

# 3RD TAUNTON (BISHOPS LYDEARD) SCOUT GROUP

England & Wales · Charity number 289989

## Details

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**Status** Registered

**Legal form** Other

**Registered** 1984-08-09

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

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## Activities

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**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:** To provide a stimulating programme for the young people in this part of West Somerset and the facilities to enable the programme to happen, with the objective of enhancing your people's development and thereby reach their full potential.

## Classification

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- **How:** Provides Human Resources, Provides Buildings/facilities/open Space, Provides Services
- **What:** Education/training, Amateur Sport, Environment/conservation/heritage, Recreation
- **Who:** Children/young People, People With Disabilities, The General Public/mankind

## Geography

- **Area of benefit:** BISHOPS LYDEARD
- Somerset

## Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-03-31	£49,367	£78,457	-	-
2024-03-31	£38,317	£39,952	-	-
2023-03-31	£45,450	£29,238	-	-
2022-03-31	£41,633	£49,746	-	-
2021-03-31	£31,154	£10,386	-	-

## Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
<b>Stuart Whittaker</b>	Chair	2018-06-30
Adriana Truby		2018-09-01
Andrew Coleman		2025-09-04
Claire Carr		2023-12-06
Jonathon Littlewood		2020-01-13
Neil Truby		2016-11-01

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# Accounts

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# 3<sup>rd</sup> Taunton (Bishops Lydeard) Scout Group

Annual Report 2024 – 2025



*From Little Acorns Mighty Oak Trees grow.....*



## President's Report



Yet another year has slipped by since I first started Scouting about 65 years ago! More than half of that time has been spent working at Bishops Lydeard. Back in my early days in the group (running the only Cub Pack there was) we had an old Nissen hut where we held our meetings. At some point, during the time I was leading, a swimming pool was built on the lawn by the current Scout hut which was opened by a lady who used an 'ear trumpet' to be able to hear what was being said!

The current hut replaced the Nissen hut and was built by Charlie Back and has since had a shower block etc added to it...and there is a whisper that it may be re-vamped again...bringing it even more up to date

How fortunate we are that there are dedicated set on volunteers who maintain our premises as well as leading and guiding our youngsters to be 'good' citizens as well as becoming the future generation...do remember that from ' Little acorns, mighty oak trees grow'... Baden Powell's favourite quote.

It is time for me to thank all the Leaders again and wish everyone another happy year in Scouting  
Yvonne Back

[president@bishopslydeardscouts.org.uk](mailto:president@bishopslydeardscouts.org.uk)



## Chair of Trustees' Report

Another busy and successful year for the Scout Group, providing an exciting and meaningful programme of activities for all the young people we support.

Once again, we have full sections at all levels and currently support **140** youngsters on their scouting journey.

As always, I would like to pay tribute to our wonderful team of leaders who do an incredible job week in, week out, ensuring that the Squirrels, Beavers, Cubs, and Scouts are exposed to exciting new challenges in a way that maximises both learning and fun, while keeping them safe. Our Group Lead Volunteer, Jana, and the team of Trustees also deserve special recognition for their tireless work behind the scenes, without which we could not thrive.

Parents and carers who have given time, resources, or practical help are also sincerely thanked—I hope you can see the value scouting provides to your youngsters.

Thanks to the generosity of one family, we were able to redevelop our campfire area on site, making it much more accessible and safe. Special thanks to them and to the adults who carried out the work.

We continue to look forward to further developing the site, with plans underway to make the hut a more efficient, accessible, and flexible space, able to meet the needs of our youngsters for many years to come.

Stuart Whittaker  
Chair of trustees

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## **Group Scout Leader's Report**

Bishops Lydeard Scout Group has had another great year! We have been able to offer a full, exciting and challenging programme across all sections, equipping our children with 'Skills for Life', as you will see from the Section Reports.

I would like to thank all our Leaders and Helpers for their hard work and dedication. We have an amazing team of Leaders in all sections. Without these Leaders, who are all volunteers, we would be unable to offer such a successful level of Scouting activities

This year as always we have had leaders leave us and I would like to thank them all for their time volunteering at Bishops Lydeard Scout Group. We welcome the new leaders and hope they will have a fulfilling, enjoyable time volunteering in our Scout Group.

As always we need more volunteers to help in all sections. Our volunteers plan and run amazing programmes for our young people. They need more support if we are to continue offering these opportunities. Some of our sections will be running a volunteer rota from September. We hope this will make it easier for people to help out occasionally. Being on the volunteer rota is an easy way to give a little back, without committing to helping out every week. If something else comes up – no problem. Just let us know and switch weeks with another helper. It's up to you what your involvement looks like: we understand that everyone has different skills (and amounts of time) to share. Your Section Leader will be able to explain more about being a member of the Team.

Volunteering is a two-way street. Research shows that it improves your wellbeing and helps you build career-boosting skills. Let us know you're interested, and we'll give you any support and training you need to let your skills shine. So please consider joining us.

Finally, thank you to our Trustees, who have worked quietly behind the scenes ensuring the Finance and Governance of our Scout Group is sound. We currently have one space on our Board of Trustees.

If you would like to join us in any capacity please contact me.

**Jana Truby**

**Group Lead Volunteer**

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### **Development Project:**

- We plan to build a new toilet/shower block for our campers
- External Insulation of the hut
- New toilets indoor
- New Kitchen
- Internal decorations including reconfiguring layout

If you think you can help in any way please let us know.

## Squirrel Scout Report

# Squirrels



Another successful year for our youngest section. Squirrel Scouts have completed many exciting activities including, hikes, den building, making bird feeders and many campfires.

We took part in the District Squirrel Funday at Huish Woods where we joined Squirrels from around the District. We had our first Squirrel sleepover when we joined the other Sections for a Group Weekend event.

A big thank you to our leaders, Jana, Baloo, and Maddie and our 2 Young Leaders, Zack and Taliah all of whom have helped to run the Section with enthusiasm and dedication. We would also like to thank the parents and grandparents who stay each week to help. Between us we make a great team. We will be setting up a more formal rota of volunteers from September. If you feel able to join us please let me know.

Squirrel Leadership Team

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## Bishops Lydeard Beaver Scout report



What a fantastic year we have had! With a mixture of indoor and outdoor activity, in both Riverside and Woodland.

# BEAVERS

Our two Colonies share the same programme and at least once a term we joined each other's groups this is a lovely opportunity for us to mix and form new friendships.

We have been keeping to the 2-year programme that was set up a few years ago, this is to try to cover as many Beavers badges as possible. Then in-between we try to add different activities

During our evenings last year we have been, canoeing, singing by the fire, dancing in the dark, we have learnt money skills and where money came from, we have had an international evening, axe throwing, we visited a Goat Farm, a Veg Farm, and East Quay Art Centre.



We have taken the Beavers to National Aquarium Plymouth where they spent the night sleeping

with the sharks, this was an amazing experience! We had a visit down to Pennywell Farm, followed by a sleep over at the hut, we joined in Bishops Lydeard Group Camp and had a fabulous walk around Steart Marshes. Most recently we had our District Beaver Camp and Huish Woods.

Fox & Ferret (Kirsty & Cody) & all the Beaver Volunteer Team

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## Bisops Lydeard Cub Scout report

**cubs**



Bishops Lydeard Scout Group currently run two Cub Packs, Oak Cubs is based at The Hut in Bishops Lydeard and Acorn Cubs are based at Cotford Community Centre.

We have also expanded our leadership team with some fabulous young leaders who interact brilliantly with the children. Massive thanks to all the team – Russell, Jess, Cody, Madz, Chris and our young leaders Lillie, Izzy and Finn.

Highlights from our programme this year include visits to the mill in Bishops Lydeard, rope making in Watchet, water activities in Taunton, lambing in Clatworthy and axe throwing (yes really!). We have hiked, baked, crafted and camped and learned skills that will last a lifetime. Thank you to all the cubs who have taken part and for being brave at times when facing a new challenge. Many of you now have sleeves full of badges which I know your parents were thrilled to sew on!

Have a lovely summer, see you in September.

**Stuart (Akela) Acorn pack Team Leader**

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**Jess (Akela) Oak Pack Team Leader**



## Scout Troop Report



The Scout troop have had another full and exciting year of activities and challenges.

We have completed many 'Scouting' activities including mapping skills, pioneering international food tasting, a campfire singalong, traditional patrol tent set up, canoeing on the River Tone and the mechanic's badge.

We also visited Bridgewater police station and we have had many nights away including a weeklong summer camp in the New Forest, the Scout District camp at Brompton Ralph, an Expedition Challenge for the older Scout, Moonraker challenge night and a Halloween camp at Horner woods.

This August we will be off to the Lake District for a week, and another Halloween camp is being planned for Lyme Regis.

**Scout Leadership Team**

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## Wyvern Explorer Scout Report

## EXPLORERS



Wyvern Explorer Scout Unit, part of the Blackdown District, has had an action-packed and adventurous year! In partnership with Bishops Lydeard, our Explorers have taken part in a wide variety of exciting activities that have made for a truly memorable year. One of the highlights was our fantastic summer camp in Guildford, where Explorers enjoyed a thrilling day at Thorpe Park, explored the town of Guildford, and tackled a scenic hike.

Throughout the year, we've run several other camps too from a brilliant end-of-year camp in collaboration with Pegasus, to a magical trip to Disneyland Paris where we were invited by Wilton Scouts.

We also took on the challenge of the Monopoly Run in London, entering two teams who navigated the city in a fast-paced, fun-filled adventure.

Alongside these major events, our weekly programme has remained packed with engaging activities

designed to challenge, inspire, and develop the skills of all our Explorers.

Whether learning something new or building friendships, there's always something going on at Wyvern.

None of this would be possible without our dedicated and enthusiastic leadership team – Dez, Chris, Marv, David, Ben, and Jana with valuable support from Ian when required. Their commitment and energy continue to create amazing opportunities for every Explorer in the unit.

### Explorer Leadership Team

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## Group Treasurer's Report Financial ending 31<sup>st</sup> March 2025

### General

This report covers the financial year ending 31<sup>st</sup> March 2025.

### Key Points

- The Group recorded a headline deficit of £29,443 for the year.
- This deficit includes a one-off purchase of a new minibus costing £37,079.
- We also received an extraordinary Gift Aid receipt of approximately £4,500 (we had not claimed for the year to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2023 so the payment was unusually high).
- Adjusting for these items, the underlying operating position shows a modest surplus of around £3,000.

### Income

Total income for the Group this year was £49,370 (FY2024: £38,300). The difference between the years is largely accounted for by an increase in donations, Gift Aid as mentioned above, and a much more active activity programme. On the negative side, the loss of Green Days has resulted in a net loss of income of around £14,000 per year.

### Expenditure

Total expenditure for the Group was £78,460 (FY2024: £40,120). Additional expenditure this year was incurred on the new minibus as mentioned above, and increased costs arising from the more

active Scouting programme.

### Assets

Total Assets of the Group at 31<sup>st</sup> March 2025, excluding fixed assets such as the value of the Hut and Grounds, stood at £159,250 (at 31<sup>st</sup> March 2024: £180,100). Of this, £107,500 is held in the form of equity assets and bonds. The level of reserves held, and the form in which they are held (currently a blend of cash, ethical equity funds and government gilts and other high-grade bonds) are reviewed regularly by the Trustees.

### Looking Ahead ...

In the autumn of 2023, Green Days Day Care terminated their agreement to rent the Hut on term-time weekdays, citing the age and facilities of the Hut compared to alternatives in the area, and the increasing regulatory challenges faced by older buildings. The financial impact of this has been the loss of about £14,000 of income each year (our costs, particularly heating, have been reduced by £1,000 - £2,000).

This has been a significant gap to fill, and the Trustees will be considering what the Group needs to do to replace that income, and/or reduce expenditure, accordingly. Parents will already have noticed that, for the first time since I took over as Treasurer in 2016, we raised membership subscriptions by 5% for the 2024/25 academic year. The Trustees have approved a further rise for 2025/26 to £14.50 per member per month, a 6.2% increase.

The Group Lead Volunteer will provide more detail on plans that the Trustees have provisionally approved to spend a substantial sum on improving the toilet facilities at the Hut. We have also contracted to replace the current boiler to improve the heating and hot water system.

### Financial governance and probity

The Scout Group is a registered charity, and such is its level of income that is required both by Scout Association and Charity Commission rules to have its accounts independently examined by a suitably skilled person. This is in any case good practice as it gives assurance to our Members that the Group's Trustees are managing the Group's finances with integrity and due attention.

