to visit Brownsea Island. This was great timing with the launch of the Christchurch District International Camp to Germany in 2025 which has several of our Scouts signed up to take part.

We all enjoyed a fantastic day out in August as a group to Brownsea Island, with over 50 of our Beavers, Cubs, Scouts, YLs, Leaders and parents taking the ferry over and hiking around the island. We were lucky enough to see several red squirrels and peacocks as well as other wildlife, including the largest caterpillar I have ever seen in the UK, a 10cm long goat moth caterpillar, just enjoying the play area at the time!

The sections all took part in several camps, including the spring bank holiday camp, a summer camp, cooking camp, Beavers at Braggers and the Emlyn Competition camp which our Scout team won for the second year in a row, well done to the team!

The group has benefited enormously again from the fund raising and grants we have secured. This has mainly been possible through the hard work of the group supporters and trustees as well as ongoing donations from the Bransgore Rotary Group. Through all this financial and volunteer support we have been able to transform our site with 140 tonnes of aggregates spread over a weekend to form a new gravel driveway to the site. This included the free loan of an array of heavy equipment from a local hire company and some volunteers and leaders to operate it. The new floor was laid in Ann's Lodge, further enhancing the building which now benefits from multiple regular hires. We also managed to purchase two new large hike tents for the group to take on summer camp.

Fundraising and working with the Stepping Stones Nursery management team resulted in the purchase of an AED by the group and Stepping Stones installing this at their building to provide cover for this corner of the village and all who use both Stepping Stones or the Scout site facilities.

Looking forward as a leadership team in the summer of 2023, we decided it was time to set up a Squirrels Drey to support the growing demand and waiting list. The start was planned for the October term but unfortunately with limited volunteers we postponed the start into 2024 and that is for next years report....!

It just leaves me to thank everyone involved in the group, the Leaders, the Assistants, group supporters, Young Leaders, parents, local charities and businesses and all who give their time to support the delivery of such fantastic activities for our young people.

Mark Linney, Group Lead Volunteer, Bransgore Scout Group

SCOUTS REPORT 2023

2023 has been jam packed with Scouting! There have been normal Scouting activities, but also some great highlights including: Scouts creating their own memes (for some reason I seemed to be the target of many of them), a chip shop challenge where we compared and rated the chips from various outlets in Christchurch with some interesting results, but one thing was pretty unanimous, DON'T buy chips from a pizza outlet! We also had three of our Scouts run a Dungeons and Dragons evening, which was hugely successful, and enjoyed by everyone!

There was the usual complement of district competitions: Football, Cooking, Night Hike and Emlyn. I am excited and very proud to say that we did really well! Firstly, we had two teams enter the Night Hike Competition. One team performed outstandingly and won the trophy, but what really makes me extremely proud is that both teams scored the highest teamwork scores out of all of the teams entered! Finally, the Emlyn camping competition which focuses on core Scouting skills was won for the second year in a row! Looking at the trophy very few troops have managed this. Can we be the first troop to do three years on the bounce??? It's very exciting!!!

Talking of camping, we have had multiple camps thanks mostly to Kat who has done a massive amount of organisation to make them happen! We had a Cooking Camp in March, District Spring Bank Camp, Emlyn in June, Summer Camp in August, which also included a trip to Brownsea Island where we invited both the Beavers and Cubs to come with us for the day, and it was great to see the entire Bransgore Group out at the birthplace of Scouting. Lastly, we had a Master at Arms camp in September.

We have also had the obligatory end of term events, which the Scouts always enjoy! We went to Ninja Warrior in April, where I learnt that, at my size, gravity and I are not friends... For the 3 years running we went to the New Forest Water Park in July, and for the end of year we went to Insanity Arcade.

Once again, I would like to give very sincere thanks to Kat, Brett, James, Amber and Oksana. Without having such a wonderful team, we would not be able to provide the quality of Scouting that we do in Bransgore.

Roll on 2024!!

Phil Reeves, Scout Leader

CUBS REPORT 2023

The Cubs ran a full programme of activities throughout the year with the support of the Leaders, Young Leaders and some parents. The meetings covered a wide range of badge activities as well as a selection of off-site trips including cycling in the forest, litter picking around Bransgore, and a trip to Brownsea Island. We did lots of cooking, including making our own tea, pancakes, and campfire doughnuts. We learnt about other countries and their celebrations. The Cubs did lots of knots and lashings, culminating in making huge catapults and firing our favourite teddies across the room.

The Cubs joined the Bransgore Scouts and the whole of the Christchurch District at the Spring Bank Holiday Camp at Braggers Wood in May which was a fantastic hot weekend, if a little chilly for the leaders at night. We also hiked with Christchurch Cubs around Hengistbury head and the New Forest.

The pack maintained around 20 Cubs on average. The Cubs section gained a new volunteer leader during the year helping to drive all the activities and share the load which was great. Parents continued to provide much valued support to the section and our Young Leaders did a great job helping to keep the meetings in order and helping to plan the programme and organising and running games.

Thanks again to everyone involved in keeping this section going and driving all the exciting activities.

Sarah Benwell, Cub Leader

BEAVERS REPORT 2023

We have had another busy year of scouting with the Beavers. We average about 15 children each week. We helped raise money for the defibrillator and had a visit from Bransgore Community First Responders to show us some basic first aid skills. We enjoy our food too, and tried different things when learning about Burns Night, Chinese New Year, Pancake Day, Italy and much more!

In the District, we took part in the Annual Painting competition which we won, thanks to James and Austin.

We have also been out and about. We went pond dipping at Mill Lawn, and most people got back dry! We visited Liberty's Raptor Centre and found out all about birds of prey and creepy crawlies. We have been out cycling around Burbush and some of us visited Brownsea Island in the summer with our Cubs and Scouts.

We held a sleepover last Easter and visited the RNLI in Mundeford as part of this. It was a lovely event and we enjoyed getting to know each other!

Thank you to our lovely Young Leaders who help each week – Kookaburra, Nightjar and Penguin. As always, thank you to Ostrich and all the parents for their invaluable help throughout the year.

