



148th Bristol (1st Stockwood) Scout Group Trustees' Annual Report

For the period

From :

06/04/22

To:

05/04/23

Section A – Administration Details

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

Scout Association Registration Number	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):

Trustee Name	Position	Date Acted (if not for whole year)
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:

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

Advisor Type	Independent Examiner						
Advisor Name	Janet Ballinger						
Address	59 Beeches Road Cheltenham						
Post Code	G	L	5	3	8	N	J
Dates Examined	03/08/23						

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

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 £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:



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 1st April 2022 to 31st 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

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 really 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

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

Receipts and payments

	2021/22 Unrestricted funds £	2022/23 Unrestricted funds £
Receipts		
Donations, legacies and similar income		
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
Sub total	17823.39	19301.47
Grants		
Maintenance grant		
Other grants	2667.00	3331.50
Sub total	2667.00	3331.50
Fundraising (gross)		
Christmas Tree Sale	3496.24	3370.79
AGM & Fireworks	1254.80	2048.50
Other fundraising activities		583.15
	205.11	739.14
Co-op & Easy fundraising	2036.33	
Sub total	3496.24	3370.79
Investment income		
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		
Sub total	906.94	622.47
Total Gross Income	24893.57	26626.23
Asset and investment sales, etc.	0.00	0.00
Total receipts	24893.57	26626.23

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Receipts and Payments Account

For the year from	2022	To	2023
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Receipts and payments

	2021/22 Unrestricted funds £	2022/23 Unrestricted funds £
Payments		
Charitable Payments		
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		
Sub total	14704.66	22265.79
Fundraising expenses		
Xmas Tree Sales	846.16	1524.40
Other fundraising costs	17.50	645.11
Sub total	863.66	2169.51
Total Gross Expenditure	15568.32	24435.30
Asset and investment purchases, etc.	0.00	0.00
Total payments	15568.32	24435.30
Net of receipts/(payments)	9325.25	2190.93
Cash funds last year end	0.00	0.00
Cash funds this year end	9325.25	2190.93

Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the year

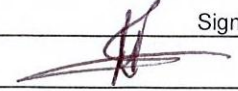
	01/04/2022	31/03/2023
	Unrestricted funds £	Unrestricted funds £
Cash funds		
Bank current account	23,632.47	10,926.84
Bank deposit account	9,306.26	24,323.92
Building society account	121.10	
The Scout Association Short Term Investment Service		
Cash/Floats	25.47	25.47
Total cash funds	33,085.30	35,276.23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

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


 C. Osborne

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 148th Bristol (1st 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 5th 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.