

# 10th Torbay (Babbacombe) Sea Scout Group

England & Wales · Charity number 301087

## Details

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Other names	10TH TORQUAY (BABBACOMBE) SEA SCOUT GROUP, 10TH TORQUAY BOY SCOUT GROUP
Status	Registered
Legal form	Trust
Registered	1966-08-09
Register	<a href="#">View on the Charity Commission register</a>

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## Activities

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**Objects:** 10TH TORQUAY BOY SCOUT GROUP

**Activities:** SOCIAL, SPIRITUAL, PHYSICAL AND MENTAL DEVELOPMENT IN A PROGRESSIVE TRAINING SCHEME WITHIN THE FRAMEWORK OF THE SCOUT MOVEMENT FOR YOUNG PEOPLE WITHIN THE AGES OF 4 TO 25 YEARS OF AGE.

## Classification

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- **How:** Provides Human Resources, Provides Buildings/facilities/open Space, Provides Services
- **What:** General Charitable Purposes, Education/training, Amateur Sport
- **Who:** Children/young People

## Geography

- **Area of benefit:** TORQUAY
- Torbay

## Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-03-31	£36,400	£47,921	-	-
2024-03-31	£37,428	£54,455	-	-
2023-03-31	£32,689	£60,329	-	-
2022-03-31	£57,445	£51,083	-	-
2021-03-31	£37,075	£52,596	-	-

## Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
<b>Jonathan Bradley</b>	Chair	2025-09-08
Alice Jane Maddock		2024-09-06
Angela Jane Slay		2019-07-09
Cheryl Leigh Baxter		2025-09-08
JOSEPH ANDREW SPALDING		2019-07-16
Joanne Cullum		2025-09-08
Nicola Ann Spalding		2019-07-09
Rebecca Hallows		2022-09-12
Samantha Cooper		2025-11-06
Sarah Jane Chapman		2024-09-06

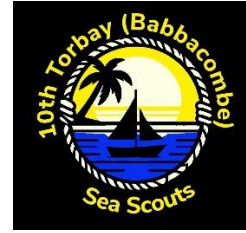
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# Accounts

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# **Annual General Meeting Of 10<sup>th</sup> Torbay (Babbacombe) Sea Scouts**

**Held on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> September 2025**

**At**

**10<sup>th</sup> Torbay Headquarters**

**Walls Hill Quarry, Babbacombe Road, Torquay, Devon TQ1 3TA**

**Charity Number: 301087**

**Annual General Meeting Minutes**  
of 10th Torbay (Babbacombe) Sea Scouts

**Charity Number: 301087** held at

10<sup>th</sup> Torbay Headquarters, Babbacombe Road, Torquay TQ1 3TA

**On Monday 9<sup>th</sup> September 2024 at 6.30pm**

Present		Apologies
Justin Wiggin Nicki Spalding Mark Willis Andy Spalding Current Trustee Members Leaders from all sections Parents of Young People Young People from all sections	<b>Chair</b> <b>Group Lead Volunteer (GLV)</b> <b>Treasurer</b> <b>Torbay District Representative</b>	Jamie Parfitt Jon Bradley

Resolution 1	<b>Welcome</b>		
	Justin Wiggin Welcomed everybody and chaired the meeting He thanked leaders, YP and parents for all the group's achievements		
	<b>Apologies for absence</b>		
	See above		
	<b>Minutes of previous AGM of 11 September 2023</b>		
	No queries were raised. The minutes were ratified by Justin Wiggin	<b>Proposer</b> Andy Spalding	<b>Seconder</b> Samantha Cooper
2	<b>Group Scout Council to receive and consider Annual Reports and Accounts</b>		
	Mark Willis discussed the accounts: Balance at 31 March 2024 of £33,314 Major expenditure for year were improvements to building namely doors and windows, boiler and disabled ramp  Full report is attached to these minutes		
	Approval of Annual Accounts	<b>Proposer</b> David Goode	<b>Seconder</b> Lee Mitchell
3	<b>To appoint Vincent and Co Accountants as Auditors</b>		
	Approval of Auditors	<b>Proposer</b> Samantha Cooper	<b>Seconder</b> Chris Ebbutt
	<b>Approval of the Group Scout Leader's nomination of the Group Chair</b>		
	To continue Justin Wiggins	<b>Proposer</b> Craig Hayward	<b>Seconder</b> Samantha Cooper
	<b>Election of new Group Treasurer for next 3 years</b>		
	Mark Willis was thanked for all his hard work over last 5 years Role will be a hybrid in line with transformation		
	Sarah Chapman Alice Maddock	<b>Proposer</b> Nicki Spalding	<b>Seconder</b> Andy Spalding
	<b>Election of members of the Group Scout Council to the Group Executive Committee</b>		
	Craig Hayward Sarah Bateman Jon Bradley Monika Matuszewska	<b>Proposer</b> Justin Wiggin	<b>Seconder</b> Phil James
	<b>Approval of the Group Scout Leader's nomination of members of the Group Executive Committee</b>		
	Jamie Parfitt Andy Spalding	<b>Proposer</b> Nicki Spalding	<b>Seconder</b> Lee Mitchell

	Angela Slay Rebecca Hallows		
<b>Group Lead Volunteer's report</b>			
	Nicki Spalding (Capt'n) presented her report and thanked leaders, parents and young people The full report and all section reports are attached to these minutes Nicki was thanked for her continued good work		
<b>Torbay District Representative Andy Spalding</b>			
	Gave history of his own scouting journey and how 10th had swelled over 30 years. Now have 110 YP, second largest group in Torbay. Thanked Mark Willis for putting up with his spending requests to make the experience for the YP even better, congratulated and thanked everyone		
<b>4</b>	<b>Any Other Business</b>		
	Adoption of POR 5.4 Scouting Association Constitution	<b>Proposer</b> Justin Wiggin	<b>Seconder</b> Andy Spalding
<b>Justin Wiggin</b> thanked everyone for coming inviting them for coffee and cake			
The AGM closed at 6.10pm			

The Section Award Presentation followed the formal meeting:

### **2024 awards**

#### Beavers Awards

Rising Star award	Eli Sampson
Most talented award	Bodhi Munns
Best beaver award	Harrison Clark
Best lodge leader	Amber Qiriaqi
Most inspiring Award	Adam Bowley
Leadership Role model award	Hannah France
Best newcomer award	Paisley Little

#### Cub Awards

Best sixer/leadership	Archie Faulkes
Most motivated & keen	Louis Ayres
Most outstanding	Reuban Chapman & Isla Cresswell

#### Scout Awards

Best new scout	Jeremy Tozer
Best Scout	Francesca Tozer & Oscar Chapman (& kayak trailer loader)
Most improved scout	Sidney O'Neill
Best Sailor	George Cresswell
Most improved sailor	Max Brown
Best Kayaker	Bria Bonnar-Foster
Most improved kayaker	Charlie Hilson

#### Explorer Awards

Best explorer	Megan Sellick
Best Attendance award	Freddie Page
Challenger award	Oliwier Gaszka
Most improved	Faith Benney
Leaders teacher	Zachary Spencer

## **Chair's Report – 10th Torbay (Babbacombe) Sea Scouts**

2024-25 has been another incredible year for 10th Torbay (Babbacombe) Sea Scouts. This is my fifth year as Chairperson for the Charity which oversees the management of scouting activities.

The last 12 months have seen significant improvements made to our scout hut to improve its environmental sustainability, appearance and meet all necessary requirements for a safe public building. This has helped us to attract additional funding into the charity by being able to offer for hire, the building to partner organisations in the public sector to be used as a vaccination centre and for local elections. Our scout hut has truly become a well-established community asset.

The scouting purpose is to actively engage and support young people in their personal development, empowering them to make a positive contribution to society. The young people play a huge role in supporting each other to build and develop their confidence and character as fun loving, adventurous responsible young people who are a credit to our local community. 10th Torbay is incredibly fortunate to have such an experienced, kind, supportive and skilful group of volunteers who guide our young people through their scouting journey.

Our volunteer leaders spend countless hours planning and preparing for all activities throughout the year. In addition, they also ensure their own training is up to date, often taking on roles and responsibilities beyond our local groups to ensure the wide range of activities can continue to be delivered. Just one of the many achievements of the year, for the first time we have 4 leaders who have attained their kayaking permits to allow a record 32 young people to be on the water at the same time. I'd like to thank all of our volunteer leaders for all their hard work and commitment, often undertaken on top of their own work, full time studies and family commitments. Your contributions are what drives the success of 10th Torbay (Babbacombe) Sea Scouts.

There are many achievements to celebrate over the last 12 months. A snapshot includes:

- Weekly face to face delivery for all Squirrels, Beavers, Cubs, Scouts and Explorer groups.
- Sea kayaking, caving, climbing and sailing
- Attendance at Hurdlestone and Scoutmoor
- No Scouting year would be complete without a full range of camps to participate in. These have included Frosty Camp for Cubs and Roadford Lake to help Scouts gain valuable sailing accreditation and Scout Ex to name but a few.

As always, my gratitude goes to the 10th Torbay (Babbacombe) Sea Scouts Trustees for effectively managing the charity. 2024/25 has seen new trustees join the board, all working to ensure the sustainability of the charity of overseeing the safeguarding of all young people engaged with 10th Torbay (Babbacombe) Sea Scouts.

The contribution Capt'n, Bosun and all our leaders make should be recognised for creating a welcoming, inclusive Scout group and for continuing to plan and arrange inspirational activities. To all parents, carers and family members for bringing your young person to their sessions every week and for offering your support.

**Justin Wiggin**  
**Chairperson**

## Group Lead Volunteer Report

Six years into my role as Group Lead Volunteer and I am proud to still be steering the 10<sup>th</sup> Torbay ship in its ever-changing journey. We have had another 12 months of amazing activities provided by the fantastic leadership team working tirelessly behind the scenes coming up with new and fresh ideas of how we can provide an interesting programme for all the sections.

Whilst we have completed most of the building projects, we still have a few more to go however with limited funds in our accounts we are waiting on grant applications before we can proceed - we still have plans to put in a ceiling in the "glitter room", new door way there and replacement doors for the alleyway and boat house. In a couple of weeks our compound out of the front is being paved thanks to Wiltshire's next door who are providing the materials and labour for this to happen.

Our squirrel section celebrated its 1<sup>st</sup> birthday back in May and has a new night of operating from this month under the watchful eyes of Pascal, Bim and Seb. The trustee board have been working hard behind the scenes ensuring our building is compliant and creating an asset register for all of our equipment – this is a massive undertaking and a 3<sup>rd</sup> session has just been organised. We also made a very important appointment of one of our young leaders turned 18 last week and signed up straight away to become a leader – Lily "Pascal" brings such a balance to our team and has straight away thrown herself in the deep end with squirrels. I must say that all our explorers and young leaders are our future.

Please do not think our teams are complete, the more who help makes volunteering easier for everyone and brings new skills to the fold. We are a friendly bunch so why not give it a go?

As a group we are so lucky to have such a great enthusiastic bunch of volunteers who are the nicest leaders you could ask to meet, they have met all the challenges of getting activities up and running again with enthusiasm & ideas. They all support each other, filling in on section nights if needed and programme ideas adapted for whichever section. The winners experiencing great programmes & activities are your children, this fabulous team of adults who not only support their section but everyone else's too are worth more than their weight in gold and I thank them for continuing to be part of the 10<sup>th</sup>. We have also supported district and county events in the last year and have more planned on the horizon – if your inner scout wants to help teach fire lighting, making "smares", helping with sport/craft activities or come along and cook on a camp (this is how I started) please do ask.

Six years in and our brilliant trustee board continue to support our group with the "official" paperwork and guidance from behind the scenes. We still have plans for finishing the refurbishing our building and improving the activities we can offer your children. Alice our new treasurer has done an amazing job of learning our accounts, keeping us on track and most importantly is still smiling. This year we wave goodbye to Justin who has been an amazing chairman, Craig and Jamie. We are grateful to all of them and wish them all the best on their new adventures.

This year I had a stint of being unwell so took the best decision to appointment an assistant group lead volunteer – I would like you all to welcome and support Sam to her new role, she is an amazing asset to our group and in supporting me too.

So, thank you parents for still being with us, a warm welcome to new parents who have joined us in the last 12 months and lastly to all our young people in all our sections a massive thank you for still wishing to be part of our adventure, for giving every activity a go and pushing your own limits.

I am looking forward to another 12 months, please continue to support our group with all our endeavours and each section when they ask for additional help – why not go the next step (like we all did) and become a regular volunteer – you will bring something to our group as we will teach you something back in turn – what is there to lose – flexible volunteering at its best.

**Nicki "Capt'n"**



## 10th Torbay Squirrels Section Report 2025

A massive thank you to all our parents for lending us your children every week, to Nicki Spalding “Capt’n” for administering all necessary paperwork in the background, Sam Cooper aka Rikki Tikki our In Touch, to our wonderful Beaver leaders Kelly aka Tic-Tac and Angela aka Keogh, who catch our Squirrels as they Move Up and our wonderful Young Leaders Bruce and Lily; without you guys, nothing would happen!

We celebrated our First Birthday in May 2025! We had several hut sessions in the programme during the year but want to give our Squirrels that “Outdoor Experience” that 10th Torbay (Babbacombe) Sea Scout Group are famed for! With our newest recruit Sarah aka Nik-Nak we’ve done paddleboarding with Reach Outdoors, we’ve Slipped and Slid, made Bruce into a cardboard robot, visited Torquay Fire station, launched rockets, did Halloween crafting, attended our first Remembrance Parade, visited Pets At Home in Paignton, threw eggs from great heights (and they survived – unlike some of our caterpillars!), walked along Torquay Seafront looking at the Christmas lights, did our first stage First Aid badge, looked at growing things, made a bug hotel, hiked to the chip shop and made dens, toasted marshmallows, cooked stews, made crafts and crabbed on Torquay Harbour.

We looked into the sky, learnt our planets, got very wet building sandcastles and our special badge work was on our Community Impact and looked at food waste, culminating in making delicious smoothies with Totnes, Food in the Community Group. But most importantly we had fun! We now all know our compass points, how to be “Beans on Toast”, found our first geocache, can put up a tent and said goodbye to one of our founder leaders Amy aka Chip.

Badges are on every sleeve of our Squirrels as they work hard towards the ultimate Acorn Award. It is a delight to see so many familiar faces when we visit Beavers every so often. Two gained their 1 year Joining In award! As ever, friendships have flourished, personalities developed over the time we see Squirrels in our drey. Goodness how they grow up and blossom and we look forward to the next year with our wonderful young people!

Rebecca “Bim”, Seb and Sandy and Young Leaders Bruce and Lily



## Beavers Section Report 2025

Beavers have had a busy year with a varied programme from our “Beaver Got Talent” show to learning Morse code. We now have members moving up through Squirrels Section and we work together to make this transition as easy as possible. We couldn’t run without the support of parents so thank you for this and lending us your children; it’s a privilege to see them enjoy the activities and grow as young people. A big thank you to our Team, particularly Ode and Lily.

As many of you know Tic Tac has been very poorly but is on the mend and will be back as soon as she is able. But she is still keeping tabs on us and you!

Keogh/Angela  
Beaver Team



## Cubs 2025 section report

The Cubs have excelled again this year. With quite a challenging programme and the addition of kayaking, necessitating a change of day for two consecutive weeks, we have had good attendance and an abundance of enthusiasm and engagement throughout.

With 2023/24 proving to have been a successful programme for the Cubs, the leaders were going to be hard pushed this year to be just as challenging and enjoyable for all involved, especially our parent volunteers, without whom we could not have run some of the events. We also thank our young leaders, Aspen, George, and Oscar, who also help to keep the Cubs busy while leaders are preparing for activities. We would also like to thank the Cubs for attending and giving everything a good try with enthusiasm and boundless energy. Looking back at the activities the Cubs participated in, it's amazing to think we were able to cram it all in! Our winter/spring programme was mainly in the HQ, but we also had a session of coasteering at Ansteys Cove, a guest speaker talking about how Parliament works, archery, rock climbing, first aid, a board games night, 2 x hikes, and a Bonfire Night at Watcombe burning the Guys they made the week before.

