

14TH BROMLEY SCOUT GROUP

England & Wales - Charity number 303551

Details

Other names 14TH BROMLEY BOY SCOUT GROUP

Status Registered

Legal form Other

Registered 1963-12-18

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

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Activities

Objects: BOY SCOUT GROUP.

Activities: Scout Group

Classification

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

Geography

- Bromley

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-03-31	£55,236	£57,051	-	-
2024-03-31	£58,937	£51,843	-	-
2023-03-31	£50,332	£46,597	-	-
2022-03-31	£34,851	£29,067	-	-
2021-03-31	£33,847	£18,106	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Joseph Matthew Collier		2021-01-21
Marie Victoria Sripha-Tate		2025-09-02
Matthew Lofting		2021-01-21
Rev Andrew David McClellan		2025-09-02
SARAH-JANE DURMAN		2014-07-01
SHELLEY ILANA FALCON		2022-02-11
Steven Frank Holman		2025-03-25
Tom Arthur Bostock		2025-09-02

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14TH BROMLEY SCOUT GROUP ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

FRIDAY 12TH SEPTEMBER 2025

CAREY SCUTT HALL

93 PLAISTOW LANE

BROMLEY BR1 3AR

TIME: 6.30PM

Item	Agenda	
1.	Welcome and Introduction	Chair
2.	Apologies for Absence	Chair
3.	Approve the minutes of the AGM held on 3rd July 2024	Chair
4.	Presentation of the Trustees Annual Report <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Chair of the Board of Trustees' address b. Group Lead Volunteer's Address c. Group Treasurer's Address 	Chair GLV Treasurer
5.	Governance Matters <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Re-adopt the 2024 Group Constitution b. Note the Group's financial year c. Approve appointed and community members of the Group Scout Council d. Agree the number of members to be appointed to the Trustee Board e. Appoint Group Chair and Group Treasurer f. Elect members or maintain members of the Group Trustee Board g. Appoint the independent Inspector (Group Accounts Examiner) h. Agree the Quorum for future meetings of the Group Scout Council 	Chair Chair Chair Chair GLV Chair Chair Chair
6.	Any Other Business	Chair
7.	Closing Remarks and formal close	Chair



Chairman's Message 2025

Members of the 14th Scout Group Council

I will begin by mentioning several people. Alexandra Leroye Sakurai, from whom I took over as Chair of the Board of Trustees earlier this year, and 3 of our Section Lead Volunteers who are standing down as Trustees. They are Elizabeth Bostock, Michael Rayment Johnson and Paul Musk. I would like to thank them all for their hard work and direction whilst on the Board of Trustees, their contribution is greatly appreciated. Happily all are staying with the Group in their Section roles.

The group continues to make progress with the Scout Volunteering Transformation, a move from a Group Executive Committee to a Trustee Board, concerned with the governance of the Group, and an Operational Team, predominantly the Leadership Team, concerned with the day to day running of the group.

The Operational team continues to maintain the premises to an excellent and safe condition through their hard work along with organising regular work sessions well supported by parents and supporters. Added to this they also continued to run exciting and fun activities, including camps and weekly programmes, for all 5 sections and providing the members the opportunity to progress through The Scout Association award schemes.

The Group is in a sound financial position through the income from section subscriptions, hall lettings, and donations, and together these provided the funds for any work required to be done on the premises and have allowed the purchase of new equipment for the Group as required.

I would like to conclude by thanking all the Leaders, all the Section helpers, supporters, and parents, and all the members of the different sections that week-in week-out continue to make the 14th Bromley Scout Group the success it is.



Trustee's Reports

Reference and administration information

We present below the reference and administration details of the charity as required by law.

Name: 14th Bromley Scout Council

Registered Charity Number: 303551

Registered Address: Carey Scutt Scout Hall, Plaistow Lane, Bromley, BR1 3AR

Trustees

The charity trustees who managed the charity from 3rd July 2024 to the date of signing this report were as listed below.

Steven Holman – Chair

Shelley Falcon – Treasurer

Sarah-Jane Durman – Group Lead Volunteer

Elizabeth Bostock

Matthew Lofting

Michael Rayment-Johnson

Joseph Collier

Paul Musk

Marie Sripha*

Tom Bostock

Andrew McClellan*

Previous Appointments

Alexandra Leroye Sakurai – Chair (to 25 March 2024)

*Have provisional trustee role

Bankers

Current Account

CAF Bank

Accounts Examiner

Mr. Peter Eastwood



Governance and management

The charity is governed by its governing document and, also follows the requirements of the Policy, Organisation and Rules of The Scout Association (POR). The governing document being the 14th Bromley Scout Group Constitution which was adopted by the 14th Bromley Scout Council at the AGM held on 3rd July 2024. Restructuring, in line with guidelines from The Scout Association continues to provide greater clarity and segregation between Group operations and governance, with good progress being made in establishing both a Trustee Board and a separate Operational Team.

Risk and internal controls

The trustees are following The Scout Association's POR and by using a Risk Register have identified what are believed to be major risks to the charity and these risks will be reviewed 6 monthly, annually or bi-annually dependent upon severity of risk. The risks are categorised as Legal & Regularity, Governance, Financial, Operational or External.

A Finance Management Policy is in place ensuring the group's income is managed properly and put to best use. A financial report is reviewed at each Board of Trustees meetings providing sufficient information so that good decisions can be made.

Key activities since the last AGM

The trustees have maintained a sound financial position allowing the various sections to be supported both financially and with resources for their activities and camps. Monitoring the premises for safety and good maintenance along with managing the letting of the halls have been key activities as has the safe-guarding of our members.

Report approved at the meeting of the Board of Trustees held on 2nd September 2025.

GLV report for the 14th Bromley Scout Group Sept 2025

Group Lead Volunteer report for 14th Bromley Scout Group Sept 2025

This year there have been big changes within the UK scout movement as we move into the team led vision of scouting. There is now a trustee board and an operational board within our group. Hopefully this will help with the efficient way of running this excellent group. All our sections-Squirrels, Beavers, Cubs, Scouts and Explorers have healthy numbers and enjoy activities carefully thought out and arranged by their relevant leaders. Thanks, should go to these volunteer leaders who often spend hours of their own free time attending training sessions and thinking up amazing and interesting sessions for all the young people. The young people have attended camps, night hikes, climbing sessions to name a few of the activities. There have been visits from outside groups demonstrating skills such as animal care, safety on the beach etc.

All the sections have enjoyed the District Events arranged by the Youth Events Team, some of which are our own leaders. These events are age appropriate and are both fun and challenging for our young people. Maybe some of our scouts or explorers will attend the 26th World Jamboree being held in Poland July/August 2027.

Our buildings and grounds are still in relatively good shape although we are going to have to reroof the Thompson Hall due to leaks. This will be big blow to our budget but needs must. Regular working parties are held with leaders, parents, scouts and explorers helping out.

This year has been the usual successful one for the Group and we are hoping to welcome some more volunteer leaders soon. Volunteers are always welcome. There are always challenges but we strive to conquer those and continue in vein of Scouting as Baden Powell first set out over 100 years ago. Scouting continues to be one of the largest youth groups in the world and is enjoyed by millions of youngsters daily in over 200 countries.

Sarah-Jane Durman
Group Lead Volunteer

Financial Review 2024-25

The underlying principle of 14th Bromley Scout Group is to support and assist all the functions and activities undertaken by our members. To this end, we do not set out to make an annual cash surplus. We aim to at least break even on our day to day expenses and maintain sufficient funds for repairs to our assets. We have a Financial Management Policy in place which outlines the acceptable reserve levels which we aim to maintain at all times.

Income

The total scouting subs for the year increased by 14%, which is very reassuring for the future of the group (from £10.3k to £11.7k). Unfortunately the large increase in District capitation fees (Up from £44.80 per child per year to £54.90) has offset the increase.

We benefitted from the increased bank interest which went from £374 to £841 for the year.

We were fortunate to have another strong year from hall rental income. There was a 3% fall in this income, but we believe this will increase next year.

Costs

Most running costs remained similar to last year apart from maintenance costs which increased by 110%. This was due to ad-hoc repairs that were needed to the premises to ensure the safety of all users. These included roof repairs (£3k), door repairs (£2.1k), fence replacement (£1.2k), electrical work (£1.2k) and plumbing work (£680).

I am pleased to say that the hall rental income covered 97% of the building running costs which allowed each section to make full use of the subs generated.

Financial Outlook

The year ended with a small loss of £1.8k. The 14th Bromley Scout Group remains in a very strong financial position with reserves of £44k available to the group which exceeds the minimum agreed reserve fund stated in the Financial Management Policy. This will enable us to continue our work with our members and benefit our community.

Declaration

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

Chair – Steve Holman

Treasurer – Shelley Falcon

September 2025

September 2025

14th Bromley Scout Group Receipts & Payments Accounts

Year start date

Year end date

For the year from	1st April 2024
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31st March 2025

Receipts

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total funds £	2023-24 Total funds £
Membership, activities and other income				
Membership subscriptions	11,728	-	11,728	10,279
Less : Membership subscriptions paid on to District / County/ HQ	6,423	-	6,423	4,386
Net membership subscriptions retained by Group	5,305	-	5,305	5,893
Donations	700	-	700	1,078
Gift Aid	1,746	-	1,746	1,848
Activity Income (camps/trips)	16,222	-	16,222	20,348
		-	-	-
Sub total	23,973	-	23,973	29,167
Grants				
Jack Petchy	-	-	-	200
Govt Grants	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	200
Fundraising (gross)				
Fundraising for Group / Others	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-
Other Income				
Bank interest	841	-	841	374
Hall Rentals	24,000	-	24,000	24,809
Sub total	24,840	-	24,840	25,183
Total Receipts	48,813	-	48,813	54,551

Year start date

Year end date

For the year
from1st April
2024

to



31st March
2025**Payments**

			2023-24	
	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total funds £	Total funds £
Activity costs - CAMPS/Activities	22,871		22,871	26,207
Scouting equipment/Badges/Scarves	2,977	-	2,977	3,459
		-	-	-
Sub total	25,848	-	25,848	29,666
Headquarters running costs				
Rates	277	-	277	259
Water and Sewerage	415	-	415	170
Gas, Electricity	5,158	-	5,158	5,040
Telephone, Broadband	871	-	871	723
Insurance	2,005	-	2,005	1,999
Maintenance	11,868	-	11,868	5,644
Cleaning	4,125	-	4,125	3,896
Bank Charges	60	-	60	60
Sub total	24,780	-	24,780	17,791
Administration				
ADMIN (Printing, postage, AGM expenses, presentations, etc)	-	-	-	-
Donations	-	-	-	-
Sundries	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-
Total Gross Expenditure	50,628	-	50,628	47,457
Net of receipts/(payments)	- 1,814	-	- 1,814	7,094
Funds as at 1 Apr 2024	45,908	-	45,908	38,814
Funds as at 31 Mar 2025	44,093	-	44,093	45,908

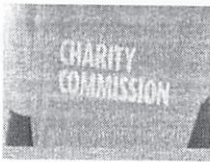
Statement of assets and liabilities at 31 March 2025

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total funds £	2023-24 Total funds £
Cash funds				
Bank current account	42,514	-	42,514	28,252
Beavers Account	830		830	1,361
Cubs Account	2,020		2,020	6,770
Scouts Account	2,631		2,631	5,029
Explorers Account	2,985	-	2,985	7,617
Cash/Floats	765	-	765	765
	51,745	-	51,745	49,794
Other monetary assets				
Monies prepaid by members for future activities (net)	- 6,075	-	- 6,075	- 3,255
Accrued Income received in May	1,746	-	1,746	205
Prepaid Income (for 2025-26)	- 1,856		- 1,856	
Prepaid Activity costs (Camp 2025)	1,262		1,262	
Accrued costs	- 2,729	-	- 2,729	- 835
Funds available for Group use	44,094	-	44,094	45,908
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Other Assets				
Land and buildings at insurance declared valuation	774,924	-	774,924	753,084
Equipment, furniture etc at insurance declared valuation	52,283	-	52,283	51,510
Other	-	-	-	-
Sub total	827,207	-	827,207	804,594

The above Receipts and Payments Account and the Statement of Assets and Liabilities were approved by the trustees on _____ and signed on their behalf by

S Holman	Chairman
S. I Falcon	Treasurer



Independent examiner's report on the accounts

Report to the trustees of

Charity Name
14th Bromley Scout Group

On accounts for the year

1 April 2024 to 31 March 2025 Charity no **303551**

Set out on pages

1 to 3
(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act,
- to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 145 (5)(b) of the 2011 Act, and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's statement

My examination was carried out in accordance with general Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from the trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair' view and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention :

1. which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in, any material respect, the requirements:
 - to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act; and
 - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 Act have not been met ; or
2. to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed: 

Date: **15 August 2025**

Name: **Peter Eastwood**

Address: **1 Sidewood Road**
New Eltham
London SE9 2EZ

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight material problems.

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

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Section Reports

14th Bromley Cubs – report for the Annual General Meeting (AGM) held on Friday 12 September 2025

This update covers the period from July 2024 to September 2025. We have had a very busy year with the Cubs and I would like to thank all my leaders for their enthusiasm and dedication which they bring every week.

