



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

For the period

From :

01/04/24

To:

31/03/25

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	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).

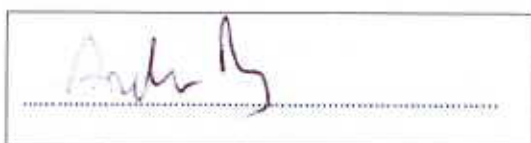
Section F – Plans for the Coming Year

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.

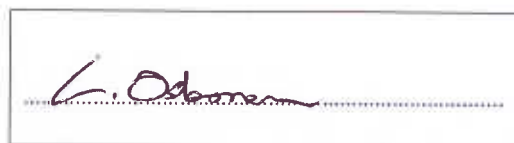
Section G – Declaration

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 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

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 1st April 2024 to 31st 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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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

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 £
Receipts		
Donations, legacies and similar income		
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
Sub total	31642.10	37211.61
Grants		
Maintenance grant		
Other grants	3331.50	440.00
Sub total	3331.50	440.00
Fundraising (gross)		
Fundraising	3643.30	3354.40
Sub total	3643.30	3354.40
Investment income		
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		
Sub total	1193.22	1144.97
Total Gross Income	39810.12	42150.98
Asset and investment sales, etc.	0.00	0.00
Total receipts	39810.12	42150.98

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Receipts and payments

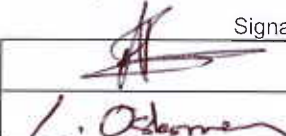
	2023/24 Unrestricted funds £	2024/25 Unrestricted funds £
Payments		
Charitable Payments		
Youth programme and activities	17469.89	17674.64
Adult support and training	60.00	390.00
Business Rates		139.72
Water and Sewerage	202.87	202.06
Electricity and Gas	3219.00	2813.64
Insurance	1271.40	1309.53
Repairs 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
Sub total	28085.50	26483.73
Fundraising expenses		
fundraising costs	2290.24	1529.92
Sub total	2290.24	1529.92
Total Gross Expenditure	30375.74	28013.65
Asset and investment purchases, etc.	0.00	0.00
Total payments	30375.74	28013.65
Net of receipts/(payments)	9434.38	14137.33
Cash funds last year end	0.00	0.00
Cash funds this year end	9434.38	14137.33

Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the year

	01/04/2023	31/03/2024
	Unrestricted funds	Unrestricted funds
	£	£
Cash funds		
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	
Total cash funds	41,379.11	55,516.44
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	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		
Sub total	326,580.00	326,550.00
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

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

 L. Osborn

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 31st 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:

30th June 2025