

1ST LEIGHTON BUZZARD SCOUT GROUP

England & Wales · Charity number 279330

Details

Other names	THE BUZZARDS
Status	Registered
Legal form	Other
Registered	1980-02-28
Register	View on the Charity Commission register

Contact

Address Scout Association
1st Leighton Buzzard Scout Group
Grovebury Road
Grovebury Estate
Leighton Buzzard
LU7 4SW

Phone 07739004241

Email joinat1lbsg@gmail.com

Website www.1lbscouts.org.uk

Activities

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

Activities: Education, fun & community spirit

Classification

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

Geography

- Central Bedfordshire

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-03-31	£27,060	£42,078	-	-
2024-03-31	£35,228	£25,963	-	-
2023-03-31	£15,863	£11,893	-	-
2022-03-31	£17,493	£14,182	-	-
2021-03-31	£26,539	£7,103	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
David Perkins		2023-01-01
Edward Goddard		2013-09-16
Graham Scott Mills		2025-04-11
Philip Wattleworth		2025-09-22
Robert Stanley Redfern		2020-01-01
STEPHANIE HARRIS		2023-01-01
Stephen Francis Anderson		2025-04-11
Zachary Dover		2024-09-01

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Trustees' Annual Report

For the period

From (start date)

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to end date

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Section A

Reference and administration details

Charity name

1st Leighton Buzzard Scout Group

Other names the charity is known by

N/A

Registered charity number (if any)

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HQ registration number

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Charity's principal address

1st Leighton Buzzard Scout Group

Grovebury Road

LEIGHTON BUZZARD

Postcode L U 7 4S W

Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

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

	Trustee Name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year
1	Ian Summerfield	Chairperson	
2	Stephanie Harris	Treasurer	
3	Rob Redfern	GSL	
4	Dave Perkins	Trustee	
5	Zachary Dover	Trustee	1st Sept 24 - Present
6	Amanda Godden	Trustee	
7	Edward Goddard	Trustee	
8	Stephen Anderson	New Joint GSL	11th April 25- Present
9	Graham Mills	New Joint GSL	11th April 25- Present
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15			

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

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

Type of advisor	Name	Address

Section B**Structure, governance and management**

Description of the charity's trusts

Type of governing document

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

(e.g. trust deed, constitution)

How the charity is constituted

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

(e.g. trust, association, company)

Trustee selection methods

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

(e.g. appointed by, elected by)

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

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

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

Policies and procedures adopted for:

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

The Trustee Board consists of the Chair, Treasurer and 7 Trustees and meets 4 times a year.

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

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



Section B

Structure, governance and management (continued)

Risk and Internal Control

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

Damage to the building, property and equipment. The Group would request the use of buildings, property and equipment from neighbouring organisations such as the community centre and other Scout Groups. Similar reciprocal arrangements exist with these organisations. The Group has sufficient buildings and contents insurance in place to mitigate against permanent loss.

Injury to leaders, helpers, supporters and members. The Group through the capitation fees contributes to the Scout Associations national accident insurance policy. Risk Assessments are undertaken before all activities.

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

Reduction or loss of leaders. The group is totally reliant upon volunteers to run and administer the activities of the group. If there was a reduction in the number of leaders to an unacceptable level in a particular section or the group as a

whole then there would have to be a contraction, consolidation or closure of a section. In the worst case scenario the complete closure of the Group.

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

Section C	Objectives and activities
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Summary of the objects of the charity set out in its governing document

The Purpose of Scouting
Scouting exists to actively engage and support young people in their personal development, empowering them to make a positive contribution to society.

The Values of Scouting
As Scouts we are guided by these values:
Integrity - We act with integrity; we are honest, trustworthy and loyal.
Respect - We have self-respect and respect for others.
Care - We support others and take care of the world in which we live.
Belief - We explore our faiths, beliefs and attitudes.
Co-operation - We make a positive difference; we co-operate with others and make friends.

The Scout Method
Scouting takes place when young people, in partnership with adults, work together based on the values of Scouting and:
- enjoy what they are doing and have fun
- take part in activities indoors and outdoors
- learn by doing
- share in spiritual reflection
- take responsibility and make choices
- undertake new and challenging activities
- make and live by their Promise.

Summary of the main activities in relation to these objects

The following scouting activities have taken place within the 2024-2025 financial year:
Rememberance Group Camp 2024
Cub Christmas 2024 bowling
District Cub Day at Gullivers Land 2024

Scout Camp March 2025
Scout Expedition Spring 2024
Grimsdyke Hike 2024

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

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

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

Public benefit statement

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

Section D Achievements and performance

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

This year the group have spent considerable time and invested funds into the maintenance and upkeep of the building. This has included an all new fire alarm with new wiring, detectors etc throughout. The building has been fully decorated throughout, including ceilings and walls painted and new curtain poles and curtains. The building has also had new radiators installed. The building is a credit to the group and district. There has also been investment in activity equipment, where rifles and associated equipment have been purchased as an investment to the group, and will the view to hiring out the activity to benefit other groups in the district.