This report summarises some of our key highlights over the year.

Summer term 2024

We held 'The 14th Bromley Cubs First Olympics' on 1 July and some of the cubs wore togas. We hiked around Beckenham Place Park and held another Restaurant night. We finished the term on 22 July at Norman Park with wide games and rounders.

Our summer camp was 7 nights on the Isle of Wight in August which was a lot of fun.

Autumn term 2024

We returned after the summer holidays on 9 September with an evening of team games. We were working towards the Skills challenge badge and had evenings covering healthy eating, food groups, first aid and problem solving activities.

We also held a 'Cubs got Talent and Bring a pet night' which was a lot of fun.

We held another restaurant night, inviting parents and carers to join us to eat spaghetti bolognese.

We also learned how to light fires and had a night hike around Keston common.

We held a one night camp in October at Waylands (with the squirrels and beavers) and held a World War Two themed sleepover on 16/17 November with a trip to Chislehurst Caves.

A number of cubs took part in the District Athletics badge day at Norman Park on 12 October and then the swimming badge evening on 23 November.

We finished the term using the traversing wall, making Christmas decorations from clay and finally a trip to Laser Quest on 16 December.

Spring term 2025

We returned after Christmas on 6 January, with an evening of team games. On 13 January, we had a camp night with knot tying. On 20 January, we did the Book reader activity badge, based on World Book Day. On 27 January, we celebrated Chinese New Year and on 3 February, we completed the International activity badge.

We finished the half term on 10 February by going swimming at the Pavilion.

We returned after the holiday on 24 February, with a night hike around Jubilee Park where we also finished off the Astronomer badge by identifying three constellations.

On 3 March, we made pancakes. On 10 March, we did the Scientist activity badge and on 27 March, we did fire lighting in the garden. On 24 March, we had an artistic evening for the Artist activity badge. We finished the term on 31 March with an easter celebration.

In the term, we took part in the District DIY badge on 8 February.

We also ran a 1 night camp at Waylands on 8 March which 13 cubs attended.

We had 10 cubs join the St. George's Day district event at Frylands on 27 April, which was a lot of fun. I was at Windsor Castle with Liz (Chil) and Tom, celebrating him receiving his Meritorious Conduct Award.

Summer term 2025

We returned after Easter on 28 April, with an evening of team games. On 12 May, we practiced map reading by turning the hall into a giant map grid with the aid of masking tape – finished off with a game of Battleships.

We also invested 5 new cubs who had come up from Beavers. We also invested our young leader 'Owl' and reinvested Tom Bostock (aka Tigger) as he is now an adult leader.

We also awarded Christopher Nye-Jones with his Chief Scout Silver Award and wished him well as he continues his scouting journey at Scouts.

We finished the term with our 5 night summer camp to Adamswell (with 32nd Bromley) in July.

Autumn term 2025

We have another exciting term planned including a one night camp at Bears Wood (with the 32nd Bromley) and a trip to the Lord Mayors Show and Tower of London on the day before our Group Remembrance Service on 9 November.

Once again, I would like to thank all the leaders for their time, energy, and commitment to running the 14th Bromley Cub pack.

Michael Johnson (Akela)

Cub Team Leader, September 2025

14th Bromley Squirrels – report for the Annual General Meeting (AGM)

This update covers the period from July 2024 to September 2025. We have had a very fun and busy year with the Squirrels. This report summarises some of our key highlights over the year.

Summer term 2024

- In the Summer term, we:
- Held a world safari
- Went on a nature walk
- Made a bug hotel
- Made fires and cooked smores
- Created a vegetable patch
- Started learning how to read a map
- Had an indoor Teddy Bear's picnic (due to the weather)
- Iced biscuits and created summer holiday scrapbooks.

We also took part in the Squirrel District event at Cudham on 23 June. We presented our first ever Chief Scout Acorn award in May.

Autumn term 2024

- In the Autumn term, we:
- Painted our favourite thing
- Found out about scouts around the world
- Used the traversing wall for the first time
- Held an indoor camp with hot chocolate
- Lit fires for bonfire night
- Went on a night walk to Keston Ponds
- Had a road Safety night (including a fire drill on 22 November)
- Made Christmas cards and decorations

We visited the Clairleigh Nursing Home on Plaistow Lane on 11 October and then St John's Church on 6 December. We held a pirate-themed one-night camp at Waylands on 12/13 October.

We took part in the Group Remembrance Service 10 November.

Some Squirrels attended the 'Carols round the campfire' District event on 7 December.

We finished the term on 20 December, with a trip the Churchill Theatre to see The Nutcracker.

Spring term 2025

In the Spring term, we:

- Made friends and created a giant oak tree
- Created a supermarket with different foods to try
- Celebrated Squirrel Appreciation Day by making chocolate nest cakes
- Started working towards the Exciting Experiments badge with sensory boxes and making cress heads
- Had a Pet themed evening, where we learned how to look after our pets and then we painted our favourite pet/animal
- Had a Valentine themed afternoon tea and invited parents/carers to join us for tea, sandwiches and jam scones
- Made pancakes
- Made bird feeders
- Made models out of junk
- Went bat hunting at Keston Ponds
- Made cards and presents for Mother's Day
- Went to soft play at the Pavilion

We also went on a trip to the British Wildlife Centre on 15 March. This was originally supposed to be a District-led event, but no other Dreys signed up...so we went on our own instead and had a fab time!

On 22 March, we hired a mini-bus and went on a trip to Godstone Farm which was loads of fun. We came back to the hall for dinner, watched Thomas the Tank Engine and then a sleepover.

We took part in the St. George's Day event at Frylands on 27 April. Five squirrels came along and one read the Promise which was great.

We awarded four Chief Scout Acorn Awards at the end of term.

Summer term 2025

- In the summer term, we:
- Had a pirate themed night
- Made our best buildings out of lego for the Brilliant Builder badge
- Made feeling faces and feeling jars for the Feel Good badge
- Made dens in Elmstead Woods
- Leant how to make fires safely
- Had an evening all about World Ocean Day and made a giant whale out of recycled materials
- Welcomed the Judo
- Held the 14th Bromley Squirrels Wimbledon tennis tournament – with a qualified tennis coach to teach the squirrels
- Went pond dipping at High Elms
- Designed a palace for our favourite teddy bears
- Had an emergency aid evening led by Sarah-Jane
- Had a Teddy Bears picnic
-

We awarded two Chief Scout Acorn Awards at the end of term.



Autumn term 2025

We have an exciting term planned including a one night camp at Bears Wood (with the cubs).

I would like to thank everyone for their support with our Squirrel drey, in particular Emma Morton-Turner and Emma Kerr who are fantastic leaders and Camilla Kerr and Lewis Hitch, our young leaders who are a great help.

Liz Bostock

Squirrel Team Leader, September 2025

14th Bromley Beavers – report for the Annual General Meeting (AGM)

This report covers from the 2024 Autumn term to the start of Autumn 2025.

It has been another successful year for Beavers, with plenty of hard work put in behind the scenes from all the team. By the end of this term, we would have delivered 80+ hours of scouting, not including time spent for planning, organising and admin. My last report noted we ended that year with 17 beavers, this year we hit the limit of 24 beavers, averaging 22 regularly attending each week. We are certainly seeing an up tick from Squirrels moving up as well as new starters. I recently read somewhere that nationally beaver numbers are falling, however we seem to be doing something right with our younger sections.

Autum 24, we made good use of the climbing wall, it's a firm favourite with beavers. We also learnt some Knots and made fires to cook dampers on. The dampers went down well after the second attempt as our first mix of dough didn't go so well. A scavenger hunt around the local area had beavers trying to spot a few things and answer some questions along the way. They even had a go at navigating. If we followed their directions we would have been in the Oak Pub instead of back on Plaistow Lane. Wide games are another popular feature as the days get shorter. 200 glow sticks and 20 Beavers results in a lot of fun over an evening at Wilberforce. The term was tailed off with bowling at the pavilion, a fire drill completing their safety badge and of course a Christmas party.

In the middle of the Autumn term, we had a very successful sleepover at Waylands campsite. This was a joint effort with the squirrels and cubs spear headed by Liz Bostock. The pirate themed weekend was enjoyed by all the ages, with den building, flag making, treasure hunts and tasty food. I think there must have been over 40 young people attending with 10 from beavers.



The spring term, we completed the first aid, navigator, international and camp craft badges. We made mini catapults with lollipop sticks ticking off the pioneering challenge. Later, we learned about Chinese New Year and their lantern festival by making our own paper lanterns. We also tried a few foods from around the world as well as what beavers are like around the world for the international badge. Meeting on Tuesdays we couldn't ignore Shrove Tuesday, many pancakes were expertly mixed, flipped and devoured. A visit to the fire station was great fun despite the crew getting called out 3 times within the hour! Beavers had just enough time to have a look around one of their fire engines and sit in the driver's seat.

The start of the summer term was the annual St George's day event at Frylands Wood. A great day was had by all the beavers; we split down into two groups and raced around as many activities as we could. This is always a great event and the first time it hasn't rained. We completed the health and fitness badge by making a giant poster about the different food groups followed by several agility activities to measure how the heart rate changes. One evening we set the beavers a challenge to protect an egg from being dropped from height. They were very resourceful only having a few cups, straws, newspapers and cello tape to work with. A couple of eggs did survive. The communicator badge was completed making semaphore flags and decoding messages. The term was finished off with lots of excitement with s'mores made over the fire followed by crazy golf in Sidcup.

Coming full circle as we enter this autumn term, we plan to redo some firm favourites and attempt the experiment badge with baking soda rockets. Toilet roll mummies are coming up later in the term with decorating gingerbread biscuits for Christmas. Over this reporting year we have awarded 4 Chief Scout Bronze Awards to Luna Cowling, Mallory Tate, Zachary Lowe and Finley Hollands. The Beaver of the year trophy was presented to Zachary Lowe, at November's Remembrance Day service. Beavers have been ticking along with the dedication of Liz, Alex and Maire always bring fresh ideas and enthusiasm to the table each week. Without them beavers wouldn't be what it is today, so my big thanks go to them for another amazing year. This has also now been a full year of using our family rota. It's been great having at least one parent helping us each week, it has not only helped us out but has given parents the opportunity to see what we get up to each week and the effort that goes into making it. I hope this continues to grow and who knows, hopefully we get an extra leader out of it.

Matthew Lofting
Beaver Scout Leader

Scout Section Report 14th Bromley Group Trustee Board – Annual General Meeting (2024-25)

It has been another busy year for the 14th Bromley Scout Troop.

January 2025 saw the section produce a strong census return with twenty-five scouts on our books. This represented a loss of six scouts on our 2024 return. Fortunately, since census, we have returned to growth with thirty-one scouts on our books as we head into the 2025-26 academic year. Maintaining healthy membership numbers remains a priority for the leadership team.

We remain supported by five full time leaders – one 'Team Leader' and four 'Team Members'. We also continue to count on the regular support of two regular helpers. Unfortunately, we expect one of our current 'Team Members' to partially step back from scouting this year. Leader recruitment will therefore also be a priority for the forthcoming year, with a potential new leader joining us for a trial as we return for the Autumn Term.

Summer Term 2024 began with games and a visit from the District Youth Commissioner Team, focusing on 'Youth Shaped Scouting'. In April, fourteen scouts attended the District 'St George's Day Funday' at Frylands Wood'. Scouts also earned their 'Model Maker Activity Badge' through a Warhammer-supported session, where they built and painted figurines. The first half of term concluded with scouts practising knot skills. In May, we held our Spring Camp at Thriftwood Scout Activity Centre, offering activities including cave bus, crossbows, climbing, kayaking, cresta run, and leap of faith. Additionally, three scouts participated in the District 'Water Sport Activity Day' on in June, earning various 'Time on the Water' and 'Paddle Sport' Staged Activity Badges. In the second half of the term, scouts visited the Bromley Environmental Education Centre at High Elms (BEECHE); practised knife, axe, and saw skills; enjoyed backwoods cooking and wide games; and took part in our annual rounders match against the 11th Bromley. The term ended with egg-protection challenges and a water games evening. Due to low uptake, we did not hold a summer camp in 2024.

Autumn Term 2024 began with games and a fire essentials evening, where scouts experimented with various fire-lighting methods. Ten scouts attended Bromley District's 'Survival Camp' in September, participating in knife, axe, and saw work, survival kit making, distress signals, fish gutting, and backwoods cooking. Other highlights included a visit from the UK Owl and Raptor Centre, where scouts handled and flew birds of prey, followed by a photo scavenger hunt, team-building activities, circuit training, and the annual 'submarines' evening. At Frylands Wood, scouts tried air rifle shooting and an assault course. The term continued with the District's Swimming Badge Assessment Evening, creative sessions making woggles and Lego models, and ended with ice skating at Ruxley Manor. Scouts also took part in the annual Remembrance Sunday service, where four Chief Scout Gold Awards were presented to Leo Roberts, Kayhan Durmush, Lucy Scarsbrook, and Zoe Scarsbrook. Lola Gawen received the Geoff Pinniger Trophy for most improved scout, with honourable mentions to Benjamin Palmer and Sam Lindsey for their contributions.

