

Report from the Chair

It gives me great pleasure to present my first report as Chairman of the 19th Sea Scouts. As the incoming Chair I must firstly thank John Allen for all his work and time he has given to the group in his time holding both Chair and treasurer roles as well as a skills instructor.

This past year has been one of growth, resilience, and renewed energy across all our sections—which the individual reports will show.

The Trustees have had new challenges over the last 6 months mainly to do with the governance of the group as well as ensuring that we are complying with, or exceeding legal and scouting requirements in all we do. We still have challenges to face with regard to tunnel 25, the City Council are in the process of putting a proposal together to go out to tender for the works required. We may be liable for some of the cost which is a concern.

Our young people have taken part in a wide range of activities, from sailing, rafting and cooking challenges to district camps, section camps and of course badge challenges. All sections are presenting a varied and interesting programme; a testament to the dedication of our leaders and the enthusiasm of our members. Our leaders generally stay within their sections but it is great to see the support within the group when leaders are aiding each other and other sections.

To every parent, carer, leader, and young person—thank you. Your energy, commitment, and belief in Scouting make this group what it is. I look forward to another year of adventure, learning, and fun, especially on the water.

Phil Weeks

GLV Report 2024/25

Another year has flashed by. It's wonderful to see so many new volunteers, and there are more in the pipeline. It's been great to see Jacob and Keegan move from being Young Leaders to Leaders.

We have almost a full complement of Young Leaders across Beavers, Cubs and Scouts. All the Young Leaders have impressed with their commitment and maturity and I'm sure there are many more future Leaders among them.

All the sections have been very active, as you can see from their updates. Special thanks are due to Alex, Hamish and Phil with whose support we have already got Cubs and Beavers out on the water.

The Beavers, Cubs and Scouts continue to achieve a good number of Bronze, Silver and Gold Chief Scout's Awards. It's worth repeating from the Beaver report that this year that 94% of Beaver leavers achieved the Bronze award this year so special congratulations to the Beavers and Beaver Leaders for that.

The Cubs are recently back from district camp, and this was a success despite some adversity. Special thanks are due to Emily and her family who all turned out to put up tents when a lack of other volunteers threatened the event.

The Scouts had another brilliant Brixham camp last year. As ever a huge debt is owed to all the Leaders who support this but especially to Marrion and Derrick. This really is an event that makes memories that will last a lifetime. It is also lovely that so many Explorers continue to attend after they have left Scouts.

During the year Explorers have returned to the nest. Well... sort of. They're still part of the District Explorer unit really but we'll try to claim them. They've even tidied the workshop up a bit. I think perhaps they can do some painting next?

We still have some work to do in terms of sustainability. Particularly ensuring we have a good number of suitably qualified Leaders such that we can spread the work around more effectively. There is also still a need to raise funds more effectively so we can maintain a financial safety net and replace our equipment to a sensible timeline.

Lastly, we are still waiting for the entrance to tunnel 25 to be repaired. I continue to chase the council on a semi-regular basis and should have another verbal update for the night of the AGM.

As ever we are all hugely grateful for your support. Thank you for reading this and/or coming along tonight!

Charlie
GLV

BEAVER SECTION - AGM Report from 01/07/2024 to 13/06/2025

Leaders

The colony has been blessed with many new volunteers this year. We have welcomed, Emily W, Emily P, Rich, Mike and Anna. We are looking forward to welcoming Andrea and Jess in September. We have been incredible lucky that Alex Dando has joined us from the Explorer unit and brings with him years of experience and knowledge.

We currently have an exceptional team of YLs who demonstrate leadership, commitment and determination every week.

Activities

The Sea Beavers group engaged in a variety of meetings focused on skills development, teamwork, and fun activities throughout the term. Noteworthy themes included creative challenges such as the Egg Drop and Code Breaking, alongside badge work like the Money Skills and Animal Lover badges. The meetings also promoted social integration and preparation for key events, including St George's Day and the welcoming of new Beavers. Additional activities like Pancake Night and Board Games Night have fostered camaraderie and reinforced social skills.

Moreover, the group successfully participated in two events. The Dragon Boating session allowed the children to develop their teamwork skills while enjoying a day on the water. Additionally, the Our World Evening provided an opportunity for the Beavers to learn about global cultures and broaden their understanding of diversity.

We like to make the most our local area in the summer term and have had trips to Bull Medow, The Bike Pad and Heavitree Park.

We have taken part in a Brownies verses Beavers Competition where the Brownies and Beavers competed in a series of challenges across a range of Guiding and Scouting Skills. A Brownies Team were the highest individual team but once we factored in for age, the Beavers were the overall winners this year by a very close 2 points!

Up coming events

Between writing this report and the AGM we will held our aviation themed adventure day at Taw Bottom and held two more nights on the water.

