

# 1ST BIRCHINGTON AIR SCOUT GROUP

England & Wales · Charity number 303417

## Details

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**Other names** 1ST BIRCHINGTON BOY SCOUT GROUP

**Status** Registered

**Legal form** Other

**Registered** 1963-10-02

**Register** [View on the Charity Commission register](#)

## Contact

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## Activities

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**Objects:** 1ST BIRCHINGTON BOY SCOUT GROUP

**Activities:** To provide scouting to young people between the ages of 6 and 18 in Birchington

## Classification

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- **How:** Provides Buildings/facilities/open Space
- **What:** General Charitable Purposes, Education/training, Religious Activities, Arts/culture/heritage/science, Amateur Sport, Environment/conservation/heritage
- **Who:** Children/young People, The General Public/mankind

## Geography

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- **Area of benefit:** BIRCHINGTON
- Kent

## Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-03-31	£22,801	£27,484	-	-
2024-03-31	£87,542	£88,064	-	-
2023-03-31	£10,181	£13,124	-	-
2022-03-31	£10,118	£7,444	-	-
2021-03-31	£26,740	£12,814	-	-

## Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Brigette Watson		2013-11-15
Craig Solly		2025-01-13
Matthew Randall		2024-01-23
ROBERT KINGSMAN		2023-01-01
Richard Phillipott		2014-04-01
Samantha Jane David		2021-03-01
Samantha Stanton		2020-08-01

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# Accounts

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1<sup>st</sup> Birchington Air Scout Group  
Year Ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 2024



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Annual Reports & Accounts

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## ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING (AGM)

FRIDAY 4<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER 2024

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## **FINANCIAL REPORT 2023/24**

The opening cash balance was £17,111 and the closing cash balance was £16,589, as a result of a net payment of £522 over the financial year.

Funds received from subscriptions and activities were £8,553, with £7,425 being spent on the Youth Programme and activities for the Beaver, Cubs and Scouts during the year. Highlights on these have been discussed in the section reports. We were able to claim Gift Aid of £853 on the subscriptions.

Due to the hard work from Richard and Bob £74,021 of funding was secured from the Youth Investment Fund to replace the roof on the Scout Hut. With the support of Matt the majority of this work was complete by the end of March. A further amount, £10,123 has been received since the year end, to support with the completion of this project. I would like to say thank you to all those involved, the benefits for the scouting community in Birchington will be seen for many years to come.

Community groups are still using the hut and this generated income of £1,749 in 2023/24. There were two street collections and with the activities that were held in the hut during these we raised £1,795, which helps support the running costs of the Group. With ongoing costs, such as utilities, cleaning, insurance and purchasing new equipment these funds are essential to help support the Group's activities.

During the year we also set up a new higher interest bank account to help generate additional income for the Group.

I'm looking forward to seeing what exciting activities will happen in 2024/5 for the sections, thank you to everyone for their hard work this year.

**Samantha Stanton, Treasurer**

## **BEAVER SECTION REPORT 2023/24**

Since our last AGM beavers have been busy getting out and about doing badges and activities. We have made volcanoes on the beach, had custard cream stacking competitions, and thrown tomahawks with visitors at the hut.

Beavers have completed eight badges including taking photos of the village, growing sunflowers and beans, and learning morse code. We have also completed some staged activity badges visiting the Manston air museum and learning the phonetic alphabet. And every week we complete bits of the challenge badges learning to tie knots, light candles and learning a song in British sign language.

Beavers have helped in the village selling poppies with the British Legion, dressing as elves in the Christmas lights event and litter picking in Crispe Park.

At the time of writing this report we are looking forward to an Olympic sleepover and hoping that Vicky will be assessed for her nights away permit. We have another booked for October at Marshside.

We currently have thirteen beavers with three going up to cubs in September. We still only have two leaders with Mary still helping regularly for us. We have had a new helper in Steve who helps when work allows. Unfortunately, he will not be able to stay with us past autumn half-term so won't get to complete any training. So, we are still looking out for regular helpers who may turn into leaders!

We have said a beaver thank you to the Baptist Church for lending us their space while the scout hut had its new roof work. We couldn't have kept the activities going without their support.

And as always, I have a huge thank you to say to Vicky and Mary and all the parents who have been able to help and keep our colony doing the fun scouting activities we all enjoy.

Birch.

**Brigette Watson, Beaver Team Leader.**

## CUBS SECTION REPORT 2023/24

Hi, welcome to the section of the annual report where I try to cram a year's worth of Cub activities into one side of A4.

In the spring and summer terms I like to get the Cubs outdoors as much as possible - weather permitting - so we managed to get outside for evenings at Crispe Park (tracking), the rec (navigation) and Minnis Bay (crabbing and water rockets). Across the country, Scouts were encouraged to take part in a 'big help out' in the community to mark the King's coronation. The Cubs partnered up with the Birchington Anti-litter Group and used their litter pickers to carry out a tidy up of rubbish around the village. Finally, as an end of term treat, we had a great evening at Nelson Park, riding and grooming horses. (Not at the same time.)

A weekend camp was held at Ross Woods in June to give our newer Cubs a camping experience ahead of the highlight of the year. This was our summer camp, five days and four nights at Broadstone Warren in the Ashdown Forest. 12 Cubs, 9 leaders/helpers, 2 other young people and 1 dog took part. Upon arrival there was a downpour of rain which lasted non-stop for 18 hours... and so Bagheera and Mowgli became VERY familiar with the local launderette. Despite this, I did not hear one word of complaint from the Cubs. So what did they get up to? Climbing, abseiling, zip wiring, artificial tunneling, rafted canoeing, McFlurry and Domino's eating, washing up-ing, visiting Hundred Acre Wood and pooh sticks bridge from the Winnie the Pooh stories, and Bluebell steam railway journeying. Yes, I think that is enough to give you a taste.

In the autumn term we completed the communicator and astronomer badges, visited the Powell-Cotton Museum as part of the Kent Scouts LionAid challenge and enjoyed a sunny October hike in the Stodmarsh nature reserve. In November we spent a night underground trying to sleep at the Ramsgate Tunnels, using the basic beds and washing facilities which were used when people sheltered down there during the Second World War. This was a unique experience and we had great fun exploring the old railway tunnels. Our last meeting before Christmas was a visit to the ice-skating rink at Quex Park. The result? Not quite Torvill and Dean, but it wasn't Bambi on ice either.

The first three months of the year are always pretty gloomy, weather- and Scouting-wise, and we spent a month meeting elsewhere while work was going on at the scout hut. Still, we put together a decent programme, making airfix model Spitfires and swimming at Birchington Vale and some German, Spanish and Holi activities for the international badge - or should that be the eating-lots-of-foreign-food-and-making-a-mess-with-coloured-powder badge? At the very end of March, we started a series of visits to Monkton Nature Reserve as part of the naturalist (got to make sure I've got that word right) badge which is being completed later in the summer months of 2024.

