



## **1st Eaton Bray & Edlesborough Scout Group**

Charity number: 300452

Receipts and Payments Accounts

for the

Year Ended 31 December 2024

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## CHARITY INFORMATION

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<b>CHARITY NUMBER</b>	300452
<b>GROUP REGISTRATION NUMBER WITH THE SCOUT ASSOCIATION</b>	29733
<b>TRUSTEES</b>	Tania Cornish (Chair) Antony Durrant (Treasurer) Mark Owen (Group Scout Leader) Zachary Allgood (Beaver Leader) Rosie Booth Jo Morran
<b>CONTACT ADDRESS</b>	10 Chiltern Avenue Edlesborough Dunstable LU6 2HY
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# 1st Eaton Bray & Edlesborough Scout Group

## TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT From 1 January 2024 to 31 December 2024

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### Structure, governance and management

#### Governing document

The Group's governing documents are those of The Scout Association. They consist of a Royal Charter, which in turn gives authority to the Bye Laws of the Association and The Policy, Organisation and Rules of The Scout Association.

#### How the charity is constituted

The Group is a trust established under its rules which are common to all Scouts.

#### Trustee selection methods

The Trustees are appointed in accordance with the Policy, Organisation and Rules of The Scout Association.

#### Organisational Structure

The Group is managed by the Group Executive Committee, the members of which are the 'Charity Trustees' of the Scout Group which is an educational charity. As charity trustees they are responsible for complying with legislation applicable to charities. This includes the registration, keeping proper accounts and making returns to the Charity Commission as appropriate.

The Committee consists of 3 independent representatives, Chair, Treasurer and Secretary together with the Group Scout Leader, individual section leaders and parents' representation (if any) and meets every 2 to 3 months.

This Group Executive Committee exists to support the Group Scout Leader in meeting the responsibilities of the appointments and is responsible for:

- The maintenance of Group property;
- The raising of funds and the administration of Group finance;
- The insurance of persons, property and equipment;
- Group public occasions;
- Assisting in the recruitment of leaders and other adult support;
- Appointing any sub committees that may be required;
- Appointing Group Administrators and Advisors other than those who are elected.

#### Risk and Internal Control

The group has in place systems of internal controls that are designed to provide reasonable assurance against material mismanagement or loss, these include 2 signatories for all payments and comprehensive insurance policies to ensure that insurable risks are covered.

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### Objectives and activities

#### Summary of the objectives of the charity

The objectives of the group are as a unit of the Scout Association.

The Aim of The Scout Association is 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. The method of achieving the Aim of the Association is by providing an enjoyable and attractive scheme of progressive training, based on the Scout Promise and Law and guided by adult leadership.

#### Summary of the main activities in relation to these objects

The annual programme includes a wide variety of activities selected to help our members develop skills, knowledge, confidence and friendships as they grow from young individuals to become young adults. Activities include

- Camping and outdoor survival skills;
- Outdoor activities such as hiking, canoeing and rock climbing;
- Games and sporting activities;
- Arts and crafts;
- First aid and safety training;
- Learning life skills (eg cooking)
- Days out and theatre trips
- Teaching social, community and cultural respect and awareness
- Individual, team and Group challenges

Our members are encouraged to become involved in the local community through taking part in the local village summer carnival and parading at St Georges Day and at the village Remembrance Day service.

The programme provides opportunity for members to earn badges to show their progression and development and members are also encouraged to earn activity badges in their own time.

#### Public benefit

We welcome all young people regardless of personal background, faith, gender or circumstances. Inability to pay membership subscriptions will not preclude admittance to the Scout Group. We will make reasonable adjustments to meet the needs of disabled persons.

In planning our activities for the year we kept in mind at our Trustee meetings the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit.

#### Volunteers

The Group relies on the assistance of parent helpers to ensure the safety and wellbeing of its members during Group activities.

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## TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT (continued)

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### Achievements and performance

#### Summary of the main achievements in the year

##### Group

We did not have use of our Scout Hut for the duration of 2024 while the repair works continued, which made for another challenging year using other venues for meetings and trying to get outdoors as much as possible. Despite the difficult circumstances the group was able to deliver another fantastic programme throughout the year. Membership numbers increased to 80 by the end of the year and the group continues to receive plenty of demand and interest from new and prospective members.

