



6th Torbay (Britannia) Sea Scout Group

South Quay, Paignton Harbour, Paignton, Devon TQ4 6DT



The Executive Committee have pleasure in presenting their report together with financial statements and the independent examiners report for the year ended 31st March 2022.

Name & Address

The Group's Name is the 6th Torbay (Britannia) Sea Scout Group and Explorer Sea Scout Unit, and it can be contacted at: Britannia Sea Scout Headquarters, South Quay, The Harbour, Paignton, Devon TQ4 6DT.

Constitution & Purpose

The Scout Group is constituted in terms of the Rules of the Scout Association, which is a charitable body incorporated by Royal Charter. The Group is a Registered Charity – Number 298033.

Scout Association 'Mission Statement'

The Purpose of Scouting:

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

The Values of Scouting:

As Scouts we are guided by these values:

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

The Scout Method

Scouting takes place when young people, in partnership with adults, work together based on the values of Scouting and:

- Enjoy what they are doing and have fun.
- Take part in activities indoors and outdoors.
- Learn by doing.
- Share in spiritual reflection.
- Take responsibility and make choices.
- Undertake new and challenging activities.
- Make and live by the Scout Promise.

Overview of the Groups Sections

Our group sections are open to both girls & boys and consist of two Beaver Scout Colonies, two Cub Scout Packs, a Sea Scout Troop and an Explorer Sea Scout Unit.

Beaver Scouts - 6 to 8 years of age

Beaver Scouts are the youngest section of the Scouting family. Their activities are based around making things, outdoor activities, playing games, going out on visits, investigating nature, listening to stories, learning how to be safe and most importantly, making new friends. The Beaver Section runs on a two-year rotating program designed to give them the opportunity to complete all the Challenge Activities – and therefore achieve the Chief Scouts Bronze Award. Once a year the Beavers Section hold an Indoor Sleepover event – often giving them the first chance to spend a “Night Away” within Scouting without a Parent (and earn their first Staged Nights Away Badge!)

Cub Scouts - 8 to 10½ years of age

During their time in the Pack, Cub Scouts will get a chance to experience a number of different activities – working towards Challenge Badges and the Chief Scout Silver Award. They are also encouraged to attend Camps and at Cub level it is often the first opportunity to spend a night away camping “under canvas” in a tent. During the Summer months, a number of Sessions are given over to Water Activities with the Cubs having the opportunity to experience various water activities including Paddleboarding, Paddleboarding, Traditional Rafting and Pulling (fixed seat rowing).

Scouts - 10½ to 14 years of age

Members of the Scout section take part in a wide range of activities in a programme designed to instill them with “Skills for Life”. The yearly programme is divided into two with the Summer primarily being the “Boating Season focusing on Water Activities and the Winter months spent covering the other aspects of the Scout Programme – working towards Activity and Challenge Badges with the goal of achieving the Chief Scouts Gold Award.

Water Activities during the summer of 2021 were still limited due to COVID considerations and no Summer Camp took place, however the rebuild process aimed towards full activities in 2022 (including Summer Camp).

Explorer Scouts - 14 to 18 years of age

This section takes part in activities similar to the Scout section (including the Summer Camp) with additional elements to their programme – which they are involved in planning. Explorers also are able to take part in the young leader scheme where they have opportunity to assist with the younger sections. Members of the Explorer Unit are encouraged to participate in the Duke of Edinburgh awards – with a 7 Bronze & 1 Silver awards being achieved during this year. The Unit also gained two team allocations in the Ten Tors event scheduled to take place in May 2022.

Leadership Team:

At present the Group “Uniformed” Leadership team consists of 13 Warranted Leaders and Assistant Leaders, 18 Section Assistants and 2 Instructors. There is also a Scout Active Support Unit with a team of 7 “Non Uniformed” adults who work behind the scenes assisting in a variety of other areas. There are also a number of Parents registered as “Occasional Helpers” as well as 4 members who hold Executive Committee posts.

RN Recognition

The 6th is a Royal Navy Recognised Sea Scout Unit (Number 29). There are around 350 Sea Scout groups and units in the UK and 103 of these are officially recognised by the Royal Navy. The scheme provides assurance of the standards of Scout programme, water activities, administration and ceremonial. The Group was formally inspected by a Lieutenant Commander in March 2018 and retained our “RN Recognised” Status with positive feedback from the Inspecting Officer. The scheduled inspection in 2020 was cancelled due to COVID and the Group is yet to be notified of when the next formal inspection is to take place.

Benefits to RN Recognition

RN Sea Scouts wear the RN Recognition badge on their uniforms, fly their RN Recognition pennant with pride and wear a defaced red ensign. The pride of achieving RN recognition is their key motivator. The Combined Cadet Force and Sea Cadet Corps often give spare capacity on their own courses to the RN Sea Scouts. Grants are available from the Admiralty Fund administered by the Scout Association.

RYA Training Centre

The Group is also a RYA Recognised Training Centre for Powerboating and Sailing, with 2 Dinghy Instructors and 4 Powerboat Instructors among the volunteer team. This enables us to deliver courses which result in NGB Qualifications to our adult volunteers and older youths.

