

# 1ST BRAMFORD SCOUT GROUP

England & Wales - Charity number 283655

## Details

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**Status** Registered

**Legal form** Other

**Registered** 1981-11-19

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

## 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:** A balanced programme of adventurous, educational and craft activities, based around the physical, mental and spiritual development of young people from 6 to 18 years, the main aim being to help members grow up to be good citizens.

## Classification

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

## Geography

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- Suffolk

## Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-03-31	£30,697	£25,682	-	-
2024-03-31	£30,627	£32,021	-	-
2023-03-31	£15,297	£14,386	-	-
2022-03-31	£17,888	£13,017	-	-
2021-03-31	£5,057	£9,569	-	-

## Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
<b>Kerrick Ben Newstead</b>	Chair	2023-06-24
Angela Edwards		2024-06-22
Claire Louise Caroline Bickers		2014-01-22
Claire Marie Welsby		2025-09-02
Claire Swanson Palfrey		2022-06-11
Donald James GOLDING		2024-06-17
EVEMAREA BURDER		
Helen Clarke		2024-06-22
Joanne Abigail Whitmore		2024-06-22
Joy Louise Day		2017-06-24
Julie Elizabeth Usher		2018-06-23
Keith Paul Grimwood		2025-09-02
Lauren Carly Singleton		2024-06-22
Maisie Whittaker		2025-09-02
Shona Evans		2017-06-24

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# Accounts

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## G.S.L Report June 2025

Now in my 12<sup>th</sup> year as Group Scout Leader, and 28 years scout service and we have had another excellent year and we will be full in all sections from September.

We have opened our squirrels drey in January 25, with 14 Squirrels, aged 4 to 6 years there are only 3 dreys currently in Wolsey district, so we are very pleased to have this new section and they have been very enthusiastic about their scouting and all the lovely activities that they have been undertaking, it was great investing them all and being part of the leaders group to set it up. A big thank you to all our wonderful leaders who have been equally enthusiastic in setting up the drey and learning new skills themselves. Giles Team Lead, supported by Claire, Kerry, Carrie, Isabel and young leaders, Daisy, Chloe and Livvy.

Beavers have currently 21 members with a waiting list ready for September 2025 to take# them to 24we are only able to take in beavers who are 5  $\frac{3}{4}$  or 6 to take them up through the sections. Beavers Led by Emma & Caroline supported by Jon, Becka and Kerry and YL's Finley and Esmae.

Cubs have 28 members. Age of Cubs 8 to 10.5 years

Cubs Sam, Cub Leader, Supported by Jenny, Helen, Maisie and Jen supported by a parent helper list. And thanks to, Zack and Jevan, Rebecca and Lana who are the young leaders supporting the group.

Maisie is stepping away from Cubs at the end of term, we are therefore looking for at least 1 or 2 adult team members to help support the thriving cub pack so if any of you would be interested, or know of anyone please speak to me over the weekend. If you can commit every other week if not each week, this will support with cover of existing leaders work

Scouts currently have 32 members, with a few on the waiting list,  
Age 10.5 years to 14 years,

Scouts Dave Section Team Leader, assisted by Keith, Aidan, Ben, Dan Ryan, Keith and Denzil

Gipping Valley Explorers who are attached to our Group have about 12 members, so if you know anyone who is aged 14 to 17 that might like to join, please speak to James Richards or Stacey Herbert our explorer leaders supported by Jim, Jason and Ryan

A big thank you to Roly our quartermaster who has been busy sorting out all our equipment and is getting it in some kind of order for all sections to be able to access easily and know what we have, and what we need !

A big thank you to Don assistant group lead volunteer for all his ongoing support and dealing with the maintenance of the HQ and minibus and ensuring all leader training records are up to date.

The Groups success is very much due to the Enthusiasm, dedication and commitment of each of the leaders, assistant section leaders, young leaders and parent helpers, who volunteer their time each week to provide an exciting programme of activities. All of us

work, most of us full time, but make that commitment each week to support the young people in Bramford and the wider community to make it the fantastic Scout Group it is. Each leader brings to each of the sections a good balance of their own skills, and knowledge to benefit the Group. Likewise you are all DBS checked now so if you have any skills you would like to offer, interesting places of work to visit or any programme ideas please share with the leaders to add them to the programmes.

