



Scouts

2nd Exeter (St Michaels)

Annual General Meeting

Saturday 22nd June 2024

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Programme & activity costs				
Camps	18,318	-	-	45,312
Family day & AGM	2,440	-	-	115
Fireworks	-	-	-	50
Jambowlree	605	-	-	647
Other Programme and Activity costs	17,938	45	-	14,017
Sub total	39,302	45	-	60,041
Fundraising expenses				
Fundraising costs	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-
Total Gross Expenditure	51,539	299	-	77,899
Asset and investment purchases, etc.				
	-	-	-	-
Total payments	51,539	299	-	77,899
Net of receipts/(payments)	- 8,134	- 285	-	- 8,419
Transfers between funds	- 137	137	-	-
Full year Net of receipts/(payments)	- 8,271	148	-	- 28,737

Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the year

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Cash/floats	169	-	-	190
Total cash	42,639	811	-	50,517
Uncleared receipts	-	-	-	-
Uncleared payments	- 325	-	-	1,027
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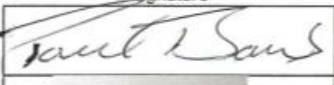
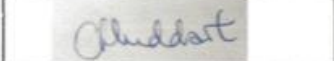
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Statement of Cashflows for the year ended 31 March 2024

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Cash from operating activities				
Operating profit / (loss) for the financial year	- 8,271	- 148	-	- 8,419
Adjustments for				
Decrease / (increase) in receivables	-	-	-	-
Increase / (decrease) in payables	1,352	-	-	1,352
Net cash from operating activities	- 6,919	- 148	-	- 7,067
Cash equivalents at the start of the financial year	49,558	959	-	50,517
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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
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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.

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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



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Water and sewerage	-	-	-	-
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Sub total	12,237	254	-	17,858
Programme & activity costs				
Camps	18,318	-	-	45,312
Family day & AGM	2,440	-	-	115
Fireworks	-	-	-	50
Jambowlree	605	-	-	647
Other Programme and Activity costs	17,938	45	-	14,017
Sub total	39,302	45	-	60,041
Fundraising expenses				
Fundraising costs	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-
Total Gross Expenditure	51,539	299	-	77,899
Asset and investment purchases, etc.				
	-	-	-	-
Total payments	51,539	299	-	77,899
Net of receipts/(payments)	- 8,134	- 285	-	- 8,419
Transfers between funds	- 137	137	-	-
Full year Net of receipts/(payments)	- 8,271	148	-	- 8,419

Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the year

	31/03/2024			31/03/2023
	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total funds
	£	£	£	£
Cash and Cash equivalents				
Bank accounts	42,469	811	-	50,327
Cash/floats	169	-	-	190
Total cash	42,639	811	-	50,517
Uncleared receipts	-	-	-	-
Uncleared payments	- 325	-	-	1,027
Total cash and current assets	42,313	811	-	51,544

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 assets and liabilities at the end of the year

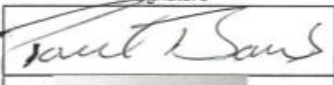
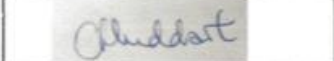
	31/03/2024			31/03/2023
	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total funds
	£	£	£	£
Cash and Cash equivalents				
Bank accounts	42,469	811	-	43,281
Cash/floats	169	-	-	169
Total cash	42,639	811	-	43,450
Uncleared receipts	-	-	-	-
Uncleared payments	- 325	-	-	- 325
Total cash and current assets	42,313	811	-	43,125

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Statement of Cashflows for the year ended 31 March 2024

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total
	£	£	£	£
Cash from operating activities				
Operating profit / (loss) for the financial year	- 8,271	- 148	-	- 8,419
Adjustments for				
Decrease / (increase) in receivables	-	-	-	-
Increase / (decrease) in payables	1,352	-	-	1,352
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



**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 2nd Exeter (St Michael's)

**On accounts for the year
ended**

31/3/24

**Charity no
(if any)**

301212

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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 **31/3/2024**

**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

Name:

Jonathan Simmonds

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(if any):**

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