The Christmas break allowed Jakala time to arrange some fantastic meetings to help the Cubs gain their Devon Police badge. This included a visit to Torquay Police Station, seeing the inside of a police van, and for those who felt brave, being locked in a police cell. The Cubs absolutely loved it, and those parents that helped found it interesting too. We managed to make pizzas at Watcombe, learnt about Digital Citizenship and online safety, and a hike around Cockington.

Weather-wise, the summer was good for us. We decided that we needed to have some great outdoor activities of which only one was a hike! Starting with wide games at Ilsham Green, we then had crafts and games at the HQ, and then a VE day celebration decorated with genuine flags from the time, brought in by Bandarlog. We even had ration books to give a feel as to what it would have been like to have to make hard choices about food. Some of the food the cubs brought to the meeting was amazing and well thought through. We had a rotation of rock climbing, archery, and grass sledging, at different locations which made some of the logistics tough, but thanks to some brilliant parent helpers the cubs had a great time.

The last 4 meetings of summer were all water based, with crabbing at the harbour, two weeks of kayaking, and the annual sandcastle competition followed by a water game called "Splash the leaders as much as you can while in the sea!". The last meeting of the summer was held at Watcombe, where we gave out lots of well-earned badges. This was followed by the cubs enjoying the slip 'n' slide water run and a barbecue.

This section is continuing to run at high numbers with a list of children waiting to join (the word has got out what a great programme we run) and needs more leaders. Early in the year Bagheera moved up to help the Explorer section. Dropping us from 4 to 3 section leaders meant that we had to cancel a meeting for the first time in a long while purely because of leaders to Cubs ratio. As a parent group you are all amazing in offering support and we could not run our programme without you, but we would like another couple of adults to help with the programme planning, risk assessments and admin that happens behind the scenes as well as the fun day to day stuff, cooking on camp or just helping when you can – it is all possible. The more volunteers we have, the easier it is to run a rota, meaning that fewer sessions per volunteer can be achieved. If you fancy joining in let us know!

Debs "Jakala", Chris "Bandarlog" and David "Hathi"  
Cub Section Leaders



## Sea Scouts Report 2025

The winter saw us off the beach and cleaning our water kit for storage. We have spent evenings at the campsite refreshing our knife, axe and saw skills, checking “Steve” was still in the knife box, campsite help and fire lighting skills. We have ribbon, beach and chip hiked, and played wide and board games. We have climbed on our climbing wall, shot some archery arrows and air rifle pellets, learnt some life skills, and learnt how we build stuff. It was then time for water kit prep and our first night back on the beach.

This year again the section was the correct size so everyone has had access to a water activity. They have enjoyed sailing, kayaking and “pirates”. I would like to thank all the scouts for their enthusiasm each week for their activities and turning up in rain or sun, we have had a lot of wind & rain or no wind – you cannot win!

It has been so lovely getting all our sailing equipment out on the water again and for Calypso to be a regular part of this, Bosun and I have not been around as much as we would have liked in July and we are both grateful to the leaders in our amazing group for making sure the sessions still ran each week as planned.

Biffo organised some more caving sessions which everyone enjoyed with more planned for the winter months.

Winter program as usual is in its planning stage with the idea of spending as little time we can get away with indoors, we have such lovely outdoor facilities available to us we need to make use – now would be a good time to check winter waterproofs and boots fit plus locating that missing head torch.

We managed a frosty camp in January with an expedition running alongside and a Sailing camp in April. We also put forward two teams for Hurdlestone challenge in June and they came a credible 31<sup>st</sup> and 35<sup>th</sup> with team Fireball winning the archery competition. We have an expedition camp in the planning for October and our usual frosty camp in the New Year. Scoutmoor 26 will be running in August which we will be attending again with all sections.

We would like to thank parents for continuing to support our section in all our adventures, it is much appreciated. None of this happens however with the scout team who diligently turn up week on week, and other section leaders who help out on an extra night, the beauty of flexible volunteering means you help when you can. We also supported our cubs and explorers with water opportunities this year and will plan in the same for 2026 with coasteering being a new activity on the horizon.

I personally would like to thank Bosun, Riley, Zippy, Dodger, Biffo, Landy, Baghera, and Pearl who without their continued support, risk assessments, giggles, laughter and ideas we would not have as much fun as we do.

**Nicki “Capt’n” - Sea Section Leader**



EXPLORERS

## **Explorers Section Report 2025**

It has been an eventful and action packed year at explorers with a wide range of activities - air rifle shooting, climbing, kayaking, loads of hikes as we started a mission to hike the southwest coast path, a few camps including our “survival skills” camp where we built shelters, skinned and cooked rabbits. We also joined other explorers for a district camp.

Some good progress was made towards young leaders’ belts with almost half the unit currently volunteering and helping with younger sections and we started work on ICV activities towards the Diamond award.

Some special mentions this year go out to:

Bruce – always has a great attitude and joins in plus keeps the playlist pumping on the Hikes

Megan – shows great leadership skills and is a perfect example to others

Nina – always gets stuck in, did a fantastic job skinning the rabbit and helping out at every meeting.

Our focus for the coming year is to continue the work we have built on so far with the young leaders’ belt and Diamond awards. We will also start training towards the explorer belt trip planned for 2027. As part of this we hope to take part in the monopoly run in London in April, arrange more camps, continue working on the south west coast path and generally get the explorers to start taking charge and organising more activities for themselves and other sections.

**Lee, Phil, Jenny, Michele and Katie**  
**Explorer Leader team**

## Badges awarded in 2024/25

### Squirrels



4 Chief Scout Acorn awards plus challenge, activity, staged badges **Total 68** – well done Squirrels!

### Beavers



3 Bronze chief scout awards plus challenge, activity, staged badges **Total 153** – well done beavers!

### Cubs



5 Silver chief scout awards plus challenge, activity, staged badges making a **Total 249** – well done cubs!

### Scouts



5 Gold chief scout awards plus challenge, activity and staged badges **Total 239 badges** well done scouts!

### Explorers



3 Platinum awards and young leader modules. **Total 106 badges** – well done explorers, yours are the hardest to earn so good going!

10th Torbay (Babbacombe) Sea Scout Group  
Accounts and Independent Examiners Report

For the year ended  
31 March 2025

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**10th Torbay (Babbacombe) Sea Scout Group**  
**Statement of Income & Expenditure**  
**For the year ended 31 March 2025**

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds £	Total 2025 £	Total 2024 £
Funds generated	1	36,400	36,400	37,428
Less : Cost of activities	2	16,350	16,350	11,791
		<u>20,050</u>	<u>20,050</u>	<u>25,637</u>
<b>Less : Other Expenditure</b>				
Cleaning		115	115	209
Depreciation (Including Profit/loss on disposal)		10,479	10,479	12,065
Light & Heat		2,816	2,816	820
Insurance		- 2,276	- 2,276	2,957
Legal and professional		362	362	728
Computer running expenses		222	222	313
Water and rates		490	490	1,262
Repairs and maintenance		15,850	15,850	25,648
Memberships		-	-	6,773
Sundry expenses including trophies & awards		2,308	2,308	2,737
Training		-	-	-
Telecommunications		413	413	387
Rent		790	790	556
		<u>31,571</u>	<u>31,571</u>	<u>54,455</u>
<b>Net deficit/surplus</b>		<u><b>(11,521)</b></u>	<u><b>(11,521)</b></u>	<u><b>(28,818)</b></u>

**10th Torbay (Babbacombe) Sea Scout Group**  
**Balance Sheet**  
as at 31 March 2025

	Notes	2025		2024	
		£	£	£	£
<b>Fixed assets</b>					
Equipment, machinery, boats etc		41,918		48,259	
Other fixed assets, leasehold property		<u>46,150</u>		<u>46,150</u>	
			88,068		94,409
Bank/building society balances		28,070		32,990	
Cash in hand		<u>65</u>		<u>325</u>	
		<u>28,135</u>		<u>33,315</u>	
<b>Net current assets</b>			28,135		33,315
<b>Net assets</b>			<u><b>116,203</b></u>		<u><b>127,724</b></u>
For the year ended					
<b>Capital account</b>					
Balance at start of period			127,724		156,542
Net deficit/surplus			(11,521)		(28,818)
			<u><b>116,203</b></u>		<u><b>127,724</b></u>

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Signed by:

Date:

**10th Torbay (Babbacombe) Sea Scout Group**  
**Notes to the Accounts**  
**as at 31 March 2025**

**1) Income**

	<b>Unrestricted Funds</b>	<b>Total 2025</b>	<b>Total 2024</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Subscriptions and fees	20,245	20,245	19,138
Camp payments, activities and fun days	11,623	11,623	12,975
Hut hire, rents	-	-	-
Fundraising activities, scrap income and sales	4,318	4,318	4,987
Interest received	214	214	328
	<u>36,400</u>	<u>36,400</u>	<u>37,428</u>

**2) Cost of activities**

	<b>Unrestricted Funds</b>	<b>Total 2025</b>	<b>Total 2024</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Camping and outing expenses	16,330	16,330	10,971
Fundraising	20	20	820
	<u>16,350</u>	<u>16,350</u>	<u>11,791</u>

**3) Fixed Assets - equipment, machinery & boats etc**

	<b>Unrestricted Funds</b>	<b>Total 2025</b>	<b>Total 2024</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
<b>Cost</b>			
Opening Balance	157,333	157,333	154,267
Additions	7,003	7,003	3,551
Disposals	2,865	2,865	485
Closing Balance	<u>161,471</u>	<u>161,471</u>	<u>157,333</u>
<b>Depreciaiton</b>			
Opening Balance	109,074	109,074	97,009
Charge for period	10,479	10,479	12,065
Disposals	-	-	-
Closing Balance	<u>119,553</u>	<u>119,553</u>	<u>109,074</u>
<b>Net Book Value</b>			
Closing Net Book Value	<u>41,918</u>	<u>41,918</u>	<u>48,259</u>
Opening Net Book Valaue	<u>48,259</u>	<u>48,259</u>	<u>57,258</u>

**Independent examiner's report to the trustees of 10th Torbay (Babbacombe) Sea Scouts Group**

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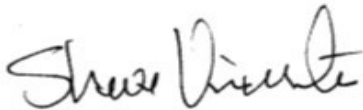
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10th Torbay (Babbacombe) Sea Scout Group  
Accounts and Independent Examiners Report

For the year ended  
31 March 2025

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**10th Torbay (Babbacombe) Sea Scout Group**  
**Statement of Income & Expenditure**  
**For the year ended 31 March 2025**

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds £	Total 2025 £	Total 2024 £
Funds generated	1	36,400	36,400	37,428
Less : Cost of activities	2	16,350	16,350	11,791
		<u>20,050</u>	<u>20,050</u>	<u>25,637</u>
<b>Less : Other Expenditure</b>				
Cleaning		115	115	209
Depreciation (Including Profit/loss on disposal)		10,479	10,479	12,065
Light & Heat		2,816	2,816	820
Insurance	-	2,276	- 2,276	2,957
Legal and professional		362	362	728
Computer running expenses		222	222	313
Water and rates		490	490	1,262
Repairs and maintenance		15,850	15,850	25,648
Memberships		-	-	6,773
Sundry expenses including trophies & awards		2,308	2,308	2,737
Training		-	-	-
Telecommunications		413	413	387
Rent		790	790	556
		<u>31,571</u>	<u>31,571</u>	<u>54,455</u>
<b>Net deficit/surplus</b>		<u><b>(11,521)</b></u>	<u><b>(11,521)</b></u>	<u><b>(28,818)</b></u>

**10th Torbay (Babbacombe) Sea Scout Group**  
**Balance Sheet**  
as at 31 March 2025

	Notes	2025		2024	
		£	£	£	£
<b>Fixed assets</b>					
Equipment, machinery, boats etc		41,918		48,259	
Other fixed assets, leasehold property		<u>46,150</u>		<u>46,150</u>	
			88,068		94,409
Bank/building society balances		28,070		32,990	
Cash in hand		<u>65</u>		<u>325</u>	
		<u>28,135</u>		<u>33,315</u>	
<b>Net current assets</b>			28,135		33,315
<b>Net assets</b>			<u><b>116,203</b></u>		<u><b>127,724</b></u>
For the year ended					
<b>Capital account</b>					
Balance at start of period			127,724		156,542
Net deficit/surplus			(11,521)		(28,818)
			<u><b>116,203</b></u>		<u><b>127,724</b></u>

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Signed by:

Date:

**10th Torbay (Babbacombe) Sea Scout Group**  
**Notes to the Accounts**  
**as at 31 March 2025**

**1) Income**

	<b>Unrestricted Funds</b>	<b>Total 2025</b>	<b>Total 2024</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Subscriptions and fees	20,245	20,245	19,138
Camp payments, activities and fun days	11,623	11,623	12,975
Hut hire, rents	-	-	-
Fundraising activities, scrap income and sales	4,318	4,318	4,987
Interest received	214	214	328
	<u>36,400</u>	<u>36,400</u>	<u>37,428</u>

**2) Cost of activities**

	<b>Unrestricted Funds</b>	<b>Total 2025</b>	<b>Total 2024</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Camping and outing expenses	16,330	16,330	10,971
Fundraising	20	20	820
	<u>16,350</u>	<u>16,350</u>	<u>11,791</u>

**3) Fixed Assets - equipment, machinery & boats etc**

	<b>Unrestricted Funds</b>	<b>Total 2025</b>	<b>Total 2024</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
<b>Cost</b>			
Opening Balance	157,333	157,333	154,267
Additions	7,003	7,003	3,551
Disposals	2,865	2,865	485
Closing Balance	<u>161,471</u>	<u>161,471</u>	<u>157,333</u>
<b>Depreciaiton</b>			
Opening Balance	109,074	109,074	97,009
Charge for period	10,479	10,479	12,065
Disposals	-	-	-
Closing Balance	<u>119,553</u>	<u>119,553</u>	<u>109,074</u>
<b>Net Book Value</b>			
Closing Net Book Value	<u>41,918</u>	<u>41,918</u>	<u>48,259</u>
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# Accounts

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# **Annual General Meeting Of 10<sup>th</sup> Torbay Babbacombe Sea Scouts**

**Held on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> September 2024**

**At**

**10<sup>th</sup> Torbay Headquarters**

**Walls Hill Quarry, Babbacombe Road, Torquay, Devon TQ1 3TA**

**Charity Number: 301087**

**Annual General Meeting Minutes**  
of 10th Torbay (Babbacombe) Sea Scouts

**Charity Number: 301087** held at

10<sup>th</sup> Torbay Headquarters, Babbacombe Road, Torquay TQ1 3TA

**On Monday 11<sup>th</sup> September 2023 at 6.30pm**

Present		Apologies
Justin Wiggin Nicki Spalding Mark Willis Rebecca Hallows Raymond Hill Elaine Harrison Current Executive Committee members Leaders from all sections Parents of Young People Young People from all sections	<b>Chair</b> <b>Group Scout Leader (GSL) Treasurer</b> <b>Secretary</b> <b>Torbay District Chair</b> <b>Torbay District Commissioner</b>	Graham and Cheryl Baxter Chris Ebbut

<b>Welcome and introductions</b>			
	<b>Justin Wiggin</b> Welcomed everybody and chaired the meeting. The Group continues to look for volunteers moving forwards, please speak to any leader if you are interested		
	<b>Raymond Hill, Torbay District Representative</b> opened the meeting and discussed the recent WSJ and £1m bill for the contingency plan to be actioned in South Korea. Ray suggested speaking with the attendees after the meeting to hear about their experiences		
<b>Apologies for absence</b>			
	See above		
<b>Minutes of previous AGM of 12 September 2022</b>			
	No queries were raised. The minutes were ratified by Justin Wiggin	Proposer	Seconder
		Andy Spalding	David Goode
1	<b>Group Scout Council to receive and consider Annual Report and Accounts</b>		
	Mark Willis presented the accounts. Full report is attached to these minutes		
	Approval of Annual Accounts	Proposer	Seconder
		Philip Reed	Samantha Cooper
3	<b>To appoint Vincent and Co Accountants as Auditors</b>		
	Approval of Auditors	Proposer	Seconder
		Mark Willis	Nicki Spalding
<b>Approval of the Group Scout Leader's nomination of the Group Chair</b>			
	To continue Justin Wiggins	Proposer	Seconder
		Craig Hayward	Samantha Cooper
<b>Election of the Group Secretary</b>			
	To continue Rebecca Hallows	Proposer	Seconder
		Craig Hayward	Samantha Cooper

	<b>Election of the Group Treasurer</b>		
	To continue Mark Willis	<b>Proposer</b>	<b>Second</b>
		Nicki Spalding	Andy Spalding
	<b>Election of members of the Group Scout Council to the Group Executive Committee</b>		
	Craig Hayward Sarah Bateman Jon Bradbury	<b>Proposer</b>	<b>Second</b>
		Samantha Cooper	Jenny Page
	<b>Approval of the Group Scout Leader's nomination of members of the Group Executive Committee</b>		
	Jamie Parfitt Andy Spalding Angela Slay	<b>Proposer</b>	<b>Second</b>
		Simon Chapman	Lee Mitchell
	<b>GSL's report</b>		
	Nicki Spalding (Capt'n) presented her report and after 4 years as GSL thanked leaders, parents and young people and reflected on her time as Group Section Leader. The full report is attached. Squirrels is still being considered and anyone interested in volunteering please come forward. All section reports are attached to these minutes Nicki was thanked for her continued good work		
	<b>Torbay District Commissioner Elaine Harrison</b>		
	Elaine thanked everyone for their hard work		
	<b>Sandy Richards King's Scout</b>		
	As the first King's Scout of 10 <sup>th</sup> Torbay Sandy spoke about his time in scouting. He thanked all the leaders and parents for their support		
	<b>Any Other Business</b>		
4	Adoption of POR Scouting Association Constitution	<b>Proposer</b>	<b>Second</b>
		Andy Spalding	Craig Hayward

	<b>Justin Wiggin</b> thanked everyone for coming inviting them for coffee and cake
	The meeting closed at 6.55pm

The Section Award Presentation followed the formal meeting.