Thank you to all of our leaders so much to all of you for your commitment and Enthusiasm for volunteering your time each week we really appreciate everything you do.

The Success of the Group is also down to the young people in each section who continue to be enthusiastic about their scouting, having fun undertaking new activities and learning new life long skills and friendships.

Young leaders help support the Squirrels, Beavers and Cub Sections and full training can be provided to them, and helps with Duke of Edinburgh Awards as well as looking good on job applications and CV's in the future and then continue to be an adult leader. Please let me know if you know anyone that would be interested.

Thanks also to all of the parents for your continued support to the Group.

Thank you to Grant for his continued support in running the Group Trustee Board and to all the other members in organizing and supporting fundraising activities. Thank you to Julie for the hours of work she does with the accounts and raising cheques, sorting out cash and also monitoring subs payments and thanks to Evie for her help with minutes of meetings etc. We are continuing to put in the changes to the Trustee Board, that will help to spread the work and support the scout group

Thank you to Chris and Zack once again, who puts up with me typing away of an evening on the telephone or attending various meetings to support the scout group.

It is really important that Subs are paid on time and it would help if these could be paid online to save time for Julie and I chasing payments please. If you could please ensure that your members details are up to date and make any changes as required.

We also keen to get our gift aid contributions up to date, so will be sending out a request for you to sign up for this.

We also have a Bramford Scout Group Facebook page which is a closed group and is useful for me to send out reminders, and also for any of you to put photos of activities that have been undertaken to keep as memories, if you are not a member please send me a request and I will add you to the group. Please ensure that photos of any other member are not shared outside of the facebook closed group on social media.

We also have a Group Website, which we aim to keep up to date as much as possible with programmes and would love to add photos etc the website is <http://www.bramfordscouts.co.uk> and we are grateful to Joy Day for managing this.

Claire Bickers Group Lead Volunteer

**1st Bramford Scout Group  
Bramford, Ipswich**

**Annual Financial Statements  
for the year ended  
31st March 2025**

1st Bramford Scouts Group Annual Financial Statements for the year ended 31st  
March 2025

	<b>Name</b>
<b>Group Scout Leader</b>	Claire Bickers
<b>Assistant GSL</b>	Don Golding
<b>Squirrel Leader</b>	Giles Ward
<b>Beaver Leader</b>	Emma Knight
<b>Cub Leader</b>	Sam Hallatt
<b>Scout Leader</b>	Dave Ward
<b>Trustees: Ex-Officio - Appointment</b>	
Chairman	Grant Usher
Treasurer	Julie Usher
<b>Elected Trustees</b>	
	Evie Burder
	Claire Palfrey
	Joy Day
	Shona Evans
	Lauren Singleton
	Kerrick Newstead
	Jo Whitmore
	Kirsty Schartau
	Helen Clarke
<b>Bankers</b>	
	Lloyds Bank
	13, Cornhill
	Ipswich

**Statement of Assets & Liabilities**

	2025	2024
	<u>£</u>	<u>£</u>
<b>Monetary Assets</b>		
Current Account	26,285	21,259
Investment - Barclays - Group	0	0
Investment - Barclays - Minibus	0	0
Investment - Barclays - Cubs	0	0
Group Cash & Sundry Balances	80	91
Section Accounts	186	186
<b>Funds Carried Forward</b>	<b>26,551</b>	<b>21,537</b>
<b>Non Monetary Assets</b>		
Equipment & Furniture	7,600	7,800
Minibus	5,000	5,500
Trailer	180	380

(The above figures represent the trustees estimate of the lower cost and net realisable value)

The financial statements on pages 3-7 were approved and signed by the Chairman and the Treasurer.

**Chairman**

**Treasurer**

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**RECEIPTS & PAYMENTS**  
**for the year ended 31st March 2024**

		<b>2025</b>	<b>2024</b>
	<i>Page</i>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Total Receipts for the year	4	<b>30,697</b>	30,627
Total Payments for the year	5	<b>(25,682)</b>	<b>(32,021)</b>
<b>Net Surplus/Deficit for the year</b>		<b>5,015</b>	<b>(1,394)</b>
<b>Funds at beginning of the year</b>		<b>21,537</b>	22,931
<b>Funds at the end of the year</b>		<b>26,551</b>	<b>21,537</b>

