

# 148TH BRISTOL (1ST STOCKWOOD) SCOUT GROUP

England & Wales · Charity number 302177

## Details

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Other names	148TH BRISTOL (1ST STOCKWOOD) BOY SCOUT GROUP, STOCKWOOD SCOUTS
Status	Registered
Legal form	Other
Registered	1964-02-13
Register	<a href="#">View on the Charity Commission register</a>

## Contact

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## Activities

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**Objects:** 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.

**Activities:** Scouting within the Bristol Area

## Classification

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- **How:** Provides Human Resources, Provides Buildings/facilities/open Space
- **What:** Education/training, Amateur Sport
- **Who:** Children/young People

## Geography

- **Area of benefit:** STOCKWOOD.
- Bristol City

## Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-03-31	£42,151	£28,014	-	-
2024-03-31	£36,479	£30,376	-	-
2023-03-31	£26,626	£24,435	-	-
2022-03-31	£29,592	£20,267	-	-
2021-03-31	£28,888	£14,759	-	-

## Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
<b>Christopher James Osborne</b>	Chair	2019-09-01
Alexander William Bryant		2025-09-06
Andreea Coculeasa		2025-09-12
Andy Dyer		2015-07-19

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# Accounts

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# 148th Bristol (1<sup>st</sup> Stockwood) Scout Group Trustees' Annual Report

**For the period**

From :

01/04/24

To:

31/03/25

**Section A – Administration Details**

<b>Charity Name</b>	148 <sup>th</sup> Bristol (1 <sup>st</sup> Stockwood) Scout Group						
<b>Registered Charity Number</b>	3	0	2	1	7	7	
<b>Charity Address</b>	76 Maes Knoll Drive Whitchurch Bristol						
<b>Postcode</b>	B	5	1	4	0	F	F

<b>Scout Association Registration Number</b>	1	0	0	1	3	6	6	5
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Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity (these will be published in the annual report of the charity and the Charity Register if reporting for a Registered Charity with a charity regulator):

<b>Trustee Name</b>	<b>Position</b>	<b>Date Acted (if not for whole year)</b>
Andy Dyer	Group Lead Volunteer	n/a
Andy Bracey	Treasurer	n/a
Chris Osborne	Chair	n/a
Jill McClelland	Secretary	n/a

Details of other advisors:

<b>Bank Details</b>	Lloyds Bank						
<b>Address</b>	1/3 London Road East Grinstead West Sussex						
<b>Post Code</b>	R	H	1	9	1	A	H

<b>Advisor Type</b>	Independent Examiner						
<b>Advisor Name</b>	Janet Ballinger						
<b>Address</b>	59 Beeches Road Cheltenham						
<b>Post Code</b>	G	L	5	3	8	N	J
<b>Dates Examined</b>	30/06/25						

## **Section B – Structure, Governance and Management**

The Group's governing documents are those of the 'The Scout Association'. They consist of a Royal Charter, which in turn gives authority to the Bye Laws of the Association and The Policy, Organisation and Rules of The Scout Association.

The Group is a trust established under its rules which are common to all Scouts.

The Trustees are appointed in accordance with the Policy, Organisation and Rules of The Scout Association.

The Group is managed by the Group Executive Committee, 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 Committee consists of 3 independent representatives, Chair, Treasurer and Secretary together with the Group Scout Leaders, individual section leaders (if opted to take on the responsibility) and parent's representation and meets every 3 months.

Members of the Executive Committee complete 'Essential Information for Executive Committee' training within the first 5 months of joining the committee.

This Group Executive Committee exists to support the Group Lead Volunteer in meeting the responsibilities of the appointments and is responsible for:

- The maintenance of Group property;
- The raising of funds and the administration of Group finance;
- The insurance of persons, property and equipment;
- Group public occasions;
- Assisting in the recruitment of leaders and other adult support;
- Appointing any sub committees that may be required;
- Appointing Group Administrators and Advisors other than those who are elected.

The Group Executive Committee has identified the major risks to which they believe the Group is exposed, these have been reviewed and systems have been established to mitigate against them. The main areas of concern that have been identified are:

Damage to the building, property and equipment. The Group would request the use of buildings, property and equipment from neighbouring organisations such as the church, community centre and other Scout Groups. Similar reciprocal arrangements exist with these organisations. The Group has sufficient buildings and contents insurance in place to mitigate against permanent loss.

Injury to leaders, helpers, supporters and members. The Group through the capitation fees contributes to the Scout Associations national accident insurance policy. Risk Assessments are undertaken before all activities.

Reduced income from fund raising. The Group is primarily reliant upon income from subscriptions and fundraising. The group does hold a reserve to ensure the continuity of activities should there be a major reduction in income. The Committee could raise the value of subscriptions to increase the income to the group on an ongoing basis, either temporarily or permanently.

Reduction or loss of leaders. The group is totally reliant upon volunteers to run and administer the activities of the group. If there was a reduction in the number of leaders to an unacceptable level in a particular section or

the group as a whole then there would have to be a contraction, consolidation or closure of a section. In the worst case scenario the complete closure of the Group.

Reduction or loss of members. The Group provides activities for all young people aged 6 – 18. If there was a reduction in membership in a particular section or the group as a whole then there would have to be a contraction, consolidation or closure of a section. In the worst case scenario the complete closure of the Group.

The Group has in place systems of internal controls that are designed to provide reasonable assurance against material mismanagement or loss, these include 2 signatories for all payments and a comprehensive insurance policies to ensure that insurable risks are covered.

### **Section C – Objective and Activities**

The Purpose of Scouting - Scouting exists to actively engage and support young people in their personal development, empowering them to make a positive contribution to society.

The Values of Scouting - As Scouts we are guided by these values:

- **Integrity** - We act with integrity; we are honest, trustworthy and loyal.
- **Respect** - We have self-respect and respect for others.
- **Care** - We support others and take care of the world in which we live.
- **Belief** - We explore our faiths, beliefs and attitudes.
- **Co-operation** - We make a positive difference; we co-operate with others and make friends.

The Scout Method - Scouting takes place when young people, in partnership with adults, work together based on the values of Scouting and:

- Enjoy what they are doing and have fun
- Take part in activities indoors and outdoors
- Learn by doing
- Share in spiritual reflection
- Take responsibility and make choices
- Undertake new and challenging activities
- Make and live by their Promise.

Public Benefit Statement - The Group meets the Charity Commission's public benefit criteria under both the advancement of education and the advancement of citizenship or community development headings.

### **Section D – Achievements and Performance**

See the attached reports (Appendix 1) from the various Scout Section Leaders together with the Chairman and Treasurers report for an overview of the work carried out in the preceding 12-month period.

### **Section E – Financial Review**

The Group's policy on reserves is to hold sufficient resources to continue the charitable activities of the group should income and fundraising activities fall short. The Group Executive Committee considers that the group should hold a sum equivalent to 6 months running costs, circa £8k.

The Group held reserves of approximately £10k against this at year end. This in line with the level required for operating expenses.

The Group's Income and Expenditure is very small and as a consequence does not have sufficient funds to invest in longer-term investments such as stocks and shares. The Group has therefore adopted a low risk strategy to the investment of its funds. All funds are held in cash using only mainstream banks or building societies or The Scout Association's Short Term Investment Service.

The Group Executive regularly monitors the levels of bank balances and the interest rates received to ensure the group obtains maximum value and income from its banking arrangements. Occasionally this may involve using an account that requires a period of notice before funds may be withdrawn, before doing so the Group Executive considers the cash flow requirements.

See the attached summary of accounts for further information (Appendix 2).

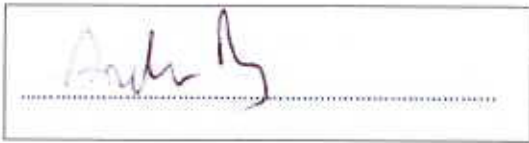
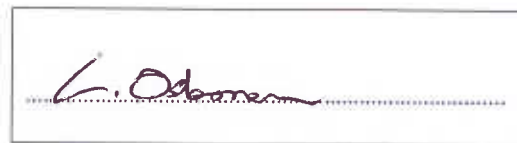
**Section F – Plans for the Coming Year**

See the attached reports (Appendix 1) from the various Scout Section Leaders together with the GSL's report for an overview of the plans we have proposed together with planned activities and events for the forthcoming year.

**Section G – Declaration**

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

Signed on behalf of the Charities Trustees:

Name	Andy Dyer
Position	Group Lead Volunteer
Date	06/09/25

Name	Chris Osborne
Position	Chair
Date	03/09/25

**Appendix 1**

Annual Report

Beavers AGM Report 2025  
July 2024 – July 2025

A busy year again with lots of Beavers doing lots of activities. Some things that we have done this year include navigation, planting vegetables, litter picking in the play park, cooking, experiments and our really popular Mother's Day café.

We took the Beavers off site a few times this year to go litter picking, bowling, a visit to a fire station and to Woodhouse Park to go climbing.

We have consistently seen that some Beavers find staying away from home too much and cannot join the group on camps. We work hard to make these experiences as inclusive as possible so this year we decided to run a day camp, doing a lot of activities they would do on camp but without the overnight. This was really popular and we hope would have given the Beavers confidence to join camps in the future. A few of the Beavers were able to join the cubs on a sleepover at Legoland and had a wonderful time.

Beavers also attended the Remembrance Parade in November, smartly turning up in uniform and we marched to the Legion, proudly flying our colony's flags.

Over the last year, we have awarded 230 badges. 10 Bronze awards have also been awarded!

Towards the end of the year, Katie decided that she would like to move on to be a leader in the second Scout troop that will be opening in September. Although we are very sad to see her go, we have been extremely lucky to have her as a leader and would like to take this opportunity to thank her for everything she has put in to run Beavers. She has agreed to be an occasional helper so we hope she can still join us periodically. From September, we will have Will, one of our young leaders join us as a full leader and we are working on getting another leader in by the end of the summer so watch this space.

We rely on parent help quite a bit and are really grateful to those that do come to support us as without them we could not run the programme that we do. We are an active colony with a number of Beavers with specific needs so we are continually open to more parents and adults who feel they would also like to help us.

Looking forward to another great year ahead

Brian, James, Will & Katie

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It's been a busy year for the Wednesday cubs, none of which would have been possible without such a great leaders to work alongside. Thanks to Hannah, Lexie, Stan & Penny for the time they've given to cubs. Thanks to Lee for every time, he's come along to spend the weekend with us on camp. Sadly, we've said goodbye to Penny recently, she'll certainly be missed by everyone.

We've spent 15 nights away, including a sleepover at Legoland, taking 2 teams to Evolution, summer camp at Woodhouse & a hammock camp at Centenary Wood.

We love being outside, in all weathers. Recently our cubs been on a visit to the fire station, sailing & kayaking, as well as joint evenings with Tuesday cubs at Chelwood. By far the favourite is the Stockwood photo race, when the sixes have an hour to take photos to gain as many points as possible. Luckily most bus drivers are willing to wear a 148 necker for a few extra points!

The cubs have worked really hard towards their badges, 6 of them achieving their silver award, the rest earning nearly 250 badges between them.

As a really busy cub pack, it can be loud & chaotic, but slowly we're building on self-reliance, responsibility & teamwork. The cubs are starting to work well together, their sixers & seconders gaining in confidence & supporting those who need help.

Next year will see a big change as both packs merge, bringing new challenges & adventures. Whatever the year has to offer, whatever activities or camps we plan, as leaders we know the cubs will give it a go & have the best time doing it, as will we!

## Tuesday Cubs

Another busy year for Tuesday cubs!

Tuesday cubs had a busy and varied year, achieving nearly 100 badges. We've tried to keep the programme varied and busy, from outdoor adventurous activities such as kayaking, SUP and archery to exploring the local area, making ice cream and having many different visitors.

Taking a view as to the future of the Group as a whole, the decision was made to reduce cubs down to one pack. With the majority preferring a Wednesday, Tuesday cubs had their last session in July, ending with a water fight in the rain!

Thank you to everyone who has helped Tuesday cubs be successful over the last few years, all the help and support has been appreciated both by the leaders at the time, but mostly the cubs that have benefitted from such a wide range of activities and had such valuable experiences.

## Scout Report

This year has been a busy and exciting one for our Scouts, filled with a variety of events at the hut and several memorable camps.