A couple of shout outs: Henry and Toby for earning their Chief Scout Silver awards; Bagheera, Kim, Hathi, Chil, Mowgli and Willow for their time helping the Cubs this year; and a big BRAVO to Ella, Gareth and Sue, who have generously provided the catering for our camps and sleepovers since 2019 (by a rough count I think they have done this on 9 different events) and have now understandably decided it's time to take a break from this responsibility.

Finally, well done to all the Cubs for everything you've achieved this year, it means a lot to me and the other leaders 😊

**Daniel (Rama)**

## **SCOUTS SECTION REPORT 2023/24**

Over the past year, our scout section has had a remarkable year in growth, adventure and achievements. Despite the natural ebb and flow of scouts ageing out of the section, we have successfully maintained our numbers. This stability is largely thanks to the enthusiasm of our current scouts, as well as the leadership team.

It's always sad to lose scouts, but we are immensely proud of those who have successfully completed their chief scout gold award. This achievement reflects the hard work, commitment they have put in and we are immensely proud of them. Additionally, we have several scouts on track to complete their chief scout award soon, although we will be losing some of these dedicated members due to age.

This year our scouts have had the opportunity to experience a variety of exciting activities, each one bringing its own set of challenges and fun. Climbing and abseiling at revolution skate park brought about some significant challenges for our scout troop. It takes a lot of courage and trust, but the scouts had a thrilling time pushing their limits and building confidence.

Our scouts also had a truly unique experience sleeping underground in Margate Caves, getting up close with the local wildlife...Slugs.

Over the course of our building renovations, the Scouts were lucky enough to call the RAF Manston History Museum home. This allowed them to explore aviation history in more depth, learning valuable lessons from the past.

Coming up, we have an eagerly awaited overnight trip to Ramsgate Tunnels, where the scouts will sleep in bunks reminiscent of those used in World War II. It promises to be both educational and a fun experience for everyone.

This year also saw changes to our leadership team. Sadly, we had to say goodbye to one of our leaders who started the scout section back up at 1st Birchington, it was a heartfelt loss to the section. However, we were fortunate to gain a new leader, Sara, whose enthusiasm has made her a fantastic addition to our hardworking team. That being said, our need for more adult leaders remains a priority in order to expand our section and offer even more opportunities to current and future scouts.

As we head into the next year, we are filled with optimism and excitement for what's to come. With our current scouts achieving great things and plenty of awesome activities on the horizon, the future for our troop looks bright.

To ensure we continue to thrive, we will be focusing on the growth of the troop, both adult leaders and scouts, while maintaining the enthusiasm that makes our troop so awesome.

Thank you to both Sara and Toby for all the work they put into your 'two hours a week'. Our section would not run without either of them giving all they're hard work.

Lastly, our troop would be in dire straits without our young leaders, they are the glue that holds it all together. They have worked incredibly hard this year helping us adults to make each night run smoothly and keeping us oldies current within the world of teenagers. Thank you guys!

**Jody (Hobbit)**

## EXPLORERS LEADER REPORT 2023/24

Having grown quite quickly in the last couple of years, our numbers are now holding at around 19, sadly saying goodbye to some members as they turn 18 and regularly enrolling Scouts from Minster and Westgate as well as Birchington. We still meet every other week which seems to fit in around the Adult Volunteers work commitments and the Explorers own commitments, whether they are for part time jobs or for helping out as Young Leaders, which we encourage new Explorers to sign up for as many use it to tick off their volunteering requirement of their DofE award.

The Explorers programme is guided by them and we encourage them to make the most of their last couple of years in Scouting as Young People and the emphasis is always on fun and stress busting, especially around those dreaded exams. Planning and completing hikes, Pumpkin Carving, Pioneering at the Dip, Escape rooms, Karaoke, Quiz nights, Movie nights and recreating The Traitors and Squid Game (don't worry, no Explorers were harmed and it was sweets hanging from the rafters as the prize) were some of our personal favourites from this past year.

We aim to bring every opportunity to our Explorers which includes national and international events such as the Kent Scouts Rollercoaster Madness, London Monopoly Run or International Jamborees. Although some of them have enjoyed or signed up to these events, as the programme is tailored by them, we feel they would enjoy a camp that is just theirs which we have unfortunately been unable to offer as none of our leadership team currently has the necessary training. So we are looking to make amends and myself and Joe will finally be receiving training next month and will hopefully be assessed and ready to plan a proper Summer camp for the Explorers in 2025 and generally have more nights under canvas beyond that, finally getting to put the EXPLORE in Explorers!

I have to say that although our programme has been great over the past 12 months, we have been severely limited in what we can do as our funds were locked away in our GoCardless and we were unable to access them, whilst we transferred our banking to 1st Birchington's account. After a lot of back and forths and with the help of Sam (our treasurer) we are finally able to access our funds once again.

Although, sadly, we have lost a key member of our leadership team as Hannah has decided to take a step back from Scouting for the foreseeable future and I would like to thank her for keeping our Unit as one of her many spinning plates for so long. She has been a fantastic Leader, an inspiration to our Explorers and we hope that she'll find a way back to Scouting at some point. However, Joe has joined us full time from Westgate and we'll be joined regularly by Ryan, another of our former Explorers. But as our Unit grows and we look for more opportunities for camping further afield, we would love to hear from any potential leaders or helpers so that we can offer our fantastic group of Explorers as much Scouting as possible.

Warren, Explorer Team Leader.

## RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT 2023.24

1st Birchington Air Scout Group (Charity no. 303417)  
Receipts and payments account

For the year from	1st April 2023	To	31st March 2024
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### Receipts and payments

	2023/24 Unrestricted funds £	2022/23 Unrestricted funds £
<b>Receipts</b>		
<b>Donations, legacies and similar income</b>		
Membership subscriptions	5,558	5,090
Donations	2,079	3,020
Gift Aid	853	927
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>8,490</b>	<b>9,037</b>
<b>Grants</b>		
Youth Investment Fund Grant	74,021	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>74,021</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Fundraising events (gross)</b>		
Street Collections	1,795	527
Beaver/Cub/Scout activities	2,995	599
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>4,790</b>	<b>1,126</b>
<b>Investment income</b>		
Bank interest	241	18
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>241</b>	<b>18</b>
<b>Total Gross Income</b>	<b>87,542</b>	<b>10,181</b>
<b>Asset and investment sales, etc.</b>	-	-
<b>Total receipts</b>	<b>87,542</b>	<b>10,181</b>

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Receipts and payments

	2023/24 Unrestricted funds £	2022/23 Unrestricted funds £
<b>Payments</b>		
<b>Charitable Payments</b>		
Membership subscriptions paid on (National/County/Area/District)	2,334	2,172
Youth programme and activities	7,425	4,150
Youth Investment Grant Expenditure	73,021	-
Water and Sewerage	218	182
Electricity and Gas	919	2,266
Insurance	759	694
Repairs and Renewals	598	1,134
Materials and equipment	706	1,388
Uniforms	1,055	76
Council tax	65	138
Cleaning	549	507
Group expenses	215	283
Donations	28	19
Bank Charges	172	115
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>88,064</b>	<b>13,124</b>
<b>Total payments</b>	<b>88,064</b>	<b>13,124</b>
<b>Net of receipts/(payments)</b>	<b>(522)</b>	<b>(2,943)</b>
<b>Cash funds last year end</b>	<b>17,111</b>	<b>20,054</b>
<b>Cash funds this year end</b>	<b>16,589</b>	<b>17,111</b>

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

	2023/24 Unrestricted funds £	2022/23 Unrestricted funds £
<b>Cash funds</b>		
Bank current account	1,751	6,601
Bank deposit account	14,838	10,510
Cash/Floats	-	-
<b>Total cash funds</b>	<b>16,589</b>	<b>17,111</b>
(agree balances with receipts and payments account)	ok	ok
<b>Total net assets</b>	<b>16,589</b>	<b>17,111</b>

The above receipts and payments account and statement of assets and liabilities were approved by the Trustees on \_\_\_\_\_ 2024 (the date of the Trustee Board meeting that approved the accounts) and signed on their behalf by

Signature	Print Name
	Chair
	Treasurer

# INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT ON THE ACCOUNTS



CHARITY COMMISSION  
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

## Independent examiner's report on the accounts

### Section A Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees

Charity Name

1st Birchington Air Scout Group

On accounts for the year  
ended

31-3-2024.

Charity no  
(if any)

303417

Set out on pages

(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended

Responsibilities and  
basis of report

As the charity's trustees, 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 Trust's 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

[The charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 and I am qualified to undertake the examination by being a qualified member of [insert name of applicable listed body]]. Delete [ ] if not applicable.

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination (other than that disclosed below \*) which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or
- the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
- the accounts did not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

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.

\* Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.

Signed:

ALISON BLACK

Date:

24-6-2024

Name:

ALISON BLACK

Relevant professional  
qualification(s) or body

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Oct 2018

1<sup>st</sup> Birchington Air Scout Group

Annual General Meeting (AGM)

23<sup>rd</sup> January 2024

Venue: Scout Hut Birchington

Attendees	<p>Ben Goult (Chair) Bob Kingsman (Group Scout leader) Richard Philpott (Deputy Group Scout Leader) Samantha Stanton (Treasurer) Samantha David (Secretary) Warren Forster (Explorers Leader) Jon Jackson (Scout Leader) Daniel Le Corney (Cub Leader) Bridgette Watson (Beaver Leader)</p> <p>District Team Leaders: Gemma Lambeth Catherine Hodges</p> <p>Also present were cubs and their parents / carers.</p>	
Apologies	Matthew Randall	
Agenda Item	Discussion	Action
Minutes of previous meeting	<p>Minutes from previous AGM – x1 amendment to spelling error in name Minutes approved – see embed.</p>  <p>Confirmed AGM Minutes 100922.docx</p>	
Annual report by treasurer and adoption of accounts	<p>Copies made available for all. 1<sup>st</sup> Approved: Bridgette Watson 2<sup>nd</sup> Approved: Jon Jackson</p> <p>Please see below.</p>  <p>1st Birchington Air Scout Group AGM Rej</p>	All leaders to encourage Gift Aid forms to be completed
Group section reports	<p>Bob Kingsman read overall summary Reports approved.</p>  <p>1st Birchington Air Scout Group AGM Rej</p>	

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Adoption of constitution as per POR 5.4	New policy organisation / rules for scouting. Previously members were executive committee and now Trustee Board  Adopted by the group	
Election of members to the Trustee Board	Following positions were nominated and approved.  Vacant (Chair) Bob Kingsman (Group Lead Volunteer) Richard Phillpott (Deputy Group Lead Volunteer) Samantha Stanton (Treasurer) Samantha David (Secretary) Warren Forster (Explorer Leader) Jon Jackson (Scout Leader) Daniel LeCorney (Cub Leader) Bridgette Watson (Beaver Leader) Matthew Randall (Maintenance lead)	
Chair vacancy	The group passed on their thanks to Ben Goult who has held the position of chair for a number of years. This position is now vacant.	
Parent Representative	There are currently vacancies for parent representatives in the following groups: Beavers Cubs Scouts Explorers	Parents were asked to consider volunteering for this
Independent Assessor of Accounts	Samantha Stanton explained that Alison Blake will independently assess the accounts in line with charity requirements. Group approved this nomination	
Youth Investment Fund	The 1 <sup>st</sup> Birchington group has been successful in obtaining a grant for maintenance to the hut. This will include; roof being replaced / cavity insulation / rendering / electrical update and CCTV if money allows. A new boiler has also been installed.  Thanks were given to Richard Phillpott for all of his work / time in applying for the grant and Matthew Randall for technical support / advice.	
AOB	None	
Date of next meeting	tbc	

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## **FINANCIAL REPORT 2023/24**

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Funds received from subscriptions and activities were £8,553, with £7,425 being spent on the Youth Programme and activities for the Beaver, Cubs and Scouts during the year. Highlights on these have been discussed in the section reports. We were able to claim Gift Aid of £853 on the subscriptions.

Due to the hard work from Richard and Bob £74,021 of funding was secured from the Youth Investment Fund to replace the roof on the Scout Hut. With the support of Matt the majority of this work was complete by the end of March. A further amount, £10,123 has been received since the year end, to support with the completion of this project. I would like to say thank you to all those involved, the benefits for the scouting community in Birchington will be seen for many years to come.

Community groups are still using the hut and this generated income of £1,749 in 2023/24. There were two street collections and with the activities that were held in the hut during these we raised £1,795, which helps support the running costs of the Group. With ongoing costs, such as utilities, cleaning, insurance and purchasing new equipment these funds are essential to help support the Group's activities.

During the year we also set up a new higher interest bank account to help generate additional income for the Group.

I'm looking forward to seeing what exciting activities will happen in 2024/5 for the sections, thank you to everyone for their hard work this year.

