

2ND EXETER (ST MICHAEL'S) SCOUT GROUP

England & Wales - Charity number 301212

Details

Status Registered

Legal form Trust

Registered 1968-09-16

Register [View on the Charity Commission register](#)

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Activities

Objects: UNIT OF THE SCOUT ASSOCIATION

Activities: Providing scouting activities to young people aged 6 to 14 years. We have groups of Beaver Scouts, Cub Scouts and Scouts. The 2nd Exeter Scout Group is affiliated to a national organisation, the Scout Association, although the Group is locally led and locally run by volunteers. All fundraising has to be found locally. For more info please see www.scouts.org.uk.

Classification

- **How:** Provides Human Resources, Provides Buildings/facilities/open Space, Other Charitable Activities
- **What:** General Charitable Purposes
- **Who:** Children/young People

Geography

- **Area of benefit:** EXETER
- Devon

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-03-31	£43,048	£40,789	-	-
2024-03-31	£43,419	£51,838	-	-
2023-03-31	£49,163	£77,899	-	-
2022-03-31	£39,390	£28,190	-	-
2021-03-31	£39,390	£28,186	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Paul Banks	Chair	2023-04-01
Andrew David Turner		2015-05-16
CATHERINE LUCY HUDDART		2020-09-11
Jonathan Harvey Vellacott Thorne		2024-08-01
Rachel Kathryn Whalen		2024-01-15
Teresa Li		2025-06-16

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Annual General Meeting

Monday 16th June 2025

Squirrels

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AGENDA

1. Introduction and Welcome
2. Apologies
3. Governance topics
 - a. Review of last AGM Minutes held in June 2024
 - b. Adopt the model constitution from Policy, Organisations and Rules.
 - c. Financial Year confirmed (1st June 2024 to 31st May 2025)
 - d. Group Scout Council
 - e. Members of the Charity Commission/Trustees
 - f. Quorum agreed to be 5 members of Trustee Board for a meeting to take place (excluding AGM).
4. Review of Previous Year (JTh)
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 - a. Appoint members of the Group Trustee Board following recent advertisement and informal interview review of skills for consideration.
 - b. Appoint the scrutineer/Independent Examiner/Auditor
6. Awards and mentions
 - The Philpotts Award 2025
7. Closing remarks and A.O.B.
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Members of the Charity Commission/Trustees:
 - i. Paul Banks
 - ii. Jon Thorne
 - iii. Rachel Whalen
 - iv. Cathie Huddart
 - v. Andrew Turner
- e. Agree the number of members that may be appointed to the Trustee Board
- f. Quorum agreed to be 5 members of Trustee Board for a meeting to take place (excluding AGM).

4. Review of Previous Year (JTh)

- Video
- Chair's report, on behalf of the Group Trustee Board
- GLV Report
- Section Reports
- District Lead Volunteer remarks
- Statement of Accounts

Hello and welcome to the 2nd Exeter Squirrels – Beavers – Cubs & Scouts annual general meeting.

It's good to be here in the Scout Hut, which is a great example of a building well used by many children over many years.

Reading through the reports from each of our groups is both humbling and inspiring.

Below I have listed a handful of activities from each of the groups, but please do read the reports from the leaders. How they manage to achieve so much each year with and for your children is just amazing.

- ▷ Squirrels have been shown where some foods come from, visited the Exeter library, planted flowers and been on a bug hunt.
- ▷ Beavers have visited Clip & Climb & Exeter Fire Station, have been Bell-Boating on the quay, slept over at Dawlish Warren and had further sleepovers in the hut.
- ▷ Cubs have camped at Scoutmoor and an overnight at Sidvale that included archery, shooting and tomahawk throwing, they have joined other regional groups for a chess tournament and Scouting around the world.
- ▷ Scouts have walked the Exeter green circle [13 miles], had an Olympic themed evening, met with a couple of Police dogs, kayaked on the Exe, been underground on caving trips, and time spent on Dartmoor.

This really is only a snapshot of what your children have had the privilege of being part of because of our team of volunteer leaders.

My thanks go to our uniformed leaders, without them and their generosity in volunteering their time and enthusiasm this would not happen. Let's have a moment to thank our amazing volunteer leaders who give so much of their time to YOUR CHILDREN.

In all organisations, the strength of the team is often a reflection of the leaders. Jon has highlighted in his report that 2nd Exeter continues to be in safe hands with strong, dedicated leadership.

We also have a group of Trustees, whose work and governance ensures the group can continue to function and thrive throughout the year. I am both pleased and humbled to be part of such a great group of people.

My 2nd role within the group is leading the hut re-build team. This is an exciting project and when delivered, will bring many additional benefits to both children and leaders. We are at a stage now where we have architect's drawings, have conducted a wide public consultation and at the beginning of 2025 we submitted a planning application, for which we are still waiting on a decision, hopefully a positive one. Subject to approval, we will start the mammoth task of fundraising several hundred thousand pounds before work can begin. Although we have a strong and committed team, we would welcome more help and support for this building project.

Let's also remind ourselves, your children have taken part in such a wide range of life enhancing experiences from volunteer leaders. All we ask of you in return, is some of your time, from a couple of hours a month in your own time up to being an active leader. Why not join in, you could also be part of the fun and experiences that your children share with you when they come home. Don't be shy, you might be missing out on some of the fun.

With thanks and best wishes

Paul Banks, Chair

Group Lead Volunteer report 2025

The AGM marks one year since I took on the role of Group Scout Leader from Jim Taylor. It is incredible how quickly this has come round and yet, so much has been achieved.

Reading through the section reports, scouting continues to be strong at the 2nd. At St George's Day Parade, I had the pleasure of reading out the names of all those who had attained the top award from their section over the last year. The list was so long, I thought I might have to put in an interval.

I have also had the pleasure of welcoming many new leaders to the team across all sections. The addition of their range of skills and energy continue to strengthen the exciting programme that we bring to our young people.

This past year also marks a big change in the way people can volunteer in scouting. In November, the whole movement went through Transformation which turned the leadership in each area into a team of adult volunteers who share tasks to help the running of each area become less reliant on a single leader. Fortunately for us, our sections were already working in this style, so this change had minimal impact on us.

With Transformation came some changes to our official titles and I became the Group Lead Volunteer for 2nd Exeter. There was also a change in focal point where the safety of our young people is checked. The use of a third-party activity provider requires the approval of the Group Lead Volunteer and spot checks on risk assessments of our weekly activities need to be carried out. I'm happy to say that in this area, we have been ahead of the curve for some time.

A team that often goes unnoticed is the Group Leadership Team. This team works with me to keep on top of our adult's learning, DBS checks, section waiting lists, hut bookings, and hut maintenance. The time volunteered by these people is just as important as our section team members to the continued success of our group. We are always looking to expand this team. If you are interested to see what you could contribute to the continued success of the group, please reach out to me.

I can't finish without mentioning all our fantastic leaders who give their time to deliver such a fantastic programme each week. From abseiling to zorbing, our leaders bring exciting experiences for all our young people which help develop skills for life. A huge thank you to all of you.

Jon
Group Lead Volunteer

Thorne

Squirrels

Squirrels Report

The 2nd Exeter Squirrels have had a busy year this year. We have welcomed a lot of new children to the drey who are thriving in completing any activity.

We have been out visiting Tesco's supermarket at Digby, who showed the children where the food comes from, and they then applied barcodes to the fruit and scanned them. We have visited Exeter central library where they were shown how to build Lego and make it move mechanically. They have planted the pots outside the hut with new flowers and been on a walk and bug hunt around Heavitree park.

To round off the term 2nd Exeter are hosting the 1st District squirrel day on the 14th June, this is a robin hood theme where they will be participating in soft archery and lots of crafts. Between the drey's we are hoping to continue this.

We have had 1 acorn award this year and many more are close the finishing theirs.

Thanks

Debbie Lead volunteer 2nd Exeter squirrels



Beaver report for 2024-2025

Over the past year we covered Gardener, First Aid, Money Skills, Air Activities 1, Navigator 1, Builder, Photographer, Communicator, Book Reader, Explore, Space and Musician 1 badges. In addition, we have enjoyed visits to Clip and Climb, Middlemoor Fire Station, and the Devon & Exeter Institution; we enjoyed an evening of Bellboating at Haven Banks; tree walk at Higher Cemetery; activities at Mincinglake; learning about road safety with Ricky. We joined with the group for the activity day at Poltimore, the Remembrance Ceremony at Higher Cemetery, the Carol Service and the Jambowleree; held a joint Sports night which included our Squirrels and a visiting Brownie Pack; enjoyed our Christmas celebration at Wonderland, again joining with Squirrels and Brownies; joined with Beavers from across the District at the Beaveree.

We had a lovely summer sleepover at Dawlish Warren, with a fish and chips supper, sandcastles on the beach and a passing steam train. There were also nights away at the hut in the Autumn and Spring, with Gruffalo and Wales themes.

As well as the Activity badges completed, we have worked towards the challenge badges and during the year 14 Beavers gained their Bronze Awards.

Recently, the leadership team has experienced several changes. Rachel (Magpie) left us during the Autumn term, followed by Jackie (Pip) at Christmas. Sharon (Owl) stepped away from the group in the New Year, Tim (Falcon) migrated to Cubs during the Spring term and Debbie (Robin) stopped with Beavers at Easter to focus on running Squirrels. We miss the experience these Leaders brought to the team and thank them for their time of Leadership. As we plan ahead, we hope to keep and build on the foundations they set while also growing a programme which meets the changing badge requirements, and which reflects the needs and interests of the children coming through the section. We currently have 20 Beavers in each Colony, and our programme continues to include a mixture of activities – crafts, practical skills, discussions, outdoor events, visits and games.

Thanks to Leaders across the group who have supported us over the Spring term with OSM tuition, nights away permits and general advice. Thanks to our Young Leaders – Platypus and Mouse – who have found their feet now and are a great asset to the section. Thanks to the parents who volunteer to help and those who

respond to the calls for more help – we couldn't run the programme without your presence. Thanks to our current leaders – Eagle, Etch, Chipmunk, Kestrel, Badger, Feathers, Sea Otter, Rex and Fox (it may seem like a long list, but not all Leaders are able to attend every week so we would really appreciate additional uniformed help!). And finally, thanks to our Beavers who inspire us and surprise us – there wouldn't be much point doing what we do without them.

Cubs AGM Report 24/25

Our numbers have fluctuated over the past year and we are slightly lower at the moment with spaces available on a Tuesday but those on the waiting list wanting a Monday night.

8 Cubs were awarded their Chief Scout Silver Award this year, alongside over 500 Activity and Challenge badges covering a myriad of topics including Bookreader, Local Knowledge, Time on the Water, Navigator, Artist, Gardner and lots of Hikes and Nights Away.

We had an amazing time at Scoutmoor, with 11 of our Cubs, camping with 1st Cranbrook and 7th Exeter, so many different activities, plus inspiring speakers and great fun at the evening events. In September we took 23 Cubs to Sidvale for an overnight where they had the chance to try Archery, Shooting and Tomahawk Throwing. In March we repeated our Princess Bridge camp, with 24 Cubs at Alphington and some of the older Beavers joining on the Sunday morning.

We've joined other Cubs in the District for the Scrap Challenge and the Chess Tournament and Scouting around the world as part of JOTI. For Remembrance Sunday we joined St Marks congregation, Beavers and Scouts at the Higher Cemetery memorial,

The Leadership Team is ever changing; we were very pleased to welcome back Raksha (Rachel) to Cubs as she moved back to Exeter. Shere Khan has decided to take a break, but we are pleased to have been joined by Mysa (Will) and Rama (Max). We have been joined by Mang (Torr) as a new Young Leader and Mohammed who is doing his Silver DofE with us.

2024-2025 Scout Report

It has been another busy year for the Scouts with plenty of adventure, friendship, and nights away.

Last summer saw us out and about lots, with walks around the Exeter Green Circle for TrailJam and an evening walk on Woodbury, an always popular chip shop survey, and an Olympics themed evening at the park. We also invested in some tomahawks and angels, and ran our first tomahawk throwing evening.

The summer term also saw us head to North Devon to stay at Collard Bridge campsite, where we had a visit from Police dogs Ike and Smidge, and the scouts took part in air rifle shooting, archery, tomahawks, tunnelling, bouldering, and built flintstone cars!

Hot on the heels of our North Devon camp it was off to Westpoint for Summer camp last year, where we joined over 800 other Cubs and Scouts, for Devon Scouts very own Jamboree, at Scoutmoor. Activities included laser clay pigeon, arial archery, artificial caving, scuba diving, a field gun run, circus skills, pirate skills, slip and slide, an inflatable zone, zorbs, and more! Along with live music acts and discos in the evening.

The adventures continued into the Autumn, kick starting the term with an evening on the water, kayaking with Haven Banks. There was also time spent underground with caving trips to Pridhamsleigh in South Devon, and a day caving in the Mendips.

We spent a couple of nights in the hut learning about Archaeology with help from Dartmoor National Park, followed by a day trip on Dartmoor for a visit to the site of a prehistoric village at Grimspound. With those that attended the evenings and the site visit earning the new Dartmoor National Park archaeology badge! But it wasn't all ancient history, we also spent the Autumn term earning our Electronics badge, learning how circuits work, learning how to solder, and creating some LED circuit boards.

There were more nights away in November, with a visit to Bridgwater carnival followed by a sleepover at Littlesilver. We rounded off the Autumn with all three nights meeting together at The Winter Wonderland in Northernhay Gardens for some Ice Skating.