We began the year with kayaking, which helped build the Scouts' confidence on the water. This was followed by a survival camp at Centenary Woods, where the Scouts slept in hammocks, cooked their own meals, and were taught essential survival skills by the Senior Patrol Leaders. These included using fire strikers and learning how to light fires without any pre-made materials.

As a team-building activity, we organised a bowling night to help the Scouts get to know each other better. We also held a sleepover at the hut for Remembrance Day, which was a meaningful occasion for reflection and togetherness.

To raise money for our summer camp, the Scouts took part in a successful car wash fundraiser. In preparation for upcoming camps, we ran a bag-packing session to help Scouts understand what they would need to bring. More experienced Scouts shared tips and advice with the newer members.

One of the most impactful activities this year was our involvement in Operation Christmas Hamper. This gave the Scouts a valuable life lesson in compassion and community, as they assembled hampers for people in need. It was a powerful way for them to understand how fortunate they are to have a home and family to return to.

For Halloween, we hosted a movie night at the hut. It was a fun evening for the Scouts and also raised funds for future activities. The entire group got involved, and it was heartening to see everyone working together.

We also had a fantastic session at Ninja Warrior UK, which once again provided an excellent opportunity for team-building in a fun and challenging environment.

As part of our annual traditions, we ran our Christmas Tree Delivery fundraiser, where people ordered trees and the Scouts delivered them to their homes. This not only helped raise funds but also increased awareness and support for our group in the local community.

Later in the year, we returned to survival skills with another camp that the Scouts thoroughly enjoyed. They learned practical outdoor techniques that will serve them well in future adventures.

Our hike across Cheddar Gorge was a particular highlight. The Scouts trekked across the gorge and took in all the spectacular cliffside views.

In contrast to our land-based activities, we also arranged a Scuba Diving taster session, which gave the Scouts a glimpse into what it might be like to pursue diving as a future hobby or career.

The Avon Shooting Competition was another big event, bringing together Scout groups from across the area to compete in crossbow, archery, air rifle, and similar disciplines. It was a fantastic opportunity to test their skills and represent our group.

Finally, we attended the Kernow Jamboree. This camp focused on team-building, with activities such as "Way of the Woods", where Scouts had to work together to construct shelters and light fires. It significantly improved relationships within the troop, which was one of the camp's key aims. This was the highlight of the year resulting in one of the best camps ever.

None of this would have been possible without the dedication and effort of our amazing Scout Leaders. Their enthusiasm, organisation, and support have made all these experiences possible—and we are truly grateful for everything they do.

## GLVs Report 2024 to 2025

This report covers the period 1<sup>st</sup> April 2024 to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2025. It was a very good year, where we delivered a quality Scouting experience to more than 100 young people. Thanks to everyone who took part, and joined in, and the leaders for organising.

There will be more from each of the sections later, but I would like to thank all the volunteers who have given up their time over the last year; and as I think it is important to recognise the time and wisdom that they give to the group, they are:

Beavers – Katie, Andreea, Brian & James;

Tuesday Cubs – Sarah, Helen & Rachel;

Wednesday Cubs – Tanya, Stan, Penny, Hannah, Lexie & Sophie;

St. George's Scouts – Tim & Matt;

Help as and when required to all sections - Alan & Lee;

Group Committee – Chair Chris Osborne, Treasurer Andy Bracey, Jill, Alex & Jude;

We also have several Young Leaders (who are Explorer Scouts - 14 to 18 years old) and make a valuable contribution to the section and the group.

Thank you all!

Are you on Facebook? If so, make sure that you join the Facebook Group for your child's Section and the [Member Information Group](#), where we share details of what is happening soon.

We would really like to start the process to open a Squirrel Dray for 4 to 6 year olds, but we need volunteers to run it. Experience in Scouting or this age group is not necessary, and full training and support will be provided. We have a volunteer who has expressed an interest in starting a Drey, but we need to hear from some interested volunteers before it happens. Are you who we are looking for?

We are always on the lookout for new volunteers in the group, working with the young people or providing support in the background. As mentioned before, we need more volunteer leaders so that we can provide Scouting to all in Stockwood who would like to join. We will be starting a recruitment drive soon, but in the meantime, please have a think about the ways that you can support our young people to get the most from the Scouting Adventure; and chat with any of the leaders or me. Training and support are always available! I've added a list of some potential roles below.

There will be some changes taking place to the structure of the sections in September. We have too many Scouts (and older Cubs) for one Troop; so we have decided to merge the Cubs into one Pack that will meet on Wednesday, with a new Scout Troop opening on Tuesday evenings. We will retain one Beaver Colony and one Scout Troop on Thursday evenings. Some the leaders will change sections to enable us to operate in this way. We are sorry if this is not convenient for everyone, but as we had few offers of help we had no other alternative. Thanks to the Leaders to have stepped up so that we can continue to provide the best Scouting opportunities that we can.

I'm sure that the Chair has mentioned this, but I would like to add my thanks to Andy Bracey who is standing down as Treasurer after more than eight years. Andy has effectively managed the Scouts Group's finances in a highly efficient way and made sure that the volunteers are quickly repaid for the expenditure that they have made for their sections. Than you Andy!

On a personnel note, after ten years in the role I'm standing down in October, mostly because I now live the other side of Bristol and can't get to Stockwood as often as I would like to. However, I'm pleased that Alex Bryant has agreed to be our new Group Lead Volunteer. Please give him and the other volunteers the support and help that they need.

Yours in Scouting

Andy Dyer

Group Lead Volunteer

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### Current Vacancies

Squirrel Adult Volunteers

Beaver Adult Volunteers

Cub Adult Volunteers

Scout Adult Volunteers

Deputy Group Scout Leader

HQ Caretaker (could suit a retired Grandparent); and / or

HQ Bookings coordinator

## GLVs Report 2024 to 2025

Fundraisers  
Trustees  
Treasurer  
Webmaster  
Grass Cutters  
Gardeners  
HQ Maintenance

Please speak with Chris Osborne, Andy Dyer or Alex Bryant for any of these exciting volunteering opportunities!!!

**Appendix 2(a)**

Statement of Accounts

# 148th Bristol 1st Stockwood Scout Group Receipts and Payments Account

For the year from	2024	To	2025
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## Receipts and payments

	2023/24 Unrestricted funds £	2024/25 Unrestricted funds £
<b>Receipts</b>		
<b>Donations, legacies and similar income</b>		
Membership subscriptions	16267.00	15666.00
Less: Membership subscriptions paid on (National/County/Area/District)	-5150.00	-5430.00
Net membership subscriptions retained	11117.00	10236.00
Donations	3150.00	500.00
Legacies		
Gift Aid	5217.81	6745.58
Other similar income	12157.29	19730.03
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>31642.10</b>	<b>37211.61</b>
<b>Grants</b>		
Maintenance grant		
Other grants	3331.50	440.00
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>3331.50</b>	<b>440.00</b>
<b>Fundraising (gross)</b>		
Fundraising	3643.30	3354.40
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>3643.30</b>	<b>3354.40</b>
<b>Investment income</b>		
Bank interest	679.41	574.97
Building Society interest		
The Scout Association Short Term Investment Service		
Property Rent income	513.81	570.00
Other investment income		
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>1193.22</b>	<b>1144.97</b>
<b>Total Gross Income</b>	<b>39810.12</b>	<b>42150.98</b>
<b>Asset and investment sales, etc.</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>
<b>Total receipts</b>	<b>39810.12</b>	<b>42150.98</b>

# 148th Bristol 1st Stockwood Scout Group Receipts and Payments Account

First and date

Year and date

For the year from	2024	To	2025
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## Receipts and payments

	2023/24 Unrestricted funds £	2024/25 Unrestricted funds £
<b>Payments</b>		
<b>Charitable Payments</b>		
Youth programme and activities	17469.89	17674.64
Adult support and training	60.00	390.00
Business Rates		139.72
Water and Sewerage	202.87	202.06
Electricity and Gas	3219.00	2813.64
Insurance	1271.40	1309.53
Repairs and Renewals	2775.15	2329.53
Materials and equipment	1224.66	258.48
Printing and photocopying		
Contribution to camp costs		
Uniforms\Clothing	1819.75	1210.63
AGM and trustee expenses		
Miscellaneous Small Expenditures	42.78	155.50
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>28085.50</b>	<b>26483.73</b>
<b>Fundraising expenses</b>		
fundraising costs	2290.24	1529.92
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>2290.24</b>	<b>1529.92</b>
<b>Total Gross Expenditure</b>	<b>30375.74</b>	<b>28013.65</b>
Asset and investment purchases, etc.	0.00	0.00
<b>Total payments</b>	<b>30375.74</b>	<b>28013.65</b>
<b>Net of receipts/(payments)</b>	<b>9434.38</b>	<b>14137.33</b>
Cash funds last year end	0.00	0.00
<b>Cash funds this year end</b>	<b>9434.38</b>	<b>14137.33</b>

## Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the year

	01/04/2023	31/03/2024
	Unrestricted funds	Unrestricted funds
	£	£
<b>Cash funds</b>		
Bank current account	6,930.44	20,988.13
Bank deposit account	34,423.20	34,528.31
Building society account		
The Scout Association Short Term Investment Service		
Cash/Floats	25.47	
<b>Total cash funds</b>	<b>41,379.11</b>	<b>55,516.44</b>
<b>Other monetary assets</b>		
Tax claim		
Debts due from the County/Area/District/Group		
Insurance claim		
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>
<b>Investment assets</b>		
Investment property - detail	0.00	
Quoted investments	0.00	
Other investments - detail	0.00	
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>
<b>Non monetary assets for charity's own use</b>		
Badge stock	580.00	550.00
Shop stock		
Other stock		
Land and buildings	310,000.00	310,000.00
Motor vehicles		
Scouting equipment, furniture etc	16,000.00	16,000.00
Other		
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>326,580.00</b>	<b>326,550.00</b>
<b>Liabilities</b>		
Accounts not yet paid		
Expenses incurred but not invoiced		
Subscriptions not yet paid		
Loan - detail		
Other liabilities		
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>

### Contingent liabilities and future obligations

The above receipts and payments account and statement of assets and liabilities were approved by the Trustees on Xth X 200X (the date of the Executive Committee meeting that approved the accounts) and signed on their behalf by

Signature

Andy Bracey Treasurer

Chris Osborne Chair

**Appendix 2(b)**

Independent Examiners Report to the Trustees

# England & Wales

Template 1: Unqualified report for a non-company charity preparing receipts and payments accounts with a gross income of £250,000 or less in the relevant financial year

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of 148<sup>th</sup> Bristol (1<sup>st</sup> Stockwood) Scout Council

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the 148th Bristol (1st Stockwood) Scout Group for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 2025

## Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees of the 148th Bristol (1st Stockwood) Scout Group 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 148th Bristol (1st Stockwood) Scout Group accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all 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 giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the 148th Bristol (1st Stockwood) Scout Group as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records.

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

Signed:



Name:

Janet Ballinger

Relevant professional qualification or membership of professional bodies (if any): F.C.C.A

Address:

59 Beeches Road, Cheltenham, GL53 8NJ

Date:

30<sup>th</sup> June 2025

**148TH BRISTOL (1ST STOCKWOOD) SCOUT GROUP**

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# Accounts

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# 148th Bristol (1<sup>st</sup> Stockwood) Scout Group Trustees' Annual Report

**For the period**

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Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity (these will be published in the annual report of the charity and the Charity Register if reporting for a Registered Charity with a charity regulator):

<b>Trustee Name</b>	<b>Position</b>	<b>Date Acted (if not for whole year)</b>
Andy Dyer	Group Lead Volunteer	n/a
Andy Bracey	Treasurer	n/a
Chris Osborne	Chair	n/a
Jill McClelland	Secretary	n/a

Details of other advisors:

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<b>Dates Examined</b>	03/08/23						

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the group as a whole then there would have to be a contraction, consolidation or closure of a section. In the worst case scenario the complete closure of the Group.

Reduction or loss of members. The Group provides activities for all young people aged 6 – 18. If there was a reduction in membership in a particular section or the group as a whole then there would have to be a contraction, consolidation or closure of a section. In the worst case scenario the complete closure of the Group.

The Group has in place systems of internal controls that are designed to provide reasonable assurance against material mismanagement or loss, these include 2 signatories for all payments and a comprehensive insurance policies to ensure that insurable risks are covered.

