

# 3RD PORTCHESTER SCOUT GROUP

England & Wales · Charity number 271605

## Details

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Other names	THIRD PORTCHESTER GROUP OF THE SCOUT ASSOCIATION
Status	Registered
Legal form	Other
Registered	1976-07-01
Register	<a href="#">View on the Charity Commission register</a>

## Contact

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## Activities

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

**Activities:** The aim of the Scout Association is to promote the development of youngpeople in achieving their full physical, intellectual, social andspiritual potential, as individuals, as responsible citizens and asmembers of their community

## Classification

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- **How:** Provides Human Resources, Provides Buildings/facilities/open Space, Provides Services
- **What:** General Charitable Purposes, Education/training, Amateur Sport, Environment/conservation/heritage
- **Who:** Children/young People

## Geography

- **Area of benefit:** PORTCHESTER
- Hampshire

## Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2024-12-31	£49,341	£48,251	-	-
2023-12-31	£55,403	£73,104	-	-
2022-12-31	£57,573	£56,748	-	-
2021-12-31	£68,119	£65,983	-	-
2020-12-31	£65,366	£51,406	-	-

## Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
<b>Lee Mason</b>	Chair	2020-02-27
Andrew Dow		2020-06-14
Ann Waudby		2025-05-10
Brian Pile		2020-06-14
David Kenneth Rowles		2026-05-17
Katherine Taylor		2025-05-10
Patricia Reid		2020-06-14
Richard Curtis		2020-06-14

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# Accounts

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## Treasurer's Report for Year Ended 31<sup>st</sup> December 2024

I am delighted to present our audited 2024 accounts and I thank our auditor for his voluntary work with this. Prior to commenting on the finances, I would personally like to thank our previous District Commissioner, Mike McHugh for his help and wise counsel both personally and to 3<sup>rd</sup> Portchester Scouts. His character and actions have been the epitome of Scouting and his will be very big shoes to fill. I hope he will return to fill more district and possibly county roles in the future as he has so much to offer.

The Group remains in great shape financially largely due to our continued focus on carefully managing the receipt of both monthly subscription payments and joining fees – we have a 100% receipt rate for membership fees compared to less than 70% only a couple of years ago. This is thanks to our parents paying promptly but I would also like to thank our Membership Secretary for all her hard work in overseeing our receipts. Only she and I know how much work is involved with this.

As per last year, we have had to deal with further inflationary pressures with almost all costs escalating including, regrettably the money demanded of us to various parts of The Scout Association. Our District has been supportive, and I thank our representative on the District Trustee Board, our Secretary, Carolyn Colwell, for ensuring their costs are kept to a minimum. However, both The Scout Association and Hampshire County Scout Council have felt the need to continue to increase their membership fees taking more and more money away from front line scouting.

Despite these increasing costs, we are delighted to have successfully retained our subscription costs at £14 per month. This has achieved a breakeven performance albeit we have used £1380 from our reserves as another energy saving upgrade this time to our lighting.

Despite this expenditure we retain sufficient reserves (100% of our normalised annual overheads) to cover potential economic shocks and allow us to continue to upgrade equipment.

Having spoken with Treasurers from other groups, I realise just how much money many make by renting out their HQs when not being used by Scouts. Unfortunately, under the terms of our lease with the Trustees of Portchester Parish Hall this is forbidden and I can not see this changing when the lease is renewed.

The financial shape of the group does depend on continuing to attract new members and retain our membership at its current levels. It is by keeping the group at its current size that we can continue to enjoy economies of scale allowing us to continue to keep membership fees as low as they are.

As a parent myself, I would like to thank all the volunteers without whose continued support all those activities and camps the children enjoy would not be possible. It continues to delight me that volunteers give so freely of their own time and annual leave to look after other people's children.

David Noyce, Group Treasurer, 3<sup>rd</sup> Portchester Scouts

Accounts for Year Ended 31<sup>st</sup> December 2024
 CHARITY COMMISSION  
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

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## Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period from 1st Jan 24	To 31st Dec 24
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## Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
<b>A1 Receipts</b>					
Subscriptions	25,350		-	25,350	28,015
Payments received for Camps	11,636		-	11,636	13,493
Payments received for Activities	1,545		-	1,545	4,181
Gift Aid	5,929		-	5,929	6,305
Donations/Grants/Fundraising	4,571		-	4,571	2,060
Sale of equipment/Uniform			-	-	1,075
Interest	310		-	310	274
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total (Gross income for AR)</b>	<b>49,341</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>49,341</b>	<b>55,403</b>
<b>A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).</b>					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total receipts</b>	<b>49,341</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>49,341</b>	<b>55,403</b>
<b>A3 Payments</b>					
Camping Expenses	12,076		-	12,076	13,498
Activity Expenses	7,438		-	7,438	10,020
Capitation	10,089		-	10,089	9,641
Insurance	2,788		-	2,788	2,598
HQ Maintenance, Capex and Repair	3,824		-	3,824	24,223
Boat and Camping Maintenance and Capex	5,556		-	5,556	2,733
Rent and Subscriptions	323		-	323	1,010
Utilities	4,418		-	4,418	6,787
Badges	1,739		-	1,739	2,594
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>48,251</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>48,251</b>	<b>73,104</b>
<b>A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)</b>					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>

Total payments	48,251	-	-	48,251	73,104
Net of receipts/(payments)	1,090	-	-	1,090	- 17,701
A5 Transfers between funds	#	-	-	-	
A6 Cash funds last year end	41,542	-	-	41,542	59,144
Cash funds this year end	42,632	-	-	42,632	41,443

**Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period**

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	Lloyds Bank	42,632		-
		-		-
		-		-
	<b>Total cash funds</b>	<b>42,632</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>

(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B3 Investment assets			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-


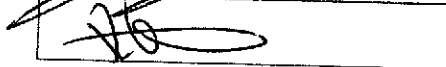
Categories	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use	Boats and Marine Equipment	Unrestricted	-	150,000
	Camping Equipment	Unrestricted	-	100,000
	Solar Panels	Unrestricted	-	16,000
			-	-

		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-

**B5 Liabilities**

Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
		-	
		-	
		-	
		-	
		-	

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
	LEE MASON	10/5/25
	RICHARD CURTIS	10/5/25

# England & Wales



## Template 1: Unqualified report for a non-company charity preparing receipts and payments accounts with a gross income of £250,000 or less in the relevant financial year

### Independent examiner's report to the trustees of 3<sup>rd</sup> Porchester Scout Group Scout Council

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of 3<sup>rd</sup> Porchester Scout Group for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> December 2024

#### Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Porchester 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 3<sup>rd</sup> Porchester 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 3<sup>rd</sup> Porchester 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: Neil Holloway

Relevant professional qualification or membership of professional bodies (if any):

Address: 7 Burns Gardens  
Bognor Regis  
West Sussex  
PO22 6QS

Date: 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2025

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# Accounts

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# Scouts

## 3<sup>rd</sup> Portchester Scout Group

2023

## AGM Report



**Board of Trustees**

Chair Lee Mason  
Group Scout Leader Richard Curtis  
Deputy Group Scout Leader Claire Colley  
Treasurer David Noyce  
Secretary Carolyn Colwell

Kate Colley  
Roy Gray  
Trish Reid  
Caryl Gregory  
Andy Dow  
Brian Pile  
Rob Brown  
Louise Mackney  
David Rowles  
Neil Hoare



3<sup>rd</sup> Portchester Scout Group

Squirrels Drey

Thursday 16:15-17:15

Bryony Jones  
Phil Johnstone

Beaver Scouts

Roman Colony

Tuesday 16:00 – 17:15

Paul Whent  
Caryl Gregory  
Kacey Whent  
Nathan McGillvery

Castle Colony

Wednesday 16:00 – 17:15

Caryl Gregory  
Paul Whent  
Kacey Whent  
Nathan McGillvery  
Elizabeth Colley  
Kelly Mayo

Cub Scouts

Osprey Pack

Tuesday 18:00 – 19:30

Lucy Vincent  
Andi Loving  
Kate Colley  
Callum James  
Nathan McGillvery

Eagle Pack

Thursday 18:00 – 19:30

Kacey Whent  
Steve Crowe  
Felicity Scott  
Sarah Williams

Scout Troops

Ellen MacArthur Troop

Monday 18.30-20.30

David Rowles  
Jamie Cooper  
Scott England  
Darren Taylor  
Roy Gray (Summer support)  
David Crook (Summer support)  
Hilary Foley (Summer support)  
Glenn Brace (Summer support)

Livingstone Troop

Wednesday 19:00 – 21:00

Stuart Goddard  
Andy Barron  
Caryl Gregory  
John Dixon  
Lewis Bailey

James Cook Troop

Friday 18:00-20:00 (Winter)  
Friday 18.00-20.30 (Summer)

Richard Curtis  
Brian Pile  
Claire Colley  
Steve Lawrence  
Jason Rankin  
Jack Boxall  
Tyler Pattison

Explorer Unit

Watkins Unit

Tuesday 19:45 – 21:30

Andrew Dow  
Ryan Harris  
Jamie Cooper  
Dave Humphreys (Occasional Support)  
Ruth Humphreys (Occasional Support)



Agenda for the Annual General Meeting  
to be held Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> May 11:00am

1. Welcome by the Chair – Lee Mason
2. Apologies for absence – Chair
3. Minutes of the 2023 AGM - Chair
4. Annual report - GSL
5. Approval of the Annual Report - GSL
6. Presentation of the Annual Accounts - Treasurer
7. Appointment of the Accounts Scrutineers for the coming year – Treasurer
8. To note the dates of the Charity's financial year - Chair
9. To agree the number of Members that may be elected to the Trustee Board - Chair
10. To agree the quorum for meetings of the Group Scout Council - Chair
11. To agree the quorum for the meetings of the Group Trustee Board - Chair
12. To agree the quorum for the meetings of any sub-committee - Chair
  
13. DC's nomination of GSL
14. GSL nomination of Chair
15. Handover to the Chair
16. Ex-officio members (Trustees) – Chair
17. Approval of nominated members (Trustees) – Chair
18. Approval of elected members (Trustees) – Chair
19. Nomination of non-Trustee members – Chair
20. Co-opted members – Chair
21. Appointment of committee representative/s– GSL
22. Awards (Young People and adult volunteers) – DC/GSL
23. District Representative response.
24. GSL closing remarks.

o/c - Refreshments

Date of next Group Trustee Meeting: TBC

## 3<sup>rd</sup> Portchester Scout Group AGM

Date: 20<sup>th</sup> May 2023

Venue: 3<sup>rd</sup> Portchester Scout HQ – Cobham Hall

Attendees: Mike McHugh (District Commissioner) Lee Mason (Chair), Claire Colley, Kate Colley, Carolyn Colwell (minutes), Andy Dow, David Noyce, Trish Reid, John Dixon, Richard Curtis, Brian Pile, Lou Mackney, Steve Crowe, Ann Waudby, Hilary Foley, Tansy Shelly

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### Minutes

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1: Welcome, Introduction of visitors given and all thanked for attending by Chair Lee Mason.

2: Apologies for Absence:

Neil Hoare, Caryl Gregory, Steve Lawrence, David Rowles, Robert Brown and Lucy Vincent

3: Minutes of Previous AGM Meeting 25<sup>th</sup> June 2022: These minutes had been written soon after the AGM and a first draft was circulated to the Trustee Team over the summer of 2022. Brought to the AGM For formal review Accuracy: No issues raised.

Approved by Richard Curtis and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Brian Pile

4: Annual Report:

A report had been circulated prior to the AGM. Reviewed, all section numbers have increased, we now have 16 Squirrels in our Drey, 52 Volunteers and a leadership team of 28. Thanks were given to the Chair, Secretary and Treasurer.

5. Approval of the Annual Report:

Proposed by GSL,

Approved by the Trustee board.

2<sup>nd</sup> by Andy Dow

6. Presentation of the Annual Accounts

A copy of the report was circulated prior to the AGM.

Thanks given to the ongoing support from parents and families with their timely payments and gift aid forms completed. This combined with the number of young people 172 our finances for the forth coming year are looking good and it also means that for the financial year 1<sup>st</sup> January 2022 to 31<sup>st</sup> December 2022 that the subs can remain at £14 a month.

Question from the floor: What is the breakeven number of members?

Answer: 150, meaning that there may be a surplus at the end of the financial year however, it covers for unexpected expenditures and increasing costs.

Accounts proposed by David Noyce: Seconded by Trish Reid

Carried

7. Appointment of the Accounts Scrutineers for the coming year:

Mr Martyn Butcher has agreed to continue to scrutinise the accounts for another year.

Proposed by David Noyce. 2<sup>nd</sup> Kate Colley

Carried

8. For 3<sup>rd</sup> Portchester Scout Group Trustee Board to use The Scout Association revised Purpose Statement as the focus of its work (April POR, chapter 5.4.4) – with effect the 3<sup>rd</sup> Portchester Scout Group Executive Committee will be known as the 3<sup>rd</sup> Portchester Scout Group Trustee Board

#### 5.4.4 Trustee Board - purpose

The Trustee Board is a team of volunteers who work together, as charity Trustees, to make sure the Scouts is run safely and legally. At the heart of their role is a focus on strategy, performance and assurance.

Effective Trustee support helps other volunteers run the Scout programme that gives young people skills for life.

Proposed by Richard Curtis. 2<sup>nd</sup> Claire Colley

Carried

9. For 3rd Portchester Scout Group Trustee Board to adopt the April 2023 Scout Association constitution in PORs Chapter 5.4 - <https://www.scouts.org.uk/por/5-local-governance-and-finance-of-groups-districts-counties/>

Proposed by Lee Mason. 2<sup>nd</sup> Steve Crowe.

Carried

10. To note the dates of the Charity's financial year

1<sup>st</sup> January 2023 to 31<sup>st</sup> December 2023 – noted.

11. To agree the number of Members that may be elected to the Trustee Board

Up to 6 members may be elected.

Proposed by Lee Mason. 2<sup>nd</sup> Hilary Foley.

Carried

12. To agree the quorum for meetings of the Group Scout Council eg AGM – 11 people

Proposed by Lee Mason. 2<sup>nd</sup> Trish Reid

Carried

13. To agree the quorum for the meetings of the Group Trustee Board

In line with recommendation of the Charity Commission one third (33%) plus 1

Proposed Lee Mason. 2<sup>nd</sup> Claire Colley.

Carried.

14. To agree the quorum for the meetings of any sub-committee

We have the following sub-committees: Boats, HQ/Maintenance and Social.

In line with recommendation of the Charity Commission one third (33%) plus 1

Proposed Lee Mason. 2<sup>nd</sup> Kate Colley.

Carried.

15. District Commissioner nomination of GSL

Thanks given to all for their hard work over the past year.

Richard Curtis Nominated GSL - accepted.

Claire Colley Nominated Deputy GSL - accepted.

16. GSL nomination of Chair

Lee Mason - accepted.

17. Handover to the Chair – Complete

18. Ex-officio members (Trustees)

Chair (Lee Mason), GSL (Richard Curtis), DGSL (Claire Colley), Treasurer (David Noyce), Beaver Section Leader (Caryl Gregory), Explorer leader in partnership with 3<sup>rd</sup> Portchester Scout Group (Andy Dow), Scout Section Leader (David Rowles)

19. Approval of nominated members (Trustees)

Kate Colley, Roy Grey, Brian Pile, Steve Crowe

Approved

20. Approval of elected members (Trustees)

Trish Reid, Robert Brown, Lou Mackney, Neil Hoare

Proposed GSL, 2<sup>nd</sup> DGSL

Carried

21.Nomination of non-Trustee members  
Carolyn Colwell as Secretary

22.Co-opted members  
None at present

23. Appointment of committee representative/s  
None at present

24. Awards (Young People and adult volunteers)  
None at present

25.District Commissioner response  
Congratulations to all for all their continued hard work over the past year. 3<sup>rd</sup> Portchester Scout Group is one of the largest in the District and it has a strong team to take it forwards.  
A note about awards: A lot of volunteers do above and beyond their role as what is considered normal volunteer work and Scouts are not always good at putting someone forwards for an award.  
Claire Colley is very good at completing nominations and citations – if any Young Person/Parent/Leader/Volunteer notes when a leader has gone above and beyond their role for the young people to request a citation and for them to be put forwards for an award.  
The District Commissioner enjoys visiting the group and presenting awards and being present for moving up ceremonies. When presenting awards the District Commissioner finds it very beneficial to encourage the young people to talk through what they have done to achieve their badge or award. This helps the young people to build confidence in public speaking. Again thanks to all

26.GSL closing remarks:  
Thanks given to all for their attendance.

End of meeting 14:27

o/c - Refreshments

Date of next Group Trustee Meeting: 20:00 20 Jul 2023. Location Portchester Sailing Club - TBC

## Group Scout Leader Report 2023

As I write this year's report for the AGM, it's difficult to believe that it's been a year since the last AGM. They say that time flies when you are enjoying yourself, and if you look through the various sections reports you will see that 2023 has been a busy, fun-packed and successful year for the group.