Vicky (Puffin), Beaver Leader

LEADERSHIP TEAM

Leader Support

Mark Linney	Lead Volunteer
Helen Williams	Membership Secretary

Beavers

Vicky Stimpson	Beaver Leader
Paul Wilson	Assistant Beaver Leader
Imogen Reeves	Young Leader
Katie Gyles	Young Leader
Ethan O'Reilly	Young Leader

Cubs

Sarah Benwell	Cub Leader
Ben Linford	Assistant Cub Leader
Monica Sanchez	Assistant Cub Leader
Ben Cohu	Young Leader

Scouts

Phil Reeves	Scout Leader
Katherine Angel	Assistant Leader
Brett Troye	Section Assistant
James Baulch	Section Assistant
Oksana Tsyplakova	Section Assistant
Amber Stimpson	Young Leader

Squirrels (2024)

Katie Addison	Squirrel Leader
Tanya Axe	Assistant Squirrel Leader
Judy Piagesti	Assistant Squirrel Leader
Maddie John	Young Leader

GOVERNANCE

Trustee Board Members

Marc Stimpson	Group Chair
Kevin Dawson	Group Treasurer and archery and rifle permits
Jim Hanford	Secretary
Simon Williams	Trustee
Donna Reeves	Trustee
Jo Donaldson	Trustee
Suzi Troye	Trustee
Christina Chapman	Trustee

Volunteer Support Team Members

Marc Stimpson	Team Leader
Alun John	Team member
Damian Wynn-Hughes	Team member
Mike Manley	Team member

Committee support

Lord Willie Manners	Honorary President
John Malins	Auditor
Amanda Linford	Hall Bookings Secretary

CHAIR'S REPORT

I'm sure a year isn't as long as it used to be, time goes so quickly and it only seems like yesterday I was writing a report for 2022! Looking back on 2023 it initially didn't seem there were a lot of changes, it was only as I started to list the developments that I realised how busy everyone had been.

The year started with an insurance claim to mend the damage to Ann's lodge caused by a car reversing into it. The builders did a great job and the corner of the building was dismantled and soon looking back to new. The renovation to Ann's Lodge which has been taking place over the last few years continued, slowly and mostly in the background. Early in the year a new floor was fitted due to a generous grant from the Rotary Club. The storeroom was organised (and a lot of old obsolete kit was moved on).

We hope that, during 2024, we will get the building regulations signed off and finally put the project to bed. In March of the year, we poured tons and tons of aggregate onto our driveway, having levelled it and adjusted the drainage. So far this has been a great investment, keeping potholes away and ensuring the drive is in a usable condition despite the recent bad weather.

The site has become a busy place with our regular hall hirers and several visiting Scout groups using the site throughout the year. The site has become an amazing asset for the group and the community.

Behind the scenes there have been lots of changes to the structure of the group. We have completed the transition from a committee to a trustee board and have also introduced a new support team to look after the site and fundraising activities. These changes are directed by the Scout Association and should ensure that the group has better governance and align us with the charity commission's regulations.

I would like to thank all the volunteers that have made this such a great year. The committee / trustees / support team have given so much time in the background to ensure that the young people can enjoy a varied and challenging program. The leaders have all been amazing in organising that great programme of events and giving up so much time to allow the young people to grow and develop in their care. Finally, I must thank our landlord and Honorary President Lord Manners for his continued support to the group.

Marc Stimpson, Group Chair

TREASURER'S REPORT

Every year, we recognise the huge financial support we get from other local organisations, especially the Rotary Club, providing funds to replace the flooring in Ann's Lodge, the Coop and Christchurch Runners, for which we are extremely grateful. During the early summer we joined together with Stepping Stones to raise money for a defibrillator, contributing the money raised from the Bransgore Fun Day and receiving additional donations from Community First Aid Association and the Bransgore Horticultural Society.

In addition to the donations, our income from hiring out the halls and grounds increased again, almost, but not quite, reaching the £10,000 mark.

Having reported a record year for fundraising at the Bransgore Beer Festival last year, 2023 was even better, increasing the record to around £2,300. To achieve this requires a lot of volunteers, over quite a long day, to do the preparation, cooking and serving, all working together. The atmosphere is excellent and the results speak for themselves – thank you to those involved.

As in previous years, our level of fundraising and particularly donations have allowed us to hold our subscriptions for young people in the Group at the same rate.

The major spending on the Ann's Lodge refurbishment has come to end, with final 'finishing off' to be completed.

The result of the above means that the financial position of the Group worsened during 2023 with a deficit of £3,869 of payments over receipts leaving a closing balance of £14,855.

The independent examination of the accounts was again performed by John Malins. The Executive Committee and I are grateful for his continued guidance and advice.

Kevin Dawson, Group Treasurer

RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT SUMMARY

For the year ended 31st December 2023

	This Year	2022
	£	£
Total receipts for the year	33,699	27,665
Total payments for the year	(37,567)	(27,137)
Net receipts / (payments) for the year	(3,869)	528
Cash, Bank and similar funds brought forward	18,723	18,195
Cash, Bank and similar funds carried forward	14,855	18,723

The above account and accompanying statement of assets and liabilities were approved by the Trustees on 14th March 2024, and signed on their behalf by

M Stimpson – Group Chair

K Dawson – Group Treasurer

RESERVES POLICY

The Group's policy on reserves is:

- 1) To hold sufficient funds as contingencies to enable the Group to operate normally in the event of any unanticipated loss of income or increased expenditure, and
- 2) To maintain a specific building fund to cover future liabilities associated with the premises of the group

At the 31st December 2023 the general reserves of the Group amounted to **£14,855**. This figure includes a security fund of £5,000.

The Group is a trust established under its rules, which are common to all Groups.

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

The accounts have been drawn up on the receipts and payments basis, which is consistent with the previous year.

Approved by the Trustees on 14th March 2024 and signed on their behalf by

M Stimpson – Group Chair

RECEIPTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2023

	This Year	2022
	£	£
MEMBERS SUBSCRIPTIONS	8,880	9,588
Less Membership Fees	2,450	2,450
	<u>6,431</u>	<u>7,139</u>
INVESTMENT INCOME RECEIVED		
Bank Interest	0	0
Building Society Interest	0	8
	<u>0</u>	<u>8</u>
DONATIONS / GRANTS		
Use of Halls	9,896	6,247
Other	5,732 ¹	5,518
	<u>15,628</u>	<u>11,765</u>
ACTIVITIES		
Camp Fees	3,324	2,829
Outings	1,160	590
	<u>4,484</u>	<u>3,419</u>
FUND RAISING (Gross)		
Bransgore Fun Day	921	756
Tent and Marquee Hire	95	300
Beer Festival	3,778	2,762
Sundries	69	107
	<u>4,862</u>	<u>3,925</u>
OTHER INCOME		
Uniform	68	128
Income tax Recovered	2,192	1,282
Miscellaneous	35	0
	<u>2,294</u>	<u>1,410</u>
SUNDRY RECEIPTS		
Badge Receipts	0	0
ASSET AND INVESTMENT SALES	0	0
TOTAL RECEIPTS FOR THE YEAR	<u><u>33,699</u></u>	<u><u>27,665</u></u>