With Wallace and Gromit returning to our Screens over the Christmas break, we had our own go at creating some stop motions films to start the Spring term. Thankfully with no megalomaniacal penguins bent on world domination! We also completed the chefs badge, did wide games, and orienteering.

We headed off to Somerset for a day at Cheddar Gorge before spending the night in Weston-Super-Mare for a laser tag sleepover, followed by Frisbee golf on the

Sunday. We continued the golfing theme to finish the term off, with a night of foot golf at Lympstone.

With such a jam-packed year, it is no surprise that we've kept the district team busy again this year, handing out gold awards. Congratulations to; Beth, Jacob, George, Henry, Joseph, and Charlie, who all earned their Chief Scout's Gold Awards this year.

Such a busy programme requires a big leadership team, and our grow-your-own leaders programme continues to pay dividends, with Josh joining our Tuesday team having grown up through the group from a Beaver progressing on to Cubs, Scouts, becoming a Young Leader and now returning as a leader. Thank you to all the Scout leaders for another year creating memories and experiences!

George

Statement of Accounts

2nd Exeter (St Michael's) Scout Group Receipts and Payments Account Charity Number 301212

	Year start date		Year end date	
	For the year from	01/04/2024	To	31/03/2025
Receipts and payments				
	2024/2025			2023/24
	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total funds
	£	£	£	£
Receipts				
Donations, legacies and similar income				
Membership subscriptions	19,751	-	-	19,751
Less: Membership subscriptions paid on <small>(National/County/Area/District) enter figures with a minus sign</small>	- 11,388	-	-	- 11,388
<i>Net membership subscriptions retained</i>	8,363	-	-	8,363
Gift Aid	4,233	-	-	4,233
Other grants and donations	2,056	-	-	2,056
Sub total	14,652	-	-	14,652
Programme & activities				
Camps	16,820	-	-	16,820
Family day & AGM income	147	-	-	147
Jambow/ree income	839	-	-	839
Activities other income	7,412	-	-	7,412
Sub total	25,218	-	-	25,218
Fundraising (gross)				
Other fundraising activities	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-
Other income				
Bank interest	355	8	-	364
Clothing, uniform & badges income	1,673	-	-	1,673
Property rental	1,142	-	-	1,142
Other	-	-	-	-
Sub total	3,171	8	-	3,179
Total Gross Income	43,040	8	-	43,048
Asset and investment sales, etc.	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	43,040	8	-	43,048

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Receipts and payments

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	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total funds
	£	£	£	£
Payments				
Charitable Payments				
Broadband	442	-	-	469
Clothing, uniform & badges	3,990	-	-	6,747
Council tax	299	-	-	-
Electric	1,136	-	-	1,408
Equipment	1,012	-	-	602
Insurance	1,182	-	-	840
Property maintenance	7,740	-	-	2,337
Training	147	-	-	60
Water and sewerage	-	-	-	-
Bank charges & interest	2	-	-	28
Sub total	15,950	-	-	12,491
Programme & activity costs				
Activities Other	2,063	-	-	18,318
Camps Expenses	11,674	-	-	18,318
Family day & AGM	130	-	-	2,440
Fireworks	-	-	-	-
Jambowlree	1,249	-	-	605
Other Programme and Activity costs	9,721	-	-	17,983
Sub total	24,838	-	-	57,665
Fundraising expenses				
Fundraising costs	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-
Total Gross Expenditure	40,789	-	-	70,156
Asset and investment purchases, etc.				
		-	-	-
Total payments	40,789	-	-	70,156
Net of receipts/(payments)	2,251	8	-	26,737
Transfers between funds				
			-	-
Full year Net of receipts/(payments)	2,251	8	-	26,737

Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the year

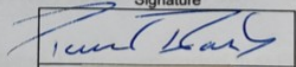
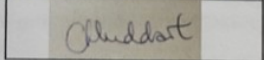
	31/03/2025			31/03/2024	
	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Endowment funds £	Total funds £	Total funds £
Cash and Cash equivalents					
Bank accounts	45,065	644	-	45,710	43,281
Cash/floats	169	-	-	169	169
Total cash	45,235	644	-	45,879	43,450
Uncleared receipts	-	-	-	-	-
Uncleared payments	495	-	-	495	325
Total cash and current assets	44,740	644	-	45,384	43,125

The charity does not hold non-monetary assets other than Scout Hut and equipment. This is not capitalised due to the low value of individual items.
The insured value of the building is £210,525 and the equipment is £5,000.
There are no significant liabilities to be paid.


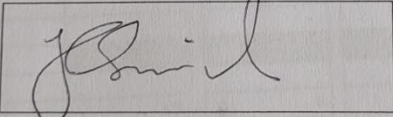
Statement of Cashflows for the year ended 31 March 2025

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Endowment funds £	Total £
Cash from operating activities				
Operating profit / (loss) for the financial year	2,251	8	-	2,259
Adjustments for				
Decrease / (increase) in receivables	-			-
Increase / (decrease) in payables	170			170
Net cash from operating activities	2,421	8	-	2,429
Cash equivalents at the start of the financial year	42,639	811		43,450
Cash equivalents at the end of the financial year	45,060	819	-	45,879

The above receipts and payments account and statement of assets and liabilities were approved by the Trustees on 16 June 2025 (the date of the Executive Committee meeting that approved the accounts) and signed on their behalf by

Signature	Print Name
	Paul Banks (Chair)
	Cathie Huddart (Treasurer)

Examiner's report

	CHARITY COMMISSION FOR ENGLAND AND WALES	Independent examiner's report on the accounts
Section A Independent Examiner's Report		
Report to the trustees/ members of	Charity Name Scouts 2 nd Exeter (St Michael's)	
On accounts for the year ended	31/3/25	Charity no (if any) 301212
Set out on pages	1-3 <small>(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)</small>	
	I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31/3/2025	
Responsibilities and basis of report	As the charity trustees of the Trust, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act").	
	I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.	
Independent examiner's statement	I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act, or• the accounts did not accord with the accounting records I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.	
Signed:		Date: 16/06/2025
Name:	Jonathan Simmonds	
Relevant professional qualification(s) or body (if any):	DipPFS, Certs CII (MP&ER)	
Address:	2 Nicholas Road Exeter EX1 3AT	

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5. Making Appointments

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Saturday 22nd June 2024

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1. Welcome & apologies
2. Review of last AGM Minutes - 2023
3. Chair's Report
4. Treasurer's Report
5. GSL Report
6. Squirrels Report
7. Beavers Report
8. Cubs Report
9. Scouts Report
10. District Update
11. Appointments to Trustee Board:
 - Chairperson
 - Treasurer
 - Secretary
12. Awards and mentions
 - The Philpotts Award 2024
13. Forward Look
 - Hut Rebuild Consultation Wednesday 17th July 6pm – 8pm, Scout Hut.
14. A.O.B.
15. Date of next Trustees meeting: Monday 16th September, 7pm at Fresha, Sowton

Chair's AGM report 2023 / 24

Hello and welcome to the 2nd Exeter Squirrels – Beavers – Cubs & Scouts annual general meeting.

It's good to be back at Poltimore House, which is a great example of perseverance after a recent arson attack. Many of you will remember being here 12 months ago, camping for the weekend in the beautiful grounds. The house has taken a battering, but I know the team will continue to put their hearts and souls into rebuilding it.

This is my first year as Chair, starting the role in January of this year, alongside my other role of head of the new hut build team, more to come on this later.

Let me give you a few numbers to digest:

- ▷ Squirrels now entering their third year, have in the past 12 months achieved 147 activity and challenges badges.
- ▷ Beavers have achieved a massive 641 activity and challenges badges, including 13 Bronze awards.
- ▷ Cubs have achieved 372 activity and challenge badges, including 15 Silver award badges.
- ▷ Scouts have achieved 33 activity and challenge badges and 9 Gold awards.
- ▷ In total, 1193 challenges and activities badges, 13 Bronze awards, 15 Silver awards and 9 Gold awards have been given. In addition, 3 Scouts achieved their 50 nights away badges. These are incredible achievements for both leaders and children.

My thanks go to our uniformed leaders, without them and their generosity in volunteering their time and enthusiasm this would not happen. Let's have a moment to digest those numbers and thank our amazing volunteer leaders who give so much of their time to YOUR CHILDREN.

In all organisations, the strength of the team is often a reflection of the leader. Jim has spent the past 16 years giving his time, energy and unrelenting commitment to the group, which continues to be the largest, and most active in Devon. Jim is stepping down from the 'Group Scout Leader' role. He is leaving the group in safe hands with strong leadership and will continue to be a Trustee. I am sure we will see and hear from him on a regular basis.

Jon, our current Deputy Group Scout Leader will be stepping up to take the lead of the GSL role, with other responsibilities being shared amongst leaders and Trustees.

We also have a group of Trustees, whose work and governance ensures the group can continue to function and thrive throughout the year. I am both pleased and humbled to be part of such a great group of people.

My second role within the group is leading the hut re-build team. This is an exciting project and when delivered, will bring many additional benefits to both children and leaders. Over recent months we have met with different groups and leaders to listen to their needs and are pleased to have a set of drawings for you to view whilst you are here. There is a public consultation taking place on Wednesday 17th March in the hut, which we will promote over the coming days. Following public feedback and any final alterations, we propose to submit a planning application during the month of August. Our plan is to have the new hut built and open by the Autumn of 2026. Although we have a strong and committed team, we would welcome more help and support for this project. Let's remind ourselves, your children collectively achieved 1193 challenges and activities badges from volunteer leaders. Why not join in, it's fun.

With thanks and best wishes

Paul Banks, Chair

Treasurers Report AGM 2023/24

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Receipts				
Donations, legacies and similar income				
Membership subscriptions	20,262	-	-	16,776
Less: Membership subscriptions paid on <small>(National/County/Area/District) enter figures with a minus sign</small>	- 11,180	-	-	- 10,810
<i>Net membership subscriptions retained</i>	<i>9,082</i>	<i>-</i>	<i>-</i>	<i>5,966</i>
Gift Aid	-	-	-	-
Donations via Giving Machine	-	-	-	-
Other grants and donations	1,588	5	-	4,725
Sub total	10,670	5	-	10,691
Programme & activities				
Camps	21,159	-	-	22,237
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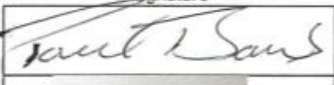
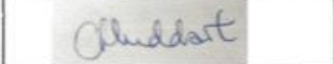
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Signature	Print Name
	PAUL BANKS Paul Banks (Chair)
	Cathie Huddart (Treasurer)

GSL's Report 2023/24

It has been another busy year for all of us, we continue to run at capacity in all of our groups, currently delivering scouting skills to 180 children per week. Our continued success, (and the reason we continue to be the largest group in the County) is due to an excellent program of activities that all of our Leader's plan and deliver.

Our waiting list is still longer than we would like with over 50 children waiting for spaces in the group. We wish we could accommodate them all.

Plans for the new Scout "Hut" are coming on and look fantastic thanks to Paul Banks and his work with local Architect James Barnfield. On paper it looks amazing, and I can't wait to see a shiny new building in the place of the slightly sad looking current hut that has served us well for the last 60 years.

Having looked through the pictures of all the activities completed this year I am in awe of our volunteer leaders and all that they have delivered. It's worth remembering that everything that they do is thought up and pulled together around their day jobs. I am constantly on the hunt for new 'Talent'. Scout Leaders don't grow on Trees, and we are not fortunate enough to have Scout Leaders School to take them from. Our Leaders are adults just like you with no special skills who just like spending time with children, teaching them new skills while learning at the same time. We simply can't continue to be the success that we are without adults joining us to share the load. Can you spare an hour or so a week? I would love to hear from you.

As a final note, if you have a little time and can help, (whether as a leader or with some helpful admin skills) I would love to speak with you.

Jim Taylor
Group Scout Leader
gsl@exeterscouts.co.uk



Squirrels AGM report 23/24

Summer 23

St George's day parade. A big thank you to the squirrels that attended this year and last.

Squirrels celebrated their 1st birthday. There was a lovely cake made by a squirrel's Nan. Squirrels have just celebrated their 2nd birthday, this time with a Cuthbert the Caterpillar Cake.

This term the Squirrels worked towards the Canal and river trust Otter Explorer badge. Lots of activities to include playing Hopscotch, feeding the ducks and spotting things as the squirrels walked along the Great Exeter ship canal.

A duck woggle was awarded to the Squirrels for behaving responsibly near the canal. Quack, quack - take 2 steps back...from the edge.

Squirrels really enjoy toasting marshmallows, eating s'mores and a sing song around the embers.

As part of the brilliant builder badge, the squirrels made bug hotels. Followed by a bug hunt around the school playground.

Autumn 23

The Squirrels planted the tubs outside the scout hut, with winter pansies and Daffodil bulbs. This was part of the –Let it grow badge. The Squirrels planted the bird grass heads to look after at home.

Den building at Mincinglake Park. The squirrels also created collages from leaves and twigs etc. For other people using the park to enjoy.

For Parliament week, the Squirrels voted on a name for the new squirrels' mascot. Fluffy was the name chosen.

Room on the Broom activity afternoon- Squirrels made character head bands to join in with the story. They mixed and made biscuits and a running dog.

Christmas treat, Squirrels joined in with the two beaver colonies for Bear feet Fun!

Spring 2024

The Squirrels joined in with the big bird count, by creating bird feeders from milk cartons/bottles.