Jodie Harkas, a Director of Lentells accountants in Taunton, kindly agreed to perform this role for us this year, as she did last year, in her own time and for free. Thank you, Jodie!

Jodie completed her examination on 1<sup>st</sup> July 2025, and found no matters of concern. Her signed statement is available should anyone wish to see it, and in any case will be available on the Charity Commission website, along with the Receipts and Payments statement, shortly.

Neil Truby

Group Treasurer

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# 3rd Taunton (Bishops Lydeard) Scout Group Receipts and Payments Account

Year start date

Year end date

For the year from	01/04/2024	To	31/03/2025
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## Receipts and payments

2024/25

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Endowment funds £	Total funds £
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### Receipts

<b>Donations, legacies and similar income</b>				
Membership subscriptions	19,611			19,611
Less: Membership subscriptions paid on <small>(National/County/Area/District) enter figures with a minus sign</small>	-10,992			-10,992
Net membership subscriptions retained	8,619			8,619
Donations	3,190			3,190
Legacies				
Gift Aid	7,828			7,828
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>19,637</b>			<b>19,637</b>
<b>Grants</b>				
Maintenence grant				
Other grants				
<b>Sub total</b>				
<b>Scouting Activities</b>				
Minibus	4,539			4,539
Sale of Uniforms	556			556
Activities and Camps Income	15,878			15,878
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>20,973</b>			<b>20,973</b>
<b>Investment income</b>				
Bank and Building Society interest	1,768	5		1,773
Property Rent income	6,717			6,717
Other income	267			267
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>8,752</b>	<b>5</b>		<b>8,757</b>

<b>Total Gross Income</b>	<b>49,362</b>	<b>5</b>		<b>49,367</b>
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Asset and investment sales, etc.				
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<b>Total receipts</b>	<b>49,362</b>	<b>5</b>		<b>49,367</b>
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# 3rd Taunton (Bishops Lydeard) Scout Group Receipts and Payments Account

Year start date

Year end date

For the year from	01/04/2024	To	31/03/2025
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## Receipts and payments

2024/25

Unrestricted  
funds  
£

Restricted  
funds  
£

Endowment  
funds  
£

Total funds  
£

### Payments

Charitable Payments				
Youth programme and activities				
Adult support and training				
Cleaning Costs	554			554
Light, Power, Heating, Water	2,174			2,174
Insurance	3,292			3,292
Repairs and Renewals	2,161			2,161
IT Software, Consumables	649			649
Telephone and Internet	436			436
Printing and Stationery	157			157
Postage	0			0
Banking and Investment Costs	16			16
Scouting and Scout Hut Equipment	3,001			3,001
Legal and Accountancy Costs	0			0
Rates	0			0
Advertising and Marketing	0			0
General Expenses	341			341
Donations	34	48		82
Training	25			25
Wages	988			988
Rent	139			139
Travel, National	260			260
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>14,227</b>	<b>48</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>14,275</b>
<b>Fundraising expenses</b>				
Activities and Camps Expenditure	19,007			19,007
Purchase of Badges	2,206			2,206
Purchase of Uniforms	2,829			2,829
Minibus Costs	40,140			40,140

Other Activities costs	0			0
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>64,182</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>64,182</b>
<b>Total Gross Expenditure</b>	<b>78,409</b>	<b>48</b>		<b>78,457</b>
Asset and investment purchases, etc.				
<b>Total payments</b>	<b>78,409</b>	<b>48</b>		<b>78,457</b>
<b>Net of receipts/(payments)</b>	<b>-29,047</b>	<b>-43</b>		<b>-29,090</b>
Transfers between funds				
Cash funds last year end	79,775	723		80,498
<b>Cash funds this year end</b>	<b>50,728</b>	<b>680</b>		<b>51,408</b>

## Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the year

31st Mar 2025

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total funds
	£	£	£	£
<b>Cash funds</b>				
Bank current account	3,983	680	-	4,663
NS&I			-	-
Building society account	46,408		-	46,408
The Scout Association Short Term Investment Service			-	-
Cash/Floats	338		-	338
<b>Total cash funds</b>	<b>50,729</b>	<b>680</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>51,409</b>
<b>Other monetary assets</b>				
Tax claim	-	-	-	-
Debts due from the County/Area/District/Group				
Insurance claim	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Investment assets</b>				
Investment property - detail	-	-	-	-
Quoted investments	107,836			107,836
Other investments - detail	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>107,836</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>107,836</b>
<b>Non monetary assets for charity's own use</b>				
Badge stock				

Shop stock	-	-	-	-
Other stock	-	-	-	-
Land and buildings	-	-	-	-
Motor vehicles	-	-	-	-
Scouting equipment, furniture etc	-	-	-	-
Other	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	-	-	-	-
<b>Liabilities</b>				
Accounts not yet paid		-	-	-
Expenses incurred but not invoiced	-	-	-	-
Subscriptions not yet paid	-	-	-	-
Loan - detail		-	-	-
Other liabilities	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	-	-	-	-
Total Assets	158,565	680	-	159,245

**The above receipts and payments account and statement of assets and liabilities were approved by the May 2025**

Signature	Print Name
	St
	Neil Tru



**2023/24**

**Total funds**

£

17,012
-9,180
7,832
3,521
0
11,353
2,780
827
5,518
9,125
2,360
15,284
200
17,844
38,322
38,322

**2023/24**

**Total funds**

£

401
4,143
1,441
1,498
614
352
220
4
22
11,661
-17
0
0
656
172
0
731
290
0
22,188
8,305
1,081
3,735
4,814

0
17,935
40,123
40,123
-1,801
82,300
80,499



**31st Mar 2024**

**Total funds**

£
4,740
-
73,135
-
2,623
80,498
-
-
-
99,584
-
99,584
-



## Independent examiner's report to the trustees of 3<sup>rd</sup> Taunton (Bishops Lydeard) Scout Group

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I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the 3rd Taunton (Bishops Lydeard) Scout Group for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 2025.

### Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees of the 3rd Taunton (Bishops Lydeard) Scout Group you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').

I report in respect of my examination of the 3rd Taunton (Bishops Lydeard) Scout Group accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

### Independent examiner's statement

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

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the 3rd Taunton (Bishops Lydeard) Scout Group as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records.

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

Signed:



Name: Jodie Farkas ACA

Address: 18 Ashgrove Way, Bridgwater, Somerset, TA6 4UB

Date: 01/07/2025

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# Accounts

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## Annual Report 2023 – 2024

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**Annual General Meeting**  
**Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> June 2024 at 6:15pm**  
**The Scout, West Street, Bishops Lydeard, TA43AU**

**AGENDA**

1. **Introduction and welcome**
2. **Apologies for absence**
3. **Governance topics**
  - a. Approve the minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 13/06/2023
  - b. Adopt the model constitution from Policy, Organisation and Rules (POR Chapter 5)
  - c. Note the Group's financial year 1<sup>st</sup> April – 31<sup>st</sup> March
  - d. Approve appointed and community members of the Group Scout Council
  - e. Agree the number of members that may be appointed to the Trustee Board
  - f. Agree the quorum for future meetings of the Group Scout Council (excluding this AGM)????
  - g. Approve partnership agreement with Wyvern Explorer Scout unit
4. **Review of the previous year**
  - a. The Group Lead Volunteer's review of Scouts in the Bishops Lydeard Scout Group
  - b. Receive and consider the Annual Report of the Group Trustee Board, including the annual Statement of the Accounts
5. **Making appointments**
  - a. Appoint the Group Chair, following recommendation from the open selection process initiated by the Group Trustee Board
  - b. Appoint the Group Treasurer, following recommendation from the open selection process initiated by the Group Trustee Board
  - c. Appoint members of the Group Trustee Board, following recommendations from the open selection process initiated by the Group Trustee Board
  - d. Re-appoint Group President
  - e. Appoint the Independent Examiner
6. **Closing remarks - End of Formal AGM**
7. **Invitation to District Representative to speak**
8. **Presentations**

### 3<sup>RD</sup> TAUNTON (BISHOPS LYDEARD) SCOUT GROUP

Minutes of Annual General Meeting held on Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> June 2023 at 6.00 p.m.

**Opening:** Charlie Back (Group President) opened the meeting and welcomed everyone to the evening.

**Apologies:** Clover Heather, Stuart Whittaker

Yvonne Back welcomed everyone and thanked all leaders for their continued hard work and thanked everyone for an amazing turn out.

**Previous Minutes 2020:** Jana Truby requested the minutes from the previous year be approved

Proposed: Neil Truby; Seconded: Chris Kurton. No dissent.

#### **Group Annual Report:**

Jana Truby (Group Scout Leader) firstly thanked all the leaders for a brilliant year with lots of fantastic activities. We also gained more permits for shooting, archery and camping. It was advised that the structure of the group would be changing as part of the new Transformation Programme in that going forward there would be a smaller group of Trustees, a Leaders Committee, a Maintenance Committee and a Development Committee. Any parents that feel they have skills in any form please let us know we are always willing to add to our lists. Unfortunately our lawnmower has broken down and we are currently awaiting a new part. Until this time any offers of help to keep the grass to an acceptable level would be appreciated and thanks already to Chris Kurton, Martin Smith and one of the Cub parents for undertaking this.

Sadly, our Chair Yvonne Back has decided to step down, and great thanks was passed on to her for her capable chairmanship. This leaves an empty void to fill.

It was proposed by Yvonne Back that the Annual Report be accepted, and this was seconded by Neil Truby, with no dissent.

#### **Treasurers Report:** Independent Examination and Draft Accounts

Neil Truby (Group Treasurer) has produced the accounts for the financial year ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 2023, and these have been accepted by the Trustees in draft form only. The Group is required by the Charity Commission to have its accounts examined by an independent examiner. We have recently taken on a new examiner, Jodie Higgins, who is an accountant for a well known firm in Taunton. Given the early date of this year's AGM, Jodie hasn't yet had the opportunity to familiarise herself with the accounts and complete her examination, and it needs to be recorded that the accounts are presented to the AGM as "un-examined". Once the examination is complete the accounts, with amendments if necessarily, will be signed off by the Chair and Group Treasurer and submitted to the Charity Commission along with the Independent Examiner's report.

Overall the Group has done well financially, with more membership subscriptions this year, including those from the introduction of Squirrels and Explorers.

We are a financially fortunate Group and our thanks must go to Charlie Back for helping set things up in such a way to allow this. We have a good income from a local business letting the Hut on weekdays, to augment our campsite bookings. This year the Trustees will be looking at ways to improve the site and its facilities using some of the Group's reserves.

Wyvern Explorers Unit: Neil explained that the Wyvern Explorers unit is not technically part of the Bishops Lydeard Scout Group, but is a Blackdown District Scouts unit. However, under a partnership agreement entered into with Wyvern Explorers by the Group's Executive Committee, Bishops Lydeard Scout Group provides financial management, meeting and other facilities to the Explorers unit, hence the inclusion of the Explorer Unit's finances in those reported by the Group.

The partnership agreement should be reviewed every year, and the new Board of Trustees will consider this at its first meeting.

It was proposed that the Treasurer's Report be accepted by David Humphrey, and seconded by Samantha Blease, with no dissent.

### **New Governance Structure: Transformation Project**

Jana Truby outlined The Scout Association's "Transformation Project", in which it is recommended that the current Executive Committee be devolved into a smaller Board of Trustees to be responsible for the governance and finances of the Group; with other committees to be formed as necessary to manage other aspects of the Group.

**Board of Trustees:** Jana Truby proposed that the new Board of Trustees be appointed per The Scout Association recommendations, and nominated the following to be appointed to the new Board:-

- Stuart Whittaker - Chairperson
- Neil Truby – Treasurer
- Jana Truby – GSL
- Sam Blease – Secretary
- Jonathan Littlewood – Parent Trustee

It was proposed that a formal Quorum Policy be adopted for the Group such that a quorum for the Board of Trustees and other committees be deemed at 50% +1 of elected and appointed members present. In the case of the Board of Trustees and its 5 members, this gives a quorum of 3 to make binding decisions.

The proposal to adopt the new structure and the formal Quorum Policy, and to appoint those nominated to the Board of Trustees, was formally proposed by Paul Blease, and seconded by Nadia Atherton, and accepted by the AGM with no dissent.

### **Other Points**

Noted Everyone that attends the AGM are part of the Scout Council by default.

Chris Winn has agreed in principle to be Chairperson for the Development Committee and David Humphrey has agreed in principle to be the Chairperson of the Maintenance Committee.

