



CHARITY COMMISSION FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Independent examiner's report on the accounts

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):

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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

Group Scout Leader	Name	
Assistant GSL	Claire Bickers	
Beaver Leader	Don Golding	
Cub Leader	Caroline Wolton	
Scout Leader	Sam Hallatt	
	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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Statement of Assets & Liabilities

	2024	2023
	£	£
Monetary Assets		
Current Account	21,259	22,740
Investment - Barclays - Group	0	0
Investment - Barclays - Minibus	0	0
Investment - Barclays - Cubs	0	0
Group Cash & Sundry Balances	91	5
Section Accounts	186	186
Funds Carried Forward	21,537	22,931
 Non Monetary Assets		
Equipment & Furniture	7,800	8,000
Minibus	5,500	6,000
Trailer	380	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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RECEIPTS & PAYMENTS
for the year ended 31st March 2024

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

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		2024	2023
		£	£
RECEIPTS	<i>Notes</i>		
Memberships Subscriptions		5,820	4,980
Gift Aid		0	0
Fundraising			
Auction		0	5,010
100 Club		0	(216)
Fireworks		8,245	7,506
Other Fundraising Activities		0	1,499
		14,065	18,779
Other Income			
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
		16,562	15,750
Income from Investments			
Barclays Savings Account		0	5
Total Receipts		30,627	34,533

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		2024	2023
PAYMENTS	Notes	£	£
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)
Total Payments		(32,021)	(23,312)

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

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5 New Equipment

Archery		
Paddles		
Miscellaneous	(1,133)	(2,262)
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6 Beavers, Cubs & Scouts Expenses

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

7 Other Expenditure

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

1st 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

1st 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 8th 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.