A belated squirrel appreciation day activity afternoon. The squirrels made squirrel shaped biscuits. A beautiful cardboard tube squirrel pen pot. We all enjoyed a story about a squirrel. (Brought in by one of the Squirrels).

This term activities were around the Solar system in anticipation of the much awaited Space badge. Learning about each planet, from volcanoes on Venus to tornadoes on Neptune. They also created a solar system in a box and a unique Mother's day gift of a picture of themselves as an astronaut floating in space. - I Love you to the moon and back.

The Squirrels shared their favourite stories with the rest of the Drey for world book day. Making a book mark of their favourite character from the book.

An Easter egg trail was lots of fun...All eggs found!

Squirrels have achieved, in the past 12 months, 147 badges to include 11 Acorn awards.

Thank you to the parents for all your help and support. Without your help we wouldn't be able to run some of the activities.

Your Squirrel Leader Owl,

Squirrel Team Woodpecker, Bear, Chipmunk, Sea otter and Magpie.



Beavers AGM report 23/24

Summer 2023

A big thank you for the Beavers that joined in with the St George's day parade. This year and last year.

Thursday Beavers planted out the tubs in front to the scout hut. Wednesday Beavers have planted the tubs this summer. As part of the Beaver gardener's badge, Beavers planted seeds to take home and look after. This year the Beavers grew grass head birds. A few weeks after planting, the Beavers brought back their bird grass heads to give it a 'hair do'.

Off to Clip n climb an annual activity, a firm favourite of the Beavers.

Beavers joined in with the last Jamboree on the Trail at Ashclyst Forest. A chance to meet other colonies across the Exeter District.

A lovely evening spent toasting Marsh mallows and eating s'mores, followed by great sing song around the embers.

About 58 Beavers and Squirrels enjoyed a joint sports evening. Celebrating the 2012 Olympic Games, with their own mascot to take home. This year we are celebrating the Paris Olympics. Ooo La La!

Always a lovely evening. At the park working towards the cyclist badge

A Visit to the Apple store to work towards the Digital Citizen stage 1 badge.

The Community Impact stage 1 badge – The charity supported by the Beavers this year was the RNLI. Falcon drew a big image of the Shannon lifeboat that is housed at Exmouth Lifeboat station. Each week the Beavers stuck coins to the boat. An Ex scouter kindly matched what the Beavers had collected. The total raised was £170.00 Thank you to all that contributed to this worthy cause. The Beavers visited the Lifeboat station. To present the collage of coins and to have a tour of the Station.

Autumn 2023

Another firm favourite of the Beavers is Bell Boating. A great evening paddling up the great Exeter Ship Canal.

The rest of the term the Beavers worked hard on the safety activity badge. This included how to light a candle safely.

Despite it being a damp evening, the Beavers enjoyed a walk around the city, learning about Exeter's history.

As part of remembrance, the Beavers learnt all about a local bird called Mary and her determination to deliver messages during the war. The Beavers joined in with the remembrance service At St Marks. Thank you to all who attended.

Harry Potter themed sleep over. Beaver's had fun creating a Goblet of fire and eyes of Newt potion.

To end the term a joint evening at Bear feet with both beaver Colonies and Squirrels having fun.

Spring 2024

The Beavers joined in with the nation's big bird count, making bird feeders from a milk Carton/bottle.

An Easter egg hunt ...still one egg missing! Was a lot of fun.

To end the term, the beavers spent an evening learning about the all-inclusive play park at King George V Play Park.

To finish this session, the swimming up ceremony was done by torchlight.

Wednesday and Thursday beavers have achieved 641 badges, this past 12 months, to include 13 Bronze awards.

A big Thank you to the parents that have helped out this past year. Without your support, we wouldn't be able to run some of the activities.

Your Leaders Owl and Rocky. Assistant Leaders Pip, Falcon Rex and Etch.

Assistant Leaders in training Feathers, Robin and Kestrel. Section assistant Eagle and young Leader Otter.

Cubs AGM Report 23/24

15 Cubs achieved their Chief Scout Silver Award this year, twice as many as last year alongside 372 Activity and Challenge badges covering a myriad of topics including Astronomers, Athletics, Time on the Water, Cyclist, Digital Citizen and lots of Hikes and Nights Away.

We took 28 Cubs to District Cub Camp last summer where they enjoyed Archery, Caving, Shelter Building and took part in Jamboree on the Trail.

In September we enjoyed a rather soggy camp where the Cubs picked blackberries while on the play park trail around Clyst heath, to put in their apple and blackberry crumble.

In March the Sixers and Seconders joined 6th Exeter Cubs to have a sleepover at Little Silver with some very sharp shooters having a go at rifle shooting. The following week 25 Cubs became Vikings near Haytor on Dartmoor where they did firelighting, shelter building, wood carving and wool felting in amongst the hail showers. We woke to blue skies so after learning about the Viking Values in our Scouts Own we took our lunch and walked around Haytor Quarry.

Team Boot walked for 13km around Exeter to win the 2023 Junior Monopoly Run. We also joined in the District Day out to Crealy and had a team in the Scrapstore Challenge, as well as cubs who also won the Chess Tournament!

For Remembrance Sunday we joined St Marks at the Higher Cemetery memorial, we were very proud of how well behaved the Cubs were.

We've had some great activities run by our older Cubs each term, and lots of Cubs taking part in the good deed Advent Challenge and Lent Challenge to give something up as part of their Personal Challenge.

As usual the Cubs have taken part in a range of activities crafting, outdoors and learning about different countries and cultures.

The Leadership Team is ever changing, while Hathi took some time out last year to complete her PhD (we should call her Dr Hathi now!) we have been joined by Tikki (Sam) on a Monday and Kaa (Danny) on a Tuesday night. We also have two new Young Leaders Finley and Eleanor who are a great addition to the team.

Scouts Annual Report 2024

The Scout Section remains full, with 70 Scouts on the book as we enter the Summer term. Supporting this number of scouts takes an enthusiastic team of leaders, and we are pleased to have been joined by Ellie and Ricky this year, who joined our Wednesday Evening team. While we were also able to welcome another home-grown leader into the fold, with Jacob having been a scout and young leader with us, returning to join our Thursday team.

It has been another action-packed year for the Scouts filled with adventure. Last summer we packed the term with plenty of outdoor fun, including walks, cycles, orienteering, and an evening at Poltimore lighting fires and branding our own woggles.

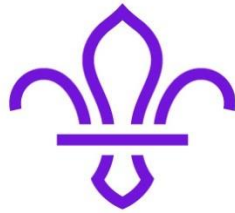
For our summer camp we once again found ourselves in the air, this year heading to Holland, where we attended The Haarlem Jamborette along with over 3,000 other Scouts from around the globe. It was our third time at Haarlem and after another excellent 10 day adventure, filled with hikes, water activities, sports, art and crafts, theme parks, and more, we are already counting down till we can go again in 2027!

Haarlem was just one of 9 overnight events we were able to offer last year, totalling 29 nights away. Along with our annual games nights and movie marathons, we spent a gloriously sunny bank holiday weekend at Huish Woods in Somerset where we took part in some climbing, tunnelling, archery, and brushed up on some Scouting skills like axing and saws. At the end of August we joined with 10th Torbay to attend a county camp at Westpoint. In the Autumn we spent a weekend at Woodlands followed by a weekend in Torbay for Christmas Camp. And in February half term we spent half a week in London where the Scouts got to spend the night aboard HMS Belfast, took part in a monopoly challenge around the capital, and enjoyed the view from Horizon22. With all those nights away, it won't come as a surprise we handed out plenty of nights away badges, with 3 scouts even earning their 50 nights away badges!

There were plenty of other badges earned over the last year, A takeover of Exmouth pool in the Autumn saw many of the Scouts earn their swimming badges, while the Scouts partnership with Warhammer helped us complete the model maker's badge. Just a couple of the 33 different challenge, staged, and activity badges we have awarded over the last year, The last year also saw 9 Scouts earn the Chief Scout's gold award. A big well done to Charlie, Adam, Huw, Josh, Jack, Thea, Emily, Martha, and Amy who were all presented with the top award. It is great to see many of them back with the group as Young Leaders having moved on to Explorers in the last year.

A big thank you to the Scout Section leadership team, who made all of the above possible, giving up their time and energy to enable such a packed programme. But we cannot do it without the support of the group, and the Scout Leadership team would like to thank Jim for his stewardship as Group Scout Leader over the last 4 years. Jim has done a fantastic job steering the group through COVID, building the leadership team, and getting the new hut committee off the ground. Jim's fanatical planning and laminating prowess will be missed! And we hope that he will continue to find a way to be involved with the group.

The Scout Leaders



Scouts

2nd Exeter (St Michaels)

Annual General Meeting

Saturday 22nd June 2024

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AGENDA

1. Welcome & apologies
2. Review of last AGM Minutes - 2023
3. Chair's Report
4. Treasurer's Report
5. GSL Report
6. Squirrels Report
7. Beavers Report
8. Cubs Report
9. Scouts Report
10. District Update
11. Appointments to Trustee Board:
 - Chairperson
 - Treasurer
 - Secretary
12. Awards and mentions
 - The Philpotts Award 2024
13. Forward Look
 - Hut Rebuild Consultation Wednesday 17th July 6pm – 8pm, Scout Hut.
14. A.O.B.
15. Date of next Trustees meeting: Monday 16th September, 7pm at Fresha, Sowton

Chair's AGM report 2023 / 24

Hello and welcome to the 2nd Exeter Squirrels – Beavers – Cubs & Scouts annual general meeting.

It's good to be back at Poltimore House, which is a great example of perseverance after a recent arson attack. Many of you will remember being here 12 months ago, camping for the weekend in the beautiful grounds. The house has taken a battering, but I know the team will continue to put their hearts and souls into rebuilding it.

This is my first year as Chair, starting the role in January of this year, alongside my other role of head of the new hut build team, more to come on this later.

Let me give you a few numbers to digest:

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My thanks go to our uniformed leaders, without them and their generosity in volunteering their time and enthusiasm this would not happen. Let's have a moment to digest those numbers and thank our amazing volunteer leaders who give so much of their time to YOUR CHILDREN.

In all organisations, the strength of the team is often a reflection of the leader. Jim has spent the past 16 years giving his time, energy and unrelenting commitment to the group, which continues to be the largest, and most active in Devon. Jim is stepping down from the 'Group Scout Leader' role. He is leaving the group in safe hands with strong leadership and will continue to be a Trustee. I am sure we will see and hear from him on a regular basis.

Jon, our current Deputy Group Scout Leader will be stepping up to take the lead of the GSL role, with other responsibilities being shared amongst leaders and Trustees.

We also have a group of Trustees, whose work and governance ensures the group can continue to function and thrive throughout the year. I am both pleased and humbled to be part of such a great group of people.

My second role within the group is leading the hut re-build team. This is an exciting project and when delivered, will bring many additional benefits to both children and leaders. Over recent months we have met with different groups and leaders to listen to their needs and are pleased to have a set of drawings for you to view whilst you are here. There is a public consultation taking place on Wednesday 17th March in the hut, which we will promote over the coming days. Following public feedback and any final alterations, we propose to submit a planning application during the month of August. Our plan is to have the new hut built and open by the Autumn of 2026. Although we have a strong and committed team, we would welcome more help and support for this project. Let's remind ourselves, your children collectively achieved 1193 challenges and activities badges from volunteer leaders. Why not join in, it's fun.

With thanks and best wishes

Paul Banks, Chair

Treasurers Report AGM 2023/24

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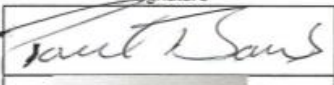
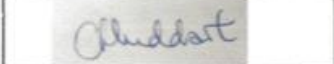
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Net cash from operating activities	- 6,919	- 148	-	- 7,067
Cash equivalents at the start of the financial year	49,558	959		50,517
Cash equivalents at the end of the financial year	42,639	811	-	43,450

The above receipts and payments account and statement of assets and liabilities were approved by the Trustees on 22 June 2024 (the date of the

Signature	Print Name
	PAUL BANKS Paul Banks (Chair)
	Cathie Huddart (Treasurer)

GSL's Report 2023/24

It has been another busy year for all of us, we continue to run at capacity in all of our groups, currently delivering scouting skills to 180 children per week. Our continued success, (and the reason we continue to be the largest group in the County) is due to an excellent program of activities that all of our Leader's plan and deliver.

Our waiting list is still longer than we would like with over 50 children waiting for spaces in the group. We wish we could accommodate them all.

Plans for the new Scout "Hut" are coming on and look fantastic thanks to Paul Banks and his work with local Architect James Barnfield. On paper it looks amazing, and I can't wait to see a shiny new building in the place of the slightly sad looking current hut that has served us well for the last 60 years.

Having looked through the pictures of all the activities completed this year I am in awe of our volunteer leaders and all that they have delivered. It's worth remembering that everything that they do is thought up and pulled together around their day jobs. I am constantly on the hunt for new 'Talent'. Scout Leaders don't grow on Trees, and we are not fortunate enough to have Scout Leaders School to take them from. Our Leaders are adults just like you with no special skills who just like spending time with children, teaching them new skills while learning at the same time. We simply can't continue to be the success that we are without adults joining us to share the load. Can you spare an hour or so a week? I would love to hear from you.

As a final note, if you have a little time and can help, (whether as a leader or with some helpful admin skills) I would love to speak with you.