We will still need to find a cleaner / stock taker.

As Charlie Back is stepping down from the honorary role of President, it was proposed by Jana Truby that Yvonne Back be invited to take over the duty. This was approved by Leighann Goldsworthy. No dissent.

It was ratified that Jodie Higgins be appointed as Independent Examiner. Proposed: Neil Truby; Seconded: Jana Truby. No dissent.

### **District Team**

This year we welcomed Nadia Atherton who is our County Commissioner to the AGM. Nadia congratulated us on being such an amazing group. She stated that we are a very fortunate group but we in turn help out others by loaning out our minibuses and site/hut etc. A big Well Done to everyone involved, and a small plea to all for any help that can be offered.

### **Presentations:**

Members of all sections were awarded with their most recent achievement badges.

**Any Other Business:** none



## President's Report



This is my first year as President and still feel very fortunate to hold this position. It is very different from any position that I have held in Scouting and makes me feel a bit like a 'Grandparent', able to view what is happening without the 'hands on' bit.

What an amazing group to be President of! Well over 100 years the Group has been in existence and has coped with many changes from World Wars to digital technology and so much more

It is a privilege to view the work being done with youngsters, the superb leaders that plan and execute exciting programmes and activities as well as the wonderful buildings and grounds that we are able to meet in each week there.... are many groups that would like to boast of such luxuries!

The term Group actually includes everyone connected to the Movement in Bishops Lydeard (& elsewhere) so I hope that you feel able to support and encourage all the wonderful volunteers there are and do remember that

from 'Little Acorns mighty oak trees grow!'

Keep helping and keep Scouting

Yvonne (& Charlie) Back

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## **Chair of Trustees' Report**

Bishops Lydeard Scout Group has had another very busy and successful year providing an exciting and challenging programme for all the youngsters from Squirrels through to Scouts and District Explorers.



We have full sections at all levels, and we now support 135 youngsters in total on their scout journey. Acorn cubs launched in Cotford St Luke in September and has helped extend our reach to children from the village who were missing out on the scouting experience.

I would like to express deepest thanks to all leaders, members of the exec, parents and anyone else who has volunteered and helped in any capacity this year. Without you giving your valuable time none of this would be possible, it is hugely appreciated.

The transformation of governance has completed and is now embedding, providing more clearly defined roles, responsibilities and terms of reference to ensure the board of trustees can focus on governance and finance and the maintenance and development teams on the safe operation of the site.

We have invested in a new trim trail this year (thank you to everyone who helped install it) and a new projector and the exec has just approved the purchase of a new minibus to replace the white one, which after many years of loyal service is now being retired.

We continue to look to the future of the site and we are starting to explore the possibility of redeveloping the hut to make it an accessible and flexible space which can be used for decades to come.

Stuart Whittaker

Chair of trustees

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## **Group Scout Leader's Report**

Bishops Lydeard Scout Group has had another great year! We have been able to offer a full, exciting and challenging programme across all sections, equipping our children with 'Skills for Life', as you will see from the Section Reports.



I would like to thank all our Leaders and Helpers for their hard work and dedication. We have an amazing team of Leaders in all sections. Without these Leaders, who are all volunteers, we would be unable to offer such a successful level of Scouting activities. Our Leaders are supported by Young Leaders helping across all Sections. Young Leaders are an important part of our Sections, sharing their knowledge and experiences in Scouting with the younger members of our Group. All of our Sections are full, each with a waiting list.

Finally, thank you to our Trustees, who have worked quietly behind the scenes ensuring the Finance and Governance of our Scout Group is sound.

Jana Truby

Group Lead Volunteer

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Another successful year for our youngest section. Squirrel Scouts have completed many exciting activities including, hikes, den building, making bird feeders and many campfires.

We took part in the District Squirrel Funday at Huish Woods where we joined Squirrels from around the District and County Squirrel day at Puxton Park.

A big thank you to our leaders, Jana, Baloo, Kirsty (who has now moved on to Beavers) and our 3 Young Leaders, Lillie, Izzy and Zack all of whom have run the Section with enthusiasm and dedication. We would also like to thank the parents and grandparents who stay each week to help. Between us we make a great team.

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It has been another fabulous year for Beavers at Bishops Lydeard. Whenever and wherever we can, we have been spending as much time as possible, outside. Our varied programme of weekly activities and occasional weekend events gives our young people an amazing opportunities that are new and different from that usually occur at school.

We have implemented a 2-year programme for Beavers to ensure that as many badges as possible can be achieved during a young person's time at Beavers. Most importantly though we aim to get as many young people as possible to attain their Bronze Chief Scout award (the highest award in Beavers). We have just re-started the programme after successfully using it for the past 2 years.

Some of the activities we have done this year include:

- Archery;
- A hike at Willett Hill and a night hike on the Quantocks (which incorporated the items we need to do to get our space badge);
- District Beaver Disco @ Blackbrook Leisure Centre;
- District Beaver Camp (which was Circus themed)
- Sewing a badge onto our camp blankets
- Den building on the Quantocks
- Junk modelling to create an invention

We have had a fun filled trip to Exeter to Clip N Climb. And are looking forward to THE main event of the year, which is District Beaver Camp at Huish Woods on 8/9<sup>th</sup> June. This year being Olympics themed – activities included slip n slide, hockey, 'bobsled', popcorn making, campfire, wake & shake to name but a few.

There was a slight dip in numbers at the start of the year with many moving onto Cubs and few new starters or movers from Squirrels however we soon grew and both colonies are thriving.

Riverside are currently operating at 17 out of 20

Woodland are currently operating at 16 out of 20

We would like to take this opportunity to thank all the Leaders and parent support for the past year, without all of you combined, we would not be able to run such a varied and wide-ranging array of activities for the young people. We are all very much looking forward to another year ahead. – Otter 😊

Otter & Fox (David & Kirsty) & all the Beaver Leaders.

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Firstly as always I would like to thank my amazing team of Leaders and Young Leaders without whom I would not be able to run such a fun filled Section.

We have had a year of amazing activities including County Cub Day, scuba diving, Sudan chair racing and Clip and Climb amongst many other fabulous sessions.



We have had 3 Cubs achieve the highest award they can within Cubs, The Silver Scout Award, and have had to say goodbye to several Cubs who have moved onto Scouts.

Looking forward to our upcoming events at Coach for water activities, District Cub Camp and of course our last night of water fighting with slip and slide and sausage sizzle.

We would also like to say thank you to all our parents for their continued support.

Akela, Raksha, Baloo, Rama and Mowgli

**Arkela (Paul)**

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## Acorn Cub Scout Report



I am really pleased to say that Acorn cubs launched successfully in September 2023. We meet on a Wednesday evening in the community hall in Cotford St Luke.

The pack is led by myself, Russell Bridgewater and Cody Prettejohn and we have recently been joined by Jess Yeates who is also a Brownie leader. I would like to thank all of them for their time and dedication since launch, it is much appreciated. We currently have 16 cubs invested and more on the waiting list.

Our programme so far has included a clip n' climb sleepover, the study of the moon and solar system, several hikes, crafts from different faiths, cooking and animal welfare. It has been great fun. We also attended the Cubs fun day at Crealy Park in May. Lots of badges have been awarded! I would like to thank all the Cubs for their enthusiasm and engagement. We look forward to continuing and growing in the coming year.



**Stuart Whittaker**  
Acorn Pack Leader  
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## Scout Troop Report



Our Scout Troop has had an exciting year with a full and challenging programme.

We have completed many 'Scouting' activities including pioneering, fire building, kayaking, first aid, hiking, orienteering, archery, shooting, axe throwing, paintballing, backwards cooking and more. We also visited the fire station and spent an evening painting models at the War Hammer shop .

We had many nights away including; District Water Camp at Brompton Ralph; An Expedition Challenge for the older Scout; A great Summer Camp in North Devon and a very wet trip to London for the Monopoly Run. This August we are off to the New Forest for a week.

What a great year, A big thank you to the leadership team who have not only provided so many amazing activities but have also supported the development of our young people enabling them to shine.

### Scout Leaders

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## Wyvern Explorer Scout Report

# EXPLORERS

Wyvern Explorer Scout Unit is a section within Blackdown District. The unit has a partnership agreement with Bishops Lydeard. Explorers have had an exciting year, we have been Paintballing, Nordic Walking, we have played skittles and enjoyed cooking. We entered two teams in the Moonraker competition and joined Explorers and Leaders from across the country to take part in the Monopoly Run.

We have attended District and County Camps and had a sleepover in The Tower.

We have a great leadership team, Dez, Chris, Paul, Ben and Jana, who have provided amazing opportunities for our Explorers.

### Explorer Leaders

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## Group Treasurer's Report Financial ending 31<sup>st</sup> March 2024

### General

The Group had a steady financial year, recording a nominal deficit on activities of £1,800. However, we had an exceptional purchase of £7,000 (£1,800 of which was kindly donated by the Bishops Lydeard Brownies) towards new Trim Trail equipment. Without this we would have recorded a modest £3,400 surplus.

### Income

Total income for the Group this year was £38,300 (FY2023: £45,500). The difference between the years is largely accounted for by a reduction in rental from Green Days Day Care (more on this shortly), and that we did not yet put in a Gift Aid claim for the 2024 financial year.

### Expenditure

Total expenditure for the Group was £40,120 (FY2023: £29,240). Additional expenditure this year was incurred on the Trim Trail, other Scouting equipment, some essential electrical and other safety maintenance on the Scout Hut, and increased heating costs.

### Assets

Total Assets of the Group at 31<sup>st</sup> March 2024, excluding fixed assets such as the value of the Hut and Grounds, stood at £180,100 (at 31<sup>st</sup> March 2023: £178,400). Of this, £99,600 is held in the form of equity assets. At a recent Trustee meeting it was decided to reduce the exposure the Group has to equity values gradually over the course of the next 1-2 years.

### Looking Ahead ...

In the autumn of 2023, Green Days Day Care terminated their agreement to rent the Hut on term-time weekdays, citing the age and facilities of the Hut relative to other facilities in the area, and the increasing challenges regulation causes for older buildings. The financial impact of this will be loss of about £14,000 of income each year (our costs, particularly heating, will be reduced by £1,000 - £2,000). This is a significant gap to fill, and the Trustees will be considering what the Group needs to do to replace that income, and/or reduce expenditure, accordingly. Parents will already have noticed that, for the first time since I took over as Treasurer in 2016, we have raised member subscriptions by 5%.

Our white minibus is now 17 years old, and unlikely to pass its MOT in June 2024 without significant expenditure. After much discussion the Trustees decided to purchase a newer minibus to replace it, at an estimated net cost of £35,000. The new bus is expected to arrive on 21<sup>st</sup> June 2024, and is of a similar model to the existing blue bus, so will be driveable by a larger cohort of Leaders and parents.

### Financial governance and probity

The Scout Group is a registered charity and such is its level of income that is required both by Scout Association and Charity Commission rules to have its accounts independently examined by a competent person. This is in any case good practice as it gives assurance to our Members that the Group's Trustees are managing the Group's finances with integrity and due attention. Our examiner last year, Jodie Harkas, who is a Director of Lentells accountants in Taunton, is kindly donating her time for free again this year. Jodie has not yet completed her examination, and so the accounts presented to the AGM are in draft form and subject to amendment following her examination.

