

62nd Bristol Scout Group

Year Ended 31 March 2023

Reference and administration details of the Charity and its advisors

Status

62nd Bristol Scout Group is a registered charity governed by Royal Charter 4th January 1912 as amended by Supplemental Charter dated 28 March 1949 as amended on 18 Feb 1959 as amended on 5 May 1967 as amended on 19 July 1991 as amended on 8 Feb 2018 as amended on 30 April 2019 as amended on 12 Feb 2020. Charity number: 302174.

Trustees

The trustees for the purpose of charity law, who served during the year and up to the date of this report are collectively referred to as the trustees.

Geraint Hopkins	Chair
Ian Norton	Treasurer (Appointed Jan 2023)
Mark Heath	Secretary
Clive Grant	
Timothy Bird	
Shaun Piper	
Andrew Pope	Resigned 12th July 2023
Don Pritchard	Resigned 20th Feb 2023
Meriel Rosser	Resigned 27th July 2022

Address

Scout Hut
Rozel Road
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The trustees present their report and audited financial statements of 62nd Bristol Scout Group for the year ended 31 March 2023.

The financial statements comply with the duty in section 4 of the 2006 Act to have due regard to guidance on public benefit published by the charity commission.

Objectives and activities

The charitable objectives of the 62nd Bristol Scout Group are to promote the development of young people in achieving their full physical, intellectual, social and spiritual potentials as individuals, as responsible citizens and as members of their local, national and international communities.

As Scouts, we believe in preparing young people with skills for life. We encourage our young people to do more, learn more and be more. Each week the 62nd Bristol Scout Group gives young people of Bristol the opportunity to enjoy fun and adventure while developing the skills they need to succeed.

Achievements and performance

The past year has seen a strong recovery of the Group to normality post the Covid pandemic restrictions. The Group's numbers remain consistent to the previous year with small adjustments so as to ensure optimal section sizes at each meeting. Each section of the group is at full capacity. At the census in January 2023 the headcount was 137 (2022: 137).

All sections enjoyed activities inside and outside the hut during their regular evenings either developing new skills, supporting the local community or just having fun. There too was a packed schedule of overnight stays to longer camps. These ranged from overnight stays at the hut for the Beavers, to Surf, Winter and Summer camps for the scouts, to name just a few. This all made possible by the dedication of our amazing group of young leaders and leaders.

The trustees have also been busy. In December, Xmas tree sales over two Saturdays, and in May a Family Camp (with lots of leaders' help) at the River Dart campsite was a huge success. A fantastic opportunity for many new families to get to know the 62nd Group.

A special mention and a big thank you to the Groups new Treasurer, Ian Norton. Handover and support is being very well managed with our previous Treasurer.

All this was in addition to our long term plan to develop a new hut for the 62nd. Progress continues to be made, completing a percentage of the prerequisites for Bristol City Council ('the Council') for the hut lease, identifying a network of parent support and most importantly the formation of a subcommittee to lead the activity. Benchmarking against other similar Scout Group developments, there is still a long journey ahead, but we have started strongly and are committed to deliver the 5-10 year plan..

Finally, and with sadness Andrew Pope has decided to step down as a 62nd Group Executive Committee member and trustee. Andy has supported the Group for approximately 14yrs in this capacity. In that time, his support has ensured a strong and robust leadership. Andy instead has taken leadership of the Hut Development subcommittee for which the trustees are hugely grateful.

Plans for the Future

As well as, of course, continuing to deliver a high level of scouting across all sections, we plan to (1) work towards securing the lease of the land with the Council, the old lease having expired several decades ago; with this we will be in a position to progress our business case and then start securing significant funders (2) Engage with professional services to initiate architectural plans, surveys, etc to mature- the development. We welcome the continued fundraising through (sponsored) events by scouts, cubs, beavers and their friends and family.

Financial Review

Our income was £61.4 (2021/22: £63.8k) and expenditure £58.2k (2021/22 £48.1k) and our balance at the end of the financial period was £94.1k (2022: £90.9k).

Our current balance in excess of reserves (see below) is £78.8k, which is aligned with our aim to accumulate funds to finance the rebuilding of a new hut.

Reserves policy: we hold £15k in reserves, which would cover all operating costs, including contributions to the district, for an average financial year, excluding activities/camps, additional equipment and fundraising expenditure.

Income Highlights

Our annual Christmas Tree sale brought a surplus of £2.4k which was down on last year, but still very healthy and reflects the increased costs of trees which couldn't all be passed to the public.