Jim Taylor
Group Scout Leader
gsl@exeterscouts.co.uk



Squirrels AGM report 23/24

Summer 23

St George's day parade. A big thank you to the squirrels that attended this year and last.

Squirrels celebrated their 1st birthday. There was a lovely cake made by a squirrel's Nan. Squirrels have just celebrated their 2nd birthday, this time with a Cuthbert the Caterpillar Cake.

This term the Squirrels worked towards the Canal and river trust Otter Explorer badge. Lots of activities to include playing Hopscotch, feeding the ducks and spotting things as the squirrels walked along the Great Exeter ship canal.

A duck woggle was awarded to the Squirrels for behaving responsibly near the canal. Quack, quack - take 2 steps back...from the edge.

Squirrels really enjoy toasting marshmallows, eating s'mores and a sing song around the embers.

As part of the brilliant builder badge, the squirrels made bug hotels. Followed by a bug hunt around the school playground.

Autumn 23

The Squirrels planted the tubs outside the scout hut, with winter pansies and Daffodil bulbs. This was part of the –Let it grow badge. The Squirrels planted the bird grass heads to look after at home.

Den building at Mincinglake Park. The squirrels also created collages from leaves and twigs etc. For other people using the park to enjoy.

For Parliament week, the Squirrels voted on a name for the new squirrels' mascot. Fluffy was the name chosen.

Room on the Broom activity afternoon- Squirrels made character head bands to join in with the story. They mixed and made biscuits and a running dog.

Christmas treat, Squirrels joined in with the two beaver colonies for Bear feet Fun!

Spring 2024

The Squirrels joined in with the big bird count, by creating bird feeders from milk cartons/bottles.

A belated squirrel appreciation day activity afternoon. The squirrels made squirrel shaped biscuits. A beautiful cardboard tube squirrel pen pot. We all enjoyed a story about a squirrel. (Brought in by one of the Squirrels).

This term activities were around the Solar system in anticipation of the much awaited Space badge. Learning about each planet, from volcanoes on Venus to tornadoes on Neptune. They also created a solar system in a box and a unique Mother's day gift of a picture of themselves as an astronaut floating in space. - I Love you to the moon and back.

The Squirrels shared their favourite stories with the rest of the Drey for world book day. Making a book mark of their favourite character from the book.

An Easter egg trail was lots of fun...All eggs found!

Squirrels have achieved, in the past 12 months, 147 badges to include 11 Acorn awards.

Thank you to the parents for all your help and support. Without your help we wouldn't be able to run some of the activities.

Your Squirrel Leader Owl,

Squirrel Team Woodpecker, Bear, Chipmunk, Sea otter and Magpie.



Beavers AGM report 23/24

Summer 2023

A big thank you for the Beavers that joined in with the St George's day parade. This year and last year.

Thursday Beavers planted out the tubs in front to the scout hut. Wednesday Beavers have planted the tubs this summer. As part of the Beaver gardener's badge, Beavers planted seeds to take home and look after. This year the Beavers grew grass head birds. A few weeks after planting, the Beavers brought back their bird grass heads to give it a 'hair do'.

Off to Clip n climb an annual activity, a firm favourite of the Beavers.

Beavers joined in with the last Jamboree on the Trail at Ashclyst Forest. A chance to meet other colonies across the Exeter District.

A lovely evening spent toasting Marsh mallows and eating s'mores, followed by great sing song around the embers.

About 58 Beavers and Squirrels enjoyed a joint sports evening. Celebrating the 2012 Olympic Games, with their own mascot to take home. This year we are celebrating the Paris Olympics. Ooo La La!

Always a lovely evening. At the park working towards the cyclist badge

A Visit to the Apple store to work towards the Digital Citizen stage 1 badge.

The Community Impact stage 1 badge – The charity supported by the Beavers this year was the RNLI. Falcon drew a big image of the Shannon lifeboat that is housed at Exmouth Lifeboat station. Each week the Beavers stuck coins to the boat. An Ex scouter kindly matched what the Beavers had collected. The total raised was £170.00 Thank you to all that contributed to this worthy cause. The Beavers visited the Lifeboat station. To present the collage of coins and to have a tour of the Station.

Autumn 2023

Another firm favourite of the Beavers is Bell Boating. A great evening paddling up the great Exeter Ship Canal.

The rest of the term the Beavers worked hard on the safety activity badge. This included how to light a candle safely.

Despite it being a damp evening, the Beavers enjoyed a walk around the city, learning about Exeter's history.

As part of remembrance, the Beavers learnt all about a local bird called Mary and her determination to deliver messages during the war. The Beavers joined in with the remembrance service At St Marks. Thank you to all who attended.

Harry Potter themed sleep over. Beaver's had fun creating a Goblet of fire and eyes of Newt potion.

To end the term a joint evening at Bear feet with both beaver Colonies and Squirrels having fun.

Spring 2024

The Beavers joined in with the nation's big bird count, making bird feeders from a milk Carton/bottle.

An Easter egg hunt ...still one egg missing! Was a lot of fun.

To end the term, the beavers spent an evening learning about the all-inclusive play park at King George V Play Park.

To finish this session, the swimming up ceremony was done by torchlight.

Wednesday and Thursday beavers have achieved 641 badges, this past 12 months, to include 13 Bronze awards.

A big Thank you to the parents that have helped out this past year. Without your support, we wouldn't be able to run some of the activities.

Your Leaders Owl and Rocky. Assistant Leaders Pip, Falcon Rex and Etch.

Assistant Leaders in training Feathers, Robin and Kestrel. Section assistant Eagle and young Leader Otter.

Cubs AGM Report 23/24

15 Cubs achieved their Chief Scout Silver Award this year, twice as many as last year alongside 372 Activity and Challenge badges covering a myriad of topics including Astronomers, Athletics, Time on the Water, Cyclist, Digital Citizen and lots of Hikes and Nights Away.

We took 28 Cubs to District Cub Camp last summer where they enjoyed Archery, Caving, Shelter Building and took part in Jamboree on the Trail.

In September we enjoyed a rather soggy camp where the Cubs picked blackberries while on the play park trail around Clyst heath, to put in their apple and blackberry crumble.

In March the Sixers and Seconders joined 6th Exeter Cubs to have a sleepover at Little Silver with some very sharp shooters having a go at rifle shooting. The following week 25 Cubs became Vikings near Haytor on Dartmoor where they did firelighting, shelter building, wood carving and wool felting in amongst the hail showers. We woke to blue skies so after learning about the Viking Values in our Scouts Own we took our lunch and walked around Haytor Quarry.

Team Boot walked for 13km around Exeter to win the 2023 Junior Monopoly Run. We also joined in the District Day out to Crealy and had a team in the Scrapstore Challenge, as well as cubs who also won the Chess Tournament!

For Remembrance Sunday we joined St Marks at the Higher Cemetery memorial, we were very proud of how well behaved the Cubs were.

We've had some great activities run by our older Cubs each term, and lots of Cubs taking part in the good deed Advent Challenge and Lent Challenge to give something up as part of their Personal Challenge.

As usual the Cubs have taken part in a range of activities crafting, outdoors and learning about different countries and cultures.

The Leadership Team is ever changing, while Hathi took some time out last year to complete her PhD (we should call her Dr Hathi now!) we have been joined by Tikki (Sam) on a Monday and Kaa (Danny) on a Tuesday night. We also have two new Young Leaders Finley and Eleanor who are a great addition to the team.

Scouts Annual Report 2024

The Scout Section remains full, with 70 Scouts on the book as we enter the Summer term. Supporting this number of scouts takes an enthusiastic team of leaders, and we are pleased to have been joined by Ellie and Ricky this year, who joined our Wednesday Evening team. While we were also able to welcome another home-grown leader into the fold, with Jacob having been a scout and young leader with us, returning to join our Thursday team.

It has been another action-packed year for the Scouts filled with adventure. Last summer we packed the term with plenty of outdoor fun, including walks, cycles, orienteering, and an evening at Poltimore lighting fires and branding our own woggles.

For our summer camp we once again found ourselves in the air, this year heading to Holland, where we attended The Haarlem Jamborette along with over 3,000 other Scouts from around the globe. It was our third time at Haarlem and after another excellent 10 day adventure, filled with hikes, water activities, sports, art and crafts, theme parks, and more, we are already counting down till we can go again in 2027!

Haarlem was just one of 9 overnight events we were able to offer last year, totalling 29 nights away. Along with our annual games nights and movie marathons, we spent a gloriously sunny bank holiday weekend at Huish Woods in Somerset where we took part in some climbing, tunnelling, archery, and brushed up on some Scouting skills like axing and saws. At the end of August we joined with 10th Torbay to attend a county camp at Westpoint. In the Autumn we spent a weekend at Woodlands followed by a weekend in Torbay for Christmas Camp. And in February half term we spent half a week in London where the Scouts got to spend the night aboard HMS Belfast, took part in a monopoly challenge around the capital, and enjoyed the view from Horizon22. With all those nights away, it won't come as a surprise we handed out plenty of nights away badges, with 3 scouts even earning their 50 nights away badges!

There were plenty of other badges earned over the last year, A takeover of Exmouth pool in the Autumn saw many of the Scouts earn their swimming badges, while the Scouts partnership with Warhammer helped us complete the model maker's badge. Just a couple of the 33 different challenge, staged, and activity badges we have awarded over the last year, The last year also saw 9 Scouts earn the Chief Scout's gold award. A big well done to Charlie, Adam, Huw, Josh, Jack, Thea, Emily, Martha, and Amy who were all presented with the top award. It is great to see many of them back with the group as Young Leaders having moved on to Explorers in the last year.

A big thank you to the Scout Section leadership team, who made all of the above possible, giving up their time and energy to enable such a packed programme. But we cannot do it without the support of the group, and the Scout Leadership team would like to thank Jim for his stewardship as Group Scout Leader over the last 4 years. Jim has done a fantastic job steering the group through COVID, building the leadership team, and getting the new hut committee off the ground. Jim's fanatical planning and laminating prowess will be missed! And we hope that he will continue to find a way to be involved with the group.

The Scout Leaders



Section A Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/ members of	Charity Name Scouts 2 nd Exeter (St Michael's)		
On accounts for the year ended	31/3/24	Charity no (if any)	301212
Set out on pages	1-3 <small>(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)</small>		

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended **31/3/2024**

**Responsibilities and
basis of report**

As the charity trustees of the Trust, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act").

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

**Independent
examiner's statement**

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act, or
- the accounts did not accord with the accounting records

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed:		Date:	12/5/24
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2ND EXETER (ST MICHAEL'S) SCOUT GROUP

England & Wales - Charity number 301212

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2nd Exeter (St Michaels)

Annual General Meeting

Saturday 17th June 2023

Squirrels

BEAVERS

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Scouts 

AGENDA

1. Welcome & apologies
2. Review of last AGM Minutes - 2022
3. Chairman's Report
4. Treasurer's Report
5. GSL Report
6. Squirrels Report
7. Beavers Report
8. Cubs Report
9. Scouts Report
10. District Update
11. Appointments to Executive Committee:
 - Chairperson
 - Treasurer
 - Secretary
12. Awards and mentions
 - The Philpotts Award 2023
13. Forward Look
14. A.O.B.
15. Date of next Executive meeting: Monday 25th Sept TBC

Scouts

2nd Exeter Scout Group

Introduction (this does not form part of the constitution)

As required by Scout Association Policy, Organisation and Rules (POR) Section 5.3 (<https://www.scouts.org.uk/por/5-local-governance-and-finance-of-groups-districts-counties/#5.3>) the 2nd Exeter Group must adopt an agreed constitution and, in the interest of openness, review the constitution for re-adoption at each Annual General Meeting (AGM).

2nd Exeter GROUP Governance, Constitution, AGM (June 2023)

Preamble

This constitution describes the role, membership and operation of the Scout Council, and the Trustee Board.

In the interest of openness, especially for new members of the Scout Council, the Scout Council should re-adopt their constitution at each Annual General Meeting.

The Scout Council - membership

The Scout Council is the body which has charity governance responsibility for Scouting in the Group, District or County. The Trustee Board is accountable to the Scout Council.

Membership of the Scout Council does not provide membership of the Scouts.

There are four categories of membership of each Scout Council:

- a. Ex officio
- b. Nominated
- c. Co-opted (only for the County Scout Council)
- d. Right of attendance

A Secretary must ensure that nominated and co-opted Scout Council Members are recorded in the minutes of the Scout Council meeting which is normally the Annual General Meeting. Nominated and co-opted Scout Council members must not be recorded on The Scout Association's membership system.

Ex officio Scout Council members must not be recorded as Scout Council Members on The Scout Association's membership system.

Group Scout Council membership

The ex officio members of the Group Scout Council are:

- a. all adult members of the Group – see Group roles listed in the Chapter 16 Roles Table
- b. all Patrol Leaders of the Troop(s) in the Group
- c. parents or carers of Squirrels, Beavers, Cubs and Scouts
- d. Explorers, if so stated in a Partnership Agreement between the Unit, the Group and the District
- e. parents and carers of Explorers, if so stated in a Partnership Agreement between the Unit, the Group and the District
- f. the Sponsoring Authority, where there is one, or its nominee
- g. the District Commissioner
- h. the District Trustee Board Chair

The nominated members of the Group Scout Council are other supporters of the Group appointed by the Group Scout Council on the recommendation of the Group Scout Leader and the Group Trustee Board. The number of nominated members must not exceed the number of ex officio members.