It has been great to go around to the sections to see various badges being awarded, especially the Chief Scout's Award, which is the highest award young people can achieve in each section. Lots of Squirrels, Beavers, Cubs, Scouts and Explorers have successfully gained badges during the year and it has been interesting and often entertaining to hear about the activities they have undertaken whilst working towards them. You can find out more by looking through the section reports.

We have recently completed the Scout Association Census and, as you can see from the table below, the number of young people in the group has continued to increase. Each week around 170 young people enjoy a range of indoor and outdoor activities. The various sections provide just over 14 hours of scouting each week, so that's an amazing **255 hours** of individual scouting provided for young people each week, plus weekend activities and summer camps!

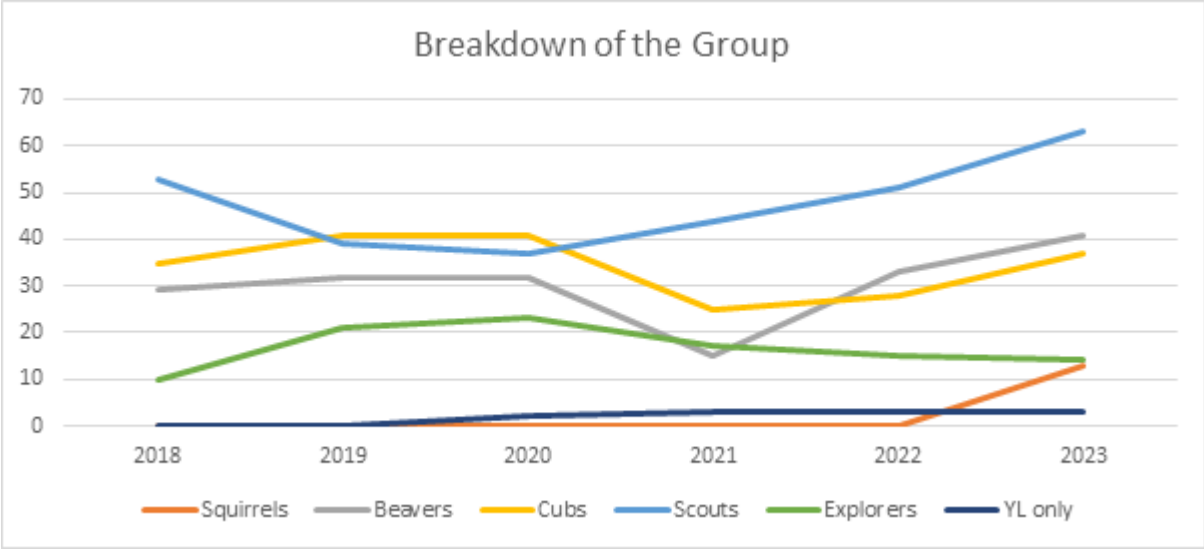
To provide this fantastic level of support the group relies on a large number of volunteers. In addition to the individual sections, within the group we have a number of committees of volunteers who help keep the group running. Our Board of Trustees (formerly Executive Committee) meets regularly to ensure the group is fulfilling its statutory requirements. The social committee organises events for the group – which are often also fundraising opportunities. The boating committee ensures our boating equipment is safe, well-maintained and replaced as and when necessary and the building committee performs a similar safety and maintenance role for the headquarters and equipment. The members of these committees are volunteers and are often unseen, some members are also section leaders. Without these people the group would not be able to function and I am very grateful for the time they put in.

We do, however, still need additional volunteers. Some sections rely on a very few people, and this leads to the risk of cancelled meetings. There are many volunteers within the group who hold multiple roles. There are a number of ways that people can lend support. The commitment doesn't have to be any more than a couple of hours a week, perhaps less if that is all that you can provide. Volunteers are DBS checked to ensure they are suitable to work with children and depending on the role there may be a small amount of online learning. Can you help us to offer even more opportunities to young people? If you are interested in volunteering and would like to know a bit more about the roles available, please let us know.

I would like to thank all of the volunteers who support the group in various roles - Leaders, Trustees, Occasional Helpers, Skills Instructors and Parents. The group is a successful because of the time you freely give to scouting – and that really does make a difference. Thankyou.

Richard Curtis  
Group Scout Leader

Year	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Squirrels	0	0	0	0	0	13
Beavers	29	32	32	15	33	41
Cubs	35	41	41	25	28	37
Scouts	53	39	37	44	51	63
Explorers	10	21	23	17	15	14
YL only	0	0	2	3	3	3
<b>Total</b>	<b>127</b>	<b>133</b>	<b>135</b>	<b>104</b>	<b>130</b>	<b>174</b>



## Chair's Report 2023

This year has seen us return closer to normality, whilst we haven't forgotten the pandemic it no longer overshadows us. We are no longer focused on surviving; we have returned to thriving. The committee has pulled together and is once again back in flow of normality, whilst there were major plans for overhaul and new systems that we were apprehensive about, they are now placed on hold nationally, we are primed ready for the changes when they do come.

Squirrels once a new and strange idea are bedded in as a regular part of the Scouting family with 16 in our Drey feeding up to our Beavers Sets. It now feels as if they have always been there.

The youngsters we serve are enjoying and benefitting from Scouting, we can see the benefits of it in them. The volunteers whom we depend on to deliver this are still going above and beyond in their care, resilience and hard work. We have lost numbers to moving, career changes, health and "returning home", some of whom painfully young to do so, and as such we need to constantly fill those places.

A call is put out to all parents and family, can your spare time to help? Even an hour or two here and there have massive benefits and is the best investment in the future you could ever make.

There is the support and training to ease you into roles and you will never regret the improvements you will make in young people's lives.

Fareham Regatta is still an opportunity for us to advertise ourselves to the community and it was great to have former Scouts come to see us, often with their own children who they will enrol into the Scouting world and the amazing opportunities it will provide.

Breakfast with Santa is a regular and possibly my favourite event of the year, as whilst hard work it is great to see the team pulling together, working hard and then playing hard.

As we celebrate another successful year I sign off yours in Scouting with the question what can we depend on you to do to help the next generation?

Lee Mason

Group Chair

### Squirrel Drey Report 2023

This year the Squirrels have been incredibly busy and have had a great year. Third Portchester Squirrel colony is currently running at a capacity of 16 Squirrels, with three leaders and two young leaders (one of whom has recently started and is an asset to the Squirrel group). Squirrels also have a number of occasional helpers, who are willing to stay when needed including parents and grandparents. Due to the short time frame that children are the right age for Squirrels we have seen a number of children start Squirrels and then successfully move on to one of the beaver colonies, It is always quite incredible to see the difference in the young ones starting age four and the older ones leaving proudly after collecting several badges age six. It feels like a lot of growing up happens for the children in Squirrels in the time they are with us, and it is always a pleasure to see them progress from children who have not yet started school to children who are a lot more confident and ready for Beavers.

This year that Squirrels have celebrated a number of events, including the more traditional Christmas, Easter and Halloween, but have learnt more about celebrations around the world in different religions and cultures including Diwali and Chinese New Year, please see the below pictures of Squirrels celebrating Halloween.



As badges for Squirrels remain quite limited we try to celebrate other days throughout the year and this year we hit a new favourite with “world popcorn day”. Squirrels both enjoyed making, eating and pretending to be popcorn and this may have to become a yearly celebration! Please see below Squirrels watching popcorn “pop”.

Along with our celebrations Squirrels have also done some great badge work, this winter doing a “reverse advent calendar”, this is something recommended by the Trussel trust and the Squirrels were very impressed with shopping for the items on the list and putting them in the local food bank. Please see to the right the Squirrels checking for all of the items on the list before donating them to the food bank. Several Squirrels have now even achieved their acorn awards before progressing to beavers, something they are very proud of me.



Other badge work done by Squirrels includes den building, “indoor fire”, bug hunting and celebrating blind awareness day with writing our names in brail using buttons. Overall Squirrel’s is going very well and feels well established. In the next few months there will be a number of changes as two of the main leaders will be leaving.



## Castle and Roman Beaver Colonies Report 2023



Beaver numbers have remained stable during the year with a steady flow moving to Cubs and for the first time we have welcomed our first four Squirrels from our new Drey.

The Beavers have taken part in lots of events, including joining their families on an Easter egg in the rain ending at Cobham Hall for Breakfast. The Beavers stayed on for a sleepover and attendance of the Palm Sunday service at St Mary's Church. The District St George's Day Parade. We went to the New Forest Wildlife Park with other Colonies from the District followed by a sleepover. Fort Nelson saw us with our Squirrel Drey "Standing with Giants" for a Teddy Bears Picnic in July. In September we had a great funday with other colonies from the District at Lyons Copse. This saw the Beavers complete lots of things from their Challenge badges. We took our annual trip joining Beavers from all over the County at Paultons Park on a beautiful sunny fun filled day out. We joined the Portsmouth Remembers parade on 11/11/2023. A new County event gave us an excuse for a sleepover prior to catching a train and visiting Portsmouth Dockyard for a very interesting day including the Mary Rose Museum. We ended the year by attending the District and local Christingles.

We also tended the garden we have been allocated at the library and this will continue this year. We achieved a variety of badges on meeting nights as well as playing fun games. We had a nurse attend and their soft toys were administered to. So, they learnt the basics of First Aid. Thank you, Elly. Thanks to Darren a Police officer, who helped them finish their Safety Badge.

We ended the year with a film and pizza evening prior to Christmas.

We can't end without congratulating all the Beavers who have achieved their Chief Scout Bronze award; Charleston Andrew, Josh Berry, Ella Burnett, Zac Capapas, Elijah Ellery, Austin Elliott, Thomas George, Leo Hoare, Riley Johnson, Ibrahim Khan, Charlotte Mackney, Solomon McGinley, Ezra McGinley, Thomas Merryweather, Bligh Gould, Joshua Prior, Charlie Scott, Logan Sayers, Rose Shelley and Joshua Thompson. Well done to all of them.

We would like to conclude by thanking Nathan McGillivray, Elizabeth Colley, Ryan Noyce, our young leaders Dan, Max and James who are a great asset to the colonies. Last but not least the parents and grandparents without

whom we would not have been able to run the varied program we have had. Also thank you to all the leaders from other sections who have helped.

If any of you would like to become a member of the leader team, please chat to us.

Pax, Felix and Luna

## Eagle and Osprey Cub Packs Report 2023

It's been a good year for 3rd Portchester Cubs. Cubs usually runs a wide and varied programme throughout the year for our youngsters.

The Cubs have achieved a lot of badges this year so I have just added a selection.

- coronation activities
- Backwoods cooking and chef.
- Wide games
- Home safety and personal safety
- Home help
- sweet survey
- Diwali
- Experiment
- A big quiz
- Astronomer
- Local knowledge

Some Cubs have been lucky enough to participate in some District activities such as chess and draughts competition, District camping Competition and football competition.



They also worked on challenges badges for a big chunk of this year these included teamwork challenge for this they played team games in a mini competition. Team leader challenge for this they lead their sixes in different activities. Adventure challenge for this they went rock climbing and Lazer tag.

Lots of the Cubs are gaining individual badges, which relate to their hobbies and interests away from Cubs, for example, Musician, Swimming, Book Reading, Time on the Water, Physical Recreation and Martial Arts.



We had a great summer camp which we joined the Sea Scouts on which gave the Cubs the opportunity to achieve some water activity badges as they managed to do some paddle boarding, kayaking and canoeing.

We have had a great evening where the Cubs' parents came in and became a Cub for the evening which gave the Cubs an opportunity to show them the skills they had learnt. Also they had a great evening with trampoline shoes they played games and competitions.



We have attended many events this year such as remembrance parade, Christingle. Also celebrated different festivals such as Diwali, Chinese New Year, pancake day, Mother's Day, Burns' Night and Father's Day.

Both packs currently have healthy numbers, averaging around 20 members per pack. Many thanks to all our leaders, Bagheera (Steve), Baloo (Nathan), Chil (Callum) and Andy. Thanks also to the parents who have helped and we look forward to their continued support over the coming year.

Many thanks Luna (Kacey) & Jacala (Lucy)

## James Cook Scout Troop Report 2023

2023 was a busy year for James Cook Troop. In the spring term the Scouts enjoyed celebrating Chinese New Year, made creative pancakes and held a BBQ and campfire evening amongst other activities.

Our weekly programme is built around activities the Scouts suggest during our termly planning sessions. We then try to include badge requirements and tailor the suggestions, as required, to ensure they are safe and achievable.

As we approached the summer season, we spent some evenings looking at nautical skills and also went swimming to make sure that as leaders, we know the Scouts' swimming abilities. This ensures that we have the correct ratios of leaders to Scouts when we are on the water.

By the beginning of May, we were back to weekly afloat sessions. The Scouts enjoyed canoeing, kayaking, sailing and paddleboarding.



Some evenings, where the tide was too low, we went to Alverstoke lake with the paddleboards.



In June we enjoyed a weekend camp at Pangbourne. This is one of our favourite sites and has been enjoyed by James Cook troop for summer camps for a long time. Many of the Scouts hadn't been to Pangbourne yet, and we thought a weekend camp would be fun. We had a long canoe trip along the Thames with a picnic lunch and enjoyed campfires in the evenings.



Our main summer camp was quite different this year. Instead of camping we used a Girl Guide base at Paxmead, on the River Thames. The site had a building with dormitories and a kitchen, shower rooms, a large communal dining / activity area and lots of outdoors space for games and a designated campfire area. We had great access to the river and went on some lovely trips.



Towards the end of the summer we were pleased to see Daniel achieve his Chief Scout's Gold Award, which was presented by the District Commissioner, Mike McHugh.

Once the boating season was over, the troop returned to meetings ashore and started this off with a programme planning evening. Activities for the autumn term included a karaoke evening, quiz and chips night, fireworks and bonfire evening, a night hike, pioneering and Christmas Yule Log decorating evening.



Thank you to everyone who helps the troop across the year, particularly Stephen, Jon, Gill and Tim. We are fortunate to have a good team of leaders and supporters.

James Cook Leader Team

## Livingstone Scout Troop Report 2023

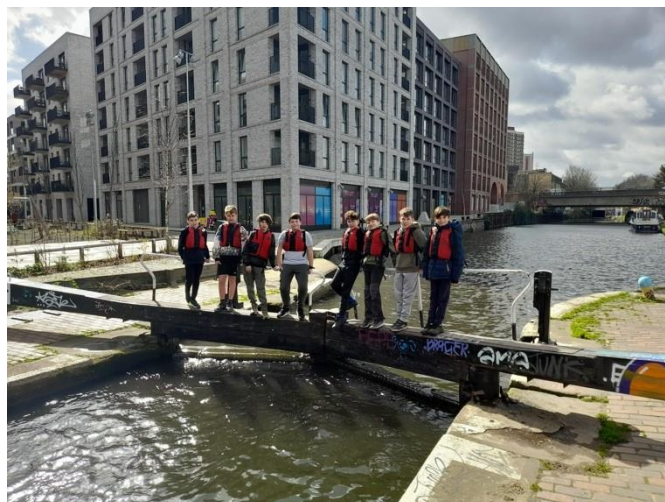
The number of Scouts in the troop this year has dropped slightly with us finishing the year with 17 Scouts. The troop continues to meet weekly, taking part in variety of activities, working towards their Chief Scouts Gold award.



During Spring term we did

- Pioneering badge
- Bounce evening
- Made pancakes
- Zookeeper visit
- Visit to Winchester science centre
- Quiz night
- Easter egg hunt

eight Scouts went on a narrow boat trip aboard travelling on the Paddington Arm of the Grand Canal located in West London. During the trip the went past the London Olympic stadium, visited Park, went Kayaking and worked the locks. The worked on many badges including earning their coxswain's badge.



In March "Angel" Union Scouts Victoria Scouts power



During Summer term we did

- Wide games
- 5km Hike
- Kayaking
- Nautical skills
- Summer camp preparation
- Weekend camp
- Helped at Newtown fete



During the summer holidays we had our first summer camp in four years at Bentley copse near Guildford.

The Scouts took part in

- Knife axe and saw work
- Fire lighting
- Backwoods cooking
- Day hike
- Archery
- Crate Stacking
- Laser tag
- Swimming



During the Autumn we did

- Skills challenge
- Dragons Den evening
- Pizza making
- Dungeons and Dragons evening
- Local knowledge badge
- Teamwork challenge
- Christmas activities



Throughout the year we presented a total of 107 badges.

I would like to thank our young leaders Ian and Emmy for the help they have given to the troop. Finally, I would like to thank Caryl, Andy, Lewis, and John for their support over the year.