Section E Financial Review

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

Reserves Policy

The Group's policy on reserves is to hold sufficient resources to continue the charitable activities of the group should income and fundraising activities fall short. The Group Trustee Board considers that the group should hold a sum equivalent to 12 months running costs, circa £22,000.

The Group held reserves of approximately £51,000 against this at year end. This is above the level required for operating expenses. However this can be explained by the age of the building which can at times require considerable funds to carry out repairs and to keep it in good order.

Quantify and explain any designations

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

N/A

Further financial review details (optional information)

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

• the charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising);

• how expenditure has supported the key objectives of the charity;

• investment policy and objectives;

Investment Policy

The Group's Income and Expenditure is very small and as a consequence does not have sufficient funds to invest in longer-term investments such as stocks and shares. The Group has therefore adopted a low risk strategy to the investment of its funds. All funds are held in cash using only mainstream banks or building societies.

The Group Trustee Board regularly monitors the levels of bank balances and the interest rates received to ensure the group obtains maximum value and income from its banking arrangements. Occasionally this may involve using an account that requires a period of notice before funds may be withdrawn, before doing so the Group Trustee Board considers the cash flow requirements.

Not applicabble at this time.

Section F Other Optional Information

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

None

Section G Declaration

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s) S.Harris

Full name(s) Stephanie Harris

Position (eg Secretary, Chair) Treasurer

Date 1 2 0 8 2 5

1st Leighton Buzzard Scout Group Annual Accounts, year ending 31st March 2025

	2024-2025
Income	
Bank Interest	451.60
Donation	209.50
Events	1,020.00
Events - Cubs	322.50
Events - Explorers	45.00
Events - Scouts	180.00
Membership Fees	7,706.00
Rent	17,125.00
Expense	
Activity Equipment	2,821.61
Admin	823.26
Badges	383.72
Camping Equipment	158.44
Events	1,492.09
Events - Cubs	354.57
Events - Explorers	45.00
Events - Scouts	293.40
Insurance	1,377.71
Meetings - Beavers	18.90
Meetings - Cubs	178.72
Membership Costs	2,989.10
Utilities	4,084.89
Venue Maintenance	27,056.71
Account balances	
Treasurer's Account - Lloyds	4,294.61
BB Instant Online Savings	45,739.06
Natwest 1	1,176.96
Summary	
Account balance brought forward	66,229.15
Total income	27,059.60
Total expenditure	42,078.12
Net income	-15,018.52
Account balance carried forward	51,210.63



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/
members of

1stLeightonBuzzardScoutGroup

On accounts for the year
ended

31st March 2025

Charity no
(if any)

279330

Set out on pages

Enclosed

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31/03/2025

Responsibilities and
basis of report

As the charity trustees, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with 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

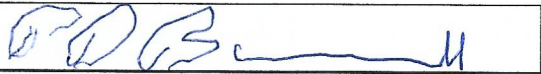
[The charity's gross income did not exceeded £250,000 and I am qualified to undertake the examination by being a management accountant

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

- 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: 13/08/2025

Name: Peter Denis Banwell

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

Management Accountant

IER 1 October 2018

Address: 291 Heath Road
Leighton Buzzard
LU73AX

Section B Disclosure

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

None

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Report & Accounts for YEAR ENDING 5 APRIL 2024



HONORARY PRESIDENT Tony Birch

TRUSTEES: Ex-Officio- Appointment

Group Scout Leader	Rob Redfern	Trustee
Scout Leader	Edward Goddard	Trustee
Cub Scout Leader	Steve Anderson	
Beaver Scout Leader	Graham Mills	

TRUSTEES: Elected

Chairman	Ian Summerfield	Trustee
Vice Chairman	Position Vacant	
Treasurer	Stephanie Harris	
Secretary	Amanda Godden	Trustee
Quartermaster	Position Vacant	
Bookings Secretary	David Leggatts	

Parent Representatives

Beavers	Position Vacant
Cubs	Position Vacant
Scouts	Position Vacant

Support

Media	Amanda Godden
Website	Brian Davison
Grant Support	Phil Wattleworth

BANKERS

National Westminster Bank PLC 27 High Street, Leighton Buzzard, Bedfordshire LU7 1DX	Lloyds Bank PLC Market Sq, Leighton Buzzard Bedfordshire LU7
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CUSTODIAN TRUSTEES: The Scout Association Trust Corporation

OTHER ADVISERS

Independent Examiner: Mike Dalton
Valuers: Andrew White & Co.

Group Registration Number with The Scout Association: 4984

Charity Registration Number: 279330

Contact Name & Address:

Mrs S L Harris, 9 Partridge Road, Leighton Buzzard, Bedfordshire, LU7 4BJ



Chairmans Report 2023-24 1st Leighton Buzzard 'The Buzzards' Scout Group

Our Group has had another good year both operationally and financially. It is good to see our Beavers, Cubs and Scouts fully enjoying our wonderful facilities and great to see the District Phoenix Explores Scouts becoming an integral part of our group and making the Buzzards HQ their own.