Neil Truby

## 3rd Taunton (Bishops Lydeard) Scout Group Receipts and Payments Account

Year start date

Year end date

For the year from	01/04/2023	To	31/03/2024
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### Receipts and payments

	2023/24			2022/23	
	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Endowment funds £	Total funds £	Total funds £
<b>Receipts</b>					
<b>Donations, legacies and similar income</b>					
Membership subscriptions	17,012			17,012	16,583
Less: Membership subscriptions paid on <small>(National/County/Area/District) enter figures with a minus sign</small>	-9,180			-9,180	-7,109
Net membership subscriptions retained	7,832			7,832	9,474
Donations	3,521			3,521	81
Legacies					
Gift Aid	0			0	6,424
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>11,353</b>			<b>11,353</b>	<b>15,979</b>
<b>Grants</b>					
Maintenance grant					
Other grants					
<b>Sub total</b>					
<b>Scouting Activities</b>					
Minibus	2,780			2,780	2,011
Other Activity Income	6,345			6,345	6,810
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>9,125</b>			<b>9,125</b>	<b>8,821</b>
<b>Investment income</b>					
Bank interest					
Building Society interest	2,355	5		2,360	900
The Scout Association Short Term Investment Service					
Property Rent income	15,284			15,284	19,620
Other income	200			200	127
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>17,839</b>	<b>5</b>		<b>17,844</b>	<b>20,647</b>
<b>Total Gross Income</b>	<b>38,317</b>	<b>5</b>		<b>38,322</b>	<b>45,447</b>
Asset and investment sales, etc.					
<b>Total receipts</b>	<b>38,317</b>	<b>5</b>		<b>38,322</b>	<b>45,447</b>

# 3rd Taunton (Bishops Lydeard) Scout Group Receipts and Payments Account

Year start date

Year end date

For the year from	01/04/2023	To	31/03/2024
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## Receipts and payments

	2023/24			2022/23	
	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Endowment funds £	Total funds £	Total funds £
<b>Payments</b>					
Charitable Payments					
Youth programme and activities					
Adult support and training					
Cleaning Costs	401			401	403
Light, Power, Heating, Water	4,143			4,143	2,802
Insurance	1,441			1,441	1,111
Repairs and Renewals	1,498			1,498	1,070
IT Software, Consumables, Internet	966			966	815
Printing, Postage, Stationery	224			224	261
Banking and Investment Costs	22			22	31
Scouting and Scout Hut Equipment	11,661			11,661	505
Legal and Accountancy Costs	-17			-17	2,981
Rates	0			0	195
Advertising and Marketing	0			0	116
General Expenses	656			656	555
Donations	1	171		172	305
Training	0			0	665
Wages	731			731	0
Rent	290			290	0
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>22,017</b>	<b>171</b>		<b>22,188</b>	<b>11,815</b>
<b>Fundraising expenses</b>					
Minibus Costs	4,814			4,814	3,519
Other Activities costs	13,121			13,121	13,904
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>17,935</b>			<b>17,935</b>	<b>17,423</b>
<b>Total Gross Expenditure</b>	<b>39,952</b>	<b>171</b>		<b>40,123</b>	<b>29,238</b>
<b>Asset and investment purchases, etc.</b>					
<b>Total payments</b>	<b>39,952</b>	<b>171</b>		<b>40,123</b>	<b>29,238</b>
<b>Net of receipts/(payments)</b>	<b>-1,635</b>	<b>-166</b>		<b>-1,801</b>	<b>16,209</b>
<b>Transfers between funds</b>					
<b>Cash funds last year end</b>	<b>81,528</b>	<b>766</b>		<b>82,294</b>	<b>66,102</b>
<b>Cash funds this year end</b>	<b>79,893</b>	<b>600</b>		<b>80,493</b>	<b>82,311</b>

## Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the year

	31st Mar 2024			31st Mar 2023	
	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total funds	Total funds
	£	£	£	£	£
<b>Cash funds</b>					
Bank current account	4,140	600	-	4,740	4,036
NS&I			-	-	-
Building society account	73,135		-	73,135	77,775
The Scout Association Short Term Investment Service			-	-	-
Cash/Floats	2,623		-	2,623	483
<b>Total cash funds</b>	<b>79,898</b>	<b>600</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>80,498</b>	<b>82,294</b>
<b>Other monetary assets</b>					
Tax claim	-	-	-	-	-
Debts due from the County/Area/District/Group			-	-	
Insurance claim	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Investment assets</b>					
Investment property - detail	-	-	-	-	-
Quoted investments	99,584	-	-	99,584	96,120
Other investments - detail	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>99,584</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>99,584</b>	<b>96,120</b>
<b>Non monetary assets for charity's own use</b>					
Badge stock	-	-	-	-	-
Shop stock	-	-	-	-	-
Other stock	-	-	-	-	-
Land and buildings	-	-	-	-	-
Motor vehicles	-	-	-	-	-
Scouting equipment, furniture etc	-	-	-	-	-
Other	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Liabilities</b>					
Accounts not yet paid		-	-	-	-
Expenses incurred but not invoiced	-	-	-	-	-
Subscriptions not yet paid	-	-	-	-	-
Loan - detail		-	-	-	-
Other liabilities	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>179,482</b>	<b>600</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>180,082</b>	<b>178,414</b>

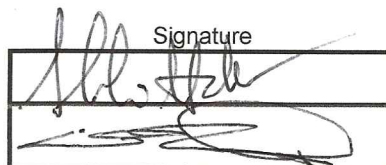
The above receipts and payments account and statement of assets and liabilities were approved by the Trustees on <to be advised>.

Signature	Print Name
	Stuart Whittaker, Chair
	Neil Truby, Group Treasurer

# Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the year

	31st Mar 2024			31st Mar 2023	
	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total funds	Total funds
	£	£	£	£	£
<b>Cash funds</b>					
Bank current account	4,140	600	-	4,740	4,036
NS&I	-	-	-	-	-
Building society account	73,135	-	-	73,135	77,775
The Scout Association Short Term Investment Service	-	-	-	-	-
Cash/Floats	2,623	-	-	2,623	483
<b>Total cash funds</b>	<b>79,898</b>	<b>600</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>80,498</b>	<b>82,294</b>
<b>Other monetary assets</b>					
Tax claim	-	-	-	-	-
Debts due from the County/Area/District/Group	-	-	-	-	-
Insurance claim	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Investment assets</b>					
Investment property - detail	-	-	-	-	-
Quoted investments	99,584	-	-	99,584	96,120
Other investments - detail	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>99,584</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>99,584</b>	<b>96,120</b>
<b>Non monetary assets for charity's own use</b>					
Badge stock	-	-	-	-	-
Shop stock	-	-	-	-	-
Other stock	-	-	-	-	-
Land and buildings	-	-	-	-	-
Motor vehicles	-	-	-	-	-
Scouting equipment, furniture etc	-	-	-	-	-
Other	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Liabilities</b>					
Accounts not yet paid	-	-	-	-	-
Expenses incurred but not invoiced	-	-	-	-	-
Subscriptions not yet paid	-	-	-	-	-
Loan - detail	-	-	-	-	-
Other liabilities	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>179,482</b>	<b>600</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>180,082</b>	<b>178,414</b>

The above receipts and payments account and statement of assets and liabilities were approved by the Trustees on 25th September 2024

Signature  


Print Name  
 Stuart Whittaker, Chair  
 Neil Truby, Group Treasurer

**Independent examiner's report to the trustees of 3<sup>rd</sup> Taunton (Bishops Lydeard) Scout Group**

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Taunton (Bishops Lydeard) Scout Group for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 2024.

**Responsibilities and basis of report**

As the charity trustees of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Taunton (Bishops Lydeard) Scout Group you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').

I report in respect of my examination of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Taunton (Bishops Lydeard) Scout Group accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

**Independent examiner's statement**

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

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Taunton (Bishops Lydeard) Scout Group as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records.

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

Signed:



Name: Jodie Farkas ACA

Address: 18 Ashgrove Way, Bridgwater, Somerset, TA6 4UB

Date:

26/09/2024

**3RD TAUNTON (BISHOPS LYDEARD) SCOUT GROUP**

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# Accounts

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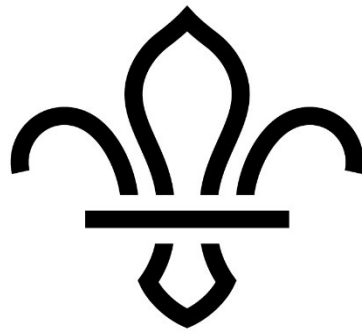
**3<sup>rd</sup> Taunton**  
**(Bishops Lydeard)**  
**Scout Group**

**Annual Report 2022 – 2023**



***From Little Acorns Mighty Oak Trees grow.....***

# Scouts



## 3<sup>rd</sup> Taunton (Bishops Lydeard) Scout Group

### Annual General Meeting

Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> June 2023 at 6pm

### Agenda

- GSL Welcome and Introductions
- Apologies
- Approval of Minutes of 2022 AGM
- Matters arising
- Group Annual Report by GSL
- Approval of Annual Report
- Financial Report by Treasurer
- Approval of Treasurer's Report
- GSL's nomination of Trustee Chairperson
- Election of Trustees
  - Chair: Stuart Whittaker
  - Treasurer: Neil Truby
  - Secretary: Sam Blease
  - Other Member: Jonathan Littlewood
- Agree quorum for Trustees Meetings
- Agree Maintenance Team numbers, and quorum
- Agree Development Team numbers, and quorum
- Approve GSL Nomination of President
- Ratify appointment of independent Examiner for the coming year
- Review and Agree the Wyvern Explorer Scout Partnership agreement.
- Invitation to District Staff to speak
- Presentations
- Any Other Business
- Close meeting

### 3<sup>RD</sup> TAUNTON (BISHOPS LYDEARD) SCOUT GROUP

Minutes of Annual General Meeting held on Monday 18<sup>th</sup> July 2022 at the Hut 7.30 p.m.

Charlie Back (Group President) opened the meeting and welcomed everyone to the evening.

**Apologies:** Jonathan, Gill and Abi Littlewood, Duncan Biddulph (District Rep), Ross Parkman, Sophie Mitchell (Parent)

Yvonne Back welcomed everyone and thanked all leaders for their continued hard work and congratulated the Group for the introduction of its Squirrels Section.

**Previous Minutes 2020:** Yvonne Back requested that the previous minutes for 2021 be accepted

Approved: by all present

Neil Truby thanked Sam Blease for her continued support of the minute taking.

**Group Annual Report:** Jana Truby had sent out the report via email and some paper copies were given out to those present. Jana Truby thanked all the Leaders present for the year and welcomed Lucia McGuinness to her role in Beavers, and Ian Lee for his role in Scouts. Jana Truby also thanked all the Young Leaders this year who have all gone above and beyond what was expected of them.

**Treasurers Report:** Neil Truby has produced the accounts and these have been accepted by the Trustees, and approved by our External Examiner

We have had 2 years of Covid and financially the Group has done well financially, with the continued renting from Green Days and various grants from the Government. Full subs were charged with the exception of one month, but we received a small rebate because of COVID from Somerset County Scouts, and did not have to pay County for Squirrels in this financial year. The Group made a deficit of around £8,000 but this was mainly due to the purchase of the minibus, a one-off cost of £24,600. The Group is financially in a very fortunate position with investments/cash/assets totalling around £160,000.

Approved: Martin Smith Seconded Chris Kurton

Jana Truby mentioned about the new set up for an Explorer Group which will be run at the Hut.

Executive Committee to agree subs – approved Val Lambert Seconded Yvonne Back

#### **Elections:**

Jana Truby nominated Yvonne Back as chair for another year. Yvonne agreed

Neil Truby honoured to continue as treasurer

Sam Blease happily agreed to continue her role as minute taker

Quarter Master - Paul Blease

Assistant QM – Tom Luckhurst

Maintenance - Martin Smith

Safety Officer – Stuart Whittaker

Val Lambert – Leader Representative / Andy Coleman

Parent Rep – Scouts Ross Parkman

Parent Rep – Cubs Vacant

Parent Rep – Beavers Vacant

Parent Rep – Squirrels Vacant

All persons submitted to the Charity. Sam Blease and Charlie Black will not be reappointed as Trustee.

Neil Truby proposed Seconded Stuart Whittaker

**District Staff:** As no official representative from District was available Dave Humphrey (District Beaver Leader) stepped up to say a few words. Dave advised that the District now had a new leadership team with split roles which was working well. Jana Truby wanted to pass on thanks to the whole of the District Team.

**Presentations:** Sam Blease was presented with a "Good Service Award" for all the hard work that she does in the background for the whole Group. Jonathan Littlewood was also nominated for a Good Service Award as well.

Ben Blease and Lillie Blease were presented with a Thank You card from the Group for their tireless efforts this year which has not gone unnoticed. All of the Young Leaders not present have been presented with Thank You cards as well.

**Any Other Business:** Chris Kurton thanked Martin Smith and Paul Blease for an excellent job on the new floor in the hut. No other business arose so the meeting was closed by Yvonne Back who thanked everyone for their attendance.

# **Group Scout Leader's Report**



Bishops Lydeard Scout Group has had another great year! We have been able to offer a full, exciting and challenging programme across all sections, equipping our children with 'Skills for Life', as you will see from the Section Reports.

I would like to thank all our Leaders and Helpers for their hard work and dedication. We have an amazing team of Leaders in all sections as I am sure you would agree. As always we do need more adult help in our Sections, especially in Cubs and Beavers. If you think you could help in any way please let me know. Without these Leaders, who are all volunteers, we would be unable to offer such a successful level of Scouting activities.