Stuart Goddard  
Scout Leader

## Ellen MacArthur Scout Troop Report 2023

Now completing my 2<sup>nd</sup> year as Section Leader again, I am indebted to all who have advised and supported both myself and EM Troop 😊. It has been a very busy and thoroughly enjoyable year and we have participated in a wide range of activities and achieved a number of awards:

- 4x Chief Scout Gold Awards
- 4x Chief Scout's Gold Award Woggle
- 33x Challenge Awards
- 22x Activity Badges
- 87x Staged Activity Badges
- 6x Moving On (Explorers, Young Leaders, Sea Cadets)
- 6x Moved on from Cubs
- 4x New joiners to Scouting



The following is a taste of the activities we have enjoyed during the past year:

- Kayaking
- Pulling
- Sailing
- Canoeing
- Portchester Gala
- Fareham Creek Regatta
- Summer Camp @ Paxmeade
- Narrowboating
- Castle Siege
- Climbing
- Backwoods cooking
- Fort Nelson



- Solent Scout Regatta
- Pro-Badge
- Halloween
- Remembrance Parade

- Law & Order
- Bake of / Cook Off
- Hiking
- Dungeons and Dragons
- Christmas Karaoke Party



Future planning is well underway and available on Online Scout Manger (OSM) including Spring Camp, Summer Camp – Pangbourne and Autumn Camp. Please take a look and let us know which events your Scout is interested in.

In addition, we hope to be able to undertake another Narrowboat weekend and offer further sailing courses.

Huge thanks to our Scouts for their fantastic contribution to our troop; our young leaders (Alannah and Kara) for their continued unfailing support; our amazing inspirational full time Leaders (Scott, Jamie and Darren), our camp & water activity Leaders (David, Hilary, Roy, Sara, Glenn, Ryan and Tom) and wonderful adult volunteer (Sheila) who all give up their time to make our troop as successful as it is.

Best wishes for a wonderful spring, summer and autumn.

Yours in Scouting,

Dave and Ellen MacArthur Leaders





## Watkins Explorers 2023 Report

Watkins currently has 17 members, which has been stable throughout 2023, however in January 2024 we have potentially 9 Scouts who are the appropriate age to move from Scouts to Explorers. And based on Group records another 9 Scouts in September, Watkins has 4 explorers who will leave this year.

2023 has thankfully finally felt like a return to normal Scouting after the challenges of COVID. During our weekly meetings the Explorers have gone swimming, ice skating, bowling, climbing at Red Spider, trampoline at Flip Out, kayaking, pulling, taken part in Wide Games, Blindfold Hikes, Goosechase Challenge, Extreme Ironing, and cooked various meals.

Several evenings concentrated on the training programme for the Bronze Duke of Edinburgh Expedition and included Navigation & Route Planning, Map & Compass Skills, Camping & Personal Equipment, Food & Cooking and Team Building. Duke of Edinburgh is a key part of the Explorer Badge Scheme.

Activity / Event	Activity / Event
Emergency Aid Training	Watkins Christmas Meal
Bronze DofE Practice and Skills Hikes	Bronze Duke of Edinburgh Expedition Training Weekend
2 x County Kudu Incident Night Hike – Denmead and Andover	London Monopoly Run <a href="https://monopoly-run.co.uk/">https://monopoly-run.co.uk/</a>
Bronze Duke of Edinburgh Practice Expedition	Isle of Wight Revolutions Activity Camp
Young Leader Training Camps	Young Leader Rally
Chaos Camp <a href="https://explorers.hampshirescouts.org.uk/2023/05/07/chaos-camp/">https://explorers.hampshirescouts.org.uk/2023/05/07/chaos-camp/</a>	Cooking – DofE Skills - Scones, Soup, Pizzas, Bread
Bonfire Party	Young Leaders Training Course
Remembrance Parade	St George's Day Parade
25 <sup>th</sup> World Scout Jamboree – South Korea	Project 23 – Marvellous European Road Trip

Congratulations to those Explorers who are **Young Leaders** (Ian, Max, Coby, Kara, Aidan, and Alannah) and help with other Sections, both in 3<sup>rd</sup> Portchester & other groups, I continue to receive glowing reports from the Leaders about your help and commitment. You should be enormously proud.

Isle of Wight Revolution (<http://www.iowrevolution.org/>)

is a brilliant activity camp that takes place during the Easter weekend and Watkins have attended almost every year since 2010. Personally, I had really missed this event during the last two years.

Being a camp for Explorers and Network only it is very different from other camps that the Scouts have previously experienced, **every** explorer who has attended this event has wanted to return the next year !! This year activities included Rib rides, Tree Climbing, Magic Workshop, Fencing, Line Dancing, visit to Wildheart Animal Sanctuary, Headhunters and the nightly Fancy Dress Discos and Campfires until dawn !!

2024 event is already fully booked !!

### **International Events**

It was excellent that some Explorers were able to take part in International events and have experiences they will remember for the rest of their lives. The two events below were only available to the Explorer age range and lasted for three weeks during the Summer.

**Marie Colwell, Max Filipowicz, and Kara Nash** attended the 25<sup>th</sup> World Scout Jamboree in South Korea along with about 40,000 other Scouts from approximately 150 nations.

It has been well documented that this event experienced significant issues which resulted in a very different Jamboree than planned. The explorers showed resilience and their ability to adapt to the situation and I sincerely hope that now the initial disappointment has passed that they will be able to find positives and remember Seoul with fondness.

The Scout Association has two open independent reviews to learn from this event which are due to report by end of March 2024.

The 26<sup>th</sup> WSJ is in Poland in 2027, <https://www.jamboree2027.org/> and details are likely to be promoted during 2025.

**Ian Colwell, Coby Fleetwood, Henry Seymour, and Alannah Simms** attended the Hampshire Scouts Marvellous European Road Trip 2023, where 190 explorers travelled over 3000 miles through various European countries.

Hotel stops were in Munich, Vienna, and Prague where the explorers were able to see the architecture and culture of these cities.

Campsites were Zellhof near Mattsee in Austria, with a day trip to Salzburg and opportunity to swim in the lake; KapraLylv Mylln close to Brno in Czech Republic, with visit to a nuclear bunker and water theme park and a castle site in Rieneck, Bavaria where they had the opportunity to do rafting, high ropes and abseiling.

I am sure that Hampshire Scouts will be running another internal trip in parallel with the next World Scout Jamboree in 2027.

**2024** is going to be busy, we have a Bronze Duke of Edinburgh Expedition, Ferny Fest 2024 Camp, Monopoly Run, Isle of Wight Revolutions and Young Leader events booked, and our programme includes The Apprentice, Casino Night, Night Hike, Camp Planning and Duke of Edinburgh up to Easter.

I am very glad to have welcomed back two ex-Watkins Explorers as leaders, Ryan Harris has settled in well during the last year and Jamie Cooper has recently started helping. Jamie is very active in MacArthur. Without their support it would have been impossible to run Watkins, as Dave and Ruth stepped back their involvement due to family commitments. My nephew has already been to explorer events and finds the HQ and store amazing fun.

Given the future growth, **if there is anyone who would like to help**, especially with water activities, no offer is too small and happy to discuss further. Explorers is an amazing and rewarding section to be involved with, and open to any flexibility that could encourage people to help.

I would like to thank all those who have helped during the last year especially Ryan, Jamie, Ruth, and Dave without whom it would not be possible to run the programme and events.

Yours in Scouting

Andy Dow  
Watkins Explorer Scout Leader

## Treasurer's Report for Year Ended 31<sup>st</sup> December 2023

I am delighted to present our audited 2023 accounts and I thank our new auditor for his voluntary work with this. The Group remains in great shape financially largely due to our continued focus on carefully managing the receipt of both monthly subscription payments and also joining fees – we have a 100% receipt rate for membership fees compared to less than 70% only a couple of years ago. This is thanks to our parents paying promptly and also to our Membership Secretary.

As per last year, we have had to deal with the same headwinds as many families and businesses - continued price inflation. We have seen price increases across our overheads including the premium we pay to The Scout Association and to Hampshire Scouts for their services.

I have been and will continue to challenge the latter as we have seen some inflation busting increases in recent years and I firmly believe as much money should be retained in frontline scouting as possible.

Despite these increasing costs we are delighted to have successfully retained our subscription costs at £14 per month (unchanged for at least a decade) albeit a couple of years ago we introduced a joining fee (initially £5 and now £10) for new joiners. This pays for initial badges, a necker and a woggle.

We have also been able to help families by subsidising some activities/camps as leaders and trustees firmly believe that scouting should be for all and we can help achieve this by keeping costs to parents as low as possible.

Having spoken with Treasurers from other groups, I realise just how much money many make by renting out their HQs when not being used by Scouts. Unfortunately, under the terms of our lease with the Trustees of Portchester Parish Hall this is forbidden. Our lease is due to be renegotiated in the coming year or so and at this time I would hope that this restrictive clause can be removed.

We have used some of our reserves to purchase solar panels for the building and we look forward to lower energy costs in future years. Despite this expenditure we retain sufficient reserves (100% of our normalised annual overheads) to cover potential economic shocks.

The financial shape of the group does depend on continuing to attract new members and retain our membership at around 150 children. It is the size of the group and the economies of scale this provides which allows us to continue to keep membership fees as low as they are.

As a parent myself, I would like to thank all the volunteers without whose continued support all those activities and camps the children enjoy would not be possible. It continues to delight me that volunteers give so freely of their own time and annual leave to look after other people's children.

David Noyce, Group Treasurer, 3rd Portchester Scouts  
14th April 2024

Accounts for Year Ended 31<sup>st</sup> December 2023

Charity Name 3rd Portchester Scout Group	No (if any) 271605
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**Receipts and payments accounts**

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CHARITY COMMISSION  
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

For the period from	Period start date 1st Jan 23	To	Period end date 31st Dec 23
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**Section A Receipts and payments**

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
<b>A1 Receipts</b>					
Subscriptions	28,015	-	-	28,015	27,183
Payments received for Camps	13,493	-	-	13,493	7,810
Payments received for Activities	4,181	-	-	4,181	4,420
Gift Aid	6,305	-	-	6,305	4,948
Donations/Grants/Fundraising	1,810	250	-	2,060	7,710
Sale of equipment/Uniform	1,075	-	-	1,075	6,460
Interest	274	-	-	274	18
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b> (Gross income for AR)	55,153	250	-	55,403	58,549
<b>A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).</b>					
	-	-	-	-	
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total receipts</b>	55,153	250	-	55,403	58,549
<b>A3 Payments</b>					
Camping Expenses	13,498	-	-	13,498	8,903
Activity Expenses	9,932	88	-	10,020	7,744
Capitation	9,641	-	-	9,641	6,533
Insurance	2,598	-	-	2,598	2,558
HQ Maintenance, Capex and Repair	24,223	-	-	24,223	2,173

Boat and Camping Maintenance and Capex	2,733	-	-	2,733	16,234
Rent and Subscriptions	1,010	-	-	1,010	1,028
Utilities	6,787	-	-	6,787	9,836
Badges	2,594	-	-	2,594	2,715
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>73,016</b>	<b>88</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>73,104</b>	<b>57,724</b>
<b>A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)</b>					
	-	-	-	-	
	-	-	-	-	
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total payments</b>	<b>73,016</b>	<b>88</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>73,104</b>	<b>57,724</b>
<b>Net of receipts/(payments)</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>A5 Transfers between funds</b>	<b>17,863</b>	<b>162</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>17,701</b>	<b>825</b>
<b>A6 Cash funds last year end</b>	<b>59,144</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>59,144</b>	<b>58,319</b>
<b>Cash funds this year end</b>	<b>41,281</b>	<b>162</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>41,443</b>	<b>59,144</b>

**Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period**

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
<b>B1 Cash funds</b>		41,281	162	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
	<b>Total cash funds</b>	<b>41,281</b>	<b>162</b>	<b>-</b>
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK
		<b>Unrestricted funds</b>	<b>Restricted funds</b>	<b>Endowment funds</b>
	<b>Details</b>	<b>to nearest £</b>	<b>to nearest £</b>	<b>to nearest £</b>
<b>B2 Other monetary assets</b>		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-

	-	-	-
	-	-	-
	-	-	-

**B3 Investment assets**

Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-

**B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use**

Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
Boats and Marine Equipment	Unrestricted	-	150,000
Camping Equipment	Unrestricted	-	100,000
Solar Panels	Unrestricted	-	16,000
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-

**B5 Liabilities**

Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
		-	
		-	
		-	
		-	
		-	

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval

LT700006 - Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees (February 2024)

# England & Wales

**Template 1: Unqualified report for a non-company charity preparing receipts and payments accounts with a gross income of £250,000 or less in the relevant financial year**

## Independent examiner's report to the trustees of 3<sup>rd</sup> Porchester Scout Group Scout Council

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Porchester Scout Group for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> December 2023

### Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Porchester 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 3<sup>rd</sup> Porchester 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.

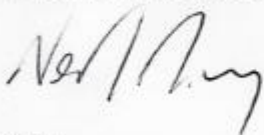
### Independent examiner's statement

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 3<sup>rd</sup> Porchester 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: Neil Holloway

Relevant professional qualification or membership of professional bodies (if any):

Address:

7 Burns Gardens  
Bognor Regis  
West Sussex  
PO22 6QS

Date: 30<sup>th</sup> March 2024

**3RD PORTCHESTER SCOUT GROUP**

England & Wales - Charity number 271605

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# Accounts

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Registered Charity No: 271605

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# Scouts

## 3<sup>rd</sup> Portchester Scout Group

### 2022

### AGM Report



**Board of Trustees**

Chair Lee Mason

Group Scout Leader Peter Leach then transferred to Claire Colley and Richard Curtis Dec 2022

Treasurer David Noyce

Secretary Carolyn Colwell

Kate Colley

Roy Gray

Trish Reid

Caryl Gregory

Andy Dow

Brian Pile

Rob Brown

Lucy Vincent

Louise Mackney

David Rowles

Neil Hoare



### 3<sup>rd</sup> Portchester Scout Group

#### Squirrels Drey

Thursday 16:15-17:15

Bryony Jones  
Christopher Maggs  
Phil Johnstone

#### Beaver Scouts

Roman Colony

Tuesday 16:00 – 17:15

Paul Whent  
Caryl Gregory  
Kacey Whent  
Nathan McGillvery

Castle Colony

Wednesday 16:00 – 17:15

Caryl Gregory  
Paul Whent  
Kacey Whent  
Nathan McGillvery  
Elizabeth Colley  
Kelly Mayo

#### Cub Scouts

Osprey Pack

Tuesday 18:00 – 19:30

Lucy Vincent  
Andi Loving  
Kate Colley  
Callum James  
Nathan McGillvery

Eagle Pack

Thursday 18:00 – 19:30

Kacey Whent  
Steve Crowe  
Felicity Scott  
Sarah Williams

#### Scout Troops

Ellen MacArthur Troop

Monday 18.30-20.30

David Rowles  
Jamie Cooper  
Scott England  
Darren Taylor  
Roy Gray (Summer support)  
David Crook (Summer support)  
Hilary Foley (Summer support)  
Glenn Brace (Summer support)

Livingstone Troop

Wednesday 19:00 – 21:00

Stuart Goddard  
Andy Barron  
Caryl Gregory  
John Dixon  
Lewis Bailey

James Cook Troop

Friday 18:00-20:00 (Winter)  
Friday 18.00-20.30 (Summer)

Richard Curtis  
Brian Pile  
Claire Colley  
Steve Lawrence  
Jason Rankin  
Jack Boxall  
Tyler Pattison

#### Explorer Unit

Watkins Unit

Tuesday 19:45 – 21:30

Andrew Dow  
Ryan Harris  
Dave Humphreys (Occasional Support)  
Ruth Humphreys (Occasional Support)

**to be held Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> May 2023 at 2pm**

1. Welcome by the Chair – Lee Mason
2. Apologies for absence – Chair
3. Minutes of the 2022 AGM - Chair
4. Annual report - GSL
5. Approval of the Annual Report - GSL
6. Presentation of the Annual Accounts - Treasurer
7. Appointment of the Accounts Scrutineers for the coming year – Treasurer
8. For 3rd Portchester Scout Group Trustee Board to use The Scout Association revised Purpose Statement as the focus of its work (April POR, chapter 5.4.4) - Chair
9. For 3rd Portchester Scout Group Trustee Board to adopt the April 2023 Scout Association constitution in PORs Chapter 5.4 - Chair
10. To note the dates of the Charity's financial year - Chair
11. To agree the number of Members that may be elected to the Trustee Board - Chair
12. To agree the quorum for meetings of the Group Scout Council - Chair
13. To agree the quorum for the meetings of the Group Trustee Board - Chair
14. To agree the quorum for the meetings of any sub-committee - Chair
  
15. DC's nomination of GSL
16. GSL nomination of Chair
17. Handover to the Chair
18. Ex-officio members (Trustees) – Chair
19. Approval of nominated members (Trustees) – Chair
20. Approval of elected members (Trustees) – Chair
21. Nomination of non-Trustee members – Chair
22. Co-opted members – Chair
23. Appointment of committee representative/s– GSL
24. Awards (Young People and adult volunteers) – DC/GSL
25. District Representative response.
26. GSL closing remarks.

o/c - Refreshments

Date of next Group Trustee Meeting: 20:00 20 Jul 2023. Location Portchester Sailing Club - TBC



## 3<sup>rd</sup> Portchester Scout Group AGM 2022

**Date: 25<sup>th</sup> June 2022**

**Venue: 3rd Portchester Scout HQ – Cobham Hall**

**Attendees:** Cll Mike Ford and Anne Ford (Mayor and Mayoress of Fareham), Paul Squire (District Chair), Mike McHugh (District Commissioner) Lee Mason (Chair), Peter Leach (GSL), Claire Colley, Kate Colley, Caryl Gregory, Carolyn Colwell (minutes), Andy Dow, David Noyce, Kacey Whent and Paul Whent, Trish Reid, Andy Barron, Neil Hoare, John Dixon, Richard Curtis, Brian Pile, Philippa Taylor and 24 Families comprising of Young People across the Group

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### Minutes

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**1: Welcome, Introduction of visitors given by Chair Lee Mason.**

**2: Apologies for Absence:**

Roy Gray, Roger Price, Robert Brown and Lucy Vincent

**3: Further Welcome and Thanks given by Mayor of Fareham:**

**4: Minutes of Previous AGM Meeting 13<sup>th</sup> June 2021:** Accuracy: No issues raised.

Proposer: Neil Hoare and Seconded by Caryl Gregory, Carried

**5: Treasurer's Report:**

**Copy of report and annual account available at:** <https://www.3rdportchester.uk/about-us/agm/june-2022>

Thanks given to the ongoing support from parents and families.