¹ This includes £4,500 from the Rotary Club

PAYMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2023

	This Year	2022
	£	£
PREMISES		
Ground Rent	100	100
Water Rates	392	142
Light and Heat	2,466	1,850
Insurance	2,881	2,625
Internet	120	120
Maintenance	735	1,863
Caretaker Fees and cleaning	1,493	1,939
Improvements	0	378
	8,187	9,017
ACTIVITIES		
Camp Costs and Food	4,366	3,293
Outings, Entry Fees and Sundries	2,174	2,261
	6,540	5,554
FUND RAISING EXPENSES		
Bransgore Fun Day	62	44
Tent and Marquee Hire	0	154
Beer Festival	1,476	729
Sundries	50	89
	1,587	1,017
DONATIONS / GRANTS	0	0
ADMIN / ESTABLISHMENT EXPENSES		
Stationery	29	0
OTHER EXPENSES		
AGM	244	259
Admin charges	508	516
Thankyou/Gifts	169	400
Uniforms	0	503
Training	0	0
Sundries	2,038 ²	860
	2,958	2,539
PURCHASE OF BADGES, NECKERS AND HANDBOOKS	1,012	1,106
SUB-TOTAL	20,313	19,232

² This includes £1,129 for the Defibrillator

PURCHASE OF CAPITAL EQUIPMENT	948	884
CAPITAL EXPENDITURE:		
General Site	6,439 ³	0
HQ	0	0
Ann's Lodge	19,497 ⁴	7,021
Less insurance claim	(9,630) ⁵	0
TOTAL PAYMENTS FOR THE YEAR	37,567	27,137

³ Resurfacing of the driveway from the main road and car park area in front of HQ

⁴ This completes the majority of the work on refurbishing Ann's Lodge

⁵ This was to repair the extensive damage caused to the front corner of Ann's Lodge by the car park

STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES AS AT 31ST DECEMBER 2023

	This Year	2022
	£	£
MONETARY ASSETS		
Bank Current Accounts	14,824	18,620
Cash in Hand	31	104
	<u>14,855</u>	<u>18,723</u>
OTHER MONETARY ASSETS		
Tax Claim for Year Ending (Estimate)	2,000	2,000
Debts due to Group / District	0	0
	<u>2,000</u>	<u>2,000</u>
INVESTMENT ASSETS		
Government stocks at market value	0	0
Other quoted securities at market value	0	0
Other investments	0	0
Property held for investment purposes	0	0
	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
NON-MONETARY ASSETS (Assets for Charity's own use)		
Badge Secretary's Stock	200	200
Group / District Shop Stock	0	0
Land and Buildings	380,000	380,000
Scouting Equipment, Furniture, etc.	35,000	35,000
	<u>415,200</u>	<u>415,200</u>
LIABILITIES (Payable after more than one year)		
Loan	0	0
	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
CONTINGENT LIABILITIES AND FUTURE OBLIGATIONS		
	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT

To the Trustees of the 6th Christchurch (Bransgore) Scout Group Scout Council:

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the 6th Christchurch (Bransgore) Scout Group for the year ended 31st December, 2023 which are set out on the previous pages.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

As the charity trustees of the 6th Christchurch (Bransgore) Scout Group you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').

I report in respect of my examination of the 6th Christchurch (Bransgore) Scout Group accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent Examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the 6th Christchurch (Bransgore) Scout Group as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed: _____

Name: J Malins
Qualification: Chartered Management Accountant (A.C.M.A.)
Address: 205 Salisbury Road, Burton, Christchurch, Dorset. BH23 7JT
Date: 14th March 2024

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GROUP CONSTITUTION

The 6th Christchurch Scout Group (Bransgore) exists to actively engage and support young people in their personal development, empowering them to make a positive contribution to society. The Group achieves this by following guidance found within the Scout Association Policy, Organisation and Rules (POR).

<https://www.scouts.org.uk/por/>

GROUP SCOUT LEADER'S REPORT 2022

This was a really positive year with no significant disruption and the pandemic a thing of the past. We were able to get back out there and focus on Scouting. The group and Christchurch District were able to put an almost full programme of meetings, camps and activities on and Bransgore got fully involved.

All three sections, the Beavers, Cubs and Scouts put together a full programme and managed to pack in some new activities including ditch clearing, beach litter picking, Master at Arms training and a visit to the New Forest Water Park. A full range of outdoor activities were run including several camps and nights away by all three sections. Our leadership team increased in numbers and experience, allowing us to maintain our section numbers and spread the workload. This was also a strong year for Young Leaders support with two achieving their YL award, well done and a future leader perhaps...?!

Our Executive Committee has been amazing and grown in numbers through the year making all of the site development and fundraising activities not just easier but more fun to be part of. The village fun day was a great success with nice weather, lots of teas and cake served and the car park and marquee set up by our group. This event combined with the support to the Beer Festival and the Christchurch Runners Xmas 10K race provides a chance for us to promote Scouting in the local community. The Bransgore Beer festival was a great success with the highest profit of any previous years serving steak wraps and pork pies over the Friday and Saturday.

We sadly lost the Braggers Explorers group from our site where they have met for many years as they relocated to Somerford and rebranded as Winterbrook. The new group has gone from strength to strength and several Bransgore Explorers continued to stay with them.

Looking back at 2022 it was a very successful year for Scouting in the village and saw a welcome return to most of our regular camps, meetings, visits and mix of combined activities across the District. A highlight for me was to take part in the District summer camp to Kandersteg International Scout Centre in Switzerland. This trip had been delayed by a year due to the pandemic and as a result we camped at the site instead of the planned chalet accommodation. Although this made the trip harder work in some ways with the 60+ Scouts and Explorers and 20 leaders under canvas and cooking for ourselves, the benefits of being in the open air surrounded by mountains, fresh air and nature were noticeable and a great experience for everyone. Bransgore Scouts and Explorers were well represented on this international trip with some amazing experiences including a dip in a glacier lake and hiking up into the mountains to stay overnight in a small hut at 1800m altitude.

Our Bransgore HQ, Ann's Lodge and the grounds continue to develop, thanks to the hard work of our Committee, Leaders, parents and local tradespeople. We have also received financial support from the Coop and the Bransgore Rotary Club, helping to cover site improvement costs as well as the purchase of new camping equipment. Thank you again for the continued support.

The site is now in use every day of the week for Scouting, Art Club, by local charities, hall hires and puppy training groups just to mention the regulars. This is a real recognition of the improved facilities we can now offer the local community.

I am continually amazed at what all of our volunteers can achieve, from running our Scouting sections, to site improvements and helping fundraise or support local activities. Another huge thank you to everyone involved in the group last year, especially on behalf of all the young people that you all help to develop through Scouting at Bransgore.

Mark Linney, Group Scout Leader

SCOUTS REPORT

2022, finally a year without a break for Covid! Woo Hoo!

So 2022 has been an even busier year than 2021 for Scouting. With Covid restrictions finally becoming more and more relaxed we launched into a full programme and tried to pack in as much camping as possible, with a Winter Camp in January, Cooking Camp in March, District Jubilee Camp in June, Halloween Camp in October and Christmas Sleepover in December the nights away badges have been handed out with regularity, and we are starting to see some really high numbers on those badges which really pleases me. Unfortunately, we could not get the support to be able to run a summer camp for the troop, but Kat, our GSL Mark, and several of our Scouts got to go to Kandersteg, Switzerland in August, which from the photo's looked a truly incredible trip! We have also had two big end of term activity sessions where we went to Rock Reef in April and once again voted by the Scouts, we went to the New Forest Water Park to celebrate the end of the school year in July.