### **Section C – Objective and Activities**

The Purpose of Scouting - Scouting exists to actively engage and support young people in their personal development, empowering them to make a positive contribution to society.

The Values of Scouting - As Scouts we are guided by these values:

- **Integrity** - We act with integrity; we are honest, trustworthy and loyal.
- **Respect** - We have self-respect and respect for others.
- **Care** - We support others and take care of the world in which we live.
- **Belief** - We explore our faiths, beliefs and attitudes.
- **Co-operation** - We make a positive difference; we co-operate with others and make friends.

The Scout Method - Scouting takes place when young people, in partnership with adults, work together based on the values of Scouting and:

- Enjoy what they are doing and have fun
- Take part in activities indoors and outdoors
- Learn by doing
- Share in spiritual reflection
- Take responsibility and make choices
- Undertake new and challenging activities
- Make and live by their Promise.

Public Benefit Statement - The Group meets the Charity Commission's public benefit criteria under both the advancement of education and the advancement of citizenship or community development headings.

### **Section D – Achievements and Performance**

See the attached reports (Appendix 1) from the various Scout Section Leaders together with the Chairman and Treasurers report for an overview of the work carried out in the preceding 12-month period.

### **Section E – Financial Review**

The Group's policy on reserves is to hold sufficient resources to continue the charitable activities of the group should income and fundraising activities fall short. The Group Executive Committee considers that the group should hold a sum equivalent to 6 months running costs, circa £8k.

The Group held reserves of approximately £10k against this at year end. This in line with the level required for operating expenses.

The Group's Income and Expenditure is very small and as a consequence does not have sufficient funds to invest in longer-term investments such as stocks and shares. The Group has therefore adopted a low risk strategy to the investment of its funds. All funds are held in cash using only mainstream banks or building societies or The Scout Association's Short Term Investment Service.

The Group Executive regularly monitors the levels of bank balances and the interest rates received to ensure the group obtains maximum value and income from its banking arrangements. Occasionally this may involve using an account that requires a period of notice before funds may be withdrawn, before doing so the Group Executive considers the cash flow requirements.

See the attached summary of accounts for further information (Appendix 2).

**Section F – Plans for the Coming Year**

See the attached reports (Appendix 1) from the various Scout Section Leaders together with the GSL's report for an overview of the plans we have proposed together with planned activities and events for the forthcoming year.

**Section G – Declaration**

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

Signed on behalf of the Charities Trustees:




Name	Andy Dyer
Position	Group Lead Volunteer
Date	25/09/24

Name	Chris Osborne
Position	Chair
Date	25/09/24

**Appendix 1**

Annual Report

## GSLs Report 2023 to 2024

This report covers the period 1<sup>st</sup> April 2023 to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2024. It was a very good year, where we delivered a quality Scouting experience to more than 90 young people. Thanks to everyone who took part, and joined in, and the leaders for organising.

There will be more from each of the sections later, but I would like to mention the following:

The two Beaver Colonies (Acorns & Oaks) are now well established, with Katie & Brian respectively leading them.

The two Cub Packs (Tuesday & Wednesday) have gone from strength to strength with great programmes, days out and camps.

Unfortunately, we didn't have enough leaders to continue running the Dragons Scout Troop, which has now closed. However, St. George's Troop continues to grow as the young Scouts get more experience.

Thank you to all the volunteers who have given up their time over the last year; and as I think it is important to recognise the time and wisdom that they give to the group, they are:

Beavers – Katie, Andreea, Brian & James;

Tuesday Cubs – Sarah, Helen & Rachel;

Wednesday Cubs – Tanya, Stan, Penny, Hannah, Lexie & Sophie;

St. George's Scouts – Tim & Matt;

Dragons Scouts – Andy & Aimee

Help as and when required to all sections - Alan & Lee;

Group Committee – Chair Chris Osborne, Treasurer Andy Bracey, Secretary Jill McClelland, Alex & Jude;

We also have several Young Leaders (who are Explorer Scouts - 14 to 18 years old) and make a valuable contribution to the section and the group.

Thank you all!

Are you on Facebook? If so, make sure that you join the Facebook Group for your child's Section and the [Member Information Group](#), where we share details of what is happening soon.

I would really like to start the process to open a Squirrel Dray for 4 to 6 year olds, but we need volunteers to run it. Experience in Scouting or this age group is not necessary, and full training and support will be provided. Are you who we are looking for?

We are always on the lookout for new volunteers in the group, working with the young people or providing support in the background. As mentioned before, we need more volunteer leaders so that we can provide Scouting to all in Stockwood who would like to join. We will be starting a recruitment drive soon, but in the meantime, please have a think about the ways that you can support our young people to get the most from the Scouting Adventure; and chat with any of the leaders or me. Training and support are always available! I've added a list of some potential roles below.

Yours in Scouting

Andy Dyer

Group Scout Leader / Group Lead Volunteer

Email: [group@1ststockwoodscouts.org.uk](mailto:group@1ststockwoodscouts.org.uk)

Website: [1ststockwoodscouts.org.uk](http://1ststockwoodscouts.org.uk)

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### Current Vacancies

Squirrel Adult Volunteers

Beaver Adult Volunteers

Cub Adult Volunteers

Scout Adult Volunteers

Deputy Group Scout Leader

HQ Caretaker (could suit a retired Grandparent); and / or

HQ Bookings coordinator

Fundraisers

Trustees

Webmaster

Grass Cutters

Gardeners

HQ Maintenance

**Please speak with Chris Osborne or Andy Dyer for any of these exciting volunteering opportunities!!!**

Beavers AGM Report 2024  
July 2023 – July 2024

A busy year again with lots of Beavers doing lots of activities. Some things that we have done this year include navigation, made birdfeeders, went litter picking in the play park, experiments and our really popular Mothers Day café.

We have invited a few people to come and run an activity or speak to the Beavers which included the Police, lego builder, cake decorator, First Aider, fencing instructor and archery instructor.

We took the Beavers off site at times to go litter picking, bowling, grass sledding, indoor rock climbing, professional basket ball game, .

Overnight opportunities and camps this year included hut sleepovers and The Big Fiesta, camping in tents for 2 nights with groups from all over the County. This camp gave the Beavers the opportunity to do assault course, climbing, abseiling, crate stacking, go karts, crafts and lots lots more.

We have consistently seen that some Beavers find staying away from home too much and cannot join the group on camps. We work hard to make these experiences as inclusive as possible so this year we decided to run a day camp, doing a lot of activities they would on camp but without the overnight. This was really popular and we hope would have given the Beavers confidence to join camps in the future.

Beavers also attended the Remembrance Parade, smartly turning up in uniform and enjoying the parades.

Over the 2 colonies, we have awarded 411 badges. 6 Bronze awards have been awarded over the last year.

Unfortunately, over the summer, Andreea felt that she wasn't able to return as a Beaver leader. We were extremely lucky to have her as a leader and would like to take this opportunity to thank her for everything she put in to helping run Beavers, no one does crafts quite like her! She has agreed to be an occasional helper so we hope she can still join us sometimes. This unfortunately meant that Brian would be the only leader in Oak colony. After looking at our numbers returning after summer and the waiting list, we decided to amalgamate both colonies as from September. We now meet every Thursday at 5.30 until 6.30 with Brian, James and Katie running the group.

We rely on parent help quite a bit and are really grateful to those that do come to support us as without them we could not run the programme that we do. We are an active colony with a number of Beavers with specific needs so we are continually open to more parents and adults who feel they would also like to help us.

Looking forward to another great year ahead

Katie, Brian and James

## Tuesday Cubs

Another busy year for Tuesday cubs! We've are a now a full pack at 25 cubs plus 3 young leaders. We've enjoyed watching the cubs take on new challenges, pushing themselves out of their comfort zone. However, none of this would have been possible without the amount of support Tuesday has had over the last year. With Sarah temporarily stepping down, Helen and Rachel were very grateful for the huge amount of support received. Andy Dyer, Brian Packer, Alan Price and Lee Peace organised a number of sessions and provided invaluable support and advice through the year.

We've tried to keep the programme varied and busy, from outdoor adventurous activities such as kayaking, SUP, sailing and high ropes to supporting the local community through litter picking and Operation Christmas Hamper.

The cubs achieved over 160 badges, 4 Silver awards and we awarded our first YouShape badge. We attended Mad March, Big Fiesta and Evolution camps, and more recently Tedbury with Wednesday Cubs – Thanks to Tanya and all the Wednesday leaders for making this happen.

With a full pack and welcoming Sarah back, we are looking forward to watching the younger cubs grow in confidence and push themselves, whilst giving the older cubs take a more active role helping decide the programme and sharing and passing on their experience.

None of this year could have happened without the time given up by so many. As well as all the leaders that have helped us this year, a big thank you to Jude Gittins for all the weekends given up to volunteer on camps to allow the cubs to experience so much. Thank you to all the parents that stepped in last minute to allow sessions to go ahead, gave advice and ideas.

Rachel has now stepped down, so from all at Tuesday Cubs – Thank you Rachel for your time and support over the last few years.

## Wednesday Cubs!

The time since the last AGM has been a busy one for Wednesday cubs. None of which would have been possible without such a great team of leaders to work alongside. Thanks to Penny, Stan, Hannah, Lexie & Sophie for all the endless help & support they've given myself & the cubs. Thankyou to Lee as well for every time he's been roped in to drive the minibus or to spend the weekend with us on camp.

This last year the cubs have had 21 nights away; the weather hasn't always been the best, but we've had an amazing time anyway. This year's summer camp was to Butchers Coppice, Bournemouth, when we got to swim in the sea & play on the beach. Over the summer holidays 5 cubs went to their first week long jamboree, attending Scoutmoor24 in Exeter. There's been a weekend at Chelwood, the Big Fiesta & we joined with Tuesday cubs sending 2 teams to Evolution. Our final camp of the year was to Tedbury near Frome. Possibly one of our coldest ever overnight for us, but we were prepared & snugly.

The cubs have experienced so much this year, they are growing in confidence & willing to try new things, they're becoming a great team. Some of the cubs have earned the fire kits, most of them can put up a tent, our regular campers make great eggy bread, bacon & beans!

We love getting outside, it's a big part of our sessions. The cubs have been to watch the Gangshow performance as part of a sleepover, Treetops at Ashton Court, activity days at Woodhouse. We finally found somewhere local too that would run a kayaking session with cubs, it was cold at times but certainly lots of fun.

The cubs have worked really hard towards their badges, 1 of them achieving their silver award, the rest of them earning 350 badges between them. Including 6 cubs earning nights away level 20 & 2 about to earn level 35, which is a first for cubs. As a pack the cubs completed their astronomer, local knowledge, chef & scientist badges to name a few.

As a really busy cub pack, it can be loud & chaotic, but slowly we're building on self-reliance, responsibility & teamwork. As sixes the cubs are starting to work really well together, their sixers & seconders gaining in confidence & helping the younger ones too.

Whatever the next year has to offer, whatever activities, experiences or camps we plan, as leaders we know our cubs will give it a go & have the best time doing it, as will we!

So, 23 to 24.

We started off in April getting back into things with some Navigation, exploring the local area and working towards the local knowledge badge. To celebrate the King's Coronation, the group was given badges, we spent the evening sewing them in and some of the troop did an amazing job, a few need some more practice and others, maybe just stick to the glue...

We smashed out some Canoeing, had a talk from a model airplane enthusiast, and practiced back flips and 360 no scopes on the BMX track. We finished off summer with a 'Nerf War' before a break for summer and Tim headed off to Korea for 3 weeks for the World Scout Jamboree. Back after Summer, we were straight into Archery and shooting. We designed the Christmas tree flyer, judged the best chips in Stockwood, had a debate on AI, set stuff on fire (Bonfire night) A few sessions chilling out in the HQ building Warhammer, and had a break off from Christmas.

Back to it in January, we jumped about at Freedog, did a mini 'dragons den', and planned for upcoming camps.

Thanks to the kids that make what Scouts is, they are an absolute handful sometimes with 30 of them but, it's definitely rewarding seeing them achieve so much and having the opportunity to do the activities that we do in Scouts.

We are looking forward to what the next year has ahead for us. If you fancy a bit of this yourself, please let us know! We are always happy to welcome new helpers.

Between the troop, 60 badges were awarded.

