



Annual General Meeting Of 10th Torbay Babbacombe Sea Scouts

Held on Monday 12th September 2022

At

10th 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 10th Executive and Charity Commission Guidelines

Present: Nicki Spalding (GSL), current Executive Committee members, Leaders and Parents the 10th 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 Jolyan 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 – 10th Torbay (Babbacombe) Sea Scouts

As we move quickly through 2022, we must take time to reflect on the previous 12 months delivery of 10th 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 10th 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 10th 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 10th 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 10th.

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 2nd 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!

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



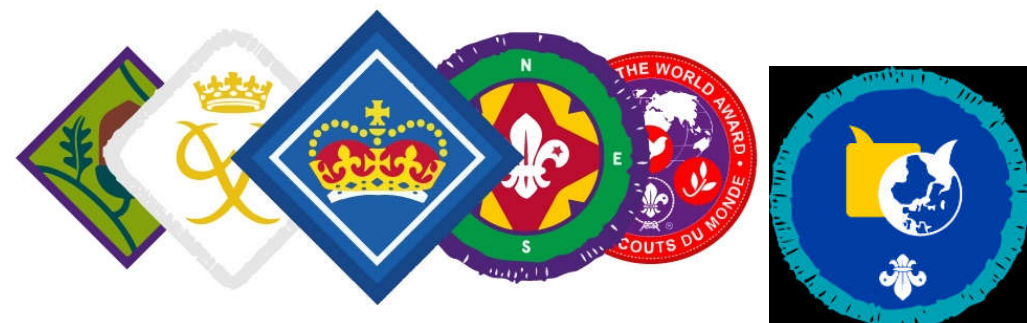
7 Silver chief scout awards plus challenge, activity, staged badges making a **Total 451** – well done cubs!

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
Accounts

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 £
Income		57,445	57,445	37,075
Cost of activities		3,129	3,129	885
		54,316	54,316	36,190
Expenditure				
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
		34,267	34,267	28,470
Net surplus		20,049	20,049	7,720

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

	Notes	2022		2021	
		£	£	£	£
Fixed assets					
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>	
 Net current assets			88,931		82,569
 Net assets			<u><u>184,182</u></u>		<u><u>164,133</u></u>
 Capital account					
Balance at start of period			164,133		156,413
Net surplus			20,049		7,720
			<u><u>184,182</u></u>		<u><u>164,133</u></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

	Unrestricted Funds	Total 2022	Total 2021
	£	£	£
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

	Unrestricted Funds	Total 2022	Total 2021
	£	£	£
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

	Unrestricted Funds	Total 2022	Total 2021
	£	£	£
Cost			
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>
Depreciation			
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>
Net Book Value			
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 31st 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

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Date: 27th April 2022