Our Leaders are supported by Young Leaders helping across all Sections. Young Leaders are an important part of our Sections, sharing their knowledge and experiences in Scouting with the younger members of our Group. This year has seen two of our young leaders, Abi and Ben, turn 18 and become full Leaders, which is a huge bonus for the Group

We welcomed a new District Explorers Section based at Bishops Lydeard. This has been a great success with Scouts from local Scout Troops able to join and participate when they reach age 14.

All of our Sections are full, each with a waiting list. The Waiting List for Cubs exceeds 20. Therefore, from September 2023 we will be opening a new Cub Section in the Cotford Community Centre, meeting on Wednesday evenings. Stuart Whittaker will be leading this Section, and taking on the role of Akela, more details will follow shortly.

Finally, thank you to those on the Executive Committee, who have worked quietly behind the scenes ensuring the maintenance of the hut and grounds and enabling safe Scouting. I would especially like to thank Yvonne Back, stepping down as our Chair after a number of years of calm leadership. Yvonne has dedicated decades of her time and effort to our Group: prior to being Chair she fulfilled many roles, including Section Leader, and for many years as Group Scout Leader.

As part of a wider Scouting programme to streamline governance, the Group's Executive Committee is to be replaced from the date of this meeting by a smaller teams, viz a Board of Trustees; a Maintenance Support group, and a Development Group:

- The Trustees will be responsible for the Finance and governance of the Scout Group.
- The Maintenance support team will be responsible for the day to day running of the site inside and out.
- The Development Team will be responsible for the development of larger projects.

If you can help either by supporting Section meetings or behind the scenes, even just very occasionally and irregularly, PLEASE let me know!!!

**Jana Truby**  
**(Group Scout Leader)**  
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# Squirrels

## Squirrels report

We have been running our Squirrel Scout Section for nearly 2 years now, and a number of our Squirrels have moved up to Beavers. Our Squirrels have achieved many badges and some have achieved their Acorn Challenge Award, which is the highest level badge that a Squirrel can achieve.



Squirrels have completed many exciting activities including, hikes, den building, making bird feeders and many campfires. We took part in the District Squirrel Fun Day at Huish Woods earlier in the Spring, where we joined Squirrels from all around Blackdown District. We hiked in the Quantocks and visited the fire station.



I would like to especially thank our 3 Leaders and 3 Young Leaders all of whom have run the Section with great enthusiasm and dedication. We would also like to thank the parents and grandparents who stay each week to help. Between us we make a great team!

A big Thank You to everyone for your continued support in this amazing Section.

Jana (Squirrel)

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# BEAVERS

## Bishops Lydeard Beavers report Riverside Beavers Woodland Beavers

It has been another fabulous year for Beavers at Bishops Lydeard. As always, we have been spending as much time outside as possible.

Our varied programme of weekly activities plus occasional weekend events really does give all the young people an opportunity carry out some varied tasks and give them an opportunity to do something new and different to what would usually occur at school.



Some of the activities we have done this year include:

- For the first time in around 5 years, beavers have been able to do Archery at BL Scout Hut (thanks to Akela co-hosting with Otter when they were Archery GB accredited)
- A hike at Willett Hill and Tower (a first for many of us, including several leaders/parent helpers)
- Chinese New Year celebrations
- Orienteering around Vivary Park
- Ten Pin Bowling
- Spanish night
- Fizzy Fun
- Trip to AirHop and sleepover at the Scout Hut

We are all very much looking forward to another year ahead. The next main event of the year coming up is District Beaver Camp at Huish Woods on 10/11<sup>th</sup> June – Circus Themed – activities included slip n slide, circus skills, popcorn making, obstacle course, campfire, wake & shake, and wide game to name but a few.

This year have just reached the end of the 2-year programme which we rolled out in 2021/22. This has worked extremely well (there's always room for improvement as we have not done it before). This have enabled all the leaders to plan a programme that is focussed but remains flexible, and exciting to aim to get as many young people as possible to achieve their Bronze Chief Scout Award by the end of their time at Beavers.

Riverside are currently operating at 18 out of 20

Woodland are currently operating at 17 out of 20

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the Leaders and parent support for the past year, without all of you combined, we would not be able to run such a varied and wide-ranging array of activities for the young people – Otter 😊

As with all sections we have had a few leaders join however we beginning to struggle with leaders in both Monday and Thursday sections (by September we urgently need leaders in both Colonies) so if you wish to join the leadership team, even if it is only occasionally (it does not have to be every week) please speak with Otter or Jana.

**Otter and all the BL Beaver Leaders.**

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# Oak Cub Pack report



Firstly as always I would like to thank my amazing team of Leaders and Young Leaders without whom I would not be able to run such a wonderful section, especially following the closure of Acorn Pack, increasing our numbers considerably.

We have been very fortunate over the last 12 months to be able to enjoy some really exciting activities in our programme with many more to come until the end of this term.

We finally managed our sleepover at FlipOut which was a huge success.

We were lucky enough to visit a farm and milk the cows and then have a swing in the hay barn.



We attended County Cub Day at The Wild Place Bristol

We made some natural pictures

And lastly we did our chefs badge with vegetable sushi and chicken stir fry.



**Bishops Lydeard Oak Pack**  
**Arkela (Paul)**  
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## Bishops Lydeard Scout Troop Report

Our Scout Troop has had an exciting year with a full and challenging programme. We have completed many 'Scouting' activities including pioneering, fire building, kayaking, first aid, hiking, orienteering, archery, shooting, axe throwing, backwards cooking and more. We attended the Water Camp at Brompton Ralph and had a fun Halloween Camp at Huish Woods. The older Scout completed an Expedition Challenge, hiking from Chepstow Castle over the Bridge to Woodhouse Scout Camp.



Easter brought us the amazing Taunton Gang show with one of our members performing. The Scouts went to watch and to support and it was a great show.

We had number of day trips, including Taunton Pride last summer to experience diversity and equality in society, and we hope to attend again this year; and the Fleet air arm Museum, where we saw Concorde. Some of our Scouts also took part in the Exmoor Challenge a 16 mile hike across the Moors.

We are looking forward to our first Summer Camp for many years in August.

What a great year, and above all the Scouts have proved to be a strong team supporting each other in all they do. It is with sadness we have lost Val as Section Leader this year, and we thank her sincerely for all her hard work over the years. We have been joined by James, Neil, Marve, and Ben has become a leader now he has turned 18, so we still have a strong leadership team to support our young people and help them

to shine.

### **Scout Leaders**

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# **Group Treasurer's Report Financial Year 2022/24**

## **General**

This was the first full year of activities since the COVID restrictions began in 2020. Member numbers overall since 2020 are up slightly, from 99 to 110, but within this are two important stories: since COVID we have started a Squirrels Section, and we have reduced the two Cubs sections down to one.

This year was the first in which we have had to pay District, County and National Scouting subscriptions for our Squirrels. Nonetheless, per draft accounts, in the course of the year the Group made a surplus on its activities of £16,200.

The Scout Group is a registered charity and such is its level of income that is required both by Scout Association and Charity Commission rules to have its accounts independently examined by a competent person. Our examiner of the past 6 years, Tim Salmon, has stepped down and (subject to approval by the AGM) we have appointed a new one, Jodie Higgins, from a local firm of accountants. Jodie is kindly donating her time for free. She has not had time to familiarise herself fully with our Group and its systems in time for the AGM, and so the accounts presented are in draft form and subject to amendment following her examination.

The Group has built up substantial reserves, somewhat in excess of what, per Trustee policy, is required as contingency. The Trustees do have plans in this coming year to investigate how these reserves can best be deployed for the good of the Group, and ideas under consideration include renovation/rebuilding of the Scout Hut, which is showing its age in places; a boiler upgrade; and an upgrade of the ageing 16-year-old white minibus whose specifications make it unlikely that anyone under the age of 43 can drive it without a special passenger vehicle licence.

## **Income**

Key points:

- We charged full subscriptions for every month in the financial year except for August 2022. Our net subscription revenue was £9,474 (FY2022 net revenue: £8,108).
- It should be noted that, starting in 2022, the subscriptions collected include for the first those of the Wyvern Explorers Group. Although the Explorers Group is actually a part of Blackdown District Scouts, the Trustees of Bishops Lydeard Scout Group has agreed to manage its finances.
- Our rental income from Scout Groups, and from local adult activity group Green Days, totalled £19,620 (FY2022 revenue: £14,944; FY2020 revenue: £18,458).
- Total income for the year was £45,447 (FY2022 revenue: £41,633; FY2020 revenue: £41,120).

## **Expenditure**

- Spending on scouting activities was £17,423 (FY2022: £37,288, but the 2022 figure includes purchase of a new(ish) minibus for £24,600).
- Overheads for the year were £11,815 (FY2022: £12,458).

In total the Group made a net surplus of £16,209 for the year (FY2022: deficit of £8,113, although without the minibus purchase, FY2022 would have shown a surplus of £16,847).

## **Cash and investment balances**

Balances as at 31<sup>st</sup> March 2023 were:

<b>Description</b>	<b>Amount (£)</b>
Bank Accounts	4,036
Building Society Accounts	77,775

The Scout Group has had for many years an equity investment portfolio built up from legacies down the years. At 31<sup>st</sup> March 2023 its estimated value was £96,120

## **Summary**

The Group remains well-placed financially, with modest surpluses projected for subsequent years (absent any capital purchases), and significant reserves to fall back upon if needed.

Neil Truby

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## 3rd Taunton (Bishops Lydeard) Scout Group Receipts and Payments Account

	Year start date		Year end date
For the year from	01/04/2022	To	31/03/2023

### Receipts and payments

	2022/23				2021/22
	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total funds	Total funds
	£	£	£	£	£
<b>Receipts</b>					
<b>Donations, legacies and similar income</b>					
Membership subscriptions	16,583			16,583	14,507
Less: Membership subscriptions paid ON (National/County/Area/District) enter figures with a	-7,109			-7,109	-6,489
Net membership subscriptions retained	9,474			9,474	8,018
Donations	81			81	14,909
Legacies					
Gift Aid	6,424			6,424	0
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>15,979</b>			<b>15,979</b>	<b>22,927</b>
<b>Grants</b>					
Maintenance grant					
Other grants					
<b>Sub total</b>					
<b>Scouting Activities</b>					
Bags2School/Archery/Teas	0			0	467
Minibus	2,011			2,011	408
Other Activity Income	6,810			6,810	2,657
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>8,821</b>			<b>8,821</b>	<b>3,532</b>
<b>Investment income</b>					
Bank interest					
Building Society interest	898	2		900	230
The Scout Association Short Term Investment Service					
Property Rent income	19,620			19,620	14,944
Other income	127			127	
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>20,645</b>	<b>2</b>		<b>20,647</b>	<b>15,174</b>
<b>Total Gross Income</b>	<b>45,445</b>	<b>2</b>		<b>45,447</b>	<b>41,633</b>
<b>Asset and investment sales, etc.</b>					
<b>Total receipts</b>	<b>45,445</b>	<b>2</b>		<b>45,447</b>	<b>41,633</b>

## 3rd Taunton (Bishops Lydeard) Scout Group Receipts and Payments Account

	Year start date		Year end date
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### Receipts and payments

	2022/23			2021/22	
	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Endowment funds £	Total funds £	Total funds £
<b>Payments</b>					
Charitable Payments					
Youth programme and activities					
Adult support and training					
Cleaning Costs	403			403	169
Light, Power, Heating, Water	2,802			2,802	3,060
Insurance	1,111			1,111	1,072
Repairs and Renewals	1,070			1,070	5,917
IT Software and Consumables	815			815	547
Printing, Postage, Stationery	261			261	151
Banking and Investment Costs	31			31	5
Scouting and Scout Hut Equipment	505			505	199
Legal and Accountancy Costs	2,981			2,981	100
Rates	195			195	334
Advertising and Marketing	116			116	116
General Expenses	555			555	227
Donations	279	26		305	561
Training	665			665	0
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>11,789</b>	<b>26</b>		<b>11,815</b>	<b>12,458</b>
<b>Fundraising expenses</b>					
Minibus Costs	3,519			3,519	26,007
Other Activities costs	13,904			13,904	11,281
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>17,423</b>			<b>17,423</b>	<b>37,288</b>
<b>Total Gross Expenditure</b>	<b>29,212</b>	<b>26</b>		<b>29,238</b>	<b>49,746</b>
<b>Asset and investment purchases, etc.</b>					
<b>Total payments</b>	<b>29,212</b>	<b>26</b>		<b>29,238</b>	<b>49,746</b>
<b>Net of receipts/(payments)</b>	<b>16,233</b>	<b>-24</b>		<b>16,209</b>	<b>-8,113</b>
<b>Transfers between funds</b>					
<b>Cash funds last year end</b>	<b>66,089</b>			<b>66,088</b>	<b>74,201</b>
<b>Cash funds this year end</b>	<b>82,322</b>	<b>-24</b>		<b>82,298</b>	<b>66,088</b>

## Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the year

	31st Mar 2023			31st Mar 2022	
	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total funds	Total funds
	£	£	£	£	£
<b>Cash funds</b>					
Bank current account	3,270	766	-	4,036	3,698
NS&I			-	-	
Building society account	77,775		-	77,775	61,884
The Scout Association Short Term Investment Service			-	-	
Cash/Floats	483		-	483	506
PayPal	5		-	5	-
<b>Total cash funds</b>	<b>81,528</b>	<b>766</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>82,294</b>	<b>66,088</b>
<b>Other monetary assets</b>					
Tax claim	-	-	-	-	-
Debts due from the County/Area/District/Group	-	-	-	-	-
Insurance claim	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Investment assets</b>					
Investment property - detail	-	-	-	-	-
Quoted investments	96,120	-	-	96,120	105,988
Other investments - detail	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>96,120</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>96,120</b>	<b>105,988</b>
<b>Non monetary assets for charity's own use</b>					
Badge stock	-	-	-	-	-
Shop stock	-	-	-	-	-
Other stock	-	-	-	-	-
Land and buildings	-	-	-	-	-
Motor vehicles	-	-	-	-	-
Scouting equipment, furniture etc	-	-	-	-	-
Other	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Liabilities</b>					
Accounts not yet paid	-	-	-	-	-
Expenses incurred but not invoiced	-	-	-	-	-
Subscriptions not yet paid	-	-	-	-	-
Loan - detail	-	-	-	-	-
Other liabilities	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>177,648</b>	<b>766</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>178,414</b>	<b>172,076</b>

The above receipts and payments account and statement of assets and liabilities were approved by the Trustees on Wed 29th June 2022.

	Signature		Print Name
			Yvonne Back, Chair
			Neil Truby, Group Treasurer

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<b>Transfers between funds</b>					
<b>Cash funds last year end</b>	<b>66,089</b>			<b>66,088</b>	<b>74,201</b>
<b>Cash funds this year end</b>	<b>82,322</b>	<b>-24</b>		<b>82,298</b>	<b>66,088</b>

# Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the year

				31st Mar 2023	31st Mar 2022
	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total funds	Total funds
	£	£	£	£	£
<b>Cash funds</b>					
Bank current account	3,270	766	-	4,036	3,698
NS&I			-	-	
Building society account	77,775		-	77,775	61,884
The Scout Association Short Term Investment Service			-	-	
Cash/Floats	483		-	483	506
PayPal	5		-	5	-
<b>Total cash funds</b>	<b>81,528</b>	<b>766</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>82,294</b>	<b>66,088</b>
<b>Other monetary assets</b>					
Tax claim	-	-	-	-	-
Debts due from the County/Area/District/Group					
Insurance claim	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Investment assets</b>					
Investment property - detail	-	-	-	-	-
Quoted investments	96,120	-	-	96,120	105,988
Other investments - detail	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>96,120</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>96,120</b>	<b>105,988</b>
<b>Non monetary assets for charity's own use</b>					
Badge stock	-	-	-	-	-
Shop stock	-	-	-	-	-
Other stock	-	-	-	-	-
Land and buildings	-	-	-	-	-
Motor vehicles	-	-	-	-	-
Scouting equipment, furniture etc	-	-	-	-	-
Other	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Liabilities</b>					
Accounts not yet paid					
Expenses incurred but not invoiced	-	-	-	-	-
Subscriptions not yet paid	-	-	-	-	-
Loan - detail					
Other liabilities	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
Total Assets	177,648	766	-	178,414	172,076

The above receipts and payments account and statement of assets and liabilities were approved by the Trustees on Wed 29th June 2022.

Signature	Print Name
	Stuart Whittaker, Chair
	Neil Truby, Group Treasurer

## Independent examiner's report to the trustees of 3<sup>rd</sup> Taunton (Bishops Lydeard) Scout Group

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I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the 3rd Taunton (Bishops Lydeard) Scout Group for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 2023

### Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees of the 3rd Taunton (Bishops Lydeard) Scout Group you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').

I report in respect of my examination of the 3rd Taunton (Bishops Lydeard) Scout Group accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

### Independent examiner's statement

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

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the 3rd Taunton (Bishops Lydeard) Scout Group as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records.

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

Signed:



Name: Jodie Higgins ACA

Address: 18 Ashgrove Way, Bridgwater, Somerset, TA6 4UB

Date: 28/07/2023

**3RD TAUNTON (BISHOPS LYDEARD) SCOUT GROUP**

England & Wales - Charity number 289989

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# Accounts

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# 3<sup>rd</sup> Taunton (Bishops Lydeard) Scout Group

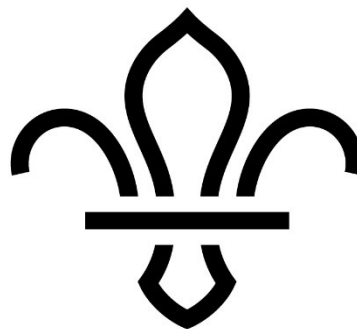
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*From little acorns mighty Oak Trees grow.....*



# Scouts



## 3<sup>rd</sup> Taunton (Bishops Lydeard) Scout Group

### Annual General Meeting

Monday 18<sup>th</sup> July 2022

### Agenda

- President to open the meeting
- Chairperson's welcome
- Apologies
- Approval of Minutes of 2021 AGM
- Group Annual Report
- Approval of Annual Report
- Treasurer's Report
- Approval of Treasurer's Report
- Approval of District Explorer Scout Agreement
- GSL's nomination of Group Chairperson (Yvonne Back)
- Election of Executive Committee

Treasurer: Neil Truby

Secretary: Vacant post

Other Members:

Quarter Master: Paul Blease

Assistant QM: Tom Luckhurst

Minutes Secretary: Sam Blease

Safety Officer: Stuart Whittaker

Co-opted: Jonathon Littlewood

Maintenance: Martin Smith (Marv)

Leaders: Val Lambert

Parent Rep Scouts: Ross Parkman

Parent Rep Cubs: Andrew Coleman Parent Rep Bvrs: Vacant

(the names above to be submitted to the Charity Commission for England and Wales as the Trustees of our Charity)

- Invitation to District Staff to speak
- Presentations
- Any Other Business

### **3<sup>RD</sup> TAUNTON (BISHOPS LYDEARD) SCOUT GROUP**

Minutes of Annual General Meeting held on Monday 27<sup>th</sup> September 2021 at the Hut 7.30 p.m.

Charlie Back (Group President) opened the meeting and welcomed everyone to the evening.

**Apologies:** Sally Hawkins, John Wattam, Vicki Sellick, Laura Lanning, James Burnell

Yvonne Back welcomed everyone and thanked all leaders, parents and Jacqui Newton (ADBL) for their continued support.

**Previous Minutes 2020:** Jana Truby (GSL) requested that the previous minutes for 2020 be accepted

Approved: by all present

**Matters Arising:** Jana Truby requested approval of the Constitution

Approved: Previously by Exec Committee and all present at AGM

**Group Annual Report:** Jana Truby had sent out report via email and some paper copies were given out to those present.

**Treasurers Report:** Neil Truby explained there had been little in the way of Scouting over the previous extraordinary year. Subs were down considerably and even though capitation remained at full cost we made a net profit of about £32.00. We had no external bookings but we continued to receive rent from Green Days. Grants were received due to Covid from Somerset West & Taunton for £10,000, Coop £2,500 and a small grant from The Matthew Wrightston Trust.

There was a big spend during the year on a newish minibus.

The Exec Committee have agreed to hold the price of subs at £13.00.

Yvonne Back thanked Neil for his continued hard work as Treasurer.

#### **Elections:**

Jana Truby nominated Yvonne Back as chair for another year. Yvonne agreed.

Neil Truby honoured to continue as treasurer.

Sam Blease happily agreed to continue her role as minute taker but if there is anyone else leader / parent who would like to take on this role please let us know.

More parent representatives would be welcome.

All other members were approved.

Quarter Master: Paul Blease

Assistant QM: Tom Luckhurst

Safety Officer: Stuart Whittaker

Co-opted: Jonathon Littlejohn

Maintenance: Martin Smith

Leaders: Val Lambert, Andy Coleman,

Parent Rep Scouts: Ross Parkman

Parent Rep Cubs: Vacant

Parent Rep Beavers: Vacant

Jana Truby thanked Gill Littlewood for taking on the role of Bookings Coordinator.

**District Staff:** Jacqui Newton attended on behalf of Pam Gaines and thanked everyone for their kind invitation to attend this evening. Discussions at District level agree that Bishops Lydeard are thriving and congratulations to all for this achievement. She thanked everyone for their continued support and hard work in achieving such an amazing group.

**Presentations:** Jacqui Newton presented Abigail Littlewood with a Commissioners Award, Val Lambert and Andy Coleman for their Wood Badges.

Jana Truby then presented Abbie and Richard Cook gifts for their dedicated service to the group over the years and thanked them both for everything they had done.

Badges were also presented to Ben Blease and Abigail Littlewood for their Bronze Duke of Edinburgh Award.

#### **Any Other Business:**

A big thank you from the whole group to be passed on to Newbury for their recent work on the hut and Yvonne will pass this on.

Jana Truby advised that Squirrels will be starting in November. There are currently 20 children enrolled and 6 on the waiting list. We have been awarded a £500 grant to set this up as Bishops Lydeard falls into the "deprived" areas category.

Yvonne thanked the Young Leaders for providing tea and biscuits and the meeting was brought to a close.

## **Group President's Report**

I have had a long association with Bishops Lydeard Group and am proud to be your President. It has been a strange two or three years for all of us but from a more laid-back role I have been well impressed with how the leaders (and children!) have coped with the modern technology and the lack of physical meetings with others....it feels like it is in the past now (and I hope it is) but I would like to pay tribute to the effort it took to hold this wonderful Scout group together through that strange period.

Although my connections with the youngsters is very minimal, I do enjoy hearing of their many achievements and I wish all of you as much pleasure in your Scouting career as I had in my younger days.

Charlie Back

## **Group Chairperson's Report**

It is quite a while now since my last report for an AGM and I have had time to reflect on the progress made over the last couple of years.

Despite the lack of lettings (especially in the summer months) we have a healthy bank balance and are able to consider more major improvements to the Groups assets...maybe even a new minibus but whatever is decided we have very competent people making the decisions on behalf of your children.

I believe that we have some of the best leaders of any group in the Taunton area and I would like to extend my thanks and good wishes to them all (whatever their role or involvement because Scouting is all about sharing the load and helping each other. If I have any 'disappointment' in the Group it is the lack of interest of some parents in attending the AGM. It is such a small thing for each of you to support your amazing and hard working, generous and special leaders this is one occasion when you can show your appreciation just by attending!! I will hope this is the year when there is standing room only for visiting parents!!

Whether you are able to attend or not (we will still be there) I would like to wish leaders, parents and youngsters another fabulous year of Scouting with all the varied activities that are organized and carried out. Without you all we would not be one of the best groups in the District!

**Just remember that from little acorns, mighty oaks are grown!!**

Yvonne Back





After a difficult time through the pandemic we have been able to return to Scouting with full, exciting and challenging programmes across all sections. It has been great to see most of our leaders returning and a few new ones joining us. As always, our leaders provided plenty of exciting and varied activities providing your children with 'Skills for Life', as you will see from the Section Reports.

I would like to thank all our leaders and helpers for their hard work and dedication. We have an amazing team of Leaders in all sections as I am sure you would all agree. All Leaders complete training every year on all aspects of Scouting including First Aid, safeguarding, programme planning, camping. Without these leaders who are all volunteers we would not be able to offer such a successful level of Scouting activities. As always we need more adult help and if you think can help in any way please let me know.

Our Leaders are supported by Young Leaders helping across all sections. Young Leaders are an important part of our sections sharing their knowledge and experiences in Scouting with the younger members of our group. I have been particularly impressed with our Young Leaders this year and I would like to personally thank them for all their hard work.