In July the village carnival had some of the worst weather in its history. But the Scout group rose to the challenge providing an undercover eating area so guests could escape the bad conditions. We also had mini campfires and the opportunity to make Smores. Despite our efforts, the lower visitor numbers at the carnival meant we only just broke even at what is usually our biggest fundraising event of the year. The theme was 'World of Sport' and the Beavers and Cubs entered the procession in sporting attire, again as a 'walking float', with the Scouts assisting with the carnival bucket collection.

We were unfortunately unable to schedule a Group Camp in 2024 but members had lots of opportunities to spend nights away and attend district events in their sections.

The hut repair project faced a number of challenges and has now become a much bigger, more complicated and more costly undertaking than originally anticipated. There was not much progress through the year as a result, but by the end of 2024 the main hall room has now got a concrete floor. We have moved all equipment into the hall for works to start on the from lobby section of the hut in the new year. We hope to be back in the hut no later than September 2025.

##### Beaver section highlights

As always the Beavers explored and investigated a wide range of topics and activities throughout the year including: money matters, code-breaking and communications, tennis and the Olympics, the environment and junk modelling, cooking and safety.

Other adventures included an orienteering event, a water activity day at Luton Hoo, a visit to Frogmore Paper Mill and a day at Gulliver's Land theme park joining other district groups for a Beaver takeover event.

Beavers also had two fun-filled overnight camps in Leighton Buzzard. In May it was a Wild West themed camp including a train ride on the Leighton Buzzard narrow gauge railway, and pony riding and feeding. In November it was a Space Sleepover camp including a visit to the theatre to see Boxville: a Time-Travel Craft-Along Adventure.

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## TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT (continued) From 1 January 2024 to 31 December 2024

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### Achievements and performance

#### Summary of the main achievements in the year (continued)

##### Cub section highlights

The Cubs programme started with activities such as art and model making, healthy eating and bushtucker trials, birdwatching and building a weather station and also looking at money management. As the weather improved outdoor activities included den and bivouac building, hikes, scavenger hunts and gardening. And toward the end of the year Cubs had fun with a night wide game, Halloween party, and a Guy Fawkes night at Longrove campsite.

The Cubs also attended the Luton Hoo Water Activity event and were able to experience a range of water based fun, such as canoeing, kayaks and rafting. The Cubs also enjoyed shooting air rifles and racing the Kresta Run at Phasels Wood, visiting Laser Quest in Hemel Hempstead and learning about animal care with a visit to Pets at Home.

In November Cubs attended district events such as the district Cubkhana and the district survival day competition which our Cub team won.

At the end of November the Cubs saw in the start of advent with a Christmas themed sleepover at Lees Wood, including campfire Christmas Carols, crafting and a Christmas dinner.

##### Scout section highlights

2024 contained a lot of 'TV' themed activities in the Scout Programme, including Taskmaster, Race Across the World (teams had to plan a route across between two locations in the fastest time using limited funds and a variety of travel options), Supermarket Sweep (in Morrisons) and a Big Fat Scouting Quiz of the Year.

Other programme favourites included the chip shop hike and our summer bike ride to Dunstable BMX park. Scouts also became detectives in a murder mystery around Dunstable Town Centre and undertook a Treasure Trail in Tring.

The Scouts competed against other district Scout groups over a number of challenges such as the district quiz, a district wide game, and the HAT challenge, a competition day comprising a hike and other challenging teamwork activities.

In February the Scouts attended a particularly muddy February Freezer camp at Paccar with about 1,500 other Scouts, to have fun with a wide range of activities such as zipwires, laser maze, climbing and abseiling, quadbike, shooting among many others. October saw the return of Scarefest at Gilwell Park, a Halloween themed scout event also with a wide range of outdoor activities, but also including fairground rides, scare mazes, and a huge fireworks and laser spectacular.

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### Financial review

Due to concerns of increased central membership fees in 2025, and generally higher costs across the board, the group increased subscription fees from £37 per term to £40 per term from September 2024. That increase in subs, combined with increasing membership numbers, resulted in membership income for the year of £9,092. Just under half of this was paid on to district for central membership fees.

