

G.S.L Report June 2025

Now in my 12th 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 24 we 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

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March 2025

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

Statement of Assets & Liabilities

	2025	2024
	<u>£</u>	<u>£</u>
Monetary Assets		
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
Funds Carried Forward	26,551	21,537
 Non Monetary Assets		
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

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

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		2025	2024
		<u>£</u>	<u>£</u>
RECEIPTS	<i>Notes</i>		
Memberships Subscriptions		7,200	5,820
Gift Aid		0	0
Fundraising			
Auction		6,870	0
100 Club		0	0
Fireworks		10,278	8,245
Other Fundraising Activities		0	0
		24,348	14,065
Other Income			
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
		6,349	16,562
Income from Investments			
Barclays Savings Account		0	0
Total Receipts		30,697	30,627

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		2025	2024
		£	£
PAYMENTS	Notes		
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)
Total Payments		(25,682)	(32,021)

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Notes to the financial Statements	2025 £	2024 £
1 Group Activities		
Family Camp	3,110	2,818
T-Shirts	147	254
	3,257	3,072
2 Other Income		
Census Refund	0	0
Grants/Donations	30	0
Miscellaneous Income	37	59
	67	59
3 Fundraising Expenses		
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)
4 Minibus Expenses		
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	(3,088)	(1,133)
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6 Beavers, Cubs & Scouts Expenses

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

7 Other Expenditure

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



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

Charity Name

1st 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:

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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).