



**CHARITY COMMISSION**  
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

## **Trustees' Annual Report for the period**

**From** 01/04/2021 **Period start date** **To** 31/03/2022  
**Period end date**

**Charity name: 44th Whitetree Scouts**

**Charity registration number: 302160**

### **Objectives and Activities**

	SORP reference	
Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document	Para 1.17	44th Whitetree Scouts exists to actively engage and support young people in their personal development, empowering them to make a positive contribution to society. The charity is guided by the Scouting Association values, namely integrity, respect, care, belief and cooperation.
Summary of the main activities in relation to those purposes for the public benefit, in particular, the activities, projects or services identified in the accounts.	Para 1.17 and 1.19	44th Whitetree Scouts runs the following groups: two Beaver Colonies (6-8 years olds); two Cub Scout groups (8-10.5 years old); and two Scout groups (10.5-14 years old). Under normal circumstances, our groups meet weekly and engage in a range of age appropriate activities both in and outdoors. Examples of activities include: crafts, den making, forest school, orienteering, cooking, archery, shooting, cycling, first aid, swimming, rock climbing, hiking, camping and more.
Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit	Para 1.18	The trustees of 44th Whitetree Scouts take into account the Charities Commission's public benefit guidance when exercising powers or duties to which the guidance is relevant.

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### **Additional information (optional)**

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

	SORP reference	
Policy on grant making	Para 1.38	
Policy on social investment including program related investment	Para 1.38	
Contribution made by volunteers	Para 1.38	44th Whitetree Scouts is run entirely by volunteers including the Executive Committee, Group Scout Leaders, Section Leaders, Assistant Section Leaders and parent / carer volunteers.
Other		

### **Achievements and Performance**

	SORP	
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	reference	
Summary of the main achievements of the charity, identifying the difference the charity's work has made to the circumstances of its beneficiaries and any wider benefits to society as a whole.	Para 1.20	<p>All sections returned to face to face meetings following the pandemic. Membership numbers remain high and a waiting list is in operation. Our young people have taken part in and enjoyed a wide range of fun and educational activities, with most units having the opportunity to attend residential camps. All groups contributed to the annual guy making for the highly successful non-fireworks bonfire night celebration.</p> <p>Beavers have taken part in science projects, creative play (building robots, making displays from an autumn scavenger hunt, building marble runs, making Platinum Jubilee decorations), outdoor pursuits (hiking, bowling, navigation trails, fire station visit, den building) and community events (Remembrance Parade, Burns Night, support of a local food bank charity).</p>
		<p>Cub activities have focussed on building confidence and leadership skills and traditional and outside pursuits, such as fire-making, cooking, shelter-making and knot-tying. Water sports have also been popular. There have been plenty of opportunities for cubs to earn badges.</p> <p>food and paddle-boarding was a particular highlight.</p> <p>Scouting activities were held outdoors as much as possible (paddleboarding in the docks, swimming at Henleaze Lake, evening hikes, air rifles/archery). The Scouts showed their creativity during a Bob Ross art evening, T-shirt decorating and a talent show. They learned cooking skills (including fish filleting and being given a budget to purchase ingredients and prepare a meal). They also demonstrated their practical skills (DIY, catapult making) and learned about meteorology.</p>

#### **Additional information (optional)**

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Achievements against objectives set	Para 1.41	
Performance of fundraising activities against objectives set	Para 1.41	
Investment performance against objectives	Para 1.41	
Other		

## Financial Review

Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period	Para 1.21	The Group held £11758.75 in the day-to-day treasurer's account and £15000.51 in reserves at the end of the period. And 30,000 in a new building account. Total £56,759.97
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	Para 1.22	The Group's reserves policy is to hold sufficient resources to continue its charitable objectives, should income and fundraising fall short.
Amount of reserves held	Para 1.22	The Executive Committee has determined that the group does not need to hold so much in reserve and