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		2025	2024
RECEIPTS	Notes	£	£
Memberships Subscriptions		7,200	5,820
Gift Aid		0	0
<b>Fundraising</b>			
Auction		6,870	0
100 Club		0	0
Fireworks		10,278	8,245
Other Fundraising Activities		0	0
		<b>24,348</b>	<b>14,065</b>
<b>Other Income</b>			
Leaders Meal		52	45
Minibus Hire		339	339
Group Activities	1	3,257	3,072
Beavers, Cubs, Scouts Sections		2,635	13,047
Other Income	2	67	59
		<b>6,349</b>	<b>16,562</b>
<b>Income from Investments</b>			
Barclays Savings Account		0	0
<b>Total Receipts</b>		<b>30,697</b>	<b>30,627</b>

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March 2025

PAYMENTS	Notes	2025	2024
		£	£
HQ Rents and Running Costs		0	(950)
HQ Insurance		0	0
Wolsey Membership		(5,394)	(4,399)
Fundraising Expenses	3	(4,802)	(3,788)
Minibus	4	(2,130)	(1,706)
New Equipment	5	(3,088)	(1,133)
Leaders Meal		(301)	(222)
Group Activities		(3,582)	(3,618)
Squirrels, Beavers, Cubs, Scouts Sections	6	(4,873)	(14,537)
Leaders Gifts (Celebrations/Leaving)		(222)	(174)
Leader Training & Uniform		(250)	0
Other Expenditure	7	(1,041)	(1,495)
<b>Total Payments</b>		<b>(25,682)</b>	<b>(32,021)</b>

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March 2025

Notes to the financial Statements	2025 £	2024 £
<b>1 Group Activities</b>		
Family Camp	3,110	2,818
T-Shirts	147	254
	3,257	3,072
<b>2 Other Income</b>		
Census Refund	0	0
Grants/Donations	30	0
Miscellaneous Income	37	59
	67	59
<b>3 Fundraising Expenses</b>		
Auction	(1,075)	0
Fireworks	(3,686)	(2,930)
T-Shirts	(14)	(799)
100 Club	0	0
Other Fundraising Exps	(27)	(60)
	(4,802)	(3,788)
<b>4 Minibus Expenses</b>		
Running Expenses inc tax	(892)	(646)
Insurance	(904)	(868)
Repairs & Fuel	(335)	(192)
	(2,130)	(1,706)

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**5 New Equipment**

Archery		
Paddles		
Miscellaneous	<b>(3,088)</b>	<b>(1,133)</b>
	<b>(3,088)</b>	<b>(1,133)</b>

**6 Beavers, Cubs & Scouts Expenses**

Scout Camp	<b>(446)</b>	<b>(8,725)</b>
Beaver/Cub Camp	<b>(1,584)</b>	<b>(3,141)</b>
Badges/Scarves	<b>(467)</b>	<b>(536)</b>
Squirrel Section Expenses	<b>(166)</b>	<b>0</b>
Beaver Section Expenses	<b>(225)</b>	<b>(121)</b>
Cub Section Expenses	<b>(243)</b>	<b>(537)</b>
Scout Section Expenses	<b>(384)</b>	<b>(777)</b>
Section Outing Expenses	<b>(1,358)</b>	<b>(700)</b>
	<b>(4,873)</b>	<b>(14,537)</b>

**7 Other Expenditure**

Stationery	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
Website Hosting	<b>(212)</b>	<b>(115)</b>
Legacy Bricks	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
Grant Expenditure	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
OSM Subscription	<b>(199)</b>	<b>(136)</b>
Fees	<b>(341)</b>	<b>(968)</b>
Personal Accident Insurance	<b>(289)</b>	<b>(275)</b>
	<b>(1,041)</b>	<b>(1,495)</b>



**Section A**

**Independent Examiner's Report**

**Report to the trustees/  
members of**

Charity Name

1<sup>st</sup> BRAMFORD SCOUT GROUP

**On accounts for the year  
ended**

~~31-03-2022~~ 31.3.25

**Charity no  
(if any)**

283655

**Set out on pages**

1 to 8

(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 ~~31/03/2022~~ 31/03/25

**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:**

**Date:**

07/01/26

**Name:**

SHARON FIAMAN

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

**Address:**

4 GLOUCESTER PLACE  
CLARE, SUDBURY  
SUFFOLK CO10 8QR

**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).

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# Accounts

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Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

**Report to the trustees/  
members of**

1st BRAMFORD SCOUT GROUP

**On accounts for the year  
ended**

31.03.2024

**Charity no  
(if any)**

283655

**Set out on pages**

1 to 8

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31/03/2024

**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:**

**Date:**

10/02/25

**Name:**

SHARON FIRMAN

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

**Address:**

4 GLOUCESTER PLACE  
CLARE, SUNDURBT  
SUFFOLK CO10 8QR

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).