With so much Scouting being missed due to Covid in the previous couple of years, a lot of our focus has been on core skills and trying to fast track the older Scouts through the Chief Scout Gold Award. However, all of the hard work has paid off, and the new leadership team was able to award our first Chief Scout Gold Award in July, which is not only an achievement for the Scout, but I also count this as a massive achievement for the leadership team for being able to put a programme together to achieve this!

2022 was also a year full of District activities and competitions with the Night Hike in January, Football Competition in March, Cooking Competition in May, and Emlyn Camping Competition in June. We fared pretty well in all of the competitions, but our team won the Emlyn Camping Competition which is heavily focused on core Scouting skills. This was an incredible achievement which made us so very proud.

The Scout Leadership Team were also very privileged to be awarded the Scout Troop Progress trophy at the District AGM. I was incredibly honoured to receive the award on behalf of the team, but this was a validation of what the leadership team have managed to achieve and all of the hard work that has gone into making Scouting in Bransgore as good as we possibly can. I am personally truly humbled to be part of a fabulous team. Although I am seen as the overly loud brash front person, it truly is a team effort, and we couldn't do it without everyone's involvement and support. So once again, I would like to say a massive and very heart felt thank you to our Scout leadership team and to everyone who supports Scouting within Bransgore and within District, as we really could not give the Scouts the opportunities and experiences without you all.

Roll on 2023!!

Phil Reeves, Scout Leader

CUBS REPORT 2022

The Cubs ran a full programme of activities throughout the year with the support of the Leaders, Young Leaders, GSL and some parents. The meetings covered the wide range of badge activities as well as a selection of off-site visits including the Fire Station and Christchurch town to learn about our local history. We also did some environmental and conservation activities such as growing seeds in 'windowsill greenhouses' and clearing ditches at Braggers Wood camp site. We learnt about some of the nature around us and put up some new bird boxes. The Cubs covered fire safety, whilst lighting and cooking food on campfires. The year ended with a group visit to see Cinderella, performed by New Forest Players.

The Cubs joined the Bransgore Scouts and the whole of the Christchurch District at the Spring Bank Holiday Camp at Braggers Wood in May. This year's camp coincided with the Queens Diamond Jubilee and included a huge street party with the Beavers also coming to join in! We also experienced a very close and loud thunderstorm which everyone at the camp will remember.

The pack maintained around 16 cubs on average. The Cubs section gained several new volunteer leaders during the year helping to drive all the activities and share the load which was great. Parents continued to provide much valued support to the section and our Young Leaders did a great job helping to keep the meetings in order and helping to plan the programme.

Thanks again to everyone involved in keeping this section going and driving all the exciting activities.

Cubs Leadership Team

BEAVERS REPORT 2022

It has been our first full year of Scouting for a while now, and it was great fun! The Beavers have had lots of fun activities to take part in throughout the year. We had a great visit from the Space Dome who brought in their inflatable planetarium to show us the stars. We have also completed our cooks and communicator badges. We also invited parents to come along and enjoy some biscuits and cakes we had decorated. There may have been slightly more decoration than cake on a lot of them!

We have also been out and about. We went pond dipping at Mill Lawn, and most people got back dry! In the summer, we went to Avon beach and did some litter picking. We found all sorts of strange things, including a swimsuit!!

We have met up with other Beavers during the year, at the Gang Show, St George's Day parade and over the Jubilee weekend. We visited Braggers Wood campsite and had a Jubilee party with Beavers, Cubs and Scouts from the whole of Christchurch. We also watched a show by Mr Merlin – he was very funny.

We said goodbye to our Young Leaders Penguin (Toby), Finch (Jude) and Flamingo (Amber). Penguin completed his Young Leaders certificate and is now off at university. Finch moved to pastures new and continues with his Scouting in his new area. Flamingo now helps in our Scout group. As always, my thanks go to Nuthatch, Ostrich and all the parents for their invaluable help throughout the year.

Vicky (Puffin), Beaver Leader

LEADERSHIP TEAM

Leader Support

Mark Linney	Group Scout Leader
Helen Williams	Membership Secretary

Beavers

Vicky Stimpson	Beaver Leader
Gemma Nurdin	Assistant Beaver Leader
Paul Wilson	Assistant Beaver Leader
Imogen Reeves	Young Leader
Katie Gyles	Young Leader
Ethan O'Reilly	Young Leader

Cubs

Ben Linford	Assistant Cub Leader
Sarah Benwell	Assistant Cub Leader
Katie Addison	Assistant Cub Leader
Warwick Stimpson	Assistant Cub Leader
Ben Cohu	Young Leader

Scouts

Phil Reeves	Scout Leader
Katherine Angel	Assistant Leader
Brett Troye	Section Assistant
Amber Stimpson	Young Leader

COMMITTEE TEAM

Committee

Marc Stimpson	Group Chairman
Kevin Dawson	Group Treasurer and archery and rifle permits Secretary
Jim Hanford	Secretary
Simon Williams	Committee member
Donna Reeves	Committee member
Jo Donaldson	Committee member
Mike Manley	Committee member
Claire Gyles	Committee member
Alun John	Committee member
Damian Wynn-Hughes	Committee member
Suzi Troye	Committee member
Christina Chapman	Committee member

Committee support

Lord Willie Manners	Honorary President
John Malins	Auditor
Amanda Linford	Hall Bookings Secretary

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Another year is over and Bransgore Scouts continues to grow and improve. Every year, when I write this report, I try to look at whether the group is in a better place than the last time. And I believe the answer is YES. The site is looking good and getting great use from the group and our hirers. The groups continue to develop and though more leaders and volunteers are always required, we have a fabulous team in place.

Compared with the previous year of dramatic changes to Ann's lodge, 2022 was a little more subtle. We have continued to renovate the lodge, with upgrades to the electrics and preparation work taking place for the showers and new storeroom. And though the drive has really suffered this winter, The rest of the outside area has been well kept. We are very thankful that we have received a large donation from Bransgore Rotary towards a new floor for Ann's Lodge and by the time you read this report it should have been fitted. The site is being used more and more by outside organisations. The Brownies are now settled in at our site, having had to move after the Methodist church closed. We continue to regularly host dog training, yoga, Art Club and the horticultural society. Our newest resident is Embers Learning Community who meet for two days a week. This all adds up to important revenue that can be used to subsidise group activities and improve our site. However, more important than the financial benefit, it also means that our amazing site is shared and used by the community as a whole.