Spring Term 2025 began with games and a well-received bowling evening at the Pavilion Leisure Centre. Scouts celebrated Burns Night with highland games and haggis tasting and marked the Lunar New Year with themed games and cultural learning. Navigation and orienteering skills were developed through map work in preparation for the term's night hike. Pancake night wrapped up the first half of term. In the second half of the term, scouts prepared for the 'Scouts of Steel' competition with a mini-assault course, cooked chocolate brownies in orange skins over open fires, and built mini catapults. A yoga session promoted mindfulness, and the term ended with the high-energy 'Pirates' game at the 22nd Bromley scout hall. At Bromley District's 'Scouts of Steel' in March, thirteen scouts competed across three teams. Notably, Hari Hughes won the under-12-and-a-half individual race. Later in March, seventeen scouts completed a 9km night hike from Keston Common to Waylands Scout Campsite, earning their 'Hikes Away' badge. In April, ten scouts attended the District's 'St George's Day Funday' at Frylands Wood, enjoying over forty-five activities including JCB driving and Lego robot wars, with a modern retelling of the St George story. The event was the District's largest ever and ran smoothly thanks to improved logistics and sunny weather.

Summer Term 2025 began with games and a 'rescue mission' evening during which scouts had to build a stretcher and 'rescue' a member of their team from danger. An evening servicing tents and quatermastering kit ahead of summer camp followed; as well as an evening off site playing volleyball at Kings Meadow. Critical thinking challenges; knife, axe, and saw work; and fire building followed, with scouts preparing and cooking 'pitta bread pizzas' on open fires. An evening on cracking cryptic puzzles followed in preparation for the return of Bromley District's ever-popular 'Moonwalk' event. Moonwalk took place in June with ten scouts attending the overnight 'incident hike'. Unfortunately, we did not bring any silverware home this year, but all scouts had a great time. Our annual rounders match against the 11th Bromley Scouts; a blind taste test evening; and our traditional end of term water fight rounded off the term.

Nineteen scouts and seven leaders joined us for Summer Camp 2025, held at Kibblestone International Scout Centre in Stone, Staffordshire. The seven-night camp saw scouts take part in activities including axe throwing, jacobs ladder, high all aboard, climbing, eliminator, and crate stacking. Day trips included a hike along the River Dove (following the Dovedale trail in the Peak District); a trip to Waterworld in Stoke; Tubing at the Stoke Ski Centre; and a (very popular) day out at Drayton Manor Resort. Four of the scouts joining us were from the 15th Bromley. A great time was had by all, and we look forward to beginning work on Summer Camp 2026!

I have been well supported this year by Steven Lofting, Chloe White, Sophie Durman, Sarah-Jane Durman, Amy White, Steve White, and Adam Channon. This would have been a difficult year without them, and I extend my thanks, and the thanks of parents, to them for their continued support and dedication to the 14th Bromley Scout Troop.

Joseph Collier

Scout Leader – 14th Bromley

14th Bromley Explorers – Section report for the Annual General Meeting

Explorer section report

14th Bromley Trustee Board annual general meeting (2024–25)

It's been another busy year for the 14th Bromley Explorer unit. I'm pleased to say that we have 32 explorers registered and we continue to have a strong weekly meeting with approximately 18 to 20 Explorers turning up on a regular basis.

We remain supported by four full-time leaders, one team leader and three team members. We also continue to count on the regular support of three regular helpers. Unfortunately, one of the regular helpers will be stepping down as we start the new term in September 2025.

Autumn Term

First week back for the term we went to laser tag, which is always thoroughly enjoyed by all of the Explorers. The following week we did a fashion night where they all had to spend £5 on some fancy dress costume and we then had the judges to see who had the best costumes.

The following week we had a cooking skills night teaching them how to use the gas bottles, how to use the gas cookers, hooking them up and taking them off the gas bottles, as well as basic cooking skills. This is always an enjoyable evening and we always run it with a competition to see who has come up with the best dish as they work in teams.

The following week we did a night hike orienteering race at Pratts bottom deep in the countryside. They were set off in teams of 4 with a small time gap between them and to practice their night navigation skills round a 2 mile course. This was a great evening and we had two teams complete the route and two teams that didn't. This has highlighted some gaps in their navigation which we will work on in the spring time in 2025.

The following evenings we did pumpkin carving which again is always enjoyed and we had some amazing creations.

The next week we went down to Cudham Shaws campsite and we did wide games in the dark. Again it's another night that they all really enjoy and it's good to get them out in the countryside in the dark playing lots of good old scout games.

The next week they went rock climbing at The Reach. This is always well attended and it's a very fun evening for everyone and again very well attended.

We then ran our winter camp. However storm Bertie was in full force and so we were unable to run the overnight camp, however, we did a risk assessment and deemed it okay to run the day part of the event in gale force winds and driving rain. We did fire lighting skills and we divide them into three teams and took them completely back to basics. How to find Wood, how to chop wood, how to saw the wood and then how to build a fire. We had quite a small group and 4 leaders so we had really good ratio to explorers so we could really teach them some great skills. And despite the driving rain and the wind each team manage to get their fires to light. They were wet through to the bone by the end of the day but warm and happy.

We then went ice-skating at Ruxley Manor, which is another great evening. We also invested several Explorers on the ice rink which is always good fun. We formed a circle on the ice rink and it was quite a spectacle. We always enjoy invest in our Explorers in different locations.

The last night of the term was spent making Christmas decorations and having a Christmas themed evening. They got wine bottles and decorated them with napkins and we put LED lights inside which makes a great centerpiece for the table. Christmas jumpers, food, music and some games

Spring Term

Returning back in January 2025 we had another varied program which included building the tallest tower which was a great team building and team bonding event as well as problem-solving. It's amazing how many different ways that are to achieve the same thing and how people think differently.

We then did a night hike to teach orienteering skills which always goes down well and the Explorers always love to get out into the countryside at night. It's a very different environment for them.

The next week we had a pioneering evening making it fun by making rope stretchers and chairs so that they learn the knots in a fun and productive way.

We had the legendary hunted evening which all the explorers really enjoyed. This involves in placing them in two different locations in the countryside and then they have to make their way from one point to another are using their map reading skills without getting caught by the leaders. It's always an extremely fun evening.

We also entered the Scouts of steel assault course and one of our teams managed to come third, which was a fantastic result considering how many teams there were competing.

We had a very good turnout for St George's Day all of them enjoying the events that were there for them. This was the districts largest ever event and ran smoothly thanks to the improved logistics and sunny weather.

Summer Term

Summertime 2025 started off with a scavenger hunt which is always a very well attended evening and the Explorers really love this type of event. We had one team that was able to find all the 30 things on the list in the evening which was a great effort.

As Explorers they do enjoy a fire and so we often get them to make a fire and then they had to make their burgers from scratch, mix and all the ingredients together and then cook them. Always a great evening they love cooking and they love making a fire.

Something slightly different we did a tube station fancy dress where they all had to dress up in different stations and then the group had to work out which tube stations they represented. A very fun evening.

First aid is always an important evening to run and we were very lucky to have a local GP come down and run the first aid evening to include CPR. Unfortunately, this wasn't that well attended but they all got to practice their skills.

We did another night Hike, as we were preparing for moonwalk. We entered three teams into moonwalk which was a very strong Showing and we were one of the Explorer units with the most teams there. It's a fantastic evening and all of the Explorers love going to this event. They start at 10 o'clock at night and then go all the way through to 4 in the morning trying to get to as many bases as possible and then completing challenges at each base to earn points.

We then did air rifle shooting, which is another well loved activity and we also managed to have an intergroup competition with the 15th Bromley. This was a great opportunity to meet other Explorer scout in the evening went really well.

Finally, we had our summer camp and we went to the Peak District. We had a very large group of 22 Explorers supported by 4 Leaders and one occasional helper.

The camp was a great success. We were in a fantastic location and they managed to do some really exciting activities such as caving, rock climbing and abseiling. We did a cycle round ladybower reservoir which is where the dambusters used to practice ready for their mission.

Paul Musk

Team leader 14 Bromley Explorer group

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14th BROMLEY SCOUT GROUP

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting

7:00pm, Wednesday 3rd July 2024

Trustee Board members in attendance:

Alexandra Leroye Sakurai	Chair
Sarah-Jane Durman	Group Scout Leader
Elizabeth Bostock	Secretary and Squirrel Scout Leader
Shelley Falcon	Group Treasurer
Joe Collier	Scout Leader
Michael Rayment-Johnson,	Cub Scout Leader
Paul Musk	Explorer Scout Leader

Other attendees also present: Steve Holman, Steven Lofting, Dick Eddowes

Apologies: Matthew Lofting, Hannah Harvey and David Turner

1. Alexandra Leroye Sakurai convened the meeting and welcomed members of the Trustee Board and guests. Apologies were noted.
2. Approval of the 2023 Annual General Meeting minutes were unanimously approved.
3. Governance oversight - Alexandra Leroye Sakurai explained that as a result of the Volunteering Transformation (a new initiative from the Scouting Association), the Trustee Board needed to adopt a Group Constitution. Following further discussion at the last Trustee Board Meeting in September, the Group Executive Committee would now be referred to as the Trustee Board. The New Constitution of 14th Bromley Scout Group was adopted unanimously by the trustees and signed by Alex Leroye Sakurai (chair) and Sarah-Jane Durman (group scout leaders).
- 4a. Alexandra Leroye Sakurai presented her Chair report and reviewed the work of all the sections over the last year, updating the attendees of the work of the Group. Chair's Report Appendix (i) refers.
- 4b. Shelley Falcon presented the Treasurers report, reviewing group finances for the past year and anticipated future expenditure. The Trustee Board approved the accounts for the year to 31 March 2024.

The accounts were audited by Mr Peter Eastwood. The Group's bankers are CAF Bank Ltd.

- 4c. Sarah-Jane Durman presented the GSL report and thanked all the section leaders for their outstanding work with their sections. Appendix (ii) refers.

5a. Alexandra Leroye Sakurai resigned as Chair. She was nominated for re-election by Steven Lofting, seconded by Michael Rayment-Johnson and unanimously approved.

5b. Elizabeth Bostock resigned as Group Secretary. Marie Sripha-Tate was nominated for the secretary position by Alex Leroye Sakurai, seconded by Sarah-Jane Durman and unanimously approved.

5c. To elect the Group Treasurer. Shelley Falcon was nominated for re-election by Alex Leroye Sakurai, seconded by Elizabeth Bostock, and was unanimously approved.

5d. Re-appointment of Peter Eastwood as Group Accounts Auditor for the next year.
Nominated for re-election by Shelley Falcon, seconded by Elizabeth Bostock and was unanimously approved.

5e. The election of Parent Representatives to the Trustee Board. There were no nominees standing. Additional committee appointments. To be considered as required.

5f. Quartermaster – position currently vacant. Steven Lofting proposed by Sarah-Jane Durman, seconded by Alex Leroye Sakurai and unanimously approved.

5g. To approve the Group Scout Leader's nominations to the Trustee Board.

Sarah-Jane Durman gave her personal thanks to the Trustee Board for their work over the past year and made her nominations for the Trustee Board.

Group Vice Chairman – Vacant This position is currently vacant.

Chair of Site & Services Sub Committee – This position is currently vacant. Galen Dorado proposed as the new Chair of Site and Services pending further approval and necessary documentation to be signed.

Sarah-Jane Durman agreed to write a further letter to parents/ carers advising them of the vacancies and the need for additional volunteers.

11. To confirm those Section Leaders willing to stand on the Group Executive as Trustees

- a. Matthew Lofting, Beavers
- b. Michael Rayment-Johnson, Cubs
- c. Joe Collier, Scouts
- d. Paul Musk, Explorers
- e. Elizabeth Bostock , Squirrels

12. Any other business

There was no other business raised. Alexandra Leroye Sakurai thanked those in attendance and concluded the meeting at 19.45pm.

See Appendices (i) Chairman's Report, (ii)GSL Report & Section Annual reports below

Leaders and members of the Group Trustee Board

This has been a great year for our Scout group. The group has worked hard toward the Scout Volunteering Transformation, which will see all Scout groups move from Group Executive Committees to Trustee Board and the separation between governance (the trustee board) and operational (the leadership team). 14th Bromley has undertaken a readiness exercise and is confident we are ready for the transition. This AGM will see the adoption of our new group's constitution, which will reflect this transition.

This year, Bromley 14th has conducted a full safe scouting premises audit and actioned all items set out by the audit such as updated PAT testing, new secure ladder for the loft, COSHH documentation, lone working and working at height policies, fire drills for all sections, and incident/near miss logs for the hall tenants. This has helped the group having safe and secure premises not only for our scout sections, but our tenants as well.

The Hall lettings have been a vital source of revenue for the group. Securing letting with the Crafty Wizards nursery has been positive for the group and members of the trustee boards have worked hard to grow a positive relationship with the nursery and our other tenants. We are also letting the hall on an ad-hoc basis for extra funding. This has allowed us to offer affordable subscription fees to our community. We have also ensured that we are a fair customer by paying our cleaning contractor in line with the London living wage.

