



Registered Charity No. 298033 – Royal Navy Recognised Unit No. 29

6th Torbay (Britannia) Sea Scout Group

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



The Trustee Board have pleasure in presenting their report together with financial statements and the independent examiners report for the year ended 31st March 2024.

Name & Address

The Group's Name is the 6th Torbay (Britannia) Sea Scout Group (incorporating the Britannia Explorer 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 a partnered 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 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 programme 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 2023 took place (combined Scouts and Explorers) in Lymington, with participants undertaking coastal walks, water activities and cultural experiences.

Britannia Explorer Unit - 14 to 18 years of age

The 6th Torbay (Britannia) Sea Scout Group has a long-term link (and formal Partnership agreement) with the Britannia Explorer Unit.

The Explorer Unit engages in activities similar to the Scout section (including the joint Summer Camp) with additional elements to their programme – which the youths are involved in planning. Explorers are also able to take part in the young leader scheme where they have opportunity to assist the running activities for other Group sections.

Explorers are also encouraged to participate in the Duke of Edinburgh award scheme – with 3 Silver & 2 Bronze awards being achieved during this year. The Unit has also gained two team allocations (35 & 45 mile) in the Ten Tors event scheduled to take place in May 2024.

Leadership and Volunteer Team:

At present there are 34 volunteers in the Group – including Uniformed roles (Section Leaders, Assistant Leaders and Section Assistants) along with Instructors, members of the Active Support Unit and Trustee Board members.

RN Recognition

The 6th 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 Trustee Board

The Group Trustee Board 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 Trustee Board members are:

Roger Nuttall	Group Chair	Victoria Cowell	Group Scout Leader
Natalie Chadwick	Group Secretary	Gareth Cowell	Deputy Group Scout Leader
Chris Hartt	Group Treasurer	Gordon Cowell	Deputy Group Scout Leader
Alison Benney	Parent Representative	Adam Mead	Section Leader Beavers
Frank Sobey	Parent Representative	Gillian Ryan	Section Leader – Cubs
Annie Duro	RYA Principal	Martyn Cowell	Section Leader Scouts
Russell Ironside	Active Support Unit	Douglas Eltham	Section Leader Britannia Explorer Unit
Derek Hore	Active Support Unit		

(Signed)



Roger Nuttall (Group Chair)

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RECEIPTS & PAYMENTS ACCOUNT **FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st MARCH 2024**

	Notes	2024 £	2023 £
<u>Receipts</u>			
Receipts from members:			
Subscriptions & membership		24,497	20,532
Activities	4	17,261	7,769
Uniform & badges		2,875	2,493
HMRC Gift Aid	6	4,950	11,990
Fund raising income		94	460
Equipment Sales		-	-
Grants Received		-	519
Other receipts (including donations)		1,740	4,211
Total receipts		51,417	47,974
<u>Payments</u>			
Membership subscriptions		8,708	6,102
Insurance		3,571	2,690
Ground rent		600	600
Electricity, water & waste		1,791	996
Phone & broadband		791	786
Stationery & printing		-	47
Online Scout Manager		231	234
Harbour dues		3,135	2,533
Headquarters expenses	7	5,304	1,648
Minibus expenses		1,842	2,023
Boat expenses	8	4,048	20,764
Equipment		613	727
Uniform & badges		5,252	3,231
Activities	4, 5	19,663	11,110
Leaders' training & expenses		614	660
RYA expenditure		174	167
Other payments (including donations)		884	876
Total payments		57,221	55,194
<u>Reconciliation to Cash Funds</u>			
Cash funds at the beginning of the year		44,542	51,762
Net receipts / (payments) for the year		(5,804)	(7,220)
Cash funds at the end of the year		38,738	44,542

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. The accounts continue to reflect impact of COVID recovery from 21/22 to 23/24.
4. Increase in activities across all sections to pre-COVID-19 levels.
5. Accidental overpayment of £136.00 included in cash payments, paid back in June 2024
6. Gift Aid received for 2022-2023.
7. Increase reflects installation of CCTV system.
8. Decrease reflects normal boat maintenance following RIB purchase in 22/23.

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STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES

AS AT 31st MARCH 2024

	2024	2023
	£	£
<u>Cash Funds</u>		
Bank balances Group	32,915	39,106
Sections	5,687	5,436
Total	<u>38,602</u>	<u>44,542</u>
Cash balances Group	-	-
Sections	-	-
Total	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Total cash funds	<u>38,602</u>	<u>44,542</u>
 <u>Other Monetary Assets</u>		
Short Terms Debtors	136	-
 <u>Investment Assets</u>		
None	-	-
 <u>Non-Monetary Assets Retained for Own Use</u>		
Headquarters lease		
Headquarters fittings & equipment		
Boats & ancillary equipment		
Camping & activities equipment		
Minibus		
Container		
Badge & uniform stock		
 <u>Liabilities - Due Within 1 Year</u>		
None		
 <u>Liabilities - Payable After 1 Year</u>		
None		
 <u>Contingent Liabilities</u>		
None		
 <u>Total Assets</u>	<u>38,738</u>	<u>44,542</u>

Approval of Accounts by Trustees

These accounts were approved by the Trustees
and signed on their behalf by Roger Nuttall (Group Chairman)



Date: 10 Sept 2024

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INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st MARCH 2024

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 2024 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:



Date: 15th July 2024

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