As a Group we have continued to engage and support local and youth organisations. This includes the Girl Guides, Hi 5's and Footsteps Nursery School who hire the Memorial Hall during term times, until the end of summer term 2024. This fits with our ethos of positively engaging with our local community and our young citizens whilst contributing towards our Group.

I would like to thank our Booking Secretary David Perkins for all his work on modernising the management of our bookings. These hirings ensure an ongoing income stream to enable us to maintain our facilities and deliver Scouting to our young people. Likewise, our Treasurer Steph Harris for preparing these accounts and for her fiscal management and control which keeps our finances under control,

finances!

My thanks also go to Amanda Godden our group secretary who has given the group many years of service. Amanda will be standing down as secretary at the AGM, but I am delighted that she has agreed to stand as a trustee on the new board where her experience and guidance will be invaluable.

Over many years our GSL Rob Redfern has given us outstanding leadership. He has inspired our young people, leadership team and to our Executive Committee alike. Rob has taken the decision to stand down at the end of this year as GSL but will remain with us to help with the sections administration and to facilitate a smooth transition for the next GSL.

I would also thank all our Leaders, and helpers for all their hard work and dedication, without whom we could not provide scouting to our young members.

Our Executive Committee have met regularly ensuring the Group continued to operate according to our charitable status and Royal Charter. My gratitude goes to all the Executive Committee who like the Leadership Team freely volunteered their time.

Our accounts remain strong. At the end of 2023-4 fiscal year the Group was holding £65K of cash reserves. Although this represents over 2 years turnover, we are mindful that we have aging buildings that will require major expenditure in the coming years. We are therefore putting aside funds to enable us to undertake both immediate and medium term works and improvements. This will enable us to maintain the quality of our facilities for generations to come.

As Chair of the Group, I am satisfied that we meet the requirements of our Charitable status, Royal Charter and remain financially viable and able to meet both our immediate and medium-term needs and commitments.

We are always looking for help....so if you can lend a hand with our facilities, fundraising or leadership team or are interested in helping in any way, please contact Rob Redfern or myself and we would be happy to discuss the opportunities to help the Group.

Yours in Scouting

Ian Summerfield

Chair

Group Scout Leader's Annual Report for the YEAR ENDING 5 APRIL 2024



Dear All

As always, the group has had another fantastic year. Young people have succeeded in achieving many badges, including the section top awards - bronze, silver and gold challenges. None of these badges can be awarded without the hard work of all the young people, the encouragement of parents and dedication of the volunteer leadership team. Well done to every single one of you.

What many people don't see is the hard work behind the scenes of both leaders and executive committee. All volunteers put in a significant amount of time and effort into delivering great programmes and ensuring the facilities are operational. Thanks must go to every single one of you.

Our finances have once again improved, ensuring we secure funds for much needed improvements planned to be made in the coming years, together with saving for long term challenges. Steph has been a great asset to the team, and I know she is bringing lots more ideas and change to help us all move forward. Thank you.

Dave and Melissa have been invaluable in managing the bookings, ultimately supporting our long-term finances. It's been a very tough year, dealing with the many challenges the nursery brought, however, they have now moved out and I know the future focus on communities and supporting local charities will put us in a great place moving forward. Thank you both.

You will also start to hear about new roles and names of some of our volunteers in the coming months. As a charity, we must follow the rules set by the Scout Association and our Executive Committee will be transitioning to a Trustee Board framework. The Trustee Board is a team of volunteers, led by our Chair Ian Summerfield, who work together, as charity trustees, to make sure the group is run safely and legally. We are putting plans in motion to support this transition, so that we are ready to support our new Group Scout Leader (now known as Lead Volunteer) as and when they join.

As my last AGM, I would like to reflect on the six years I have been in role. I'm very proud and feel very privileged to have led such a fantastic group, team of volunteers and wonderful young people. I'm also very lucky to have had such a supportive wife – Thank you Di!

Looking back, it's amazing what we have achieved. We started off with a 110-year camp, where we welcomed our new woodland area and had over 60 young people camp. We've held other camps at Paccar and further afield. We've had new flooring installed, making the hut a warmer and safer place.

Then Covid arrived and we moved to scouting online for the first time. Everyone adapted amazingly and I was pleased to find out we were the only Group in the county who held weekly meetings throughout the entire lockdown period. We were also only one of two groups who grew in numbers. What an amazing achievement by everyone.

I particularly enjoyed seeing the delight on the faces of young people when, together with my own Scouts Stanley & Rosie, I took badges and neckers to houses and left on the doorstep to ensure we could invest them online – something I'd never expected I would ever have to do. However, seeing many of those young remain with us today and become scouts is testament to the fabulous leadership team, albeit is slightly surprising how quick time flies!!