## Chairs Report – 10<sup>th</sup> Torbay (Babbacombe) Sea Scouts

I'm proud to say this is my third year and report as Chairperson for the 10<sup>th</sup> Torbay (Babbacombe) Sea Scouts Trustee Board. Each year seems to pass quicker than the previous. Upon reflection that's due to:

- the incredible activities our inspiring leaders plan and our young people participate and engage in.
- the work undertaken by the Board of Trustees to ensure the charity is well run, safe and made sustainable to ensure scouting at 10<sup>th</sup> Torbay (Babbacombe) Sea Scouts can continue for future generations of young people.

The purpose of the Scouting movement is to actively engage and support young people in their personal development, empowering them to make a positive contribution to society. 10<sup>th</sup> Torbay (Babbacombe) Sea Scouts provides a rich programme which challenges members to explore who they are as individuals, how they relate to others and their community and provides experiences which many young people would not ordinarily have the opportunity to participate in. By engaging with Scouts our young people are encouraged to:

- Act with integrity
- Promote care for people and the world we live in.
- Explore faiths, beliefs and attitudes of different cultures and communities.
- Show respect for others as well as for ourselves.
- Make a positive contribution to our community and the world through collaboration and co-operation.

These points are the core values of which we are guided by as Scouts. They remain with us as we progress through adulthood and ensure we make a positive difference in the world.

There are many achievements to celebrate over the last 12 months. A snap shot includes:

- Weekly face to face delivery for all Beavers, Cubs, Scouts and Explorer groups.
- After spending much of 2022 working to raise funds, a number of our Scouts attended the World Scout Jamboree, August 2023.
- No Scouting year would be complete without a full range of camps to participate in. These have included Frosty Camp for Cubs and Roadford Lake to help Scouts gain valuable sailing accreditation and Scoutmoor to name but a few.
- The Trustees have continued to make changes to Scout Head Quarters. Significant improvements have been made to the building to maintain the property, increasing energy efficiency with new boiler, bathroom facilities, windows and fire doors. A new ramp has been installed to make the building accessible for people with mobility needs.
- Opening of our squirrel drey in May 2024 under the excellent leadership of Amy & Rebecca.

Each year this report gives me the opportunity to reflect on the previous 12 months activity. Whenever I have the opportunity to visit an activity or work with the Trustees, I'm reminded that all the achievements made by our squirrels, beavers, cubs, scouts and explorers are only made possible by the contributions being made by leaders, parents, carers and wider family members who volunteer their time to help plan, run and support the delivery of activities.

As always my gratitude goes to the 10<sup>th</sup> Torbay (Babbacombe) Sea Scouts Trustees for helping to effectively manage the charity. The contribution Capt'n, Bosun and all of our leaders make should be recognised for creating a welcoming, inclusive Scouts group and for continuing to plan and arrange inspirational activities. To all parents, carers and family members for getting your young person to their sessions every week and for offering your support. Lastly, a huge thank you to all our young people for turning up to every session, for your enthusiasm, for challenging yourselves to try new things and supporting your fellow Scouts.

**Justin Wiggin**  
Chairperson

# Group Treasurer Report

## Summary of accounts for financial year 2023/2024 (01/04/23 to 31/03/24):

**Income** for the year was **£37,913** of which

- 51% from membership fees (monthly subs). Increased by £1 in Jan24
- 34% from special events (camps etc)
- 13% from fundraising & grants (mostly gift aid)

**Expenditure** for the year was **£57,732** of which

- 44% on repairs and maintenance (HQ windows, doors, boiler, ramp, cctv)
- 17% on special events (camps etc)
- 12% on national & district fees

This gave a net deficit of **-£19,819**, reducing our end of period account balance from £53,133 to **£33,314**

The full accountants report for the period can be found at the back of this report.

## Summary of accounts for financial year 2024/2025 to date (01/04/24 to 31/07/24):

**Income** for the 4 months was **£20,518** of which

- 34% from membership fees (monthly subs)
- 33% from special events (camps etc)
- 19% from fundraising & grants (mostly gift aid)

**Expenditure** for the 4 months was **£21,728** of which

- 34% on repairs and maintenance (HQ toilet refurb, climbing wall repairs, electrical work)
- 34% on special events (camps etc)
- 17% on equipment (floatation vests, helmets, gazebo)

This gave a net deficit of **-£1,210**, reducing our end of period account balance from £33,314 to **£32,105**

**Mark - Group Treasurer**

## Group Lead Volunteer Report

Five years into my role as Group Lead Volunteer and I am proud to still be steering the 10<sup>th</sup> Torbay ship in its ever-changing journey. We have had another 12 months of amazing activities provided by the fantastic leadership team working tirelessly behind the scenes coming up with new and fresh ideas of how we can provide an interesting programme for all the sections.

We have completed most of the building projects with new windows and doors, boiler, bathroom upgrade, the ceilings in the kitchen, hallway, toilets and committee room have all been plastered and painted, and the main hall has been battened making a much nicer environment. We still have plans to put in a ceiling in the "glitter room", new door way there and in October half term the main hall and hallway is being painted giving a fresh look to our facilities. Our rib needed a major service mid term which is now operational again, we were fortunate to find a home for our 6 Pico's who are now teaching children to sail in Poland and have purchased another event shelter as our group is growing in size to allow us to accommodate more on camp.

I continue to split myself into many layers supporting all the sections in our group from behind the scenes and our leadership team is growing in strength. This year we have welcomed a new Squirrel section and what a delight to open with such a lovely group of new additions and three new scout leaders to support the team – Amy "Chip", Rebecca "Bim" and Seb. Sandie joined us too as an all-section helper. Rebecca continues to be a part of our trustee board taking a lead on ensuring our building is compliant. We welcomed Issac "Chippy" to the leader team, he used to be one of our land scouts and its great he wanted to come back to support. We welcomed Ella "Pearl" who came along for some programme Ideas (she is GVL at 14<sup>th</sup> Torbay) and was having such a great time added a second role to still work with us – collaborative scouting at its best. We have waved goodbye to Simon from our explorer team and are looking for some more support for this section – they are working with such a great group of explorers most of whom have made their way through all the sections either in this group or from 3<sup>rd</sup> Torbay. Sue has moved over from the scout team to Beavers to support their endeavours, she missed working with the younger elements of our group since having a major career change in the last year. We also made a very important appointment of one of our young leaders turned 18 and signed up straight away to become a leader – Freya "Ketchup" brings such a balance to our team and all our explorers and young leaders are our future – now who turn's 18 next and where did I put the adult joining form ....

Please do not think our teams are complete, the more who help makes volunteering easier for everyone and brings new skills to the fold. We are a friendly bunch so why not give it a go?

The new helpers have joined a great enthusiastic bunch of volunteers who are just the nicest leaders you could ask to meet who have met all the challenges of getting activities up and running again with enthusiasm & ideas. They all support each other, filling in on section nights if needed and programme ideas adapted for whichever section. The winners experiencing great programmes & activities are your children, this fabulous team of adults who not only support their section but everyone else's too are worth more than their weight in gold and I thank them for continuing to be part of the 10<sup>th</sup>. We have also supported district and county events in the last year and have more planned on the horizon – if your inner scout wants to help teach fire lighting, making "smares", helping with sport/craft activities or come along and cook on a camp (this is how I started) please do ask.

Five years in and our brilliant trustee board continue to support our group with the "official" paperwork and guidance from behind the scenes. We still have plans for finishing the refurbishing our building and improving the activities we can offer your children. This year we wave goodbye to Mark who has been a stalwart of our finances, we are grateful to him and wish him all the best on his new adventures. Thanks Mark.

So, thank you parents for still being with us, a warm welcome to new parents who have joined us in the last 12 months and lastly to all our children in all our sections a massive thank you for still wishing to be part of our adventure, for giving every activity a go and pushing your own limits.

I am looking forward to another 12 months, please continue to support our group with all our endeavours and each section when they ask for additional help – why not go the next step (like we all did) and become a regular volunteer – you will bring something to our group as we will teach you something back in turn – what is there to lose – flexible volunteering at its best.

**Nicki "Capt'n"**



## 10th Torbay Squirrels Section Report 2024

As the newest section to 10th Torbay and the first Drey to be established in the Torbay District we would firstly like to thank all the parents for lending us your children every week; for the support of Nicki Spalding “Capt’n” for administering all the emails, setting up payments and doing the necessary paperwork in the background as well as visiting our sessions; we certainly started off the section with a bang!

The Drey opened on 13 May 2024 with 12 Squirrels. We had several hut sessions on the programme but wanted to ensure a full and active programme was available, in line with the rest of the sections at 10<sup>th</sup>.

Awards, badges and several Squirrels turning 6 this term put on a spurt to encourage the Squirrels to achieve their Chief Scout Acorn Awards. This involved 4 Challenge Badges and two activity badges. Some of these involved home activities, well done to those who have been busy doing these.

As the ratios for outdoor activities are 1:4 we have had unbelievable support from all our parents. Beans on toast is a game involving lying on the floor very still, mimicking beans on toast, this was brilliantly performed by many parents on several occasions and there are times we wonder who Squirrels is actually for!

Hikes onto Walls Hill looking at the World Around us, learning the compass points, rock pooling on Meadfoot Beach, litter picks, outdoor yoga poses, an obstacle course and time at the campsite grass sledging, doing a treasure hunt and toasting marshmallows are just some of the fun outdoor activities we have done.

On rainy days we learnt where in the world our fruit comes from, made fruit salads (yes even at age 4 Squirrels were encouraged to use knives), we made slime and salt dough for Squirrel ornaments. Friendships have flourished and personalities developed over the short time we have been formed and Our Drey is a wonderful group of enthusiastic, vibrate, exquisite young people who have blossomed. They should all be proud of their achievements and the badges that have earned.

**Amy “Chip”, Rebecca “Bim” and Young Leaders Bruce and Lily**



## Beavers Section Report 2024

The Beaver section continues to run at full capacity allowing for our new Squirrel section that has now been up and running for 5 months now and is proving to be a success, well done to our “Capt’n” Nicki Spalding, Chip and Bim for making this happen and for doing a fantastic job offering young people new skills for life.

We have welcomed Odie to our team, an experienced leader who fancied a change/new challenge, she was with the older children volunteering in the sea scout’s section. Odie is settling in well and I hope to keep her as her help is very much appreciated. To find leaders is like finding gold!

Justin Beaver has been introduced as a weekly award along with his adventures log book done by the beavers. He seems to be hit!

The beavers have had a great time and achieved many badges along the way, including some who have gained their Chief Scouts Bronze Award, the highest award that can be achieved in the Beaver section, this is a recognised well-earned and great achievement to have.

### Chief Scouts Bronze Awards:

A massive congratulations goes to:

Adam Bowley, Bodhi Munns, Harrison Clark, Eli Sampson and Amber Qiriaqi.

Our beavers have had lots of fun and a varied programme, along the way it’s been so rewarding to see the self - confidence grow in every single child as the year progressed. Beavers have taken part in remembrance parade, community impact- supporting path ice poles, supporting homeless, carers home (drew pics to brighten up their day), volunteering at the memory cafe.

We have learnt new skills such as food produce from fairtrade, value of money, Tie knots, reading compass points, bouldering, beavers got talent, archery, grass sledging, geocaching, visited the theatre and watched Shrek the Musical and many more activities and skills that we offer.

We have had 2 camping opportunities this year, thoroughly enjoyed by everyone and made lots of memories, our first camp was held at Watcombe campsite and was space themed and our last camp was Scoutmoor 2024 held in Exeter and the beavers that attended, all managed to do 3 days achieving lots of badges including the all-important 2 nights away.

None of this is achievable without the continued support of all our parents/guardians, leaders and young leaders, we are extremely grateful for their assistance with all our activities.

Yours in Scouting,

**Kelly Caunter “Tic Tac”, Angela “Keo” and Sue “Odie” (Section Leaders)**



## **Cubs 2024 section report**

Another great year for the cub's section with a wide and varied program helping most cubs to achieve their chief scouts silver award before moving up to sea scouts. Many of our activities being made possible with the help of parent volunteers assisting throughout the year on hikes, camps, and events.

As well as the fantastic parent support we are very grateful to our young leaders Aspen and Isabella who have helped work alongside the leadership team to run several activities throughout the year. Not to mention the sea scout and explorer leaders all coming together at the end of the summer term to help give the cubs an introduction to some of the water activities they can look forward to in their future scouting adventures.

The winter term 2023 started on a fantastic note at the remembrance parade, with the cubs (and all the sections) being praised by many in attendance as a great example of scouting and its values.

As the nights drew in and we spent more time indoors we were lucky to take advantage of all the great facilities available to us with use of the shooting and archery range, bouldering with Banderlog and the fantastic range of craft equipment in Bosun's "glitter room". When not indoors we've also managed some great hikes, some with full moons and star gazing, some with chips, and some nights at the camp site with grass sledges, bonfires and smores.

As lucky as we are to have lots to do inside, we are even luckier to have such a great range of activities on our door step when the weather becomes "slightly" more predictable. Our annual sandcastle competition was as great as always and was enjoyed by the cubs, and possibly even a bit more by some of the Dads. We had some great hikes and completed a new section of the John Musgrove trail. We were also able to put our winter bouldering sessions to use at "scout slab" and take the cubs for a more serious climb. We had a great end to the year with our water sessions and kayak games and of course a fantastic summer camp at Scoutmoor where we got the opportunity to mix with lots of other cubs from Torbay, Bristol, Plymouth and more.