Question from Neil Hoare re: Reserve Fund dropping from 18 Months to 12 Months.

Response: Projections were based on 104 children, now have 130, so appropriate as coming out of covid now to reduce reserve from 18 Months to 12 Months

Proposed by Richard Curtis: Seconded by Brian Pile

Carried

**6: Nomination of Group Chair:**

Mike McHugh delighted to Present Lee Mason as Group Chair as nominated by GSL Peter Leach.

**7: Nominations by Group Chair:**

Group Secretary:

Carolyn Colwell – Proposed by LM and Agreed by all

Group Treasurer:

David Noyce – Proposed by LM, Agreed by all

Parent Representatives:

Richard Dewhirst, Louise Mackney and Neil Hoare – Proposed by GSL and Chair, Agreed by all  
PMN: Mr Dewhirst declined as not agreed to the role pre AGM

Group Scout Council Exec Members:

Robert Brown, Claire Colley, Kate Colley, Trish Reid, Brian Pile, Andy Dow, Roy Gray,

No objections raised – Approved by ascent

Auditor 2022:

Martyn Butcher – Proposed by DN, No objections raised – Approved by ascent

**8: GSL's Nominations:**

Ex-Officio (SL if requested):

Caryl Gregory – Castle Colony

Lucy Vincent – Osprey Pack

Richard Curtis – James Cook Troop

David Rowles – Ellen MacArthur Troop

**9: Thanks Given by Chair:**

Brief History of 3<sup>rd</sup> Portchester given – celebrating 75<sup>th</sup> year this year.

Thanks given to current owners of Noel Cottage for flying the Cub Scout Flag today.

Thanks given for many hands that keep the group going and also the many hands at the Gala the week before.

Answers given to the Treasure Hunt.

**10: Thanks given by DC Mike McHugh:**

- New Name for District – Denewulf
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Portchester continues its focus on Scouting – fantastic facilities and links with Portchester Sailing Club and well-founded under care of the team and trustees.
- Volunteers – If you have a role outside of scouting you would like to talk to the young people about, please share and chat with the sections.
- Reflection on how scouting had maintained over the difficult 2 yrs.
- Introduced the new section of Squirrels
- Review of how important scouting is for the young people, community and individuals.
- Thanks given to the parents for facilitating their young people to attend

Awards:

Phillipa Taylor – 10yrs in Scouting

Andy Barron: Chief Scout Commission for Good Service

**11: Thanks given by GSL:**

Thanks given to all for their time

Number of the group 110-120 young people, overall total 170 including volunteers. Big growth due to opportunities given by all the volunteers.

**12: Closing Ceremony:**

Mayor and Lady Mayoress presented with Jubilee Badge

Closing words by Mayor – Reflection of the group given and scouting is a skill for life.

Congratulations on 75<sup>th</sup> Year and thanks given for the kind invitation.

Meeting closed at 15.36. Afternoon 75<sup>th</sup> Celebration declared to start.

## **Group Scout Leader Report 2022**

In 1952, Princess Elizabeth became Queen Elizabeth II. That same year she reviewed the national parade of Queen's Scouts at Windsor Castle and took the salute for the first time. 70 years later the Scout Association, along with the nation, mourned her passing.

Her Majesty was the best example of someone doing their best, something that Squirrels, Beavers, Cubs and Scouts must pledge while making their promise during investiture. We thank Queen Elizabeth for being a shining example of how to live life with dedication, devotion and grace.



2022 saw the return to normal meetings and the removal of the final Covid restrictions. What a relief! Although, the pandemic did facilitate a new set of skills for leaders; meetings were held online with much creativity required for running activities virtually not to mention navigating Zoom. We thank the leaders and other volunteers in the group who persevered and kept the sections and group as a whole running.

During 2022 we saw numbers rise again. Most sections are full and we have a waiting list of those wishing to join. In addition to the existing sections we welcomed a new section for Squirrels, the Scout Association's youngest section for 4–6-year-olds. This section has already grown to a healthy size, thank you to those who have stepped up to run and support it.

Thank you to our Social Committee for the events they have organised. Gatherings for volunteers to get together and catch up in a relaxed way and events involving families from across the group which have been well attended. It is always good to have 'whole group' events and several of these have been good fundraisers for us too.

2022 saw the formation of the buildings committee which has successfully worked through a long list of 'to do' jobs and improved the safety of the Headquarters. It also saw the return of working days where volunteers and parents donated time to complete tasks including painting, weeding and tiling. Thank you to Dave Rowles for taking the lead on this and to everyone who has supported the projects.

Many members were able to get afloat last year. The group is fortunate to have a good fleet of kayaks, canoes, paddle boards and sailing craft and volunteers qualified to run sessions safely. Of course, to continue being able to use the equipment it must be maintained and the boating committee ensures that equipment is safe and available.

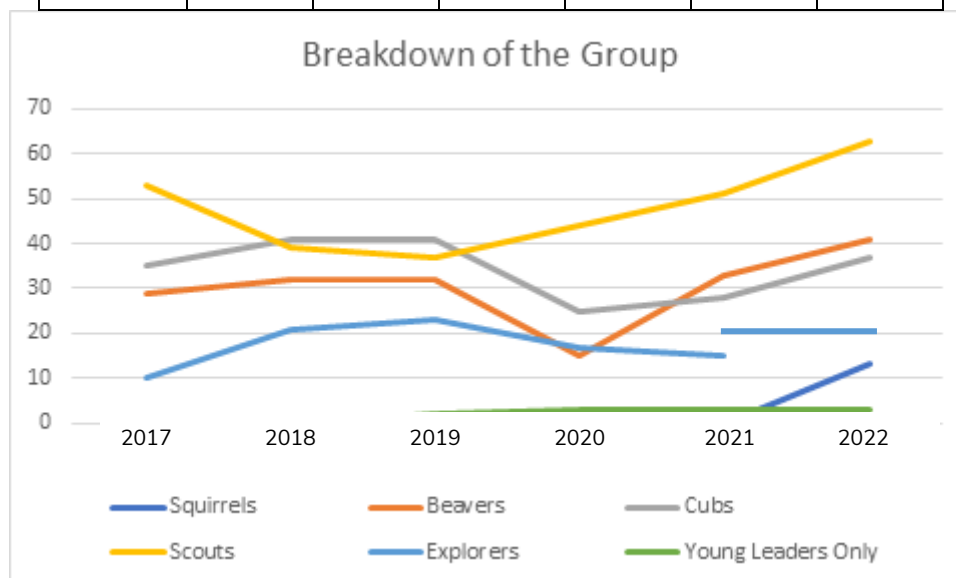
The group still needs additional volunteers. Some sections rely on a very few people and this leads to the risk of cancelled meetings. There are many volunteers within the group who hold multiple roles and there are a number of ways that people can lend support. The commitment doesn't have to be any more than a couple of hours a week, perhaps less if that is all that you can provide. Volunteers are DBS checked to ensure they are suitable to work with children and depending on the role there may be a small amount of online learning. If you are interested in volunteering and would like to know a bit more about the roles available, please let us know.

We took on the role of Acting GSLs at the end of 2022 and it has been a pleasure spending more time with the volunteers across the group. The role brings its challenges but we are enjoying it and are very grateful for the support we've had from everyone. Robert Baden-Powell said "If you make listening and observation your occupation you will gain much more than you can by talk" and we hope that we are following this advice.

Thank you to all of you who support the group in any role, Leaders, Executive Committee, Occasional Helpers, Skills Instructors and Parents, the group is successful because of you.

Richard Curtis and Claire Colley

<b>End of Census Year</b>	<b>2017</b>	<b>2018</b>	<b>2019</b>	<b>2020</b>	<b>2021</b>	<b>2022</b>
<b>Squirrels</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>13</b>
<b>Beavers</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>41</b>
<b>Cubs</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>37</b>
<b>Scouts</b>	<b>53</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>51</b>	<b>63</b>
<b>Explorers</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>15</b>
<b>YL only</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>127</b>	<b>133</b>	<b>135</b>	<b>104</b>	<b>130</b>	<b>172</b>



## **Chair's Report 2022**

As we go into our 76<sup>th</sup> year you can, like me, enjoy looking through this report at the highs of last year and the incredible activities we run for youngsters and thank the incredible people that run them.

As you will see all sections have grown, showing the popularity of Scouting prevailing and the desire of children (and their parents!) to be involved in something bigger and to work together to play, learn and partake in a formalised fun way of life.

We have seen ourselves go through reorganisation at District level into the new Denewulf district which covers a large geographic area but with the same aims of service and support.

We are also now post covid, however the scars will last long-term following the hiatus from socialising and mixing which has had a major impact on our children. We are needed now more than ever to facilitate important social skills and self-challenging activities. It is thought that the legacy of the lock down will stay with us for at least a decade.

When I think back to when I first started as a cub, we now have far more activities and opportunities, but at its heart is the same aim and beliefs that drove Baden-Powell to begin our organisation and we have the foundations to move forward to whatever challenges we face in the future.

I thank you for both your efforts to help us succeed as an organisation and for trusting us in shaping the next generation.

Yours in Scouting Lee Mason



## Squirrel Drey Report 2022

Leaders- Bryony Jones.

Assistant leader- Phil Johnson and Chris Maggs.

The Squirrel scout group has made some great advances since starting in January 2022. We spent the first few months finding our feet, with some shuffles around in leadership and putting in place some "squirrel values" before really getting started with sessions we feel are fun and that the children enjoy. We still feel that some more leaders would be helpful, but overall, the sessions run smoothly and are now being planned terms in advance.

We have had a really varied 18 months, and squirrels have really started making some great progress with badges. We have had several squirrels invested and we now have 17 squirrels, with a waiting list.

Squirrel sessions run with a "starting story" to bring the children into the session in a calm and organized way, the squirrels always interact with the story and this is usually themed to whatever the session is that week.

The squirrels have had visits this term from both a nurse, working on their first aid badge, and a police officer, where squirrels tried on police uniforms.

This is alongside sensory sessions, tent building, hikes, cooking, and dancing to name a few of our sessions. After some support in ordering badges and filling this out on OSM, after a change in leadership (thank you), the squirrels now look forward to a varied term and we are hoping for some very exciting sessions moving forward.

A big thank you to everyone who has helped us establish ourselves, and to those who have volunteered to run the squirrel pack. We would also like to recognize the excellent support and ideas that we get from our three young leaders, who the squirrels think are wonderful!

Many thanks, Bryony.



## Castle and Roman Beaver Colonies Report 2022

Our numbers have increased gradually throughout the year. Despite Covid disrupting the normal flow of things. We started the year with the first meeting being held on Zoom but very adept at socially distanced games whilst still having fun.

We made lucky red envelopes and picked up skittles (sweets) with chopsticks as well as creating a dragon by cutting out paper hands. We completed the Emergency Aid 1 staged badge. Thank you to Elly Andrew.

We had fun making pancakes on Shrove Tuesday and Ash Wednesday. We worked towards our international and health and fitness badges. For Mother's Day we made weetiballs and bags to put them in. We also attended the Palm Sunday Service at St Mary's Church.

To finish the term, we had an Easter egg hunt inside Headquarters and did an egg drop challenge.

We invested seven new Beavers during the term, having sent two on to Cubs, we are recovering well from Covid.

We started the Summer term by attending the District St Georges Day parade.

We had great fun doing our builder badge. We made hovercraft, large painted models in our lodges, and constructions with Spaghetti and marshmallows.

We saw lots of Animals and fantastic Lego Dinosaurs on our trip to Marwell.

Just before half term we invested four more Beavers as well as sending three up to Cubs.

During the summer term we managed to get some of the beavers afloat with their parents

We spent a day at Lyons Copse for District camp where the Beavers loved the zip wire and climbing wall to name but two activities, they could take part in.

We as a group ran the refreshment tent at Portchester Gala and had two wonderful washer ups. They will go far.

We seem to be doing something every weekend as on the 25<sup>th</sup> June we held a family treasure hunt, followed by our A.G.M. and afternoon tea to celebrate our 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

We decided to go Winchester to see the Ceramic Hares. We didn't have a good start to the day as our coach failed to arrive!! Quick change of plan, Pax made for the train station on her buggy! There was an attendant in the office so he sorted out the deals and we made it onto the train arriving in Winchester much later than we thought. We had a great guard who sorted out a loo being put at our disposal on the station and making sure the buggy was got off safely. He was surprised to see we had got it on!! He also left a message for our return journey. We eventually saw a ceramic Hare, before making our way to MacDonalds, (yes you did read that right). No packed lunches that day and the Beavers loved it. The staff were wonderful.

After lunch we set off to find more Hares of Winchester, no not real ones very big ceramic ones.

They were magnificent. Mid-afternoon we found the play park near The Guildhall which gave them a chance to let off steam, whilst a deal was struck with the ice cream vender.

After being fortified we struck off for the Great Hall where not only did we see the Round Table but the Leverett painted as a Beaver.

Then up the hill to the station where we caught the train to Portchester and HQ, for Sausage or Fish cake and Chips for tea!! These very tired Beavers slept very well that night. It was a great weekend.

We finished the term learning all sorts of codes and how to crack them, plus the phonetic Alphabet, their own phone number and address. On the 3rd week we had an inter lodge code cracking competition. They all had great fun.

For our final night each colony spent an evening at Portchester library at the launch of the summer reading scheme.

When we returned at the beginning of September, a high percentage of Beavers had completed the Libraries reading challenge and thus completed their reader's badge. Also, lots of discussion about holidays both at home and away.

Several Beavers needed to complete the knotting part of the challenge award so we had knot bases but we also learnt how to light a candle safely and toasted Marsh mallows to make Smores. Yum, yum delicious.

We were invited to St Mary's Church in the grounds of Portchester Castle for Harvest Festival, instead of fresh produce we took contributions for the local food bank.

We had a lovely walk one evening, the only thing that marred it was a child being stung but fortunately, with no ill effects. Just a learning curve to take care and you are alright.

We had two fantastic mini pioneering evenings. Lots of patience required. Not something the beavers usually have but we were very pleasantly surprised.

We invested several new members to fill the places of those who moved on to Cubs.

They had fun at Paulton's,

Thanks to Ibrahim, his mum and everyone at the Peace centre in Havant we all had wonderful evenings, experiencing the Islamic faith, as part of finding out about different faiths. We were told about the traditions. We were permitted to witness their worship. We shared food with them, and we were presented with copies of the Quran. This community do so much for the local community and were so welcoming Thank you.

**We attended Portchester Remembers with the whole Group.**

We completed our faith badge with the Beavers and reading their prayers in the meeting. Many did their Hobbies, Collectors or Sports badges. Some did all of them.

We participated in the district Christingle service where we collected food for the food banks and this year, we took our colonies to Portchester. This trolley was completely full, solid with tins in the bottom!

We also attended St Marys Portchester, so all our Beavers had the opportunity to attend a service if they wanted to.

We ended the year with a film and nibbles evening,



Finally we would like to congratulate the 13 Beavers who achieved their Bronze Chief Scout award. Well done Morgan Pearce, Noah Farley, Jacob Ryan, Stanley Parrett, Lincoln Bloomfield, Freddie O' Halloran, George O'Halloran, Gracie Gates, Fin Jackson, Jasper Isherwood, Molly Prior, Arthur Cook and Max Payne. Well Done.

We would like to thank all those who have made things possible for us, Ryan, Lewis, Trish, Lee, John and the many parents who have stepped in often at the last minute because of illness etc. Without the help we couldn't run the program we do.

Felix , Luna, Lita and Pax



## **Eagle and Osprey Cub Packs Report 2022**

It's been a good year for 3rd Portchester Cubs. Both the Cub packs usually run the same programme, which means that we are able to deliver a wide and varied programme throughout the year for our youngsters.