The group has a new Quartermaster who has been proactive maintaining our existing stores as well as securing new and second hand tents in preparations for our summer camps. The inventory of our equipment has been updated and a number of solutions to maintain our equipment properly have been implemented, such as drying lines for the numerous tents after the summer camps.

Extensive work was conducted to upgrade the heating in the main hall which is now working to satisfaction in readiness for the colder months. We have re-energised our working party meetings, inviting parents to help us maintain the hall, with great success.

On a closing note, I wish to thank the members of the trustee board for their tireless work and eagerness regardless of the challenges, for the time and boundless dedication of all our volunteers, the enthusiasm and energy of our young volunteers, our parents and carers for their kind words and support, and most importantly, our young people, our squirrels, beavers, cubs, scouts and explorers, for their love of learning, their excitement and happiness, which makes our roles so rewarding.

Section reports

These should be with your other papers and will also be emailed out to parents.

Alexandra Leroye Sakurai, Chair

01st July 2024

Appendix (ii).

GSL report for the 14th Bromley Scout Group AGM July 3rd 2024

This group continues to be fully active group with all sections running fun and interesting programmes. Both the Beavers and Explorers have larger numbers than they have had for several years and there are 24 explorers attending this year's summer camp. The squirrel dray continues to grow and they all seem to enjoy themselves. They seem so tiny but Liz with her team run an interesting age-related programme slowly introducing them to scout activities!

There are full and interesting evenings held in all sections which the young people enjoy. Sometimes they suggest/organise these themselves. It enables them to see how disruptive others talking though their leadership is! Summer camps are being planned although sadly the pandemic the youngsters don't seem too keen on attending which is a shame as this should be pinnacle of their scouting year.

The scout camp has been cancelled as so few wanted to attend but cubs and explorers have a full summer camp planned. Bromley District Scouts is running a full and interesting programme supporting all sections which people seem to enjoy when they attend them. Some of our leaders are part of the youth events team. All sections have had young people gaining the top awards for their section which is good and shows how keen some of them are. They are supported and encouraged by their leaders. Some of those leaders have also achieved high awards. Joe Collier was awarded the Chief Scout Commendation and Sophie Durman attended the St Georges day Parade at Windsor as she gained her Queen's scout award. Elizabeth Dray has been awarded her wood beads.

There have been several new leaders recruited and they have started their training. Steve Holman and his Archive Elves continue to maintain the archives for us, keeping the history of this group alive. Steven Lofting works hard to keep the store neat and ordered in his role as quartermaster.

There are regular weekend working parties with both leaders and parents helping to maintain our valuable premises. Hopefully the historical flag pole will be repainted and mended before our Remembrance service in November.

There are lots of changes called team-based volunteering within the management of the group so the various leaders are learning how to fulfil their new roles.

I would like to thank all the volunteers and leaders who continue to make the 14th Bromley Scout Group such a successful group.

Sarah-Jane Durman
Group Scout Leader

Section Reports below

14th Bromley Squirrels – report for the Annual General Meeting

This update covers the period from July 2023 to July 2024. We currently have 16 Squirrels with us and we have been running for just over a year.

Summer term 2023

In the Summer term, we concentrated on the Get Creative and Go Wild Badges – so we:

- Painted your favourite animal
- Made coronation crowns
- Made jellyfish paper plates
- Made a bird feeder out of Cheerios
- Collected nature items to make a picture
- Had a mini-beast hunt at Keston Ponds
- Made models out of junk and painted them

Autumn term 2023

In the Autumn term, we concentrated on the Lets Celebrate and Go Outdoors Badges, plus two Challenge badges - All About Me and All About Adventure – so we:

- Made faces out of fruit
- Made owls and squirrels out of pinecones
- Celebrated Diwali and made Diya lamps from clay
- Went to Scadbury Park and made a den
- Made fires and toasted marshmallows in the garden
- Made a Squirrel adventure scrapbook
- Firework night paint flicking
- Made an 'All about me' box
- Learnt about Hanukkah
- Celebrated Christmas and thought about other Children in Bromley with less than themselves (by contributing to the Christmas Present Appeal run by the Salvation Army and making a Christmas card for a child that they did not know)
- Went on an outing to Bromley fire station

The Squirrels contributed to the Group's remembrance activities for the first time by making a 'poppy poster'.

Squirrels were invited to attend the weekend Halloween camp at Waylands in October. We had 5 squirrels attend for the day, of which 1 slept over for 2 nights. Our first two Squirrels moved up to Beavers at the end of the term.

Spring term 2024

In the Spring term, we concentrated on the Local Superhero and Storytime badges, so we:

- Designed our own superhero and made masks
- Made Squirrel chocolate nest cakes
- Designed our own story
- Read our favourite stories in an indoor cosy den
- Had visits from the police, a nurse and the RNLI
- Celebrated Chinese New Year
- Made presents for Mother's Day (a plant in a basket)

We also had a trip to Christmas Tree Farm on Saturday 9 March which was a lot of fun. We finished the term with an easter egg hunt at Keston Ponds.

Summer term 2024

This term, we have:

- Held a world safari
- Went on a trip to Elmstead Woods to build dens
- Made a bug hotel
- Made fires and cooked smores
- Created a vegetable patch
- Started learning how to read a map

We had 8 squirrels attend the St George's Day event at Frylands which they all enjoyed. We also took part in the Squirrel District event at Cudham on 23 June.

We will be having a Teddy Bears Picnic at Kelsey Park soon and finishing the term with some cooking and some team games.

We have presented our first ever Chief Scout Acorn award in May and we have three Squirrels moving up to Beavers this term.

I would like to thank everyone for their support with our Squirrel drey, in particular Liz Dray, Emma Morton-Turner and Emma Kerr who are fantastic leaders and Lewis Hitch, our young leader who is a great help.

Liz Bostock
Squirrel Scout Leader, July 2024

14th Bromley Beavers – report for the Annual General Meeting

Another year has flown by, packed with busy programmes and over 130 badges being awarded. In the Autumn Beavers have completed their camp craft badge by learning how-to put-up tents and took on a pioneering challenge making catapults out of lolly sticks. In the middle of the term, we had a couple of beavers join the squirrels on the cub sleepover, lots of fun was had. Making the most of the dark evenings, we spent an evening at Wilberforce playing wide games. Beavers can be very easy to find in the dark with 200 glow sticks. The latter part of the term we had a look at fairtrade food, of course tasting some, and talked about sustainability as part of the global issues badge.

The Spring term felt very short this year, but plenty was achieved. We started off with the space badge, Beavers learned about the planets, on the following week we were back at Wilberforce to see what we could find in the night sky. Unfortunately, the clouds moved in but lots of fun was had imaging what was there with lots of running around. Of course, it was February, so the annual pancakes had to be made. Eating is a firm favourite of beavers. We also completed the communicator badge during the term solving morse code messages. The weather also had it in for us at the end of the term, as our planned fire and Smores evening was done inside over the gas burners. 5 Beavers attend the district eater egg hunt at Frylands Wood. They had to complete several challenges access the site to gain their eater egg, but they had to keep an eye out for the horrid fox that was trying to steal them. The fox was successfully scared away with lots of screaming.

Into the present term that I can't believe is almost over already. Beavers have gained 3 badges this term, health and fitness, disability awareness and Garding badges. Early in the term was the St. George's day event, Beavers had a great time tunnelling, tomahawk throwing, Lego robot wars and many more. I think we managed a fair number of steps that day. As well as being a great day for the beavers and renewing our promises, the day tickets off a lot of useful badge bits that can be hard to do normally. To complete the grading badge, we planted some seeds below the clock room window, results are yet to be seen, fingers crossed! Unfortunately, our planned sleepover had to be downgraded to a day event because of unavailability of a permit holder. Nonetheless 7 beavers had a great time exploring Chislehurst Caves, getting the explorer badge. The tour was very well tailored to the beavers, and we only got lost once! A rescheduled sleepover is in the planning for October.



Over this past year, 4 Chief Scouts Awards were achieved by Elosie Jackman, Mason Debich, Isabella Ovenell and Archi Hughes. The Beaver of the year Trophy was presented to Isabella Ovenell in November. Beaver numbers started out at 10 and from September we are set to have 17 beavers, I think the highest I've ever known.

Beavers have been enjoying a full year of varied programmes thanks to Liz and Alex, alongside our young leaders, with their enthusiasm and ability to pull ideas out of the hat each week. They do an amazing job, especially when I can't make it, often at short notice.

Matthew Lofting
Beaver Scout Leader



14th Bromley Cubs – report for the Annual General Meeting

This update covers the period from July 2023 to July 2024. We currently have 21 Cubs with us.

Summer term 2023

We ended the summer term with summer camp preparations and practiced putting up tents. We then finished the term at Wilberforce with an evening of wide games. Our summer camp was 5 nights at Bushy Wood from Saturday 22nd July to Thursday 27th. 6 Cubs came from the 14th, and like 2022 we joined up with the 32nd – so in total we had 24 young people with us. Camp was great fun, and very wet at times!

Autumn term 2023

We returned after the Summer holidays on 4 September, with an evening of team games. We based the term around achieving two activity badges – Local Knowledge and World Faiths – plus part of Our World challenge badge.

For local knowledge, we went for a local walk and made a community map. We also had a visit from Steve Holman who talked to the Pack about the history of the 14th Bromley.

For World Faiths, we had a visit from Emma Morton-Turner in December to talk to the pack about Judaism and Hanukkah. We also took the Cubs to the Mosque in Keston so they could understand more about the Islamic faith. At Christmas, we thought about Christianity and the birth of Jesus.

For Our World, we thought about some ideas for improving our local community and also took part in the Remembrance reflections.

We also went to Laser Quest on 9 October, cooked on fires to celebrate firework night and held our third restaurant night on 27 November where we cooked pasta and meatballs.

We entered a team into the District swimming gala on 18 November.

Finally, we had a weekend camp at Waylands booked in for Friday 20th October to Sunday 22nd October.

Spring term 2024

We returned after Christmas on 8 January, with an evening of team games. We completed two activity badges this term – Scientist and Global Issues. On 22 January, we made bird feeders and on 5 February, we made pancakes. On 19 February, we celebrated Chinese New Year and made a giant dragon for our notice board.

We finished the term by going to Wilberforce on 18 March to make fires and sing campfire songs.

We had a one-night sleepover on 23/24 March (Operation Toystory). We visited the V&A Young museum and the Ragged School museum, then went back to the hall for dinner, a movie and 'sleep'.



Summer term 2024

We returned after Easter on 15 April, with an evening of team games.

8 Cubs joined us at Frylands for St George's Day which was a lot of fun, and very muddy!

We have based the term around the Astronomer activity badge – plus a lot of Our Skills challenge badge including a martial arts evening, knots and problem solving. We held 'The 14th Bromley Cubs First Olympics' on 1 July and some of the cubs wore togas. We have been on a hike around Beckenham Place Park and will be holding another Restaurant night soon. We will finish the term on 22 July at Norman Park with wide games and rounders.

We held a one night camp in June at Waylands and took part in the District Chatham Dockyard sleepover in May.

Our summer camp this year is 7 nights on the Isle of Wight in August which we are all looking forward to.

This year, we have awarded two Chief Scout Silver awards to Ben Palmer and Arthur Baxter.

I would like to thank all the leaders for their time, energy, and commitment to running the 14th Bromley Cub pack.

Michael Johnson (Akela)
Cub Scout Leader, July 2024



14th Bromley Scouts – report for the Annual General Meeting

It has been another busy year for the 14th Bromley Scout Troop.

February 2024 saw the section produce a strong census return with thirty-one scouts on our books. This represented a gain of two scouts on our 2023 census return. Unfortunately, we have since shrunk in size with fifteen scouts now on our books. This has largely been caused by the loss of thirteen scouts to explorers (in one go). Many of these scouts have not been replaced by new cubs as year groups with lower intakes, likely caused by the pandemic, have begun making their way through the 14th Bromley system to scouts. Recruitment will be a key focus of the leadership team after the summer break.

We are supported by five full time leaders – one Scout Leader and four Assistant Scout Leaders. This represents a gain of one Assistant Scout Leader during this reporting year. We continue to also count on the regular support of one Occasional Helper.

Summer Term 2023 saw scouts take part in the 'Expedition Challenge', with the preceding evenings covering what kit to take, navigation / route planning, how to handle an emergency, and final bag checks. Eleven scouts joined us for the expedition as we hiked from Eridge Station to Broadstone Warren, and around Forrest Row. An incredible 28km was covered across two days and all participants achieved their 'Expedition Challenge' badges. Summer Term also included fire lighting; making homemade burgers; wide games; pioneering catapults; trash fashion; and cardboard combat (which featured an epic Nurf Gun fight). Bromley District's 'Moonwalk' returned with three 14th Bromley Scout teams participating. The term concluded with the annual 14th Bromley vs 11th Bromley rounders match (which saw the 14th Bromley emerge victorious).