On a negative point, having just renovated the kitchen in Ann's Lodge, the corner of the building appears to have been hit by a vehicle causing significant damage. Though from the outside, it just looked like a small hole, internally it shifted the supporting beams about 15 cm and caused the fire door and window to become skewed, along with a lot of cracks. For the first time in recent history we have had to claim on our building insurance. In early 2023 the whole corner of the building will be dismantled and then reassembled in the right position, before everything is decorated, and the kitchen is put back in place.

I would like to take time to thank all the Leaders, Young Leaders and everyone who helps the sections on a regular basis for their hard work and commitment. I would also like to thank my Committee for their help and support over the last year, and, of course, I must thank our landlord and Honorary President Lord Manners for his continued support of the group.

Hopefully, 2023 will be another great year for the group. The committee and myself will continue to develop the site to provide the best possible facilities for the sections and the community as a whole. We hope to significantly upgrade our driveway, so we no longer get such big potholes. We have plans to fit a new carpet in the main hall and of course the renovation of Ann's Lodge will continue and hopefully reach its conclusion.

Marc Stimpson, Group Chairman

TREASURER'S REPORT

Following a couple of mixed years due to the pandemic, the 2022 accounts show that we are back to pre-pandemic levels of income and expenditure with one notable exception - the use of our halls has increased significantly, contributing over £6,000 to the pot, double that of 2021 which itself was significantly higher than previous years.

Yet again the 'Other' heading under Donations/Grants, shows that we have received huge support from a number of organisations including the final NFDC COVID (Omicron) grant, The Coop and Christchurch Runners. On top of this, 2022 was a record year for our fundraising at the Bransgore Beer Festival, raising £2,000.

It is probably worth stating that it is due to this level of donations and fundraising that means we do not need to increase the subscriptions for young people in the Group.

The spending on the Ann's lodge refurbishment has slowed down, but there is still more to be done, so fundraising will still be necessary.

The result of the above means that the financial position of the Group improved during 2022 with a surplus of £528 of receipts over payments leaving a closing balance of £18,723.

The independent examination of the accounts was again performed by John Malins. The Executive Committee and I are grateful for his continued guidance and advice.

Looking forward to 2023, we received some excellent news to start the year when the Bransgore branch of the Rotary Club announced that they would be donating £4,500 towards the new flooring in Ann's Lodge. Also, Christchurch District have announced, as they did in 2022, that they will not be charging the Groups a Membership fee in 2023 and will also pay the County portion (£8.50 per young person) of the fee, too.

Kevin Dawson, Group Treasurer

RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT SUMMARY

For the year ended 31st December 2022

	This Year	2021
	£	£
Total receipts for the year	27,665	25,859
Total payments for the year	(27,137)	(60,496)
Net receipts / (payments) for the year	528	(34,637)
Cash, Bank and similar funds brought forward	18,195	52,832
Cash, Bank and similar funds carried forward	18,723	18,195

The above account and accompanying statement of assets and liabilities were approved by the Trustees on 26th January 2023, and signed on their behalf by

M Stimpson – Group Chairman

K Dawson – Group Treasurer

RESERVES POLICY

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- 1) To hold sufficient funds as contingencies to enable the Group to operate normally in the event of any unanticipated loss of income or increased expenditure, and
- 2) To maintain a specific building fund to cover future liabilities associated with the premises of the group

At the 31st December 2022 the general reserves of the Group amounted to **£18,723**. This figure includes a security fund of £5,000.

The Group is a trust established under its rules, which are common to all Groups.

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

The accounts have been drawn up on the receipts and payments basis, which is consistent with the previous year.

Approved by the Trustees on 26th January 2023 and signed on their behalf by

M Stimpson – Group Chairman

RECEIPTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2022

	This Year	2021
	£	£
MEMBERS SUBSCRIPTIONS	9,588	5,627
Less Capitation	2,450	3,668
	<u>7,139</u>	<u>1,959</u>
 INVESTMENT INCOME RECEIVED		
Bank Interest	0	0
Building Society Interest	8	18
	<u>8</u>	<u>18</u>
 DONATIONS / GRANTS		
Use of Halls	6,247	2,825
Other	5,518	17,825
	<u>11,765</u>	<u>20,650</u>
 ACTIVITIES		
Camp Fees	2,829	495
Outings	590	158
	<u>3,419</u>	<u>653</u>
 FUND RAISING (Gross)		
Bransgore Fun Day	756	0
Tent and Marquee Hire	300	50
Beer Festival	2,762	1,721
Sundries	107	0
	<u>3,925</u>	<u>1,771</u>
 OTHER INCOME		
Uniform	128	23
Income tax Recovered	1,282	787
	<u>1,410</u>	<u>2,483</u>
 SUNDRY RECEIPTS		
Badge Receipts	0	0
 ASSET AND INVESTMENT SALES	0	0
 TOTAL RECEIPTS FOR THE YEAR	<u><u>27,665</u></u>	<u><u>25,859</u></u>

PAYMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2022

	This Year	2021
	£	£
PREMISES		
Ground Rent	100	50
Water Rates	142	507
Light and Heat	1,850	868
Insurance	2,625	2,501
Internet	120	0
Maintenance	1,863	805
Caretaker Fees and cleaning	1,939	538
Improvements	378	0
	<u>9,017</u>	<u>5,270</u>
ACTIVITIES		
Camp Costs and Food	3,293	1,237
Outings, Entry Fees and Sundries	2,261	1,547
	<u>5,554</u>	<u>2,784</u>
FUND RAISING EXPENSES		
Bransgore Fun Day	44	0
Tent and Marquee Hire	154	0
Beer Festival	729	494
Sundries	89	126
	<u>1,017</u>	<u>620</u>
DONATIONS / GRANTS	0	1,000
ADMIN / ESTABLISHMENT EXPENSES		
Stationery	0	0
OTHER EXPENSES		
AGM	259	0
Admin charges	516	275
Thankyou/Gifts	400	97
Uniforms	503	0
Training	0	0
Sundries	860	672
	<u>2,539</u>	<u>1,044</u>
PURCHASE OF BADGES, NECKERS AND HANDBOOKS	1,106	792
SUB-TOTAL	<u>19,232</u>	<u>11,511</u>
PURCHASE OF CAPITAL EQUIPMENT	884	1,217
CAPITAL EXPENDITURE: ANN'S LODGE	7,905	47,769
TOTAL PAYMENTS FOR THE YEAR	<u><u>27,137</u></u>	<u><u>60,496</u></u>

STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES AS AT 31ST DECEMBER 2022

	This Year	2021
	£	£
MONETARY ASSETS		
Bank Current Accounts	18,620	18,001
Cash in Hand	104	194
	<u>18,723</u>	<u>18,195</u>
OTHER MONETARY ASSETS		
Tax Claim for Year Ending (Estimate)	2,000	1,200
Debts due to Group / District	0	0
	<u>2,000</u>	<u>1,200</u>
INVESTMENT ASSETS		
Government stocks at market value	0	0
Other quoted securities at market value	0	0
Other investments	0	0
Property held for investment purposes	0	0
	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
NON-MONETARY ASSETS (Assets for Charity's own use)		
Badge Secretary's Stock	200	200
Group / District Shop Stock	0	0
Land and Buildings	380,000	380,000
Scouting Equipment, Furniture, etc.	35,000	35,000
	<u>415,200</u>	<u>415,200</u>
LIABILITIES (Payable after more than one year)		
Loan	0	0
	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
CONTINGENT LIABILITIES AND FUTURE OBLIGATIONS		
	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT

To the Trustees of the 6th Christchurch (Bransgore) Scout Group Scout Council:

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the 6th Christchurch (Bransgore) Scout Group for the year ended 31st December, 2022 which are set out on the previous pages.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

As the charity trustees of the 6th Christchurch (Bransgore) Scout Group you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').