**1st Bramford Scout Group  
Bramford, Ipswich**

**Annual Financial Statements  
for the year ended  
31st March 2024**

1st Bramford Scouts Group Annual Financial Statements for the year ended 31st March  
2024

	<b>Name</b>
<b>Group Scout Leader</b>	Claire Bickers
<b>Assistant GSL</b>	Don Golding
<b>Beaver Leader</b>	Caroline Wolton
<b>Cub Leader</b>	Sam Hallatt
<b>Scout Leader</b>	Dave Ward

**Trustees: Ex-Officio - Appointment**

Chairman	Grant Usher
Secretary	Evie Burder
Treasurer	Julie Usher

**Elected Trustees**

Angela Edwards	Jo Whitmore
Alice Fisher	Karen Cater
Ellen Whitaker	Simon Thomas
Claire Palfrey	Jean Campbell
Helen Clarke	
Joy Day	
Kirsty Schartau	
Mark Ayriss	
Shona Evans	

**Bankers**

Lloyds Bank  
13, Cornhill  
Ipswich

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2024

**Statement of Assets & Liabilities**

	<b>2024</b>	<b>2023</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
<b>Monetary Assets</b>		
Current Account	<b>21,259</b>	22,740
Investment - Barclays - Group	<b>0</b>	0
Investment - Barclays - Minibus	<b>0</b>	0
Investment - Barclays - Cubs	<b>0</b>	0
Group Cash & Sundry Balances	<b>91</b>	5
Section Accounts	<b>186</b>	186
<b>Funds Carried Forward</b>	<b>21,537</b>	<b>22,931</b>
<b>Non Monetary Assets</b>		
Equipment & Furniture	<b>7,800</b>	8,000
Minibus	<b>5,500</b>	6,000
Trailer	<b>380</b>	580

(The above figures represent the trustees estimate of the lower cost and net realisable value)

The financial statements on pages 3-7 were approved and signed by the Chairman and the Treasurer.

**Chairman**

**Treasurer**

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2024

**RECEIPTS & PAYMENTS**  
**for the year ended 31st March 2024**

		<b>2024</b>	<b>2023</b>
	<i>Page</i>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Total Receipts for the year	4	<b>30,627</b>	27,028
Total Payments for the year	5	<b>(32,021)</b>	<b>(23,312)</b>
<b>Net Surplus/Deficit for the year</b>		<b>(1,394)</b>	3,716
<b>Funds at beginning of the year</b>		<b>22,931</b>	19,215
<b>Funds at the end of the year</b>		<b>21,537</b>	<b>22,931</b>

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2024

		2024	2023
RECEIPTS	Notes	£	£
Memberships Subscriptions		5,820	4,980
Gift Aid		0	0
<b>Fundraising</b>			
Auction		0	5,010
100 Club		0	(216)
Fireworks		8,245	7,506
Other Fundraising Activities		0	1,499
		<b>14,065</b>	<b>18,779</b>
<b>Other Income</b>			
Leaders Meal		45	49
Minibus Hire		339	643
Group Activities	1	3,072	10,310
Beavers, Cubs, Scouts Sections		13,047	3,179
Other Income	2	59	1,570
		<b>16,562</b>	<b>15,750</b>
<b>Income from Investments</b>			
Barclays Savings Account		0	5
<b>Total Receipts</b>		<b>30,627</b>	<b>34,533</b>

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2024

PAYMENTS	Notes	2024	2023
		£	£
HQ Rents and Running Costs		(950)	(948)
HQ Insurance		0	0
Wolsey Membership		(4,399)	(3,468)
Fundraising Expenses	3	(3,788)	(5,436)
Minibus	4	(1,706)	(1,641)
New Equipment	5	(1,133)	(2,262)
Leaders Meal		(222)	(359)
Group Activities		(3,618)	(2,361)
Beavers, Cubs, Scouts Sections	6	(14,537)	(5,637)
Leaders Gifts (Celebrations/Leaving)		(174)	0
Leader Training & Uniform		0	(14)
Other Expenditure	7	(1,495)	(1,186)
<b>Total Payments</b>		<b>(32,021)</b>	<b>(23,312)</b>

