



Trustees' Annual Report for the period

Period start date		Period end date	
From	1 April 2024	To	31 March 2025

Section A Reference and administration details

Charity name

Bearsted Scout Group

Other names charity is known by

n/a

Registered charity number (if any)

303412

Registered charity number
(if any)

Charity's principal address

Bearsted Scout Headquarters

Church Landway, Bearsted

Maidstone, Kent

Postcode

ME14 4NE

Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1	Simon Wood	Chair		
2	Malcolm Kersey	Treasurer		
3	Toni Carter	Secretary		
4	Nicholas Ross			
5	Alisdair Reid			
6	Nicola Wickenden		until 18 November 2024	
7	Hattie Turner			
8	Paul Dacey		until 18 November 2024	
9	Alison Turner		until 18 November 2024	
10	Colin Bolt		until 18 November 2024	

Names of the trustees for the charity, if any, (for example, any custodian trustees)

Name	Dates acted if not for whole year

Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address

Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (Optional information)

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Section B Structure, governance and management

Description of the charity's trusts

Type of governing document (eg. trust deed, constitution)	The Group's governing documents are those of The Scout Association.
How the charity is constituted (eg. trust, association, company)	The Group is a trust established under its rules which are common to all Scouts.
Trustee selection methods (eg. appointed by, elected by)	The Trustees are appointed in accordance with the Policy, Organisation and Rules of The Scout Association.

Additional governance issues (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant, about:

- policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees;
- the charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works;
- relationship with any related parties;
- trustees' consideration of major risks and the system and procedures to manage them.

The Group, which is an educational charity, is managed by a Group Trustee Board. 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.

This Trustee Board 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.

Section C Objectives and activities

Summary of the objects of the charity set out in its governing document

Bearsted Scout Group is set up under the Scout Association Rules and provides Scouting for the local community for young people aged from 4 to 25 and adult members as stated in the Scout Association Rules.

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

Summary of the main activities undertaken for the public benefit in relation to these objects (include within this section the statutory declaration that trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit)

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. It does this primarily by providing Scouting activities for young people aged between 4 and 25, notably including hiking, archery, camping, and climbing.

Additional details of objectives and activities (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include further statements, where relevant, about:

- policy on grantmaking;
- policy programme related investment;
- contribution made by volunteers.

The organisation is wholly dependent on activities arranged by volunteers who freely give up their time to support our young people.

Section D

Achievements and performance

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

Membership of young persons in the Group has continued to grow over the past year. The establishment of a Squirrel Drey has enabled us to cater for those in the 4-6 year age group. A shortage of leaders continues to limit the places we can offer for Beavers in the 6-8 year age. The number on our waiting list would easily fill a second Beaver Colony, if sufficient volunteers were to come forward.

The Group has completed the erection of a new building to store camping and activity equipment. Internal fittings and a power supply have been added to maximise ensure its efficient use.

Section E

Financial review

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

The Group does not have a formal policy on reserves. The Treasurer ensures that it holds sufficient resources to continue its charitable activities, should income and fundraising activities fall short.

To this end the Treasurer ensures that, as an absolute minimum the Group holds a sum equivalent to 12 months running costs, circa £6,000 for 2025/26. After rising sharply in the recent past, costs have stabilised with new long-term contracts for utilities, albeit at higher levels than in the past.

The Group held reserves of approximately £10,000 at the end of 2024/25. In addition, the Sections (Squirrel Drey; Beaver Colony; Cub Packs and Scout Troop) held sufficient funds to enable each of them independently to arrange activities for young people. The Fundraising account continues to accumulate funds to cover the costs of future improvements to, and maintenance of facilities.

Details of any funds materially in deficit

Further financial review details (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant about:

- the charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising);
- how expenditure has supported the key objectives of the charity;
- investment policy and objectives including any ethical investment policy adopted.

Our regular income involves subscriptions which cover Scout Group running costs, and contributions to support the District, County and National Scout Association hierarchy. Additional contributions are received to enable us to provide further special activities for our young people.

The principal means of fundraising continues to be running barbecues at events organised by other local organisations, thereby enhancing outreach within the community.

The accounts show one exceptional item of income in the form of a £1,000 grant from the Gallagher Community Fund 2024 towards the cost of fitting out the new stores building.