The section continues to run at maximum capacity with more people joining the wait list each year. We obviously couldn't do this without all of our adult volunteers giving up not only the time for meetings, but the extra planning and training for activities like climbing, archery, water activities and more. Not to mention those behind the scenes that make it all possible. Our fantastic support team helping us get grants for equipment, managing our finances, and of course our wonderful lead volunteer "Capt'n Nicki Spalding" who really is the glue that keeps us together. The support, guidance, training and organisation Nicki provides ensures we are continuously able to provide the events and activities that make all of our time in scouting so memorable.

**Lee "Bagheera", Debbie "Jakala", Chris "Banderlog" and David "Hathi"**

**Cub Section Leaders**



## Sea Scouts Report 2024

The winter saw us off the beach and cleaning our water kit for storage. We've spent evenings at the campsite refreshing our knife, axe and saw skills, checking "Steve" was still in the knife box, campsite help and fire lighting skills. We have ribbon hiked, geocached, completed our "what 3 words" Hike, and played wide games. We had a PL/APL take over night and had our Christmas party before we broke up for the holidays.

Once back in January we bouldered on the climbing wall, shot some archery arrows, made paper airplanes to fly the length of the hall, played some more wide games, made and painted our Pinewood Derby cars before having a couple of race nights. It was then time for water kit prep and our first night back on the beach.

This year the section was the correct size not to have to split into three teams and so everyone has had access to a water activity. They have enjoyed sailing, kayaking and "pirates" plus earlier in the term all had a chance for a ride in Calypso, our safety rib. I would like to thank all the scouts for their enthusiasm each week for their activities and turning up in rain or sun, we've had a lot of wind & rain!

It again has been so lovely getting all of our sailing equipment out on the water again and for Calypso to be a regular part of this, here's hoping September is kind to us with no major easterly swells.

This summer Biffo organised more caving sessions which everyone has enjoyed. Bosun and I are hoping to put on some more shooting Saturdays over the winter, we have been a little busy with jamboree planning and the campsite.

Winter program as usual is in its planning stage with the idea of spending as little time we can get away with indoors, we have such lovely outdoor facilities available to us we need to make use – now would be a good time to check winter waterproofs and boots fit plus locating that missing head torch.

We managed a PL/APL camp in September, frosty camp in January with an expedition and a Summer camp in August – Scoutmoor was an amazing opportunity and will be back in 2026. This winter we plan to have frosty camp, a sailing camp at Easter and to put forward two teams for the Hurdlestone challenge in June – last time we entered we won so not pressure scouts!!

From the leaders' perspective we are glad we are back to full water activities again. We would like to thank parents for continuing to support our section in all our adventures, it is much appreciated. None of this happens however with the scout team who diligently turn up week on week, and other section leaders who help out on an extra night, the beauty of flexible volunteering means you help when you can. We all supported our cubs and explorers with water opportunities this year and will plan in the same for 2025.

I personally would like to thank Bosun, Riley, Zippy, Dodger, Biffo, Landy, Baghera, Ketchup, Pearl and Chippy who without their continued support, risk assessments, giggles, laughter and ideas we wouldn't have as much fun as we do.

**Nicki "Capt'n" - Sea Section Leader**



EXPLORERS

## **Explorers Section Report 2024**

Friends, parents, and most importantly scouters lend me your ears.

Looking back over the last 12 months there have been a lot of changes. Goatee has left Explorers to focus on his business and as part of the leadership team we wish him the best of luck.

Oakley, Chilly and I sat down and decided that we would run Explorers as a collective, and I have been nominated as spokesperson. Since we have taken control, we have spent more time out of the hut than inside it. Activities outside in all weathers and locations.

Easter egg hunts around St Mary Church – which after an hour of them looking I took pity on them and told them where I hid them!

A visit to the police station – they were locked up in the cell for the evening! Bread and water all around. Who can forget the “Turkey Run” we had around Christmas time. We tested their culinary skills with a pot night with tangiers and mini pancakes with tin cans for a stove. (this kind of worked as planned??!?)

And finally, for most of the summer we were out on the water, sailing and kayaking. We were going underground caving, and literally climbing the walls rock climbing. We had 18 explorers sign up for Scoutmoor 24. Which from the stories I have heard was a great success.

My special thanks go to the other leaders within the group. Their skills and knowledge are helpful and without their support we would not have been able to complete half of this year’s program. Oakley for keeping me sane, Chilly for coming up with some new and sometimes crazy, ideas.

Lastly, let me thank, the parents, and the Explorers. Without you we would not be able to run the sessions and I for one would not be the same person without them!

**HRH Princess P, Oakley and Chilly**



10th Torbay (Babbacombe) Sea Scout Group  
Accounts and Independent Examiners Report

For the year ended  
31 March 2024

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**10th Torbay (Babbacombe) Sea Scout Group**  
**Statement of Income & Expenditure**  
**For the year ended 31 March 2024**

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds £	Total 2024 £	Total 2023 £
Funds generated	1	37,428	37,428	32,689
Less : Cost of activities	2	11,791	11,791	17,452
		<u>25,637</u>	<u>25,637</u>	<u>15,237</u>
<b>Less : Other Expenditure</b>				
Cleaning		209	209	390
Depreciation (Including Profit/loss on disposal)		12,065	12,065	14,315
Light & Heat		820	820	402
Insurance		2,957	2,957	2,715
Legal and professional		728	728	350
Computer running expenses		313	313	257
Water and rates		1,262	1,262	520
Repairs and maintenance		25,648	25,648	13,796
Memberships		6,773	6,773	6,046
Sundry expenses including trophies & awards		2,737	2,737	3,075
Training		-	-	-
Telecommunications		387	387	371
Rent		556	556	640
		<u>54,455</u>	<u>54,455</u>	<u>42,877</u>
<b>Net deficit/surplus</b>		<u><u>(28,818)</u></u>	<u><u>(28,818)</u></u>	<u><u>(27,640)</u></u>

**10th Torbay (Babbacombe) Sea Scout Group**  
**Balance Sheet**  
as at 31 March 2024

	Notes	2024		2023	
		£	£	£	£
<b>Fixed assets</b>					
Equipment, machinery, boats etc		48,259		57,258	
Other fixed assets, leasehold property		<u>46,150</u>		<u>46,150</u>	
			94,409		103,408
Bank/building society balances		32,990		52,938	
Cash in hand		<u>325</u>		<u>196</u>	
		<u>33,315</u>		<u>53,134</u>	
<b>Net current assets</b>			33,315		53,134
<b>Net assets</b>			<u><u>127,724</u></u>		<u><u>156,542</u></u>
For the year ended					
<b>Capital account</b>					
Balance at start of period			156,542		184,182
Net deficit/surplus			(28,818)		(27,640)
			<u><u>127,724</u></u>		<u><u>156,542</u></u>

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**Signed by:**  
**Date:**

**10th Torbay (Babbacombe) Sea Scout Group**  
**Notes to the Accounts**  
**as at 31 March 2024**

**1) Income**

	<b>Unrestricted Funds</b>	<b>Total 2024</b>	<b>Total 2023</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Subscriptions and fees	19,138	19,138	18,321
Camp payments, activities and fun days	12,975	12,975	11,237
Hut hire, rents	-	-	-
Fundraising activities, scrap income and sales	4,987	4,987	2,974
Interest received	328	328	157
	<u>37,428</u>	<u>37,428</u>	<u>32,689</u>

**2) Cost of activities**

	<b>Unrestricted Funds</b>	<b>Total 2024</b>	<b>Total 2023</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Camping and outing expenses	10,971	10,971	17,432
Fundraising	820	820	20
	<u>11,791</u>	<u>11,791</u>	<u>17,452</u>

**3) Fixed Assets - equipment, machinery & boats etc**

	<b>Unrestricted Funds</b>	<b>Total 2024</b>	<b>Total 2023</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
<b>Cost</b>			
Opening Balance	154,267	154,267	131,795
Additions	3,551	3,551	22,542
Disposals	485	485	70
Closing Balance	<u>157,333</u>	<u>157,333</u>	<u>154,267</u>
<b>Depreciaiton</b>			
Opening Balance	97,009	97,009	82,694
Charge for period	12,065	12,065	14,315
Disposals	-	-	-
Closing Balance	<u>109,074</u>	<u>109,074</u>	<u>97,009</u>
<b>Net Book Value</b>			
Closing Net Book Value	<u>48,259</u>	<u>48,259</u>	<u>57,258</u>
Opening Net Book Valaue	<u>57,258</u>	<u>57,258</u>	<u>49,101</u>

**Independent examiner's report to the trustees of 10th Torbay (Babbacombe) Sea Scouts Group**

I report on the accounts for 10th Torbay (Babbacombe) Sea Scouts Group for the period ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 2024

**Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner**

The trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to: . 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 10th Torbay (Babbacombe) Sea Scouts Group. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the group 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**

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention

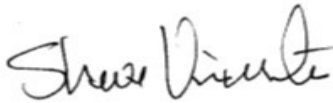
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- To prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the 1993 Act

Have not been met; or

(2) To which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Name: Stephen Vincent FCPA



Relevant professional qualification or body: Certified Public Accountants Association

Address:

Vincent & Co Accountants 37 Shiphay Lane  
Torquay Devon TQ2 7DU

Date: 18th April 2024

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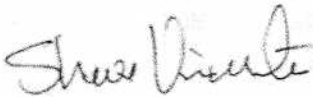
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**10th Torbay (Babbacombe) Sea Scout Group**

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# Accounts

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# **Annual General Meeting Of 10<sup>th</sup> Torbay Babbacombe Sea Scouts**

**Held on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> September 2023**

**At**

**10<sup>th</sup> Torbay Headquarters**

**Walls Hill Quarry, Babbacombe Road, Torquay, Devon TQ1 3TA**

**Charity Number: 301087**

**Annual General Meeting Minutes  
of 10th Torbay (Babbacombe) Sea Scouts**

**Charity Number: 301087** held at

10<sup>th</sup> Torbay Headquarters, Babbacombe Road, Torquay TQ1 3TA

**on Monday 12<sup>th</sup> September 2022 at 6.30pm**

Present	Apologies
Justin Wiggin <b>Chair</b> Nicki Spalding <b>Group Scout Leader (GSL)</b> Mark Willis <b>Treasurer</b> Raymond Hill ( <b>Torbay District Chair</b> ) Sarah Pearce ( <b>District Representative</b> ) Current Executive Committee members Leaders from all sections Parents of Young People Young People from all sections	Elaine Harrison ( <b>District Commissioner Torbay Scouts</b> )

<b>1</b>	<b>Welcome and introductions</b>		
	Nicki Spalding ( <i>Capt'n</i> ) welcomed everyone to the first face-to-face AGM for two years		
	<b>Raymond Hill, Torbay District Representative opened the meeting</b>		
	<b>Justin Wiggin chaired the meeting and introduced himself</b>		
<b>2</b>	<b>Apologies for absence</b>		
	Elaine Harrison		
<b>3</b>	<b>Minutes of previous AGM of 22 September 2021 (held virtually)</b>		
	No queries were raised. The minutes were ratified by Justin Wiggins		
<b>4</b>	<b>Group Scout Council to receive and consider Annual Report and Accounts</b>		
	The Group continues to look for volunteers moving forwards. Full reports from all sections are attached to these minutes. Mark Willis presented the accounts. The full report is attached.		
	Approval of Annual Accounts	<b>Proposer</b>	<b>Second</b>
		Andy Spalding	David Goode
<b>5</b>	<b>Approval of the Group Scout Leader's nomination of the Group Chair</b>		
	Justin Wiggins	<b>Proposer</b>	<b>Second</b>
		Samantha Cooper	Simon Keenan
<b>6</b>	<b>Election of the Group Secretary</b>		
	Rebecca Hallows	<b>Proposer</b>	<b>Second</b>
		Andy Spalding	James Parfitt
<b>7</b>	<b>Election of the Group Treasurer</b>		
	To continue Mark Willis	<b>Proposer</b>	<b>Second</b>
		Simon Keenan	James Parfitt
<b>8</b>	<b>Election of members of the Group Scout Council to the Group Executive Committee</b>		
	Craig Hayward Sarah Bateman	<b>Proposer</b>	<b>Second</b>
		Samantha Cooper	Chris Ebbut
	<b>Dave Goode stood down</b>		
<b>9</b>	<b>Approval of the Group Scout Leader's nomination of members of the Group Executive Committee</b>		
	Jamie Parfitt Andy Spalding Angela Slay	<b>Proposer</b>	<b>Second</b>
		Samantha Cooper	Chris Ebbut
<b>10</b>	<b>GSL's report</b>		
	Nicki Spalding ( <i>Capt'n</i> ) presented her report, thanking leaders, parents and young people and reflected on her time as Group Leader. The full report is attached.		
<b>1</b>	<b>Torbay District Representative, Sam Pearce</b>		

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	Sam thanked everyone for their hard work especially during the challenging time around covid.
1 2	<b>Presentation of Awards</b>
1 3	<b>Any Other Business</b>
	None
1 4	<b>Raymond Hill</b> closed the meeting and thanked all involved for a very eventful and exciting AGM. He thanked all the leaders and congratulated everyone on their achievements.
	The meeting closed at 6.50pm

## **Chairs Report – 10<sup>th</sup> Torbay (Babbacombe) Sea Scouts**

Another Scouting year has passed filled with incredible activities to engage, inspire and develop our young leaders. As we move quickly through 2023, we must take time to reflect on the previous 12 months delivery of 10<sup>th</sup> Torbay (Babbacombe) Sea Scouts Group. I'm proud to say this is my second year and report as Chairperson for the Group Executive Committee. Whenever I have the opportunity to visit an activity I'm reminded that all the achievements made by our cubs, scouts and explorers are only made possible by the contributions being made by leaders, parents, carers and wider family members who volunteer their time to help plan, run and support the delivery of activities.

The purpose of the Scouting movement is to actively engage and support young people in their personal development, empowering them to make a positive contribution to society. 10<sup>th</sup> Torbay (Babbacombe) Sea Scouts provides a rich programme which challenges members to explore who they are as individuals, how they relate to others and their community and provides experiences which many young people would not ordinarily have the opportunity to participate in. By engaging with Scouts our young people are encouraged to:

- Act with integrity
- Promote care for people and the world we live in.
- Explore faiths, beliefs and attitudes of different cultures and communities.
- Show respect for others as well as for ourselves.
- Make a positive contribution to our community and the world through collaboration and co-operation.

These points are the core values of which we are guided by as Scouts. They remain with us as we progress through adulthood and ensure we make a positive difference in the world.

There are many achievements to celebrate over the last 12 months. A snap shot includes:

- Weekly face to face delivery for all Beavers, Cubs, Scouts and Explorer groups.
- More young people have been welcomed to 10<sup>th</sup> Torbay (Babbacombe) Sea Scouts. We remain with high numbers of young people engaged in all groups which is testament to the way our leaders engage with young people and the variety of activities offered across all groups.
- We continue to make changes to Scout Head Quarters with the new floors and improvements to the environmental efficiency of the building to reduce our carbon footprint.
- A number of our Scouts have worked tirelessly and creatively to raise funds to support their attendance at the World Scout Jamboree 2023.
- No Scouting year would be complete without a full range of camps to participate in. These have included Frosty Camp for Cubs and Roadford Lake to help Scouts gain valuable sailing accreditation and Scout Ex to name but a few.

I'd like to thank the 10<sup>th</sup> Torbay (Babbacombe) Sea Scouts Trustees for helping to ensure the charity is well managed and for their support in ensuring the charity has a secure future for years to come. Thanks must be given to Capt'n, Bosun and all of our leaders for creating a welcoming, inclusive Scouts group and for continuing to plan and arrange inspirational activities. To all parents, carers and family members for getting your young person to their sessions every week and for offering your support. Lastly, a huge thank you to all our young people for turning up to every session, for your enthusiasm, for challenging yourselves to try new things and supporting your fellow Scouts.