We have achieved a lot already this year so I have just added a selection.

- Hikes
- Anti-bullying
- Remembrance parade
- Film night
- Astronomer
- Photographer
- Chip survey
- Rock climbing at Fareham leisure centre
- Local knowledge

Some Cubs have been lucky enough to participate in some District activities such as District Chess and Draughts Competition.

Some of the badges we have completed this year are; Astronomer, Photographer, Teamwork Challenge, Skills Challenge, Local knowledge, Communicator and Scientist.

Lots of the Cubs are gaining individual badges, which relate to their hobbies and interests away from cubs, some examples of these are Musician, Swimming, Book reading, Sports enthusiast and Martial arts. We are keen to promote this in the packs.



At the beginning of the year we started looking at survival skills. One of the first activities was to make survival pouches - small draw string bags with essential items. The survival skills activities are always popular with the scouts and the leaders too!

As we started nearing the summer, afloat season, we looked at brushing up on basic nautical skills, the equipment required and behaviour expected to make the sessions enjoyable and safe. A trip to the swimming pool enabled swimming tests.

As many of the summer meetings as possible, between the end of April and the beginning of September each year, are afloat. We are fortunate to have access to a wide range of craft – kayaks, canoes, paddle boards and sailing dinghies. Usually our sessions are within the harbour but we managed a session at Alverstoke Lake with the paddleboards which was a really fun evening.

In early June, some members of the troop attended the Jubilee District Camp at Lyons Copse which was a great weekend. The scouts were able to take part in many activities including tomahawk throwing, climbing, rafting and others. During the weekend a beacon was lit for the Queen's Jubilee and this was a special event to be part of.

In August we travelled back to the Burnbake Estate in Poole Harbour for our summer camp. We had a lovely time on the water, good weather generally and saw some interesting wildlife including a starfish! For the last two nights of camp the scouts (and a few leaders!) slept in hammocks.

The scouts learn so much when they are at camp. In addition to the expected outdoor skills, they have to cook for themselves and be independent within their patrol sites. Although at times it is tiring, they really enjoy camp and many happy memories are made.

Towards the end of the summer we were pleased to see Aaron achieve his Chief Scout's Gold Award which was presented by the District Commissioner, Mike McHugh.

During the autumn, the troop returned to meetings ashore. At the start of each term, the troop holds a meeting planning evening at which the scouts are able to suggest ideas of activities that they would like to do. From this a programme is created and the leaders work out how badge requirements can be included. To gain the top award, the Chief Scout's Gold Award, scouts need to complete 9 Challenge Awards. Usually good badge progress evolves from a well-planned programme without too much additional work and this year 49 Challenge Awards were presented to scouts which were amongst 234 badges in total.

The scouts have been involved with boat maintenance, giving them a sense of achievement and understanding of what is needed behind the scenes to enable access to water activities.

The troop held a winter camp in October. Although it wasn't too cold it rained – a lot! Some of the survival skills learnt in the Spring were put to use and a roast dinner cooked on the fire was delicious.

Other activities enjoyed by the troop were woggle making, karaoke and chips evening, an escape room style activity evening, movie night, fireworks, Christmas cracker making, Christmas bake off and the annual troop Christmas meal trip – this year to Cosmo in Southampton.

The leader team were delighted when Tyler, who was a scout in the troop and then Young Leader, decided to become an Assistant Leader. We are really pleased that he has decided to stay on and we thank him for his continued support.

## **Livingstone Scout Troop Report**

The number of scouts in the troop has grown over the year, with us finishing the year with 20 Scouts. The troop continues to meet weekly, taking part in variety of activities, working towards their Chief Scouts Gold award.

During Spring term we did

- Woggle making
- Chinese New Year cooking
- Winter Olympics
- Emergency Aid staged badge
- Scientist badge
- Navigator badge
- Climbing at Top Rock

In April eight older Scouts went on a Narrowboat trip from North Holt to Limehouse basin in London aboard Ben Gorton. During the trip the Scouts went through London Zoo, visited Paddington Bear, walked to Canary Wharf and worked a total of 24 locks. They worked towards their Expedition challenge, creative, naturalist, photography, power coxswain, nautical skills, adventure challenge and many more.

During Summer term we did

- Photography badge
- Knife, axe and saw
- 5km Hike
- Kayaking
- Nautical skills
- Paddling boarding
- Went to Marwell
- Helped at Newtown fete

In June we camped with the group at District camp at Lyons Copse during the Queen's Jubilee. The scouts took part in a variety of activities including, cave bus, rifle shooting, archery, climbing, axe throwing, zorbing, rafting and laser tag.

During the Autumn we did

- Donutting
- Local knowledge badge
- Chef badge
- Nerf wars
- Pioneering badge

- Mexican cooking
- Problem solving
- Christmas activities

At Autumn half term we had our first camp in three years at a very wet Lyon's Copse. The scouts did knife axe and saw work, fire lighting, backwood cooking, night hike and traditional camping.

Throughout the year we presented a total of 330 badges. We also have been joined a new assistant leader Lewis, who has been a welcomed addition to the team.

I would like to thank our young leaders Ian, Emmy and Alannah for the help they have given to the troop. Finally, I would like to thank Caryl, Andy, Lewis, and John for their support over the year.

Stuart Goddard  
Scout Leader

## **Ellen MacArthur Scout Troop Report**

My first year as Section Leader is complete and I offer my sincere thanks to all who have advised and supported me on my journey of learning 😊. We have enjoyed a hugely memorable year completing a range of activities including some amazing achievements:

- 5x Chief Scout Gold Awards
- 2x Chief Scout's Silver Award
- 31x Challenge Awards
- 76x Activity Badges
- 51x Stages Activity Badges
- 14x British Canoeing Paddle Awards

The following is a taste of the activities we have enjoyed during the past year:

- Kayaking
- Canoeing
- Pulling
- Sailing
- SUP
- Angling
- District Camp
- Portchester Gala
- Fareham Creek Regatta
- Summer Camp @ Streamside
- Archaeology
- Narrow boating
- Castle Siege
- Bowling
- Climbing
- Microplastics
- Nerf Wars
- Maritime Centre Eastney
- Pro-Badge
- Remembrance Parade
- Halloween
- Dungeons and Dragons

Future planning is well underway and available on Online Scout Manger (OSM) including Exped Camp, Sea Scout Camp, Summer Camp – Paxmead and an EOI Activity weekend. Please take a look and let us know which events your Scout is interested in.

In addition, we hope to be able to undertake another Narrowboat weekend and offer further sailing courses.

Huge thanks to our Scouts for their fantastic contribution to our troop; our young leaders for their continued unfailing support; our amazing inspirational Leaders and wonderful adult volunteers who give up their time to make our troop as successful as it is.

Best wishes for a wonderful summer.

Yours in Scouting,

Dave and Ellen MacArthur Leaders



## Watkins Explorers

At the end of 2022 Watkins has 14 members which reflects the challenges that COVID caused this section during the last two years. During this year 12 explorers have left, partially normal due to age and partially due to the COVID restrictions applied. 6 new explorers have joined with several external to the movement, however this is less than expected as some older Scouts left the movement during COVID.

Leader support is a concern, as Ruth and Dave became parents in 2021, making me an uncle, which understandably has reduced their availability for Scouting. I was extremely happy to welcome Ryan Harris in July as an AESL, who was a member of Watkins, and has integrated very well.

Ryan joining was essential as the leader challenges are affecting the programme and activities that can be planned and run.

During our weekly meetings the Explorers have planned activities and events, completed several pioneering projects including bridges and catapults, extreme ironing, DIY maintenance, kayaking, pulling, taken part in Wide Games, Blindfold Hikes, and cooked various meals.

Several evenings concentrated on the training programme for the Bronze Duke of Edinburgh Expedition and included Navigation & Route Planning, Map & Compass Skills, Camping & Personal Equipment, Food & Cooking, Team Building and Emergency Aid Skills.

Activity / Event	Activity / Event
Bronze DofE Practice and Skills Hikes	Halloween Sleepover
Denewulf District Camp	London Monopoly Run
Bronze Duke of Edinburgh Practice Expedition	Bronze Duke of Edinburgh Expedition
Bonfire Party	Young Leaders Training Course
Remembrance Parade	St George's Day Parade

Congratulations to those Explorers who are **Young Leaders** (Elizabeth, Jamie, Jess, Beth, Ryan, Lewis, Kara & Alannah) and help with other Sections, both in 3<sup>rd</sup> Portchester & other groups, I continue to receive glowing reports from the Leaders about your help and commitment.

### Awards

The badges within the Explorer require considerably more personal commitment and often have a minimum period of three months, due to COVID restrictions it has been very difficult for members to achieve these awards.

- 3 Young Leaders Buckles – Holly, Jess, Jamie
- 1 Duke of Edinburgh Silver – Ryan

### **International Events**

Aidan attended Suisse Adventure in August where he went to Kandersteg International Scout Centre and took part in many adventurous activities during the 16-day trip. The below link is to the Daily Newsletter which provide more details.

[Suisse Adventure: Keep up to date with all the highlights. - Hampshire Scouts | Members](#)

Watkins have 4 explorers who will be participating in International Events next year, Kara and Max attending the 25<sup>th</sup> World Scout Jamboree in South Korea and Alannah and Henry attending Project 23 around Europe.

<https://www.2023wsjkorea.org/eng/index.jamboree>

<https://international.hampshirescouts.org.uk/2023/01/05/project-23-information>

It is excellent that Explorers are able to take part in international events and have experiences they will remember for the rest of their lives. The two events above are only available to the Explorer age range.

The 27<sup>th</sup> WSJ is in Poland in 2027, <https://www.jamboree2027.org/> and details are likely to be promoted during 2024.

### **The Future**

Look forward to 2023 and beyond the unit is scheduled to potentially grow to 27 members by January 2024 and 35 members by September 2024. This is a very exciting prospect; however, Watkins **WILL** require additional adult support to continue to provide quality programmes and run the Duke of Edinburgh Award. So, this is a plea, are there any adults within the group who would like to help, especially if you have water activity skills or interest. Explorers is an amazing section to be involved with, and open to any flexibility that could encourage people to help.

I would like to thank all those who have helped during the last year especially Dave, Ruth and Ryan without whom it would not be possible to run the programme and events.



### **Tona Loving – In Memory**

In August, we lost one of the most amazing young persons that I had the privilege to know through explorers.

Tona had been fighting stage 4 Hodgkin's lymphoma since late 2019 and spent a huge amount of time in hospital undergoing many, many rounds of chemotherapy and other treatments. Tona was in remission, but the treatment and other infections caused massive damage to her digestive system.

Her attitude, strength, and humour throughout all the, frankly brutal treatment, was incredible, she was taking part in Explorer events whenever possible prior to lockdown and even sneaked over when we ran some socially distanced events in my garden, especially if fire was involved.

Tona was kind, generous, inquisitive, and adventurous, with a wicked sense of humour and a huge appetite for life. She achieved more in her 17 years than many do in 80. Tona is an inspiration and deeply missed. – Live life to the full every day.

Yours in Scouting

Andy Dow

Watkins Explorer Scout Leader

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## **Treasurer's Report for Year Ended 31<sup>st</sup> December 2022**

Welcome back to normality – post COVID. 2022 has been the first real full year of Scouting since the pandemic.

I am delighted to present our audited 2022 accounts on the next page.

The Group is in great shape financially with a greater focus on managing the receipt of both monthly subscription payments and also joining fees – we have nearly a 100% receipt rate for membership fees compared with less than 70% only a couple of years ago and thanks mainly to our Membership Secretary.

The growth of the group in the last 18 months to around 160+ young people has also provided us with the benefits of economies of scale which has helped our budgeting.

We have had the same headwinds to deal with as the majority of organisations in the UK, that of price inflation throughout 2022. We have seen increases of the fees we pay The Scout Association, insurance but mainly in energy prices which have increased by some 300%.

We have retained the majority of the grants received during COVID and therefore have a very considerable level of reserves. Some of these have been earmarked for a renovation of the toilets and we are considering other capital projects including installing a solar system.

Recognising the impacts of inflation on our parents, I have wanted to keep scouting as affordable as possible to as many as possible and whilst there has been some pressure to increase our subscriptions from £14 per month, I have been able to resist these through careful budgeting and also the enhanced membership subscription collection. This is obviously excellent value for money – essentially £3.25 per week for between 60 and 90 minutes of activities.

Given the current economic climate, in order to ensure as many scouts could participate in camps in 2022, we were able to subsidise these to keep the prices very low. We are looking to keep pricing as low as possible for both camps and activities in 2023 asking for additional money by exception.

I cannot promise a continuation of this level of membership prices into 2024 – much depends on our costs specifically energy costs. However, any increase will be as modest as possible. Whatever the amount, I still believe the subscription costs represent unbelievable value for money which is almost impossible to replicate elsewhere.

The reason for this is our outstanding leaders who give up their free time for other people's children.

David Noyce  
Group Treasurer  
3rd Portchester Scouts

21st March 2023

Accounts for Year Ended 31<sup>st</sup> December 2022CHARITY COMMISSION  
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

3rd Portchester Scouts		271605		<b>CC16a</b>
<b>Receipts and payments accounts</b>				
For the period from	1st Jan 2022	To	31st Dec 2022	

**Section A Receipts and payments**

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
<b>A1 Receipts</b>					
Subscriptions	7 26,20	-	-	26,207	19,481
Payments for Camps	0 7,81	-	-	7,810	3,413
Payments for Activities	0 4,42	-	-	4,420	2,352
Gift Aid	8 4,94	-	-	4,948	4,911
Donations, Grants and Fundraising	8 7,72	-	-	7,728	37,961
Sale of Equipment/Uniform	0 6,46	-	-	6,460	-
<b>Subtotal (Gross income for AR)</b>	<b>3 57,57</b>			<b>57,573</b>	<b>68,118</b>
<b>A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).</b>					
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>					
<b>Total receipts</b>	<b>57,573</b>			<b>57,573</b>	<b>68,118</b>

**A3 Payments**



Camping Expenses	3 8,90	-	-	8,903	3,617
Capitation	3 6,53	-	-	6,533	5,002
Activity Expenses	4 7,74	-	-	7,744	3,342
Insurance	8 2,55	-	-	2,558	3,070
Maintenance and Repairs to Scout HQ	3 2,17	-	-	2,173	8,457
Boat and Camping Equipment Repair	4 16,23	-	-	16,234	35,909
Rent and subscriptions	8 1,02	-	-	1,028	1,407
Utilities and other	0 8,86	-	-	8,860	3,210
Badges	5 2,71	-	-	2,715	1,968


<b>Sub total</b>	8	56,74	-	-	56,748	65,982
<b>A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)</b>						
<b>Sub total</b>			-	-	-	-
<b>Total payments</b>		56,748	-	-	56,748	65,982
<b>Net of receipts/(payments)</b>		825	-	-	825	2,136
<b>A5 Transfers between funds</b>		-	-	-	57	-
<b>A6 Cash funds last year end</b>			-	-	58,320	56,184
<b>Cash funds this year end</b>		825	-	-	59,088	58,320

## Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
<b>B1 Cash funds</b>	Groups	93 51,5	-	-
	Sections	95 7,4	-	-
	<b>Total cash funds</b>	59,088	-	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	Agreement Error	OK	OK
		<b>Unrestricted funds to nearest £</b>	<b>Restricted funds to nearest £</b>	<b>Endowment funds to nearest £</b>
<b>B2 Other monetary assets</b>		-	-	-
<b>B3 Investment assets</b>				
		<b>Fund to which asset belongs</b>	<b>Cost (optional)</b>	<b>Current value (optional)</b>
<b>B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use</b>	Boats and Marine Equipment	Unrestricted	-	150,000
	Camping Equipment	Unrestricted	-	100,000
<b>B5 Liabilities</b>		<b>Fund to which liability relates</b>	<b>Amount due (optional)</b>	<b>When due (optional)</b>
			-	

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
	David Noyce	20 <sup>th</sup> May 2023
	Lee Mason	20 <sup>th</sup> May 2023



**CHARITY COMMISSION  
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES**

**Independent examiner's report on the  
accounts**

**Section A Independent Examiner's Report**

**Report to the trustees**

**On accounts for the year ended**  **Charity no (if any)**

**Set out on pages**

**Responsibilities and basis of report**

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> December 2022.

As the charity's trustees, 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 Trust's 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 (other than that disclosed below \*) which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or
- the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
- the accounts did not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

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.

*\* Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.*

**Signed:**  **Date:**

**Name:**

**Relevant professional qualification(s) or body (if any):**

**Address:**

**Section B**

**Disclosure**

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight material matters of concern (see CC32, Independent examination of charity accounts: directions and guidance for examiners).

Give here brief details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose.