Section F

Other optional information

Section G

Declaration

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)		
Full name(s)	Simon Wood	Malcolm Kersey
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Chair	Treasurer
Date		

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Receipts and Payments Account

	Year start date		Year end date
For the year from	01-Apr-24	To	31-Mar-25

Receipts and payments

	2024/25	2023/24
	Unrestricted funds	Unrestricted funds
	£	£
Receipts		
Donations, legacies and similar income		
Membership subscriptions	15,825	15,733
Less: Membership subscriptions paid on (National/County/Area/District)	-7,650	-5,638
Net membership subscriptions retained	8,175	10,095
Payments for Swiss trip	400	290
Donations	330	-
Legacies	-	-
Gift Aid	-	-
Activities	9,259	2,417
Other income	371	-
Sub total	18,535	12,802
Grants		
Maintenance grant	-	-
Other grants	1,000	200
Sub total	1,000	200
Fundraising (gross)		
BBQ takings banked	7,537	8,933
Detail 2	-	-
Detail 3	-	-
Other fundraising activities	113	-
Sub total	7,650	8,933
Investment income		
Bank interest	-	-
Building Society interest	-	-
The Scout Association Charity Deposit Account	-	-
Property Rent income	-	-
Other investment income	-	-
Sub total	-	-
Total Gross Income	27,184	21,935
Asset and investment sales, etc.	-	-
Total receipts	27,184	21,935

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Receipts and payments

	2024/25	2023/24
	Unrestricted funds	Unrestricted funds
	£	£
Payments		
Charitable Payments		
Youth programme and activities	9,149	4,315
Adult support and training	-	-
Rent	-	-
Water and Sewerage	125	431
Electricity and Gas	1,301	973
Insurance	2,348	2,709
Repairs and Renewals	1,960	4,085
Replacement Stores Building	12,753	3,510
Materials and equipment	1,263	832
Website hosting	-	-
Administration (Online Scout Manager)	127	147
Fees (Bank charges, card machine and Stripe fees)	526	438
Printing and photocopying	-	-
Uniforms and badges	824	1,272
AGM and trustee expenses	12	11
Miscellaneous costs	-	-
Leaving gifts following long service	-	-
Sub total	30,387	18,723
Fundraising expenses		
BBQ Expenses	4,079	4,539
	-	-
	-	-
Other fundraising costs	-	-
Sub total	4,079	4,539
Total Gross Expenditure	34,466	23,261
Asset and investment purchases, etc.	-	-
Total payments	34,466	23,261
Net of receipts/(payments)	-7,281	-1,326
Cash funds last year end	52,159	53,486
Cash funds this year end	44,878	52,159

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For the year
from

01-Apr-24

To

31-Mar-25

2024/25

2023/24

Unrestricted funds

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£

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Cash funds		
Bank current account	44,728	51,977
Bank deposit account	-	-
Building society account	-	-
The Scout Association Charity Deposit Account		-
Cash/Floats	150	182
Total cash funds	44,878	52,159
Other monetary assets		
Tax claim	-	-
Debts due from the County/Area/District/Group	-	-
Insurance claim	-	-
Sub total	-	-
Investment assets		
Investment property - detail	-	-
Quoted investments	-	-
Other investments - detail	-	-
Sub total	-	-
Non monetary assets for charity's own use		
Badge stock	-	-
Shop stock	-	-
Other stock	-	-
Land and buildings	-	-
Motor vehicles	-	-
Scouting equipment, furniture etc	-	-
Other	-	-
Sub total	-	-
Liabilities		
Accounts not yet paid	494	800
Expenses incurred but not invoiced	-1,236	-1,190
Subscriptions not yet paid	-	-50
Loan - detail	-	-
Net accounts paid but cheques uncleared	-	-
Sub total	-742	-440
Total net assets	44,136	51,719

The above receipts and payments account and statement of assets and liabilities were approved

by the Trustees on _____ and signed on their behalf by

Signature

Print Name

Chair
Treasurer

England & Wales

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Bearsted Scout Group

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Bearsted Scout Group for the year ended 31st March 2025.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees of the Bearsted 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 Bearsted 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 Bearsted 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: Patrick Mayo

Relevant professional qualification or membership of professional bodies (if any): N/A

Address: 137a Plains Avenue, Maidstone, Kent, ME15 7AX

Date: 14/09/2025