All Sections are full, with a large waiting list. Our new Squirrels has proved very popular and has been a huge success. Our two Beaver Sections go from strength to strength and David Humphrey (Otter) has supported both Beaver Colonies through the year. Our Cub sections have had an exciting year, Paul (Akela) not only runs a great section but is also our Quartermaster, keeping control of all our kit. It is with sadness that we have decided to close Acorn Cubs on a Friday. We have struggled over the last few years to retain leaders and Cubs on a Friday evening. Stuart and James have run a great section and I am thrilled that they are going to move up to help the Scout team. Our Scout team are going from strength to strength with Val at the helm. She runs a fabulous Scout section with a team of great leaders.

I am very excited to announce that there will be a new District Explorers Section based at Bishops Lydeard in September. This will be a district section with young people and leaders joining us from Wiveliscombe and Staple Grove.

This year we have appointed 2 new roles, Bookings Secretary (Gill Littlewood) and Badge Secretary (Emma Wrayford). Both are doing a fantastic job.

Finally, thank you to those on the Executive Committee, who work quietly behind the scenes ensuring the maintenance of the hut and grounds enabling safe scouting.

The Executive Committee meets 3 or 4 times a year to ensure that we run an efficient and successful Scout Group, and liases outside these times through email and Zoom. Each Section should have at least one parent on the Exec, so if you are interested in joining us please, please, PLEASE let me know!!!

**Jana Truby**  
**(Group Scout Leader)**  
[gsl@bishopslydeardscouts.org.uk](mailto:gsl@bishopslydeardscouts.org.uk)



## Maintenance Report

As always there is ongoing maintenance at the hut, we are still having problems with the boiler. The Main project this year has been the replacement of the hall floor. We had a tidy up day for both the inside and outside of the hut. The support from parents was disappointing but a big thank you to the 2 parents and man leaders who helped. The old pond was removed and replaced with a compost area. If you would like to be part of our maintenance team or can help occasionally please let us know.

Marv and Paul

[Maintenance@bishopslydeardscouts.org.uk](mailto:Maintenance@bishopslydeardscouts.org.uk)

## Quartermaster Report

The past year has been a quiet one until recently. We have now had 3 camps within the Group and a few requests for equipment outside of the Group. I am certainly being kept busy now trying to keep up with requests, maintaining the site and checking the minibuses constantly. We have purchased a few new items and still in the process of going through the old which is a huge job in itself. The plan is to eventually move everything out of the container including the shelving and make this a unit whereby anyone can access for things like the tables and chairs and equipment requests that have been made for visiting groups. The Guides will be bringing their equipment to us for storing in the near future as well. Unfortunately, this doesn't leave us much space until things are finally sorted out.

Paul

[QM@bishopslydeardscouts.org.uk](mailto:QM@bishopslydeardscouts.org.uk)

## Safety Officer Report September

We now have a defibrillator just inside the main entrance at the hut. It has a projected battery life of 5 years and is registered with the Ambulance Service Network. The cabinet is not locked but is useful to protect the device from accidental damage.

Instructions are inside the cabinet but to a large extent it is self-service, it measures heart activity and talks to the operator about what to do.

All asbestos that was being stored securely has now been removed by an approved contractor and we have the transfer of waste notice. We also have an asbestos management plan should any works be needed on the hut in the future.

Stuart (Bagheera)

[Safety@bishopslydeardscouts.org.uk](mailto:Safety@bishopslydeardscouts.org.uk)

## Bookings Secretary

We rent our hut out to Green Days, Monday to Friday during term times and to other Guide and Scout Groups during school holidays and weekends. The hut/site is booked (and creating an income) 20 July to 20 Aug including 1 group visiting from Manchester, and so far 2 weekends in Sept and 1 in Oct.

Gill Littlewood

[bookings@bishopslydeardscouts.org.uk](mailto:bookings@bishopslydeardscouts.org.uk)



# Squirrels

## Squirrels report

It was with great excitement we opened our Squirrel Scout section last November. One of our first outings was the Remembrance Parade in Bishops Lydeard. Later in the year they made us all feel very proud as they marched with other Scout Groups and Guides from the district through Taunton Town Centre for St George's Day.

Squirrels have completed many exciting activities at the hut including, den building, making bird houses, celebrating Eid and the Queens Jubilee. We went on many trips including caving at Huish Woods, gardening at Combe Florey Village Garden. Hiking in the Quantocks.

We have 2 Leaders and 2 Young Leaders all of whom have run the Section with enthusiasm and dedication. We would also like to thank the parents and grandparents who stay each week to help. Between us we make a great team.



A big Thank you to everyone for your support in establishing this amazing Section.



Jana (Squirrel)  
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## **Bishops Lydeard Beavers report** **Riverside Beavers** **Woodland Beaver**

It's been great to have a full year of back to normal programming, spending as much time outside as possible.

Our varied programme of weekly activities, plus occasional weekend events, really does give all the young people an opportunity carry out varied tasks/activities and give them an opportunity to do something new and different to what would usually occur at school.

Some of the activities we have done this year include:

- A hike of the Quantock Hills;
- Chinese New Year celebrations.
- Practicing our marching ahead of St. George's Parade in Taunton;
- A farm visit to see the lambs
- A trip to Clip N Climb Exeter, followed by a sleepover in the Scout Hut at HQ
- A hike at Fyne Court
- District Beaver Camp at Huish Woods – Wild West Themed – activities included slip n slide, soft archery, grass sledging, popcorn making, headdresses, campfire, pony express wide game.



This year saw the introduction of a 2-year programme. This has enabled all the leaders to plan a programme that is focussed but remains flexible, and exciting to aim to get as many young people as possible to achieve their Bronze Chief Scout Award by the end of their time at Beavers. We are just finishing the end of year one and so far it seems to be working well and does keep down the planning time required by the leaders.

There have been several Bronze Chief Scout Awards achieved this year which is an amazing feat as it's the highest award possible within Beavers.

As with all sections we have had several leavers and joiners both from the Leadership team and the Young People. In particular, I would like to thank: Andy Coleman, Laura Lanning, and Jo Weaver for their time, dedication, and enthusiasm as leaders over the past several years. I couldn't have done it without you all.

We are always keen to have new members join the leadership team (particularly in the Woodland colony on Thursdays at present) and will never turn away an offer of help.

Thank you to all the parents and guardians who attend events (especially at last minute) and ensure that we have the required adult to young person ratios. Without you, we wouldn't be able to host such amazing events for the young people of Bishops Lydeard Beavers.

We're all very much looking forward to welcoming everyone back in September for yet another fun, exciting and entertaining programme, which all the leaders are excited to have pulled together for the young people.

**Otter (David) Bishops Lydeard Woodland Beavers**  
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**Bishops Lydeard Riverside Beavers**  
[Riverside@bishopslydeardscouts.org.uk](mailto:Riverside@bishopslydeardscouts.org.uk)



## Oak Pack report



Firstly as always I would like to thank my amazing team of Leaders and Young Leaders without whom I would not be able to run such a wonderful section.

Now that we back in full swing there is not stopping us. We have been extremely active since the beginning of the year and have even just completed our long-awaited camp. We buddied up with Acorn Cubs and Wiveliscombe. This was the first time for many of our Cubs and they coped remarkably well with the addition of the awful weather. We have since heard some fantastic comments which we hope will be stored in their memories for a long time.



We also attended The County Cub Day at Crealey. The weather was much kinder for this event and fun was certainly had by all including the Leaders!!!

Badge work so far has included DIY making bird boxes and a great evening cycling at Longrun Meadow. We set up a blind trail for the Cubs to follow as part of the outdoor challenge badge and how to move water and of course looking forward to the end of term water fight and sausage sizzle!

**Bishops Lydeard Oak Pack**  
**Arkela (Paul)**  
[Oak@bishopslydeardscouts.org.uk](mailto:Oak@bishopslydeardscouts.org.uk)



## Acorn Cub Pack Report

It has been great to get back to a full program of events this year and we have really made the most of this - nailing badges all over the place.

Some of the highlights this year have been bowling, international baking, local history, DIY bird boxes, litter picking, orienteering, night hike, day hike, cycling and Creaely theme park...the list goes on!

It has been great to see the youngsters attempt and achieve things they have never done before. A favourite with the cubs this year was definitely building and racing go-karts in the meadow. Camp at Huish Woods in June was packed full of activities and for some of the youngsters this was their first camp away from families which was a challenge when the weather turned VERY wet. The cubs did brilliantly in the cold, wet circumstances!



Alas Acorn will no-longer exist after this term, we are amalgamating with Oak on a Tuesday, the pack will become too small to really continue with sixes effectively. All cubs who want to progress to Scouts or move to Oak will be able to do so.

A huge thank you to everyone who has helped-out this year – parents, young leaders and other leaders. We could not have done it without you. Most of all a big well done to the cubs for being so enthusiastic and fun to lead, good luck in your next adventures.

Bagheera, July 2022

**Bishops Lydeard Acorn Pack**  
**Bagheera (James) Sheer Khan (Stuart)**  
[acorn@bishopslydeardscouts.org.uk](mailto:acorn@bishopslydeardscouts.org.uk)





## **Bishops Lydeard** **Scout Troop Report**

Bishops Lydeard Scouts have had a full and exciting program. Since the beginning of the year we have used combined badge sessions with outdoor excursions and camps.

We began the year by completing our Skills badge with some bike maintenance and domestic skills. We then brushed up on our map reading skills and compass work with some outdoor hikes. A whole troop art project at the gallery in Watchet gave Beavers, Cubs and Scouts an opportunity to contribute to a sculptural artwork. This was on show in the gallery for the public to see.

Easter brought us the amazing Taunton Gangshow with one of our members performing for the first time. The Scouts went to watch and to support and it was an amazing show.

Our summer program has been full of outdoor fun; hikes, axe throwing, archery, whittling and fire lighting. We visited the Vivary High ropes to face our fears and took part in the water camp at Brompton Ralph where many of our Scouts stepped up to show their true commitment to the Scouting promise. We visited Taunton Pride to experience diversity and equality in society.



What a great year and above all the Scouts have proved to be a strong team supporting each other in all they do. Our strong leadership team has supported these young people to shine. Thanks to all my team!

**Val Lambert**  
**Scout Leader**  
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# Group Treasurer's Report Financial Year 2021/22

## General

Although we began our recovery from COVID during this financial year ("FY2022"), and by the end of the year actually had (excluding our new Squirrel members) exactly the same number of members as we did before the pandemic struck, the financial year was still affected by government restrictions due to the COVID epidemic, and so reflects an unusual set of accounts.

## Income

Key points:

- We charged full subscriptions for every month in the financial year except for April and August 2021. We received a small discount on the subscriptions we are required to pay on in full to District, County and National level, with the result that our net subscription revenue was £8,108 (FY2021 net revenue: £32 (thirty-two pounds!)).
- We received COVID grants from Somerset West and Taunton Council of £13,700 and seeding funding of £500 from the scout Association to seed-fund our Squirrel Drey.
- With relatively few bookings from other Scout Groups, and but full use of our Hut from Green Days, our rental income recovered somewhat to £14,944 (FY2021 revenue: £12,482; FY2020 revenue: £18,458).
- Total income for the year was £41,632 (FY2021 revenue: £31,154; FY2020 revenue: £41,120).

## Expenditure

- Costs on scouting activities were £37,090 (FY2021: £1,772; FY2020: £12,375). The vast bulk of this is represented by the purchase of a new(ish) minibus for £24,600.
- Overheads for the year were £12,656 (FY2021: £8,614; FY2020 spend: £11,395).

In total the Group made a net loss of £8,070 for the year (FY2021: surplus of £20,768; FY2020 surplus: £17,350). Adjusting for the exceptional purchase of the minibus we would have shown a surplus for the year of £16,350.

## Cash and investment balances

Balances as at 31<sup>st</sup> March 2022 were:

Description	Amount (£)
Bank Accounts	3,698
Building Society Accounts	61,884

The Scout Group has had for many years an equity investment portfolio built up from legacies down the years. At 31<sup>st</sup> March 2022 its estimated value was £105,988.

## Summary

Despite another year for Scouting, a combination of tight management of costs by the Trustees, and a grant from government, has enabled the Group to perform adequately financially. The Group remains well-placed financially, with modest surpluses projected for subsequent years (absent any capital purchases), and significant reserves to fall back upon if needed.