**Justin Wiggin**  
**Chairperson**

# Group Treasurer Report

## Summary of accounts for financial year 2022/2023 (01/04/22 to 31/03/23):

**Income** for the year was **£32,758** of which

- 56% from membership fees (monthly subs)
- 34% from special events (camps etc)
- 9% from fundraising & grants (mostly gift aid)

**Expenditure** for the year was **£68,556** of which

- 33% on new equipment (kayaks, shooting, archery, camping and caving)
- 24% on special events (camps etc)
- 20% on repairs and maintenance (HQ solid floor and boat covers)

This gave a net deficit of **-£35,797**, reducing our end of period account balance from £88,931 to **£53,133**

The full accountants report for the period can be found at the back of this report.

## Summary of accounts for financial year 2023/2024 to date (01/04/23 to 31/08/23):

**Income** for the 5 months was **£20,181** of which

- 40% from membership fees (monthly subs)
- 37% from special events (camps etc)
- 20% from fundraising & grants (mostly gift aid)

**Expenditure** for the 5 months was **£15,606** of which

- 46% on special events (camps etc)
- 15% on repairs and maintenance (HQ plastering, trailer tyres)
- 9% on utilities (gas, electric, water & internet)

This gave a net surplus of **+£4,574**, increasing our end of period account balance from £53,133 to **£57,708**

We also have the old pico sailing dinghies to sell which will add to our funds.

**Mark - Group Treasurer**

## Group Scout Leader Report

Four years into my role as Group Scout Leader and I am proud to still be steering the 10<sup>th</sup> Torbay ship in its ever changing journey. We have had another 12 months of amazing activities provided by the fantastic leadership team working tirelessly behind the scenes coming up with new and fresh ideas of how we can provide an interesting programme for all the sections. We now have a permit holder who can offer caving and so far 3 trips have taken place with 2 more in the pipeline, thanks Stuart “Biffo” for organising this – has anyone noticed the caving store outside the HQ?

We still have projects underway, in the last 12 months we now have the most amazing craft room the envy of the district, our shooting range was finished and we have offered archery, air rifle, air pistol and crossbow to not only ours but scouts & cubs from other groups too. All our lighting has been upgraded to LED (including the kayak trailer, thanks Simon!), we have plastered the ceilings in the front part of the HQ and have plans coming together for new doors, windows, bathrooms, boiler, ceiling in the main hall & craft room – the list goes on.

I continue to split myself into many layers supporting all the sections in our group and our leadership team is growing in strength. This year we have welcomed one new scout leader, Simon “Landy” and two new explorer leaders – Jenny “Oakley” and Michelle “Chilly”. We have waved goodbye to Jon from our cub team however he has moved over to our executive as he wants to continue to support. Katie “Fuzzy” is taking a sabbatical and has moved to London however plans to be around for weekend camps so is helping behind the scenes. Please do not think our teams are complete, the more who help makes the volunteering easier for everyone and brings new skills to the fold. We are a friendly bunch so why not give it a go?

These new helpers have joined a great enthusiastic bunch of volunteers who are just the nicest leaders you could ask to meet who have met all the challenges of getting activities up and running again with enthusiasm & ideas. The winners experiencing great programmes & activities are your children, this fabulous team of adults who not only support their section but everyone else’s too are worth more than their weight in gold and I thank them for continuing to be part of the 10<sup>th</sup>.

Four years in and our brilliant executive continue to support our group with the “official” paperwork and guidance from behind the scenes – we have also had a rename so out with executive and in with “trustee board” as directed by the Scout Association. We still have great plans for refurbishing our building and improving the activities we can offer your children.

This year we supported four explorers to have an adventure of a lifetime attending the World Scout Jamboree in Korea, whilst it was a slightly different jamboree experience to past events they still had an amazing time exploring a county on the other side of the world and have many stories to share. Well done Chloe, Dion, Maria and Isabella, everyone at the 10<sup>th</sup> Torbay are so proud of you. We also had our first King Scout awarded in our troop, through hard work Sandy achieved this before he finished explorers, we wave goodbye to him from the section as he turns 18, now where is that blue adult leader form!

So, thank you parents for still being with us, a warm welcome to new parents who have joined us in the last 12 months and lastly to all our children in all of our sections, a massive thank you for still wishing to be part of our adventure, for giving every activity a go and pushing your own limits.

I am looking forward to another 12 months, please continue to support our group with all our endeavours and each section when they ask for additional help – why not go the next step (like we all did) and become a regular volunteer – you will bring something to our group as we will teach you something back in turn – what is there to lose! And finally, squirrels – this is the brand-new section launched this year by the Scout Association for 4-5 year olds so am still looking for some new volunteers who might like to take up the challenge, we have a small cohort on the waiting list ready to start – any one like to give this a go?

**Nicki “Capt’n”**



## Beavers Section Report 2023

Beaver scouts are the youngest sections of the scouting family, and we currently have 22 beavers and 3 young leaders with 2 beavers swimming across to cubs. We have a healthy waiting list, so hopefully we are doing something right!

Beavers have taken part in a wide range of activities over this year such as hikes including chips and ice-creams, key hunt, crabbing, eco-friendly bird feeders. The session that made me laugh and was the most memorable was the first aid session when I had a Beaver show me that they could do recovery position on one of our young leaders ... what could go wrong? They did a fantastic job getting the YL into the recovery position then the Beaver proceeded with CPR then they decided they needed mouth to mouth! I stopped it right there and I've never seen my YL move so fast! That was one very enthusiastic Beaver!

Beavers enjoyed their surprise Elf visit over Christmas. They also attended a 2-night camp (RGB) held at Exeter and for some of our beavers, it was their first time camping and spending nights away from home so it's been a real adventure for them to have opportunities like this to camp and meet lots of scouts and make new friends. The camp was a success and we look forward to taking part in next year's event.

I'd like to thank each and every one of you parents/guardians for all of your kind and continuous support that you have shown our section over the year, we wouldn't be able to run such a great varied programme without you, so a massive Thank-you!

We prepare young people with knowledge and skills of how to organise, lead games and activities. This aims to help them develop leadership skills such as organisation, communication and teamwork as well as helping to build confidence and self esteem as they take on responsibility of leading their beavers.

I'd like to acknowledge our 3 yl for all the skills that they share with us and we have had the pleasure of watching these girls blossom and they keep on blossoming! we are proud to have you all on our team, and one day you will all go on to make fantastic leaders in the future! Thank-you!

Lastly but most important - I'd like to take this opportunity to thank Keeo my ASBL, for continuously giving up her time, every week and for mostly sticking with and by me as sometimes I know I can be hard work! We have now been working together as volunteers for 4 years! I really do appreciate you and the support you give to all of the scouts! I don't say this enough, because we don't get a lot of time to talk to each other during our beaver sessions as they have our full attention! Thank-you Keeo!

And finally, she keeps us in line, has lots of scouting knowledge, most of her family are scouts and it's in the blood! Their scouting passion rubs off onto others and they are full of scouting enthusiasm! She is supportive and always happy to offer a helping hand.

If you have got a scouting question then Nicki Spalding our GSL is your first go to, as she knows most of the answers, as she has nearly served a lifetime with the scouts and if she doesn't know then Bosun does!

A massive Thank-you, Nicking Spalding for always being there for us through the bad and the good, together the 10th Torbay is epic! We are an Ace team and always prepared!

**Kelly "Tic Tac" - Beaver Section Leader**



## **Cubs Section Report 2023**

What an eventful year it has been for the cubs, and their wholehearted engagement in the program is truly impressive. Their enthusiasm, energy, and creativity are unparalleled.

With 2022 proving to have been a successful programme for the Cubs the leaders were keen for 2023 to be just as challenging and enjoyable for all involved, especially our parent volunteers, without whom we could not have run some of the events. We also thank our young leaders, Aspen and Matilda, who also help to keep the cubs busy while leaders are preparing for activities.

Reflecting upon the activities the Cubs engaged in, it's almost unbelievable how there was sufficient time for it all! Our winter/spring programme was mainly in the HQ, but we also had a Full Moon Ribbon Hike, a Bat walk, Cliff Railway Hike and a camp at Watcombe. Events such as bouldering, shooting, and weaving, were run over a three-week rota to ensure every Cub had a chance to participate in the events.

After the Christmas break, the Cubs were busy learning about pioneering, which was then tested by some challenges in determining compass bearings for points within the HQ. During the spring sessions we had a visit from the Bug Man, who brought a whole new level to understanding nature. A good number of Cubs were happy to meet and greet the bugs being displayed. Spurred on by bugs we had two meetings where Cubs built their own bug hotels from scratch, using hand tools and power tools to assist them.

The summer has been kind to us weather wise and before we broke before the summer we cooked pancakes, some of which were tossed expertly by the Cubs, we caught and released crabs at Torquay harbour (most managed to not get their feet wet!), soft archery and plenty of wide games, hiked some more, and had the most amazing sandcastle competition for the third year in a row and finished up kayaking at Goodrington.

One of the highlights of the programme, for both Cubs, Leaders, and Adult Helpers, was the Fire Station visit. The first visit the brigade had done since covid. The Cubs behaved exemplary and asked some great questions. The challenge for the leaders in 2023 is a lifeboat visit!

This section is continuing to run at its maximum numbers with a large list of children waiting to join (the word has got out what a great programme we run) and needs more leaders. As a parent group you are all amazing in offering support and we could not run our programme without you, but we would like another couple of adults to help with the programme planning, risk assessments and admin that happens behind the scenes as well as the fun day to day stuff, cooking on camp or just helping when you can – it's all possible. If you fancy joining in let us know!

**Lee "Bagheera", Debbie "Jakala", Chris "Banderlog" and David "Hathi"**  
**Cub Section Leaders**

## Sea Scouts Report 2023

The winter saw us off the beach with our annual crazy golf challenge, the weather was actually kind to us this time as in previous years its been a little wet! We've spent evenings at the campsite refreshing our knife, axe and saw skills, checking "Steve" was still in the knife box, archery in the dark and some fire lighting skills. We have ribbon hiked, played wide games and completed some more geocaching finds. We were visited by some "dragon dens" along with a guide dog. We had a mystery night and played some board games. We had our Christmas party hosted by our WSJ explorers before we broke up for the holidays.

Once back in January we played some more wide games, craft night, science, problem solving and media plus learnt how to stay safe online. It was then time for water kit prep and our first night back on the beach.

Due to the section still being the largest it has been for many years (only reduced by 2 to 36 from last year) we again split everyone into three teams allowing us to run water and land. Whilst water have enjoyed sailing, kayaking and "pirates" the land team have done beach conversation, games, rock pooled, created short films for why be a sea scout and again discovered some weeks there are crabs at Babbacombe and not at others! I would like to thank all of the scouts for their enthusiasm each week for their program whether on water or not!

It's been so lovely getting all of our sailing equipment out on the water again and for Calypso to be a regular part of this, here's hoping September is kind to us with no major easterly swells.

This summer we have also run some Saturday afternoon sessions, Bosun and I were keen to get the Range in use so explorers, cubs and scouts have all enjoyed additional sessions including air rifle, archery, air pistol and explorers cross bow. In addition Biffo organized some caving sessions and recently abseiling at Chudleigh Rock. I feel worn out just reading of all our adventures let alone taking part in them!

Winter program as usual is in its planning stage with the idea of spending as little time we can get away with indoors, we have such lovely outdoor facilities available to us we need to make use – now would be a good time to check winter waterproofs and boots fit plus locating that missing head torch.

We managed a frosty camp in January, sailing camp in April and a Summer camp in August – Scoutex was a great success and we are planning to attend Scoutmoor next year so start saving your pennies. We saw 7 complete their expedition challenge and a further 4 are in the planning stages.

From the leaders' perspective we are glad we are back to full water activities again. We would like to thank parents for continuing to support our section in all our adventures, it is much appreciated. None of this happens however with the scout team who diligently turn up week on week, and other section leaders who help out on an extra night – Lee "Baghera" from cubs has now had two dolphin experiences taking the rib back to the harbour, can there be a 3<sup>rd</sup> before we finish? The beauty of flexible volunteering means you help when you can.

I personally would like to thank Bosun, Riley, Zippy, Dodger, Biffo, Odie, Brie, Dizzy and Landy who without their continued support, risk assessments, giggles, laughter and ideas we wouldn't have as much fun as we do.

**Nicki "Capt'n" - Sea Section Leader**

# EXPLORERS

## **Explorers Section Report 2023**

The last year the explorer unit has remained strong. We currently have approx. 20 explorers and over the next couple months will be increasing to 30, with scouts moving up to us. We know our explorers will welcome them in as part of the family.

The leader team has grown as well, with Phil (HMS Princess P) and Jenny (Oakley) joining the leaders team, growing in confidence and bringing their own ideas and fun. We are however saying goodbye (for now) to Katie (Fuzzy) who is heading off to London for a new adventure, but she will be back here and there, and possibly even for some camps.

We may be losing 1 leader but welcoming a new leader. Michelle (Chilly) has loved being with us in her short time with our group that has decided she wants to stay and be part of the explorer leaders team. Michelle from the start as an explorer has shown a passion for scouting and stepped right in not just involved but running games for cubs from a different group on camp, teaching new things to our explorers and showing herself as a great scout. She spent the summer helping with the scout section, and is now ready for explorers, welcome aboard.

The explorers this year have taken on lots of new challenges and further achievements made. We have been keeping them busy with kayaking, parcour, new challenges including carrying a bucket of water around walls of a hill without touching it. We have had camps over the year, sailing camp when we joined the scouts at Roadford and had our first Explorer Frosty camp with more camps planned.

This year we had 4 explorers (Maria, Chloe, Isabella and Dion) attend the 2023 World Scout Jamboree in Korea. As you all would have seen on the news it has been a quite an adventure (good and bad) for them, but they all have gained new experience and great memories, whilst being both a credit to the 10<sup>th</sup> Torbay and UK Scouts. They will be giving us an evening of letting us know what it was like and some activities they did out there.

It has been a pleasure working with the explorers and leaders, seeing them develop and blossom and we are looking forward to seeing them new and old go even further.

**Goatee, HMS Princess P, Oakley, Chilly and Fuzzy**

## Badges awarded in 2023

### Beavers



4 Bronze chief scout awards plus challenge, activity, staged badges **Total 264** – well done beavers!

### Cubs



9 Silver chief scout awards plus challenge, activity, staged badges making a **Total 451** – well done cubs!

### Scouts



7 Gold chief scout awards plus challenge, activity and staged badges **Total 549 badges** well done scouts!

### Explorers



1 Kings Scout award, 5 Platinum awards and 14 young leader modules including 4 missions and 1 young leader belt which is a brilliant achievement. **Total 180 badges** – well done explorers, yours are the hardest to earn so good going!