Summer Camp 2023 was held at Ferny Croft Scout Activity Centre. Eleven scouts joined seven leaders for a week away in Hampshire. Despite it being one of the wettest camps many of our leadership team could recall, we managed to run a range of activities including coasteering at Lulworth Cove. Other activities included a day trip to Beaulieu National Motor Museum; a hike to Lyndhurst; and on-site activities including pedal go karts, crate stacking, raft building, aero ball, and frisbee golf. Scouts also enjoyed a day trip to Brownsea Island, the birthplace of scouting.

Autumn Term 2023 kicked off with scouts re-writing their code of conduct; setting Personal Challenges for the 'Personal Challenge' badge; and voting for some 'Jack Petchey Achievement Award' winners (which went to Annie Helm, Leo Roberts, and Kayhan Durmush). Scouts participated in 'Jambowlree', a worldwide ten pin bowling competition. The term predominantly focussed on first aid skills, with all scouts achieving their 'Stage 3 Emergency Aid' badges. The Bromley District 'Swimming Badge

Assessment Day' and the Bromley District 'Swimming Gala' also returned; and three scouts joined us and the other 14th Bromley sections for an October Half Term Camp at Waylands Scout Campsite. 'Pirates' at the 22nd Bromley; making homemade pizza; wide games; and the return of the ever-popular 'submarines' followed. Our annual Remembrance Sunday commemorations took place in November, and the term concluded with a Christmas Sleepover at the hall. An honourable mention must go to Lucy Scarsbrook, winner of the 'Geoff Pinneker Award' for most improved scout in November 2023.

Spring Term 2024 included an exercise aimed at testing the scouts' senses; the return of the 'world trade game'; and our annual night hike as the scouts hiked from Wilberforce Scout Centre to the Carey Scout Hall (where they spent the night). Preparation for the Bromley District 'Scouts of Steel' competition and pancake day celebrations followed. We were also fortunate enough to have several visitors to the troop including a magician (and member of the magic circle) and Flamsteed Astronomical Society. Bromley District's 'Scouts of Steel' saw us enter a team in both the under and over twelve-and-a-half age categories. A visit to The Reach Climbing Centre and the return of scout 'ready, steady, cook' rounded off the term.

Summer Term 2024 has seen scouts take part in games; refine their knot skills; and participate in the 'Model Maker Activity Badge' (in partnership with Warhammer). The Bromley District Youth Commissioner team visited to run a 'youth shaped scouting' session with us. Bromley District's 'St Georges' Day Funday' returned; and six scouts joined us at Thriftwood Scout Activity Centre for Spring Camp in May. Scouts have also visited High Elms Country Park to meet the insects resident at BEECHE; and three scouts joined us for Bromley District's 'Water Sport Activity Day' at Longridge Activity Centre in Marlow. Wide games at Frylands; knife, axe, and saw work; and backwoods cooking have followed in more recent weeks.

Unfortunately, owing to low uptake, there will be no scout summer camp this year. While this is a shame, especially given all the hard work of the eight leaders planning to travel to the Isle of Wight to run camp, we look forward to making next year's summer camp bigger and better.

I must acknowledge Lucy Scarsbrook, Zoe Scarsbrook, Leo Roberts, and Kayhan Durmush who achieved their Chief Scout Gold Awards this year. Sophie Durman and I both received Chief Scout Commendations for Good Service.

I have been well supported this year by Steven Lofting, Chloe White, Sophie Durman, Sarah-Jane Durman, Amy White, Steve White, and Adam Channon. This would have been a very difficult year without them, and I extend my thanks, and the thanks of many parents, to them for their continued support and dedication to the 14th Bromley Scout Troop.

Joe Collier
Scout Leader – 14th Bromley

14th Bromley Explorers – report for the Annual General Meeting

I am pleased to report that Explorers continues to grow and become healthier and healthier with record numbers. We now have a 37 Explorers on the books, and we have at least 20+ attending the meetings on a regular basis.

This obviously has its own challenges and does put a strain on the leadership team and keeping the meetings effective and fun while trying to maintain some discipline.

On occasions in the last year I have had to write to parents to bring up the question of discipline and going forward I have had to make the regrettable decision that should certain people continue to behave the way they do they will be sent home. I'm pleased to say, I do have the support from the parents. ☐☐☐ I'm pleased to say the leadership has grown in the last year and would like to welcome one of my previous Explorers who has now come back to help as an occasional helper Josh Maltby. I'm also pleased to see that John Tate has joined and has been extremely eager and completed all of his training at this year. He has lots of experience in the outdoors and will be a real asset to the group. Greg Westover has now completed five years and will probably receive his recognition at the Remembrance Day Parade. We now have three warranted leaders and six occasional helpers

It has been a very busy year since the last AGM. We had our summer camp down in Dorset and we had our biggest ever camp so far with 18 Explorers going and a range of exciting activities such as coastering and kayaking out to old Harry rocks which was extremely special, as we were able to get up close to the sea stacks and even get out of the canoes and go walking around the Headland, as well as hiking and cycling. We were unfortunate to be hit with a virus which left many Explorers ill for a day

The autumn term started off with us going to a gig to see a band that two of the Explorers are in. This was very well attended, and all had a great evening. We also spent some time learning fire lighting skills by trying to make Swedish rockets. However, with the wet weather this was not easy. We did manage to get them going. We have had various of activities such as a night hike and rock climbing. They always enjoy the scavenger hunt that we do every year, as well as ice skating at Ruxley manor in which we invested several explores on the ice and that made for a great evening. We finished up by having a Christmas party and Emma showed us how to make a Christmas reef from natural products

The winter term was also extremely busy. We had a winter survival camp, and we were blessed with cold dry weather and ended up sleeping in hammocks. We cooked on fire all weekend and didn't use any gas. We also had the hunted evening in which the Explorers look forward to this every year. They are taken to a secret location in the countryside then given the coordinates of where they are and a map and given a point that they must get to without getting caught by the leaders as well as getting the secret documents from one location to another without them being found by the leaders. This is a great event getting them out in the countryside in the evening and use of navigation skills and teamwork. They also had an evening cooking on fire and an evening at Cudham Shaws where we did wide games and they found that great Fun. They also took part in Scouts of steal an extremely muddy assault course. we didn't have as many as the previous year, but we still had a good contingent, and they really had a great time.

The summer term has also been busy as we are preparing for summer camp. Again the numbers have increased having had quite an influx from Scouts and we now have 20 to 25 turning up on a regular basis. This is great. It does put a pressure on the leadership team to keep control of such a large group of, excitable teenagers. The summer term has been a busy with us getting ready for summer camp and we have 24 going and this now will be our biggest camp ever. We are going to Chepstowe and plan to Hike in the Brecon beacons as well as going Canyoning which is climbing down a , mountain river jumping into plunge pools and abseiling down waterfalls as well as some cycling and raft building

This term we have had an evening where they had to gut fish and then cook it. We also did a map navigation evening whereby each explorer had to take turns map reading. We split them up into groups so that it was more manageable, and they all got a go at having a go at map reading. An extremely funny evening we had this term was cross-dressing which was suggested by all of the Explorers. Many didn't want to dress up however it's amazing what peer pressure can do and they had the most fun evening. We have also spent an evening on the go-karts which was thoroughly enjoyed by all as well as going rock climbing down at The Reach in Woolwich. Currently we have 13 members going to MESH which is an exclusive camp just for Explorers and it's only run every two years. It's something that they all look forward to.

The last evening of this term will be paddle boarding down at Beckenham Place Park. We did this last year and it was extremely successful and a great, fun evening.

Moving forward, we would always like more volunteers to help and I'm also looking forward to John Tate, now he has done his training, to start leading some evenings.

Paul Musk
Explorer Scout Leader

14th Bromley Scout Group

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Donations	1,078	-	1,078	790
Gift Aid	1,848	-	1,848	2,079
Activity Income (camps/trips)	20,348	-	20,348	13,863
		-	-	
Sub total	29,167	-	29,167	22,370
Grants				
Jack Petchy	200	-	200	1,600
Govt Grants	-	-	-	-
Sub total	200	-	200	1,600
Fundraising (gross)				
Fundraising for Group / Others	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-
Other Income				
Bank Interest	374	-	374	66
Hall Rentals	24,809	-	24,809	26,296
Sub total	25,183	-	25,183	26,363
Total Receipts	54,551	-	54,551	50,332

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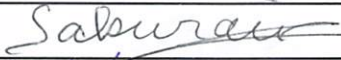

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Youth programme and activities	7,434		7,434	5,248
Activity costs - CAMPS	18,773		18,773	12,530
Scouting equipment	3,459	-	3,459	4,312
Uniforms (inc Scarves, Polos badges etc)	-	-	-	16
		-	-	-
Sub total	29,666	-	29,666	22,106
Headquarters running costs				
Rates	259	-	259	492
Water and Sewerage	170	-	170	728
Gas, Electricity	5,040	-	5,040	6,236
Telephone, Broadband	723	-	723	733
Insurance	1,999	-	1,999	1,851
Maintenance	5,644	-	5,644	9,351
Cleaning	3,896	-	3,896	4,286
Bank Charges	60	-	60	72
Sub total	17,791	-	17,791	23,749
Administration				
ADMIN (Printing, postage, AGM expenses, presentations, etc)	-	-	-	282
Donations	-	-	-	100
Sundries	-	-	-	360
Sub total	-	-	-	742
Total Gross Expenditure	47,457	-	47,457	46,597
Net of receipts/(payments)	7,094	-	7,094	3,735
Funds as at 1 April 2022	38,814	-	38,814	35,079
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Explorers Account	7,617	-	7,617	100
Cash/Floats	765	-	765	765
	49,794	-	49,794	49,649
Other monetary assets				
Monies prepaid by members for future activities (net)	- 3,255	-	- 3,255	- 3,958
Accrued Income received in May	205	-	205	-
Prepaid Income (for 2023-24)	-			
Prepaid Activity costs (Camp 2024)	-			
Accrued costs	- 835	-	- 835	- 7,540
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Land and buildings at insurance declared valuation	753,084	-	753,084	734,000
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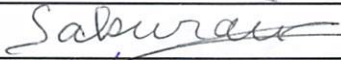

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Minutes of the Annual General Meeting 7:30pm, Tuesday 18th July 2023

Trustee Board members in attendance:

Alexandra Leroye Sakurai	Chair
Sarah-Jane Durman	Group Scout Leader
Elizabeth Bostock	Secretary and Squirrel Scout Leader
Shelley Falcon	Group Treasurer
Joe Collier	Scout Leader
Michael Rayment-Johnson,	Cub Scout Leader
Paul Musk	Explorer Scout Leader
David Turner	Manager, Sites & Services

Other attendees also present: Steve Holman, Steven Lofting, Emily Kanauros

Apologies: Matthew Lofting, Hannah Harvey, Heather Lloyd

1. Alexandra Leroye Sakurai convened the meeting and welcomed members of the Trustee Board and guests. Apologies were noted.
2. Approval of the 2022 Annual General Meeting minutes were unanimously approved.
3. Governance oversight - Alexandra Leroye Sakurai explained that as a result of the Volunteering Transformation (a new initiative from the Scouting Association), the Trustee Board needed to adopt a Group Constitution. It was noted that this would be discussed further at the next Trustee Board meeting in September. In the meantime, the Group Executive Committee would now be referred to as the Trustee Board.
- 4a. Alexandra Leroye Sakurai presented her Chair report and reviewed the work of all the sections over the last year, updating the attendees of the work of the Group. *Chair's Report Appendix (i) refers.*
- 4b. Shelley Falcon presented the Treasurers report, reviewing group finances for the past year and anticipated future expenditure. The Trustee Board approved the accounts for the year to 31 March 2023.

The accounts were audited by Mr Peter Eastwood.
The Group's bankers are CAF Bank Ltd.
- 4c. Sarah-Jane Durman presented the GSL report and thanked all the section leaders for their outstanding work with their sections. *Appendix (ii) refers.*
- 5a. Alexandra Leroye Sakurai resigned as Chair. Nominated for re-election by Sarah-Jane Durman, seconded by Michael Rayment-Johnson and unanimously approved.
- 5b. To elect Group Secretary for the next year as position currently vacant. Elizabeth Bostock proposed by Joe Collier, seconded by Shelley Falcon and unanimously approved.
- 5c. To elect Group Treasurer. Shelley Falcon proposed for re-election by Alexandra Leroye Sakurai, seconded Joe Collier, and was unanimously approved.
- 5d. Re-appointment of Peter Eastwood as Group Accounts Auditor for the next year. Proposed Shelley Falcon, seconded Joe Collier and was unanimously approved.

5e. The election of Parent Representatives to the Trustee Board. There were no nominees standing.

Additional committee appointments. To be considered as required.

5f. To approve the Group Scout Leader's nominations to the Trustee Board.

Sarah-Jane Durman gave her personal thanks to the Trustee Board for their work over the past year and made her nominations for the Trustee Board.

Group Vice Chairman – Vacant

Chair of Site & Services Sub Committee – David Turner confirmed that he was formally stepping down, but would remain available to help until the end of the year. The Trustee Board thanked David Turner for all his hard work and support to the Group over the years.