**3RD PORTCHESTER SCOUT GROUP**

England & Wales - Charity number 271605

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# Accounts

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# Scouts

## 3<sup>rd</sup> Portchester Scout Group

### 2021

### AGM Report



Group Council Members

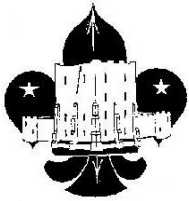
Chair Lee Mason  
Secretary Holly Walsh  
Treasurer David Noyce  
Group Scout Leader Peter Leach

Claire Colley  
Kate Colley  
Roy Gray  
Trish Reid  
Caryl Gregory  
Andy Dow  
Brian Pile  
Richard Curtis  
Rob Brown  
Lucy Vincent  
Carolyn Colwell



3<sup>rd</sup> Portchester Scout Group

<u>Squirrels Dray</u>	Thursday 1600-1700	Christopher Maggs Peter Leach Bryony Jones
<u>Beaver Scouts</u> Roman Colony	Tuesday 16:00 – 17:15	Caryl Gregory Paul Whent Kacey Whent Elizabeth Colley Nathan McGillvery
Castle Colony	Wednesday 16:00 – 17:15	Caryl Gregory Paul Whent Sarah White Nathan McGillvery
<u>Cub Scouts</u> Osprey Pack	Tuesday 18:00 – 19:30	Lucy Vincent Linda Atkins Kacey Whent Philippa Cass Callum James Nathan McGillvery
Eagle Pack	Thursday 18:00 – 19:30	Kacey Whent Philippa Cass Steve Crowe Felicity Scott Kate Colley Sarah Williams
<u>Scout Troops</u> James Cook Troop	Friday 6-8pm (Winter) 6-8.30pm (Summer)	Richard Curtis Brian Pile Claire Colley Steve Lawrence Jason Rankin Jack Boxall Tyler Pattison
Livingstone Troop	Wednesday 19:00 – 21:00	Stuart Goddard Caryl Gregory Andy Barron John Dixon Lewis Bailey
Ellen MacArthur Troop	Monday 19:00 – 21:00	David Rowles Roy Gray Jamie Cooper Thomas Hughes David Crook Hilary Foley
<u>Explorer Unit</u> Watkins Unit	Tuesday 19:45 – 21:45	Andrew Dow Dave Humphreys Ruth Humphreys



**3<sup>rd</sup> PORTCHESTER SCOUT GROUP**  
**COBHAM HALL**

[Agenda for the Annual General Meeting](#)  
[to be held Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> June 2020 at 3pm](#)

1. Welcome by Group Chair
2. Apologies for Absence
3. Minutes of the Previous AGM (13<sup>th</sup> June 2021)
4. Treasurer's Report
5. Approval of the Annual Report and Accounts
6. Nomination of Group Chair by Group Scout Leader
7. Nomination of Group Secretary by the Chair
8. Nomination of Group Treasurer by the Chair
9. Nomination of Members to the Group Executive Committee
10. Nomination of Auditor
11. The Chair
12. Date of Next Executive Committee Meeting 21<sup>st</sup> July 2022 8.00pm



# Minutes of: 3<sup>rd</sup> Portchester Scout Group AGM 2021

Date: 13/06/2021

Venue: Virtual Via Zoom

**Attendees:** Lee Mason (Chair), Peter Leach (GSL), Roy Gray, Claire Colley, Kate Colley, Caryl Gregory, Carolyn Colwell (minutes), Andy Dow, Lucy Vincent, David Noyce, Kacey Whent and Felix??, David Crook, Hilary Foley, Lucy Vincent, Trish Reid, Sara Collen, Ryan Family, Payne Family, Hoare Family,

- Please forward any apologies, confirmation of attendance and additional items for the agenda to the Secretary ([secretary@3rdportchester.uk](mailto:secretary@3rdportchester.uk)) prior to the meeting.

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## Minutes

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### 1: Welcome and Thanks given by Chair Lee Mason.

16<sup>th</sup> October Trafalgar Night £25 a ticket  
Looking forward to return to Face to Face  
Thanks, given to all Volunteers, participants, and parents.

### 2: Apologies for Absence:

Richard Curtis, Brian Pile, Zara Seymour – to be forwarded by the GSL and one received by Lee Mason.

### 3: Cub Video Showcased.

**4: Minutes of Previous AGM Meeting 14<sup>th</sup> June 2020:** Accuracy: No issues raised. Proposer: David Noyce and Seconded by Claire Colley

### 5: Treasurer's Report:

**Available at:** <https://www.3rdportchester.uk/about-us/agm/june-2021>

Thanks, given to the ongoing support from parents and families.  
Cash flow remains policy mainly thanks to parents continued support and Grants.  
Projects: Updating fleets, equipment and works on HQ.  
Happy to answer questions now or via email.  
Proposed by David Noyce: Seconded by Hoare Family  
Approved by Ascent

Approval of accounts 2020: Also available at <https://www.3rdportchester.uk/about-us/agm/june-2021>, Audited by Auditor.  
Proposed by David Noyce: Seconded by Peter Leach.  
Approved by Ascent.

### 6: Approval of 2020 AGM report:

Available: <https://www.3rdportchester.uk/about-us/agm/june-2021>

Thanks to all given for all their support.

Main point is that more volunteers required to support in any small or large way that they can with committees (Boats, HQ, and Fundraising) and section nights.

Proposed by GSL: Seconded by Lee Mason

Approved by Ascent

## 7: GSL's Nominations:

GSL Team:

Ex-officio Exec Members:

Peter Leach – GSL

Kate Colley – AGSL

Claire Colley – AGSL

Roy Gray- AGSL

Ex-Officio (SL if requested):

Caryl Gregory – Castle Colony

Lucy Vincent – Osprey Pack

Richard Curtis – James Cook Troop

Nomination of Chair: Lee Mason

No objections raised

GSL Nominated Exec Members: Trish Reid and Andy Dow

No objections raised – Approved by ascent

## 8: Chair's Nominations

Nomination of Secretary: Holly Walsh

No other nominations.

No objections raised – Approved by ascent

Nomination of Treasurer:

David Noyce

No other nominations

No objections raised – Approved by ascent

Other nominations:

Group Scout Council Exec Members:

Carolyn Colwell, Robert Brown, Zara Seymour, and Brian Pile

No objections raised – Approved by ascent

2021 Auditor: Mike Gammon

No objections raised – Approved by ascent

Vote of Thanks from GSL

Philippa Cass – been on the exec for number of years and been a very supportive volunteer with many donations

David Crook – joined during a very tough period and a very supportive volunteer

Supported by the Chair

No objections raised – Approved by ascent

## 9: Questions relating to 2020:

GSL calling in from <https://www.scoutnarrowboat.co.uk/>

Which is available for hire

## 10: Questions on current provision:

Carolyn Colwell raised about how Scouts will be run over the summer and where we are now.

Currently no Crystal ball – but GSL gave overview: National Youth Agency is currently at Yellow, not much different to Amber – so continuing with Amber risk assessments. – Available for reading on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Portchester Web site.

No Guidance on what Green means and when we may be able to move to the Green level of readiness once the Gov say the rest of the country can return to green.

Carolyn Colwell – gave thanks to the whole Group as to how well the Group Volunteers have kept families informed as much as possible with regards to the changes that have occurred due to Covid.

## 11: Closed

Meeting closed by Chair at 11.27 and again thanks given and Trafalgar Night Dinner 16<sup>th</sup> October 2021 – Tickets £25

## Group Scout Leader Report

Similar to 2020, what a strange year it has been with a wide variation of activities to accommodate the variety of different restrictions related to Covid-19. Through these various restrictions which included lockdowns and social distance remaining in place we saw a number of our young people achieve their highest award possible within their section which is no small feat given for some this was during 2 years of various Covid-19 restrictions.

- 7x Chief Scouts' Bronze Awards
- 4x Chief Scouts' Silver Awards
- 6x Chief Scouts' Gold Awards
- 1x Chief Scouts' Diamond Award
- 2x Young Leader Belts

### A year of growth

During 2020 we saw a reduction in the number of young people at 3<sup>rd</sup> Portchester by about 25% which in the most part was due to the impact of having to change to virtual Scouting for a large part of the year. In 2021 we were able to run more face-to-face Scouting opportunities both inside and outside of our HQ, which saw us return to our pre-Covid-19 numbers. We are still seeing more requests for young people to join the Group and to support this we now need to focus on growing the number of volunteers supporting the Group.

We saw young people from all our Scout Troops utilising the new craft procured during 2020 and 2021. This was the first year that we saw Livingstone Troop introduce regular water activities as part of their core summer programme aiding with the growth of this Scout Troop, and we also saw Roman Colony & Castle Colony adding water activities by running a parent & child Stand-up Paddle boarding (SUP) session in September. To help us grow the number of water activity opportunities, we are still looking for more Group Skills Instructors and will provide training as required.

During 2022, we are also looking forward to the launch of Squirrels which is aimed at 4–6-year-olds, allowing young people to get involved with Scouting at an earlier stage of their development.

### Fundraising

We were also successful in a number of grant applications. With support from Fareham Borough Council and the Royal Navy Admiralty Fund we were able to expand the number of smaller craft within the Group by growing the number of kayaks and adding a new Stand-up Paddle boarding (SUP) capability to 3<sup>rd</sup> Portchester. We also received support from the Alex Wardle Foundation, and this coupled with the fundraising done in 2019 with Castle View WI (Woman's Institute) and funds raised during our 2020 Crowdfunder campaign, allowed us to install a Public Access Defibrillator to the front of our HQ at the start of the year.

We are very thankful for anyone that has used and continues to use [easyfundraising](#), [AmazonSmile](#), [Portsmouth Lottery](#) or [Fareham Lottery](#) on behalf of 3<sup>rd</sup> Portchester as this has raised just shy of £500 for our Group in 2021 alone. Both easyfundraising and AmazonSmile don't cost you anything and make a small donation by accessing sites through those links.

We also ran a number of other local fundraising events. For more information regarding our 2021 Fundraising efforts can be found here:

<https://www.3rdportchester.uk/fundraising/previous-years/2021>

We also saw other investment into our facilities and in October 2021, we replaced the entire fire alarm system at our HQ.

## 4-week challenge

To support the Group and the activities that we deliver we are still looking for additional volunteers including adults and Young Leaders. This might be something as small as cleaning the windows, supporting the Group Executive, become a Group Skills Instructor, or helping more regularly at one of our sections.

The fun and adventure don't have to be just for our young people, and if you are interested in getting involved why not try our 4-week challenge:

- Week 1: Come and see what we do
- Week 2: Help out
- Week 3: Get a little more involved
- Week 4: Decide if volunteering at Scouts is for them

For more information about the 4 week challenge:

<https://www.scouts.org.uk/volunteers/growing-scouts/ready-to-recruit/four-week-challenge/>

## Looking forward to 2022

Having taken on the Group Scout Leader role 1 month before the first Covid-19 lockdown, this presented lots of new challenges for Scouting and often 3<sup>rd</sup> Portchester was ahead of the curve when it came to adjusting the activities we ran. Without any examples to follow the Group did an amazing job and this is reflected in the achievements as mentioned above.

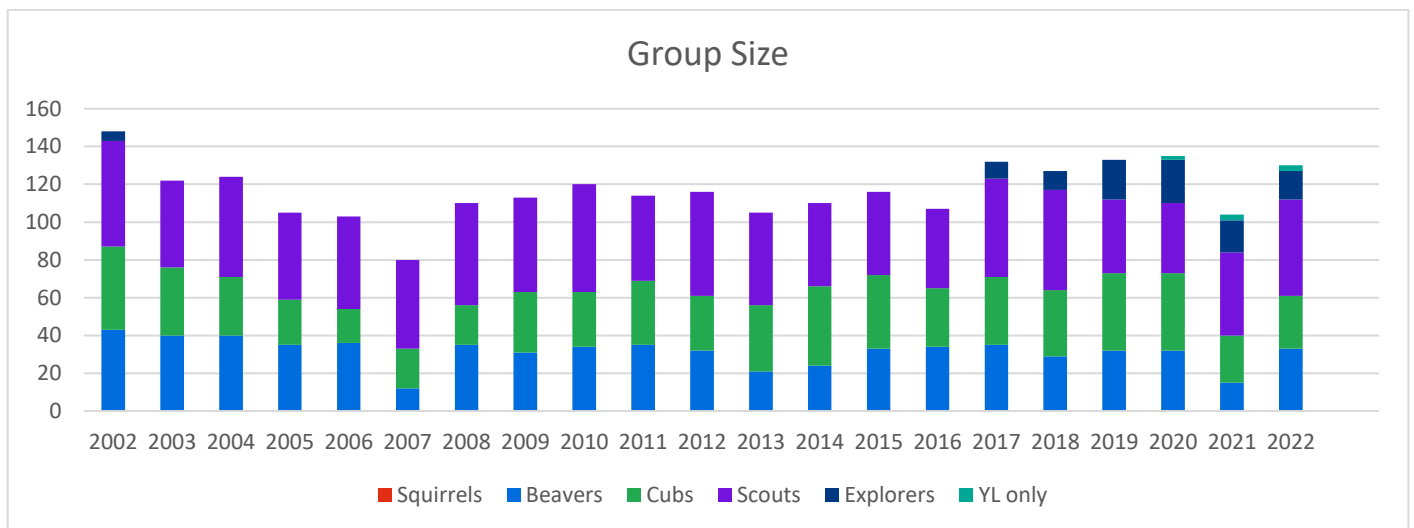
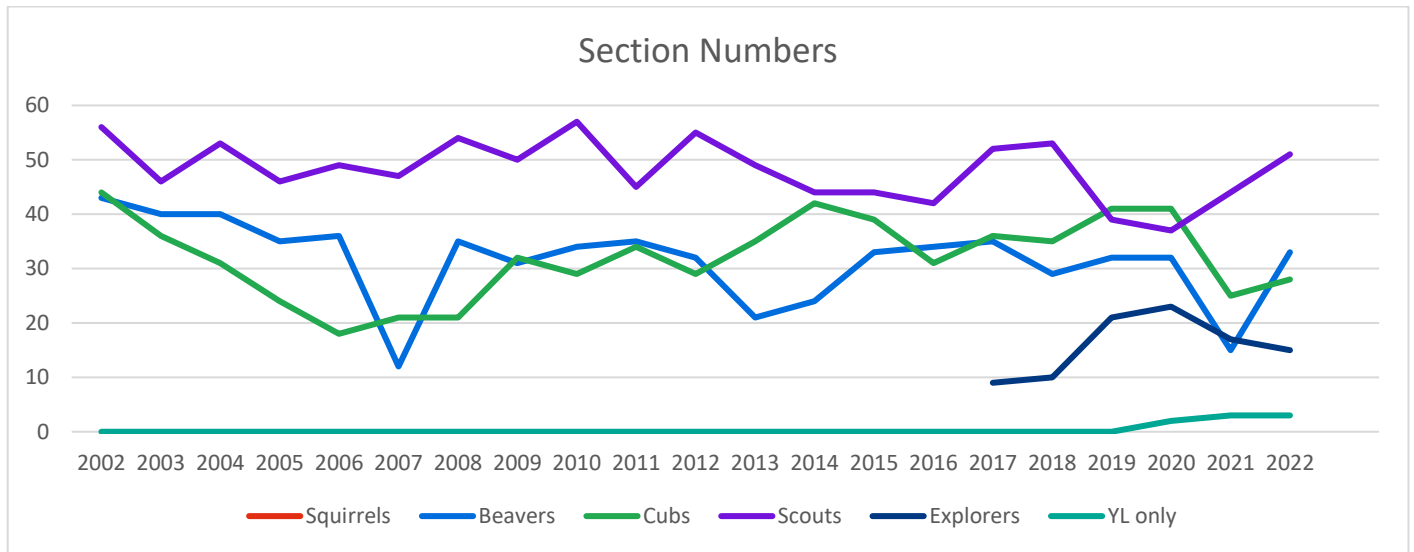
We all hope not to return to further lockdowns, and now the focus for 3<sup>rd</sup> Portchester is to return and expand our more normal Scouting activities. Please bear with us as we return many of these activities, with 2 years of various Covid-19 restrictions has affected the ability in many places and we having to develop our Lodge Leaders, Sixers and Patrol Leaders with staff to help them pass on their skills (normally this is done naturally as part of our program). In some places this is also about us supporting our volunteers too, who have also been affected by 2 years of various restrictions and our new volunteers.

In addition, we are also focusing on the governance of our charity, this will include things such as leader reviews, policy reviews, etc. As you can appreciate the impact of Covid-19 took a very high importance as it ran the risk of no activities taking place, but as we now come out of the Covid-19 pandemic we are making sure that all the supporting functions are in place to give the best possible Scouting experience possible for all. To help us with this we are not only working with The Scout Association, but also British Canoeing through their Quality Club scheme. One area that you may already have noticed is the increase of information on our website, which includes previous AGM reports, parent guides, policies, etc.