As always thank you to all those that help out with the troop. Helping out on Thursday nights, coming along on camps and activities with us, helping clean, helping with the fundraising, attending work parties in the pouring rain, transporting Scouts and equipment, passing on skills, maintenance of the HQ and grounds, building, painting and any other tasks that need doing whether big or small. Without you guys, we would not be able to run the troop.

Thank you.

Tim and Matt  
St George Troop Leadership team.

**Appendix 2(a)**

Statement of Accounts

# 148th Bristol 1st Stockwood Scout Group Receipts and Payments Account

Year end date

Year end date

For the year from	2022	To	2023
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## Receipts and payments

	2021/22 Unrestricted funds £	2022/23 Unrestricted funds £
<b>Receipts</b>		
<b>Donations, legacies and similar income</b>		
Membership subscriptions	12838.00	15258.00
Less: Membership subscriptions paid on (National/County/Area/District)	-4698.80	-4419.50
Net membership subscriptions retained	8139.20	10838.50
Donations		
Legacies		
Gift Aid	4185.74	
Other similar income	5498.45	8462.97
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>17823.39</b>	<b>19301.47</b>
<b>Grants</b>		
Maintenence grant		
Other grants	2667.00	3331.50
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>2667.00</b>	<b>3331.50</b>
<b>Fundraising (gross)</b>	3496.24	3370.79
Christmas Tree Sale	1254.80	2048.50
AGM & Fireworks		583.15
Other fundraising activities	205.11	739.14
Co-op & Easy fundraising	2036.33	
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>3496.24</b>	<b>3370.79</b>
<b>Investment income</b>		
Bank interest	0.94	55.47
Building Society interest		
The Scout Association Short Term Investment Service		
Property Rent income	906.00	567.00
Other investment income		
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>906.94</b>	<b>622.47</b>
<b>Total Gross Income</b>	<b>24893.57</b>	<b>26626.23</b>
<b>Asset and investment sales, etc.</b>	0.00	0.00
<b>Total receipts</b>	<b>24893.57</b>	<b>26626.23</b>

# 148th Bristol 1st Stockwood Scout Group Receipts and Payments Account

Year end date

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For the year from	2022	To	2023
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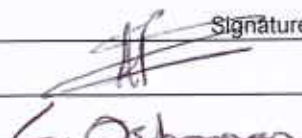
	2021/22 Unrestricted funds £	2022/23 Unrestricted funds £
<b>Payments</b>		
<b>Charitable Payments</b>		
Youth programme and activities	6790.00	13416.81
Adult support and training	160.00	260.00
Rent		
Water and Sewerage	503.04	61.13
Electricity and Gas	757.00	1648.00
Insurance	1036.41	1130.34
Repairs and Renewals	2226.68	2738.88
Materials and equipment	1091.39	1230.24
Printing and photocopying		
Contribution to camp costs		
Uniforms	2053.16	1659.29
AGM and trustee expenses		
Member refunds for planned activities cancelled due to pandemic		
Other costs detail 2	86.98	121.10
Other costs detail 3		
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>14704.66</b>	<b>22265.79</b>
<b>Fundraising expenses</b>		
Xmas Tree Sales	846.16	1524.40
Other fundraising costs	17.50	645.11
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>863.66</b>	<b>2169.51</b>
<b>Total Gross Expenditure</b>	<b>15568.32</b>	<b>24435.30</b>
<b>Asset and investment purchases, etc.</b>	0.00	0.00
<b>Total payments</b>	<b>15568.32</b>	<b>24435.30</b>
<b>Net of receipts/(payments)</b>	<b>9325.25</b>	<b>2190.93</b>
<b>Cash funds last year end</b>	0.00	0.00
<b>Cash funds this year end</b>	<b>9325.25</b>	<b>2190.93</b>

## Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the year

	01/04/2023	31/03/2024
	Unrestricted funds	Unrestricted funds
	£	£
<b>Cash funds</b>		
Bank current account	10,926.84	6,930.44
Bank deposit account	24,323.92	34,423.20
Building society account		
The Scout Association Short Term Investment Service		
Cash/Floats	25.47	25.47
<b>Total cash funds</b>	<b>35,276.23</b>	<b>41,379.11</b>
<b>Other monetary assets</b>		
Tax claim		
Debts due from the County/Area/District/Group		
Insurance claim		
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>
<b>Investment assets</b>		
Investment property - detail	0.00	
Quoted investments	0.00	
Other investments - detail	0.00	
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>
<b>Non monetary assets for charity's own use</b>		
Badge stock	650.00	580.00
Shop stock		
Other stock		
Land and buildings	310,000.00	310,000.00
Motor vehicles		
Scouting equipment, furniture etc	16,000.00	16,000.00
Other		
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>326,650.00</b>	<b>326,580.00</b>
<b>Liabilities</b>		
Accounts not yet paid		
Expenses incurred but not invoiced		
Subscriptions not yet paid		
Loan - detail		
Other liabilities		
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>

### Contingent liabilities and future obligations

The above receipts and payments account and statement of assets and liabilities were approved by the Trustees on Xth X 200X (the date of the Executive Committee meeting that approved the accounts) and signed on their behalf by

 Signature
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Andy Bracey Treasurer  Chris Osborne Chair
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**Appendix 2(b)**

Independent Examiners Report to the Trustees

# England & Wales

## Template 1: Unqualified report for a non-company charity preparing receipts and payments accounts with a gross income of £250,000 or less in the relevant financial year

### Independent examiner's report to the trustees of 148<sup>th</sup> Bristol (1<sup>st</sup> Stockwood) Scout Council

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the 148th Bristol (1st Stockwood) Scout Group for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 2024.

#### Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees of the 148th Bristol (1st Stockwood) Scout Group 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 148th Bristol (1st Stockwood) Scout Group accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all 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 giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the 148th Bristol (1st Stockwood) Scout Group as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records.

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

Signed:

Name:

Janet Ballinger

Relevant professional qualification or membership of professional bodies (if any): F.C.C.A

Address:

59 Beeches Road, Cheltenham, GL53 8NJ

Date:

18/6/2024

**148TH BRISTOL (1ST STOCKWOOD) SCOUT GROUP**

England & Wales - Charity number 302177

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# Accounts

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## 148th Bristol (1<sup>st</sup> Stockwood) Scout Group Trustees' Annual Report

### For the period

From :

06/04/22

To:

05/04/23

### Section A – Administration Details

<b>Charity Name</b>	148 <sup>th</sup> Bristol (1 <sup>st</sup> Stockwood) Scout Group						
<b>Registered Charity Number</b>	3	0	2	1	7	7	
<b>Charity Address</b>	76 Maes Knoll Drive Whitchurch Bristol						
<b>Postcode</b>	B	S	1	4	0	F	F

<b>Scout Association Registration Number</b>	1	0	0	1	3	6	6	5
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The Scout Method - Scouting takes place when young people, in partnership with adults, work together based on the values of Scouting and:

- Enjoy what they are doing and have fun
- Take part in activities indoors and outdoors
- Learn by doing
- Share in spiritual reflection
- Take responsibility and make choices
- Undertake new and challenging activities
- Make and live by their Promise.

Public Benefit Statement - The Group meets the Charity Commission's public benefit criteria under both the advancement of education and the advancement of citizenship or community development headings.

### **Section D – Achievements and Performance**

See the attached reports (Appendix 1) from the various Scout Section Leaders together with the Chairman and Treasurers report for an overview of the work carried out in the preceding 12-month period.

### **Section E – Financial Review**

The Group's policy on reserves is to hold sufficient resources to continue the charitable activities of the group should income and fundraising activities fall short. The Group Executive Committee considers that the group should hold a sum equivalent to 6 months running costs, circa £4.75k.

The Group held reserves of approximately £5k against this at year end. This in line with the level required for operating expenses.

The Group's Income and Expenditure is very small and as a consequence does not have sufficient funds to invest in longer-term investments such as stocks and shares. The Group has therefore adopted a low risk strategy to the investment of its funds. All funds are held in cash using only mainstream banks or building societies or The Scout Association's Short Term Investment Service.

The Group Executive regularly monitors the levels of bank balances and the interest rates received to ensure the group obtains maximum value and income from its banking arrangements. Occasionally this may involve using an account that requires a period of notice before funds may be withdrawn, before doing so the Group Executive considers the cash flow requirements.

See the attached summary of accounts for further information (Appendix 2).

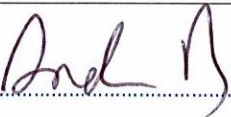
**Section F – Plans for the Coming Year**


See the attached reports (Appendix 1) from the various Scout Section Leaders together with the GSL's report for an overview of the plans we have proposed together with planned activities and events for the forthcoming year.

**Section G – Declaration**

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

Signed on behalf of the Charities Trustees:

  
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.....

Name	Andy Dyer
Position	Group Lead Volunteer
Date	19/09/23

Name	Chris Osborne
Position	Chair
Date	18/09/23

**Appendix 1**

Annual Report

## GSLs Report 2022 to 2023

This report covers the period 1<sup>st</sup> April 2022 to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2023. It was a very good year, where we delivered a quality Scouting experience to more than 90 young people. Thanks to everyone who took part, and joined in, and the leaders for organising.

There will be more from each of the sections later, but I would like to mention the following:

The two Beaver Colonies (Acorns & Oaks) are now well established, with Katie & Brian respectively leading them.

The two Cub Packs (Tuesday & Wednesday) have gone from strength to strength with great programmes, days out and camps.

I mentioned last year that the Scout Troop was stretched to maximum capacity, with a backlog then and in the future for Cubs ready to move up. Therefore, in January we re-opened the second Scout Troop, which meets on a Monday evening. It is named the St. George's Troop and is led by Andy Cole. The Thursday Troop, which has reverted to its historical name of the St. George's Troop, is still led by Tim.

Thank you to all the volunteers who have given up their time over the last year; and as I think it is important to recognise the time and wisdom that they give to the group, they are:

Beavers – Katie, Penny, Andreea, Lisa, Brian & James;

Tuesday Cubs – Sarah, Helen & Rachel;

Wednesday Cubs – Tanya, Stan, Penny, Hannah, Lexie & Sophie;

St. George's Scouts – Tim, Matt, Kyle, Connor & Lilly;

Dragons Scouts – Andy & Aimee

Help as and when required to all sections - Alan & Lee;

Group Trustees – Chair Chris Osborne, Treasurer Andy Bracey, Secretary Jill McClelland,

Group Committee Helpers - Alex Bryan, Jude Gittens, Christina Cooke, Erin Paxton, and Clare Bigwood.

We also have several Young Leaders (who are Explorer Scouts - 14 to 18 years old) and make a valuable contribution to the section and the group.

Thank you all!

Are you on Facebook? If so, make sure that you join the Facebook Group for your child's Section and the [Member Information Group](#), where we share details of what is happening soon.

I would really like to start the process to open a Squirrel Dray for 4 to 6 year olds, but we need volunteers to run it. Experience in Scouting or this age group is not necessary, and full training and support will be provided. Are you who we are looking for?

We are always on the lookout for new volunteers in the group, working with the young people or providing support in the background. As mentioned before, we need more volunteer leaders so that we can provide Scouting to all in Stockwood who would like to join. We will be starting a recruitment drive soon, but in the meantime, please have a think about the ways that you can support our young people to get the most from the Scouting Adventure; and chat with any of the leaders or me. Training and support are always available! I've added a list of some potential roles below.

Yours in Scouting

Andy Dyer

Group Scout Leader / Group Lead Volunteer

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Website: [1ststockwoodscouts.org.uk](http://1ststockwoodscouts.org.uk)

Facebook: [1ststockwoodscouts](https://www.facebook.com/1ststockwoodscouts)

### Current Vacancies

Squirrel Adult Volunteers

Beaver Adult Volunteers

Cub Adult Volunteers

Scout Adult Volunteers

Deputy Group Scout Leader

HQ Caretaker (could suit a retired Grandparent); and / or

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HQ Bookings coordinator  
Fundraisers  
Trustees  
Webmaster  
Grass Cutters  
Gardeners  
HQ Maintenance

Please speak with Chris Osborne or Andy Dyer for any of these exciting volunteering opportunities!!!