Quartermaster – position currently vacant. Steven Lofting proposed by Joe Collier, seconded by Paul Musk and unanimously approved.

Sarah-Jane Durman agreed to write a further letter to parents/ carers advising them of the vacancies and the need for additional volunteers.

11. To confirm those Section Leaders willing to stand on the Group Executive as Trustees

- a. Matthew Lofting, Beavers
- b. Michael Rayment-Johnson, Cubs
- c. Joe Collier, Scouts
- d. Paul Musk, Explorers

12. Any other business.

New Group scarf – to be issued to new joiners once logo has been resited.

Leader / volunteer section on OSM - to be set up to assist with arrangements for working parties.

There was no other business raised. Alexandra Leroye Sakurai thanked those in attendance and concluded the meeting at 20.23.

See Appendices (i) Chairman's Report, (ii)GSL Report & Section Annual reports below

Appendix (i).

Chair's Report Annual General Meeting 18th July 2023
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Introductory Information

The management of the Group is vested in the Group Trustee Board (Group trustees)

Sarah-Jane Durman	Group Lead Volunteer
Alexandra Leroye Sakurai	Chair
Shelley Falcon	Group Treasurer
Elizabeth Bostock	Minute taker & Squirrel Scout Leader
Matthew Lofting	Beaver Scout Leader
Joe Collier	Scout Leader
Michael Rayment-Johnson	Cub Scout Leader
Paul Musk	Explorer Scout Leader

Bankers	CAF Bank
Auditor	Peter Eastwood

The report & accounts cover the activities directly controlled by (Charity Number 303551)
14th Bromley Scout Group

The membership of the group for the year ending 31st January 2023 (Annual Census) totalled 79, comprising of 57 young people and 22 leaders / Group Executive.

The key activities of the Trustee Board during the past 12 months: (Up to 31st March 2023)

- Maintain a sound financial position for the group.
- Organising the opening of the Squirrel Section.
- Ensure the buildings and facilities are in good repair and continuing regular maintenance working parties.
- Manage the letting of the halls, especially in regards of the pre-school.
- Manage the camping equipment.
- Support the Scout Group both financially and with other resources for activities and camps.
- Support the Group's continuing development and indexing of archive material.
- Administer the Gift Aid scheme.

- Group public occasions.

Leaders and members of the Group Trustee Board

This year has brought exciting developments to our Scout group.

With the Covid pandemic behind us, all groups have been able to meet again in person and all leaders have put in a lot of work running their sections and preparing for camps.

The group has been working toward opening a Squirrel section, for children from 4 to 6 years old. Elizabeth Bostock has taken on the role of Squirrel Scout leader and her work with other adult leaders enabled the successful launch of the Squirrel section in April 2023.

The group executive committee (now known as the Group Trustee Board) had two new members, Alexandra Leroye Sakurai (myself) has joined as the group Chair, and Liz Bostock has joined as the group Secretary as well as taking on her new role as Squirrel Scout leader. I take this opportunity to thank every trustee members who have greatly helped me in my new role and taken the time to answer all my questions.

The hall letting has continued at pace. Of note, the board considered the importance of the pre-school letting as this represent a significant part of our earnings. The board decided to mitigate this by making the hall available for weekend hires. This pre-emptive approach proved itself useful, as the group was informed in April 2023 that the pre-school would be closing down in July. The board quickly acted on this information and steps were taken to secure a new tenant. This was accomplished successfully

And a new pre-school will be starting in September, allowing a seamless transition between the two pre-schools. I am thankful for everyone who has helped managed this, and in particular Paul Musk for his tireless commitment in dealings with all our tenants and securing a new contract with another pre-school.

The hall has had a number of improvement works, notably to manage the heating of the hall during the cold months. There as well, I thank Paul Musk for his hard work managing the work, and for all leaders and members for their assistance and prompt engagement.

As this is my first report as the group Chair, I would like to take this opportunity to share my views on 14th Bromley Scout Group, from the perspective of a newcomer. I have been amazed at the absolute dedication of every volunteer I have met. Everyone is keen to assist, lending a hand to assist whichever section is in need of help. Many are taking a lot of their personal time to help run the group, especially when considering that the group owns our premises, with all the work that entails: managing tenants and maintaining the premises.

Section reports

These should be with your other papers and will also be emailed out to parents.

Alexandra Leroye Sakurai, Chair

29th June 2023

Appendix (ii).

GSL 14th Bromley report year 2022/23

This year has been a busy one with all groups meeting regularly and District events being run. Several awards have been gained at these District events.

A new section has been started. We now have a squirrel dray. Able run by Liz Bostock with her helpers Liz and Heather. This is for 4-6 years olds and they currently have 8 invested members.

Scouts have 30 members with 8 regular leaders. Aply led by Joe Collier and 5/6 regular helpers. Cubs have 21 members with 4 young leaders and 6 leaders. Michael Rayment-Johnson is their leader. Beavers have 12 members with Mathew Lofting as their leader with 3 helpers. Explorers have 28 members with Paul Musk as their leader with 2 others.

We have had several senior awards given to our young people and leaders which show a lot of hard work to gain them. 3 scouts gained their gold chief scout award- Will Musk, Jack Westover and Stefan Clark. There are several cubs working towards their silver chief scout award. Tom Bostock won explorer of the year.

In the biannual District Moonwalk competition, our explorer team won the new award, The Tony Elwood award, for teamwork. Sadly, Tony Elwood from the 23rd Bromley, who was a much loved larger than life scout leader, died in September. He often used to come and help with 14th Bromley evenings and has helped out at camps etc. He will be sadly missed by everyone who knew him and it is fantastic that a 14th Bromley team will be the first name on this new trophy.

Steven Lofting assistant scout leader gained his Chief scout Commendation for Good service and Joe Collier and Steven were both awarded County Commissions for Good service. Sophie Durman has gained her Queens Scout award. The top achievement for any scout to gain.

Regular working party weekends have been held lead by volunteers and the leaders. These help maintain our kit and the fabric of our buildings and land. Thank you to all who have helped out.

Paul Musk has done an amazing job this year taking on the lets of the hall. This has not come as an easy task but he has managed extremely well. We will have a new long-term nursery letting starting in September so look forward to working with them. All the other regular lettings are hoping to continue.

Alexandra Sakuri (one of our beaver mums) has agreed to be our Chairman so now we have a full team on our management team. Regular termly meetings are held to discuss the running of the group.

Steve Holman and his archive gnomes are still finding out our past and documenting it.

My thanks to all involved with the group and thank you for all the hard work you put into it to make it a great scout group.

Section Reports below

14th Bromley Squirrels – report for the Annual General Meeting (AGM)

Following approval to set up a Squirrel Section in January 2023, we have purchased all that we need to start the Section and everything is stored in boxes in the new shed. The signage and website have both been updated.

I am now officially a Squirrel Scout Leader and my role has been updated on Compass. I am supported by Heather Lloyd and Liz Dray. We have two young leaders – Jack Lindsey and Tom Bostock. Based on the number of leaders we have, the maximum number of Squirrels we can have is 12.

I have attended an 'Introduction to Squirrels' zoom, plus joined a Squirrel cohort group (which meets monthly for 6 months to share ideas and experiences). We have successfully launched with our first meeting on 21 April. We currently have 8 Squirrels with us. The term programme included:

- Painting your favourite animal
- Making coronation crowns
- Making jellyfish paper plates
- Making a bird feeder out of Cheerios
- Collecting nature items to make a picture
- A mini-beast hunt at Keston Ponds
- Junk modelling

On the final week of term, we had a summer party and we awarded the Get Creative and Go Wild activity badges.

I would like to thank everyone for their support with our new Squirrel section and we are all looking forward to the autumn term.

Liz Bostock
Squirrel Scout Leader, July 2023

14th Bromley Beavers – report for the Annual General Meeting (AGM)

Beavers have had another successful year with a varied and ever-changing programme. In the Autumn we completed the health and fitness badge, beavers spent a few evenings exploring different healthy foods, trying out a few agility courses and even had an evening about how to keep your teeth healthy. Later, in the term 11 beavers enjoyed a day out to sea life London, beavers loved looking around at all the different sea creatures, of course the sharks were a favourite. Finishing off the term in the usual way, we made Christmas cards and had a wear your own Christmas jumper party.

Moving on into the spring, this term was made of a few badges we needed to finish off but some we hadn't done for a while. Beavers completed their international, safety, creative, experiment and navigator badges. Was a busy term but we still found time to indulge in some pancakes. Some beavers still haven't mastered where their mouth is and had chocolate source everywhere. Mother's Day cards were of course made, it's lovely to see how some take great care in making theirs special. It's always fun to watch them shuffle out the door trying to hide their creations at pick up.

We were due to attend the district easter egg hunt, with 8 signed up, but unfortunately this was cancelled the morning off because of the heavy rain.

Rolling into the summer term, we had the District St. Georges day event. Despite more rain the day before, this went ahead, and 6 beavers had a great time in the mud with the chose of over 100 activities. Despite or best effort we couldn't get round it all, but they took part in a very wide range of activities. Celebrating the coronation of His Majesty the King, we held our very own "street" party in the hall, beavers had their own little picnic and created a royal portrait. We also had a visit to St. John's Church, where beavers had a look around and learned about the Christian faith. After half term we had S-J in for a lesson on 1st aid, beavers are very good drama queens at playing dead, they also love bandaging each other until they couldn't move. Coming back to present day we recently had a beaver sleepover at Wilberforce, this was attended by 5 beavers, we did hope for more, but we still had a very enjoyable time. Building dens, gathering wood for the fire, roasting marshmallows, putting up tents and spending a lot of time running around on the play area earned these beavers their nights away and outdoor challenge badge.

Over the year we have achieved 4 Chief Scout's Bronze Awards. These were awarded to Christopher Nye-Jones and Kai Leroye-Sakurai. The other 2 will be presented very soon with a few more not too far away. The Beaver of the year award was presented to Christopher Nye-Jones at our annual remembrance service. I'm also very pleased to say that on the 23rd of May we invested Alexandra Leroye-Sakurai and Heather Lloyd into the 14th Bromley.

Beavers' numbers have been consistent with 12 beavers throughout the year. This is expected to drop with 7 moving up this year, but the summer holiday often brings a rise in enquiries.

As always beavers simply couldn't happen without an amazing team of leaders and am I very thankful too Liz Bostock, Alexandra Leroye-Sakurai, Heather Lloyd and young leaders, Darcy Morton-Turner, Asher Falcon, and George Zelenov. They all do an excellent Job each week to keep the wheels turning.

Matthew Lofting
Beaver Scout Leader, July 2023

14th Bromley Cubs – report for the Annual General Meeting (AGM)

This update covers the period from July 2022 to July 2023. We currently have 21 Cubs with us.

Summer term

On 9 July, we entered three teams into the Cub Scout Challenge. We were very proud of them all for their teamwork and enthusiasm! Thank you to the district team for running the event.

We then held a five night summer camp at Thriftwood between 23 and 28 July with the 32nd Bromley. 11 cubs attended from the 14th. We all had an amazing time in the sunshine, with lots of on-site activities and a trip to Walton-on-the-Naze.

Winter term

We returned after the summer holidays on 5 September, with an evening of team games. We have an open invitation to the cubs to 'bring a friend' along after its previous success.

Sadly on 8 September, our Patron Her Majesty the Queen passed away. As a result on 12 September, we held a minutes silence and renewed our promise to the new King. We then made fires in the garden and cooked dough twists.

We held a two-night camp with the 32nd Bromley at Hope Hill on Friday 16 September to Sunday 18 September. 8 cubs attended from the 14th. They had lots of fun, made (and decorated) shortbread biscuits and did a number of pre-arranged activities. Everyone was rather tired at collection time!

On 26 September, we had a 'Show and Tell' evening (with Collector, Hobbies and Physical Recreation activity badges awarded). We finished the half-term with a trip to Mr Mulligan's Dino Golf in Sidcup. We returned after the half term with a spooky Halloween night and an evening on the climbing wall.

On 12 November, we went on a trip to London to see the Lord Mayor's Show (10 cubs attended). This was followed by a sleepover in the hall. The following day (Sunday 13 November) was Remembrance Sunday, so we assisted with the set-up of the hall for the Group Remembrance service and 17 cubs attended.

On 14 November, we went to Wilberforce and played wide games. On 21 November we had a 'restaurant evening', where the cubs cooked spaghetti bolognese and parents/carers came along at the end to taste their efforts! This was very successful, the cubs enjoyed themselves and the adults became more involved so we are planning a repeat evening in March where we will attempt to cook curry.

On 5 December, we went on a night hike around Beckenham Place Park. We ended the term with some Christmas craft.

Spring term

We returned after the Christmas holidays on 9 January, with an evening of team games. We held evenings about Chinese new year and Burns night and then had a trip to LaserQuest on 6 February.

In the February half term, we held a 'back to basics' two-night winter camp at Waylands with the 32nd Bromley.

After half term, we made pancakes, had a visit from Zoolab where the Cubs got to see some pretty cool animals, made fires, and on 13 March, made craft for Mother's Day.

