



# 6<sup>th</sup> 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 31<sup>st</sup> March 2023.

## Name & Address

The Group's Name is the 6<sup>th</sup> 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 Group 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. Throughout the Boating Season, the Scout Section is active on the water almost every week primarily Sailing, Kayaking, Rafting, Paddleboarding or Pulling (Fixed seat rowing). Summer Camp for 2022 took place (combined Scouts and Explorers) in Caehopkin with the participants able to undertake Hillwalking, Canyoneering, Mountain Biking in addition to other cultural experiences.

### 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. During the year 3 members of the unit achieved the “Explorer Belt” award which involved a 10-day unsupported expedition to Norway. Explorers are also encouraged to participate in the Duke of Edinburgh awards – with 3 Bronze & 1 Silver awards being achieved during this year. The Unit also gained two team allocations (35 & 55 mile) in the Ten Tors event scheduled to take place in April 2023.

### Leadership Team:

At present the Group “Uniformed” Leadership team consists of 12 Warranted Leaders and Assistant Leaders, 18 Section Assistants and 4 Instructors. There is also a Scout Active Support Unit with a team of 6 “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 6<sup>th</sup> Torbay (Britannia) Sea Scouts participate in the Royal Navy Recognition scheme and are designated as “RN29”. The pride of achieving RN recognition is the key motivator as RN Sea Scouts wear the RN Recognition badge on their uniforms and can fly a defaced red ensign during ceremonies. 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. The scheme provides assurance of the standards of Scout programme, water activities, administration and ceremonial.

### 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.

### 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
Natalie Chadwick	Group Secretary	Gordon Cowell	Deputy Group Scout Leader
Chris Hartt	Group Treasurer	Sally Kerswell	Gift Aid
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

(Signed) 

Roger Nuttall (Group Chair)

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**RECEIPTS & PAYMENTS ACCOUNT  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st MARCH 2023**

	Notes	2023 £	2022 £
<b><u>Receipts</u></b>			
Receipts from members:			
Subscriptions & membership		20,532	13,552
Activities		7,769	762
Uniform & badges		2,493	2,316
HMRC Gift Aid	4	11,990	-
Fund raising income		460	174
Equipment Sales		-	-
Grants Received		519	11,167
Other receipts (including donations)	5	4,211	613
<b>Total receipts</b>		<b>47,974</b>	<b>28,584</b>
<b><u>Payments</u></b>			
Membership subscriptions		6,102	5,831
Insurance		2,690	2,626
Ground rent		600	600
Electricity, water & waste		996	960
Phone & broadband		786	469
Stationery & printing		47	327
Online Scout Manager		234	252
Harbour dues		2,533	-
Headquarters expenses	6	1,648	12,269
Minibus expenses		2,023	2,163
Boat expenses	7	20,764	2,732
Equipment		727	1,364
Uniform & badges		3,231	2,354
Activities	8	11,110	2,380
Leaders' training & expenses		660	1,095
RYA expenditure		167	161
Other payments (including donations)		876	193
<b>Total payments</b>		<b>55,194</b>	<b>35,776</b>
<b><u>Reconciliation to Cash Funds</u></b>			
Cash funds at the beginning of the year		51,762	58,954
Net receipts / (payments) for the year		(7,220)	(7,192)
<b>Cash funds at the end of the year</b>		<b>44,542</b>	<b>51,762</b>

**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 recovery from 2021/22 to 2022/23.
4. Gift aid received for three years: 2019-2020, 2020-2021 and 2021-2022.
5. This includes £2,650 from hire of HQ building to Torbay Youth Offending Team.
6. 2021 reflects spending for COVID compliance, 2022 is general maintenance of HQ.
7. Increase reflects purchase of additional Rigid Inflatable & engine, £19,000.
8. Increased activities and re-start of summer camp following COVID relaxations.



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**STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES**

**AS AT 31st MARCH 2023**

		2023	2022
		£	£
<b><u>Cash Funds</u></b>			
Bank balances	Group	39,106	47,224
	Sections	5,436	4,538
	Total	<u>44,542</u>	<u>51,762</u>
Cash balances	Group	-	-
	Sections	-	-
	Total	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
<b>Total cash funds</b>		<u><b>44,542</b></u>	<u><b>51,762</b></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

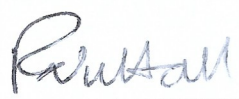
**Contingent Liabilities**

None

**Approval of Accounts by Trustees**

These accounts were approved by the Trustees

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

  
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Date: 25/9/2023

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**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st MARCH 2023**

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 2023 set out on pages 1 and 2.

**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:**

K. Dewing

**Date:** 19/09/23

**Name:** Kathryn Dewing

**Qualification:** Management Consultant (MBA)

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