**Samantha Stanton, Treasurer**

## **BEAVER SECTION REPORT 2023/24**

Since our last AGM beavers have been busy getting out and about doing badges and activities. We have made volcanoes on the beach, had custard cream stacking competitions, and thrown tomahawks with visitors at the hut.

Beavers have completed eight badges including taking photos of the village, growing sunflowers and beans, and learning morse code. We have also completed some staged activity badges visiting the Manston air museum and learning the phonetic alphabet. And every week we complete bits of the challenge badges learning to tie knots, light candles and learning a song in British sign language.

Beavers have helped in the village selling poppies with the British Legion, dressing as elves in the Christmas lights event and litter picking in Crispe Park.

At the time of writing this report we are looking forward to an Olympic sleepover and hoping that Vicky will be assessed for her nights away permit. We have another booked for October at Marshside.

We currently have thirteen beavers with three going up to cubs in September. We still only have two leaders with Mary still helping regularly for us. We have had a new helper in Steve who helps when work allows. Unfortunately, he will not be able to stay with us past autumn half-term so won't get to complete any training. So, we are still looking out for regular helpers who may turn into leaders!

We have said a beaver thank you to the Baptist Church for lending us their space while the scout hut had its new roof work. We couldn't have kept the activities going without their support.

And as always, I have a huge thank you to say to Vicky and Mary and all the parents who have been able to help and keep our colony doing the fun scouting activities we all enjoy.

Birch.

**Brigette Watson, Beaver Team Leader.**

## CUBS SECTION REPORT 2023/24

Hi, welcome to the section of the annual report where I try to cram a year's worth of Cub activities into one side of A4.

In the spring and summer terms I like to get the Cubs outdoors as much as possible - weather permitting - so we managed to get outside for evenings at Crispe Park (tracking), the rec (navigation) and Minnis Bay (crabbing and water rockets). Across the country, Scouts were encouraged to take part in a 'big help out' in the community to mark the King's coronation. The Cubs partnered up with the Birchington Anti-litter Group and used their litter pickers to carry out a tidy up of rubbish around the village. Finally, as an end of term treat, we had a great evening at Nelson Park, riding and grooming horses. (Not at the same time.)

A weekend camp was held at Ross Woods in June to give our newer Cubs a camping experience ahead of the highlight of the year. This was our summer camp, five days and four nights at Broadstone Warren in the Ashdown Forest. 12 Cubs, 9 leaders/helpers, 2 other young people and 1 dog took part. Upon arrival there was a downpour of rain which lasted non-stop for 18 hours... and so Bagheera and Mowgli became VERY familiar with the local launderette. Despite this, I did not hear one word of complaint from the Cubs. So what did they get up to? Climbing, abseiling, zip wiring, artificial tunneling, rafted canoeing, McFlurry and Domino's eating, washing up-ing, visiting Hundred Acre Wood and pooh sticks bridge from the Winnie the Pooh stories, and Bluebell steam railway journeying. Yes, I think that is enough to give you a taste.

In the autumn term we completed the communicator and astronomer badges, visited the Powell-Cotton Museum as part of the Kent Scouts LionAid challenge and enjoyed a sunny October hike in the Stodmarsh nature reserve. In November we spent a night underground trying to sleep at the Ramsgate Tunnels, using the basic beds and washing facilities which were used when people sheltered down there during the Second World War. This was a unique experience and we had great fun exploring the old railway tunnels. Our last meeting before Christmas was a visit to the ice-skating rink at Quex Park. The result? Not quite Torvill and Dean, but it wasn't Bambi on ice either.

The first three months of the year are always pretty gloomy, weather- and Scouting-wise, and we spent a month meeting elsewhere while work was going on at the scout hut. Still, we put together a decent programme, making airfix model Spitfires and swimming at Birchington Vale and some German, Spanish and Holi activities for the international badge - or should that be the eating-lots-of-foreign-food-and-making-a-mess-with-coloured-powder badge? At the very end of March, we started a series of visits to Monkton Nature Reserve as part of the naturalist (got to make sure I've got that word right) badge which is being completed later in the summer months of 2024.

A couple of shout outs: Henry and Toby for earning their Chief Scout Silver awards; Bagheera, Kim, Hathi, Chil, Mowgli and Willow for their time helping the Cubs this year; and a big BRAVO to Ella, Gareth and Sue, who have generously provided the catering for our camps and sleepovers since 2019 (by a rough count I think they have done this on 9 different events) and have now understandably decided it's time to take a break from this responsibility.

Finally, well done to all the Cubs for everything you've achieved this year, it means a lot to me and the other leaders 😊

**Daniel (Rama)**

## **SCOUTS SECTION REPORT 2023/24**

Over the past year, our scout section has had a remarkable year in growth, adventure and achievements. Despite the natural ebb and flow of scouts ageing out of the section, we have successfully maintained our numbers. This stability is largely thanks to the enthusiasm of our current scouts, as well as the leadership team.

It's always sad to lose scouts, but we are immensely proud of those who have successfully completed their chief scout gold award. This achievement reflects the hard work, commitment they have put in and we are immensely proud of them. Additionally, we have several scouts on track to complete their chief scout award soon, although we will be losing some of these dedicated members due to age.

This year our scouts have had the opportunity to experience a variety of exciting activities, each one bringing its own set of challenges and fun. Climbing and abseiling at revolution skate park brought about some significant challenges for our scout troop. It takes a lot of courage and trust, but the scouts had a thrilling time pushing their limits and building confidence.

Our scouts also had a truly unique experience sleeping underground in Margate Caves, getting up close with the local wildlife...Slugs.

Over the course of our building renovations, the Scouts were lucky enough to call the RAF Manston History Museum home. This allowed them to explore aviation history in more depth, learning valuable lessons from the past.

Coming up, we have an eagerly awaited overnight trip to Ramsgate Tunnels, where the scouts will sleep in bunks reminiscent of those used in World War II. It promises to be both educational and a fun experience for everyone.

This year also saw changes to our leadership team. Sadly, we had to say goodbye to one of our leaders who started the scout section back up at 1st Birchington, it was a heartfelt loss to the section. However, we were fortunate to gain a new leader, Sara, whose enthusiasm has made her a fantastic addition to our hardworking team. That being said, our need for more adult leaders remains a priority in order to expand our section and offer even more opportunities to current and future scouts.

As we head into the next year, we are filled with optimism and excitement for what's to come. With our current scouts achieving great things and plenty of awesome activities on the horizon, the future for our troop looks bright.

To ensure we continue to thrive, we will be focusing on the growth of the troop, both adult leaders and scouts, while maintaining the enthusiasm that makes our troop so awesome.

Thank you to both Sara and Toby for all the work they put into your 'two hours a week'. Our section would not run without either of them giving all they're hard work.