A nominated member of the Group Scout Council must be appointed for a fixed period not exceeding three years. Subsequent reappointments are permitted.

The County Commissioner has a right of attendance at all Group Scout Council meetings in the County.

Scout Council - Annual General Meeting

Each Scout Council must hold an Annual General Meeting within six months of the end of the charity's financial year.

The Annual General Meeting must:

- a. Undertake governance oversight
 - adopt (or re-adopt) the constitution of the charity [Group, District or County as appropriate]. See rule 5.3.
 - note the dates of charity's financial year
 - agree the number of members that may be elected to the Trustee Board
 - agree the quorum for each of:
 - meetings of the Scout Council
 - meetings of the Trustee Board
 - meetings of any sub-Committees

b. Review the previous year

- receive and consider the [Trustees' Annual Report](#) and the annual statement of accounts prepared by the Trustee Board. The accounts must have completed their examination by an appropriate auditor, independent examiner, or scrutineer (see 5.5.3). The Trustees' Annual Report and Accounts presented to the Scout Council must include the formal report prepared by the auditor, independent examiner, or scrutineer.

c. Make appointments

- approve the Group Scout Leader's, District Commissioner's or County Commissioner's nomination of the Chair of the Trustee Board
- approve the Group Scout Leader's, District Commissioner's or County Commissioner's nomination of members of the Trustee Board
- elect a Secretary to the Trustee Board.
- elect a Treasurer to the Trustee Board
- elect Trustees to the Trustee Board
- approve the appointment (or re-appointment) of any Presidents or Vice Presidents
- appoint (or re-appoint) an auditor, independent examiner or scrutineer as [required](#)

Following each Annual General Meeting, the Secretary must ensure that:

1. all nominated or elected Trustees are recorded on the membership system, as required by Rule 16.1.3
2. the Trustee Annual Report and Accounts are filed as described in Rule 5.5

It is good practice for the Trustee Board to verify the draft Minutes of the Annual General Meeting at their first meeting following the Annual General Meeting, even though the minutes cannot be formally approved until the charity's next Annual General Meeting.

Governance roles must be distinct to help manage conflict of interest. This means that the roles of Chair and Treasurer must not be combined in any way.

Trustee Board – purpose

This rule reflects the Trustee Board responsibilities until the point of the County's transition (in November 2023 or February 2024). From the point of transition, some of the Trustee Board responsibilities transfer to the appropriate Support Team or function – these changes will show in the October 2023 edition of POR.

The Trustee Board is a team of volunteers who work together, as charity Trustees, to make sure the Scouts is run safely and legally. At the heart of their role is a focus on strategy, performance and assurance.

Effective Trustee support helps other volunteers run the Scout programme that gives young people skills for life.

Members of the Trustee Board must act collectively as charity trustees of their charity, and in the best interests of the charity's members.

The Trustee Board must act in the charity's best interests, acting with reasonable care and skill and take steps to be confident that: SV

- a. The charity is:
 - well managed
 - carrying out its purposes for the public benefit
 - complying with the charity's governing document and the law
 - managing the charity's resources responsibly
- b. the charity is operating compliant with POR, including effective management of the Key Policies listed in chapter 2 - The Equal Opportunities Policy, Privacy and Data Protection Policy, Religious Policy, Safeguarding Policy, Safety Policy, Vetting Policy, Youth Member Anti-bullying Policy.
- c. young people are meaningfully involved in decision making at all levels
- d. there are sufficient resources (funds, people, property and equipment) available to meet the planned work of the Group including delivery of the high quality programme and resource requirements of the training programme (Rule 4.2.2)
- e. the Scouts has a positive image in the local community

The Trustee Board members must themselves collectively:

- a. develop and maintain a risk register, including putting in place appropriate mitigations
- b. ensure that the charity's finances are properly managed, including development and maintenance of appropriate budgets to support the work of the charity
- c. maintain and manage:
 - a reserves policy for the charity (including a plan for use of reserves outside the 'minimum')
 - an investment policy for the charity
 - a public benefit statement for the charity

- d. ensure that people, property and equipment are appropriately insured, and that any property and equipment owned or used by the charity is properly protected and maintained
- e. promote and support the development of Scouting in the local area.
- f. ensure the appointment and management and operation of any sub-committees, including appointing a Chair to lead the sub-committee
- g. ensure that effective administration is in place to support the work of the Trustee Board
- h. appoint any Administrators, Advisers and co-opted members of the Trustee Board
- i. ensure transparency of operation, including:
 - o prepare and approve the Annual Accounts and arrange their examination by an auditor, independent examiner or scrutineer as appropriate and as appointed by the Scout Council at their Annual General Meeting
 - o prepare and approve the Trustees' Annual Report (which must include the Annual Accounts)
 - o present the approved Trustees' Annual Report and Annual Accounts to the Scout Council at the Annual General Meeting (AGM)
 - o following the AGM, ensure that a copy of the Trustee Annual Report and Accounts is sent to the District or County Trustee Board administration and, if a registered charity, is filed with the appropriate charity regulator (if the regulator's rules require it).
- j. take responsibility for adherence to Data Protection Legislation recognising that, dependent on circumstances, it will at different times act as a Data Controller and as a Data Processor
- k. individually and collectively maintain confidentiality regarding appropriate Trustee Board business
- l. where staff are employed:
 - o act as a responsible employer in accordance with Scouting's values and relevant legislation
 - o ensure that effective line management is in place for each employed staff member and that these are clearly established and communicated
 - o ensure that appropriate specific personnel insurance is in place

A Group Trustee Board must also:

- a. provide any necessary support to the Group Scout Leader, when required, to assist the opening, change, merging or closing of sections in the Group

A Trustee Board may create sub-committees to manage the work it deems necessary ensuring that:

- a. the purpose of each sub-committee is clear and has been agreed by the Trustee Board
- b. each sub-committee of the Trustee Board consists of members approved by the Trustee Board
- c. the Chair of the Trustee Board is an ex officio member of each sub-committee
- d. the relevant Group Scout Leader, District Commissioner or County Commissioner is an ex officio member of each sub-committee

Members of sub-committees are not Trustees unless they are members of the Trustee Board.

In support of effective governance:

- a. the District Chair and Treasurer should create a support network amongst the Group Chairs and Treasurers of the District.

Trustee Board - membership

Subject to the conflict of interest rules (see Chapter 16 and the definition of 'conflict of interest in the Definitions chapter), a Trustee may be a member of more than one Trustee Board.

Ex officio, nominated, elected and co-opted members of the Trustee Board are charity Trustees of the Group, District or County as appropriate. People invited to attend, or with right of attendance, may be present at the meeting but are not charity Trustees and have no voting rights.

Certain people are disqualified from being charity trustees by virtue of the Charities Acts.

Some Groups, Districts and Counties may also need to register as a charity.

All Trustees must complete training as specified in Rule 16.2.1 and the Roles Table.

At County and District, all Trustee Boards and any sub-committees should, wherever possible, have as full voting members at least two people aged between their 18th and 25th birthdays.

Groups are encouraged to follow this good practice wherever possible.

The Group Trustee Board

- a. The ex officio members of a Group Trustee Board are:
 - The Group Chair
 - The Group Secretary (if appointed as a Trustee)
 - The Group Treasurer
 - The Group Scout Leader
 - The Deputy Group Scout Leader
 - All persons with a Section Leader role in a Squirrel, Beaver, Cub or Scout section in the Group, subject to that Section Leader stating to the AGM (in writing or orally at the meeting) that they are willing to be an ex officio member of the Group Trustee Board. (See also the introduction to Rule 4.6.)
 - The Explorer Leader (if stated in a Partnership Agreement), subject to that Explorer Leader expressly indicating to the AGM (in writing or orally at the meeting) that they are willing to perform such a function.
 - The Sponsoring Authority or its nominee, Where there are joint role holders (eg for Deputy Group Scout Leader), only one of the joint role holders should be an ex officio member of the Group Trustee Board. This must be decided jointly by the role holders in consultation with the Group Scout Leader and the Group Chair.
- b. The elected members of a Group Trustee Board are persons elected by the Group Scout Council at the Group Annual General Meeting. The actual number of persons elected must be the subject of a resolution by the Group Scout Council at their AGM. There must be a maximum of six elected members..
- c. The nominated members of a Group Trustee Board are persons nominated by the Group Scout Leader, in consultation with the Group Chair. The nominations must be approved at the Group Annual General Meeting. The number of nominated members must not exceed the actual number of elected members.
- d. The co-opted members of a Group Trustee Board are persons co-opted annually by the Group Trustee Board. The number of co-opted members must not exceed the actual number of elected members.
- e. The District Commissioner, the District Chair and the County Commissioner each have the right of attendance at meetings of each of the Group Trustee Boards in the Districts in the County.

Trustee Board - Conduct of meetings

Only members of a Trustee Board as defined in POR 5.4.5 may vote in meetings of the Trustee Board.

At its Annual General Meeting, the Scout Council must make a resolution defining a quorum for meetings of the Scout Council and the Trustee Board and its sub-Committees.

Decisions are made by a majority of votes cast by those present at the meeting. In the event of an equal number of votes being cast on either side the Chair does not have a casting vote and the matter is taken not to have been carried.

In order to discharge their responsibilities, the Trustee Board may meet by telephone and/or video conference as well as face to face when agreed by the appropriate Chair. This includes 'hybrid' meetings, where some members join by telephone or video.

Electronic voting (such as email) is allowed for decision making of the Trustee Board when deemed appropriate by the Chair (for example, where a pressing matter arises between meetings). In such instances at least 75% of its members must approve the decision, and the outcome of the voting must be reported and recorded in the minutes at the next Trustee Board meeting.

If agreed this constitution will be formally adopted by 2nd Exeter Scout Group following AGM 17th June 2023.

Chair's Report 2022/23

Welcome to our AGM at a new venue for this year. It's been another eventful year but thankfully not impacted by COVID restrictions. The year has flown by and it has been hard to keep up with all of the activities the different sections have delivered to our youngsters. This includes our newest section – Squirrels – who have amazingly recently celebrated their first year of activity. As ever, my first heartfelt thanks go to our uniformed leaders, without them and their generosity in volunteering their time and enthusiasm we simply would not exist.

I would especially like to express my gratitude to Jim for the completely professional way he continues to fulfil the Group Scout Leader role – I honestly don't know how he finds the time or the energy to do all that he does for the group. Jon has also made a brilliant contribution as Deputy Group Scout Leader including sorting out kit and equipment and keeping us up to date on IT matters. They are a great team.

Just as importantly I would like to thank all members of the executive committee who have worked behind the scenes to make sure the group can continue to function and thrive throughout the year. All members of the exec have enthusiastically participated throughout the year but I'd like to specifically thank Cathie for continuing to be our treasurer and Frankie for keeping us organised as secretary. Teresa has also continued to do a wonderful job of coordinating hut bookings.

Paul Banks also deserves special mention and our gratitude for continuing to provide us with a venue for exec meetings and for organising replacement of the carpet within the hut – I'm sure you'll agree it is a big improvement. Paul is also chairing the hut re-build committee and has started the ball rolling with initial scoping meetings and started to build a team to deliver the project. It's still early days and we would very much like more people to join this team so can move forward. Anyone is welcome but we do specifically need someone to act as secretary for the re-build meetings. If you think you could help please speak with myself, Paul or any of the exec team.

We were unfortunately unable to hold a firework night this year but did run the Group Carol Service which was very well attended and also provided a good opportunity to present awards and certificates. Thanks to Helen and the band for providing the music.

I cannot finish the review of this year without mentioning how tough it has been financially for a lot of people. We were fully aware that the cost of Scouting could become prohibitive for some families and determined that should not happen. We have been able to establish our Family Support Fund thanks to extremely generous donations from within the group and it is now operational. Please see our website or speak, in confidence, with a leader if you need to access it.

As already stated we have had great support for the exec committee this year but we always need more help! If you'd like to join please speak to me, any member of the Exec Committee or e-mail the group account (gsl@exeterscouts.co.uk). You can also keep up to date with what's happening on our website www.exeterscouts.co.uk and on our Facebook page.

Finally, I'd just like to say it has been an extremely enjoyable year and that is down to everyone who has volunteered and helped throughout the year – parents, leaders, extended families and exec committee members.