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10th Torbay (Babbacombe) Sea Scout Group  
Accounts

Year ended  
31 March 2023

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**10th Torbay (Babbacombe) Sea Scout Group**  
**Statement of Income & Expenditure**  
**For the year ended 31 March 2023**

Notes	Unrestricted Funds £	Total 2023 £	Total 2022 £
<b>Income</b>	32,689	32,689	57,445
Cost of activities	17,452	17,452	3,129
	<u>15,237</u>	<u>15,237</u>	<u>54,316</u>
<b>Expenditure</b>			
Cleaning	390	390	655
Depreciation (Including Profit/loss on disposal)	14,315	14,315	10,078
Light & Heat	402	402	223
Insurance	2,715	2,715	2,081
Legal and professional	350	350	256
Computer Running Expenses	257	257	395
Rates & SWW	520	520	454
Repairs and maintenance	13,796	13,796	11,001
Memberships	6,046	6,046	4,879
Sundry expenses including trophies & awards	3,075	3,075	3,416
Training	-	-	
Telecommunications	371	371	344
Rent	640	640	486
	<u>42,877</u>	<u>42,877</u>	<u>34,267</u>
<b>Net deficit/surplus</b>	<u>- 27,640</u>	<u>- 27,640</u>	<u>20,049</u>

**10th Torbay (Babbacombe) Sea Scout Group**  
**Balance Sheet**  
as at 31 March 2023

	Notes	2023		2022	
		£	£	£	£
<b>Fixed assets</b>					
Equipment, machinery, boats etc		57,258		49,101	
Other fixed assets, leasehold property		46,150		46,150	
			<u>103,408</u>		<u>95,250</u>
Bank/building society balances		52,938		88,824	
Cash in hand		196		108	
		<u>53,134</u>		<u>88,932</u>	
<b>Net current assets</b>			53,134		88,932
<b>Net assets</b>			<u><b>156,542</b></u>		<u><b>184,182</b></u>
<b>Capital account</b>					
Balance at start of period			184,182		164,133
Net deficit/surplus		-	27,640		20,049
			<u><b>156,542</b></u>		<u><b>184,182</b></u>

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Signed by:

Date:

**10th Torbay (Babbacombe) Sea Scout Group**  
**Notes to the Accounts**  
**as at 31 March 2023**

**1) Income**

	<b>Unrestricted Funds</b>	<b>Total 2023</b>	<b>Total 2022</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Subscriptions and fees	18,321	18,321	17,572
Equipment Sales	70	70	2,197
Camp payments, activities and fun days	11,237	11,237	2,211
Hut hire, rents	-	-	30
Fundraising activities, scrap income and sales	2,974	2,974	37,685
Interest received	157	157	7
	<u>32,759</u>	<u>32,759</u>	<u>59,642</u>

**2) Cost of activities**

	<b>Unrestricted Funds</b>	<b>Total 2022</b>	<b>Total 2021</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Camping and outing expenses	17,432	17,432	865
Fundraising	20	20	20
	<u>17,452</u>	<u>17,452</u>	<u>885</u>

**3) Fixed Assets - equipment, machinery & boats etc**

	<b>Unrestricted Funds</b>	<b>Total 2022</b>	<b>Total 2021</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
<b>Cost</b>			
Opening Balance	131,795	131,795	105,833
Additions	22,542	22,542	25,962
Disposals	70	70	-
Closing Balance	<u>154,267</u>	<u>154,267</u>	<u>131,795</u>
<b>Depreciation</b>			
Opening Balance	82,694	82,694	70,419
Charge for period	14,315	14,315	12,275
Disposals	-	-	-
Closing Balance	<u>97,009</u>	<u>97,009</u>	<u>82,694</u>
<b>Net Book Value</b>			
Closing Net Book Value	<u>57,258</u>	<u>57,258</u>	<u>49,101</u>
Opening Net Book Value	<u>49,101</u>	<u>49,101</u>	<u>35,414</u>

**Independent examiner's report to the trustees of 10th Torbay (Babbacombe) Sea Scouts Group**

I report on the accounts for 10th Torbay (Babbacombe) Sea Scouts Group for the period ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 2023

**Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner**

The trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to: . 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 10th Torbay (Babbacombe) Sea Scouts Group. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the group 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**

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention

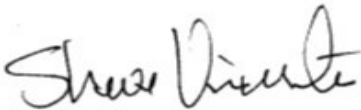
(1) Which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements:

- To keep accounting records in accordance with section 41 of the 1993 Act; and
- To prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the 1993 Act

Have not been met; or

(2) To which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Name: Stephen Vincent FCPA



Relevant professional qualification or body: Certified Public Accountants Association

Address:

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Date: 24th May 2023

**10th Torbay (Babbacombe) Sea Scout Group**

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# Accounts

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# **Annual General Meeting Of 10<sup>th</sup> Torbay Babbacombe Sea Scouts**

**Held on Monday 12<sup>th</sup> September 2022**

**At**

**10<sup>th</sup> Torbay Headquarters**

**Walls Hill Quarry, Babbacombe Road, Torquay, Devon TQ1 3TA**

**Charity Number: 301087**

## **Annual General Meeting**

**Wednesday 22 September 2021 6.30 PM**

**Held online hosted by Zoom as agreed by the 10<sup>th</sup> Executive and Charity Commission Guidelines**

**Present:** Nicki Spalding (GSL), current Executive Committee members, Leaders and Parents the 10<sup>th</sup> Torbay.

### **1. Welcome**

Nicki welcomed everyone to the meeting

### **2. Apologies:** Paul Bailiss

**3. Minutes of the previous AGM:** Minutes were circulated in advance ahead of the meeting. No queries raised and signed off.

**4. Treasurer's Report:** Mark Willis shared his report and Accounts. The full report is appended to these Minutes.

**5. GSL's Report:** Nicki updated everyone on the progress made during the last 12 months. The full report is appended to these Minutes together with reports from the other sections and badges awarded.

Thanks were expressed to all leaders for their continued support in these challenging times.

### **6. Election of officers:**

*Treasurer:* Mark Willis nominated himself to continue in this role, proposed Craig Hayward, seconded Angela Slay. All in favour. Thanks were expressed to Mark for his continued support.

*Secretary:* No nominations.

*Other Executive Committee members:* Andy Spalding, Angela Slay and Craig Hayward confirmed they were happy to continue to sit on the Exec Committee. Jamie Parfait and David Goode also volunteered to join them. All in favour.

### **7. Torbay District Representative:**

Sam Pearce, on behalf of the District thanked the leaders and adult helper and congratulated everyone for their success and a great year in Scouting.

### **8. Any Other Business**

None

Reports from all sections have been circulated to all Parents.

GSL thanked explorer Faye Julyan who made a video of Scouting over the last 12 months which was shown on Zoom. GSL also shared the Scout Association video on volunteering.

Leaders and Parents thanked GSL Nicki for all the work she does for the unit. Much appreciated.

## **Chairs Report – 10<sup>th</sup> Torbay (Babbacombe) Sea Scouts**

As we move quickly through 2022, we must take time to reflect on the previous 12 months delivery of 10<sup>th</sup> Torbay (Babbacombe) Sea Scouts Group. This is my first report as Chairperson for the Group Executive Committee. Already I see the amazing contribution being made by leaders, parents, carers and wider family members who help support running activities and of course from the young people themselves.

The National Scout Movement vision states, “By 2025 we'll have prepared more young people with skills for life, supported by amazing leaders delivering an inspiring programme. We'll be growing, more inclusive, shaped by young people and making a bigger impact in our communities.” <https://www.scouts.org.uk/about-us/strategy/>

I'm proud to say 10<sup>th</sup> Torbay (Babbacombe) Sea Scouts is already living this vision.

During 2021/22 we saw an end to Covid-19 restrictions and a move back to face to face activities. We can't forget the commitment of everyone during on-line delivery of scouts. Leaders for all our groups developed creative activities to keep our young people engaged, enthused and connected with their friends which undoubtedly helped to reduce the negative impact of restrictions.

As we moved together in to face to face sessions these were done so safely and with great fervour. Since then our scouts and leaders have never looked back. There are many achievements to celebrate over the last 12 months. A snap shot includes:

- A return to weekly face to face delivery for all groups.
- More young people have been welcomed to 10<sup>th</sup> Torbay (Babbacombe) Sea Scouts, both new and those who have been supported to join from other scout groups which have sadly stopped operating.
- Improvements have been made to Scout Head Quarters with the newly created “Glitter Room”. A space for all to let their creativity run wild.
- Children in Need funding has been used to buy six new dinghies to increase the number of people who can participate in water activities.
- A number of our Scouts have secured their place in attending the World Scout Jamboree, 2023 and have commenced fundraising.
- There has been a welcome return to camping with Frosty Camp for Cubs and Roadford Lake to help Scouts gain valuable sailing accreditation.

2022/23 is already developing in to an exciting year for Scouts with more camps planned and new activities being offered to the young people of Torbay.

Scouts is only successful due to the unwavering passion and commitment from people who have grown up with it as children, progressed through the Scouting movement and choose to help to run Scout groups as adults.

I'd like to thank all members of the 10<sup>th</sup> Torbay (Babbacombe) Sea Scouts Executive Committee for helping to ensure the charity is well managed and for their support. Thanks must be given to Capt'n, Bosun and all of our leaders for creating a welcoming, inclusive Scouts group and for continuing to plan and arrange inspirational activities. To all parents, carers and family members for getting your young person to their sessions every week and for offering your support. Lastly, a huge thank you to all our young people for turning up to every session, for your enthusiasm, for challenging yourselves to try new things and supporting your fellow Scouts.

**Justin Wiggin**  
**Chairperson**

## Group Treasurer Report

### Summary of accounts for financial year 2021/2022 (01/04/21 to 31/03/22):

Finances for this period were impacted by Covid restrictions that were still in place for the first few months of the financial year.

**Income** for the year was **£59,642** of which

- 63% came from fundraising & grants (Children In Need and Government Covid business grants)
- 30% came from membership fees (£15 per month)

**Expenditure** for the year was **£53,280** of which

- 56% was new equipment (new sailing dinghies, safety boat electronics, kayaking equipment, power tools)
- 12% was repairs and maintenance (sailing spares, HQ water hygiene assessment, fire alarm and electrical work, craft room refurbishment)
- 9% was district & national scout membership fees

This gave a net surplus of +£6,362, increasing our end of period account balance from £82,569 to £88,931.

The full accountants report for the period can be found at the back of this report.

### Summary of accounts for financial year 2022/2023 to date (01/04/22 to 31/07/22):

**Income** for the period was **£16,764** of which

- 48% came from special events (sailing camp, kayaking night, summer camp)
- 34% came from membership fees (£15 per month)
- 18% came from fundraising & grants (gift aid)

**Expenditure** for the period was **£23,115** of which

- 49% was special events (sailing camp, kayaking night, summer camp, WSJ24 contributions)
- 35% was new equipment (folding tables, gazebo, archery, shooting).

This gave a net deficit of -£6,351, decreasing our end of period account balance from £88,931 to £82,581.

**Mark - Group Treasurer**

## Group Scout Leader Report

Three years into my role as Group Scout Leader and it finally feels like I have a handle on the role and projects planned for the group are starting to take shape. When we held our first online AGM in 2020, we thought that would be unique but alas Covid-19 sprung another surprise and so to keep everyone safe we repeated this again last year. It is so lovely to be back to full activities without restrictions and back to business as normal for our AGM. This was only possible by the fantastic leadership team working tirelessly behind the scenes creating adjustable programmes, indeed it was a relief to only have the weather to make changes for!

I continue to split myself into many layers supporting all the sections in our group and our leadership team is growing in strength. We welcomed Katie “Fuzzy” to the explorer team, welcomed back Debbie “Jakala” to the cub team, persuade Justin he wanted to be our chairman; and so far this year loads of parent helpers have taken out DBS’s to support our sections as well as camps / sleep overs so we can continue creating new experiences and memories. Whilst we wave goodbye to David from our executive committee its hello to our cub team as he has moved over, welcome “Hathi”. Please do not think our teams are complete, the more who help makes the volunteering easier for everyone and brings new skills to the fold. I started as a parent helper cooking at cub camp for a weekend, its amazing what you can do with very little equipment in a tent (if any of you have seen my packed kitchen box K1 you know that isn’t the case now!)

These new helpers have joined a great enthusiastic bunch of volunteers who are just the nicest leaders you could ask to meet who have met all the challenges of getting activities up and running again with enthusiasm & ideas. The winners experiencing great programmes & activities are your children, this fabulous team of adults who not only support their section but everyone else’s too are worth more than their weight in gold and I thank them for continuing to be part of the 10<sup>th</sup>.

Three years in and our brilliant executive continue to support our group with the “official” paperwork and guidance from behind the scenes. Bosun has finished “The Glitter Room” which we are unveiling this evening (the beavers ran the test sessions in the Summer term so we know it’s good to go). Thank you, Sam “Rikki Tikki”, for your art work and patience with the glitter paint. We still have great plans ahead refurbishing our building and improving the activities we can offer your children. And a massive thank you to Justin and Mark for burning the midnight oil completing a grant application in record time for which we successfully received nearly £20k for new dinghies, our Fusion fleet are the next generation of sail boats and we are lucky to have them at our disposal.

It’s so lovely to be able to report we have had a whole year of normal activities and our young people have continued with a willingness and enthusiasm, camping has been a challenge for some this year but they have tried and overcome their fears racking up more nights away. This year we have increased the number of badges awarded from 749 badges last year to 1392 this year.

So, thank you parents for still being with us, a warm welcome to new parents who have joined us in the last 12 months and lastly to all our children in all of our sections, a massive thank you for still wishing to be part of our adventure, for giving every activity a go and pushing your own limits.

I am looking forward to another 12 months, please continue to support our group with all our endeavours and each section when they ask for additional help – why not go the next step (like we all did) and become a regular volunteer – you will bring something to our group as we will teach you something back in turn – what is there to lose! And finally, squirrels – this is the brand-new section launched this year by the Scout Association for 4-5 year olds so am looking for some new volunteers who might like to take up the challenge, we have a small cohort on the waiting list ready to start – any one like to give this a go?

**Nicki “Capt’n”**



## **Beavers Section Report 2022**

I wanted to take this opportunity to thank you for all of your continuous time, help & support that you have all given to the Beavers as a section and to acknowledge the excellent work of my leader colleagues Keo (Angela Slay) and Rikki Tikki (Samantha Cooper).

As you know all of us leaders are volunteers, we give up our time to teach and share our knowledge and skills, whilst still learning and achieving. We enjoy our roles working with this important section as they start their scouting journey.

Our current two Young Leader's Chelsea and Lily (Jasmine and Dion before that) are setting fine examples of our Scouting values and beliefs, and the beavers admire and look up to them. Congratulations to you for all that you do and the time you devote to our Beavers section. You all deserve an Oscar award as without you all we could not do what we do best! Thank you for being such an Ace team!

I'd also like to personally say a massive thank-you to our Group Scout Leader Capt'n (Nicki Spalding) for being so supportive, helpful and understanding especially through Covid when I had to learn about technology, using zoom and OSM/emailing, she has so much patience! Thank you for sticking and standing by my side as it means a lot, not only to me but also my team! She deserves a double Oscar award!!!

Beavers have had a challenging and adventurous start to this year, overcoming 2 and a half years of COVID-19 rules and regulations, and zoom sessions. We survived and managed to have our first camping experience at Watcombe Campsite in February, where we enjoyed lots of singing, dancing and laughter to campfire songs around the big open fire!

The beavers have experienced and learned lots of new skills by going on adventures such as grass sledging, archery, hiking, geocaching, bouldering etc whilst overcoming our fears and experiencing lots of fun and creating memories with friends.

Beavers were able to have their very own sports day on Ilsham Green with their families invited to watch and cheer everyone on, it was a screamer!

This year using our newly created Craft Room, the Beavers have had a knot-tastic time learning different knots for their knot board's that they cleverly made. We also made pine cone bird feeders, paper book hedgehogs, suncatchers, tie dying pillowcases and socks, but the most popular was our making and flipping pancakes and the chip/ice-cream hike! Food is usually a win, win with the beavers!

Well done Max and Reuban for achieving your Bronze chief scout award before moving up to Cubs, we hope you are enjoying your new section.

We are looking forward to our new adventures in the coming year and thank you parents for supporting us with our endeavours.

**Kelly "Tic Tac"**

**Beaver Section Leader**

What a busy year the cubs have had and how amazing they have been throwing themselves into their programme with the usual gusto - their energy and imagination is second to none.

Last Autumn the leaders were determined the section would meet and a varied programme including hiking, festivals, conservation was planned, a huge thank you to our parents who came in and helped with disabilities awareness, we all learnt so much as well as all the outdoor activities. We played games, pioneered and Christmas crafts before a longer break took us into the New Year.

They learnt their phonetic alphabet, learnt codes, planned and took part in a camp at Watcombe (first time away from home for some), hiked some more, did astronomy in the dark at Watcombe Campsite and played even more amazing games in the park with Banderlog.

The summer has been kind to us weather wise and before we broke before the summer we celebrated Eid, celebrated the Queens Jubilee, caught and released crabs at Torquay harbour (most managed to not get their feet wet!), visited Bagheera's allotment, hiked some more, air activities, had the most amazing sandcastle competition for the 2<sup>nd</sup> year in a row and finished up kayaking at Goodrington.