Lastly, our troop would be in dire straits without our young leaders, they are the glue that holds it all together. They have worked incredibly hard this year helping us adults to make each night run smoothly and keeping us oldies current within the world of teenagers. Thank you guys!

**Jody (Hobbit)**

## EXPLORERS LEADER REPORT 2023/24

Having grown quite quickly in the last couple of years, our numbers are now holding at around 19, sadly saying goodbye to some members as they turn 18 and regularly enrolling Scouts from Minster and Westgate as well as Birchington. We still meet every other week which seems to fit in around the Adult Volunteers work commitments and the Explorers own commitments, whether they are for part time jobs or for helping out as Young Leaders, which we encourage new Explorers to sign up for as many use it to tick off their volunteering requirement of their DofE award.

The Explorers programme is guided by them and we encourage them to make the most of their last couple of years in Scouting as Young People and the emphasis is always on fun and stress busting, especially around those dreaded exams. Planning and completing hikes, Pumpkin Carving, Pioneering at the Dip, Escape rooms, Karaoke, Quiz nights, Movie nights and recreating The Traitors and Squid Game (don't worry, no Explorers were harmed and it was sweets hanging from the rafters as the prize) were some of our personal favourites from this past year.

We aim to bring every opportunity to our Explorers which includes national and international events such as the Kent Scouts Rollercoaster Madness, London Monopoly Run or International Jamborees. Although some of them have enjoyed or signed up to these events, as the programme is tailored by them, we feel they would enjoy a camp that is just theirs which we have unfortunately been unable to offer as none of our leadership team currently has the necessary training. So we are looking to make amends and myself and Joe will finally be receiving training next month and will hopefully be assessed and ready to plan a proper Summer camp for the Explorers in 2025 and generally have more nights under canvas beyond that, finally getting to put the EXPLORE in Explorers!

I have to say that although our programme has been great over the past 12 months, we have been severely limited in what we can do as our funds were locked away in our GoCardless and we were unable to access them, whilst we transferred our banking to 1st Birchington's account. After a lot of back and forths and with the help of Sam (our treasurer) we are finally able to access our funds once again.

Although, sadly, we have lost a key member of our leadership team as Hannah has decided to take a step back from Scouting for the foreseeable future and I would like to thank her for keeping our Unit as one of her many spinning plates for so long. She has been a fantastic Leader, an inspiration to our Explorers and we hope that she'll find a way back to Scouting at some point. However, Joe has joined us full time from Westgate and we'll be joined regularly by Ryan, another of our former Explorers. But as our Unit grows and we look for more opportunities for camping further afield, we would love to hear from any potential leaders or helpers so that we can offer our fantastic group of Explorers as much Scouting as possible.

Warren, Explorer Team Leader.

## RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT 2023.24

1st Birchington Air Scout Group (Charity no. 303417)  
Receipts and payments account

For the year from	1st April 2023	To	31st March 2024
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### Receipts and payments

	2023/24 Unrestricted funds £	2022/23 Unrestricted funds £
<b>Receipts</b>		
<b>Donations, legacies and similar income</b>		
Membership subscriptions	5,558	5,090
Donations	2,079	3,020
Gift Aid	853	927
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>8,490</b>	<b>9,037</b>
<b>Grants</b>		
Youth Investment Fund Grant	74,021	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>74,021</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Fundraising events (gross)</b>		
Street Collections	1,795	527
Beaver/Cub/Scout activities	2,995	599
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>4,790</b>	<b>1,126</b>
<b>Investment income</b>		
Bank interest	241	18
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>241</b>	<b>18</b>
<b>Total Gross Income</b>	<b>87,542</b>	<b>10,181</b>
<b>Asset and investment sales, etc.</b>	-	-
<b>Total receipts</b>	<b>87,542</b>	<b>10,181</b>

1st Birchington Air Scout Group (Charity no. 303417)  
Receipts and payments account

For the year from	1st April 2023	To	31st March 2024
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Receipts and payments

	2023/24 Unrestricted funds £	2022/23 Unrestricted funds £
<b>Payments</b>		
<b>Charitable Payments</b>		
Membership subscriptions paid on (National/County/Area/District)	2,334	2,172
Youth programme and activities	7,425	4,150
Youth Investment Grant Expenditure	73,021	-
Water and Sewerage	218	182
Electricity and Gas	919	2,266
Insurance	759	694
Repairs and Renewals	598	1,134
Materials and equipment	706	1,388
Uniforms	1,055	76
Council tax	65	138
Cleaning	549	507
Group expenses	215	283
Donations	28	19
Bank Charges	172	115
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>88,064</b>	<b>13,124</b>
<b>Total payments</b>	<b>88,064</b>	<b>13,124</b>
<b>Net of receipts/(payments)</b>	<b>(522)</b>	<b>(2,943)</b>
<b>Cash funds last year end</b>	<b>17,111</b>	<b>20,054</b>
<b>Cash funds this year end</b>	<b>16,589</b>	<b>17,111</b>

**1st Birchington Air Scout Group (Charity no. 303417)**  
**Receipts and payments account**

For the year from	1st April 2023	To	31st March 2024
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**Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the year**

	2023/24 Unrestricted funds £	2022/23 Unrestricted funds £
<b>Cash funds</b>		
Bank current account	1,751	6,601
Bank deposit account	14,838	10,510
Cash/Floats	-	-
<b>Total cash funds</b>	<b>16,589</b>	<b>17,111</b>
(agree balances with receipts and payments account)	ok	ok
<b>Total net assets</b>	<b>16,589</b>	<b>17,111</b>

The above receipts and payments account and statement of assets and liabilities were approved by the Trustees on \_\_\_\_\_ 2024 (the date of the Trustee Board meeting that approved the accounts) and signed on their behalf by

Signature	Print Name
	Chair
	Treasurer

# INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT ON THE ACCOUNTS



CHARITY COMMISSION  
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

## Independent examiner's report on the accounts

### Section A Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees

Charity Name

1st Birchington Air Scout Group

On accounts for the year  
ended

31-3-2024.

Charity no  
(if any)

303417

Set out on pages

(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended

Responsibilities and  
basis of report

As the charity's trustees, 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 Trust's 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

[The charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 and I am qualified to undertake the examination by being a qualified member of [insert name of applicable listed body]]. Delete [ ] if not applicable.

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination (other than that disclosed below \*) which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or
- the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
- the accounts did not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

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.

\* Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.