We've also improved our visibility in the community by receiving hut improvement grants from the council, having a float in the carnival and had a tree at numerous Christmas Tree festivals.

Seeing awards given to young people is what we are all about. Giving young people skills for life is very important and will hopefully help them all become better human beings, whilst at the same time looking after our planet for future generations. The badges cannot be awarded without the hard work of the volunteer leadership team. I am delighted to have been able to see many of our leaders achieve their own recognition with long service awards and commendations. We mustn't forget our GSL before me Brian, who has been a great support to me and who deserved every bit of his Award for Merit in 2021.

We always need volunteers. Young people will lose out on the opportunities without you. I really believe it helps to give meaning and fulfilment in life. Please think about supporting for a few hours. The group has been here since 1909 and it's those volunteers who make a difference and have changed so many peoples lives in the local community.

I'm proud to have led the charity for this chapter of their history. I'm certain I'll be leaving the group in a great place to move forward for a successful future.

Yours in scouting

Rob Redfern
Group Scout Leader



		Current Year Unrestricted Fund Only (£)	Prior Year Unrestricted Fund Only (£)
TOTAL RECEIPTS FOR THE YEAR	Page 5	35,228.48	15,862.75
TOTAL PAYMENTS FOR THE YEAR	Page 6	(25,962.86)	(11,893.44)
NET RECEIPTS (PAYMENTS) FOR THE YEAR		9,265.62	3,969.31
Cash, bank & similar funds brought forward		57,307.11	53,337.40
Cash, bank & similar funds carried forward		<u>66,572.73</u>	<u>57,307.11</u>

STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES

		As at 5 April 2024	As at 31 March 2023
Cash Funds		£	£
Bank Accounts		66,501.55	42,641.98
Scout Association Short term investment		0.00	14,615.03
Cash in hand		71.18	50.00
		<u>66,572.73</u>	<u>57,307.01</u>
Asset retained for own use			
Freehold Property at valuation	Note 1	350,000.00	350,000.00
Unrestricted Funds		<u>416,572.73</u>	<u>407,307.01</u>

0.00

Note 1

Freehold Land and buildings are held by the Custodian Trustee on behalf of the group.
 The land and buildings were valued in September 2006 on a continuing use basis.

The above account and accompanying statement of receipts and payments were approved by the Trustees and signed on their behalf by Ian Summerfield

Bank Accounts as at 5th April 2024

Lloyds savings	£ 35,301.11
Lloyds current	£ 30,037.13
Natwest Current Account	0
Natwest Reserve Account	£ 1,163.31
	<u>£ 66,501.55</u>

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YEAR ENDING 5 APRIL 2024**

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		RECEIPTS		This Year	Prior Year
2024/25	2023/24			Unrestricted	Unrestricted
<u>Budget £</u>	<u>Budget £</u>			<u>Funds only(£)</u>	<u>Funds Only (£)</u>
7,000	7,600	MEMBERSHIP SUBSCRIPTIONS		6,875.50	7,640.00
(3,300)	(3,500)	less: paid to HQ, District and County		(3,106.50)	0.00
<u>3,700</u>	<u>4,100</u>	Net Membership Subscriptions Retained		<u>3,769.00</u>	<u>7,640.00</u>
INVESTMENT INCOME					
450	80	Bank Interest		398.67	76.00
0	138	Scout Association Short term		0.00	61.00
<u>15,000</u>	<u>12,000</u>	Property Rent		<u>27,679.50</u>	<u>11,273.00</u>
<u>15,450</u>	<u>12,218</u>			<u>28,078.17</u>	<u>11,410.00</u>
DONATIONS / GRANTS					
500	500	Grants		1,500.00	0.00
<u>100</u>	<u>100</u>	Donations		<u>193.07</u>	<u>100.00</u>
<u>600</u>	<u>600</u>			<u>1,693.07</u>	<u>100.00</u>
FUNDRAISING					
50	0	Skipathon		97.00	0.00
<u>50</u>	<u>0</u>			<u>97.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>
OTHER INCOME					
3,500	2,500	Gift aid		0.00	0.00
1,600	0	Camps and Activities		1,519.00	0.00
0	0	Expenses Refund		72.24	0.00
<u>5,100</u>	<u>2,500</u>			<u>1,591.24</u>	<u>0.00</u>
<u>24,900</u>	<u>19,418</u>	TOTAL RECEIPTS FOR THE YEAR		<u>35,228.48</u>	<u>19,150.00</u>