I report in respect of my examination of the 6th Christchurch (Bransgore) Scout Group accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent Examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the 6th Christchurch (Bransgore) Scout Group as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed: _____

Name: J Malins
Qualification: Chartered Management Accountant (A.C.M.A.)
Address: 205 Salisbury Road, Burton, Christchurch, Dorset. BH23 7JT
Date:

QUORUM FOR MEETINGS

The quorum for meetings of the Bransgore Scout Group is as follows:

- (a) Group Scout Council – 10
(Two of whom must be the Group Scout Leader, Chair, or member of the Executive Committee)
- (b) Executive Committee – 5
(Two of whom must be the Group Scout Leader, Chair, Secretary or Treasurer)
- (c) Sub-Committees of the Executive - A third of the membership of the sub-committee
(no less than 3)

Decisions are made by a majority of votes cast by those present at the meeting. In the event of an equal number of votes being cast on either side the chairman does not have a casting vote and the matter is taken not to have been carried.

6TH CHRISTCHURCH (BRANSGORE) SCOUT GROUP

England & Wales - Charity number 267707

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6th Christchurch
(Bransgore)

Annual Report 2021

GROUP CONSTITUTION

The 6th Christchurch Scout Group (Bransgore) exists to actively engage and support young people in their personal development, empowering them to make a positive contribution to society. The Group achieves this by following guidance found within the Scout Association Policy, Organisation and Rules (POR).

<https://www.scouts.org.uk/por/>

GROUP SCOUT LEADER'S REPORT 2021

Following the disruption in 2020 from the covid pandemic and having just got the group back up and running, 2021 started with a resurgence of infections and all Scouting was once again put on hold for the first term. We were able to restart at the end of April and with all the risk assessments, PPE and processes already established from 2020 all sections restarted with a full programme of meetings.

Unfortunately, many of the District events and camps were cancelled due to the covid disruption, general uncertainty and lack of time to organise them so the group did very limited off-site camps or activities.

Leaders have put in a huge amount of effort to make up for some of the lost Scouting and to fill in some badge work and Scouting skills that had been missed with the lockdowns. We recruited some new section assistants and although we said goodbye to a Beaver and a Cubs SA, we have kept their support to group in other roles. We have a full set of Young Leaders across the sections and hope that some will stay on as leaders when they reach 18.

We have maintained a strong and proactive Executive Committee as well as parent supporters who have supported the site development project in Anne's Lodge. With restrictions having been reduced the Bransgore Beer festival was able to run and this saw a return to our regular fund raising: The committee and parents delivered two days of steak wraps at the event and we then supported the Christchurch Runners Xmas 10k running event in December.

Braggers Explorers have returned following the pandemic and loss of the Leaders team. Danny Short (DESC) has restarted the group at our site on Wednesday evenings with a varied programme including cooking, pioneering and fires on-site and some off-site activities already completed.

If I look back at last year, then getting the sections all back up and running was a great achievement by all involved after such a turbulent year in 2020 and the return of covid in the winter. However, the major success from the year has to be the transformation of Ann's Lodge and the huge increase in interest for hiring both halls by other organisations and clubs. During the year we received some additional government funding as a result of the pandemic and Mike Manley and Dave Tickner (Warden for Braggers Wood) with a team of supporters re-insulated the entire hall, fitted a new kitchen, shower, toilets and upgraded the electrics, heating, lighting and fire exits to meet modern standards. Almost all of the work has been carried out voluntarily and we hope that this will be signed off by the building inspector in the near future.

I would like to give a huge thanks to everyone involved in the group last year as we have seen the sections restart and make up for lost time and the site facilities upgraded to support the scouting and local community for many years to come. It's fantastic to see what volunteers can achieve.

Mark Linney, Group Scout Leader

SCOUTS REPORT

And we're back.... The end of April 2021 finally saw the return of face-to-face Scouting as coronavirus restrictions slowly began to ease. It was an awkward start with lots of restrictions still in place, such as social distancing and wearing face masks etc, but the Scouts all handled it well. For the leaders, the break of over a year in face-to-face meetings created a lot of challenges. Many of the older Scouts with skills either aged out during the break or decided not to return. The remaining Scouts had missed many months of Scouting due to the pandemic. This meant that the core skills that they would have learnt from their older peers during activities had not happened. So, we found ourselves in a unique situation with many of the Scouts having less in the way of core skills. This combined with a large influx of new Scouts coming up from cubs, has meant a large troop of predominantly younger Scouts with limited skills.

2021 was an interesting time in relation to the leadership for all Scouting sections at Bransgore. When I first started as an assistant Beaver leader, there were 3 of us in Beavers, 5 leaders in Cubs and 5 leaders in Scouts. The old adage that many hands make light work was definitely true, and because of that being a leader was really enjoyable. Since then, leaders who had served for many years, and in some cases decades, stepped down, or moved to district roles within Scouting. Post covid, all sections have struggled for leaders. For Scouts we were down to Robin Thorpe, Kat Angel (who could not attend most weeks due to education) and myself. This was challenging as for many weeks it was just me and Robin. I felt meetings were frenetic and maintaining order whilst running activities was a major challenge. I was close to giving up and discussed this with Amy Kefford (ADC for Scouts). Amy agreed to start helping every week. I would like to say a massive thank you to Amy for her continued mentoring and support. The Scout leadership team has thankfully been bolstered recently by Claire Gyles and Brett Troye who have joined us as section assistants. The difference that the extra hands make to how a meeting runs is massive, I am a lot happier with how the immediate future of the Scout troop looks. I would like to personally thank Claire and Brett for stepping into the team and helping regularly, but also to both Robin and Kat, who continue to be my right hand in the organisation and running of everything. It's a real team effort, and I am hugely grateful to you all!

