

62nd Bristol Scout Group

Year Ended 31 March 2024

Reference and administration details of the Charity and its advisors

The Group is managed by the Group Trustee Board, the members of which are the 'Charity Trustees' of the Scout Group which is an educational charity. As charity trustees they are responsible for complying with legislation applicable to charities. This includes the registration, keeping proper accounts and making returns to the Charity Commission as appropriate. The Trustee Board currently consists of the Chair, Treasurer and 4 Trustee and meets every 6-8 weeks. This Group Trustee Board exists to make sure the charity is well-managed, risks are assessed and mitigated, buildings and equipment are in good working order, and everyone follows legal requirements and the organisation's policies and rules. Their support helps other volunteers run high quality and safe programmes that give young people skills for life.

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
Mark Heath	Secretary
Clive Grant	
Timothy Bird	
Shaun Piper	

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The trustees present their report and independently reviewed financial statements of 62nd Bristol Scout Group for the year ended 31 March 2024.

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 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 2024 the headcount was 137 (2023: 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, January saw a thankyou event for all volunteers to the 62nd group in 2023.

All this was in addition to our long term plan to develop a new hut for the 62nd. Progress continues to be made. The Hut development sub-committee has been very active, regularly meeting to discuss and plan their next steps. Major milestones have been achieved to engage a project management company, architects and initial survey reports. Prerequisites for Bristol City Council ('the Council') for the hut lease are ongoing. The creation of a fundraising subcommittee has also been initiated, which at this early stage is still defining its structure and strategy. There is still a long journey ahead, but we have started strongly and are committed to deliver the 3-5 year plan.

Plans for the Future

As well as, continuing to deliver a high level of scouting across all sections and ensuring safeguarding of the welfare of the children and adults involved, we the Trustee Board will focus on Two main topics over the coming year

1- Developing a larger pool of volunteers to support the trustee board, the leadership team and the overall Hut Development efforts. This will be by email, social media and Group events. Here we plan a Family fun day linked to the AGM and a Family Camp for Spring 2024.

2- The development of new premises for our Scouting group. A safe and secure space so as to ensure the 62nd continues in strength long into the future.

Financial Review

Our income was £82.8k (2022/23: Original £61.4k; Restated £61.4k) and expenditure £63.6k (2022/23 Original £58.2; Restated £56.6k) and our balance at the end of the financial period was £106k (2023: Original £94.1K; Restated £86.8k).

Our current balance in excess of reserves (see below) is £91k, which is aligned with our aim to accumulate funds to finance the rebuilding of a new hut; this is a little higher this year due to the incoming payments for the Scouts Olympic Trip in Summer 24.

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.

We have amended the accounts to a full cash basis; we have restated the prior year figures to reflect this. This has enabled us to use the OSM accounting software to improve efficiency.

Income Highlights

Our annual Christmas Tree sale brought a surplus of £5.1k (2022/23 £2.4k) which was double last year's amount. The parents and helpers did a great job of selling trees this year despite the rain and mud.

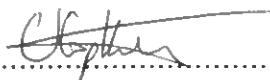
We have had a significant rise in income due to payments for the Scouts trip to the Olympics in summer 2024. Therefore, we expect to see significant expenditure in the 24/25 accounts.

Gift Aid payments were not received until after the end of the financial year so we should receive two payments in the 24/25 financial year.

Expenditure Highlights

The hut rebuild project has now started up again and the Hut Development sub-committee have made great strides already. So far we have spent £3.8k on surveys and planning which is highlighted in the new Hut Rebuild sub category in the accounts.

Approved by the trustees and signed on their behalf by:

..........Date 12th July.....2024

Geraint Hopkins - Chair of Trustees

STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES AT 31 MARCH 2024

CATEGORIFSUB CATEGORIES - restated SUB CATEGORIES - prior year

		2023-2024	2022-2023	2022-2023
		CURRENT	PREVIOUS	PREVIOUS
		YEAR	YEAR -	YEAR
		£	RESTATED	£
CURRENT ASSETS				
BANK CURRENT ACCOUNTS				
GROUP	GROUP	75,247.98	77,582.83	77,582.83
SCOUTS	SCOUTS	26,447.16	5,160.98	5,160.98
CUBS SEEONEE	CUBS SEEONEE	1,302.60	2,001.23	2,001.23
CUBS BANDARLOG	CUBS BANDARLOG	1,657.05	846.58	846.58
BEAVERS	BEAVERS	1,317.76	1,128.02	1,128.02
CASH IN HAND	CASH IN HAND	48.20	48.20	48.20
	PREPAYMENTS			7,305.50
NET TOTAL		<u>106,020.75</u>	<u>86,767.84</u>	<u>94,073.34</u>

RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT SUMMARY FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

		2023-2024	2022-2023	2022-2023
		CURRENT	PREVIOUS	PREVIOUS
		YEAR	YEAR -	YEAR
		£	RESTATED	£
TOTAL INCOME FOR THE YEAR		82,826.52	61,415.52	61,415.52
TOTAL EXPENSES FOR THE YEAR		-63,573.61	-56,585.63	-58,198.13
DEFICIT / SURPLUS FOR THE YEAR		<u>19,252.91</u>	<u>4,829.89</u>	<u>3,217.39</u>
CASH, BANK AND SIMILAR FUNDS B/F		86,767.84	81,937.95	90,855.95
CASH, BANK AND SIMILAR FUNDS C/F		<u>106,020.75</u>	<u>86,767.84</u>	<u>94,073.34</u>

INCOME FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

		2023-2024	2022-2023	2022-2023
		CURRENT	PREVIOUS	PREVIOUS
		YEAR	YEAR -	YEAR
		£	RESTATED	£
SUBSCRIPTIONS		14,690.00	15,801.70	15,801.70
ACTIVITIES / CAMPS				
EVENTS - BEAVERS	BEAVERS	551.00	225.00	225.00
EVENTS - CUBS SEEONEE	CUBS Seeonee	2,261.50	2,473.00	2,473.00
EVENTS - CUBS BANDARLOG	CUBS Bandarlog	1,549.00	2,537.96	2,537.96
EVENTS - SCOUTS	SCOUTS-Friday	41,741.88	19,176.50	19,176.50
EVENTS - GROUP	Group	5,274.29	3,435.00	3,435.00
FUND-RAISING				
CHRISTMAS TREE SALES	CHRISTMAS TREE SALES	15087.68	11,503.70	11,503.70
EASY FUNDRAISING	EASY FUNDRAISING	604.17	175.06	175.06
OTHER INCOME				
LETTINGS + EQPT HIRE	LETTINGS + EQPT HIRE	450	450.00	450.00
GOVERNMENT GRANTS	GOVERNMENT GRANTS	0	1,432.00	1,432.00
GIFT AID	GIFT AID	0	3,135.28	3,135.28
DONATIONS	DONATIONS	0	790.62	790.62
OTHER	OTHER	617.00	279.70	279.70
TOTAL RECEIPTS FOR THE YEAR		<u>82,826.52</u>	<u>61,415.52</u>	<u>61,415.52</u>

EXPENDITURE FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

		2023-2024	2022-2023	2022-2023
		CURRENT	PREVIOUS	PREVIOUS
		YEAR	YEAR -	YEAR
		£	RESTATED	£
PREMISES				
UTILITIES	WATER	1,291.08	222.83	222.83
	LIGHT AND HEAT		1,713.35	1,713.35
INSURANCE	INSURANCE	911.88	815.96	815.96
VENUE MAINTENANCE	REPAIRS AND RENEWALS	120.88	935.98	935.98
HUT REBUILD		3,835.69	0.00	0.00
MEMBERSHIP - SUBS TO DISTRICT		7,260.00	7,305.50	8,918.00
ACTIVITIES / CAMPS				
EVENTS - BEAVERS	BEAVERS	1093.57	495.17	495.17
EVENTS - CUBS SEEONEE	CUBS-Seeonee	4185.94	4,788.03	4,788.03
EVENTS - CUBS BANDARLOG	CUBS-Bandarlog	497.34	1,979.10	1,979.10
EVENTS - SCOUTS	SCOUTS-Friday	22564.43	18,985.06	18,985.06
EVENTS - GROUP	Group (Inc Olympics)	6285.04	4,757.54	4,757.54
FUNDRAISING EXPENSES				
XMAS TREES	Xmas Trees	10030.2	9,125.40	9,125.40
ADMIN / ESTABLISHMENT EXPENSES	ADMIN / ESTABLISHMENT EXPENSES	1710.85	1,037.07	1,037.07
TRAINING				
		50.00	180.00	180.00
PURCHASE OF EQUIPMENT				
		593.69	2,049.11	2,049.11
BADGES, UNIFORMS ETC				
		1,534.83	1,434.30	1,434.30
OTHER				
		1,608.19	761.23	761.23
TOTAL PAYMENTS FOR THE YEAR		<u>63,573.61</u>	<u>56,585.63</u>	<u>58,198.13</u>

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12 July 2024

Ian Norton
Treasurer
62nd Bristol Scout Group
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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 2024. In my opinion the Accounts are in accordance with the records provided to me.

Date

12/7/24

Signed

M. Rosser

Meriel Rosser