**IST LEIGHTON BUZZARD SCOUT GROUP
YEAR ENDING 5 APRIL 2024**

PAYMENTS		This Year	Prior Year	
2024/25	2023/24	Unrestricted	Unrestricted	
Budget £	Budget £	Funds only (£)	Funds Only (£)	
PREMISES				
250	0	Water	270.00	104.00
10,000	5,000	Gas and electricity	10,251.77	4,272.43
2,800	1,300	Insurance	2,635.80	0.00
400	500	Telephone (incl internet costs)	331.20	460.15
4,000	6,000	Repairs and maintenance	2,454.96	5,235.18
900	1,500	Cleaning	1,093.90	1,222.84
8,000	0	FRA & Fire Alarm	0.00	0.00
<u>26,350</u>	<u>14,300</u>	<u>17,037.63</u>	<u>11,294.60</u>	
0	0	DONATIONS / GIFTS	0.00	0.00
0	0	REFUNDS	25.00	0.00
ACTIVITIES				
500	500	Camps	1,395.78	(31.78)
200	200	Outings/ Activities	1,025.00	(41.77)
<u>700</u>	<u>700</u>		<u>2,420.78</u>	<u>(73.55)</u>
FUND RAISING EXPENSES				
0	0	Expenses relating to fund raising activities	0.00	0.00
250	250	ADMIN, TRUSTEE AND OTHER EXPENSES	266.60	0.00
EQUIPMENT				
10,000	18,000	New equipment in period	5,211.11	134.73
<u>10,000</u>	<u>18,000</u>		<u>5,211.11</u>	<u>134.73</u>
550	600	BADGES AND UNIFORMS	442.20	537.66
0	0	Misc	559.54	0.00
<u>37,850</u>	<u>33,850</u>	TOTAL PAYMENTS FOR THE YEAR	<u>25,962.86</u>	<u>11,893.44</u>

YEAR ENDING 5 APRIL 2024

STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES NOTE ONLY

	£ at	£ at
	Friday, April 05, 2024	Friday, March 31, 2023
MONETARY ASSETS		
Lloyds Bank Accounts	£ 65,338.24	39,962
NatWest Bank Accounts	£ 1,163.31	2,680
Scout Association Short term investment	0	14,615
Cash in hand	71	50
	<u>66,573</u>	<u>57,307</u>
OTHER MONETARY ASSETS		
Tax claim for current period	0	0
Insurance prepaid	0	0
Subs owed	0	0
Rent owed	0	0
Camp/ activity deposits paid	0	0
Scout Association interest accrued	0	61
	<u>0</u>	<u>61</u>
LIABILITIES due within 1 year		
Rent deposits	0	0
Camp Deposits received	0	0
Utilities	0	0
	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
NET MONETARY ASSETS	<u>66,573</u>	<u>57,368</u>
NON MONETARY ASSETS		
Land & buildings revalued 2006	350,000	350,000
Scouting equipment / furniture	0	0
	<u>350,000</u>	<u>350,000</u>
NET ASSETS	<u>416,573</u>	<u>407,368</u>

The level of funds held on the balance sheet reflects the responsibility the Group has, with the potential future building costs related to holding an ageing building (as discussed further in the Chairman's Report).

Treasurer's Annual Report for the YEAR ENDING 5 APRIL 2024



Dear all,

Another year has flown by and another year of accounts have been completed. Our accounts continue to be healthy, and secure the potential for the growth and development of the site, building and facilities as well as assuring the future of the aging building. Ensuring there are enough funds to keep the building operational for many years to come.

Having now completed a fiscal year as treasurer, I feel I have a firm grasp on the accounts and the scout groups financial position. There are still some teething issues with the handover of treasurer. As a result, it is important to highlight this does create a weakness for financial control, these include the changing over of trustee status with the charity commission and the access to HMRC to file the Annual Return and to claim Gift Aid. However, these are known to the committee and we are committed to resolving these as soon as possible.

This financial year has highlighted some challenges the leaders and the executive committee face with regards to receiving and tracking payments for items such as subscriptions, activities and camps. In order to make the finances more efficient for the executive committee and less onerous on the leaders, you will have seen in the end of term letter, sent by Rob Redfern (GSL), that we are implementing the accountancy section and online payments tool within OSM (Online Scout Manager). This is where currently the leaders record data for their sections, including logging attendance and progress towards badges. From the 1st September 2024, this is also where subscriptions and payments for trips, camps and activities will be paid. In addition, we will also be collecting Gift Aid declarations electronically via OSM.

Payments will be taken via Go Cardless, who charge a small fee, however the previous lost revenue in missed payments is more than the forecasted fees which we will incur, thus we will increase our income overall. These subscription payments towards the income are vital in order for us to cover the memberships fees (paid to headquarters), insurance, badges as well as week to week session costs. As such, with the increase in running costs (gas, electricity, maintenance etc), as an executive committee we are increasing the monthly subscriptions from £10 per month to £13 per month from the 1st September 2024.

However, upon making this decision the Executive Committee wanted to take this opportunity to ensure that Scouting is always accessible to all, regardless of financial circumstances. The committee are especially aware of the significant impact the cost of living crisis is having on families.