During the year we have tried to focus on many of the core skills, so there has been some map reading, knots, first aid, axes and knives etc, but we have also done lots of other great activities, including: making bat and bird boxes, rifle shooting and pumpkin carving where there were some really creative pumpkins produced! We managed to do a summer camp at Butchers Coppice, which was amazing fun! Due to covid, some of the Scouts had not even camped before, but all coped well and had a fabulous time, and found it hilarious when I fell asleep in a chair one afternoon between activities! Another great time was just before the summer holidays: we had an end of (school) year blow out where we went to the New Forest Water Park. Unfortunately, half the troop missed out with mandatory isolation, so we ran two weeks in a row so that everyone had a chance to go. This was superb fun! All the Scouts had a blast, and I got to be a big kid, which is half the reason I love being a leader! :-D

Once again, I would like to say a massive and very heart felt thank you to our Scout leadership team and to everyone who supports Scouting, as we really could not give the Scouts the opportunities and experiences without you all. Hopefully 2022 will get better and better as covid restrictions continue to ease and life returns to normal.

Phil Reeves, Scout Leader

CUBS REPORT 2021

As with all the sections Cubs activities were suspended throughout the first quarter due to the covid pandemic and a lockdown. Cubs restarted in April 2021. With the support of the Leaders, Young Leaders, GSL and some parents a full programme was delivered for the rest of the year. The meetings contained the regular badge activities as well as a successful bike ride in the forest with a great turn out of Cubs and parents. We also visited Christchurch as part of the local knowledge badge, did some new pioneering games, fire safety with some campfire cooking and many new and old favourite games. The pack maintained around 16 Cubs on average but the break due to Covid meant that we needed to work with many of the Cubs to catch up on the usual Scouting skills each meeting.

A combined Scout and Cub summer camp was run in August at Butchers Coppice. Good attendance with 21 YP altogether and a great opportunity for the Cubs to join the Scouts and get to know the Scout leaders before some of them moved up. We still had a lower than ideal number of adult leaders but the Young Leaders did a great job to keep the meetings going and supported the planning, Risk Assessments and running the games in particular each meeting.

Thanks again to all involved in keeping this section going through such turbulent times. And a big thank you to one of our section assistants who finished at the end of the year only to go on to support the Scout section.

Cubs Leadership Team

BEAVERS REPORT 2021

It was another strange year due to the pandemic. We were unable to restart our face-to-face meetings until after Easter but managed to get out and about welcomed lots of new Beavers. We worked hard on several badges that we had missed out on. We had a visit from one of our ex-scouts, who helped us with our Disability badge by showing us her wheel chair and gain an understanding of how she lived with her disability on a daily basis – thank you Bethany.

We managed to go pond dipping in summer and didn't get too wet! In our Autumn term, we had visitors come in and help us with our help and fitness badge. Thanks to Rob (Gym Tin) and Claire (Lymington Yoga) for showing us different ways of exercising and keeping fit. We also held our first Beaver Bistro for our families to attend, as part of our Christmas party.

I would like to thank Kittiwake (Kathryn) our Colony Assistant who has now moved up to cubs, for all the brilliant work she did with us. I would like to welcome our new Colony Assistants, Nuthatch (Gemma) and Ostrich (Paul), says thanks to our young leaders, Penguin (Toby), Finch (Jude), and Flamingo (Amber). These people are invaluable help every week and help the Colony to run smoothly. Finally, a big thank you to all the parents who have stepped up to help at our meetings. It is great to get to know people, and for the parents share the meetings with their child.

Vicky (Puffin), Beaver Leader

LEADERSHIP TEAM

Leader Support

Mark Linney	Group Scout Leader
Helen Williams	Membership Secretary

Beavers

Vicky Stimpson	Beaver Leader
Gemma Nurdin	Section Assistant
Paul Wilson	Section Assistant
Toby Hancock	Young Leader
Amber Stimpson	Young Leader
Jude Thorpe	Young Leader

Cubs

Ben Linford	Assistant Cub Leader
Matt Gregson	Section Assistant
Ian Chapman	Section Assistant
Warwick Stimpson	Young Leader
Harry Williams	Young Leader

Scouts

Phil Reeves	Scout Leader
Robin Thorpe	Assistant Leader
Katherine Angel	Assistant Leader
Claire Gyles	Section Assistant
Brett Troye	Section Assistant

COMMITTEE TEAM

Committee

Marc Stimpson	Group Chairman
Kevin Dawson	Group Treasurer and archery and rifle permits Secretary
Jim Hanford	Committee member
Simon Williams	Committee member
Donna Reeves	Committee member
Jo Donaldson	Committee member
Mike Manley	Committee member
Claire Gyles	Committee member
Alun John	Committee member
Damian Wynn-Hughes	Committee member
Suzi Troye	Committee member

Committee support

Lord Willie Manners	Honorary President
John Malins	Auditor
Amanda Linford	Hall Bookings Secretary

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Well, that was a very strange year!!! The rules seemed to change daily. The group was allowed to open sometimes, but not at others. Indoors some weeks, outdoors at others. Masks worn, no masks. I truly admire the way the Leaders and the young people coped with such difficult changing circumstances. Though it has been amazing to start the journey back to normal, we are not quite there. Hopefully 2022 will be the year we get back on track and start to grow the group again.

It hasn't been all bad news though. The lock down at the beginning of the year meant that two amazing people with a bit of time on their hands came forward and started to rebuild Ann's Lodge for us. We had had planning permission for nearly three years and had been looking at ways to renovate the hut for a few years before that. However, the work seemed too much to achieve and too expensive. Ann's Lodge was the old Boys Brigade hut that we inherited in 2004 and had not had much work done on it since. The building was so run down that it would either have needed to be pulled down or rebuilt and the decision was made to save it. Mike Manley and Dave Tickner came in and saved the day. They didn't do it by themselves, but they were the driving force behind the transformation. Ann's Lodge is not quite finished, but it is now an amazing new space that can be utilised by everyone. It has been turned into a modern building fit for the 21st century, which will be an asset for the group and the wider community for years to come. We did have to pay for some tradespeople to come in and for materials, but without all the volunteers that have helped on the project the transformation would not have taken place. There are too many people to mention here, but they know who they are, and I would like to express the gratitude of the whole group to them.

Ann's Lodge wasn't the only Hall to get a makeover last year. We also made several repairs and redecorated the main hall in HQ. It is looking very smart, and we hope to replace the carpet as soon as finances allow.



Finally, may I take this opportunity to thank all the Leaders and Committee for their help and support over the last year, and, of course, I must thank our landlord and Honorary President Lord Manners for his continued support of the group.

Marc Stimpson, Group Chairman

TREASURER'S REPORT

From a finance perspective 2021 was a 'mixed bag'; receiving further Business Support Grants from NFDC, reinstating the collection subscriptions for members and a return to some fundraising at the Bransgore Beer Festival. However, by far the most notable item in the accounts is paying for the refurbishment of Ann's Lodge. This has progressed well to the point where the hall can be used again, including by some new groups, but there is still more to be done (which requires more fundraising to complete).