Membership Summary

There are 23 members with the following age distribution - 12 x 6 yrs, 8 x 7 yrs, 3 x 8 yrs

Awards

We have awarded 13 Bronze awards this year with 94% of members leaving achieving this.

Cub Section Report for AGM – 19th Exeter Sea Scouts

At present we have 23 cubs, 4 young leaders and have recruited 2 new leaders to join the team.

We have been doing lots of different activities like rafting, completing badges, having the local police come and chat to us, hikes and many more.

We have covered lots of badges from nights away to athletics badge. We have been on some camps, we are trying to plan activities like going to the underground passages, a camp hopefully in November to go to the observatory, as well as a potential camp to woodlands.

We have had four cubs achieve their silver award within the year.

We took part in the scrap store challenge again this year.

We are looking forward to our District Cub Camp.

We actively have the cubs help us with the plans for the following term.

Exeter 19th Sea Scouts - Section Report April 2024 to April 2025

Two successful wide games at the race course, winter cycling and points based night time orienteering made sure we kept active (and a bit chilly) through the winter.

Water activities throughout the season - and very pleased not to have the scaffolding up!.

Highlights of the year...

July 2024 The Raft race - it was not run unfortunately as we had to cancel at the last minute due to raw sewage entering the river. Observed at the slipway immediately downstream of the slipway - but undoubtedly also issuing at multiple location upstream.

August 2024 Brixham camp – good weather and good fun and a few lessons learnt

February 2025 Swimming Gala - where we won the hearts and minds of other troops - if not too many medals



April 2024 - Gang Show - very pleased to see our scouts and leaders involved in an excellent production at the Barnfield.

Huge thanks to all the leaders and helpers who have supported another successful year, including particular thanks to Derrick Morrison for his exemplary organisational skills and Marion for support during the camp.

District Water Explorer Report to end of March 2025

Our on the regular activities got going in May with anywhere between 2 and 9 Explorers on the water most Tuesday evenings.

We had a joint camp with the 19th Sea Scouts at Grenville house (Brixham) which was enjoyed by all as ever; thank you to Derrick for all his work preparing and organising the camp. During the autumn we had ad-hoc meetings usually fortnightly and had among others, film nights, games nights, debates and cooking evenings. Our membership hovered around 15.

As we begun the new year it was decided that the ISCA explorers were becoming too big for just one unit, now with 100+ membership. The water section was already run alongside/with ISCA but it was now to be a stand alone section along with the another new section, Air Explorers albeit under the district umbrella. We now take explorers from 19th Exeter, 1st Topsham as well as any land scouts (subject to capacity) that wish to join the Water Group . Our group name was changed to Aqua Legionis.

19th Exeter Sea Scout Group - Treasurers Report Year April 2024 - March 2025

Year 24/25 was a full year of activities for our young people which is fantastic. Various external factors and payment phasing, which are detailed in this report have adversely affected our financial position from a cost and cash flow perspective, versus previous years. Despite this, 19th Exeter Sea Scouts remain in good health and measures are in place to address the fiscal needs of the group going forward. The support and dedication of all units' leaders, helpers, the trustees, parents/carers and of course the beavers, cubs and scouts means that this is the case.

Overall, the 19th Exeter Sea Scouts accounts show a deficit of -£1,886.71 in the year ending 31st March 2025, this is down from a surplus of £835.87 at 31st March 2024. On 31st March 2025 our closing balances across our 3 banks accounts totalled £18,279.

Income

Our subs have increased to £10,071, an increase of £2,351 vs 23/24. All sections show an increase which is due to annual sub increases for all sections.

In addition, receipts for activities decreased to £12,203.55, a reduction of £5,643.95 and reflects the reduced activity revenue, most notably from cubs.

The gift aid recovered from HMRC was £1,220, a reduction of £439.43. It should be noted that there was an increase of fundraising income from the Exeter Community Lottery of £430.50, together with donations from Vertical Technologies and a parent donor of £1,653.94 for year 2024-25.

Payments and Costs

Costs for activities have decreased to £14,097.85 in respect of the decreased level of activities by cubs. We're now using an activity costing template across all sections to improve visibility of upcoming costs and proactive activity cost management to ensure that ALL activities are cost neutral.

I can report that all relevant insurances covering marine, buildings, equipment and volunteers are all up to date, in place with no premiums owing. Increases in premiums have stabilised in 24/25, we've also consolidated insurances to avoid duplicate cover which has also helped mitigate increases. It should be noted that due to payment phasing it appears in the accounts that our marine insurance costs have substantially increase. This not the case, it due to payment phasing in 24/25.

It should be noted that our costs for all utilities have increased by 46% for year 24/25.

Payment/income phasing (Cub camp receipts and double payment of Marine insurance makes 24/25 look more expensive than it actually was.

Additionally, I would like to thank Liz Mundy for independently verifying the 2024-25 accounts.