No young person should ever miss out on any scouting opportunities we provide. If there are any financial reasons where a young person may not be able to take part, parents/carers have been informed to discuss this with their section leader, either at a section meeting or via email. All requests will be managed discreetly with respect, as Scouting is for all. The plan for the 'Scouting For All Fund' is for the committee to set aside money each fiscal year, the details for which are to be discussed at upcoming executive meetings.

With these upcoming changes to the way we operate financially, I anticipate there maybe be some initial challenges which we will face, we ask that parents are patient with us while we get this new system fully operational. Many thanks in advance to you all for your patience and understanding during this transition period.

You may have noticed on the budget for 2024-2025, that we have budgeted for the completion of a professional Fire Risk Assessment (FRA) and for the installation of a new fire alarm. Our current fire alarm has reached the end of its life expectancy, as such we started the formal tender process to find a suitable supplier.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank my fellow executive committee members, I am so grateful to you all for your support. I would also like to send my personal thanks to Rob Redfern, for his unwavering commitment to the group as GSL. As you step down from this role, you have left some very big shoes to fill. Thank you for all of your hard work, and for supporting me personally in my role.

Many thanks to all the parents of 1st Leighton Buzzard Scout Group for your continued support, we are very grateful to all of you.

Yours in scouting,

Stephanie Harris
Treasurer



Independent examiner's report to the trustees of 1st Leighton Buzzard Scout Group

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the 1st Leighton Buzzard Scout Group (the Group) for the year ended 5 April 2024.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees of the 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 Group'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 giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. Accounting records were not kept in respect of the 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: Mike Dalton

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

Chartered Accountant (Member of ICAEW)

Address: 84 Camberton Road, Leighton Buzzard LU7 2UP

Date: 9th September 2024

1ST LEIGHTON BUZZARD SCOUT GROUP

England & Wales - Charity number 279330

Accounts

1ST LEIGHTON BUZZARD SCOUT GROUP

Report & Accounts for the year
ending 31 March 2021



HONORARY PRESIDENT Tony Birch

TRUSTEES: Ex-Officio- Appointment

Group Scout Leader	Rob Redfern	Trustee
Scout Leader	Edward Goddard	Trustee
Cub Scout Leader	Steve Anderson (acting)	
Beaver Scout Leader	Graham Mills (Acting) ABSL	

TRUSTEES: Elected

Chairman	Ian Summerfield	Trustee
Vice Chairman	Position Vacant	
Treasurer	Karen Buckley	Trustee
Secretary	Amanda Godden	Trustee
Quartermaster	Position Vacant	
Bookings Secretary	Position Vacant	

Parent Representatives

Beavers	Position Vacant
Cubs	Position Vacant
Scouts	Position Vacant

Support

Media	Amanda Godden
Website	Brian Davison
Grant Support	Phil Wattleworth

BANKERS

National Westminster Bank PLC 27 High Street, Leighton Buzzard, Bedfordshire LU7 1DX	Lloyds Bank PLC Market Sq, Leighton Buzzard Bedfordshire LU7
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CUSTODIAN TRUSTEES: The Scout Association Trust Corporation

OTHER ADVISERS

Independent Examiner: Mike Dalton
Valuers: Andrew White & Co.

Group Registration Number with
The Scout Association 4984
Charity Registration Number 279330
Contact Name & Address
Mrs K Buckley, 29 Mardle Road, Linslade, Leighton Buzzard, Bedfordshire, LU7 2UR

Chairman's Annual Report for the year ending 31st March 2021

It has been a year like no other in our 111 year history.

Like all other Groups in the country we had to cease face to face Scouting. It was the first time since our formation in 1909 that face to face Scouting has had to be suspended. Even during both the first and second world wars we continued to meet, but the Scout Association, our Leadership team and the Executive put the safety and well being of our members first and foremost so stop we had to.

We have been, for many years, a designated emergency centre, this is in line with our community and public service ethics. At the beginning of the Pandemic we held discussions with Central Bedfordshire Council and prepared our facilities in readiness should they be required. I am pleased to report that they were not required but the emergency planning team were grateful to have our facilities at their disposal.

We are very fortunate to have Rob Redfern as our Groups GSL he is inspiring not only to our young people but to our leadership team and Executive. Our Leadership team have continued to engage our young people holding meetings over the Zoom platform. This has enabled the Group to retain and attract new members and keep Scouting alive at the Buzzards at this most difficult of times. My thanks and admiration goes to all the Leadership Team for all their hard work and commitment to Scouting.

Our Executive Committee has also continued to meet over Zoom ensuring the Group continued to operate according to our charitable status and Royal Charter.

My gratitude goes to all the Executive Committee who like the Leadership Team freely volunteered their time for the good of the Group.

A big thank you to Karen Buckley for her continued stewardship of the Groups finances. As you will see from our annual report our rental income collapsed however this was offset by the financial support we received from Central Bedfordshire Council for which we are grateful.