Thank you,

Andrew Turner, Chair

2nd Exeter (St Michael's) Scout Group Receipts and Payments Account

Year start date

Year end date

For the year from	01/04/2022	To	31/03/2023
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Receipts and payments

	2022/2023			2021/22	
	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Endowment funds £	Total funds £	Total funds <i>Restated</i> £
Receipts					
Donations, legacies and similar income					
Membership subscriptions	16,776	-	-	16,776	16,440
Less: Membership subscriptions paid on <small>(National/County/Area/District) enter figures with a minus sign</small>	- 10,810	-	-	- 10,810	- 8,635
<i>Net membership subscriptions retained</i>	5,966	-	-	5,966	7,805
Gift Aid	-	-	-	-	3,130
Donations via Giving Machine	-	-	-	-	48
Other grants and donations	1,157	3,568	-	4,725	616
Sub total	7,124	3,568	-	10,691	11,599
Programme & activities					
Camps	22,237	-	-	22,237	18,905
Family day & AGM	901	-	-	901	-
Fireworks	-	-	-	-	621
Group camp	-	-	-	-	-
Jambowtree	928	-	-	928	755
Activities other	8,879	-	-	8,879	4,461
Sub total	32,945	-	-	32,945	24,742
Fundraising (gross)					
Christmas post	-	-	-	-	-
Paper recycling	-	-	-	-	-
Other fundraising activities	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Other income					
Bank interest	64	1	-	65	-
Clothing, uniform & badges	2,707	-	-	2,707	291
Property rental	2,323	-	-	2,323	1,562
Other	432	-	-	432	108
Sub total	5,525	1	-	5,527	1,961
Total Gross Income	45,594	3,569	-	49,163	38,302
Asset and investment sales, etc.	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	45,593.87	3,569	-	49,163	38,302

2nd Exeter (St Michael's) Scout Group Receipts and Payments Account

Year start date

Year end date

For the year from	01/04/2022	To	31/03/2023
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Receipts and payments

	2022/2023			2021/22	
	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Endowment funds £	Total funds £	Total funds £
Payments					
Charitable Payments					
Broadband	496	-	-	496	178
Clothing, uniform & badges	7,110	-	-	7,110	2,704
Council tax	538	-	-	538	285
Electric	1,253	-	-	1,253	360
Equipment	954	2,610	-	3,564	551
Insurance	717	-	-	717	644
Property maintenance	4,147	-	-	4,147	5,562
Training	-	-	-	-	-
Water and sewerage	-	-	-	-	-
Bank charges & interest	32	-	-	32	-
Sub total	15,249	2,610	-	17,858	10,285
Programme & activity costs					
Camps	45,312	-	-	45,312	7,248
Family day & AGM	115	-	-	115	-
Fireworks	50	-	-	50	397
Jambowtree	647	-	-	647	565
Other Programme and Activity costs	14,017	-	-	14,017	7,703
Sub total	60,041	-	-	60,041	15,913
Fundraising expenses					
Fundraising costs	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total Gross Expenditure	75,290	2,610	-	77,899	26,198
Asset and investment purchases, etc.					
		-	-	-	
Total payments	75,290	2,610	-	77,899	26,198
Net of receipts/(payments)	- 29,696	959	-	- 28,737	12,105
Transfers between funds					
	-	-	-	-	-
Full year Net of receipts/(payments)	- 29,696	959	-	- 28,737	12,105

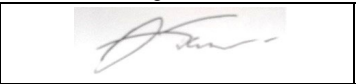
Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the year

	31/03/2022			31/03/2021	
	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Endowment funds £	Total funds £	Total funds £
Cash and Cash equivalents					
Bank accounts	49,368	959	-	50,327	80,284
Cash/floats	190	-	-	190	186
Total cash	49,558	959	-	50,517	80,470
Uncleared receipts	-	-	-	-	229
Uncleared payments	1,027	-	-	1,027	418
Total cash and current assets	50,584	959	-	51,544	80,280

Statement of Cashflows for the year ended 31 March 2022

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Endowment funds £	Total £
Cash from operating activities				
Operating profit / (loss) for the financial year	29,696	959	-	28,737
Adjustments for				
Decrease / (increase) in receivables	229			229
Increase / (decrease) in payables	1,445			1,445
Net cash from operating activities	30,912	959	-	29,953
Cash equivalents at the start of the financial year	80,470			80,470
Cash equivalents at the end of the financial year	49,558	959	-	50,517

The above receipts and payments account and statement of assets and liabilities were approved by the Trustees on 17 June 2023 (the

Signature	Print Name
	Andrew Turner (Chair)
	Cathie Huddart (Treasurer)



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

**Report to the trustees/
members of**

Charity Name
Scouts 2nd Exeter (St Michael's)

**On accounts for the year
ended**

31/3/23

**Charity no
(if any)**

301212

Set out on pages

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(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended **31/3/2023**

**Responsibilities and
basis of report**

As the charity trustees of the Trust, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act").

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

**Independent
examiner's statement**

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act, or
- the accounts do not accord with the accounting records

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed:

Date:

24/4/23

Name:

Jonathan Simmonds

**Relevant professional
qualification(s) or body
(if any):**

DipPFS, Certs CII (MP&ER)

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GSL's Report 2022/23

It has been another busy year for all of us, I am just back from the Squirrels first birthday party. The Squirrels Drey is holding steady at 15 members, *(which we all decided was quite enough four-year-olds to be in the Scout Hut at one time)*. We have a great team of now-established leaders delivering a strong program which is great to see. (Another pair of hands would be useful if you're brave enough 😊 *(just have a chat with me when you can)*). Our Drey continues to be the only one in the area and we sincerely hope that another group may launch one soon as our waiting list is sizeable.

Beavers remain strong and at very close to capacity. Our numbers continue to remain full as a result of the strong waiting list which is a testament to the excellent program of activities and opportunities for sleepovers that we offer. Our Cubs are also running close to capacity and continue to deliver a high-quality program with plenty of opportunities to introduce the children to Camping. After finally getting to Switzerland last Summer, 22 of our Scouts are off to Holland this summer to take part in the Haarlem Jamborette, a gathering of Scouts from all over Europe.

All of this is possible thanks to the commitment and enthusiasm of our team of nearly 50 leaders, I am constantly on the hunt for new 'Talent'. Scout Leaders don't grow on Trees, and we are not fortunate enough to have Scout Leaders School to take them from. Our Leaders are adults just like you with no special skills who just like spending time with children, teaching them new skills while learning at the same time. We simply can't continue to be the success that we are without adults joining us to share the load. Can you spare an hour or so a week? I would love to hear from you.

Our Executive committee are sticking to their guns to deliver us a brand-new Scout Hut within the next five years. Paul Banks has agreed to head up the team with this project. We have an Architect on board and it's starting to take shape. I can't wait to see them deliver on their goal. We need a secretary to help this team by taking notes at the quarterly meetings and sending Emails to team members. Are you a good organiser with a bit of spare time? I'm sure you would be the perfect fit.

This year also saw the launch of our Family Support Fund. We never wanted a family not to have the opportunity for their children to enjoy Scouting as a result due to financial constraints so our Family support fund can be used to part fund the termly Subs and the cost of Uniforms. The pot of money is there and we have had a couple of claims already but hope you will help to spread the word to struggling families. Lots more information can be found on our Web Site:
<https://exeterscouts.co.uk/hardship-fund-policy/> .

Reading through all of this, I can't believe we have managed all of this within a year! I am really looking forward to seeing the Hut Rebuild to take shape and seeing what we can manage next year.

As a final note, if you have a little time and can help, (whether as a leader or with some helpful admin skills) I would love to speak with you.

Jim Taylor
Group Scout Leader
gsl@exeterscouts.co.uk

AGM 2022-2023

Squirrel Scouts

Happy first Anniversary Squirrels! (28/4/2023)



And what an amazing adventure it has been for the 15 Squirrel scouts!

We have been:

- To Mincinglake Park to build dens.
- We went to visit an allotment (thank you Ben). For part of the Let it grow badge.
- St Thomas Library to work towards the story teller badge. (Thank you Librarians).
- Heavitree Park for a big bug hunt and worm charming.
- The squirrels did a big bug chalk drawing, together, on the path. We hope it made everyone smile who saw the chalk drawing
- The squirrels planted the tubs in front of the hut last Summer. Since then the squirrels have grown sunflowers and grown a broad bean to watch the bean root and shoot. Made bird feeders to feed the birds in their gardens.
- The squirrels tried foods from around the world. The foods together created a pitta bread pizza. (And yes pineapple does belong on a pizza!).
- The squirrels celebrated Diwali and tried cardamom biscuits (thank you Pip for the biscuits) and learnt a special Diwali dance. The squirrels learnt about the Chinese New Year. The squirrels made Dragon puppets and learnt the dragon dance.
- The squirrels did some exciting experiments. Their favourite experiment was the rocket mice.
- The squirrels have cooked chocolate bananas on an open fire. Toasted marshmallows and made S'mores. Afterwards, everyone enjoyed singing around the camp fire.
- The Drey talked about their feelings and what makes them happy or sad. (The answer to both is chocolate). The squirrels made a Mr. Strong (Box) to put their special treasures in.

We had a great time at the group Jambowlree. Also, the Squirrels enjoyed singing with the Beavers at the group Christmas carol service. Bear feet Christmas party was enjoyed by both Squirrels and Beavers. (Thank you Father Christmas for popping in with presents).

The squirrels are looking forward to the joint sports night with the Beavers during the summer term. George the Police officer popped by with a police van to help us celebrate our First Anniversary. (A big thank you George). How many squirrel Scouts can you get into the back of a police van? Answer...All of them!

The squirrels learnt all about what a police officer's job is. The squirrels had their finger prints taken. Tried on various hats and helmets. Then we all danced and sang the Super hero song. 'Do you wanna be a super hero-Oh yeah!' Then we had Cake! A really big thank you to Mole's Mum for making the lovely, delicious birthday cake for the squirrel scouts.

A few squirrels have achieved their Acorn award. The highest award a Squirrel scout can achieve. Well done Squirrels!

This year the squirrels have achieved

27 Challenge Badges

130 Activity Badges.

We (the leaders) would like to thank every parent, carer, family member and other Leaders that has made this a cracking start for the 2nd Exeter Squirrel Drey.

A big thank you.

Your Leaders

Owl, Chipmunk, Mole, Badger Woodpecker and young leader Hedgehog.

AGM 2022-2023

Beaver scouts

Wednesday and Thursday Colonies have enjoyed many activities together, in the past 12 months.

'Beavers in Yurts' was highlight of the year. 24 Beavers and 10 leaders enjoyed a weekend camp at Escot. During the time there, Beavers learnt about the conservation work being done at Escot. Fire lighting and other bush craft. The beavers had fun getting lost in the maze, and every Beaver enjoyed the swamp walk.



Other joint activities to include...

- Joint sports day hosted by Wednesday Beavers.
- The District Beaveree, this was a huge success. The theme was environment. Lots of badge work covered.
- A minion Christmas sleep over in the scout hut. Some Beavers, from both colonies, enjoyed the Minion crafts with a Christmas theme.
- Singing at the group carol service.
- Bear feet, with the Squirrels (for the Christmas party).
- Jambowlree with the whole of 2nd Exeter.
- Also, a firm favourite of the Beavers- Clip n Climb.
- Some Beavers, from both colonies, had fun at the District sleep over at the scout HQ on Marsh Barton.
- Bell boating is another firm favourite with Beavers. Every Autumn term will find the Beavers by the water.

Other Activities away from the scout hut to include, Mincing Lake Park and a visit to the Guildhall for Parliament week.

- The Beavers learnt about Diwali and decorated Diyas.
- Every beaver enjoyed the Big Build. Beavers created a machine they designed from junk modelling.
- Exciting experiments had Beavers blowing up balloons with bicarb and vinegar.
- Space badge-Park in the Dark was an amazing evening. The Beavers got to see an alignment of the moon, Jupiter and Venus-without a telescope.
- The Beaver scouts learnt about Fair trade and cooked Fair trade chocolate bananas on an open fire.

Thursday Beavers will be planting the tubs this summer term. Wednesday Beavers planted the tubs in the Autumn term. I hope everyone enjoyed the beautiful sunny display from the daffodils and wild flowers.

938 badges have been awarded this year.

To include...

24 Bronze awards (have been or will be awarded this year).

158 Challenge Badges.

I would like to thank the parents, carers and family members. Also, Other Leaders for all the help and support for making the last 12 months an amazing experience for the Beaver scouts.

Your Leaders

Owl, Rocky, Pip, Kestrel, Eagle, Hawk, Falcon, Raven, Etch, Rex, Feathers and young Leader Stinky Pete.

Cubs AGM Report 22/23

We have sought to maintain 24 cubs per Monday and Tuesday night. 48 in total.

In general attendance has been consistently good. The occasional blips of no-show occur after major events holidays camps etc.

The leadership has been stable this year with Clare, Giles, David, Barbara on Monday and Becca, Simona, Pete on Tuesday.

With Simona joining us from Italy, where she was a cub leader, we have received a real injection of different culture and ways of doing things. The cubs have benefitted from understanding different culture, celebrations and language.

We also have new leader David Stead join on Tuesday night which has helped with coverage whilst Katie focusses on her PhD thesis.

542 badges awarded across the three terms for 22/23 year.

We continued to see Cubs achieve their Chief Scout Silver Award with 7 this year.

Summer Term 22

We had lots of meets out and about in nature across the term with visits to nature parks, swamp walk, Mincinglake Valley. Also first meet held at Poltimore House.

We had a visit from a qualified roaming zoo that brought different animals to learn about; stick insects, gecko, ferrets.

Finished with a quad bike experience on what felt like the hottest day of the year.

Autumn Term 22

Started with kayaking at Haven Banks, which was just doable with enough light to the end.

We continued the animal theme with visit from a guide dog and a guide dog trainer and friends with tortoises putting them into hibernation.

A major part of the term was cubs learning DIY skills, where over 3 meets, the cubs created, cut, assembled and painted their own vase holder from wood.

The term finished with usual carol service and a visit to Navete Bete at the Northcott Theatre.

Spring 23

A mixed term with a variety of activities including hobbies and collections, shadow puppet, disability awareness, the body, and lessons on how to do magic knots.

The usual Jambowlree saw most of the cubs attend Tenpin along with beavers, scouts.

The cubs learnt about Chinese new year and learnt how to prep for a hike.