Beavers AGM Report 2023  
April 2022 – July 2023

We have continued to have a busy year, both colonies have been consistently full but with a manageable waiting list. We have run both colonies on the same programme, offering the same activities, camps and badges which we feel works well. We are very aware that we are the beginning of the Scout journey and so the introduction to a huge amount of new activities and experiences including and not underestimating, often being the first time some children have ever camped OR even stayed away from home without parents.

Activities that we have done this year include indoor climbing, Santa trail, tobogonning, tour of Ashton Gate stadium, Halloween and Christmas parties, Pets at Home visit, chip shop hike, to name a few. We have also invited a number of outside guests in to speak with the Beavers, such as firefighters, model plane enthusiasts and yoga teachers.

Our overnight opportunities started with the coldest camp the Beavers have ever been on. We took 12 Beavers to the group camp September 2022 at Chelwood for 2 nights in tents. The Beavers were absolute stars as it was extremely cold at night which they found really challenging but the opportunity to play in woods and streams, do water field slides, rock climb and to have outside fun with their friends was a good pay off. We also joined Tuesday Cubs with a Harry Potter themed indoor camp which was very popular, being placed into houses by the sorting hat, making wands and having a herbology lesson all contributed to their badge work as well.

Beavers also attended the Remembrance Parade and St George's Day Parade, smartly turning up in uniform and enjoying the parades.

We finished the year off with a trip to Wild Place Project and joining the group activity day at Woodhouse Park. 30 Beavers out of the 40 joined the Group Activity Day which was an excellent turnout.

Over the 2 colonies, we have awarded 598 badges, these included some new badges for us to try such as the brand new Money Skills badge and some others new to us, such as Air Activities and Safety badge. 9 Bronze awards have been awarded over the last year.

We rely on parent help quite a bit and are really grateful to those that do come to support us as without them we could not run the programme that we do. We have 2 quite big and active colonies and a number of Beavers with specific needs so we are continually open to more parents and adults who feel they would also like to help us.

Looking forward to another great year ahead

Katie, Brian, James, Andreea and Will

Our time since the last AGM has been one of the busiest for Wednesday cubs. None of which would have been possible without such a great team of leaders to work alongside. Thanks to Penny, Stan, Hannah, Lexie & Sophie for all the endless help & support they've given myself & the cubs. Thank you to Lee as well for every time he's been roped in to drive the minibus or to spend the weekend with us on camp.

We've not long been back from this year's summer camp to Rhydd Covert, Kidderminster. Where we spent 3 nights camping next to West Midland Safari Park, waking up to lions roaring, is a hard experience to beat. This last year we've had 22 nights away including our muddiest camp, a heat wave, so much rain, then recently a thunderstorm. The weather hasn't been the best but we've had an amazing time anyway.

Aswell as teaching the cubs skills for life, they've grown so much year, made new friends & become a great team. Some of the older cubs have earned their fire kits, most of them can put up a tent, we just need practice at washing up!

When they've not been camping Wednesday cubs have taken part in the Pinewood Derby, tried caving, fencing with Alan, as well as archery & sailing. The cubs have been working with Avon Wildlife, together they designed a leaflet all about Stockwood open spaces that's been printed & given out locally.

The cubs have worked really hard towards their badges, as a pack earning 403 badges between them, Including emergency aid, gardener, chef & pioneer. 7 of the cubs achieving their silver awards.

Wednesday is a busy pack, whatever activities & camps we plan, the leaders know our cubs will give it a go & have the best time doing it, as will we!

We have had a lot of fun learning and growing with Tuesday cubs this year. It's been a busy year with a wide range of activities and experiences. We are very grateful for all the help and support over the year, from leaders to parents. Your time is appreciated!

We are currently a small pack, but with enthusiasm and energy, the cubs have had a lot of fun and opportunity gaining life skills, working as a team and meeting new friends.

The varied programme from Sarah has meant we've had a variety of visitors through the year from the Police to Cats Protection. The cubs have also been busy experiencing new and challenging activities including paddle boarding, canoeing, fencing, archery, sailing, ice skating, tobogganing. We've also successfully taken part in the pinewood derby, adventure days and the Santa trail at Woodhouse Park.

The cubs shared a Harry Potter themed sleepover with the beavers, which was a real success and allowed newer cubs to gain confidence to go on and hopefully camp in future. We were very lucky and appreciative to Wednesday cubs to give Tuesday cubs the chance to join them at Glenny Woods camp in the Easter holidays. They had a fantastic time despite the mud and rain! We also attended "Evolution" with Wednesday cubs, giving the older cubs the chance to show their independence and team work skills.

We've been proud to award numerous badges, but particularly the Silver awards as they move on to scouts.

We are looking forward to developing and changing as a pack as we welcome new beavers and watch our older experienced cubs take on more responsibilities.

With Sarah taking a break for the next year, we would like to take the opportunity to thank her for all her hard work and effort making last year so varied and fun. We are looking forward to her coming back next summer and hopefully joining us on weekend activities through the year.

Dragons Troop report.

We started up the troop by having an evening of games to build relationships and to help everyone get to know each other.

We have been able to split the troop into two patrols: Claw and Blaze - each with a patrol leader and assistant patrol leader.

During Jan-March '23, we ran the following activities:

- Cooking prep for Avon cooking competition (unfortunately we did not have enough take up to go forward with the competition)
- Orienteering race indoors - using map reading skills combined with activities that we may need outside such as pitching tents, etc
- Archery practice
- Children's mental health awareness week - activity to allow scouts to think about conditions such as anxiety or depression and how it can affect us, where can we get help.
- Cooked pancakes for shrove Tuesday.
- Working towards Mechanics badge. The Scouts changed wheels, lightbulbs & windscreen wipers. Checked washer fluid, tyre pressures and tread depths. Researched the function of the clutch, gearbox and rear axle differential, MOT requirements and legal tyre requirements.
- Scouts Astronautics Activity Badge. We were recreating meteor strikes, racing balloon rockets and making astronaut pudding.
- Teamwork Challenge Award. It was lots of fun and there was some great teamwork on show. We are going to continue working on the same award with lots of new games and activities in our next session.

We have had lots of great helpers- Andrew and Aimee, Lee, Hannah and Kyle and Will and Jacob as young leaders.

So, the year 2022 to 2023.

We had a pretty busy year regarding badgework and activities.

We started in April with some work on our mechanic's badge being shown around a car and basic checks that would be carried out on an MOT and then spent the next few weeks going through the process of preparing for a camp that took place in April, from site layout to planning a menu and activities. A ready steady cook took place in the HQ. There was the Big Fiesta that everyone enjoyed, the canoeing, and more cooking (Korean this time to prepare Tim for his World Scout Jamboree trip to Korea). Weekend events at the HQ practicing Scouting skills, building fires, more shooting, selling Christmas trees, having parties, and shooting each other with lasers at Laser Quest for our Christmas party.

The troops split in the new year and we became Dragon Troop (Monday nights) run by Andrew and his Team and back to St George Troop (Thursday nights).

2023 started off with, more cooking prepping for the Avon Cooking comp that unfortunately we did not enter. Then it was onto map reading, Archery, cooking again (pancakes this time), finishing off the mechanic's badge which Tim drove his car into the HQ to work on, and then finishing off the year with some work on the Astronautics badge and visit from the Armed Response unit from The Police. I am sure that we did some more shooting in there as well!

As you can tell, we are a pretty active troop, we like to cook, shoot, and get out and do a bit. This is what I loved about being in the Scouts when I was young. It's probably the only place that they let you set stuff on fire, shoot, run around, and get involved in a plethora of activities and not get in trouble for it. Thanks to the kids that make what Scouts is, it's definitely rewarding seeing them achieve so much and them having the opportunity to do the activities that we do in Scouts.

We are looking forward to what the next year has ahead for us. If you fancy a bit of this yourself, please let us know! We are always happy to welcome new helpers.

Between the troop, 104 badges were awarded from Mechanic to Chef and Master at Arms to Musician.

As always thank you to all those that help out with the troop. Helping out on Thursday nights, coming along on camps and activities with us, helping clean, helping with the fundraising, attending work parties in the pouring rain, transporting Scouts and equipment, passing on skills, maintenance of the HQ and grounds, building, painting and any other tasks that need doing whether big or small. Without you guys, we would not be able to run the troop. Thank you.

Tim.

St George Troop Leader

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Statement of Accounts

# 148th Bristol 1st Stockwood Scout Group Receipts and Payments Account

	Year end date		Year end date
For the year from	2022	To	2023

## Receipts and payments

	2021/22 Unrestricted funds £	2022/23 Unrestricted funds £
<b>Receipts</b>		
<b>Donations, legacies and similar income</b>		
Membership subscriptions	12838.00	15258.00
Less: Membership subscriptions paid on (National/County/Area/District)	-4698.80	-4419.50
Net membership subscriptions retained	8139.20	10838.50
Donations		
Legacies		
Gift Aid	4185.74	
Other similar income	5498.45	8462.97
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>17823.39</b>	<b>19301.47</b>
<b>Grants</b>		
Maintenence grant		
Other grants	2667.00	3331.50
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>2667.00</b>	<b>3331.50</b>
<b>Fundraising (gross)</b>		
Christmas Tree Sale	3496.24	3370.79
AGM & Fireworks	1254.80	2048.50
Other fundraising activities		583.15
Co-op & Easy fundraising	205.11	739.14
Co-op & Easy fundraising	2036.33	
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>3496.24</b>	<b>3370.79</b>
<b>Investment income</b>		
Bank interest	0.94	55.47
Building Society interest		
The Scout Association Short Term Investment Service		
Property Rent income	906.00	567.00
Other investment income		
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>906.94</b>	<b>622.47</b>
<b>Total Gross Income</b>	<b>24893.57</b>	<b>26626.23</b>
Asset and investment sales, etc.	0.00	0.00
<b>Total receipts</b>	<b>24893.57</b>	<b>26626.23</b>

# 148th Bristol 1st Stockwood Scout Group Receipts and Payments Account

	<small>Year end date</small>		<small>Year end date</small>
For the year from	2022	To	2023

## Receipts and payments

	2021/22 Unrestricted funds £	2022/23 Unrestricted funds £
<b>Payments</b>		
<b>Charitable Payments</b>		
Youth programme and activities	6790.00	13416.81
Adult support and training	160.00	260.00
Rent		
Water and Sewerage	503.04	61.13
Electricity and Gas	757.00	1648.00
Insurance	1036.41	1130.34
Repairs and Renewals	2226.68	2738.88
Materials and equipment	1091.39	1230.24
Printing and photocopying		
Contribution to camp costs		
Uniforms	2053.16	1659.29
AGM and trustee expenses		
Member refunds for planned activities cancelled due to pandemic		
Other costs detail 2	86.98	121.10
Other costs detail 3		
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>14704.66</b>	<b>22265.79</b>
<b>Fundraising expenses</b>		
Xmas Tree Sales	846.16	1524.40
Other fundraising costs	17.50	645.11
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>863.66</b>	<b>2169.51</b>
<b>Total Gross Expenditure</b>	<b>15568.32</b>	<b>24435.30</b>
Asset and investment purchases, etc.	0.00	0.00
<b>Total payments</b>	<b>15568.32</b>	<b>24435.30</b>
<b>Net of receipts/(payments)</b>	<b>9325.25</b>	<b>2190.93</b>
Cash funds last year end	0.00	0.00
<b>Cash funds this year end</b>	<b>9325.25</b>	<b>2190.93</b>

## Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the year

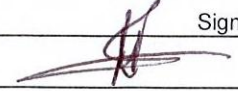

	01/04/2022	31/03/2023
	Unrestricted funds £	Unrestricted funds £
<b>Cash funds</b>		
Bank current account	23,632.47	10,926.84
Bank deposit account	9,306.26	24,323.92
Building society account	121.10	
The Scout Association Short Term Investment Service		
Cash/Floats	25.47	25.47
<b>Total cash funds</b>	<b>33,085.30</b>	<b>35,276.23</b>
<b>Other monetary assets</b>		
Tax claim		
Debts due from the County/Area/District/Group		
Insurance claim		
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>
<b>Investment assets</b>		
Investment property - detail	0.00	
Quoted investments	0.00	
Other investments - detail	0.00	
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>
<b>Non monetary assets for charity's own use</b>		
Badge stock	718.00	650.00
Shop stock		
Other stock	50.00	
Land and buildings	310,000.00	310,000.00
Motor vehicles		
Scouting equipment, furniture etc	16,000.00	16,000.00
Other		
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>326,768.00</b>	<b>326,650.00</b>
<b>Liabilities</b>		
Accounts not yet paid		
Expenses incurred but not invoiced		
Subscriptions not yet paid		
Loan - detail		
Other liabilities		
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>

Contingent liabilities and future obligations:

None

The above receipts and payments account and statement of assets and liabilities were approved by the Trustees and signed on their behalf by:

Signature

Andy Bracey Treasurer

Chris Osborne Chair

Appendix 2(b)

Independent Examiners Report to the Trustees

# England & Wales

## Template 1: Unqualified report for a non-company charity preparing receipts and payments accounts with a gross income of £250,000 or less in the relevant financial year

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### Independent examiner's report to the trustees of 148<sup>th</sup> Bristol (1<sup>st</sup> Stockwood) Scout Council

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the 148th Bristol (1st Stockwood) Scout Group for the year ended 5<sup>th</sup> April 2023.

#### Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees of the 148th Bristol (1st Stockwood) Scout Group 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 148th Bristol (1st Stockwood) Scout Group accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all 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 giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the 148th Bristol (1st Stockwood) Scout Group as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records.

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

Signed:



Name:

Janet Ballinger

Relevant professional qualification or membership of professional bodies (if any): F.C.C.A

Address:

59 Beeches Road, Cheltenham, GL53 8NJ

Date:

3. 8. 23.

**148TH BRISTOL (1ST STOCKWOOD) SCOUT GROUP**

England & Wales - Charity number 302177

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# Accounts

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# 148th Bristol (1<sup>st</sup> Stockwood) Scout Group Trustees' Annual Report

**For the period**

From :

06/04/21

To:

05/04/22

**Section A – Administration Details**

<b>Charity Name</b>	148 <sup>th</sup> Bristol (1 <sup>st</sup> Stockwood) Scout Group						
<b>Registered Charity Number</b>	3	0	2	1	7	7	
<b>Charity Address</b>	76 Maes Knoll Drive Whitchurch Bristol						
<b>Postcode</b>	B	S	1	4	0	F	F

<b>Scout Association Registration Number</b>	1	0	0	1	3	6	6	5
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Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity (these will be published in the annual report of the charity and the Charity Register if reporting for a Registered Charity with a charity regulator):

<b>Trustee Name</b>	<b>Position</b>	<b>Date Acted (if not for whole year)</b>
Andy Dyer	Group Scout Leader	n/a
Andy Bracey	Treasurer	n/a
Chris Osborne	Chair	n/a
Jill McClelland	Secretary	n/a

Details of other advisors:

<b>Bank Details</b>	Lloyds Bank						
<b>Address</b>	1/3 London Road East Grinstead West Sussex						
<b>Post Code</b>	R	H	1	9	1	A	H

<b>Advisor Type</b>	Independent Examiner						
<b>Advisor Name</b>	Janet Ballinger						
<b>Address</b>	59 Beeches Road Cheltenham						
<b>Post Code</b>	G	L	5	3	8	N	J
<b>Dates Examined</b>	12/07/22						

## **Section B – Structure, Governance and Management**

The Group's governing documents are those of the 'The Scout Association'. They consist of a Royal Charter, which in turn gives authority to the Bye Laws of the Association and The Policy, Organisation and Rules of The Scout Association.

The Group is a trust established under its rules which are common to all Scouts.

The Trustees are appointed in accordance with the Policy, Organisation and Rules of The Scout Association.

The Group is managed by the Group Executive Committee, 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 Committee consists of 3 independent representatives, Chair, Treasurer and Secretary together with the Group Scout Leaders, individual section leaders (if opted to take on the responsibility) and parent's representation and meets every 3 months.

Members of the Executive Committee complete 'Essential Information for Executive Committee' training within the first 5 months of joining the committee.

This Group Executive Committee exists to support the Group Scout Leader in meeting the responsibilities of the appointments and is responsible for:

- The maintenance of Group property;
- The raising of funds and the administration of Group finance;
- The insurance of persons, property and equipment;
- Group public occasions;
- Assisting in the recruitment of leaders and other adult support;
- Appointing any sub committees that may be required;
- Appointing Group Administrators and Advisors other than those who are elected.

The Group Executive Committee has identified the major risks to which they believe the Group is exposed, these have been reviewed and systems have been established to mitigate against them. The main areas of concern that have been identified are:

Damage to the building, property and equipment. The Group would request the use of buildings, property and equipment from neighbouring organisations such as the church, community centre and other Scout Groups. Similar reciprocal arrangements exist with these organisations. The Group has sufficient buildings and contents insurance in place to mitigate against permanent loss.

Injury to leaders, helpers, supporters and members. The Group through the capitation fees contributes to the Scout Associations national accident insurance policy. Risk Assessments are undertaken before all activities.

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

Signed on behalf of the Charities Trustees:

  
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Name	Andy Dyer
Position	Group Scout Leader
Date	6/09/23

  
.....

Name	Chris Osborne
Position	Chair
Date	06/09/23

**Appendix 1**

Annual Report

Beavers Report  
Annual General Meeting 2022

Another busy year with the Beavers. We opened our second colony in September to relieve the waiting list for Beavers as we were unable to keep up with all those on the list who were turning 6. It also enabled us to try to maintain 20 Beavers in each colony, which felt manageable for the 2 Cub packs to be able to accept.

To run the 2 colonies, we have needed to increase the leadership, which we managed to do successfully. Brian (who had previously been a parent helper) and Andreea joined and became uniformed Assistant Leaders. We have also now gained James who has completed initial training and will be going into uniform soon hopefully. Unfortunately we have said goodbye to Lisa who was a section assistant and decided it was time to step down after assisting for over 4 years. Penny is also leaving us after over 4 years as Assistant Leader at the beginning of summer but will still join us occasionally for Thursday evenings, camps and special events. I'd like to thank them both for their support with me joining as Beaver leader and helping the colonies grow even more.

We therefore will have 4 leaders over the 2 colonies, myself and James running the earlier group and a change moving forward will mean that Brian and Andreea will run the second group. We are supported well by parents and already have a couple of parents who may look to help on a regular basis but are always on the lookout for more enthusiastic parents to join us!

We aimed to give the Beavers some overnight experience this year and have done 4 different camps or sleepovers since April, to enable as many Beavers as possible the chance to spend the night away. We offered the older Beavers a sleepover at the hut, which enabled myself to gain my Indoor Overnight Permit. This saw 10 Beavers try fire lighting, archery, enjoy a campfire, go on a small hike and sleep away from home (for some, this was the first time). The second camp for 5 Beavers was 1 night outside in tents in April at Cleve Campsite, joining the Cubs and Scouts, giving us as leaders a chance to get experience outside with this age group. We then had another indoor camp at the Scout Hut with the younger Beavers, 11 took part. The last camp was 2 nights at the Big Fiesta at Woodhouse. A fantastic experience where 7 Beavers took part in rock climbing, crate stacking, muddy assault course, circus skills, zorbs, go karts, roller skating, face painting, laser tag, water slide..... they tried it all, we were so impressed!!!!!!

Other events this year that we have taken part in is Remembrance parade, Santa experience at Woodhouse, trip to the zoo with Cubs, visit a fire station and most recently, indoor crazy climbing.

Badges still remain a big motivation for the Beavers, they love receiving them. We have given out so many but this year, we have awarded the first Bronze Awards to 4 Beavers, really well done!! This is the highest award a Beaver can get and they all took them on to Cubs as they all moved up.

We have had a great year at Beavers. There aren't any camps planned over the summer but we may see an activity day during the holidays but we all look forward to another busy fun year from September.

Thanks

Katie, Brian, Andreea, Penny, James and Lisa

What a year it has been for Tuesday Cubs! The year has been full of change, from embracing the pandemic regulations, to becoming an autonomous Cub group. Along the way, we have said goodbye to some Cubs, many of whom have progressed to scouts, and said hello to the many new Cubs who have joined us. As leaders, we have thoroughly enjoyed our year of supporting our Cubs to grow in experience, and in confidence.

After deciding to lead the Tuesday pack, Sarah has led the pack from strength to strength. With the support of Helen and myself, Sarah has developed a programme of activities, planned camps and has achieved her overnight permit. Thank you to Alan Price for the support he gave to us and to Sarah to gain her night permit. Although we three leaders appreciated the guidance and support from the other pack, we decided to make the Tuesday pack an autonomous group, so we could plan activities to meet the needs of our own cubs. We are grateful to the other pack for helping and supporting us with this.

Over the year, the pack has grown in number, and we are now nearly full. We have a mixture of boys and girls, experience and ages. We have children who have moved up from Beavers as well as some who are completely new. We have had some begin their scouting journey with us after hearing about the opportunities Cub groups can bring. They have fitted in well and have been guided by our more experienced Cubs. We now have four sixes, who have shown us they can work well together. We were especially proud of how they all worked together recently to make a bug hotel. They designed the hotels, collected materials and used tools whilst all showing great respect for one another. They negotiated well, shared ideas and helped one another to complete this challenge.

Not only have our cubs' numbers grown, but our number of parent helpers have too. We now have many parents DBS checked and show their support to us. They get involved when we need a higher adult to child ratio and have been a real asset to us. We would like to thank all the parents who have helped us over the last year and thank you to Simon who continues to offer his support each week.

The pack have taken part in a vast range of activities over the last year. From fire lighting to first aid, cooking to astronomy, DIY to sports and crafts to hikes, plus many more. We have awarded 151 badges this year, including a number of silver awards. We have had visitors to teach us about different disabilities, a visit from PCSOs to teach us about the police force and we have visited Keynsham fire station to learn about firefighting. We have been very fortunate to have Archery sessions led by Tanya and Andy, and Makaton lessons from Kirsty Chilcott.

In addition to the weekly meetings, we have been fortunate to do some camps and sleep overs. In March, the Cubs had a 2 night sleep over at the hut and visited Bristol Zoo. They then had a 1 night camp at Centenary Wood and then 2 nights at Woodhouse for the Big Fiesta. The Big Fiesta was an amazing experience for all those involved. It was incredible albeit a little emotional to see Scouting sections from across Bristol and the Cotswolds come together to take part in activities for the first time since the pandemic began. Andy Scully at Woodhouse and his team did a sensational job of providing over 100 activities for the children and young people. It was an experience that we are all going to remember.

After an exciting year, we cannot wait to see what the next one brings for Tuesday cubs and for all those at 148<sup>th</sup>.

Last September having both cub packs run side by side we took the decision to run separate programmes, each working to our own strengths & basing activities around our own packs.

Wednesday cubs has continued to go from strength to strength & come September will be at capacity. We've had an amazing fun filled year. It wouldn't have been as successful without a great team of leaders & helpers. Thanks to Richard Staniland & Hannah Bracey aswell as our section young leaders Sophie Delaney & Lexie Chappell-King. I must also mention both Lee Pearce & Penny Herrington for all the support they've given us when we've been camping.

Running on zoom made us realise how much we enjoy getting out & about so this year we've really tried to vary our programme. As a pack the cubs have completed the skater badge & money skills badges for the first time, aswell as our astronomer, pioneer & fire safety. During the year amongst other things, we've been ice skating, skateboarding, sailing, improved our archery & taken part in a boxercise class.

From April 2021 until the end of June 2021 the Wednesday cubs have earned a total of 285 badges & 4 Silver awards. Well done everyone.

It's not all about badgework there's been a fair bit of fire lighting, knife skills & navigation, with a lot of the year 5's earning their own fire kits. They've enjoyed going back to basics. The last year has seen us catching up on our nights away, the cubs have had the opportunity of 14 nights away. We've camped by ourselves, with Tuesday cubs, the beavers & the scouts & recently as a whole group.

Next week sees us going on our first ever cub summer camp, we'll be travelling to Huish woods by mini bus & spending a long weekend together. Having been so long in the planning, the excitement is building & now we just can't wait 😊

I'm sure there will be many an adventure & just as many opportunities in the coming year, after all we're just getting started.

Tanya Bracey (Akela), Richard Staniland (Jacala), Hannah Bracey (Haithi)

Sophie Delaney (Rikki Tikki Tavi) & Lexi Chappell-King (Leela)

Well we finally got out of lockdown for scouting properly and got straight back into the swing of things.