Hut specific donations received this year were £760.

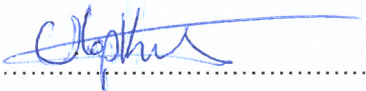
Gift Aid payments were up to a healthy £3.1K due to the subscriptions being at pre-Covid levels; a good reason for parents and carers to keep up with their Gift Aid declarations

Expenditure Highlights

We purchased a new water urn, a BBQ and a large gas heated paella pan for the Group which are in regular use by all the Sections.

We have also made advance payments of £1693 towards the 2024 Scout Olympics trip

Approved by the trustees and signed on their behalf by:

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Geraint Hopkins - Chair of Trustees

STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES AT 31 MARCH 2023					
		2022-2023		2021-2022	
		CURRENT YEAR		PREVIOUS YEAR	
CURRENT ASSETS					
BANK CURRENT ACCOUNTS					
	GROUP	77,582.83		75,061.82	
	SCOUTS	5,160.98		4,032.82	
	CUBS SEEONEE	2,001.23		1,704.10	
	CUBS BANDARLOG	846.58		772.69	
	BEAVERS	1,128.02		289.12	
	CASH IN HAND	48.20		77.40	
PREPAYMENTS		7,305.50		8,918.00	
NET TOTAL		94,073.34		90,855.95	
RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT SUMMARY FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023					
		2022-2023		2021-2022	
		CURRENT YEAR		PREVIOUS YEAR	
TOTAL INCOME FOR THE YEAR		61,415.52		63,755.60	
TOTAL EXPENSES FOR THE YEAR		-58,198.13		-48,053.62	
DEFICIT / SURPLUS FOR THE YEAR		3,217.39		15,701.98	
CASH, BANK AND SIMILAR FUNDS B/F		90,855.95		75,153.97	
CASH, BANK AND SIMILAR FUNDS C/F		94,073.34		90,855.95	

INCOME FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023					
		2022-2023		2021-2022	
		CURRENT YEAR		PREVIOUS YEAR	
SUBSCRIPTIONS		15,801.70		14,837.50	
ACTIVITIES / CAMPS					
	BEAVERS	225.00		1,026.05	
	CUBS Seeonee	2,473.00		1,443.00	
	CUBS Bandarlog	2,537.96		1,372.92	
	SCOUTS-Friday	19,176.50		16,381.00	
	Group	3,435.00			
FUND-RAISING					
	CHRISTMAS TREE SALES	11,503.70		15,999.47	
	EASY FUNDRAISING	175.06		123.54	
OTHER INCOME					
	LETTINGS + EQPT HIRE	450.00		450.00	
	GOVERNMENT GRANTS	1,432.00		9,413.49	
	GIFT AID	3,135.28		1,458.35	
	DONATIONS	790.62		514.00	
	OTHER	279.70		736.28	
TOTAL RECEIPTS FOR THE YEAR		61,415.52		63,755.60	

<u>EXPENDITURE FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022</u>					
		2022-2023		2021-2022	
		CURRENT YEAR		PREVIOUS YEAR	
PREMISES					
WATER		222.83		142.79	
LIGHT AND HEAT		1,713.35		867.00	
INSURANCE		815.96		657.84	
REPAIRS AND RENEWALS		935.98		5,404.90	
MEMBERSHIP - SUBS TO DISTRICT		8,918.00		6,955.00	
ACTIVITIES / CAMPS					
	BEAVERS	495.17		1,241.78	
	CUBS-Seeonee	4,788.03		1,976.30	
	CUBS-Bandarlog	1,979.10		1,979.17	
	SCOUTS-Friday	18,985.06		16,916.32	
	Group (Inc Olympics)	4,757.54			
FUNDRAISING EXPENSES					
	Xmas Trees	9,125.40		8,661.20	
ADMIN / ESTABLISHMENT EXPENSES		1,037.07		997.77	
TRAINING		180.00		80.00	
PURCHASE OF EQUIPMENT		2,049.11		1,081.52	
BADGES, UNIFORMS ETC		1,434.30		1,043.64	
OTHER		761.23		48.39	
TOTAL PAYMENTS FOR THE YEAR		58,198.13		48,053.62	

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28 September 2023

Ian Norton
Treasurer
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Dear Ian,

In accordance with the request made by the Trustees of the 62nd Bristol Scout Group, I have scrutinised the records and accounts of the Group for the year ending 31 March 2023. In my opinion the Accounts are in accordance with the records provided to me.

Date 28/9/23

Signed M. Rosser

Meriel Rosser