Having Debbie "Jacala" back in the team has meant Capt'n was able to take a step back and the section continues to grow from strength to strength. David "Hathi" has now finished his stint helping on the group exec and has joined the section as an assistant leader – welcome!

This section is continuing to run at its maximum numbers with a large list of children waiting to join (the word has got out what a great programme we run) and is in need of more leaders. I do have to say as a parent group you are all amazing in offering support and we couldn't run this without you but we would like another couple of adults to help with the programme planning, risk assessments and admin that happens behind the scenes as well as the fun day to day stuff, cooking on camp or just helping when you can – it's all possible. If you fancy joining in let us know!

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**Cub Section Leaders**

## Sea Scouts Report 2022

The winter saw us off the beach with our annual crazy golf challenge, the weather was certainly interesting with biblical rain but everyone had run although a little drenched – we are sea scouts after all! We spent evenings at the campsite refreshing our knife, axe and saw skills, checking “Steve” was still in the knife box and some backwards cooking – who knew a damper could be so tasty! We carved pumpkins, ribbon hiked, played widgames and completed our first ever geocache badge (some proved more elusive than others to find). Covid appeared again in our community so we finished early for Christmas and spent the first 3 weeks of January back on Zoom.

Once back outdoors we sensory sheep dog trialled, den building and basic archery (all in the dark!), we refreshed our first aid skills, bouldered and did some bike maintenance (thanks John!). It was then time for water kit prep and our first night back on the beach for our bi annual water confidence test done. Everyone learnt how to load and unload the trailers and risk assessed our activities.

Due to the section being the largest it has been for many years (38!) we split everyone into three teams allowing us to run water and land. Whilst water have enjoyed sailing, kayaking and paddleboarding the land team have done beach art and clean up, chip hiked, created rafts, completed their meteorology badge and discovered some weeks there are crabs at Babbacombe and not at others! I would like to thank all of the scouts for their enthusiasm for each week of their program whether on water or not, it's shown us this plan does work and will likely to be rolled out again next Summer as numbers for the section will be 40 this winter.

It's been so lovely getting all of our sailing equipment out on the water again and for Calypso to be a regular part of this, here's hoping September is kind to us with no major easterly swells.

Winter program is in its planning stage with the idea of spending as little time we can get away with indoors, we have such lovely outdoor facilities available to us we need to make use – now would be a good time to check winter waterproofs and boots fit plus locating that missing head torch.

We managed a frosty camp in January, sailing camp at Easter and a Summer camp in July so nearly back to normal. Woodlands is planned for September and other weekends being discussed – we need our oldest scouts to plan their expeditions too.

From the leaders' perspective, working in this way has been challenging, but also surprisingly fun but we are glad we are back to full water activities again. We would like to thank parents for continuing to support our section in all our adventures – indeed welcome to Simon “Landy” who has joined the team this summer and about to experience his first camp as a leader! The beauty of flexible volunteering means you help when you can, when Alicia was home from Uni for a couple of weeks she was helping out and Dizzy once she had finished her A levels.

I personally would like to thank Bosun, Riley, Zippy, Dodger, Biffo, Odie, Brie, Dizzy and Landy who without their continued support, risk assessments and ideas we wouldn't have as much fun as we do.

**Nicki “Capt'n” - Sea Section Leader**

The past year has brought us lots of changes. We started with our numbers being low after the dreaded covid period and despite this we have flourished as our numbers have shot up again and now we have 25 explorers. We have welcomed from our own scout section, from other groups in the bay and even one from Chile. No matter where the new explorers have come from, they have all been welcomed in as part of the family.

Wendy, who has been with us, the explorers and with the group for many years, has made the decision to step back due to new exciting times for her. She will still be seeing us and always welcome when ever she wants to come and join us, this is what flexible volunteering is all about.

We welcomed Katie our new explorer leader who came from being a North Devon explorer herself and has been involved with international scouting and network. Her new exciting career brought her to the bay and we are lucky she came to join our group.

The explorers this year have taken on lots of new challenges and further achievements have been made. We have been climbing on cliff faces with beautiful views of the sea, improved skills in Parcour and seeing the explorers surprising themselves in jumping and climbing more than they thought they could.

We have been out on the water kayaking and paddle boarding, some of the explorers were able to go on the sailing camp at Roadford. We have had open fire cooking sessions, skate boarded, increased craft skills, even making and cooking their own pizzas in a local restaurant.

This year was selection year for the 2023 World Jamboree in Korea, and we have 3 explorers and 1 scout (who is moving up to explorers in September) chosen to go. These guys have been working hard in raising their funds, attending their camps building friends with their Jamboree sections. Some of those not chosen have also been offered an amazing adventure activity for France 2023 and waiting to hear if they have a place.

We have been able to start explorer camping again and whilst our first explorer camp was small it was good fun - they helped Boson with work on the campsite, they built a catapult to launch water balloons which it simply became a water balloon fight and they loved it. More camping is coming including the explorers working towards getting their own camping passports.

With the coming year we are planning on more of the above and so much more. We are welcoming more new explorers from the scout section, also we have one coming from Italy and Switzerland. We are looking in building our leader team within explorers bring a strong team to work with them, fancy helping us out? For the first time ever we have a waiting list for this section and keen to engage with as many 14-17 year olds as we can giving everyone the chance to develop life skills – just ask Katie what she gained from being part of such a great section.

It has been a pleasure working with the explorers and seeing them develop and blossom and we are looking forward to seeing all of them go even further.

**Goatee and Katie.**

## Badges awarded in 2022

### Beavers



2 Bronze chief scout awards plus challenge, activity and staged badges **Total 187** – well done beavers!

### Cubs



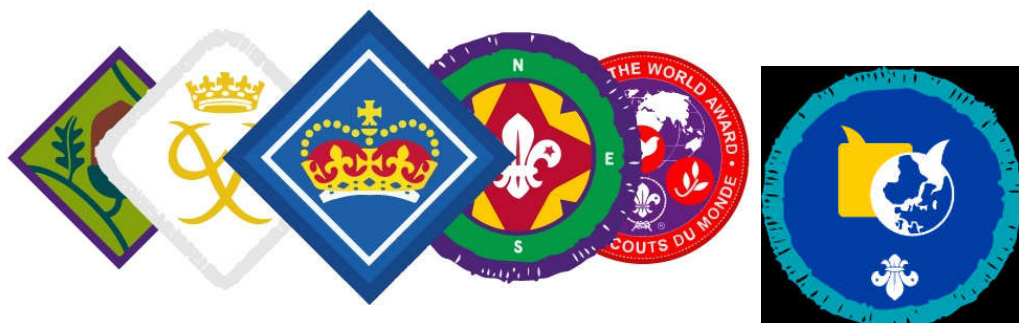
7 Silver chief scout awards plus challenge, activity, staged badges making a **Total 451** – well done cubs!

### Scouts



9 Gold chief scout awards plus challenge, activity and staged badges **Total 646 badges** well done scouts!

### Explorers



1 Diamond & 1 Platinum award which is a brilliant achievement, well done Explorers.

**Total 108 badges** – well done explorers, yours are the hardest to earn so good going!

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10th Torbay (Babbacombe) Sea Scout Group  
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Year ended  
31 March 2022

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**10th Torbay (Babbacombe) Sea Scout Group**  
**Statement of Income & Expenditure**  
**For the year ended 31 March 2022**

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds £	Total 2022 £	Total 2021 £
<b>Income</b>		57,445	57,445	37,075
Cost of activities		3,129	3,129	885
		<u>54,316</u>	<u>54,316</u>	<u>36,190</u>
<b>Expenditure</b>				
Cleaning		655	655	-
Depreciation (Including Profit/loss on disposal)		10,078	10,078	8,853
Light & Heat		223	223	509
Insurance		2,081	2,081	1,994
Legal and professional		256	256	872
Computer Running Expenses		395	395	250
Rates & SWW		454	454	180
Repairs and maintenance		11,001	11,001	7,558
Memberships		4,879	4,879	5,664
Sundry expenses including trophies & awards		3,415	3,415	1,720
Training			-	-
Telecommunications		344	344	384
Rent		485	485	485
		<u>34,267</u>	<u>34,267</u>	<u>28,470</u>
<b>Net surplus</b>		<u>20,049</u>	<u>20,049</u>	<u>7,720</u>

**10th Torbay (Babbacombe) Sea Scout Group**  
**Balance Sheet**  
as at 31 March 2022

	Notes	2022		2021	
		£	£	£	£
<b>Fixed assets</b>					
Equipment, machinery, boats etc		49,101		35,414	
Other fixed assets, leasehold property		46,150		46,150	
			<u>95,251</u>		<u>81,564</u>
Bank/building society balances		88,824		82,436	
Cash in hand		108		133	
		<u>88,931</u>		<u>82,569</u>	
<b>Net current assets</b>			88,931		82,569
<b>Net assets</b>			<u><b>184,182</b></u>		<u><b>164,133</b></u>
<b>Capital account</b>					
Balance at start of period			164,133		156,413
Net surplus			20,049		7,720
			<u><b>184,182</b></u>		<u><b>164,133</b></u>

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Signed by:

Date:

**10th Torbay (Babbacombe) Sea Scout Group**  
**Notes to the Accounts**  
**as at 31 March 2022**

**1) Income**

	<b>Unrestricted Funds</b>	<b>Total 2022</b>	<b>Total 2021</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Subscriptions and fees	17,572	17,572	17,957
Equipment Sales	2,197	2,197	-
Camp payments, activities and fun days	2,211	2,211	-
Hut hire, rents	- 30	- 30	60
Fundraising activities, scrap income and sales	37,685	37,685	18,921
Interest received	7	7	137
	<u>59,642</u>	<u>59,642</u>	<u>37,075</u>

**2) Cost of activities**

	<b>Unrestricted Funds</b>	<b>Total 2022</b>	<b>Total 2021</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Camping and outing expenses	3,109	3,109	865
Fundraising	20	20	20
	<u>3,129</u>	<u>3,129</u>	<u>885</u>

**3) Fixed Assets - equipment, machinery & boats etc**

	<b>Unrestricted Funds</b>	<b>Total 2022</b>	<b>Total 2021</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
<b>Cost</b>			
Balance at start of period	105,833	105,833	97,889
Additions	25,962	25,962	7,944
Disposals		-	
Balance at end of period	<u>131,795</u>	<u>131,795</u>	<u>105,833</u>
<b>Depreciation</b>			
Balance at start of period	70,419	70,419	61,566
Charge for period	12,275	12,275	8,853
Disposals		-	-
Balance at end of period	<u>82,694</u>	<u>82,694</u>	<u>70,419</u>
<b>Net Book Value</b>			
Balance at end of period	<u>49,101</u>	<u>49,101</u>	<u>35,414</u>
Balance at start of period	<u>35,414</u>	<u>35,414</u>	<u>36,324</u>

**Independent examiner's report to the trustees of 10th Torbay (Babbacombe) Sea Scouts Group**

I report on the accounts for 10th Torbay (Babbacombe) Sea Scouts Group for the period ended 31\*March 2022

**Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner**

The trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to: . 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 10th Torbay (Babbacombe) Sea Scouts Group. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the group 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**

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention

(1) Which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements:

- To keep accounting records in accordance with section 41 of the 1993 Act; and
- To prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the 1993 Act

Have not been met; or

(2) To which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Name: Stephen Vincent FCPA



Relevant professional qualification or body: Certified Public Accountants Association

Address:

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Date: 27th April 2022

**10th Torbay (Babbacombe) Sea Scout Group**

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# **Annual General Meeting Of 10<sup>th</sup> Torbay Babbacombe Sea Scouts**

**Held on online hosted by Zoom on Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup>  
September 2021 as agreed by the 10<sup>th</sup> Executive  
and following Charity Commission Guidance**

**10<sup>th</sup> Torbay Headquarters**

**Walls Hill Quarry, Babbacombe Road, Torquay, Devon TQ1 3TA**

**Charity Number: 301087**



**10<sup>th</sup> Torbay Babbacombe Sea Scouts - Annual General Meeting  
Wednesday 14 October 2020 7 PM held online hosted by Zoom as agreed by  
the 10<sup>th</sup> Executive and Charity Commission Guidelines**

**Present:** Nicki Spalding (GSL), current Executive Committee members, Leaders and Parents the 10<sup>th</sup> Torbay.

**1. Welcome:** Nicki welcomed everyone to the meeting

**2. Apologies:** None

**3. Minutes of the previous AGM:** Minutes were circulated in advance ahead of the meeting. No queries raised.

**4. Treasurer's Report:** Mark Willis shared his report and Accounts. The full report is appended to these Minutes.

**5. GSL's Report:** Nicki updated everyone on the progress made during the last 12 months. The full report is appended to these Minutes together with reports from the other sections and badges awarded.

Thanks were expressed to all leaders for their continued support in these challenging times.

**6. Election of officers:**

*Treasurer:* Mark Willis nominated himself to continue in this role, proposed Andy Spalding, seconded Melissa Oliver. All in favour. Thanks were expressed to Mark for his continued support.

*Secretary:* Tracy Smith nominated herself to continue in this role, proposed Angela Slay, seconded Sue Julyan. All in favour. Thanks were expressed to Tracy for her continued support.

*Other Executive Committee members:* Andy Spalding, Angela Slay and Clare Bird confirmed they were happy to continue to sit on the Exec Committee. Craig Hayward has volunteered to join them. All in favour.

Thanks were expressed to all the Executive members who have provided fantastic stability to the group.

**7. Torbay District Representative:**

**8. Any Other Business**

Reports from all sections will be circulated to all Parents after this meeting.

GSL closed the meeting by Thanking everyone. The Leaders for the amazing programme they continue to offer, The Executive for their support in shaping/running the unit and most importantly the Parents for their support and for trusting/lending their children each week.

## **Group Treasurer Report**

As with all aspects of our lives, covid has also impacted our group finances.

We have seen reduced income from fundraising, hall hire and interest payments, yet core expenses like insurance, utilities and National Scout Association membership are largely unchanged.

For this reason our Executive Committee decided that full membership payments (monthly subs) would need to continue during lockdown except where parents requested relief.

This lessened the financial impact, leaving us with our reserves intact and in a good position for the coming years.

We were also fortunate to receive government covid grants that we have used to purchase equipment and make security & functionality improvements to our Scout Hut compound.

### **Summary of accounts for financial year 2020/2021:**

Income was £37,075 of which 46% came from membership fees (monthly subs) and 54% came from fundraising & grants (mostly Government covid grants). Income from interest on savings, hall hire, fundraising and special activities was significantly reduced due to covid restrictions.

Expenditure was £52,656 of which 55% was repairs and maintenance (mostly improvements to the Scout Hut compound) and 21% on new equipment (tents, paddle boards and safety boat equipment). Expenditure on section nights and special activities was significantly reduced due to covid restrictions.

This gave a net deficit of -£15,581, reducing our end of period account balance from £98,150 to £82,569.

### **Summary of accounts for financial year 2021/2022 to 31/08/21:**

Income was £24,374 of which 31% came from membership fees (monthly subs) and 60% came from fundraising & grants (Government covid grants and gift aid claims). Income from interest on savings, hall hire, fundraising and special activities remained very low due to covid restrictions.

Expenditure was £9,025 of which 65% was new equipment (helmets, buoyancy aids and safety boat equipment). Expenditure on section nights and special activities remained low due to covid restrictions.

This gave a net surplus of +£15,350, increasing our end of period account balance from £82,569 to £97,919.

**Mark - Group Treasurer**

## Group Scout Leader Report

Two years into my role as Group Scout Leader and it has certainly been an interesting one. When we held our AGM last year in October it looked like we had finished with all of the National Lockdowns but how wrong we were. November have us another month online and in December we all crammed in a few weeks of outdoor activities as another longer lockdown was looming, this time last three months. The leadership team worked tirelessly behind the scenes creating a Covid friendly face to face programme for all the sections and April saw us back meeting face to face again.