We finished the term with an Easter trail through Ludwell Valley Park

Scouts 2023 AGM Report

The Scout section has continued to grow with 69 Scouts on the books and an expanding waiting list. Sometimes it feels like a struggle to fit them all into the hut, it's almost as if we need a new one (not that we are hinting any interested parties should join the new hut committee, but if you were interested you should definitely speak to our wonderful GSL) Our leadership team has also grown over the last 12 months, as we welcomed back a familiar face in Pink, who was a Scout and a Young Leader with us, and returns as a section assistant. Growing your own Scout Leaders is definitely a long term strategy but one that is paying off! We have also been joined by John, who joined us last summer as an assistant section leader with our Wednesday scouts, and Oli, who has joined us as a Section Assistant while studying at the University.

In 2021 we were still unable to venture abroad or have large scale camps, so it was fantastic last summer to finally be able to take to the skies for our long await camp at the home of international Scouting in Kandersteg, Switzerland. We had some unforgettable adventures with our friends from the 16th, including an overnight stay in a mountain hut, taking a dip in an alpine lake, and racing down the mountains on off road Scooters.

We've enjoyed plenty of nights away over the last year closer to home too; with our yearly games night sleepover at Little Silver and always popular 24 hour movie marathons. In the Autumn we headed to the Mendips where we visited Cheddar Gorge and the caves, played Frisbee Golf and took in the Bridgwater Carnival. In the Spring it was off to London to partake in the Live London Monopoly Challenge. And last month we headed just over the border for a weekend at Huish Woods.

But it's not just on our nights away where we've been getting up to fun, during our weekly evening sessions we've had our own version of Bake Off with The Great Biggish Bake Off, making giant party rings. Had our own fashion show with a Trashy Fashion night, turning junk into Haute Couture. Honed our Viking skills with a night of Axe Throwing and our Jedi skills with a night of Light Sabre training. We've taken over Topsham pool with a night of inflatable fun and thrown a beach BBQ.

With all these adventures it's no wonder we've handed out so many badges this year, with 18 different activity badges handed out; ranging from Artist to Watersports. And with nights away very much back we've seen 9 Scouts earn their 20 nights away, 5 reach 35 nights away, and 1 hit the half century mark with 50 nights away!

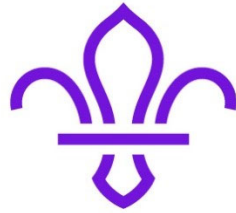
We've also seen 6 of our Scouts earn their top award and be presented with their Chief Scout's Gold Award, congratulations to; Jessica, Louis, Isaac, Alex, Ewan and George IV. And with several more nearing completion, we hope to keep our Assistant District Commissioner for Scouts busy this term handing out Gold Awards, before he moves into a new role and a fresh challenge after the Summer break. Stephen has been the ADC for Scouts in Exeter for over 10 years and we'd like to thank him for all his work and support during his time as ADC.

The Scout Leaders

2ND EXETER (ST MICHAEL'S) SCOUT GROUP

England & Wales - Charity number 301212

Accounts



Scouts

2nd Exeter (St Michaels)

Annual General Meeting

Saturday 11th June 2022

Squirrels

BEAVERS

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AGENDA

1. Welcome & apologies
2. Review of last AGM Minutes - 2021
3. Chairman's Report
4. Treasurer's Report
5. GSL's Report
6. Squirrels Report
7. Beavers Report
8. Cubs Report
9. Scouts Report
10. District Update
11. Appointments to Executive Committee:
 - Chairperson
 - Treasurer
 - Secretary
12. Awards and mentions
 - The Philpotts Award 2022
13. Forward Look
14. A.O.B.
 - Financial support
 - Diversity
15. Date of next Executive meeting: Monday 19th Sept TBC

Minutes of the 2nd Exeter Scout Group Annual General Meeting
Saturday 26th June 2021, Zoom meeting

Present: Andrew Turner, Chair. Jim Taylor, GSL. Frankie Phillips, Secretary. Rhian Luxton, District Commissioner. Paul Banks, Emilie Vanvy, Jason Pain, Ben Devenish, Emma Pacey, SL. George Andrews, Chris Eales, Jon Thorne, SL. Clare Hubbard, CSL. Katie Partridge, Rebecca Coulson, Tim Tamlin, Sharon Tamlin, BSL. Izzy Hubbard, ACSL. Jamie Palmer SA. Paul Newell, Scout SA, Rachel Whalen, Exec Parent Rep. Helen Nash, Waiting List Coordinator. Barbara Allen, Nicola Wilson, Steve Garner, Vicki McKenna,BSL.

1. Welcome - by Andrew Turner

Andrew welcomed everyone to the AGM. He thanked everyone for their support and introduced Frankie Phillips as new Exec Secretary.

Apologies had been received from Jackie Nankivell, Liz Foster, Elsa Burdett, Teresa Li, Izzy Hubbard, Elizabeth and Abi Nash, Harry Tamlin

2. Review of 2020 AGM minutes

Andrew thanked outgoing Secretary, Nicola Wilson, for preparing the minutes. There being no comments or amendments to the minutes, they were accepted as a true record of the 2020 AGM.

3. Chair's Report – see attached report

Andrew emphasised his thanks and praise to the Leaders for the great job they have been doing during the Coronavirus pandemic, under very difficult circumstances. He commented that it is remarkable that the Group has not seen a reduction in numbers of children or Leaders during this time. The programme of activities has kept children interested and having fun at times when it has been so different to normal.

There are more people now on the Executive Committee with some changed personnel. Andrew expressed thanks and appreciation to Nicola Wilson in her role as Secretary for a number of years. He also thanked Jim Taylor for picking up the role of GSL and for recruiting more people to Executive Committee.

Andrew expressed thanks to Rachel Whalen and Paul Banks for their work on the kitchen refurbishment, which looks amazing!

Although Cathie Huddart was not on the Zoom meeting, Andrew thanked her for taking over as Treasurer and thanked Adam Coulson for all of his support. Whilst we have done remarkably well as a group, we still need new Leaders and helpers, Andrew asked all to continue to be involved if they are able.

4. Treasurer's Report – see attached report

In Cathie's absence, Andrew noted that we are in a financially sound position and grants have helped to fill any holes. Group funds remain at a reasonable level, even after the kitchen refurbishment, which received support from the CO-OP community fund.

5. Group Scout Leader's Report – see attached report

Jim Taylor expressed thanks to all the Leaders who were able to keep going, and to parents for all of their support during lockdown. The census showed that numbers dropped by less than 10% over the year and now there is a long waiting list, with 38 due to start Beavers and 9 waiting for Cubs.

Executive membership has been boosted with 12 more people, which enables the workload to be spread and a range of skills available. Additionally, there have been 8 new Leaders in the last 2 months. Overall, we are coming out of lockdown in a healthy position.

6. Beavers Reports – see attached reports

The Beaver Leaders had no further comments to add to their written reports.

7. Cubs Reports – see attached report

Clare Hubbard expressed thanks to the Leaders who have kept things going and also to parents, whose support and involvement in the Zoom meetings has kept activities going. Overall, it has been a really good year and the Zoom meetings were an enjoyable and interesting adventure. Cubs will be losing four Leaders but thanks to Jim Taylor, GSL, and Katie, Hathi, more new faces are joining the team.

8. Scouts Report – see attached report

Jon Thorne thanked all the Scouts Leaders and the Young Leaders for all that they have done to keep things going throughout the year. Andrew seconded thanks to the Young Leaders.

9. District Update

Rhian Luxton expressed thanks for being invited and said that the Leaders have excelled themselves, particularly since the risk assessments have been such a lot of work to get back to face-to-face scouting. She remarked that it is great to have Jim Taylor in role as GSL and thanked him for all of the training that has been done.

Rhian commented that the programmes in the Group, and the retained numbers, prove that a great job is being done, and there is continued supported from District.

10. Appointments

Chair: Andrew Turner. Nominated: Jim Taylor, Seconded: Emma Pacey

Treasurer: Cathie Huddart (*in absentia*). Nominated: Frankie Phillips, Seconded: Clare Hubbard

Secretary: Frankie Phillips. Nominated: Jon Thorne, Seconded: Nicola Wilson.

11. Awards and mentions

Jim Taylor introduced the background to the Philpotts Award. This year, the decision was taken to give the Award to every Leader, Young Leader and Exec as a thank you to everyone for getting through the last few months. There is a replica woggle and badge for all and Rhian confirmed that the badges can be worn on uniform.

Andrew said that the Award was well-deserved as everyone has pulled together as a group. He expressed thanks to Jim for getting the awards produced. Jim said that he has done the Award Sheet all ready to hang in the hut.

Andrew also thanked Nicola Wilson and Adam Coulson for their hard work now that they have moved on. Normally there would be a presentation and he hopes that they can be thanked in person soon.

Jim reported that the first proper Leaders' meeting in the hut will involve a take-away paid for by Executive Committee.

12. Forward Look

Andrew reiterated that hopefully things will become a bit more normal going forward for face-to-face Scouting. He said the Group is in a strong position and the future looks bright, with the Switzerland Camp to look forward to and undoubtedly a very full programme.

The hut needs some work going forward, so that it remains useable, and work parties will need to be organised.

Andrew is optimistic about the year ahead, to get people back together and doing all of the usual things again with camps, family camp, Caddihoe, fireworks and carols being planned.

13. AOB

Andrew expressed thanks to Rachel Whalen for all that she has done in cleaning the hut. As she is now stepping down, there is a vacancy. Anyone interested in taking up the role of cleaning the hut should send a message to the group or contact Andrew.

Sharon reported that recycling is ongoing and a collection appointment is needed. Even with the disruption of the year, about a third of the normal collection has been managed.

The AGM finished with sharing of the video of highlights, showing amazing ingenuity and variety, and George was thanked for putting it together so well.

14. Date of the next Executive meeting

Friday 10 September 2021 at 7.30 pm, location TBC

Chair's Report 2021/22

At long last we're able to welcome you all in person to our AGM – it's been a long time coming. When I last wrote my annual report, I wouldn't have believed we would have another year where COVID had a major impact on our activities. All sections had to continue to innovate in order to provide a varied and fun programme for all our young people. Therefore, as usual, my first and biggest thank you is to the leadership team for their unstinting work throughout the year to keep things going. To say keep going is a bit of an understatement as the level of activity has been magnificent and speed of response to changing restrictions was truly impressive.

As well as the leadership team, including assistants and young leaders, I would like to thank all members of the executive committee who have worked behind the scenes to make sure the logistics are in place to keep the group going. I would especially like to thank Cathie for keeping the finances in order, Frankie for keeping us organised, Teresa for coordinating hut use and Paul Banks for his generosity in providing meeting space amongst other things.

Jim has continued to work wonders as Group Scout Leader including making sure COVID risk assessments were always up to date and being the driving force to establish our newest section – Squirrels – for 4- to 6-year-olds. We've been able to do this thanks to Sharon taking on leadership as well as continuing with Beavers – thanks Sharon. I'm also extremely pleased to welcome Jon as Deputy Group Scout Leader – he and Jim make a formidable team.

We managed to carry out some of our regular group activities last year including the Carol Service and firework night at Caddihoe. We're not sure if this event will take place this year as you may have heard that Caddihoe is currently closed but hopefully may be open again. Regarding buildings we have not completed any major projects this year but have carried out various maintenance activities to keep the facilities suitable for use. As mentioned over many years ideally, we would like to rebuild the hut but need someone to lead the project. If you think you could help with this, please speak with me or any other committee member.

We have had brilliant support for exec committee this year but there is always room for new people. The more support we have the more we can do so if you'd like to join please speak to me, any member of the Exec Committee. Alternatively, you can e-mail the group account (gsl@exeterscouts.co.uk). You can also keep up to date with what's happening on our website www.exeterscouts.co.uk and on our Facebook page.

I feel I cannot finish this report without saying that last year was unusual but this coming year is likely to be very tough for some families. As a group we will do all that we can to make sure Scouting remains accessible for all and we help members when we can.

Finally, I'd just like to say one last thank you to everyone who has volunteered and helped throughout the year – parents, leaders, extended families and exec committee members.