		<p>the reserves policy is being rewritten to reduce the amount to £15,000.</p> <p>Exec committed to reserving 30,000 in a separate bank account tied to the Charity to start a new building fund.</p>
Reasons for holding zero reserves	Para 1.22	N/A
Details of fund materially in deficit	Para 1.24	N/A
Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern	Para 1.23	N/A

### **Additional information (optional)**

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

The charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising)	Para 1.47	<p>Funds are raised through membership fees and fundraising events. Gift aid is claimed on membership fees and fundraising.</p> <p>The Group did however, qualify for grants from the local council totalling £10,667.</p>
Investment policy and objectives including any social investment policy adopted	Para 1.46	<p>The Group does not invest in longer term investments such as stocks and shares and holds its funds in mainstream banks or building societies. The Group is considering the feasibility of a longer term project to invest in rebuilding the scout hut - the majority of costs would need to be met through grants and fundraising.</p>
A description of the principal risks facing the charity	Para 1.46	<p>Falling membership numbers (impacting income)</p> <p>Damage to the scout hut and equipment - sufficient buildings and contents insurance is in place.</p> <p>Injury to volunteers and members - accident insurance held through the Scout Association, regular risk assessments conducted for all</p>

		<p>activities.</p> <p>Reduced income from fund raising - reserves policy in place.</p> <p>Reduction in volunteers - consolidation / contraction of the Group.</p> <p>Financial mismanagement - the Group has in place a system of internal controls designed to provide reasonable assurance against material mismanagement or loss e.g. 2 signatories for all payments and comprehensive insurance policies to ensure that all insurable risks are covered.</p>
Other		

## Structure, Governance and Management

Description of charity's trusts:		
Type of governing document (trust deed, royal charter)	Para 1.25	The Group's governing documents are those of the Scout Association. They consist of a Royal Charter, which in turn gives authority to the ByLaws of the Association and the Policy, Organisation and Rules of the Scouting Association. This could do with being reviewed at Scouts level as its now out of date due to gender references.
How is the charity constituted? (e.g unincorporated association, CIO)	Para 1.25	The Group is a trust established under its rules which are common to all Scouts. Regardless of gender.
Trustee selection methods including details of any constitutional provisions e.g. election to post or name of any	Para 1.25	The Trustees are appointed in accordance with the Policy, Organisation and Rules of the Scout Association.

person or body entitled to appoint one or more trustees		
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### **Additional information (optional)**

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees	Para 1.51	<p>The Group uses the Scout Association policies, procedures and training material for the induction and training of trustees. This includes Safety, Safeguarding and GDPR online training modules amongst others. Trustees have to evidence completion of the training (100% pass of assessment for each module is required).</p>
The charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works	Para 1.51	<p>The Group is managed by the Executive Committee that meets every three months and holds an Annual General Meeting. The Executive Committee includes the Trustees, the Group Scout Leaders and section leaders. Members of the Executive Committee complete 'Essential Information for Executive Committee' training within the first five months of joining the committee.</p> <p>The Executive Committee exists to support the Group Scout Leaders and is responsible for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● maintenance of the Group property</li> <li>● raising of funds and the administration of Group finance</li> <li>● insurance of persons, property and equipment</li> <li>● assisting in recruitment of leaders and other adult support</li> <li>● appointing sub committees as required</li> <li>● appointing group administrators and advisors other than those who are elected</li> </ul> <p>All Executive Committee meetings are minuted. 44th Whitetree Scouts has a</p>

		direct reporting line to the Bristol Cabot Scouts district group.
Relationship with any related parties	Para 1.51	N/A
Other		

## Reference and Administrative details

Charity name	44th Whitetree Scouts
Other name the charity uses	N/A
Registered charity number	302160
Charity's principal address	44th Whitetree Scout Hut Fallodon Way Henleaze Bristol BS9 4HR

## Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1	Russell Fisher	Chair	until Sept 2022	
2		Chair	Sept 2022 onwards	
3	Ben Spiller	Treasurer	until Sept 2022	
4	James Hopkins	Treasurer	Sept 2022 onwards	