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2024

Notes to the financial Statements	2024 £	2023 £
<b>1 Group Activities</b>		
Family Camp	2,818	2,678
T-Shirts	254	126
	<b>3,072</b>	<b>2,804</b>
<b>2 Other Income</b>		
Census Refund	0	0
Grants/Donations	0	506
Miscellaneous Income	59	1,064
	<b>59</b>	<b>1,570</b>
<b>3 Fundraising Expenses</b>		
Auction	0	(1,027)
Fireworks	(2,930)	(2,749)
T-Shirts	(799)	0
100 Club	0	(800)
Other Fundraising Exps	(60)	(860)
	<b>(3,788)</b>	<b>(5,436)</b>
<b>4 Minibus Expenses</b>		
Running Expenses inc tax	(646)	(734)
Insurance	(868)	(840)
Repairs & Fuel	(192)	(67)
	<b>(1,706)</b>	<b>(1,641)</b>

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2024

**5 New Equipment**

Archery		
Paddles		
Miscellaneous	<b>(1,133)</b>	<b>(2,262)</b>
	<b>(1,133)</b>	<b>(2,262)</b>

**6 Beavers, Cubs & Scouts Expenses**

Scout Camp	<b>(8,725)</b>	<b>(1,008)</b>
Beaver/Cub Camp	<b>(3,141)</b>	<b>(2,249)</b>
Badges/Scarves	<b>(536)</b>	<b>(394)</b>
Beaver Section Expenses	<b>(121)</b>	<b>(137)</b>
Cub Section Expenses	<b>(537)</b>	<b>(234)</b>
Scout Section Expenses	<b>(777)</b>	<b>(590)</b>
Section Outing Expenses	<b>(700)</b>	<b>(1,025)</b>
	<b>(14,537)</b>	<b>(5,637)</b>

**7 Other Expenditure**

Stationery	<b>0</b>	<b>(4)</b>
Website Hosting	<b>(115)</b>	<b>(115)</b>
Legacy Bricks	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
Grant Expenditure	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
OSM Subscription	<b>(136)</b>	<b>(196)</b>
Fees	<b>(968)</b>	<b>(537)</b>
Personal Accident Insurance	<b>(275)</b>	<b>(334)</b>
	<b>(1,495)</b>	<b>(1,186)</b>

## **1<sup>st</sup> Bramford Scout Group – Annual Group Executive Committee/Group Trustees Report 23-24**

**Charity Registration number: 283655**

### **Bramford Guide & Scout HQ**

**Ship Lane  
Bramford  
IPSWICH  
IP8 4AL**

### **Bramford Group Executive members:**

Chair	Grant Usher
Secretary	Evie Burder
Treasurer	Julie Usher
GSL	Claire Bickers
AGSL	Don Golding
Members	
Mark Ayriss	Karen Cater
Helen Clarke	Joy Day
Angela Edwards	Shona Evans
Alice Fisher	Kerrick Newstead
Claire Palfrey	Kirsty Schartau
Jo Whitmore	Ellen Whittaker

### **Structure of Group Executive Committee**

1<sup>st</sup> Bramford Executive Committee members comprised of parents and friends from the Bramford Scout Council who were voted on at the Group AGM in 2023. Leaders from the Group were ex Officio members of the committee.

As of 2024 the Scout Association rules changed (POR Autumn 2024 edition) and the Group Executive Committee was replaced by the Bramford Group Trustee Board comprising of a maximum of 12 trustees.

### **Bramford Group Trustee Board members**

Chair	Grant Usher
Treasurer	Julie Usher
GSL	Claire Bickers (ex officio)
AGSL	Don Golding
Members	
Mark Ayriss	Evie Burder
Joy Day	Shona Evans
Kerrick Newstead	Claire Palfrey

### **Co-opted Trustees**

Karen Cater	Helen Clarke
Angela Edwards	Alice Fisher
Kirsty Schartau	Jo Whitmore
Ellen Whittaker	

## **The structure of the Bramford Group Trustees Board**

The Group Trustee Board is responsible for the governance of the charity. Although the Group Trustee Board is responsible for the charity, it is accountable to the Group Scout Council.