2025-26 – Looking forward

In light of continuing inflationary pressures across our cost base, we've implemented a planned subs increases across the board from easter 2025 which should raise an additional £1,120 of revenue. There will be a subs review again spring 2026.

Our financial priorities for 2025/26:

- Ensure we up to date records, reviews and authorities in place for all members regarding gift aid
- Maintain tight control on costs
- Apply for further grant funding
- Establish effective fundraising team to invest further in our facilities, training, equipment and hardship.

It's been my pleasure to support the unit, its committed leaders and our young people over the last year in the role of treasurer.

Mr Charles J F Banks
Group Treasurer - 19th Exeter Sea Scouts

19TH EXETER SEA SCOUT GROUP

(Reg Charity No 299794)

ANNUAL ACCOUNTS YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS SUMMARY FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

	2024-25 £	2023-24 £
Total Receipts for the year	25,033.22	40,587.45
Total Payments for the year	<u>26,919.93</u>	<u>39,751.58</u>
Net Receipts/(Payments)	-£1,886.71	835.87
Opening Balances brought forward	20,165.71	19,329.84
Movement in funds	<u>-1,886.71</u>	<u>835.87</u>
Closing Balances as of 31 March	18,279	20,165.71

SUMMARY OF BALANCES AS ON 31 MARCH 2024

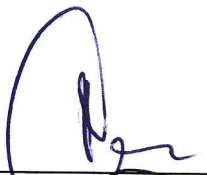
	2024-25 £	2023-24 £
Scout Current Account	6,627.98	5,089.46
Scout Camp Account	1,485.24	1,264.70
Business Premium Account	<u>10,165.78</u>	<u>13,811.55</u>
	18,279	20,165.71

The above receipts and payments account and statement of assets and liabilities were approved by the Trustees

on 07.07.25 _____

and signed on behalf by:

Chair:



Print name: Mr Phil Weeks

Treasurer:



Print name: Mr Charles J F Banks

19TH EXETER SEA SCOUT GROUP**RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025**

	2024-25 £	2023-24 £
Receipts		
Membership subscriptions	10,071	7,720
Capitation	-4,680	-
Activities	12,222.55	17,847.50
Donations and grants	1,653.94	2,500
Fundraising	430.50	276
Gift Aid Tax recovered	1,220	1,659.43
Other income	<u>4,115.23</u>	<u>10,584.52</u>
Total Receipts for the year	25,033.22	40,587.45
Payments		
Activities	14,097.85	18,627.45
Scout Shop	847.95	812.77
Premises	2,359.61	3,160.22
Insurance	4,665.74	1,603.36
Administration (including OSM)	389.60	491.76
Purchase of equipment	-	4,960.02
Other payments***	<u>4559.18</u>	<u>10,096</u>
Total Expenses for the year	26,919.93	39,751.58
Net movement in funds for the year	<u>-1,886.71</u>	<u>835.87</u>

19TH EXETER SEA SCOUT GROUP**NOTES ON RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025**

	2024-25 £	2023-24 £
Receipts		
Membership subscriptions:		
Beavers	2,640	1707
Cubs	2,879	2,262
Scouts	4,292	3,751
Explorers	260	
Capitation (1)	(-4,680)	(-)
Activities:		
Beavers	140	562
Cubs	2,303.90	7,037.50
Scouts	516	660
Scout Camp	9,243.65	9,588
Other	19	-
Donations and grants:		
Other donations and grants	1,653.94	2,500
Fundraising	430.50	276
Gift Aid Tax recovered	1,220	1,659.43
Other income (4)	4,115.23	10,584.52
Total Receipts for the year	25,033.22	40,587.45

Payments

Activities:		
Beavers	157.67	193
Cubs	4,271.65	6,945.91
Scouts	645.42	1,635.76
Scout Camp	9,023.11	9,852.78
Other	-	-
Scout Shop	847.95	812.77
Premises:		
Rent	500	500
Water	469.01	218.63
Gas and Electricity	1390.60	1054.62
Repairs and Renewals	-	1,386.97
Insurance:		
Marine(3)	3,556.58	1,054.24
Buildings(2)	1057.16	257.40
Equipment*	-	239.72
Volunteer Personal Accident	52	52
Administration:		
OSM	389.60	491.76
Accountancy	-	-
Other	-	-
Purchase of Equipment:		
SUP's	-	2990
SUP accessories & safety equipment	-	1970.02
Kayak Air Bags	-	-
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Respective responsibilities of Trustees and Examiner

The Group's/District's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. They consider that an audit is not required for this year (under Section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 (the Charities Act)) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- Examine the accounts (under Section 145 of the Charities Act);
- To follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners (under Section 145(5)(b) of the Charities Act); and
- To state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of Independent Examiner's report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the Group/District and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair' view and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent Examiner's statement

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