COVID-19 Impact

As of September 2021, all sections of the Group were operating. The Beaver colonies resumed with almost a complete fresh intake of youths and several new Leaders joining the existing team. Aside from the financial impact of COVID, the Group experienced a drop in numbers both in terms of youths and adult volunteers – particularly in middle age group sections (Cubs & Scouts) but with all Sections open it is anticipated that numbers will balance out over the next 12 months.

The Group Executive Committee

The Group Executive Committee members are recruited and appointed in accordance with the Policy, Organisation & Rules (“POR”) of the Scout association. They act as charity trustees of the group and to support the group to:

- 1) Comply with the Policy, Organisation and Rules of The Scout Association.
- 2) Protect and maintain any property and equipment owned by and/or used by the Group.
- 3) Manage the Group finances.
- 4) Provide insurance for people, property and equipment.
- 5) Provide sufficient resources for Scouting to operate. This includes, but is not limited to, supporting recruitment, other adult support, and fundraising activities.
- 6) Promote and support the development of Scouting in the local area.
- 7) Manage and implement the Safety Policy locally.
- 8) Ensure that a positive image of Scouting exists in the local community.

The current Group Executive Committee are:

Roger Nuttall	Group Chair	Gareth Cowell	Group Scout Leader
Chris Hartt	Group Treasurer	Gordon Cowell	Deputy Group Scout Leader

Adam Mead	Section Leader Beavers	Annie Duro	Section Leader – Cubs & RYA Principal
Martyn Cowell	Section Leader Scouts	Douglas Eltham	Section Leader Britannia Explorer Unit
Russell Ironside	Active Support Unit	Derek Hore	Active Support Unit
Alison Benney	Parent Representative	Richard Rowley	Parent Representative
Sally Kerswell	Gift Aid		

Signed :



Roger Nuttall (Group Chairman)

27/09/2022

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**RECEIPTS & PAYMENTS ACCOUNT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st MARCH 2022**

	Notes	2022 £	2021 £
<u>Receipts</u>			
Receipts from members:			
Subscriptions & membership		13,552	15,736
Activities		874	169
Uniform & badges		2,316	-
HMRC Gift Aid	4	-	5,067
Fund raising income		174	28
Equipment Sales		-	1,215
Grants Received		11,167	27,065
Other receipts (including donations)		500	-
Total receipts		28,583	49,280
<u>Payments</u>			
Membership subscriptions		5,831	5,841
Insurance		2,626	2,316
Ground rent		600	600
Electricity, water & waste		959	907
Phone & broadband		469	604
Stationery & printing		327	16
Online Scout Manager		252	302
Harbour dues	5	-	2,403
Headquarters expenses	6	12,269	3,544
Minibus expenses		2,163	1,320
Boat expenses		2,732	93
Equipment		1,364	5,895
Uniform & badges		2,354	535
Activities		2,380	759
Leaders' training & expenses		1,095	426
RYA expenditure		161	161
Other payments (including donations)		193	160
Total payments		35,775	25,882
<u>Reconciliation to Cash Funds</u>			
Cash funds at the beginning of the year		58,954	35,556
Net receipts / (payments) for the year		(7,192)	23,398
Cash funds at the end of the year		51,762	58,954

Notes

1. These accounts have been prepared on the receipts and payments basis.
2. The Group does not hold any restricted or endowment funds.
3. These accounts reflect the impact of COVID-19.
4. Gift Aid of £5,278 for 2019/20 was received in the following year.
5. Harbour dues of £2,533 were paid in the following year.
6. Extensive renovations to the HQ were carried out during the year.

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STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES

AS AT 31st MARCH 2022

	2022	2021
	£	£
<u>Cash Funds</u>		
Bank balances Group	47,224	52,168
Sections	4,538	6,786
Total	<u>51,762</u>	<u>58,954</u>
Cash balances Group	-	-
Sections	-	-
Total	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Total cash funds	<u>51,762</u>	<u>58,954</u>

Other Monetary Assets

None

Investment Assets

None

Non-Monetary Assets Retained for Own Use

Headquarters lease

Headquarters fittings & equipment

Boats & ancillary equipment

Camping & activities equipment

Minibus

Container

Badge & uniform stock

Liabilities - Due Within 1 Year

None

Liabilities - Payable After 1 Year

None

Contingent Liabilities

None

Approval of Accounts by Trustees

These accounts were approved by the Trustees

and signed on their behalf by Roger Nuttall (Group Chairman)



Date: 27/09/2022

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**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st MARCH 2022**

The following is my report to the trustees of 6th Torbay Britannia Sea Scout Group ('the Group') on the accounts of the Group for the year ended 31st March 2022.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees of the Group, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').

I report in respect of my examination of the Group 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.

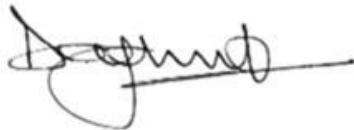
Independent examiner's statement

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

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Group as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records.

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

Signed:



Date: 27/09/2022

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Qualification: Chartered Accountant
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