Last year's report mentioned a couple of items that would affect the finances during 2021, but that did not happen to the extent forecast:

- 1) The Capitation fee in 2021 increased by £6.50 per young person, and not by the projected £8.
- 2) A drop in membership numbers meant the level of capitation paid by the Group was about the same as in 2020.
- 3) The amount of gift aid was down to £787, less than 30% of the amount for previous years.
- 4) The level of subscriptions by the end of 2021 is similar to that pre-COVID
- 5) The level of income from hall hires has increased by nearly 50% over pre-COVID years

The financial position of the Group worsened during 2021 with a deficit of **£34,637** of payments over receipts leaving a closing balance of **£18,195**.

My thanks to John Malins, who again conducted the independent examination of the accounts with few comments.

Looking forward to 2022, we have already received some good news to start the year:

- 1) One of our fundraising events, the Village Fun Day where we sell tea, coffee and cake, makes a welcome return on the early May bank holiday
- 2) Christchurch District have announced that they have set their portion of the Capitation fee to £0 and have also agreed to pay the County portion (£8.50 per young person) of the fee, too. This will save the Group around £1,000 this year.

Kevin Dawson, Group Treasurer

RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT SUMMARY

For the year ended 31st December 2021

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	£	£
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Total payments for the year	(60,496)	(5,652)
Net receipts / (payments) for the year	(34,637)	11,465
Cash, Bank and similar funds brought forward	52,832	41,367
Cash, Bank and similar funds carried forward	18,195	52,832

The above account and accompanying statement of assets and liabilities were approved by the Trustees on 12th January 2022, and signed on their behalf by

M Stimpson – Group Chairman

K Dawson – Group Treasurer

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The accounts have been drawn up on the receipts and payments basis, which is consistent with the previous year.

Approved by the Trustees on 12th January 2022 and signed on their behalf by

M Stimpson – Group Chairman

RECEIPTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2021

	This Year	2020
	£	£
MEMBERS SUBSCRIPTIONS	5,627	3,605
Less Capitation	3,668	3,763
	<u>1,959</u>	<u>(158)</u>
 INVESTMENT INCOME RECEIVED		
Bank Interest	0	0
Building Society Interest	18	136
	<u>18</u>	<u>136</u>
 DONATIONS / GRANTS		
Use of Halls	2,825	1,088
Other	17,825	12,834
	<u>20,650</u>	<u>13,922</u>
 ACTIVITIES		
Camp Fees	495	605
Outings	158	11
	<u>653</u>	<u>616</u>
 FUND RAISING (Gross)		
Bransgore Fun Day	0	0
Tent and Marquee Hire	50	0
Beer Festival	1,721	0
Sundries	0	118
	<u>1,771</u>	<u>118</u>
 OTHER INCOME		
Uniform	23	0
Income tax Recovered	787	2,483
	<u>810</u>	<u>2,483</u>
 SUNDRY RECEIPTS		
Badge Receipts	0	1
 ASSET AND INVESTMENT SALES	0	0
 TOTAL RECEIPTS FOR THE YEAR	<u><u>25,859</u></u>	<u><u>17,117</u></u>

PAYMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2021

	This Year	2020
	£	£
PREMISES		
Ground Rent	50	50
Water Rates	507	323
Light and Heat	868	774
Insurance	2,501	2,497
Internet	0	10
Maintenance	805	25
Caretaker Fees and Key Cutting	538	282
Improvements	0	0
	5,270	3,961
ACTIVITIES		
Camp Costs and Food	1,237	300
Outings, Entry Fees and Sundries	1,547	261
	2,784	561
FUND RAISING EXPENSES		
Bransgore Fun Day	0	0
Tent and Marquee Hire	0	96
Beer Festival	494	0
Sundries	126	0
	620	96
DONATIONS / GRANTS	1,000	0
ADMIN / ESTABLISHMENT EXPENSES		
Stationery	0	0
OTHER EXPENSES		
AGM	0	0
Admin charges	275	205
Thankyou/Gifts	97	34
Uniforms	0	0
Training	0	0
Sundries	672	349
	1,044	588
PURCHASE OF BADGES, NECKERS AND HANDBOOKS	792	446
SUB-TOTAL	11,511	5,652
PURCHASE OF CAPITAL EQUIPMENT	1,217	0
CAPITAL EXPENDITURE: ANN'S LODGE	47,769	0
TOTAL PAYMENTS FOR THE YEAR	60,496	5,652

STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES AS AT 31ST DECEMBER 2021

	This Year	2020
	£	£
MONETARY ASSETS		
Bank Current Accounts	18,001	52,596
Cash in Hand	194	236
	<u>18,195</u>	<u>52,832</u>
OTHER MONETARY ASSETS		
Tax Claim for Year Ending (Estimate)	1,200	700
Debts due to Group / District	0	0
	<u>1,200</u>	<u>700</u>
INVESTMENT ASSETS		
Government stocks at market value	0	0
Other quoted securities at market value	0	0
Other investments	0	0
Property held for investment purposes	0	0
	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
NON-MONETARY ASSETS (Assets for Charity's own use)		
Badge Secretary's Stock	200	200
Group / District Shop Stock	0	0
Land and Buildings	380,000	350,000
Scouting Equipment, Furniture, etc.	35,000	35,000
	<u>415,200</u>	<u>385,200</u>
LIABILITIES (Payable after more than one year)		
Loan	0	0
	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
CONTINGENT LIABILITIES AND FUTURE OBLIGATIONS		
	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT

To the Trustees of the 6th Christchurch (Bransgore) Scout Group

I report on the accounts of the Group for the year ended 31st December, 2021 which are set out on the previous pages.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The Group's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. They consider that an audit is not required this year (under Section 32(2) of the Charities act 1993 (the 1993 act)) and that an independent examination is needed. It is my responsibility to:

- Examine the accounts (under Section 43 (3) (a) of the 1993 Act);
- Follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners under Section 43 (7) (b) of the 1993 Act; and
- State whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of examiner's report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners. An 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, and consequently I do 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. which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements
 - to keep accounting records in accordance with Section 41 of the 1993 Act; and
 - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the 1993 Act have not been met, or
2. to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed: _____

Name: J Malins
Qualification: Chartered Management Accountant (A.C.M.A.)
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Date: 1 April 2022

QUORUM FOR MEETINGS

The quorum for meetings of the Bransgore Scout Group is as follows:

(a) Group Scout Council – 10

(Two of whom must be the Group Scout Leader, Chair, or member of the Executive Committee)

(b) Executive Committee – 5

(Two of whom must be the Group Scout Leader, Chair, Secretary or Treasurer)

(c) Sub-Committees of the Executive - A third of the membership of the sub-committee

(no less than 3)

Decisions are made by a majority of votes cast by those present at the meeting. In the event of an equal number of votes being cast on either side the chairman does not have a casting vote and the matter is taken not to have been carried.