<https://www.3rdportchester.uk>

Yours in Scouting,

Peter Leach – Group Scout Leader, 3<sup>rd</sup> Portchester



Year	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
Squirrels					0
Beavers	29	32	32	15	33
Cubs	35	41	41	25	28
Scouts	53	39	37	44	51
Explorers	10	21	23	17	15
YL only	0	0	2	3	3
<b>Total</b>	<b>127</b>	<b>133</b>	<b>135</b>	<b>104</b>	<b>130</b>

### Chair's Report 2021-2022

On this our 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary we celebrate and remember Mrs Molly Cobham (Panther), who started the group with a Wolf Cub Pack. Followed by Commander Anthony Cobham GC MBE Royal Navy (Scoter) forming the Sea Scout Troop in 1948 and a Scout Troop in 1952. For 30 years their own home, Noel Cottage, was used for Scout Activities until 1977 when Cobham Hall HQ was opened. Their combined leadership, drive and enthusiasm provided a sound foundation for Scout Training in Portchester.

This year has been a challenge in many ways with the ongoing problems of Covid and the resultant isolation and drop-in social activities. 3rd Portchester has from the start tried to limit these by engaging in online activities and as soon as allowed returning to in person activities at first outdoors and then when allowed venturing back into our building. This has taken a lot of organisation a commitment from our volunteers, and I'm certain we're all grateful to those that wrote risk assessments and updated them on every change in regulations, to those who took on extra cleaning tasks and facilitated the new world we live in by providing, purchasing or making equipment that allowed us to continue, fundraising and applying for grants both from regular sources and the one off special Covid grants from government local and national and of course to those that give up their time to run sessions for our Beavers, Cubs, Scouts, Explorers and moving forward also our Squirrels.

The Group would not be able to exist without the relentless hard work of our volunteers who every week go above and beyond what we could ask for. In order for our group to grow we need to recruit more volunteers and share the burden. One of my favourite events of this year has been the Pickle night where we were able to come together as leaders past and present and volunteers for a meal, social interaction and as in all great Scouting activities a bit of singing. It made me realise what a tight family we are and the pure range of skills and great people we have helping us some coming up the ranks from children themselves, some coming in as parents and others though other routes. I think it important that we do pause and reflect together occasionally what we have achieved and value our current helpers whilst we seek new people to come on board.

Another of my favourite events of this year has been breakfast with Santa which saw the whole group come together to welcome in families. The teamwork of pulling together, seeing parents of our members and their younger siblings whom in time I hope we will see as new members and achieving a great team building and fundraising event. The peak for me was the "volunteer family meal" at the end where we could all sit down and relax after pulling together.

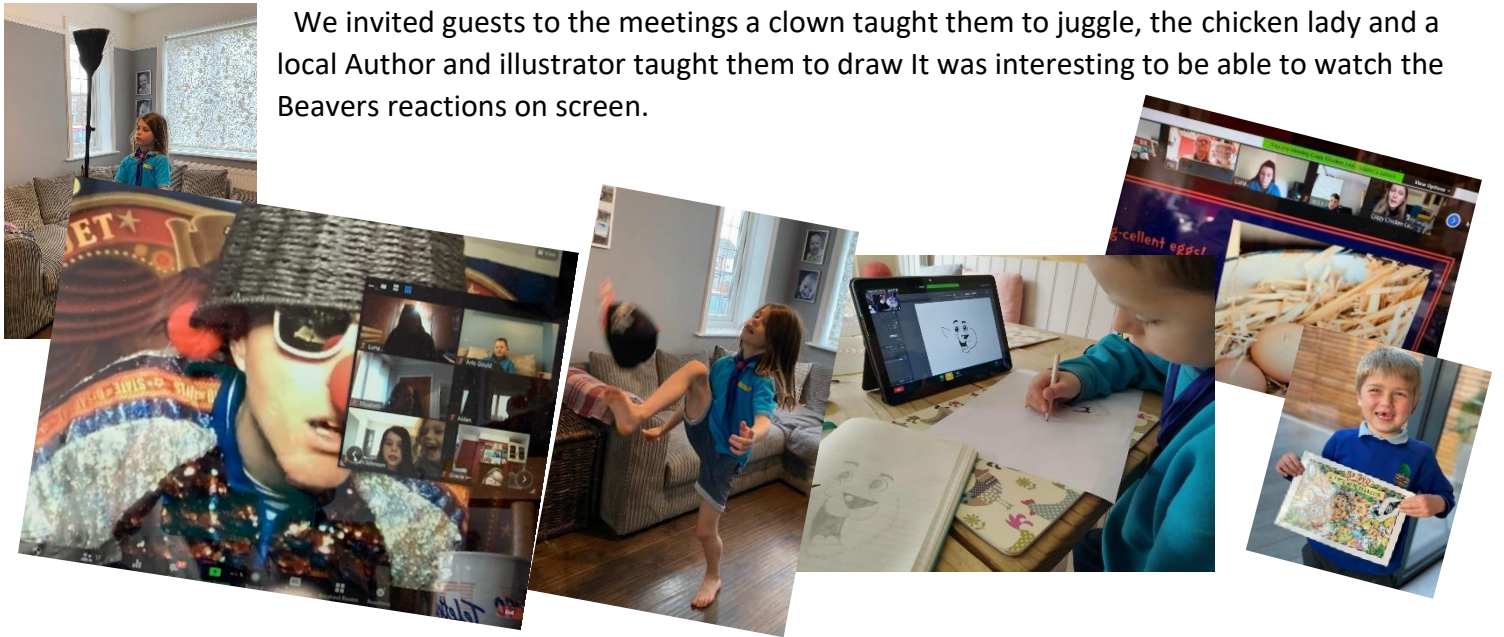
As we move forward to the next 75 years, we don't know the changes that will take place or how Scouting will change to serve and reflect the society that we will live in. I do know that the biggest asset we have had for the last 75 years will still be the biggest asset for the next 75 years which is our Volunteers.



Castle and Roman Beaver Colonies Report 2021-2022

January 2021 saw us locked down again due to Covid. However, the beavers were attending school and therefore really didn't want to come home to go on Zoom again. We made the decision to combine the colonies and meet on a Saturday morning on zoom. Pax took to teaching them how to make microwave Meringues online with some great results. Also, pinwheel cheesy marmite biscuits. We had a Beaver drive, quizzes, and discussions.

We invited guests to the meetings a clown taught them to juggle, the chicken lady and a local Author and illustrator taught them to draw. It was interesting to be able to watch the Beavers reactions on screen.



The components for Mother's Day gift were secretly delivered and with the help of Dads, or older siblings they were able to give their Mum a special superhero gift. We had a great Superheroes morning when the Beavers dressed their teddies etc as superheroes and gave them names included one named after Pax! This was extended to them producing drawings for everyone who had kept the country going during the pandemic.





We had an extended Easter holiday but what joy to meet face to face at Portchester Allotments where we welcomed several new members. When we returned they planted Sunflowers and nasturtiums.

They had fun wide games, the photographer badge was completed, and they learnt a lot about their environment. One unique feature is an Apiary plus several allotment holders keep chickens.



We moved from there to the castle where we hunted stones and had our first going up ceremony for three members face to face for 14 months. We stayed outside using the Castle for wide games and because of the generosity of the Church tea rooms we were able to complete some badge work on paper in their marquee after closing time.



We managed to do our Safety Badge over

several weeks at different venues around Portchester. We went into Headquarters for one week, our first face to face investiture for nearly 18 months. This was a really unusual ceremony, adults wearing masks and parents presenting their scarves! We moved outside for a going up ceremony which again was different, but it was lovely to see Beavers moving on in the family of Scouting. We were out and about the rest of the summer term culminating with more investitures and Navigator 1, Photographer and safety badges were presented before closing for the end term

We returned in September meeting in Cobham Hall with a couple more beavers. We really had to get to know each other and few team games to get use to rules again.



We started our cyclist badge with one of our Beavers gaining their instructors badges by instructing the beavers competently by telling and helping the beavers complete the section for pumping up a tyre. Alongside this badge we completed the World issues badge. Learning about endangered species, found out about clean water for those countries who don't have it. They made water filters and got clear water. Fairtrade was covered and the Beavers had to trade for skills to help with their understanding of the difficulties in a lot of the countries who provide us with common commodities.

Whilst it was still lovely and warm; 12 of our Beavers had the opportunity to try paddle boarding thanks to our Group Scout Leader and his team of Volunteers.



We attended Harvest Festival at St Mary's Church with 15 Beavers and Cubs. They took an active part in the service we were very proud. Elijah explained his contribution as he had grown it and there were eggs from his Quails.



We saw 3 of our Beavers receive their Bronze Chief Scout award and move on to Cubs.



Mid October we had a sleepover at Headquarters with mostly Beavers who hadn't been to one before They were all fantastic and even the leaders got some sleep. On Saturday they did their Experiment and cooks badge as well as fresh air in the morning putting out the stones and finding a few round the castle. When they returned they prepared and had lunch. They did lots of experiments and then they prepared their pizzas which they had with chips. Then a quick wide game at the park before cocoa and bed.

Sunday saw us taking a coach and minibus to Paulton's for the county day out, after a two-year gap. It was fantastic to see so many happy Beavers having so much fun in the sunshine



We spent a couple of meeting in the precinct looking at prices and deals. The Beavers were given an imaginary£10 per lodge and had to see what they could get from their money. Castle Colony spent the first part of their meeting in Noon's the Estate agent where Ryan was presented with a gift token for winning the Find the Smurf competition that we ran in the Summer holiday. They were given foreign coins to look at and they found the shop fascinating! It's full of curios.

Returning from half term saw the Beavers creating clay poppies which they carried at? the Portchester Remembers Parade. They laid them during the service and later they were purchased by the parents and the money was to the Royal British Legion.



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As part of the new MoneySense badge the beavers collected 20ps in covered tubes which we used to purchase chocolates for the residents of Woodland court. They also made and decorated Christmas cakes. These were bagged and along with Christmas cards they made were taken to the home by Pax as unfortunately Covid had reared its head again as it had been arranged that the Beavers would visit the residents.



Father Christmas joined us for a pre-Christmas visit where the Beavers enjoyed chatting to him.



It was a busy weekend as it was the District Christingle St Johns Church Fareham.



For our Christmas treat we went to Rock up where we invested new beavers from both colonies.

Congratulations to Matthew Hodgson, Caspian Bloomfield, James Mander, Elijah Johnson, and Felix Brook-Holmes for all the hard work they put it to achieving their Bronze Chief Scout award. Covid presented many more challenges. Well done.

We have had all sorts of challenges thrown at us but the Beavers and their families have always supported us. Thank you.

Without the support of everyone we could not run the program we do. Please think about how you could support the group in a small way.

Thank you to Luna, Baloo, Lita, Remus, Vito, Kate, Trish and all the others we may not have named.

Felix and Pax



### Eagle and Osprey Cub Packs Report 2021- 2022

It's been a good year for 3rd Portchester Cubs after getting back to in person meetings after the pandemic. Both the Cub packs usually run the same programme, which means that we are able to deliver a wide and varied programme throughout the year for our youngsters.

We have achieved a lot already this year, so I have just added a selection.

- Backwoods cooking
- Christingle at St Mary's Church
- Fire station trip
- home help
- Remembrance parade in Portchester precinct
- First aid with the first responders



Some Cubs have been lucky enough to participate in some District activities such as District Chess and Draughts Competition. Some of the badges we have completed this year are; Backwoods Cooking, home help, Teamwork Challenge, Skills Challenge, First aid, Money skills, Fire safety, pioneer, and disability awareness.

Lots of the Cubs are gaining individual badges, which relate to their hobbies and interests away from cubs, for example, Musician, swimming, book reading, Time on the Water, Physical Recreation, and martial arts. We are keen to promote this in the packs.



We have also made pancakes on Shrove Tuesday and had the Vikings activities team down to help the cubs build catapults. Also, the first responders to do first aid and our trip to the fire station where all the cubs got to use the hose to wash a car. Followed by meeting a fire dog and learning all about what firefighters do.



Both packs currently have healthy numbers, averaging around 20 members per pack

Many thanks to all our leaders, Bagheera (Steve), Baloo (Nathan), Chil (Callum), Flic, Sarah and the young leaders, Hollie, Jess and Adam who have helped over the past 12 months. Thanks also to the parents who have helped, and we look forward to their continued support over the coming year.

Many thanks Luna (Kacey) & Jacala (Lucy)



James Cook Scout Troop

James Cook Troop has had a good year although, for much of it, we still had Covid restrictions in place.

During the summer we were able to facilitate the Expedition Challenge for a number of scouts. Ordinarily, this would involve camping overnight but with the challenges in place we chose to run it across two separate days. The first day involved a canoe trip through to Fareham Creek and back again. For the second day the scouts hiked from Nelson's monument through to Hundred Acres wood. On the way they had to cook a two course meal for the group. Both were great days with good memories made.



The summer troop meetings were held afloat with scouts gaining skills in kayaking, canoeing and paddle boarding.

Towards the end of the summer we were pleased to see four of our older scouts achieve their Chief Scout's Gold Award – well done to Jake P, Daniel C, Daniel E and Will S. The awards were presented by the District Commissioner, Mike McHugh, who also surprised some of our leaders with Good Service Awards. Mike also presented Richard Curtis with a well-deserved Silver Acorn Award for his services to scouting over the past 35 years.

During the autumn, the troop returned to meetings ashore. At the start of each term, the troop holds a meeting planning evening at which the scouts are able to suggest ideas of activities that they would like to do. We try to enable as many of the ideas as possible and then weave in badge requirements so that the programme provides opportunities for progress and achievement.

Fire pit and backwoods cooking evenings are always popular. The scouts learn how to build successful fires and how to start them without the use of matches and firelighters. Of course, the cooking part is generally the favourite!

In the autumn the scouts also enjoyed a treasure hunt, pioneering evening, circus skills, Halloween extravaganza, fireworks, music night, international night and a craft evening. The term ended with our annual Christmas party. Ordinarily, at Christmas, the troop will also go out for a meal but this year we decided to hold our meal at the HQ with the troop cooking their own international, all-you-can-eat buffet!

During the early part of 2022, the scouts had an international meet up online with scouts in Canada and planned and held a successful Bake-Off night. This was really good fun and the scouts made some brilliant creations.



The scouts have also celebrated Chinese New Year, held an escape room evening, experimented during a science evening and made tie-dye t-shirts.



At the beginning of April, we were able to take the troop swimming and ensure that swimming safety assessments are in place before the start of the boating season.

The troop is delighted to have the ongoing help of Young Leader Tyler and recently has been pleased to welcome Jake who has returned to help as a Young Leader as part of his Duke of Edinburgh award.

The leadership team has been fortunate to have been able to work together for a long time and has a history with 3<sup>rd</sup> Portchester that stretches back several decades. We are all very grateful to have each other in the team.

James Cook Troop



### Livingstone Scout Troop Report

Another different year with a mixture of virtual meetings and face to face meetings. We started the year on zoom with a six-week challenge based on the TV program Taskmaster, with different games and challenges each week including tea bag throwing, scavenger hunts and making famous landmarks out of food. Also, on zoom we completed the fire safety badge, played Scattergories, online cooking, played drawize and completed an escape room. Restrictions were then relaxed, and we had two face to face meetings before Easter when we did an Easter egg hunt and played some wide games.



In the summer term we did a mixture of land and water-based activities.

On the land we did the following

- 10km hike for the Captain Tom challenge
- Fire lighting and making their own burgers
- Football and frisbee golf
- Portchester quiz
- Wide games
- Pétanque

On the water the troop took part in

- Kayaking
- Pulling
- Stand up paddle boarding
- Nautical skills staged badge
- Paddle Sports staged badge
- British Canoeing paddle award



Once the nights drew in and the restrictions were relaxed more, we returned to meeting at the HQ. Whilst back at HQ we took part in the following activities

- Worked towards the teamwork challenge
- Wrote a code of conduct
- Cooking a main meal and cake



- Ballista building
- Worked towards creative challenge making air fix kits and paracording
- Portchester remembers
- Crystal maze night
- Xmas party

At Halloween we did a Halloween activity day including

- Pumpkin carving
- Pumpkin soup
- Making a monster from natural materials
- Halloween quiz hike
- Halloween musical bingo
- Mummies making



Throughout the year we completed a total of 94 badges. The number of scouts rose through the year, finishing with a healthy number of Scouts. We also have been joined by three young leaders Ian, Emmy and Ellie, who I would like to thank for the help they have given to the troop.

Finally, I would like to thank Caryl, Andy, and John for their support over the year.