The gift aid claim received in relation to 2023 donations was £1,342. Unfortunately the Summer BBQ only just broke even and there was no other fundraising income, although the group did receive donations of £289 and £87 from Easy Fundraising. Due to the popular attendance at camps and other activities the group had a surplus of about £500 from these events. However, a number of tents had to be disposed of and replacements purchased for £200.

Despite the lower income from the BBQ, and having to pay £558 for rental of alternative meeting premises in the year, prudent budgeting and lower programme activity spend meant the group had a £1,573 cash surplus for the year for normal scouting activities (excluding hut works and amounts in advance relating to 2025).

The group will continue to face enormous financial challenges as a result of the hut floor failure, which now requires the entire internal structure to be demolished for a new floor to be re-laid. To the end of 2024 we have been fortunate to receive £33,035 in grants (£7,610 received in 2024) for which we are extremely grateful. This, together with our reserves of £12,000, provides sufficient funds to complete the concrete sub-base and rebuild the internal structural walls to the property. But additional funds will need to be secured to complete the replacement plumbing and wiring works now needed, to provide a replacement kitchen and bathroom facilities, and to lay a new top floor to the concrete sub-base. Estimated additional funds of £40k are expected to be needed to complete all the works required.

### Reserves policy

The Group's policy on reserves is to hold sufficient resources to continue the charitable activities of the group should income and fundraising activities fall short. The Group Executive Committee considers that the group should maintain a sum equivalent to 12 months running costs (circa £5000) in its current account at all times..

The Group also has the responsibility to maintain the Scout Hut in good condition for the benefit of current and future members: the Group Executive Committee considers it prudent to carry a reserve of £3000-£5000 against contingent repairs.

### Declaration

29 April 2025

This report was approved and authorised for issue by the Board of Trustees on .....  
and signed on its behalf by:

.....  
Tania Comish  
Chair

.....  
Antony Durrant  
Treasurer



**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT**  
to the trustees of  
**1st Eaton Bray & Edlesborough Scout Group (Charity No: 300452)**  
on the accounts for the year ended 31 December 2024

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I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity for the year ended 31 December 2024 which are set out on pages 8 to 11.

**Responsibilities and basis of report**

As the charity's trustees, 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 charity's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 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 accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or
- the accounts did not accord with the accounting 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:**

C POWNEY (MAAT, MATT)

**Date:**

07.04.25

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# 1st Eaton Bray & Edlesborough Scout Group

## RECEIPTS & PAYMENTS ACCOUNTS

for the period 1 January 2024 to 31 December 2024

### GENERAL RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNTS

		2024			2023
	Notes	Unrestricted £	Restricted £	Total £	Total £
RECEIPTS					
Donations, legacies and grants	1	6,378	7,610	13,988	31,025
Charitable activities	2	10,559	-	10,559	8,882
Fundraising	3	1,788	-	1,788	3,312
Other income	4	-	-	-	368
Investment income	5	415	-	415	155
TOTAL RECEIPTS		19,140	7,610	26,750	43,742
PAYMENTS					
Charitable activities	2	12,458	-	12,458	11,268
Fundraising	3	1,643	-	1,643	2,381
Premises costs	6	1,272	14,358	15,630	11,285
General overheads	7	1,468	-	1,468	1,135
Asset and investment purchases	8	200	-	200	-
TOTAL PAYMENTS		17,041	14,358	31,399	26,069
NET CASHFLOW IN/(OUT)		2,099	(6,748)	(4,649)	17,673

		2024			2023	
		Unrestricted £	Restricted £	Total £	Total £	
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS						
Total funds brought forward		21,465	15,286	36,751	19,078	
Net cashflow		2,099	(6,748)	(4,649)	17,673	
TOTAL CASH FUNDS AT YEAR END		9	23,564	8,538	32,102	36,751

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### STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES AT 31 DECEMBER 2024

#### CASH FUNDS

	2024			2023
	Unrestricted £	Restricted £	Total £	Total £
Bank current account	9,898	-	9,898	8,429
Bank deposit account	13,340	8,538	21,878	28,322
OSM prepaid expense cards	326	-	326	-
	<b>23,564</b>	<b>8,538</b>	<b>32,102</b>	<b>36,751</b>