We started off with a bit of physical exercise to dust the cobwebs off in the form of the bleep test. The scouts did well and 2 of them carried on well into level 9.

As we had all spent so long apart and a few new faces, we did a session on getting to know each other. The scouts have some interesting hobbies and taste in music! Spent a weekend at the HQ making raised beds, learning about space and sorting the HQ out. The next few months were spent prepping for camp at Chelwood. The Scouts planned their own menus and activities they wanted to do on the camp. The Chelwood camp was spent in hammocks, some loved them and some loathed them! It was a great camp and the scouts learned to prepare and cook their food they chose.

A bit of a break for the summer then back to prepping for another camp. This time it was at Centenary woods. The 3 oldest scouts took the lead on camp. The scouts got stuck in with the knife axe and saw work, cooked for themselves and had a great time at the camp. We stayed in tents this time, although the girls maybe should have stayed in hammocks after the smell of feet after 24 hours. Their tent had to be aired out after that one!

The rest of 2021 saw us doing indoor pioneering projects, Archery, Canoeing, cooking, household skills, food testing and some team building tasks.

We also said goodbye to Paul Carter who had spent over 44 years with the 148th. We have him a great send off. The amount of people attended showed how much Paul was respected at the 148th. He had given so much of his time for the benefit of others in Scouting. Once again Paul, from all of us, past and present at the 148th, Thank you.

2022 started off with planning the next few months activities. We planned our veg beds, did ready steady cook, created adverts, fencing, shooting, wood carving, bowling, archery, made pizzas and completed the local knowledge badge.

Between the troop, 114 badges were awarded including Wills Chief scout gold award.

The troop is growing in strength and we are looking forward to what the Scouts can achieve over the next year.

As always thank you to all those that help out with the troop. Helping out on Thursday nights, coming along on camps and activities with us, helping clean, helping with the fundraising, attending work parties in the pouring rain, transporting Scouts and equipment, passing on skills, maintenance of the HQ and grounds, building, painting and any other tasks that need doing whether big or small. Without you guys, we would not be able to run the troop. Thank you.

## GSLs Report 2021 to 2022

This report covers the period 1<sup>st</sup> April 2021 to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2022. During most of the year we have been able to return to face-to-face section meetings and held camps and sleepovers. Thanks to everyone who took part, and joined in, and the leaders for organising.

There will be more from each of the sections later, but I would like to mention the following:

Katie has made further progress with the Beavers, and we were able to reopen the second Colony.

During the year, the two Cub packs decided to move away from running the same programme and do their own thing, but while also working together on some activities.

The Scouts have been working outside whenever possible, learning lots of new skills, thanks to Tim and the other Scout Leaders. However, the Troop is now at its maximum capacity, so we can't move Cubs up at the age of 10.5 years, which in turn means we won't be able to move Beavers to Cubs at 8 years old. Therefore, we need to open (or is reopen) a second Troop!!!! This can only happen if we have new volunteers step forward. Could it be you (and I think it could)? Support & Training is provided. Please catch me for a chat either at the AGM or via Facebook or [group@1ststockwoodscouts.org.uk](mailto:group@1ststockwoodscouts.org.uk).

In October, Paul Carter stood down as Assistant Scout Leader after more than 40 years. We were pleased to appoint Paul as Honorary Group President.

Thank you to all the volunteers who have given up their time over the last year; and as I think it is important to recognise the time and wisdom that they give to the group, they are:

Beavers – Katie, Penny, Andrea, Lisa, Brian & James;

Tuesday Cubs – Sarah, Helen & Rachel;

Wednesday Cubs – Tanya, Karen, Stan & Hannah;

Scouts – Tim, Paul, Andrew, Kyle, Connor & Lilly,

Help as and when to all sections - Alan & Lee;

Group Committee – Chair Chris Osborne, Treasurer Andy Bracey, Secretary Jill McClelland;

We also have several Young Leaders (who are Explorer Scouts - 14 to 18 years old) and make a valuable contribution to the section and the group.

Thank you all!

Are you on Facebook? If so, make sure that you join the Facebook Group for your child's Section and the [Member Information Group](#), where we share details of what is happening soon.

I would really like to start the process to open a Squirrel Dray for 4 to 6 year olds, but we need volunteers to run it. Experience in Scouting or this age group is not necessary, and full training and support will be provided. Are you who we are looking for?

We are always on the lookout for new volunteers in the group, working with the young people or providing support in the background. As mentioned before, we need more volunteer leaders so that we can provide Scouting to all in Stockwood who would like to join. We will be starting a recruitment drive soon, but in the meantime, please have a think about the ways that you can support our young people to get the most from the Scouting Adventure; and chat with any of the leaders or me. Training and support are always available! I've added a list of some potential roles below.

Yours in Scouting

Andy Dyer

Group Scout Leader

Email: [group@1ststockwoodscouts.org.uk](mailto:group@1ststockwoodscouts.org.uk)

Website: [1ststockwoodscouts.org.uk](http://1ststockwoodscouts.org.uk)

Facebook: [1ststockwoodscouts](https://www.facebook.com/1ststockwoodscouts)

### Current Vacancies

Scout Leader & Assistant Scout Leaders

Assistant Squirrel Leaders

Assistant Beaver Leaders

Assistant Cub Leaders

Deputy Group Scout Leader



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HQ Caretaker (could suit a retired Grandparent); and / or  
HQ Bookings coordinator  
Fundraisers  
Trustees  
Webmaster  
Grass Cutters  
Gardeners  
HQ Maintenance

**Please speak with Chris Osborne or Andy Dyer for any of these exciting volunteering opportunities!!!**

**Appendix 2(a)**

Statement of Accounts

# 148<sup>th</sup> Bristol (1<sup>st</sup> Stockwood) Scout Group

## Balance Sheet 2021/2022

	<b>Main ledger</b>		<b>22497.97</b>	
<b>Brought Forward Figures</b>				
Beaver		3.31		
Cubs		7.66		
Scouts		14.50		
Fundraising		1236.61		
			<b>1262.08</b>	
				<b>23760.05</b>
<b>Income</b>	<b>Main ledger</b>		<b>29592.37</b>	
Beaver		0.00		
Cubs		0.00		
Scouts		0.00		
Fundraising		0.00		
			<b>0.00</b>	
				<b>29592.37</b>
<b>Expenditure</b>	<b>Main ledger</b>		<b>20267.12</b>	
Beaver		0.00		
Cubs		0.00		
Scouts		0.00		
Fundraising		0.00		
			<b>0.00</b>	
				<b>20267.12</b>
<b>Carried Forward</b>	<b>Main ledger</b>		<b>33059.83</b>	
Beaver		3.31		
Cubs		7.66		
Scouts		14.50		
Fundraising				
			<b>25.47</b>	
				<b>33085.30</b>

## Income & Expenditure

### Income

Subs	12,838.00
Camps/Sections	4,548.15
Gift Aid	4,185.74
Fundraising	3,496.24
Interest	0.94
Donations/Grants	2,667.00
Other	323.60
Clothing	626.70
Hall Rental	906.00

### Totals

**29,592.37**

### Expenditure

Infrastructure	558.19
Utilities	1,260.04
Insurance	1,036.41
Cleaning	1,668.49
Equipment	1,091.39
Camps/Sections	7,027.80
Scout Association	4,461.00
Training	160.00
Uniforms\Clothing	2,053.16
Fundraising expenses	863.66
Other	86.98

**20,267.12**

**Appendix 2(b)**

Independent Examiners Report to the Trustees

# England & Wales

## Template 1: Unqualified report for a non-company charity preparing receipts and payments accounts with a gross income of £250,000 or less in the relevant financial year

### Independent examiner's report to the trustees of 148<sup>th</sup> Bristol (1<sup>st</sup> Stockwood) Scout Council

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the 148<sup>th</sup> Bristol (1<sup>st</sup> Stockwood) Scout Group for the year ended 5<sup>th</sup> April 2022.

#### Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees of the 148<sup>th</sup> Bristol (1<sup>st</sup> Stockwood) Scout Group 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 148<sup>th</sup> Bristol (1<sup>st</sup> Stockwood) Scout Group accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all 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 giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the 148<sup>th</sup> Bristol (1<sup>st</sup> Stockwood) Scout Group as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records.

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

Signed:



Name:

Janet Ballinger

Relevant professional qualification or membership of professional bodies (if any): F.C.C.A

Address:

59 Beeches Road, Cheltenham, GL53 8NJ

Date:

28<sup>th</sup> July 2022

**148TH BRISTOL (1ST STOCKWOOD) SCOUT GROUP**

England & Wales - Charity number 302177

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# Accounts

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# 148th Bristol (1<sup>st</sup> Stockwood) Scout Group Trustees' Annual Report

**For the period**

From :

06/04/20

To:

05/04/21

**Section A – Administration Details**

<b>Charity Name</b>	148 <sup>th</sup> Bristol (1 <sup>st</sup> Stockwood) Scout Group						
<b>Registered Charity Number</b>	3	0	2	1	7	7	
<b>Charity Address</b>	76 Maes Knoll Drive Whitchurch Bristol						
<b>Postcode</b>	B	S	1	4	0	F	F

<b>Scout Association Registration Number</b>	1	0	0	1	3	6	6	5
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Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity (these will be published in the annual report of the charity and the Charity Register if reporting for a Registered Charity with a charity regulator):

<b>Trustee Name</b>	<b>Position</b>	<b>Date Acted (if not for whole year)</b>
Andy Dyer	Group Scout Leader	n/a
Andy Bracey	Treasurer	n/a
Chris Osborne	Chair	n/a
Jill McClelland	Secretary	n/a

Details of other advisors:

<b>Bank Details</b>	Lloyds Bank						
<b>Address</b>	1/3 London Road East Grinstead West Sussex						
<b>Post Code</b>	R	H	1	9	1	A	H

<b>Advisor Type</b>	Independent Examiner						
<b>Advisor Name</b>	Janet Ballinger						
<b>Address</b>	59 Beeches Road Cheltenham						
<b>Post Code</b>	G	L	5	3	8	N	J
<b>Dates Examined</b>	10/05/21						

## **Section B – Structure, Governance and Management**

The Group's governing documents are those of the 'The Scout Association'. They consist of a Royal Charter, which in turn gives authority to the Bye Laws of the Association and The Policy, Organisation and Rules of The Scout Association.

The Group is a trust established under its rules which are common to all Scouts.

The Trustees are appointed in accordance with the Policy, Organisation and Rules of The Scout Association.

The Group is managed by the Group Executive Committee, 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 Committee consists of 3 independent representatives, Chair, Treasurer and Secretary together with the Group Scout Leaders, individual section leaders (if opted to take on the responsibility) and parent's representation and meets every 3 months.

Members of the Executive Committee complete 'Essential Information for Executive Committee' training within the first 5 months of joining the committee.

This Group Executive Committee exists to support the Group Scout Leader in meeting the responsibilities of the appointments and is responsible for:

- The maintenance of Group property;
- The raising of funds and the administration of Group finance;
- The insurance of persons, property and equipment;
- Group public occasions;
- Assisting in the recruitment of leaders and other adult support;
- Appointing any sub committees that may be required;
- Appointing Group Administrators and Advisors other than those who are elected.

The Group Executive Committee has identified the major risks to which they believe the Group is exposed, these have been reviewed and systems have been established to mitigate against them. The main areas of concern that have been identified are:

Damage to the building, property and equipment. The Group would request the use of buildings, property and equipment from neighbouring organisations such as the church, community centre and other Scout Groups. Similar reciprocal arrangements exist with these organisations. The Group has sufficient buildings and contents insurance in place to mitigate against permanent loss.

Injury to leaders, helpers, supporters and members. The Group through the capitation fees contributes to the Scout Associations national accident insurance policy. Risk Assessments are undertaken before all activities.

Reduced income from fund raising. The Group is primarily reliant upon income from subscriptions and fundraising. The group does hold a reserve to ensure the continuity of activities should there be a major reduction in income. The Committee could raise the value of subscriptions to increase the income to the group on an ongoing basis, either temporarily or permanently.

Reduction or loss of leaders. The group is totally reliant upon volunteers to run and administer the activities of the group. If there was a reduction in the number of leaders to an unacceptable level in a particular section or

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Reduction or loss of members. The Group provides activities for all young people aged 6 – 18. If there was a reduction in membership in a particular section or the group as a whole then there would have to be a contraction, consolidation or closure of a section. In the worst case scenario the complete closure of the Group.