Signed:

Date:

24-6-2024

Name:

ALISON BLACK

Relevant professional  
qualification(s) or body

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Oct 2018

1<sup>st</sup> Birchington Air Scout Group

Annual General Meeting (AGM)

23<sup>rd</sup> January 2024

Venue: Scout Hut Birchington

Attendees	<p>Ben Goult (Chair) Bob Kingsman (Group Scout leader) Richard Philpott (Deputy Group Scout Leader) Samantha Stanton (Treasurer) Samantha David (Secretary) Warren Forster (Explorers Leader) Jon Jackson (Scout Leader) Daniel Le Corney (Cub Leader) Bridgette Watson (Beaver Leader)</p> <p>District Team Leaders: Gemma Lambeth Catherine Hodges</p> <p>Also present were cubs and their parents / carers.</p>	
Apologies	Matthew Randall	
<b>Agenda Item</b>	<b>Discussion</b>	<b>Action</b>
Minutes of previous meeting	<p>Minutes from previous AGM – x1 amendment to spelling error in name Minutes approved – see embed.</p>  <p>Confirmed AGM Minutes 100922.docx</p>	
Annual report by treasurer and adoption of accounts	<p>Copies made available for all. 1<sup>st</sup> Approved: Bridgette Watson 2<sup>nd</sup> Approved: Jon Jackson</p> <p>Please see below.</p>  <p>1st Birchington Air Scout Group AGM Rej</p>	All leaders to encourage Gift Aid forms to be completed
Group section reports	<p>Bob Kingsman read overall summary Reports approved.</p>  <p>1st Birchington Air Scout Group AGM Rej</p>	

1<sup>st</sup> Birchington Air Scout Group  
Year Ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 2024

Adoption of constitution as per POR 5.4	New policy organisation / rules for scouting. Previously members were executive committee and now Trustee Board  Adopted by the group	
Election of members to the Trustee Board	Following positions were nominated and approved.  Vacant (Chair) Bob Kingsman (Group Lead Volunteer) Richard Phillpott (Deputy Group Lead Volunteer) Samantha Stanton (Treasurer) Samantha David (Secretary) Warren Forster (Explorer Leader) Jon Jackson (Scout Leader) Daniel LeCorney (Cub Leader) Bridgette Watson (Beaver Leader) Matthew Randall (Maintenance lead)	
Chair vacancy	The group passed on their thanks to Ben Goult who has held the position of chair for a number of years. This position is now vacant.	
Parent Representative	There are currently vacancies for parent representatives in the following groups: Beavers Cubs Scouts Explorers	Parents were asked to consider volunteering for this
Independent Assessor of Accounts	Samantha Stanton explained that Alison Blake will independently assess the accounts in line with charity requirements. Group approved this nomination	
Youth Investment Fund	The 1 <sup>st</sup> Birchington group has been successful in obtaining a grant for maintenance to the hut. This will include; roof being replaced / cavity insulation / rendering / electrical update and CCTV if money allows. A new boiler has also been installed.  Thanks were given to Richard Phillpott for all of his work / time in applying for the grant and Matthew Randall for technical support / advice.	
AOB	None	
Date of next meeting	tbc	



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees

Charity Name

157 BILKINGTON AVE SCOT GREOP.

On accounts for the year ended

31-3-2024.

Charity no (if any)

303417

Set out on pages

(specify the page numbers of additional sheets)

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Signed:

Alison Blake

Date: 24-6-2024.

Name:

ALISON BLAKE

Relevant professional qualification(s) or body

(if any):

Address: 51 WASH COURT ROAD  
MARGATE  
KEST CT9 4QH

**Section B**

**Disclosure**

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight material matters of concern (see CC32, Independent examination of charity accounts: directions and guidance for examiners).

Give here brief details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose.

**1ST BIRCHINGTON AIR SCOUT GROUP**

England & Wales - Charity number 303417

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# Accounts

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**1st Birchington Air Scout Group  
Annual Reports & Accounts**

**Year Ended 31 March 2021**

**Charity Commission Registered Number: 303417**

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**1st Birchington Air Scout Group**  
Year Ended 31 March 2021

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# **1st Birchington Air Scout Group**

## **Year Ended 31 March 2021**

### **Executive Committee**

<b>Group Scout Leader (GSL)</b>	<i>POSITION VACANT</i>
<b>Group Administrator</b>	<b>Daniel Le Corney</b>
<b>Chairperson</b>	<b>Ben Goult</b>
<b>Treasurer</b>	<b>Samantha Stanton</b>
<b>Secretary</b>	<b>Samantha David</b>
<b>Scout Leader</b>	<b>Richard Phillpot 2020/21 / Jon Jackson 2021/22</b>
<b>Cub Scout Leader</b>	<b>Daniel LeCorney</b>
<b>Beaver Scout Leader</b>	<b>Brigette Watson</b>
<b>Scout Parent Rep</b>	<i>POSITION VACANT</i>
<b>Cub Parent Rep</b>	<i>POSITION VACANT</i>
<b>Beaver Parent Rep</b>	<i>POSITION VACANT</i>
<b>Executive Committee Member</b>	<b>Richard Phillpot</b>

# 1st Birchington Air Scout Group

## Annual general Meeting (AGM) - VIRTUAL Thursday 20th January 2022 Agenda

- 1 Welcomes
- 2 Apologies
- 3 Approve Minutes of 1st Birchington Air Scout Group AGM 27/11/2020
- 4 Financial Report
- 5 Consideration of the annual report including the annual statement of accounts to 31 March 2021
- 6 Election of Executive Committee
- 7 Appointment of the independent assessor of the accounts
- 8 AOB

**1st Birchington Air Scouts  
Financial Report 2021**

The 1st Birchington Air Scout Group entered April 2020 with funds of £3,454, at this point the country had just entered its first lockdown and all scouting activities had stopped. The hard work of the section leaders meant the virtual meetings took place for the majority of 2020/21, with the members being asked to contribute towards the capitation fees during this period, for which we received £970.

Gift aid claims were made covering a 3 year period and we received £3,795 during the year. We also applied for and received Government support grants of £20,974 during the pandemic. With scouting activities limited and the lockdowns, other areas of income were minimal. Hall donations totalled £190, no income was received for scouting activities and the fundraising, such as street collections, could not go ahead.

We received donations of £200 from The Crispe Charity, to support the activities carried out by the Scouts and £500 from Birchington Parish Council, towards the asbestos removal. The overall income for the Group was £26,740.

With the approval of the Executive Committee, £8,536 of the funds have been spent on hall refurbishments, including removal of asbestos, replacement of the hall heating system, radiator covers and sanding the floor. Other premises costs totalled £1,633, covering insurance, heating, rates and cleaning. Capitation charges were £1,376 for this financial year. Expenditure on scouting activities reduced to £515, for the reasons mentioned above. There were no other significant areas of expenditure in this financial year, costs totalled £12,814.