I continue to split myself into many layers supporting all the teams in our group and 95% of our amazing leaders are still with us. Garfield has taken a break due to a new job role – I see him regularly and he is alive and well! We have said goodbye to Kate in Explorers, her employment as a Junior Doctor took her off to Wales and we welcomed Katie “Fuzzy” into the team bringing loads of international camp experience with her.

The rest of the sections remain unchanged, as a group we are lucky to have such a great enthusiastic bunch of volunteers who are just the nicest leaders you could ask to meet who have met all the challenges of getting activities up and running again with enthusiasm and ideas. The winners experiencing great programmes and activities are your children, this fabulous team of adults who not only support their section but everyone else’s too are worth more than their weight in gold and I thank them for continuing to be part of the 10<sup>th</sup>.

Two years in and our brilliant executive continue to support our group with the “official” paperwork and guidance from behind the scenes. We have great plans ahead refurbishing our building and improving the activities we can offer your children. We were lucky with “Covid grants” from the Council and have already have purchased brand new air tents for camping and giant stand up paddle boards ready for next year.

It’s been another year of hybrid programmes and our young people have continued with a willingness and enthusiasm embracing both online and face to face sessions, meaning another 749 badges have been awarded this year. We had more visitors from all over the country, Mark Thompson Astronomer was a highlight – I never knew planets and comets follow different ellipses; visited the Wye Valley Llamas with Beavers and Cubs in their field shed with their owner and asking a thousand questions; another visit from Mark the Lego man and finishing up with “Skittleman” who made us all laugh. Kahoot kept the older sections entertained on 1000 different subjects including quite a good quiz on animal poo!

So thank you parents for still being with us, a warm welcome to new parents who have joined us in the last 12 months and lastly to all our children in all of our sections, a massive thank you for still wishing to be part of our adventure, for giving every activity a go and pushing your own limits.

So am looking forward to another 12 months, please continue to support our group with all our endeavours and each section when they ask for additional help – why not go the next step (like we all did) and become a regular volunteer – you will bring something to our group as we will teach you something back in turn – what is there to lose!

**Nicki “Capt’n”**



## **Beavers Section Report 2021**

It's been another extraordinary year! Without doubt leader's, beavers & their families have faced unprecedented challenges but together we've come through it all!

We've definitely encountered hurdles this year, but in the face of adversity and we've accomplished amazing things! Zoom kept us together through the times that we couldn't meet as a troop! When we could meet the challenging 2 metre distancing rules kept us apart!

I am pleased to report that our section is running at a healthy 20 beavers, & lots waiting to join us! We covered lots of activities such as litter picking, ice-cream/chip hikes, challenges such as grass sledging, crabbing, archery, geo-caching and learned new skill's such as baking, navigation etc, this year earning yourselves badges for all your achievements! Well done Beavers!!

3 beavers are swimming across to the cubs in September. Austin, Jeremy & (G-Dog) George! Good luck on your new adventures in cubs, you will be missed by us all!

We are proud & honoured to of been able to present Jeremy Tozer with his Chief Scout Bronze Achievement Award A polite, well mannered, kind & helpful, cheerful & hard-working young man! He loves a challenge & all forms of outdoor adventurous activities such as climbing, archery, football, grass sledging etc He's always curious, keen to learn new skills & determined to overcome all obstacles this young man will never settle for less than his very best!

An Excellent well-deserved achievement for all of Jeremy's hard work & dedication over the years! We will miss you and your family!

We are very lucky to have a new young leader called Dion. He's full of idea's & bursting with energy & he is in our explorer section sharing his skills with us. The beaver's favourite game to play seems to be splat which is a game Dion has kindly taught the beavers how to play. The Beavers adore Dion & find him lots of fun! Thank-you Dion for your time & commitment you have shown and given us!

A massive 'PAT ON THE BACK' to parents /guardian's that have helped out with volunteering, supported us with activities & shared your skills with us.

It's the volunteer's that make all this happen! So a Big THANK-YOU!

And thank you to Angela "Keo" and Samantha "Rikki Tikki" who helps add balance to this great section, I couldn't achieve all that we do without you.

**Kelly "Tic Tac"**

**Beaver Section Leader**



## **Cubs Section Report 2021**

Last October Garfield handed back the reigns of this great section to our Group Scout Leader who with the support of Lee “Bagheera” and Chris “Banderlog” have kept the programme going and even managed to introduce some new badges. We started November in another lockdown so took the opportunity to introduce “Zoom” to the section and what a great time we had online.

We had numerous visitors, entertained by Mark the Lego man, the astronomer, the magic man as well as completed all the safety badges including an extra one on water safety. We did some baking; celebrated Halloween, Remembrance and the Chinese New Year; we made bird feeders to feed our feathered friends; we had a visit from Lucas Jet, Circus performer who taught us all how to juggle – who knew we could achieve so much from the comfort of our own homes. Thank you parents for supporting us in our endeavours, we could see you helping behind the scenes.

In January we welcomed 5 cubs from another pack that had sadly closed down who joined in with gusto and enthusiasm, welcome to you all.

April saw us back out in the fresh air playing lots of games on Ilsham Green organised by Banderlog & Bagheera with parents supporting. It was great to meet our new cubs and beavers who had moved during lockdown finally face to face and they are still with us too! Banderlog, your enthusiasm for games and outdoor activities needs to be bottled and sold.

Debbie “Jakala” got in touch and asked if she could come back to join the leadership team and what a great addition she is, I thoroughly enjoyed her “Cub Olympics” she ran over the summer months and the water balloon volleyball was certainly a favourite.

With the outdoor activities “weather god” looking favourably on us meant we enjoyed lots of adventures including hikes, grass sledging, archery to name but a few.

This section is running at its maximum numbers with a large list of children waiting to join (the word has got out what a great programme we run) and is in need of more leaders. I do have to say as a parent group you are all amazing in offering support and we couldn’t run this without you but I know Chris, Lee and Debbie would like another couple of adults to help with the programme planning, risk assessments and admin that happens behind the scenes as well as the fun day to day stuff. If you fancy joining in let us know!

**Nicki “Capt’n”**

**GSL/temporary Cub Section Leader**



## **Land Scouts Report 2021**

Well yet again this year has been another unusual one as we started the year still on zoom. We had some very fun sessions learning new skills from each other as well as people outside of the group like circus skills from Lucas Jet.

After Easter we were able to get back to face to face sessions, where the scouts enjoyed lots of outside activities such as grass sledging, crabbing, kite making and hiking while taking beautiful photos of the bay.

As we move in to the colder weather we will start doing more activities indoors but we still have outside activities planned like a Bat walk in Cockington and just enjoyed a fun round of Crazy Golf to start us off!

The section has 17 scouts currently, we have quite a few newcomers who have come to join in with our adventures and are ready to welcome more.

I would like to thank the Scouts & Parents/Carers for bearing with us with all the ups & down we've had this year and for bringing their children along week after week.

Finally, I would like to say a Massive THANK YOU to Sue (Odie), Phil (Philadelphia) and Faye (Dizzy) for their continuous help & support.

**Louise (Bree)**

**Land Scout Section Leader**



## Sea Scouts Report 2021

Everyone has been very busy since lockdown number 3! In January we joined the two scout sections together and enjoyed varied Zoom sessions and challenges, it was great to work with the Land leader team and share ideas (Capt'n was rapidly running out of them!)

April saw us back together face to face and as it was a little too cold to start our water activities we headed for the campsite and enjoyed grass sledging, playing wide games and took the opportunity to set up our new air tents to check everything was ok with them, who knew it wouldn't be until later in the Summer that the opportunity to camp again would eventually happen.

In May we finally managed to get our water confidence test done, learnt how to load and unload the trailers and risk assessed our activities – yes, sharks are still in there! And since then, barring either leader unavailability or a weather warning (we have had way too many of them this year) we got back on the water. Our district kindly supported us by allowing 24 to kayak and this is what they have done. Social distancing meant sailing wasn't an option until later in the summer so everyone has upskilled their paddling. Indeed, we have a couple that with some serious time investment should be looking to compete at the 2028 Olympics in Los Angeles!

We did attempt to get sailing back on the program at the beginning of September but an easterly wind was against us and waves/swell meant a visit from Calypso was only possible from afar.

Winter program is planned with only one indoor night between now and Christmas so good water proofs, boots and a head torch are a must – we've spent way too much of the last 18 months indoors to remain there.

We did however manage to achieve an overnight under canvas for a hard working crew of 9 who planned and completed their expedition challenge, to say Bosun and I were impressed is an understatement, it was so lovely to hear happy voices on the campsite again. So well done to Maria, Lily, Keira, Freddie, Oran, Jasmine, Chelsea, Mia and Isabella. Six of this crew have also qualified for their Scout Gold award and the other 3 are not far off getting it too – so proud of you all.

From the leaders' perspective, working in this way has been challenging, but also surprisingly fun but we are glad we are back outdoors again. We would like to thank parents for supporting their children with the technology and for continuing to support our section in all our adventures.

I personally would like to thank Bosun, Riley, Zippy, Go Pro, Dodger, Biffo and Alicia who without their continued support, risk assessments and ideas we wouldn't have as much fun as we do.

**Nicki "Capt'n"**

**Sea Section Leader**

# EXPLORERS

Simon, Wendy and Kate continue to offer activities for our oldest section and a few badges have been awarded (explorer ones are the hardest to get!) with more due soon.

They continued the start of the year in lockdown 3 with more puzzle games using the world of Zoom for a wealth of quizzes.

At the end of April, mirroring the sea scout section, they managed to get a few beach sessions organised to get the section meeting face to face again, and like everyone else blended their programme on and off the beach to allow everyone to take part. They have all improved their kayak skills as well as map reading and having fun at their section nights.

End July saw the departure of Kate who's work as a junior doctor has taken her up country however it also saw the arrival of Katie to the leadership team. Katie has a wealth of international experience she wishes to share with the section and lots of contacts in different countries.

September has allowed them a couple more nights of kayaking and as their summer programme draws to a close they have lots planned for the Autumn and Winter months. They have scouts joining them from both land and sea sections as well as some new and old faces too.

Thanks explorers for being the amazing section you are, new adventures lie ahead for all of you.

## Badges awarded in 2021

### Beavers



4 Bronze chief scout awards plus challenge, activity and staged badges **Total 152** – well done beavers!

### Cubs



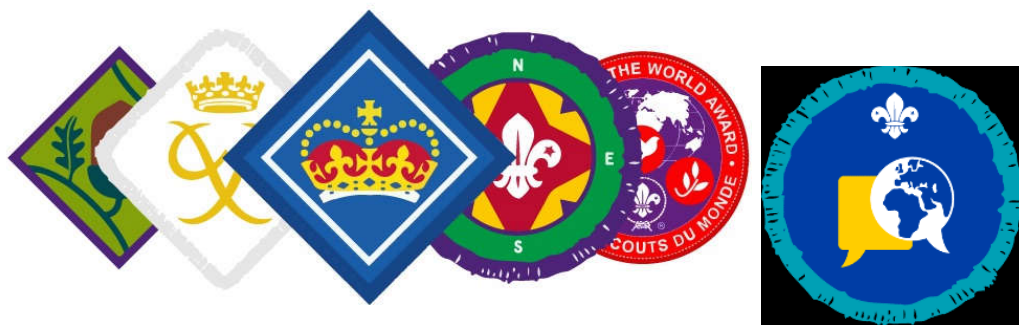
7 silver chief scout awards plus challenge, activity, staged badges making a **Total 256** – well done cubs!

### Scouts



6 gold chief scout awards plus challenge, activity and staged badges **Total 327 badges** well done land and sea scouts!

### Explorers



1 Diamond award which is a brilliant achievement and lots of staged badges about to reach the next level.

**Total 14 badges** – well done explorers, yours are the hardest to earn so good going for a small section

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10th Torbay (Babbacombe) Sea Scout Group  
Accounts

Year ended  
31 March 2021

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**10th Torbay (Babbacombe) Sea Scout Group**  
**Statement of Income & Expenditure**  
**For the year ended 31 March 2021**

Notes	Unrestricted Funds £	Total 2021 £	Total 2020 £
<b>Income</b>	37,075	37,075	42,569
Cost of activities	885	885	14,184
<b>Gross surplus</b>	<u>36,190</u>	<u>36,190</u>	<u>28,385</u>
<b>Expenditure</b>			
Bank charges		-	72
Depreciation (Including loss on disposal)	8,853	8,853	9,527
Light & Heat	509	509	946
Insurance	1,994	1,994	2,039
Legal and professional	872	872	859
Computer Running Expenses	250	250	251
Rates & SWW	180	180	894
Repairs and maintenance	7,558	7,558	3,405
Memberships	5,664	5,664	6,283
Sundry expenses including trophies & awards	1,720	1,720	996
Training		-	484
Telecommunications	384	384	
Rent	485	485	-
	<u>28,470</u>	<u>28,470</u>	<u>25,756</u>
<b>Net surplus</b>	<u>7,720</u>	<u>7,720</u>	<u>2,629</u>

**10th Torbay (Babbacombe) Sea Scout Group**  
**Balance Sheet**  
as at 31 March 2021

	Notes	2021		2020	
		£	£	£	£
<b>Fixed assets</b>					
Equipment, machinery, boats etc		35,414		36,323	
Other fixed assets, leasehold property		46,150		22,000	
			<u>81,564</u>		<u>58,323</u>
<b>Current assets</b>					
Bank/building society balances		82,436		97,956	
Cash in hand		133		133	
		<u>82,570</u>		<u>98,089</u>	
<b>Net current assets</b>			82,570		98,089
<b>Net assets</b>			<u><b>164,132</b></u>		<u><b>156,412</b></u>
<b>Capital account</b>					
Balance at start of period			156,412		153,783
Net surplus			7,720		2,629
			<u><b>164,132</b></u>		<u><b>156,412</b></u>

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Signed by:

Date:

**10th Torbay (Babbacombe) Sea Scout Group**  
**Notes to the Accounts**  
**as at 31 March 2021**

**1) Income**

	<b>Unrestricted Funds</b>	<b>Total 2021</b>	<b>Total 2020</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Subscriptions and fees	17,957	17,957	17,906
Equipment Sales		-	3,658
Camp payments, activities and fun days		-	11,623
Hut hire, rents	60	60	2,210
Fundraising activities, scrap income and sales	18,921	18,921	6,647
Interest received	138	138	525
	<u>37,075</u>	<u>37,075</u>	<u>42,569</u>

**2) Cost of activities**

	<b>Unrestricted Funds</b>	<b>Total 2021</b>	<b>Total 2020</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Camping and outing expenses	865	865	18,430
Fundraising	20	20	367
	<u>885</u>	<u>885</u>	<u>18,797</u>

**3) Fixed Assets - equipment, machinery & boats etc**

	<b>Unrestricted Funds</b>	<b>Total 2021</b>	<b>Total 2020</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
<b>Cost</b>			
Balance at start of period	97,889	97,889	82,894
Additions	7,944	7,944	29,390
Disposals		-	14,395
Balance at end of period	<u>105,833</u>	<u>105,833</u>	<u>97,889</u>
<b>Depreciation</b>			
Balance at start of period	61,566	61,566	56,234
Charge for period	8,853	8,853	5,332
Disposals		-	-
Balance at end of period	<u>70,419</u>	<u>70,419</u>	<u>61,566</u>
<b>Net Book Value</b>			
Balance at end of period	<u><u>35,414</u></u>	<u><u>35,414</u></u>	<u><u>36,323</u></u>
Balance at start of period	<u><u>36,323</u></u>	<u><u>36,323</u></u>	<u><u>26,661</u></u>

**Independent examiner's report to the trustees of 10th Torbay (Babbacombe) Sea Scouts Group**

I report on the accounts for 10th Torbay (Babbacombe) Sea Scouts Group for the period ended 31\*March 2021

**Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner**

The trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to: . 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 10th Torbay (Babbacombe) Sea Scouts Group. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the group 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**

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention


(1) Which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements:

- To keep accounting records in accordance with section 41 of the 1993 Act; and
- To prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the 1993 Act

Have not been met; or

(2) To which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

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Date: 18th May 2021