The Group has in place systems of internal controls that are designed to provide reasonable assurance against material mismanagement or loss, these include 2 signatories for all payments and a comprehensive insurance policies to ensure that insurable risks are covered.

### **Section C – Objective and Activities**

The Purpose of Scouting - Scouting exists to actively engage and support young people in their personal development, empowering them to make a positive contribution to society.

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

Signed on behalf of the Charities Trustees:



Name	Andy Dyer
Position	Group Scout Leader
Date	30/07/21



Name	Chris Osborne
Position	Chair
Date	30/07/21

**Appendix 1**

Annual Report

## **GSLs Report 2020 to 2021**

This report covers the period 1<sup>st</sup> April 2020 to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2021. During the year we have had section meetings by Zoom and face-to-face (but with limitations in place). Although not the same as meeting together, the Zoom sessions provided an opportunity for those who wanted, to meet up with their friends, which I think was unbelievably valuable for many. Thanks to everyone who took part, and joined in, and leaders for organising.

There will be more from each of the sections later, but I would like to mention the following:

Katie has made a great start with the Beavers, with the support of Penny, Lisa, and various parents.

Sarah Chilcott joined us as Cub Scout Leader of Tuesday pack. Sarah and Tanya, with the other leaders, have worked very well together, sharing programmes and Zoom meetings as necessary for the two packs. I am pleased to welcome Hannan Bracey back to the group as a Cub Leader.

The Scouts have been working outside whenever possible, learning lots of new skills, thanks to Tim and the other Scout Leaders. I am also pleased to be able to welcome Lilly Price back to the group as a Scout Leader.

Unfortunately, the 'Pegasus' Explorer Scout Unit (for 14 to 18-year olds) has closed during lockdown due to insufficient leaders. We will continue to assist leavers from the Scout Troop to find a way to continue their Scouting.

The Beaver and Cub waiting lists have grown, and we are now in a difficult position. The Beaver waiting list includes 15 children who are already six years old, and some who are seven. The Cubs also have 8 children on their waiting list who are already eight years old. The Scout Troop is now full, with the additional issue that over the next two years we will have less Scouts turning 14 and leaving than Cubs who will move up the Troop. The answer is clearly to re-open the second Beaver Colony and the second Scout Troop. We have enough young people, but not enough Adult volunteers!

Thank you to all the volunteers who have given up their time over the last year; and as I think it is important to recognise the time and wisdom that they give to the group, they are:

Beavers - Katie Frankze, Penny Herrington & Lisa Hannan;

## **GSLs Report 2020 to 2021**

Cubs -Tanya Bracey, Sarah Chilcott, Karen Gibbons, Helen Osborne, Jackie Loader, Sarah Hollow, Richard Staniland, Hannah Bracey & Nick Lloyd;

Scouts - Tim Jones, Paul Carter, Andrew Cole, Kyle Freethy, Lilly Price, & Lee Pearce;

Group Committee - Chair Chris Osborne, Treasurer Andy Bracey, Secretary Jill McClelland;

We also have several Young Leaders (who are Explorer Scouts) and make a valuable contribution to the section and the group.

Thank you all!

Looking forward, we hope to be able to plan some camps later in the year, but at the present time, there is no clear indication when this will be allowed. We also hope to be able to sort out the waiting list issue.

We are always on the lookout for new volunteers in the group, working with the young people or providing support in the background. As mentioned before, we need more volunteer leaders so that we can provide Scouting to all in Stockwood who would like to join. We will be starting a recruitment drive soon, but in the meantime, please have a think about the ways that you can support our young people to get the most from the Scouting Adventure; and chat with any of the leaders or me. Training and support are always available!

Yours in Scouting  
Andy Dyer  
Group Scout Leader

## Beaver Report for AGM

Since taking up the position of Beaver leader in August, we've obviously had quite a mix of both face to face and zoom sessions which whilst understandably didn't appeal to every Beaver, did keep a majority of the existing Beavers attending every week. When meeting face to face during restrictions we were only able to have 15 young people so we ensured the colony didn't go above this and we were regularly seeing 10 to 12 Beavers when meeting on zoom, which was great. We are now able to increase our numbers as advised by the Scout Association so we have 15 enrolled Beavers and 5 new Beavers. Our aim is to gradually increase this to 24 Beavers over the next month.

Penny and Lisa remain as assistant leaders, which has been invaluable to me since I started. We have a number of regular parent helpers, which we are always hoping to increase but 6 of these parents are also scouting DBS checked.

Our zoom sessions have involved biscuit decorating, craft, lego challenges, mini pirate adventure a talent show, guest talks from Guide Dogs Association and Xplore space centre and of course plenty of games. It was amazing how the Beavers didn't ever seem to tire of scavenger hunts.

During our face to face sessions we have made bug hotels, first aid and 999 calls, morse code, planting sunflowers and gone off site for local walks and stick collecting. We've also had a lot of fun at our Halloween, Christmas and Easter parties.

We have worked on several badges since September, including Disability Awareness, Communication, Health and Fitness, Emergency Aid, Builder and Creative.

Our biggest pressing issue is Waiting Lists. At Beavers we have a very extended list including children who are already of Beaver age, which we don't like to see as we want to give as many young people a possible the chance to join Scouting, so this is something we are addressing across all of the sections.

The Cubs section has continued to go from strength to strength. We've had a strange year, but an enjoyable (for the most part) one. It couldn't have happened without the other leaders. Sarah Chilcott, Helen Osborne, Jackie Loader & Nick Lloyd with Tuesday cubs. Richard Staniland, Karen Gibbon, Hannah Bracey & Sarah Mamo with Wednesday cubs. Both packs have some amazing young leaders, Katie Day joining the Tues cubs during lockdown. Wednesday lost Ethan as he started an apprenticeship, Hannah turned 18, but became a section assistant. Luckily, we kept hold of Sophie & have now also been joined by Lexie. The cubs love having them all around, they all have masses of experience & are a big part of the team.

Much of the year was run over zoom with periods in between when we could run face to face with limited numbers. Although we couldn't always meet, I was conscious that I wanted the cubs to get as much from our zoom sessions as possible. A little bit of normality & routine for them. Zoom sessions seeing us taking part in drumming workshops, cooking together, a CSI session with an ex-police officer. Science experiments, quizzes, taekwondo & so much more. Cubs were slightly disappointed when the zoom sessions ended. Our face-to-face meetings have been outside, in wind, sun & rain. We've gone back to basics, lit fires, hiked, played games & even had a Christmas party in March!

Lockdown hasn't stopped the fun & creativity; the cubs have taken full advantage of the badgework we gave them. From April 2020 until the end of March 2021 the cubs have earned a total of 238 badges & 11 Silver awards. Well done everyone.

I'm certainly glad to be back to face-to-face sessions. Seeing them in person after such a long time was lovely, they all grew, some are even as tall as me! Cubs have gone back to basics to start with especially as we are outside & the evenings are lighter. We are enjoying fire lighting, food, hikes & even knots. Lockdown has seen us lose a few cubs, whether they've moved up to scouts or decided not to return, this has given us room to move up some beavers & take some cubs from our waiting list. Which for us right now is perfect.

Running both packs was only temporary, as it's a huge amount of work. Thankfully Sarah Chilcott agreed to take on Tuesday cubs running alongside Helen. Unfortunately, both Sarah Mamo & Jackie Loader have stepped back from cubs, however they'll still be about to help whenever we need them. Thanks ladies, your help over the last few years has been invaluable. We'll all miss you massively.

Whatever the months ahead bring to cubs I'm sure we'll make the most of it & have many more adventures. As soon as we can I plan to get some nights away booked, we have lots to catch up on. Fingers crossed it won't be too long.

Tanya Bracey (Akela)

Last year was again an odd year for The Troop, lockdown was still in effect but we still got on with it.

We managed to keep up our work online utilising zoom and a few tasks set to do at home.

We managed to get back to the HQ for a few weeks in Aug to practice some fire lighting and basic scouting skills.

September to October we taught the scouts the art of playing conkers, making butter, acorn coffee and vegetable pasties. Then it was back into lockdown and back to Zoom!

Most of the scouts got involved in the online sessions where we completed some first aid, learned about space, each other, scouting and played kahoot quizzes and scribble games.

The next time we were back at the HQ was April when the government started to ease the lockdown. We started off with our spring session inviting the scouts to the HQ to do a variety of activities over the weekend. They made some ovens from bins, raised beds for plants, learned about space and completed some team building and problem solving tasks.

As lockdown was eased further we moved back to Thursday evenings at the Scout hut and we are currently working through our programme concentrating on health, fitness and wellbeing.

Our plans for the near future will be camping, cycling and working towards completing more activity and challenge badges.

Paul Carter was awarded his bar to his silver acorn, another great achievement for Paul.

The Scouts earned over 40 activity and challenge badges between them.

We have also welcomed Lilly, an ex Scout from 148th as a new section helper into the Troop.

The troop is growing in strength and we are looking forward to what the Scouts can achieve over the next year.

As always thank you to all those that help out with the troop. Helping out on Thursday nights, coming along on camps and activities with us, helping clean, helping with the fundraising, attending work parties in the pouring rain, transporting Scouts and equipment, passing on skills, maintenance of the HQ and grounds, building, painting and any other tasks that need doing whether big or small. Without you guys, we would not be able to run the troop. Thank you.

**Appendix 2(a)**

Statement of Accounts

## Balance Sheet 2020/2021

<b>Brought Forward Figures</b>	<b>Main ledger</b>	<b>8446.06</b>	
Beaver	3.31		
Cubs	7.66		
Scouts	14.50		
Fundraising	1158.61		
		<b>1184.08</b>	
			<b>9630.14</b>
<b>Income</b>	<b>Main ledger</b>	<b>28,249.36</b>	
Beaver	0.00		
Cubs	1489.00		
Scouts	72.06		
Fundraising	78.00		
		<b>1639.06</b>	
			<b>28,888.42</b>
<b>Expenditure</b>	<b>Main ledger</b>	<b>12,486.44</b>	
Beaver	362.28		
Cubs	1,563.19		
Scouts	346.60		
Fundraising	0.00		
		<b>2,272.07</b>	
			<b>14,758.51</b>
<b>Carried Forward</b>	<b>Main ledger</b>	<b>22,497.97</b>	
Beaver	3.31		
Cubs	7.66		
Scouts	14.50		
Fundraising	1,236.61		
		<b>1,262.08</b>	
			<b>23,760.05</b>

<b>Income</b>		<b>Expenditure</b>	
Subs	11,904.00	Infrastructure	3,070.23
Camps/Sections	3,457.88	Utilities	1,130.70
Gift Aid	2,260.52	Insurance	975.06
Fundraising	363.52	Cleaning	1,051.65
Interest	1.50	Equipment	586.97
Donations/Grants	10,500.00	Camps/Sections	2,173.01
Other	301.00	Scout Association	3,407.50
Clothing	0.00	Training	0.00
Hall Rental	100.00	Pandemic Refunds	2363.39
<b>Total</b>	<b>28,888.42</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>14,758.51</b>



**Appendix 2(b)**

Independent Examiners Report to the Trustees

# England & Wales

**Template 1: Unqualified report for a non-company charity preparing receipts and payments accounts with a gross income of £250,000 or less in the relevant financial year**

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## **Independent examiner's report to the trustees of 148<sup>th</sup> Bristol (1<sup>st</sup> Stockwood) Scout Council**

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the 148th Bristol (1st Stockwood) Scout Group for the year ended 5<sup>th</sup> April 2021.

### **Responsibilities and basis of report**

As the charity trustees of the 148th Bristol (1st Stockwood) Scout Group 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 148th Bristol (1st Stockwood) Scout Group accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

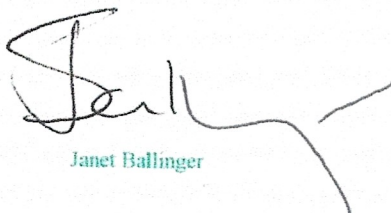
### **Independent examiner's statement**

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

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the 148th Bristol (1st Stockwood) Scout Group as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records.

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

Signed:



Name:

Janet Ballinger

Relevant professional qualification or membership of professional bodies (if any): F.C.C.A

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Date:

10<sup>th</sup> May 2021