The funds at 31st March 2021 were £17,380, which is a strong position for the Group. The Executive Committee have identified some small areas of spend on the hall facilities that have been required since the year end and allocated a small amount to each section to spend on activities for the members this year. We've all enjoyed seeing the Leaders and Scouts return to meetings in the hall and hope that this can continue for many years to come.

**Samantha Stanton - Treasurer  
December 2021**

**1st Birchington Beavers  
2021 Report**

We currently have nine beavers with five newbies who have started this term taking us to fourteen. We still have a healthy waiting list so have a regular intake each term.

During the past year it has obviously been difficult to deliver the usual adventurous activities that we normally would, but we have enjoyed lots of badge work via zoom and later back face to face. We have had to be a bit inventive to try to get our beavers through their challenge badges to aim for their bronze awards.

We did manage to take part in the only district beaver event of 2021, the beaver hike in September. It was a great experience for our youngsters to see the wider scouting family of Thanet. We did take part in last years remembrance day service in November and as always the beavers did us proud in front of the whole village. A very different event but one they enjoyed.

Unfortunately being back in yellow covid restrictions will probably mean we miss the first few district events of the calendar but hopefully we will be back to it all soon. We are currently only planning a term at a time to avoid too much changing around if things change. We are lucky that we do have lots of zoom activities in the bag if we need them.

Our main focus for this year is to get back out and having adventures together and hopefully a sleepover soon!

As always a big thank you to all the adults that support our scouting, Vicky, Jon and Mary. I know I couldn't do it without you . Here's to another year of beavering.

**Brigette (a.k.a. Birch)**  
**January 2022**

## **1st Birchington Cubs 2021 Report**

Like the rest of the country, we entered 2021 in a state of lockdown and were restricted to using Zoom for our Tuesday meetings for the first three months of the year. Typically, we had around 50% of Cubs taking part in any given Zoom session. We attempted to make our time online relaxed and informal so that no-one missed anything important. The most memorable online activity was probably the duck races, which were completely random and very funny.

We re-started face-to-face meetings at Easter and spent most of the summer term filling in the gaps of the various Challenge Badges, practicing skills such as chopping vegetables, tracking signs in the woods at Crispe Park and lots of washing hands. At the end of April, we did a St George's hike (in lieu of a parade) across the countryside and coast between Birchington and St Nicholas. In July we spent two weeks helping Birchington in Bloom plant new flowers at their site in Canterbury Road. Our last meeting of the summer term was a swimming pool session at Birchington Vale holiday park.

After restrictions were relaxed allowing residential events to go ahead, we were lucky enough to be one of the first sections to go camping. We had a weekend in July at Marshside Campsite in Minster. All 19 of our Cubs took part. The theme was Minecraft – which we called 'Cubcraft' – with the activities themed around the game, which worked well considering none of the leaders had played it.

In the autumn term the Cubs successfully attempted the DIY badge, learning skills such as drilling, sawing wood, and using a screwdriver. Half of the Cubs completed the Cyclist badge, which included a bike ride to Reculver and back. A team of six Cubs entered the District fishing competition, which they won for the second time in a row. November was our air activities month, which included using marshmallows, biscuits and cakes to assemble different parts of an aeroplane, practicing the phonetic alphabet with radios and a trip to RAF Manston History Museum. Our last event of the year was a festive sleepover at our Scout Hut, with a trip to the indoor adventure golf course in Margate plus a Christmas dinner thrown in.

Sadly, we have said goodbye to several Cub leaders who have stepped down this year: Paul, Lucy and Sonia. Thank you to them for all the support they have given 1st Birchington during their time in Scouting. Towards the end of the year we started a family rota to encourage parents and other relatives to support our weekly meetings – so far this has been pretty successful and hopefully this will carry on in 2022. Massive thanks to our three regular leaders/helpers – Matt (Bagheera), Bob (Mowgli) and Janice (Willow) – without whom the activities you have read about in this report wouldn't've been possible. Finally, a big BRAVO to all the Cubs, they have all been brilliant this year and are a very special group of young people.

**Dan (a.k.a. Rama)**  
**December 2021**

## **1st Birchington Scouts 2021 Report**

It was with great regret that June and I had to step down from Scouts in December 2020, the pressures of the pandemic and work unfortunately meant that we were unable to continue in our current roles.

We have immensely enjoyed our time running the Scout section for 3 years up to December 2020 and running the Cub section for 9 years before that, we would like to thank all of the many leaders and parents who have helped us over the years and most importantly we would like to thank all of the young people for their enthusiasm, commitment and many wonderful memories.

We are so very pleased that Jon and Jody have taken over running the Scout section and we are sure they will make it a fantastic section, we are very thankful that they have taken on the roles, we wish them every success for the future.

### **Best wishes**

**Chopper & Hurricane  
(Richard & June Phillpott)**

After taking over as the Scout's section leader in September 2021, I have been on a very large learning curve. I started my training with Ben Churchill from 1st Garlinge, he and his team were extremely kind and let me and the existing Birchington Scouts attend his Scout meeting to show me what is required. This was great and extremely productive, I also managed to permanently borrow one of their leaders, Jody. Without her the Scouts at Birchington would not be able to carry on and the Birchington Air Scout's are extremely grateful for her commitment to us.

When returning to Birchington on Bonfire night 2021 we started our own program and we have covered the following so far; Master of Arms event, Pioneering (catapult making), Remembrance day, Air Badge work, Navigation and maps and DIY.

For this year, 2022 we have planned the following; 1st Aid, Visiting the Manston Air Museum, Bouldering at the revolution skate park and Model making. We are currently planning our activities termly due to Covid.

Lastly, we have currently 13 Scouts and 2 leaders. Our plan is now to gain another leader and grow the Scout group.

Myself and Jody are undertaking any training that we can do to make our Scout group more independent but there seems to be a lack of trainers or assessors. We are doing everything possible to ensure that our Scouts are learning and having fun and we are always trying to improve our Scout troop and ensuring that they are growing in confidence.

I would like to thank everybody at Birchington Air Scouts for the support and guidance that they have given me, Brigitte and Mary have been outstanding and as I said before, without Jody I would not have had the know how and may have not been able to stay.

**Thank you to all of you.**

**Jon**

**January 2022**

# 1st Birchington Air Scout Group Year Ended 31 March 2021

## Receipts & Payments Account

	2021 Total £	2020 Total £
Total Receipts for the year	26,740	12,752
Total payments for the year	12,814	14,900
Net receipts/(payments) for the year	<u>13,926</u>	<u>(2,148)</u>
Transfer between fund	-	-
	<u>13,926</u>	<u>(2,148)</u>
Cash, Bank & Similar funds bought forward	3,454	5,602
Cash, Bank & Similar funds carried forward	<u>17,380</u>	<u>3,454</u>

The above account and accepting statement(s) of assets and liabilities were approved by the Trustees on 18th November 2021

and signed on their behalf by



SAMANTHA STANTON ACA BA.