Stuart Goddard

Scout Leader

### Ellen MacArthur Scout Troop Report

Despite facing lots of challenges and restrictions during 2021 due to Covid-19, I would love to pass on a huge thank you to everyone that has still made it a very memorable year for Ellen MacArthur Troop and allowed the young people to access a wide range of activities and opportunities. This year is not without exception and there are lots of outstanding achievements that have been achieved by those in the Troop:

- 2x Chief Scout Gold Awards
- 65x Challenge Awards
- 41x Activity Badges
- 116x Stages Activity Badges
- 1x Commissioner Commendation
- 9x British Canoeing Paddle Awards
  - 5x British Canoeing Paddle Start Awards
  - 4x British Canoeing Paddle Discover Awards

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It is once again very difficult for me to pick my favourite moment or event from 2021. A snapshot of some events/activities that your Scout may have taken part in and enjoyed during this year:

- Various online meetings
- Virtual pancake night
- Kayaking
- Canoeing
- Pulling
- Stand-up Paddle boarding (SUP)
- Monopoly Run
- Fareham Creek Regatta
- Summer Camp @ Pangbourne
- Narrowboating on the River Lea
- Water Wipeout @ Lee Valley
- Climbing
- Air rifle shooting
- Narrowboating on the Grand Union Canal
- British Divers Marine Life Rescue
- Swimming
- Pickle's Night
- Jamboree On The Internet (JOTI)
- St John's Cathedral
- Pro-Badge
- Remembrance Parade
- Donutting @ Alpine Snowsports Southampton

As you may have noticed we have already started planning for 2022. The programme for next term is available on Online Scout Manger (OSM), and you should have already received a number of event invites. If over the Christmas period, you could take some time to let us know which events your Scout is interested in we would be very grateful.

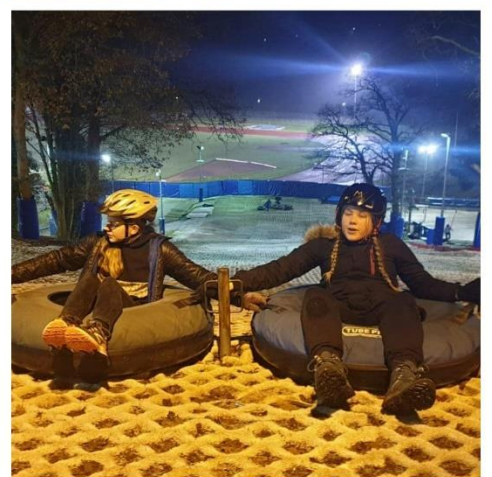
In addition to the events already published we are also working on several other opportunities such as an Easter camp, kayaking expedition, etc.

I would like to thank the Scouts for being truly amazing and an enjoyable experience to be around; the young leaders for taking such a proactive approach, often organising the evenings and giving up their time to help and support the activities for the Scouts; all the adult volunteers involved with Ellen MacArthur Troop who give up their time, as without them this wouldn't be possible; and finally to all the support that we receive from the parents especially at the moment with the parent rota. We are still looking for more adult volunteers so if you know of anyone, please let us know so we can make contact and see how they can get involved.

Wishing you all a truly wonderful time with your families over the Festive Holidays, and a wonderful start to 2022.

Yours in Scouting,

Peter and the rest of the Ellen MacArthur Troop leadership team



## Ellen MacArthur Full Badge Report 2021

### Chief Scout's Gold Award (2 in total)

- Alannah
- Aidan

### Challenge Awards (65 in total)

- 4x Adventure
- 14x Creative
- 12x Expedition
- 9x Outdoors
- 4x Personal
- 7x Skills
- 2x Team Leader
- 8x Teamwork
- 5x World

### Activity Badges (41 in total)

- 3x Camper
- 2x Cyclist
- 7x Environmental Conservation
- 3x International
- 9x Naturalist
- 4x Pioneer
- 12x Power Coxswain
- 1x Pulling

### Staged Activity Badges (116 in total)

- 4x Community Impact Stage 1
- 22x Hikes
  - 5x Hikes Stage 2
  - 4x Hikes Stage 5
  - 3x Hikes Stage 10

- 2x Hikes Stage 15
- 8x Hikes Stage 20
- 10x Nautical Skills
  - 1x Nautical Skills Stage 1
  - 5x Nautical Skills Stage 2
  - 4x Nautical Skills Stage 3
- 10x Nights Away
  - 1x Nights Away Stage 3
  - 2x Nights Away Stage 5
  - 2x Nights Away Stage 15
  - 3x Nights Away Stage 20
  - 2x Nights Away Stage 35
- 11x Paddle Sports
  - 1x Paddle Sports Stage 1
  - 10x Paddle Sports Stage 2
- 1x Sailing Stage 1
- 14x Snowsports
  - 13x Snowsports Stage 1
  - 1x Snowsports Stage 2
- 17x Swimmer
  - 6x Swimmer Stage 2
  - 10x Swimmer Stage 3
  - 1x Swimmer Stage 4
- 27x Time on the Water
  - 1x Time on the Water Stage 1
  - 1x Time on the Water Stage 2
  - 3x Time on the Water Stage 5
  - 4x Time on the Water Stage 10
  - 5x Time on the Water Stage 15
  - 10x Time on the Water Stage 20
  - 3x Time on the Water Stage 35

Treasurer's Report for Year Ended 31<sup>st</sup> December 2021

Looking back from the relative normality of 2022, it is difficult to remember the uncertainty we felt during 2021 and particularly 2020.

Overall, 3rd Portchester Scouts has really been a beneficiary of COVID thanks to our parents continuing to support us with their subscriptions and also due to the generous amount of grants received throughout the year. We received over £30K of grant money (mainly from Fareham Borough Council - £20K and the Scout Association - £10.5K).

What has helped operational revenue streams is the visibility of the new subscription collection system (Go Cardless) which has allowed us to better monitor receipt of subscription monies and gift aid. It is also good to see more and more young people joining the scouting movement including our newest recruits, The Squirrels.

The money received which wasn't required to cover our operational costs was spent on improving our boating fleet (Paddle Boards £8.5K, Kayaks £14.5K) and doing some much-needed work to the exterior of the HQ.

I ensured that the surplus grant monies have been held back to cover any unexpected issues created by COVID to ensure we have at least 18m of overheads always covered. Given we are now coming away from the pandemic it makes sense to reassess this and I am comfortable to retain only 12m of cash to cover overheads therefore releasing some additional money for more capital expenditure. Our reserves remain generous.

It has helped that our Gas and Electricity tariffs were fixed in 2021 for a 2-year period by our Awesome Treasurer (purely by a fluke!) and therefore we have been immune from increased costs from this source.

The better focus on subscription collection, the economies of scale of more young people paying subscriptions has offset our increased operating costs in 2022 and will allow us to keep our subscriptions at the current levels – not raised I think since 2012 and therefore representing absolutely excellent value for money.

David Noyce

Treasurer

3rd Portchester Scouts

Accounts for Year Ended 31<sup>st</sup> December 2021

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CHARITY COMMISSION  
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

## Receipts and payments accounts

For the period from	1st Jan 2021	To	31st Dec 2021
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### Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
<b>A1 Receipts</b>					
Subscriptions	19,481	-	-	19,481	19,116
Payments for Camps	3,413	-	-	3,413	60
Payments for Activities	2,352	-	-	2,352	1,080
Gift Aid	4,911	-	-	4,911	4,306
Donations, Grants and Fundraising	37,961	-	-	37,961	41,107
<b>Sub total (Gross income for AR)</b>	<b>68,118</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>68,118</b>	<b>65,669</b>
<b>A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).</b>					
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total receipts</b>	<b>68,118</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>68,118</b>	<b>65,669</b>
<b>A3 Payments</b>					
Camping Expenses	3,617	-	-	3,617	302
Capitation	5,002	-	-	5,002	6,311
Activity Expenses	3,342	-	-	3,342	1,840
Insurance	3,070	-	-	3,070	3,792
Maintenance and Repairs to Scout HQ	8,457	-	-	8,457	7,779
Boat and Camping Equipment Repair	35,909	-	-	35,909	25,296
Rent and subscriptions	1,407	-	-	1,407	1,267
Utilities and other	3,210	-	-	3,210	3,068
Badges	1,968	-	-	1,968	1,751
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>65,982</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>65,982</b>	<b>51,406</b>

<b>A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)</b>					
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total payments</b>	65,982	#	-	-	65,982
<b>Net of receipts/(payments)</b>	2,136	#	-	-	2,136
<b>A5 Transfers between funds</b>	-		-	-	-
<b>A6 Cash funds last year end</b>	56,184		-	-	56,184
<b>Cash funds this year end</b>	58,320	#	-	-	58,320

## Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
<b>B1 Cash funds</b>	Groups	49,970	-	-
	Sections	8,350	-	-
	<b>Total cash funds</b>	58,320	-	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK
		<b>Unrestricted funds to nearest £</b>	<b>Restricted funds to nearest £</b>	<b>Endowment funds to nearest £</b>
<b>B2 Other monetary assets</b>	Details	-	-	-
<b>B3 Investment assets</b>	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
			-	-
<b>B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use</b>	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
	Boats and Marine Equipment	Unrestricted	-	150,000
	Camping Equipment	Unrestricted	-	100,000
<b>B5 Liabilities</b>	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
			-	
Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees	Signature	Print Name	Date of approval	
	David Noyce	David Noyce	14/04/2022	

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# Receipts and payments account

For the period from	1st Jan 2021	To
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## Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £
<b>A1 Receipts</b>			
Subscriptions	19,481	-	-
Payments for Camps	3,413	-	-
Payments for Activities	2,352	-	-
Gift Aid	4,911	-	-
Donations, Grants and Fundraising	37,961	-	-
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		-	-
		-	-
<b>Sub total (Gross income for AR)</b>	<b>68,118</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).</b>			
	-	-	-
	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total receipts</b>	<b>68,118</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>A3 Payments</b>			
Camping Expenses	3,617	-	-
Capitation	5,002	-	-
Activity Expenses	3,342	-	-
Insurance	3,070	-	-
Maintenance and Repairs to Scout HQ	8,457	-	-
Boat and Camping Equipment Repair	35,909	-	-
Rent and subscriptions	1,407	-	-
Utilities and other	3,210	-	-
Badges	1,968	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>65,982</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)</b>			
	-	-	-
	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total payments</b>	<b>65,982 #</b>	<b>- #</b>	<b>- #</b>
<b>Net of receipts/(payments)</b>	<b>2,136 #</b>	<b>- #</b>	<b>- #</b>
<b>A5 Transfers between funds</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>A6 Cash funds last year end</b>	<b>56,184</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>

**Cash funds this year end** | 58,320 | # | - | # | - | #

# Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £
<b>B1 Cash funds</b>	Groups	49,970
	Sections	8,350
		-
	<b>Total cash funds</b>	<b>58,320</b>
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £
<b>B2 Other monetary assets</b>		-
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		-
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Categories	Details	Fund to which asset belongs
<b>B3 Investment assets</b>		

Categories	Details	Fund to which asset belongs
<b>B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use</b>	Boats and Marine Equipment	Unrestricted
	Camping Equipment	Unrestricted

Categories	Details	Fund to which liability relates
<b>B5 Liabilities</b>		

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees



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31st Dec 2021

**CC16a****Total funds****Last year**

to the nearest £

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<b>19,481</b>	<b>19,116</b>
<b>3,413</b>	<b>60</b>
<b>2,352</b>	<b>1,080</b>
<b>4,911</b>	<b>4,306</b>
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<b>68,118</b>	<b>65,669</b>

<b>3,617</b>	<b>302</b>
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<b>65,982</b>	<b>51,406</b>

<b>2,136</b>	<b>#</b>	<b>14,263</b>
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<b>56,184</b>		<b>41,921</b>

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**Section A**

**Independent Examiner's Report**

**Report to the trustees/  
members of**

Charity Name  
3<sup>rd</sup> Portchester Scout Group

**On accounts for the year  
ended**

31<sup>st</sup> December 2021

**Charity no  
(if any)** 271605

**Set out on pages**

As per attached spreadsheet

(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31/12/2021..

**Responsibilities and  
basis of report**

As the charity's trustees, 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 Trust's 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. .

**Signed:**

**Date:**

8<sup>th</sup> April 2022

**Name:**

Mr Martyn Butcher

**Relevant professional  
qualification(s) or body  
(if any):**

None

**Address:**

17 Blackcap Close, Rowlands Castle, Hampshire, PO9 6HD

**3RD PORTCHESTER SCOUT GROUP**

England & Wales - Charity number 271605

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# Accounts

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## TREASURER'S REPORT 2020

I think all reports for 2020 will begin with the words – “Wow, what a year it was” and this is no exception.

In January and February we had our regular meeting with some 120+ children attending – by March 2020 face to face had finished and many of our groups began to Zoom.

For any organisation such a change in the level of certainty was a challenge and the same was true of 3<sup>rd</sup> Portchester Scouts. We didn't know whether leaders or children would embrace the change to Zoom meetings, who would pay and who wouldn't. All we knew was that we had overheads and running costs to cover which we incur whether we have 1 scout or 1000 scouts.

Fortunately through maintaining a policy where sufficient monies were retained to cover overheads, we found ourselves with good levels of cash reserves even if subscription levels fell dramatically. The life saver for us (and allowed me to sleep at night) was the £10,000 grant given by the Government to those owning their own premises. In one stroke this covered the majority of our running costs for the year.

Due to the support of parents, our worst projections about a fall in subscription numbers didn't come to fruition and therefore the group has been cash positive throughout the COVID period helped by further grants (as shown in the accounts).

Through these grants and the Crowd Funder, we have been able to bring forward some of our capital expenditure plans (replacement of boating equipment) whilst retaining our reserves in case of further lockdowns. Prudence we believe is still key at the moment.

Whilst our Bank balance continues to look very positive – the majority of the money is allocated to capital projects with the remainder held to cover 18m of overheads in case of need – as lockdowns unlock we will review the need to retain this amount of contingency.

We have been trialling a change in the way we collect subscriptions moving from Standing Order to Direct Debit – which provides us with flexibility and ensures money is not missed when children move between scout groups. It is also more convenient for our parents as they don't have to persistently have to change the Bank account they are paying money into.

Prior to lockdown we had been looking at the monthly subscription amount - £14 per month has been in place for at least the last 7 years and we believe offers excellent value for money. At present we have no plans to increase but the usual mix of increasing overheads/running costs means that this can not be put off forever.

However, with family finances tight and face to face scouting yet to begin again, we will keep the monthly amount unchanged for the coming 12 months.

Finally, thank you to all parents for all your help in ensuring that 3<sup>rd</sup> Portchester Scouts has continued to be well supported throughout the pandemic and thank you too to leaders who have

made the spectacular transition from face to face meetings to zoom in some cases having to move from 18<sup>th</sup> century technology to 21<sup>st</sup> century technology overnight!

David Noyce

Group Treasurer

7<sup>th</sup> April 2021



**Receipts and payments accounts**

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For the period from	1st Jan 2020	To	31st Dec 2020
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**Section A Receipts and payments**

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
<b>A1 Receipts</b>					
Subscriptions	18,813	-	-	18,813	22,347
Payments for Camps	60	-	-	60	17,352
Payments for Activities	1,315	-	-	1,315	5,540
Gift Aid	4,306	-	-	4,306	11,114
Donations, Grants and Fundraising	40,872	-	-	40,872	5,592
<b>Sub total (Gross income for AR)</b>	<b>65,366</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>65,366</b>	<b>61,945</b>
<b>A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).</b>					
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total receipts</b>	<b>65,366</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>65,366</b>	<b>61,945</b>
<b>A3 Payments</b>					
Camping Expenses	302	-	-	302	16,945
Capitation	6,311	-	-	6,311	6,011
Activity Expenses	1,830	-	-	1,830	8,233
Insurance	3,792	-	-	3,792	3,931
Maintenance and Repairs to Scout HQ	8,118	-	-	8,118	25,623
Boat and Camping Equipment Repair	25,296	-	-	25,296	3,914
Rent	1,247	-	-	1,247	1,239
Utilities and other	2,760	-	-	2,760	5,105
Badges	1,750	-	-	1,750	939
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>51,406</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>51,406</b>	<b>71,940</b>
<b>A4 Asset and investment purchases. (see table)</b>					
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total payments</b>	<b>51,406</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>51,406</b>	<b>71,940</b>
<b>Net of receipts/(payments)</b>	<b>13,960</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>13,960</b>	<b>- 9,995</b>
<b>A5 Transfers between funds</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>A6 Cash funds last year end</b>	<b>41,902</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>41,902</b>	<b>51,897</b>
<b>Cash funds this year end</b>	<b>55,862</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>55,862</b>	<b>41,902</b>

## Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
<b>B1 Cash funds</b>	Groups	55,620	-	-
	Sections	242	-	-
		-	-	-
	<b>Total cash funds</b>	<b>55,862</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>

(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))



Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
<b>B2 Other monetary assets</b>		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
<b>B3 Investment assets</b>			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
<b>B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use</b>	Boats and Marine Equipment	Unrestricted	-	130,000
	Camping Equipment	Unrestricted	-	70,000
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
<b>B5 Liabilities</b>			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
	P G LEACH	13/04/2021
	LEE M MASON	13/04/2021



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/ members of

3rd PORTCHESTER SCOUTS

On accounts for the year ended

31/12/2020

Charity no (if any)

Set out on pages

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I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees of the Trust, 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 Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed 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 (other than that disclosed below \*) in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act or
- the accounts do not accord with the accounting records

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

\* Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.

Signed:

[Signature]

Date:

22-4-2021

Name:

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Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight matters of concern (see CC32, Independent examination of charity accounts: directions and guidance for examiners).

**Give here brief details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose.**