I would like to make comment regarding the funds we are holding. The Executive Committee are mindful that our Memorial Hall was built in 1938 and will over the coming years need extensive work, including replacing the floor, drains, stabilising the walls and work on the roof. This work along with other routine maintenance on both halls, facilities and grounds will come to in excess of £75,000.

As Trustees of the Group we have taken the decision to build and retain funds to meet these costs such that we can pass on our amazing HQ to the next generation in a condition that is fit for purpose, like those before us did for us.

As Chair of the Group I am satisfied that we meet the requirements of our Charitable status, Royal Charter and remain financially viable and able to meet both our immediate and medium term needs and commitments.

.....And on a final note, to be able to continue delivering Scouting to our young people we are in need volunteers to join both our Leadership team and Executive committee or help with our facilities. Should you be interested in helping please contact Rob Redfern or myself and we would be happy to discuss the opportunities to help the Group.

Yours in Scouting,

Ian Summerfield
Chair

The Buzzards'

Approved by the Trustees and signed on their behalf

Group Scout Leader's Annual Report for the year ending 31st March 2021

As always, I need to start with the thank yous.

This year, I'd like to start with all the amazing young people who have joined in with scouting over the last year. What a tough year it's been. Hopefully you have found those zoom sessions a little more enjoyable from school work and gave you a break from life in lockdown. The amount of badges which have been gained is amazing, well done to you all. I know your leaders have enjoyed seeing your energy and enjoyment on a weekly basis, which has really helped them too. Thank you.

Pulling all this together in the background is your volunteer leadership team. They have been through an awful lot this year too and have been wonderful in creating such a varied and exciting programme for our young people. So much so, we have been one of only a few groups in the County who actually grew in numbers this year. Thank you.

Our Executive Committee have also been working hard in the background and have helped to steer us in these challenging times. Thank you.

Whilst writing this, we still do not know when we will be fully out of lockdown. We have already started to see face to face scouting return and it's clear how much all our young people are enjoying it (by the way, the leaders do too!). Fingers crossed, restrictions will be lifted soon. We have a camp planned for September, we are all really hoping we will be allowed to continue with it.

During lockdown, many families have continued to pay their subscriptions – we do appreciate that. You have helped us to maintain our financial stability. Ian, our Chair has also been very active in sourcing funds throughout the year, and so much so, it has enabled us to create great foundation to raising the funds we need, to support the future capital expenditure requirements of the group.

As GSL, I continue to have the responsibility to ensure our Executive Committee are appointed.

Ian has been Chair for the past year and I would officially like to re-nominate him as Chair and re-nominate Amanda as our Group Secretary.

The volunteer team we have in the group are amazing and we really do work well together to support the upkeep of the hut and weekly scouting. Many hands do make light work and I'm reaching out to you all to, think about supporting us as leaders or as parent members of the executive committee. Training you receive can also lead to nationally recognised qualifications.

Please come and talk to us if you would like to chat further about opportunities.

Have a great summer and stay safe.

Yours in Scouting
Rob Redfern
Group Scout Leader

**IST LEIGHTON BUZZARD SCOUT GROUP
YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021
RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS SUMMARY**

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		Current Year Unrestricted Fund Only (£)	Prior Year Unrestricted Fund Only (£)
TOTAL RECEIPTS FOR THE YEAR	page 5	26,539	14,104
TOTAL PAYMENTS FOR THE YEAR	Page 6	(7,103)	(8,015)
NET RECEIPTS (PAYMENTS) FOR THE YEAR		<u>19,435</u>	6,089
Cash, bank & similar funds brought forward		30,590	24,501
Cash, bank & similar funds carried forward		<u>50,026</u>	<u>30,590</u>

STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES

		As at 31 March 2021	As at 31 March 2020
Cash Funds		£	£
Bank Accounts		35,441	16,089
Scout Association Short term investment		14,536	14,452
Cash in hand		50	50
		<u>50,026</u>	<u>30,590</u>
Asset retained for own use			
Freehold Property at valuation	Note 1	350,000	350,000
Unrestricted Funds		<u>400,026</u>	<u>380,590</u>

Note 1

Freehold Land and buildings are held by the Custodian Trustee on behalf of the group. The land and buildings were valued in September 2006 on a continuing use basis.