On 20 March, after the success of our last 'restaurant evening', we held another one – this time cooking thai green curry with rice. Parents/carers came along at the end of the evening to taste their efforts and it was very successful. We finished the term at Jubilee Park with an evening of wide games.

Summer term

We returned after Easter with an evening at Wilberforce playing games. On Sunday 23rd April, 9 Cubs joined us at Frylands for the District St George's Day celebrations. This term we have also played football and mini golf at Sparrows Den, gone on a mini-beast hunt at Scadbury Park, made keep-sake boxes as presents for Father's Day and learnt how to make fires. We will be finishing the term at Wilberforce with a giant game of rounders.

Our summer camp this year is 5 nights at Bushy Wood from Saturday 22nd July to Thursday 27th. We have 6 Cubs coming from the 14th, and like last year we are joining up with the 32nd – so in total we will have 29 young people with us.

I would like to thank all the leaders for their time, energy, and commitment to running the 14th Bromley Cub pack.

Michael Johnson (Akela)
Cub Scout Leader, July 2023

Scout Section Report

14th Bromley Group Trustee Board – Annual General Meeting (2022-23)

It has been another busy year for the 14th Bromley Scout Troop as we continue to put all the disruption caused by COVID-19 behind us.

February 2023 saw the section produce a strong census return with twenty-nine scouts on our books at the time. Although this represented a loss of five scouts on the 2022 census result, I am pleased to report that we have since grown, with thirty scouts now on our books (and new cubs set to join us in September). We continue to be supported by four full time leaders – one Scout Leader and three Assistant Scout Leaders. Pleasingly, we can now also count on the regular support of two Occasional Helpers.

Summer Term 2022 saw scouts participate in ‘back-woods cooking’; refine their Ordinance Survey map skills; navigate a hike; practice knots and lashings; and receive an exciting ‘up close and personal’ birds of prey experience courtesy of Falconry UK. The 14th Bromley Scout Group also had the honour of representing the entirety of Bromley District Scouts at the Queen’s ‘Platinum Jubilee Parade’ down Bromley High Street (with two scouts attending). Scouts also worked towards their ‘Creative Challenge Badge’ with an explosive paint evening. The term was rounded off with a victory against 11th Bromley in our annual rounders match and the traditional end of term water fight!

Summer Camp 2022 was held at Beacon Hill Scout Campsite. Eleven Scouts joined us for our first summer camp since 2019. Activities included a day visit to the Bluebell Railway; a visit to Shoreham and the Shoreham Lifeboat Station; kayaking on Weir Wood Reservoir; and rifle shooting. Our annual hike took us through the Ashdown Forest and across Pooh Bridge – an epic game of Pooh Sticks soon followed...

Autumn Term 2022 began with a visit to Buckingham Palace to mark the sad passing of HM the Queen. Autumn also saw the return of our annual summer camp presentation evening; a range of team games and challenges (including the ever popular ‘submarines’); and our annual Remembrance Sunday commemorations (which were supported this year by a visit to The Cenotaph). Scouts also took part in circuit training for the ‘Fitness Challenge’; and refined their cooking skills in ‘ready, steady, cook’. Autumn 2022 saw us hold two overnight events - our ‘Environmental and Community Impact Camp’ at Cudham Shaws (allowing scouts to work towards their ‘Skills Challenge Badge’); and our ‘Bonfire Night Sleepover’ at Frylands Wood. Autumn 2022 also saw the return of the District swimming badge assessments at Beckenham Spa, and the planting of the District ‘Platinum Jubilee Wood’. An honourable mention must go to Will Musk, winner of the Geoff Pinneker Award for most improved scout in November 2022.

Spring Term 2023 started with a series of cultural celebrations with scouts marking Chinese New Year and Burns Night. A photo scavenger hunt around Bromley (as part of the ‘Local Knowledge Activity Badge’) followed, as well as the usual pancake day fun. Scouts received the tuition of a professional artist as they designed cards for

Mothering Sunday, and the District's 'Scouts of Steel' returned at Frylands Wood where the troop entered three teams (achieving second place in both the over twelve-and-a-half and under twelve-and-a-half competitions). Spring Term was rounded off with team challenges; a science experiment night; Easter celebrations; and wide games.

Bromley District's St George's Day celebrations returned at the start of Summer Term 2023, with twenty-two Scouts joining Squirrels, Beavers, Cubs, Scouts, and Explorers from across the district in an activity fun day at Frylands Wood. A great time was had by all, even if mud is the main memory people took away! Summer Term 2023 also included a celebration of Earth Day and preparation for the Expedition Challenge in May. Eleven scouts joined us for the expedition to Broadstone Warren, and all achieved their 'Expedition Challenge Badges'. The term also featured fire lighting and cooking challenges; wide games; catapult building; 'trash fashion' cat-walking; the District Moonwalk competition (in which we entered three teams); rounders; tent servicing; and the usual challenges and games.

We are now looking ahead to our summer camp. Eleven scouts will be joining us on this year's adventure to Ferny Crofts Scout Activity Centre in Hampshire.

I must acknowledge Will Musk, Stefan Clark, and Jack Westover who achieved their Chief Scout Gold Awards this year (which were presented by District Commissioner Sheila Howard). Steven Lofting and I received County Commissioner Commendations, with Steven Lofting also receiving a Chief Scout Commendation for Good Service.

I have been well supported this year by Steven Lofting, Chloe White, Sophie Durman, Sarah-Jane Durman, Amy White, Steve White, and Adam Channon. This would have been a very difficult year without them, and I extend my thanks, and the thanks of many parents, to them for their continued support and dedication to the 14th Bromley Scout Troop.

Joe Collier

Scout Leader – 14th Bromley

14th Bromley Explorers – report for the Annual General Meeting (AGM)

The Explorer unit continues to grow. We had a fantastic camp in Derbyshire last year when Explorers did lots of exciting things from Rolf building to Kevin to rockclimbing, hiking in horrendous hurricane conditions as well as cycling around the beautiful lady Bower reservoir

In the autumn term, we had a big influx of members and the unit went up to 28 and I am pleased to say that a year later we still have 25 members on the books with a regular attendance of between 14 and 20 members.

We have had a varied program from go, karting, paddle boarding, paint balling, rock climbing, cooking skills, navigation skills, teamwork, games, and problem-solving evenings as well as a camp in the winter term which proved to be lots of fun.

In terms of awards, I would like to say that Tom Bostock received the explorer of the year award, and we recently entered the moonwalk competition and won the inaugural teamwork trophy. I'm also pleased to say that I received my five year service award.

This year we have got our biggest camp ever with 19 Explorers going away and I am pleased to say we now have more leaders going and have two additional occasional helpers coming with us to make a total of 4 leaders.

I'm also pleased to say that I have received help and now I have a rota of occasional helpers that will help out every single week once a month. I'm also pleased to say that one of the parents has taken on the role of completing and looking after the Explorer Accounts for me.

Paul Musk

Explorer Leader – 14th Bromley

14th Bromley Scout Group Receipts & Payments Accounts

	Year start date	Year end date
For the year from	1st April 2022	31st March 2023

Receipts

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total funds	2021-22 Total funds
	£	£	£	£
Membership, activities and other income				
Membership subscriptions	9,217	-	9,217	9,100
Less : Membership subscriptions paid on to District / County/ HQ	3,579	-	3,579	3,272
Net membership subscriptions retained by Group	5,638	-	5,638	5,828
Donations	790	-	790	440
Gift Aid	2,079	-	2,079	935
Activity Income (camps/trips)	13,863	-	13,863	4,160
	-	-	-	-
Sub total	22,370	-	22,370	11,363
Grants				
Jack Petchy	1,600	-	1,600	-
Govt Grants	-	-	-	9,100
Sub total	1,600	-	1,600	9,100
Fundraising (gross)				
Fundraising for Group / Others	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-
Other Income				
Bank Interest	66	-	66	-
Hall Rentals	26,296	-	26,296	14,388
Sub total	26,362	-	26,362	14,388
Total Receipts	50,332	-	50,332	34,851

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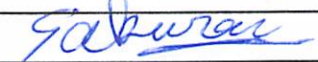
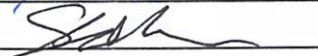
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Activity costs - CAMPS	12,530		12,530	-
Scouting equipment	4,312	-	4,312	4,357
Uniforms (inc Scarves, Polos badges etc)	16	-	16	37
		-	-	-
Sub total	22,106	-	22,106	12,829
Headquarters running costs				
Rates	492	-	492	249
Water and Sewerage	728	-	728	417
Gas, Electricity	6,236	-	6,236	3,389
Telephone, Broadband	733	-	733	730
Insurance	1,851	-	1,851	5,854
Maintenance	9,351	-	9,351	2,485
Cleaning	4,286	-	4,286	2,803
Bank Charges	72	-	72	-
Sub total	23,749	-	23,749	15,927
Administration				
ADMIN (Printing, postage, AGM expenses, presentations, etc)	282	-	282	311
Donations	100	-	100	-
Sundries	360	-	360	-
Sub total	742	-	742	311
Fundraising expenses				
Fundraising costs			-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-
Total Gross Expenditure	48,597	-	48,597	29,067
Premises Improvements	-		-	-
Total payments	48,597	-	48,597	29,067
Net of receipts/(payments)	3,735	-	3,735	5,784
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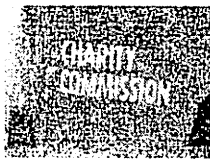
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Explorers Account	100	-	100	-
Cash/Floats	765	-	765	668
	49,649	-	49,649	33,335
Other monetary assets				
Monies prepaid by members for future activities (net)	- 3,958	-	- 3,958	- 2,415
Accrued Income received in April	-	-	-	5,155
Prepaid Income (for 2023-24)	- 560			
Prepaid Activity costs (Camp 2024)	1,223			
Accrued costs	- 7,540	-	- 7,540	- 996
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	-	0		
Other Assets				
Land and buildings at insurance declared valuation	734,000	-	734,000	667,358
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Other	-	-	-	-
Sub total	785,000	-	785,000	698,843

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A Sakurai	Chairman
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Independent examiner's report on the accounts

Report to the trustees of

Charity Name
14th Bromley Scout Group

On accounts for the year

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Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act,
- to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 145 (5)(b) of the 2011 Act, and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's statement

My examination was carried out in accordance with general Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from the trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair' view and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention :

1. which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in, any material respect, the requirements:
 - to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act; and
 - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 Act have not been met ; or
2. to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed:

Date:

July 2023 18th

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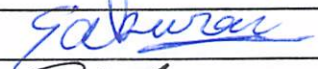

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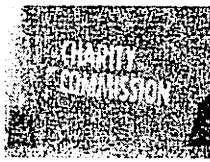
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14TH BROMLEY SCOUT GROUP

England & Wales - Charity number 303551

Accounts

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting 7:45pm, Thursday 30th June 2022

Group Executive Committee (GEC) members in attendance:

Sarah-Jane Durman	Group Scout Leader
Bruce Pyle	Group Secretary
Shelley Falcon	Group Treasurer
Matthew Lofting	Beaver Scout Leader
Joe Collier	Scout Leader
Michael Rayment-Johnson,	Cub Scout Leader
Paul Musk	Explorer Scout Leader
David Turner	Manager, Sites & Services

Other attendees also present: Steve Holman, Group Archivist, Steven Lofting, ASL, Hannah Harvey, ACSL, Dick Eddowes, Occasional Helper.

Apologies: Nick Carruthers, Group Quartermaster, Liz Bostock, ACSL, Jeannette Elliott, Occasional Helper.

1. As Chair post is vacant, Group Scout Leader Sarah-Jane Durman acting as Chair convened the meeting and welcomed members of the GEC and guests. Apologies were noted.
2. Approval of the 2021 Annual General Meeting minutes were unanimously approved.
3. Sarah-Jane Durman presented a Chairman report and reviewed the work of all the sections over the last year, updating the attendees of the work of the Group. *Chairman's Report Appendix (i)*.
4. Shelley Falcon presented the Treasurers report, reviewing group finances for the past year and anticipated future expenditure. The accounts had been previously distributed to and approved by the Group Executive Committee at the Group Executive Committee meeting of 12th May 2022. Additional copies of the accounts were available for all attendees at the AGM.

The accounts were audited by Mr Peter Eastwood.
The Group's bankers are CAF Bank Ltd.
5. As post of Chair is vacant and there were no nominations for this role GSL Sarah-Jane Durman advised the meeting that the post will remain vacant and attempts to fill this role will continue.
6. To elect Group Secretary for the next year. Bruce Pyle current GS is standing down after this meeting. There were no nominations to take over this role.
7. To elect Group Treasurer. Shelley Falcon proposed for re-election by Paul Musk, seconded Joe Collier, SL, and was unanimously approved.
8. Re-appointment of Peter Eastwood as Group Accounts Auditor for the next year. Proposed Shelley Falcon, seconded David Turner and was unanimously approved.
9. The election of Parent Representatives to the Group Executive Committee. There were no nominees standing.

Additional committee appointments. To be considered as required.

10. To approve the Group Scout Leader's nominations to the Group Executive.

Sarah-Jane Durman gave her personal thanks to the Committee for their work over the past year and made her nominations for the Executive Committee.