Neil Truby

[treasurer@bishopslydeardscouts.org.uk](mailto:treasurer@bishopslydeardscouts.org.uk)



## 3rd Taunton (Bishops Lydeard) Scout Group Receipts and Payments Account

Year start date

Year end date

For the year from	01/04/2021	To	31/03/2022
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### Receipts and payments

	2021/22			2020/21	
	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Endowment funds £	Total funds £	Total funds £
<b>Receipts</b>					
<b>Donations, legacies and similar income</b>					
Membership subscriptions	14,507			14,507	4,957
Less: Membership subscriptions paid on <small>(National/County/Area/District) enter figures with a minus sign</small>	-6,489			-6,489	-4,925
Net membership subscriptions retained	8,018			8,018	32
Donations	14,909			14,909	12,406
Legacies					
Gift Aid	0			0	5,961
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>22,927</b>			<b>22,927</b>	<b>18,400</b>
<b>Grants</b>					
Maintenance grant					
Other grants					
<b>Sub total</b>					
<b>Scouting Activities</b>					
Bags2School/Archery/Teas	467			467	
Minibus	408			408	210
Other Activity Income	2,657			2,657	63
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>3,532</b>			<b>3,532</b>	<b>272</b>
<b>Investment income</b>					
Bank interest					
Building Society interest	230			230	212
The Scout Association Short Term Investment Service					
Property Rent income	14,944			14,944	12,270
Other investment income					
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>15,174</b>	<b>0</b>		<b>15,174</b>	<b>12,482</b>
<b>Total Gross Income</b>	<b>41,633</b>	<b>0</b>		<b>41,633</b>	<b>31,154</b>
<b>Asset and investment sales, etc.</b>					
<b>Total receipts</b>	<b>41,633</b>	<b>0</b>		<b>41,633</b>	<b>31,154</b>

## 3rd Taunton (Bishops Lydeard) Scout Group Receipts and Payments Account

Year start date

Year end date

For the year from	01/04/2021	To	31/03/2022
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### Receipts and payments

	2021/22			2020/21	
	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Endowment funds £	Total funds £	Total funds £
<b>Payments</b>					
Charitable Payments				0	
Youth programme and activities					
Adult support and training					
Cleaning Costs	169			169	463
Light, Power, Heating, Water	3,060			3,060	1,191
Insurance	1,072			1,072	1,370
Repairs and Renewals	5,917			5,917	3,251
IT Software and Consumables	547			547	436
Printing, Postage, Stationery	151			151	223
Banking and Investment Costs	5			5	-95
Scouting and Scout Hut Equipment	199			199	1,196
Legal and Accountancy Costs	100			100	
Rates	334			334	0
Advertising and Marketing	116			116	70
General Expenses	227			227	651
Donations	518	43		561	-142
Loan					
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>12,415</b>	<b>43</b>		<b>12,458</b>	<b>8,615</b>
<b>Fundraising expenses</b>					
Bags2School/Archery/Teas	0			0	0
Minibus Costs	26,007			26,007	-124
Other Activities costs	11,281			11,281	1,895
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>37,288</b>			<b>37,288</b>	<b>1,771</b>
<b>Total Gross Expenditure</b>	<b>49,703</b>	<b>43</b>		<b>49,746</b>	<b>10,386</b>
<b>Asset and investment purchases, etc.</b>					
<b>Total payments</b>	<b>49,703</b>	<b>43</b>		<b>49,746</b>	<b>10,386</b>
<b>Net of receipts/(payments)</b>	<b>-8,070</b>	<b>-43</b>		<b>-8,113</b>	<b>20,768</b>
<b>Transfers between funds</b>					
<b>Cash funds last year end</b>	<b>73,368</b>	<b>833</b>		<b>74,201</b>	<b>53,433</b>
<b>Cash funds this year end</b>	<b>65,298</b>	<b>790</b>		<b>66,088</b>	<b>74,201</b>

# Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the year

				31st Mar 2022	31st Mar 2021
	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total funds	Total funds
	£	£	£	£	£
<b>Cash funds</b>					
Bank current account	2,908	790	-	3,698	11,345
NS&I			-	-	
Building society account	61,884		-	61,884	61,654
The Scout Association Short Term Investment Service			-	-	
Cash/Floats	506		-	506	1,202
<b>Total cash funds</b>	<b>65,298</b>	<b>790</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>66,088</b>	<b>74,201</b>
<b>Other monetary assets</b>					
Tax claim	-	-	-	-	-
Debts due from the County/Area/District/Group	-	-	-	-	-
Insurance claim	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Investment assets</b>					
Investment property - detail	-	-	-	-	-
Quoted investments	105,988	-	-	105,988	102,734
Other investments - detail	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>105,988</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>105,988</b>	<b>102,734</b>
<b>Non monetary assets for charity's own use</b>					
Badge stock	-	-	-	-	-
Shop stock	-	-	-	-	-
Other stock	-	-	-	-	-
Land and buildings	-	-	-	-	-
Motor vehicles	-	-	-	-	-
Scouting equipment, furniture etc	-	-	-	-	-
Other	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Liabilities</b>					
Accounts not yet paid	-	-	-	-	-
Expenses incurred but not invoiced	-	-	-	-	-
Subscriptions not yet paid	-	-	-	-	-
Loan - detail	-	-	-	-	-
Other liabilities	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>171,286</b>	<b>790</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>172,076</b>	<b>176,935</b>

The above receipts and payments account and statement of assets and liabilities were approved by the Trustees on Wed 29th June 2022.

Signature	Print Name
	Yvonne Back, Chair
	Neil Truby, Group Treasurer

# Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the year


31st Mar 2022      31st Mar 2021

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Endowment funds £	Total funds £	Total funds £
<b>Cash funds</b>					
Bank current account	2,908	790	-	3,698	11,345
NS&I			-	-	
Building society account	61,884		-	61,884	61,654
The Scout Association Short Term Investment Service			-	-	
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<b>Other monetary assets</b>					
Tax claim	-	-	-	-	-
Debts due from the County/Area/District/Group	-	-	-	-	-
Insurance claim	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Investment assets</b>					
Investment property - detail	-	-	-	-	-
Quoted investments	105,988	-	-	105,988	102,734
Other investments - detail	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>105,988</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>105,988</b>	<b>102,734</b>
<b>Non monetary assets for charity's own use</b>					
Badge stock	-	-	-	-	-
Shop stock	-	-	-	-	-
Other stock	-	-	-	-	-
Land and buildings	-	-	-	-	-
Motor vehicles	-	-	-	-	-
Scouting equipment, furniture etc	-	-	-	-	-
Other	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Liabilities</b>					
Accounts not yet paid	-	-	-	-	-
Expenses incurred but not invoiced	-	-	-	-	-
Subscriptions not yet paid	-	-	-	-	-
Loan - detail	-	-	-	-	-
Other liabilities	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>171,286</b>	<b>790</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>172,076</b>	<b>176,935</b>

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Yvonne Back, Chair  
Neil Truby, Group Treasurer

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF THE 3<sup>RD</sup> TAUNTON  
(BISHOPS LYDEARD) SCOUT GROUP

YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022

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I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Taunton (Bishops Lydeard) Scout Group for the year ended 31 March 2022.

**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**

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:

- the accounting records were not kept in respect of the Trust as required by section 130 of the Act; or
- 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.



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18<sup>th</sup> July 2022

**3RD TAUNTON (BISHOPS LYDEARD) SCOUT GROUP**

England & Wales - Charity number 289989

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# Accounts

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## 3rd Taunton (Bishops Lydeard) Scout Group Receipts and Payments Account

Year start date

Year end date

For the year from	01/04/2020	To	31/03/2021
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### Receipts and payments

	2020/21			2019/20	
	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Endowment funds £	Total funds £	Total funds £
<b>Receipts</b>					
<b>Donations, legacies and similar income</b>					
Membership subscriptions	4,957			4,957	11,060
Less: Membership subscriptions paid on <small>(National/County/Area/District) enter figures with a minus sign</small>	-4,925			-4,925	-6,451
Net membership subscriptions retained	32			32	4,610
Donations	12,406			12,406	0
Legacies					0
Gift Aid	5,961			5,961	6,920
One-off Income (See Note 1)				0	5,211
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>18,400</b>			<b>18,400</b>	<b>16,741</b>
<b>Grants</b>					
Maintenance grant					
Other grants					
<b>Sub total</b>					
<b>Scouting Activities</b>					
Bags2School/Archery/Teas				0	191
Minibus	210			210	768
Other Activity Income	63			63	4,963
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>272</b>			<b>272</b>	<b>5,921</b>
<b>Investment income</b>					
Bank interest					
Building Society interest	212			212	344
The Scout Association Short Term Investment Service					
Property Rent income	12,270			12,270	18,115
Other investment income					
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>12,482</b>	<b>0</b>		<b>12,482</b>	<b>18,458</b>
<b>Total Gross Income</b>	<b>31,154</b>	<b>0</b>		<b>31,154</b>	<b>41,120</b>
<b>Asset and investment sales, etc.</b>					
<b>Total receipts</b>	<b>31,154</b>	<b>0</b>		<b>31,154</b>	<b>41,120</b>

## 3rd Taunton (Bishops Lydeard) Scout Group Receipts and Payments Account

Year start date

Year end date

For the year from	01/04/2020	To	31/03/2021
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### Receipts and payments

	2020/21			2019/20	
	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Endowment funds £	Total funds £	Total funds £
<b>Payments</b>					
Charitable Payments				0	19
Youth programme and activities					
Adult support and training					
Cleaning Costs	463			463	856
Light, Power, Heating, Water	1,191			1,191	2,662
Insurance	1,370			1,370	1,175
Repairs and Renewals	3,251			3,251	3,443
IT Software and Consumables	436			436	502
Printing, Postage, Stationery	223			223	51
Banking and Investment Costs	-95			-95	-497
Scouting and Scout Hut Equipment	1,196			1,196	1,398
AGM and trustee expenses					
Rates	0			0	476
Advertising and Marketing	70			70	116
General Expenses	651			651	936
Donations	-142			-142	258
Loan					
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>8,615</b>	<b>0</b>		<b>8,615</b>	<b>11,395</b>
<b>Fundraising expenses</b>					
Bags2School/Archery/Teas	0			0	1,251
Minibus Costs	-124			-124	3,277
Other Activities costs	1,895			1,895	7,848
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>1,771</b>			<b>1,771</b>	<b>12,375</b>
<b>Total Gross Expenditure</b>	<b>10,386</b>	<b>0</b>		<b>10,386</b>	<b>23,770</b>
<b>Asset and investment purchases, etc.</b>					
<b>Total payments</b>	<b>10,386</b>	<b>0</b>		<b>10,386</b>	<b>23,770</b>
<b>Net of receipts/(payments)</b>	<b>20,768</b>	<b>0</b>		<b>20,768</b>	<b>17,350</b>
<b>Transfers between funds</b>					
<b>Cash funds last year end</b>	<b>52,600</b>	<b>833</b>		<b>53,433</b>	<b>36,083</b>
<b>Cash funds this year end</b>	<b>73,368</b>	<b>833</b>		<b>74,201</b>	<b>53,433</b>

## Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the year

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	31st Mar 2021 Total funds	31st Mar 2020 Total funds
	£	£	£	£	£
<b>Cash funds</b>					
Bank current account	11,345	-	-	11,345	15,096
NS&I			-	-	-
Building society account	61,654		-	61,654	37,442
The Scout Association Short Term Investment Service			-	-	-
Cash/Floats	1,202		-	1,202	895
<b>Total cash funds</b>	<b>74,201</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>£74,201</b>	<b>53,433</b>
<b>Other monetary assets</b>					
Tax claim	-	-	-	-	-
Debts due from the County/Area/District/Group		-	-	-	
Insurance claim	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Investment assets</b>					
Investment property - detail	-	-	-	-	-
Quoted investments	102,734	-	-	102,734	85,250
Other investments - detail	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>102,734</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>102,734</b>	<b>85,250</b>
<b>Non monetary assets for charity's own use</b>					
Badge stock	-	-	-	-	-
Shop stock	-	-	-	-	-
Other stock	-	-	-	-	-
Land and buildings	-	-	-	-	-
Motor vehicles	-	-	-	-	-
Scouting equipment, furniture etc	-	-	-	-	-
Other	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Liabilities</b>					
Accounts not yet paid		-	-	-	-
Expenses incurred but not invoiced	-	-	-	-	-
Subscriptions not yet paid	-	-	-	-	-
Loan - detail		-	-	-	-
Other liabilities	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>176,935</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>176,935</b>	<b>138,683</b>

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**In order to reflect accurately the consequent increase in the Group's assets as reported from 1st April 2019, a one-off Receipt item ("One-off Income") has been included in the 2019/2020 receipts. The sum recorded reflects the closing balances on each of the Sections' old accounts, plus a small amount of cash in hand.**

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YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021

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