Thank you,

Andrew Turner, Chair

Treasurer's Report 2021/22

2nd Exeter (St Michael's) Scout Group Receipts and Payments Account

Year start date

Year end date

For the year from	01/04/2021	To	31/03/2022
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Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds £	2021/2022 Restricted funds £	Endowment funds £	Total funds £	2020/2021 Total funds Restated £
Receipts					
Donations, legacies and similar income					
Membership subscriptions	16,440	-	-	16,440	11,063
Less: Membership subscriptions paid on (National/County/Area/District) <i>enter figures with a minus sign</i>	- 8,635	-	-	- 8,635	- 7,500
<i>Net membership subscriptions retained</i>	7,805	-	-	7,805	3,563
Gift Aid	3,130	-	-	3,130	2,041
Donations via Giving Machine	48	-	-	48	17
Other grants and donations	616	-	-	616	13,862
Sub total	11,599	-	-	11,599	19,483
Programme & activities					
Camps	18,905	-	-	18,905	14,358
Family day & AGM	-	-	-	-	-
Fireworks	621	-	-	621	-
Group camp	-	-	-	-	-
Jambowtree	755	-	-	755	-
Activities other	4,461	-	-	4,461	1,719
Sub total	24,742	-	-	24,742	16,077
Fundraising (gross)					
Christmas post	-	-	-	-	-
Paper recycling	-	-	-	-	274
Other fundraising activities	-	-	-	-	340
Sub total	-	-	-	-	614
Other income					
Bank interest	-	-	-	-	-
Clothing, uniform & badges	291	-	-	291	1,545
Property rental	1,562	-	-	1,562	650
Other	108	-	-	108	1,021
Sub total	1,961	-	-	1,961	3,217
Total Gross Income	38,302	-	-	38,302	39,390
Asset and investment sales, etc.	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	38,302.11	-	-	38,302	39,390

2nd Exeter (St Michael's) Scout Group Receipts and Payments Account

Year start date

Year end date

For the year from	01/04/2021	To	31/03/2022
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Receipts and payments

	2021/2022			2020/2021	
	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Endowment funds £	Total funds £	Total funds £
Payments					
Charitable Payments					
Broadband	178	-	-	178	604
Clothing, uniform & badges	2,704	-	-	2,704	3,052
Council tax	285	-	-	285	-
Electric	360	-	-	360	308
Equipment	551	-	-	551	1,564
Insurance	644	-	-	644	1,500
Property maintenance	5,562	-	-	5,562	4,716
Training	-	-	-	-	-
Water and sewerage	-	-	-	-	228
Other	-	-	-	-	103
Sub total	10,285	-	-	10,285	12,074
Programme & activity costs					
Camps	7,248	-	-	7,248	13,078
Family day & AGM	-	-	-	-	-
Fireworks	397	-	-	397	-
Jambowtree	565	-	-	565	-
Other Programme and Activity costs	7,703	-	-	7,703	3,038
Sub total	15,913	-	-	15,913	16,115
Fundraising expenses					
Fundraising costs	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total Gross Expenditure	26,198	-	-	26,198	28,190
Asset and investment purchases, etc.					
		-	-	-	
Total payments	26,198	-	-	26,198	28,190
Net of receipts/(payments)	12,105	-	-	12,105	11,200
Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
Full year Net of receipts/(payments)	12,105	-	-	12,105	11,200


Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the year

	31/03/2022			31/03/2021	
	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Endowment funds £	Total funds £	Total funds £
Cash and Cash equivalents					
Bank accounts	80,284	-	-	80,284	67,820
Cash/floats	186	-	-	186	168
Total cash	80,470	-	-	80,470	67,988
Uncleared receipts	229	-	-	229	192
Uncleared payments	- 418	-	-	- 418	- 5
Total cash and current assets	80,280	-	-	80,280	68,176

Statement of Cashflows for the year ended 31 March 2022

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Endowment funds £	Total £
Cash from operating activities				
Operating profit / (loss) for the financial year	12,105	-	-	12,105
Adjustments for				
Decrease / (increase) in receivables	- 36			- 36
Increase / (decrease) in payables	413			413
Net cash from operating activities	12,481			12,481
Cash equivalents at the start of the financial year	67,988			67,988
Cash equivalents at the end of the financial year	80,470			80,470

The above receipts and payments account and statement of assets and liabilities were approved by the Trustees on 11 June 2022 (the

Signature	Print Name
	Andrew Turner (Chair)
	Cathie Huddart (Treasurer)



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

**Report to the trustees/
members of**

Charity Name
Scouts 2nd Exeter (St Michael's)

**On accounts for the year
ended**

31/3/22

**Charity no
(if any)**

301212

Set out on pages

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(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended **31/3/2022**

**Responsibilities and
basis of report**

As the charity trustees of the Trust, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act").

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

**Independent
examiner's statement**

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention (other than that disclosed below *) in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act or
- the accounts do not accord with the accounting records

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

** Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.*

Signed:

Date: 22/05/2022

Name:

Jonathan Simmonds

**Relevant professional
qualification(s) or body
(if any):**

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GSL's Report 2021/22

After a couple of false starts, it has been a welcome relief to all of our leaders to start getting back to face to face scouting. It had been a long break for all of our children, in fact, some children went through Beavers and Cubs having only walked into the Scout Hut a handful of times!

I continue to be inspired by our fantastic leaders and their dedication to delivering our first rate set of activities. Our membership numbers are nearly back to pre-pandemic levels with all sections maintaining their numbers. Interestingly we have also seen an increase in the number of girls joining which now represents nearly 30% of our overall number of children. Our numbers continue to be impressive and will still boast not only being the largest and most active group in the Exeter District but also the biggest group in the County.

Our Leader numbers have continued to grow, we have over 50 leaders spread between all of the sections helping to deliver our excellent program to our Children each week and with the inflated numbers we have even more fantastic ideas being brought forward which will keep our children engaged in all we do.

I was over the moon when we were told that 2nd Exeter was going to be allowed to launch the first Squirrel Drey in Exeter. This means that as a group we now provide weekly activities for children from 4 years old to 14. We launched Squirrels after Easter with just 12 children and it has been well received by our Parents, (many of which stay to help out each week). The team has also been bolstered by three new Leaders who have joined Sharon Tamlin to help run the new section. Their enthusiasm is contagious and the ideas they are coming up with are excellent. We will soon expand the Squirrel's numbers so keep your eye out for their bright red Jumpers!

Looking forward, we are about to embark on an ambitious plan to re develop our Scout Hut. We have plans to Carpet and re decorate the Scout hut over the Autumn Half Term but the building itself, while fit for purpose 50 years ago could do with being brought into the 21st Century. While we are great at keeping the children occupied, we do lack any construction and planning knowledge and could do with some help fundraising to reach our goal.

Can you help us plan to deliver a new Scout Hut?

Whether it's experience of the Project Management or Building industry or maybe some assistance in writing grant applications to help raise the money to deliver a new building for our children I would love to talk to you. It would be amazing to not only help deliver a building that suits our needs now but also allow us to deliver scouting for years to come.

Jim Taylor

Group Scout Leader

gsl@exeterscouts.co.uk

Squirrels Report 2022

Squirrels

We had our first squirrel meeting on the 28th April 2022.

During this meeting we learnt our Hello song- 1 2 3 who are we? We also learnt about Sam the squirrel who lives on Brownsea Island. The Squirrels then coloured in their own Squirrel to add to a large tree collage of the Squirrels in their Dray.

This term, the Squirrels are working towards their 'let it grow activity badge' They Have planted Petunia plants and nasturtium seeds in the big tubs outside our scout hut. The Squirrels also planted sunflower seeds. These seeds the Squirrels have taken home. To look after, and to watch the sunflowers grow.

The Squirrels have done a bug hunt around Heavitree Park. Tried worm charming. (No worms popped up). Shook a bush to see what insects were living there. Then drew brilliant big bugs with chalk on the path to make everyone smile that saw them.

The Squirrels joined in with the Beaver scouts on the JOTT (Jamboree on the trail) walk around Ashclyst forest. While the squirrels were walking, they were looking out for different leaves to tick off on their leaf finder's activity sheet.

With the Queen's Platinum Jubilee coming up, the Squirrels each coloured in a picture to create a large bunting to decorate our Scout hut in celebration. The squirrels also learnt about our Queen. That our Queen has had 30 corgis in her lifetime, with her first corgi being called Susan.

The rest of the term the Squirrels will explore and enjoy outside activities. Maybe have a camp fire, with singing and Smores.

We would like to thank all the parents and leaders that have supported our new section, especially our GSL Jim.

Squirrel Leaders

Owl, Otter, Badger, Mole and Young Leader Hedgehog.

Beavers Report 2022



This year the two colonies are working together as one. We are still Wednesday and Thursday Beavers, just one programme.

The Beavers have enjoyed numerous activities over the last couple of terms.

- Bell boating on the Great Exeter Ship Canal.
- Tracking in Mincinglake Park.
- Cycling at Hamlin Lane Park (JPL)
- Scooby doo activity day. Beavers enjoyed cooking, making a game and various other activities with a Scooby doo theme.
- Singing together at our carol service.
- Beavers in space virtual camp organised by Hertfordshire Beavers. I understand nearly 2,000 beavers zoomed in to see and hear some amazing Space related talks and activities.
- We visited the Harry Potter library (The Exeter and Devon Institution). Here the Beavers learnt about books that were hundreds of years old. The Beavers were also allowed to turn the pages on these really old books.
- Learning about Pancake Day by cooking mini pancakes over a tea light. Lots of fun and laughter pancake racing.
- The Beavers had fun programming a leader and pixel art for their Digital maker stage 1 badge.
- The Beavers learnt about Healthy eating and the importance of exercise.
- An Easter Trail. The Beavers had to find bunnies with different letters to crack the code. Each Beaver was given a chocolate Easter egg and a special beaver Easter badge.
- The Beavers have enjoyed toasting marshmallows and making Smoes. For some Beavers, their first experience of singing silly songs around the camp fire.
- This term saw the Beaver scouts join together with Exeter district for the first time in three years. Marching together down through Exeter High Street, followed by a service in the Cathedral. For St Georges day.
- Every beaver enjoyed the evening at Clip n climb.

Beaver District event JOTT. (Jamboree on the trail) saw nearly 100 beavers (and squirrels) walking around Ashclyst Forest. Earning the Beavers a staged hike badge.

A big Thankyou to Naomi. (Was a Beaver Mum, now a scout Mum) for coming in and sharing her experience of being part of the Cabin crew on Concorde. For part of the Aircraft Stage 1 badge, as always, making and flying paper planes is great fun.

For the Jubilee, each Beaver (and Squirrel) coloured in a picture to create a large bunting. This can be seen hanging on our scout hut.

The rest of this term the Beavers will be spending lots of time exploring and enjoying the outdoors.

A Big thank you to every parent and leader for all your support over the last year, Especially our GSL Jim.

Your Beaver Leaders

Owl, Pip, Hawk, Kestrel, Falcon, Eagle.

Rocky, Etch, Feathers, Lenny, Rex

And young Leader Stinky Pete

Cubs Report 2022



We've seen some normality return slowly over the last year while the country comes to terms living with Covid. Starting with alternate weeks of Face to Face and on Zoom for the cubs.

We have maintained our numbers at 24 each night, that has included some new Cubs from the waiting list as well as linking Beavers.

To help get the Cubs back on track with their badges we hosted a Cub Activity day last July focusing on their Outdoor Challenge with pioneering, putting up tents and fire lighting. In October we finally took the Cubs on a residential to Beam House, having postponed it several times since planning it for Oct 2020, the Cubs got to try lots of adventurous activities including the muddy challenge course climbing, high ropes, wide games and Archery. In February we had a Princess Bride sleepover, which saw us sleeping in tents inside Alphington Scout Hut, the Cubs tried fencing, made mini balistas, learnt first aid and solved puzzle trails and of course had a camp fire. The Cubs behaviour on these Nights Away has been brilliant.

It was great to have the Christmas Carol Service again this year and the Cubs did an amazing performance of their songs as usual with Feliz Navidad and Revvin' Reindeer.

We've kept as much of Cubs outdoors, with Cycling, water activities, firelighting and shelter building at Caddihoe. We also had a trip to ibounce and monitored the changes of the trees and plants in the cemetery through autumn into winter for the Naturalist badge. In the Spring Term we worked with the Cubs to complete the new Money Skills badge.

We continued to see Cubs achieve their Chief Scout Silver Award with 9 this year with 224 challenge and activity badges all together.

We have had a change in the Leadership team, with Ikki going off to University. We also said goodbye to Raksha, having moved back home to London at the start of Lockdown, Raksha had been able to continue helping at Cubs until we were back face to face full time. We have also said goodbye to Baloo and Jacala. Chil has decided to take a step back but is there is we need her. We have welcomed Kaa, who is studying at Exeter Uni, Kimon and Tabaqui, Cub Dads.

After Christmas was difficult so many Cubs impacted by Covid, but it feels like we are now getting back to normal.

Scouts Report 2022



Summer term last year we were finally able to start returning to something resembling a more normal programme. We started the first half of term at half capacity with 2 patrols meeting each week, but by the second half of term we were all back together again and took advantage of the light evenings and good weather with plenty of adventurous activities including kayaking and Stand Up Paddle boarding, fire lighting, and exploring Ashclyst forest and Haldon forest. At the end of the Summer term we bid farewell to our largest cohort yet as 16 Scouts moved on to Explorers! But it is great to see several of them back in the group as young leaders through-out the various sections.

Unfortunately COVID restrictions meant international camping was still a no go, so our planned summer camp to Kanderstag International Scout Campsite in Switzerland had to be delayed for a year, but we look forward to that this coming summer. However, domestic camping was finally given the green light, so after nearly 18 months we were able to have our first camps, all be it a little closer to home, over the summer holidays. With a camp at Cheriton Bishop and some wild camping on Dartmoor. In the middle of that we enjoyed a days cycle down the Exe Estuary to Exmouth, where the Scouts enjoyed an ice cream before cycling back to Exeter.

We sadly bid farewell to our Wednesday Scout leader Jon over the summer, who stepped down after 8 years at the helm of Wednesday Scouts. But the Scouts loss was the groups gain, as Jon has taken up the role of Deputy Group Scout Leader. It was a privilege to be able to present Jon with his Chief Scouts Commendation for Good Service for hie tireless work in ensuring we were able to offer online Scouting during COVID, before he took up his new role.

With a renewed thirst for nights away after an 18 month drought we enjoyed a hammock camp on Dartmoor at the start of the Autumn term, and at the end of term we head to Torquay for a Christmas camp where we enjoyed lasertag, bowling, and swimming before heading back to the site for Christmas dinner for 50!

After Christmas we travelled in good numbers again, when we headed to Wellington to take over FlipOut for the night, enjoying some exclusive bouncing time before settling down for a nights sleep on a trampoline.

There is much to look forward to with our postponed trip to Switzerland this summer, which preperation for Haarlem Jamborette 2023 is already underway too. And plenty of activities and camps closer to home too!

The Scout Leaders