#### ASSETS RETAINED FOR CHARITY'S OWN USE

	2024			2023
	Unrestricted £	Restricted £	Total £	Total £
Land & buildings	180,000	-	180,000	180,000
Scouting equipment and furniture	15,927	-	15,927	15,727
Deposits/places paid for future events	450	-	450	-
	<b>196,377</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>196,377</b>	<b>195,727</b>

#### LIABILITIES

	2024			2023
	Unrestricted £	Restricted £	Total £	Total £
Subs paid in advance	-	-	-	37
Event fees received in advance	976	-	976	-
Expenses incurred but not yet paid	58	-	58	38
HAT Challenge 2024 payment due	600	-	600	-
	<b>1,634</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>1,634</b>	<b>75</b>

### APPROVAL

29 April 2025

These accounts were approved by the board of trustees on ..... and signed on their behalf by:

.....  
TANIA CORNISH - Chair

.....  
ANTONY DURRANT - Treasurer

# 1st Eaton Bray & Edlesborough Scout Group

## NOTES TO THE RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNTS

for the period 1 January 2024 to 31 December 2024

	2024			2023
	Unrestricted £	Restricted £	Total £	Total £
<b>1. Donations, legacies and grants</b>				
Membership subscriptions	9,092	-	9,092	8,412
Less: membership subscriptions paid on	(4,345)	-	(4,345)	(4,316)
Net subscriptions retained	4,747	-	4,747	4,096
Gift aid received	1,342	-	1,342	1,404
Donations	289	-	289	100
Grants:	-	-	-	25,425
St Mary's Village Carnival	-	110	110	-
The Burghope Charity	-	1,500	1,500	-
Bernard Sundley Foundation	-	5,000	5,000	-
Beds and Luton Community Fund	-	1,000	1,000	-
	<b>6,378</b>	<b>7,610</b>	<b>13,988</b>	<b>31,025</b>
<b>2. Charitable activities</b>				
<b>Receipts:</b>				
Group camp	-	-	-	4,165
Section camps and other youth activities	10,559	-	10,559	4,717
	<b>10,559</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>10,559</b>	<b>8,882</b>
<b>Payments:</b>				
Scouting programme	1,260	-	1,260	1,908
Group camp	-	-	-	3,793
Section camps and other youth activities	9,560	-	9,560	4,240
Badges and uniform	997	-	997	662
Group supplies, materials and equipment	641	-	641	665
	<b>12,458</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>12,458</b>	<b>11,268</b>
<b>3. Fundraising</b>				
<b>Receipts:</b>				
Carnival BBQ	1,701	-	1,701	2,918
Amazon Smile and Easy Fundraising	87	-	87	286
Other	-	-	-	108
	<b>1,788</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>1,788</b>	<b>3,312</b>
<b>Payments:</b>				
Carnival BBQ	1,643	-	1,643	2,272
Other	-	-	-	109
	<b>1,643</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>1,643</b>	<b>2,381</b>

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## NOTES TO THE RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNTS

for the period 1 January 2024 to 31 December 2024

	2024			2023
	Unrestricted £	Restricted £	Total £	Total £
<b>4. Other income</b>				
Hall hire (Explorers)	-	-	-	256
Camp tuck shop	-	-	-	112
	-	-	-	<b>368</b>
<b>5. Investments</b>				
The Scout Association Short Term Investment Service interest	-	-	-	63
Barclays deposit account	415	-	415	92
	<b>415</b>	-	<b>415</b>	<b>155</b>
<b>6. Premises costs</b>				
Premises hire	588	-	588	-
Water & sewerage	164	-	164	134
Electric and gas	466	-	466	402
Premises repairs: General	54	-	54	883
Floor repairs	-	14,358	14,358	9,866
	<b>1,272</b>	<b>14,358</b>	<b>15,630</b>	<b>11,285</b>
<b>7. General overheads</b>				
Insurance	729	-	729	716
Paypal/Sumup/GoCardless fees	458	-	458	249
Health and Safety	-	-	-	52
Other general administrative costs	281	-	281	118
	<b>1,468</b>	-	<b>1,468</b>	<b>1,135</b>
<b>8. Asset and investment purchases</b>				
Camping equipment	200	-	200	-
Sound absorption panels	-	-	-	-
	<b>200</b>	-	<b>200</b>	-