# 1st Birchington Air Scout Group

## Year Ended 31 March 2021

### Receipts

	2021 Total £	2020 Total £
MEMBERSHIP SUBSCRIPTIONS	250	5,514
GIFT AID RECLAIMED	3,796	-
	<hr/> 4,046	<hr/> 5,514
INVESTMENT INCOME RECEIVED		
Bank interest	0	1
	<hr/> 0	<hr/> 1
DONATIONS AND GRANTS		
Donations	1,900	2,258
Grants	20,794	-
	<hr/> 22,694	<hr/> 2,258
ACTIVITIES		
Beaver/Cub/Scout activities	-	2,729
Uniform	-	17
	<hr/> -	<hr/> 2,746
FUNDRAISING GROSS		
Street Collections	-	1,291
Spring Fayre	-	429
Quiz Night	-	230
Emily Teddy Sale	-	41
Christmas Raffle	-	199
AGM	-	44
	<hr/> -	<hr/> 2,233
SUNDRY RECEIPTS	-	-
	<hr/> -	<hr/> -
TOTAL RECEIPTS FOR THE YEAR	<hr/> <hr/> <b>26,740</b>	<hr/> <hr/> <b>12,752</b>

# 1st Birchington Air Scout Group

## Year Ended 31 March 2021

### Payments

	2021 Total £	2020 Total £
PREMISIS		
Cleaning	137	385
Rates and Water	180	492
Light and heat	703	1,368
Insurance	613	659
Repairs and renewals	8,536	271
	<hr/> 10,170	<hr/> 3,174
DONATIONS	282	-
	<hr/> 10,452	<hr/> 3,174
ACTIVITIES		
Beavers/Cubs/Scouts	515	7,622
	<hr/> 515	<hr/> 7,622
FUND RAISING EXPENSES	-	186
	<hr/> -	<hr/> 186
ADMIN/ESTABLISHMENT EXPENSES		
Printing and Stationery	-	48
Group expenses	447	599
Courses	-	-
Tents/Camping equipment etc	-	1,110
Bank charges	24	60
Capitation	1,376	1,913
	<hr/> 1,847	<hr/> 3,730
PURCHASE UNIFORM	-	188
SUNDRY REPAYMENTS	-	-
	<hr/> -	<hr/> 188
TOTAL PAYMENTS FOR THE YEAR	<hr/> <b>12,814</b>	<hr/> <b>14,900</b>

# 1st Birchington Air Scout Group

## Year Ended 31 March 2021

### Statement of Assets and Liabilities

	2021 Total £	2020 Total £
MONETARY ASSETS		
cash bank and similar funds		
BANK CURRENT ACCOUNT 1	16,379	1,202
BANK CURRENT ACCOUNT 2	-	722
BANK TERM DEPOSIT	1,001	1,001
CASH IN HAND	-	529
	<hr/>	<hr/>
	<b>17,380</b>	<b>3,454</b>
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**1<sup>st</sup> Birchington Air Scout Group**  
**2020 AGM minutes**  
**Held online via Zoom on 27<sup>th</sup> November 2020**

**Present:**

- Ben Goult (Group Chair)
- Sam Stanton (Group Treasurer)
- Richard Phillpott (Scout Leader)
- Daniel Le Corney (Group Administrator and acting Cub Scout Leader)
- Brigitte Watson (Beaver Scout Leader)
- Richard Horne (District Commissioner, Thanet Scouts)
- June Phillpott
- Mary Forster
- Vicky Brown
- Paul Hendrick
- Sonia White
- Matt Randall
- Bob Kingsman

**Apologies:**

- None

**1. Welcome**

Richard P welcomed everyone and started the meeting at 7.30pm. He explained that the parents and leaders were emailed an AGM notification and link last week with the accounts and annual reports attached, and everyone was invited to submit questions which would be answered on the night. No questions were received. One parent proposed approval of the accounts and previous AGM minutes by email.

**2. Approval of minutes from the AGM on 1<sup>st</sup> November 2019**

The minutes were proposed as an accurate record by Ella Holloway (by email) and seconded by June Phillpott.

**3. Financial Report**

Richard P advised that because the accounts cover the period to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2020, they do not reflect the changing situation since then. The group has since received a £10k government grant, a lot of which has been spent on improvements to the Scout Hut. We currently have around £8k in the bank and have money set aside to help cover membership fee (capitation) costs next year. We might be eligible for a new grant; this is more complicated to apply for because it is based on loss of income due to the extended restrictions.

**4. Approval of accounts to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2020**

Approval was proposed by Ella Holloway (by email) and seconded by Mary Forster.

#### **5. Election of Executive Committee**

Ben agreed to carry for another year as Chair. His election was proposed by Richard Phillipott and seconded by Brigette Watson.

Sam was happy to remain Treasurer. Her election was proposed by June Phillipott and seconded by Vicky Brown.

#### **6. AOB**

- Sam advised that we have just received a £200 donation from the Crispe Charity.
- The AGM thanked Bob, Matt and everyone else who helped organised the works to the hut earlier this year. Matt will be finishing off some bits over the next few weekends. Bob summarised some additional work which will need to be done next year.
- The AGM agreed to offer to donate the trailer to Marshside campsite with the proviso that we be allowed to use it in the future if needed. Richard H advised us to contact the campsite manager to discuss.

There being no other business, the meeting concluded at 7.50pm.



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/ members of

1ST BIRCHINGTON AIR SCOUT GROUP

On accounts for the year ended

31st MARCH 2021

Charity no (if any)

303417

Set out on pages

7 - 10

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31/03/2021

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity's trustees, 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 Trust's 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

~~[The charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 and I am qualified to undertake the examination by being a qualified member of [insert name of applicable listed body]]. Delete [ ] if not applicable.~~

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination (~~other than that disclosed below~~\*) which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or
- the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
- the accounts did not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

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.

\* Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.

Signed:

*Kathryn Louise Toovey*

Date:

9.1.2022

Name:

KATHRYN LOUISE TOOVEY.

Relevant professional qualification(s) or body

FCCA (ASSOCIATION OF CHARTERED CERTIFIED ACCOUNTANTS) 2001

(if any):

Address:

**Section B** **Disclosure**

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight material matters of concern (see CC32, Independent examination of charity accounts: directions and guidance for examiners).

Give here brief details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose.

NONE