5	Louise Lawton	Secretary	Sept 2022 onwards	
4	Amanda Webb	Secretary	June 2020 to Sept 2022	
5	Ewan Watson	Group Scout Leader		
6				

Corporate trustees - names of the directors at the date the report was approved

Director name		
N/A		

Name of trustees holding title to property belonging to the charity

Trustee name	Dates acted if not for whole year	
N/A		

## Funds held as custodian trustees on behalf of others

Description of the assets held in this capacity	N/A
Name and objects of the charity on whose behalf the assets are held and how this falls within the custodian charity's objects	N/A
Details of arrangements for safe custody and segregation of such assets from the charity's own assets	N/A

## Additional information (optional)

### Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address

	<b>Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (Optional information)</b>		

## Exemptions from disclosure

Reason for non-disclosure of key personnel details

N/A

## Other optional information

## Declarations

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

<b>Signature(s)</b>	<b>B SPILLER</b>
<b>Full name(s)</b>	BENJAMIN SPILLER
<b>Position (e.g. Chair, Secretary etc)</b>	Outgoing Treasurer in September 22
<b>Date</b>	01 Jun 22.



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44th Bristol (white tree) Scout group

302160

## Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period  
from

Period start date  
01/04/2021

To

Period end date  
31/03/2022

### Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
<b>A1 Receipts</b>					
Membership fees	16,108	-	-	16,108	1,564
Hire of building	4,350	-	-	4,350	3,358
Gift Aid	3,374	-	-	3,374	3,972
Gross Fund raising	2,200	-	-	2,200	522
Other income (grants)	10,667	-	-	10,667	19,431
Investment income	2	-	-	2	7
electric refund	-	-	-	-	1,821
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total (Gross income for AR)</b>	<b>36,701</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>36,701</b>	<b>30,676</b>
<b>A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).</b>					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total receipts</b>	<b>36,701</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>36,701</b>	<b>30,676</b>
<b>A3 Payments</b>					
scout activities	7,394	-	-	7,394	688
district fees	7,176	-	-	7,176	4,548
Bills	2,966	-	-	2,966	4,111
Buildings	2,405	-	-	2,405	3,850
Cap Equipment	2,221	-	-	2,221	1,299
Clothing/badges/books	1,611	-	-	1,611	328
Insurance	846	-	-	846	817
Investment for fundraising	332	-	-	332	-
Leader training	120	-	-	120	80
parent refunds	202	-	-	202	203
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>25,272</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>25,272</b>	<b>15,924</b>
<b>A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)</b>					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total payments</b>	<b>25,272</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>25,272</b>	<b>15,924</b>
<b>Net of receipts/(payments)</b>	<b>11,430</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>11,430</b>	<b>14,752</b>
<b>A5 Transfers between funds</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>A6 Cash funds last year end</b>	<b>45,330</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>45,330</b>	<b>30,578</b>
<b>Cash funds this year end</b>	<b>56,760</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>56,760</b>	<b>45,330</b>

## Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
<b>B1 Cash funds</b>	Treasurers Account	8,385	-	-
	Reserve Account	18,375	-	-
	Building Acc	30,001	-	-
	<b>Total cash funds</b>	<b>56,760</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK
<b>B2 Other monetary assets</b>	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
			-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
<b>B3 Investment assets</b>	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
<b>B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use</b>	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
	Garage and storeroom equipment	22000	-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
<b>B5 Liabilities</b>	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees	Signature	Print Name	Date of approval	
		Ben Spiller		
			22-Jan-23	



# 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

44TH BRISTOL (WHITE TREE) SCOUT GROUP

On accounts for the year  
ended

31 MARCH 2022

Charity no  
(if any)

302 160

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 DD / MM / YYYY.

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:

S.J. Beasley - LPA11

Date:

22/01/2023

Name:

SJUAN JANE BEASLEY - SUFFOLK

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

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**Section B****Disclosure**

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight matters of concern (see CC32, Independent examination of charity accounts: directions and guidance for examiners).

Give here brief details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose.

N/A