The above account and accompanying statement of receipts and payments were approved by the Trustees and signed on their behalf by Ian Summerfield

**IST LEIGHTON BUZZARD SCOUT GROUP
YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021
RECEIPTS**

2021/22 Budget £	2020/21 Budget £		This Year Unrestricted Funds only(£)	Prior Year Unrestricted Funds Only (£)
8,000	8,000	MEMBERSHIP SUBSCRIPTIONS	7,050	7,834
(3,000)	(3,000)	less: paid to HQ, District and County	(3,140)	(2,805)
<u>5,000</u>	<u>5,000</u>	Net Membership Subscriptions Retained	<u>3,911</u>	<u>5,029</u>
INVESTMENT INCOME				
6	6	Bank Interest	3	6
90	90	Scout Association Short term	84	93
10,000	2,000	Property Rent	(76)	7,860
<u>10,096</u>	<u>2,096</u>		<u>11</u>	<u>7,959</u>
DONATIONS / GRANTS				
10,000	10,000	Grants	20,741	0
0	0	Donations	100	300
<u>10,000</u>	<u>10,000</u>		<u>20,841</u>	<u>300</u>
FUND RAISING				
0	0	General	0	817
<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>		<u>0</u>	<u>817</u>
OTHER INCOME				
600	1,600	Gift aid	1,776	0
<u>25,696</u>	<u>18,696</u>	TOTAL RECEIPTS FOR THE YEAR	<u>26,539</u>	<u>14,104</u>

IST LEIGHTON BUZZARD SCOUT GROUP
YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021
PAYMENTS

2021/22 Budget £	2020/21 Budget £		This Year Unrestricted Funds only (£)	Prior Year Unrestricted Funds Only (£)
		PREMISES		
0	0	Rates	0	0
1,200	1,000	Gas and electricity	1,196	897
1,200	1,200	Insurance	1,234	1,194
800	800	Telephone (incl internet costs) & water	714	704
5,000	8,000	Repairs and maintenance	2,489	2,988
1,000	1,000	Cleaning	420	1,062
<u>9,200</u>	<u>12,000</u>		<u>6,052</u>	<u>6,845</u>
0	0	DONATIONS / GIFTS	0	0
		ACTIVITIES		
3,000	500	Camps	740	(355)
200	200	Outings/ Activities	60	355
<u>3,200</u>	<u>700</u>		<u>800</u>	<u>0</u>
		FUND RAISING EXPENSES		
0	0	Expenses relating to fund raising activities	0	28
500	500	ADMIN, TRUSTEE AND OTHER EXPENSES	60	132
		EQUIPMENT		
1,500	1,500	New equipment in period	109	391
<u>1,500</u>	<u>1,500</u>		<u>109</u>	<u>391</u>
500	500	BADGES AND UNIFORMS	82	619
<u>14,900</u>	<u>15,200</u>	TOTAL PAYMENTS FOR THE YEAR	<u>7,103</u>	<u>8,015</u>

NOTE ONLY

	£ at	£ at
	31 March 2021	31 March 2020
MONETARY ASSETS		
Lloyds Bank Account	32,028	14,500
NatWest Bank Accounts	3,413	1,589
Scout Association Short term investment	14,536	14,452
Cash in hand	50	50
	<u>50,026</u>	<u>30,590</u>
OTHER MONETARY ASSETS		
Tax claim for current period	560	1,600
Insurance prepaid	1,168	1,128
Subs owed	0	0
Rent owed	0	0
Camp/ activity deposits paid	390	54
Scout Association interest accrued	25	25
	<u>2,143</u>	<u>2,807</u>
LIABILITIES due within 1 year		
Rent deposits	0	0
Camp Deposits received	0	580
Utilities	0	0
	<u>0</u>	<u>580</u>
NET MONETARY ASSETS	<u>52,170</u>	<u>33,977</u>
NON MONETARY ASSETS		
Land & buildings revalued 2006	350,000	350,000
Scouting equipment / furniture	0	0
	<u>350,000</u>	<u>350,000</u>
NET ASSETS	<u>402,170</u>	<u>383,977</u>

The level of funds held on the balance sheet reflects the responsibility the Group has with the potential future building costs related to holding an ageing building (as discussed further in the Chairman's Report).

Treasurer's Report

In the unprecedented year we have just experienced I would like to extend my heartfelt thanks to all the parents that have supported the Group by continuing to pay their monthly subs. We are very grateful for your unwavering support to the Group.

I would also like to thank the leaders for their dedication to their respective sections for ensuring that the young people have continued to enjoy a full and active programme during the last year despite having to switch (with very little notice) to online sessions which continued throughout the year. As a parent myself I saw how much my son continued to engage in his weekly sessions which helped to bring a little sense of normality into his life in very challenging and uncertain times.

Lastly, I would like to thank Ian Summerfield who personally secured over £20,000 of grants from the Local Authority which has meant we have ended the year in a very strong financial position despite losing all our rental income during the year due to the Covid pandemic.

I would like to express my gratitude to both the section leaders and other members of the executive committee who help to manage the money and make my job straight forward.

Once we are able to re-open the hall for bookings we look forward to welcoming back our existing bookings as well as new bookings and opportunities to rent the halls so please spread the word on what a fantastic facility it is.

As I always do, please can I urge you to fill in a gift aid form if you haven't already done so, this is a great additional source of income for the Group. Just let the section leaders know or contact me if you need a gift aid form.

Many thanks for your continued support of the Group.

Karen Buckley
June 2021

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of 1st Leighton Buzzard Scout Group

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Signed 

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Date 9th September 2021