- a. Appointed by the Scout Council  
These Trustees are appointed by the Scout Council at their AGM following a rigorous and transparent selection process agreed by the members of the Trustee Board. This includes the Chair and Treasurer roles.
- b. Co-opted by the Trustee Board  
These Trustees are appointed by the Trustee Board. Co-opting offers the Trustee Board a way of broadening its skills mix or to introduce potential new Trustees mid-year, as well as providing a method of filling vacancies that may occur between AGMs.
- c. The selection processes leading to appointment of Trustees must include a rigorous and transparent selection process and may include a nominations process or an election process or other locally appropriate procedures. It may include selection of persons with specific skills from outside the Scouts.
- d. The Trustee vacancies should be advertised widely, including to all members of the Scout Council aged 18 or over, so that it is clear that it is an open process.
- e. Persons recommended for appointment to the Trustee Board may include members of the Scout Council and may also include people from outside the Scout Council (including people from outside the Scouts) provided that there is no conflict of interest.

The board is made up of 4 subcommittees, Group Administration, Finance, Fundraising and Health & Safety, which meet as and when required but at least all together once a term.

The activities of the board revolve around supporting the Group Leadership team in ensuring that all Scouting activities are provided in a safe manner and with adequate financial support. Fundraising events are planned according to the financial requirements of each of the Sections and usually comprise of one or two big events per year e.g. Firework Display and Grand Auction

## **Summary of Group Scout Leaders report 2024**

Beavers have currently 24 members with a waiting list ready for September 2024 depending on leaders we are only able to take in beavers who are 5  $\frac{3}{4}$  or 6 to take them up through the sections.

Beavers are led by Emma, Caroline and Natalie supported by Jon, Becka and Kerry and YL's Finlay and Esmae.

Cubs have 28 members.

Cubs are led by Sam, supported by Chris, Jenny, Maisie and Angie plus a parent helper list. And thanks to Amelie, Lilly and Alice, Zack and Jevan who are the young leaders with the Section.

Scouts currently have 32 members, with a few on the waiting list.

Scouts are led by Dave, assisted by Keith, Ryan, Aden, Ben, Dan, Keith and Denzil.

Gipping Valley Explorers who are attached to our Group have about 12 members. to Roly

Explorers are led by Roly with Jim, Stacey, James, Jason, Ryan and Connor.

The Groups success is very much due to the enthusiasm, dedication and commitment of each of the leaders, assistant section leaders, young leaders and parent helpers, who volunteer their time each week to provide an exciting programme of activities. All of us work, most of us full-time, but make that commitment each week to support the young people in Bramford and the wider community to make it the fantastic Scout Group it is. Each leader brings to each of the sections a good balance of their own skills and knowledge to benefit the Group.

Bramford Scout Auction on Saturday 13 July 2024, Collecting and drop offs start Monday 8<sup>th</sup> July and we will be requesting help and support from our members and parents and leaders. Many hands make light work, and we do have fun.

The success of the Group is also down to the young people in each section who continue to be enthusiastic about their scouting, having fun undertaking new activities and learning new lifelong skills and friendships.

Young leaders help support the Beaver and Cub Sections and full training can be provided for them. Their volunteering helps them with Duke of Edinburgh Awards as well as looking good on job applications and CVs in the future. Hopefully, they will continue to be adult leaders.

Thanks also to all the parents for your continued support for the Group.

Thank you to Grant for his continued support in running the Group Trustee Board and to all the other members in organizing and supporting fundraising activities. Thank you to Julie for the hours of work she does with the accounts and raising cheques, sorting out cash and also monitoring subs payments and thanks to Evie for her help with minutes of meetings etc. We are looking forward to putting in the changes to the Trustee Board, that will help to spread the work and support the scout group

We are keen to get our gift aid contributions up to date, so we will be sending out a request for you to sign up for this.

We also have a Bramford Scout Group Facebook page which is a closed group and is useful for me to send out reminders, and for any of you to put photos of activities on.

In addition, we have a Group Website, which we aim to keep up to date as much as possible with programmes and would love to add photos etc. The website is <http://www.bramfordscouts.co.uk> and we are grateful to Joy Day for managing this.