- a. Group Vice Chairman – Vacant
- b. Chair of Site & Services Sub Committee – David Turner
- c. Quartermaster – Nick Carruthers

These nominations were unanimously approved.

11. To confirm those Section Leaders willing to stand on the Group Executive as Trustees

- a. Matthew Lofting, Beavers
- b. Michael Rayment-Johnson, Cubs
- c. Joe Collier, Scouts
- d. Paul Musk, Explorers

12. Any other business. Sarah-Jane Durman presented her Group Scout Leaders Annual Report and thanked all the section leaders for their outstanding work with their sections. *Appendix (ii)*.

13. Presentations. Paul Musk, Explorer Scout Leader received his 5 year service award.
The meeting congratulated Hannah Harvey, Asst. Cub Leader on receiving her 30 year service award earlier in the year.

There was no other business raised. Sarah-Jane Durman thanked those in attendance and concluded the meeting.

See Appendices (i) Chairman's Report and (ii)GSL Report below

Leaders and members of the Executive Committee

It was with the greatest regret that our Group Secretary Bruce Pyle and Parent Rep Helen Tricard both formally stepped down from their roles with the group this year. They have both provided years of service and huge commitment to the group and will be greatly missed in the leadership team.

This year Shelley Falcon joined the executive committee as Group Treasurer following the sad death of John Kingsmell in December 2021. John had been Treasurer since 2010 along with many other roles in the Royal Eltham district and is a sad loss to the group and scouting in general. We are incredibly grateful to Shelley for stepping in and taking over this important role and maintaining the strong financial control for the group.

This year we have thankfully finally been able to return to normal section meetings following Corona Virus lockdowns. Outstanding work has been carried out by all the Section Leaders running their section meetings and looking forward with great anticipation to summer camps. The group has purchased new tents and other camping equipment to replace old damaged and worn out items.

Income from all section subscriptions have returned to previous pre-Covid levels and all existing hall lettings have remained solid plus one new letting taken on in May. The group finances remain strong and have been further buoyed with a financial award from the Jack Petchie scheme presented to our Scout Leader Joe Collier which was used towards purchasing a new marquee.

Section reports

These should be with your other papers and will also be emailed out to parents.

**Sarah-Jane Durman, Group Scout Leader
Acting Chair for this AGM meeting.**

30th June 2022

Appendix (ii).

GSL report AGM June 2022

This year has been a relatively normal back to scouting year after the last few Covid lockdown years

Sadly, our treasurer John Kingsmell died in December. He had been a stalwart of the group and our treasurer for many years. He will be greatly missed by everyone.

Luckily one of our Explorer's mums Shelley Falcon, has agreed to be our treasurer and has produced this year's accounts. Our grateful thanks go to her.

Bruce Pyle our group secretary has also decided to step down after many years taking minutes, writing letters and sorting utility services. He will be missed but I am sure he will still help out for various activities. I would like to thank him for all his hard work.

Nick Carruthers, our able quartermaster, has also decided to step down. He will remain helping the new quartermaster until December, to hand over all his information. Again, he has run the stores for years and been a very valuable resource for us to use to buy our equipment. He has researched the best buys for the group and maintained some of older equipment so it can go on for a few years. Again, thank you for all your hard work.

There has been a slight increase in our young people attending for meetings, which they all enjoy due to all the volunteer leaders making very interesting programmes, teaching them important lifelong skills, both scouting and life skills.

There has been a beaver sleep over, short cub and scout camps in October half term, explorer overnight camps, visits to the fire Station, bat walks, night hikes plus some very interesting talks from outside speakers. All our young people appear to enjoy themselves and often ask if they can bring their friends to join the group. The group was also asked to represent Bromley scouts in the Queen's Platinum Jubilee parade through Bromley in June. We were supported by the girl guides, police, army and air force cadets. Their drum corps leading the parade, loudly announcing the parade to the packed high street. The young people who attended all looked very smart and were rewarded with a 'goodie bag' of mementoes from Bromley Council. In November we held our annual remembrance service after being unable to hold it for two years. We were actually able to thank and say goodbye to our retiring chairman Dale Martin, and retiring GSL Jeannette Elliott. They were awarded their service awards- Dale his 40 years and Jeanette her 30 years. A lifetime of service and dedication between the. It was lovely to see many of our past leaders and scouts on this occasion.

Congratulations to Hannah Harvey on achieving 30 years in scouting, Paul Musk a 5-year award and Joe Collier on a Jack Petchey leader award which has been used to buy a new marquee. Two of our Beavers, Hari Hughes and Henry Livingstone have also achieved their Chief Scout Bronze awards. Two scouts achieved Jack Petchey Awards have gone to Jack Lindsey and George Zelenov. They have yet to decide how to spend their grants. We applied for more grants but were unsuccessful in our bids.

We are hoping to recruit another secretary, a chairman and a quartermaster from our various parents or supporters to join our jolly team.

My thanks should go to all the sectional leaders and young leaders as well as the other valuable volunteers who contribute their time, energy and skills to the group.

The buildings and grounds need continually maintaining so regular maintenance days are held, the stores need sorting and new equipment bought, so that camps and evenings using items from the stores can be run successfully. Our important archives are kept well catalogued and kept in pristine condition by Steve Holman and his Archive team. We also have to maintain our lettings as these raise valuable income for the troop. We have welcomed some new occasional helpers and some new sectional leaders this year.

Hopefully the next year will see regular camps, hikes and lots of other the scout activities that we all enjoy and what make scouting such a valuable life long adventure.

Sarah-Jane Durman
Group Scout Leader.

14th Bromley Scout Group Receipts & Payments Accounts

	Year start date	Year end date
For the year from	01-Apr-21	31-Mar-22

Receipts

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total funds	2020-21 Total funds
	£	£	£	£
Membership, activities and other income				
Membership subscriptions	9,100	-	9,100	4,387
Less : Membership subscriptions paid on to District / County/ HQ	3,272	-	3,272	2,926
Net membership subscriptions retained by Group	5,828	-	5,828	1,461
Donations	440	-	440	-
Gift Aid	935	-	935	2,135
Activity Income	4,160	-	4,160	1,465
Group Centenary Events	-	-	-	-
Sub total	11,363	-	11,363	5,061
Grants				
Govt - Covid 19 - Hospitality Sector	9,100	-	9,100	14,000
Govt - Lockdown Grants	-	-	-	6,193
Sub total	9,100	-	9,100	20,193
Fundraising (gross)				
Fundraising for Group / Others	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-
Other Income				
Bank interest	-	-	-	-
Hall Rentals	14,388	-	14,388	8,593
Sub total	14,388	-	14,388	8,593
Total Receipts	34,850.56	-	34,851	33,847

For the year
from

01-Apr-21

31-Mar-22

Payments

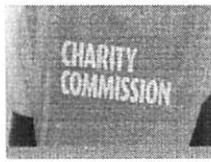
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	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total funds	Total funds
	£	£	£	£
Youth programme and activities	8,434		8,434	1,199
Scouting equipment	4,357		4,357	-
		-	-	-
Uniforms (inc Scarves, Polos etc)	37	-	37	569
Group Centenary Events		-	-	-
Sub total	12,829	-	12,829	1,768
Headquarters running costs				
Rates	249	-	249	-
Water and Sewerage	417	-	417	185
Gas, Electricity	3,389	-	3,389	3,028
Telephone, Broadband	730	-	730	751
Insurance	5,854	-	5,854	5,629
Maintenance	2,485	-	2,485	3,808
Cleaning	2,803	-	2,803	2,868
Hall administration	25	-	25	-
Sub total	15,952	-	15,952	16,269
Administration				
Printing, postage, AGM expenses, presentations, etc	286	-	286	69
Donations		-	-	-
Sundries		-	-	-
Sub total	286	-	286	69
Fundraising expenses				
Fundraising costs			-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-
Total Gross Expenditure	29,067	-	29,067	18,106
Premises Improvements	-		-	-
Total payments	29,067	-	29,067	18,106
Net of receipts/(payments)	5,784	-	5,784	15,741
Funds as at 1 April 2021	29,295	- 2,506	26,789	11,048
Funds as at 31 March 2022	35,079		35,079	26,789

Statement of assets and liabilities at 31 March 2022

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total funds £	31-Mar-21 Total funds £
Cash funds				
Bank current account	30,252	2,415	32,667	28,761
Bank deposit account		-	-	-
Cash/Floats	668	-	668	534
	30,920	2,415	33,335	29,295
Other monetary assets				
Monies prepaid by members for future activities (net)	- 2,415	-	- 2,415	- 1,611
Accrued Income received in April	5,155	-	5,155	
Accrued Costs	- 996	-	- 996	895
			-	-
Funds available for Group use	32,664	2,415	35,079	26,789
			-	
Other Assets				
Land and buildings at insurance declared valuation	667,358	-	667,358	611,378
Equipment, furniture etc at insurance declared valuation	31,485	-	31,485	47,767
Other	-	-	-	-
Sub total	698,843	-	698,843	659,145

The above Receipts and Payments Account and the Statement of Assets and Liabilities were approved by the trustees on 12 May 2022 and signed on their behalf by

	S-J Durman	Acting Chairman
	S. I Falcon	Treasurer



Independent examiner's report on the accounts

Report to the trustees of

Charity Name
14th Bromley Scout Group

On accounts for the year

1 April 2021 to 31 March 2022 Charity no **303551**

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Accounts

Introductory Information

The management of the Group is vested in the Group Executive (Group trustees)

John Kingsmell	Group Treasurer
Bruce Pyle	Group Secretary
Nick Carruthers	Quartermaster
David Turner	Site and Services
Helen Tricard	Parent Representative

Matthew Lofting	Beaver Scout Leader
Michael Rayment-Johnson	Cub Scout Leader
Joe Collier	Scout Leader
Paul Musk	Explorer Scout Leader

Sarah-Jane Durman	Group Scout Leader (ex officio)
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Bankers	CAF Bank
Auditor	Peter Eastwood

The report & accounts cover the activities directly controlled by (Charity Number 303551)
14th Bromley Scout Group

The membership of the group for the year ending 31st January 2021 (Annual Census) totalled 94, comprising of 69 young people (plus 9 Explorer Scouts) and 16 leaders / Scout Active Support / Group Executive. There are also several new parent helpers.

The key activities of the Group Executive during the past 12 months: (Up to 31st March 2021)

- Maintain a sound financial position for the group.
- Ensure the buildings and facilities are in good repair and continuing regular maintenance working parties.
- Manage the letting of the halls (Most lets were suspended during lockdowns).
- Manage the camping equipment.
- Continued improvement to the Carey Scutt Hall.
- Support the Scout Group both financially and with other resources for activities and camps.
- Support the Group's continuing development and indexing of archive material.
- Administer the Gift Aid scheme.

Leaders and members of the Executive Committee

It was with the greatest regret that our Group Scout Leader Jeannette Elliott and our Chairman Dale Martin both formally stepped down from their roles with the group during the year. They have both provided years of service and huge commitment to the group and will be greatly missed in the leadership team.

This year we had Helen Tricard joining the executive committee as Representative for Explorer Parents and appreciate her valuable input to the committee during the year.

This has been a difficult year with meetings suspended by the national Corona Virus lockdown. Outstanding work has been carried out by all the Section Leaders running remote meetings via Zoom to maintain links with their section members, which were very popular and helped maintain the membership during lockdown and ready for return as soon as face to face meetings could restart.

Although all income from section subs and hall lettings were disrupted for long periods during lockdown the Group was successful in obtaining a substantial government grant, which together with the groups own financial reserves will keep us on a sure footing for the months ahead. My thanks to our Treasurer John Kingsmell for his hard work during this difficult time.

**Sarah-Jane Durman, Group Scout Leader
Acting Chair for this AGM meeting.
July 2021**

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GSL AGM report for year 2020/2021

Yet again scouting and life has been interrupted by the Covid -19 pandemic. There have been more adventures on zoom and no camps have been able to be held. The young people and leaders have been fantastic and it is amazing how quickly everyone settled into new routines. There are QR codes up at the hut which people are meant to register on their NHS app. This will help keep track of people should anyone test positive. Groups are now holding their meetings again in person but each person must wear a mask and hand washing and cleaning afterwards are a must. We still have enough lettings for us to be solvent and have also received some very generous grants from the government to help us out financially when the hut has had to be closed due to restrictions in people's movements. This has left us with a decent cashflow which is more than some of the other groups in the district. There are some large expenditures to deal with such as the resurfacing of the drive to try to deal with the tree roots and the ongoing costs of keeping our buildings running. Scouting has had a very difficult time during the covid crisis and with increasing financial demands on headquarters, the sad decision was made to sell off several campsites, all of which our group has benefitted from their use over the years. These include Downe, Broadstone Warren and the girl guide campsite at Cudham. Bromley district is trying to see if they can put

a successful bid in to buy some of Downe and therefore retain its use for the future generations. Groups that are financially better off have been asked if they might be willing to make a financial donation to this bid and the trustees are investigating whether our group would be willing to donate something towards this bid.

The sections continue to do well lead by our very able leaders. Our numbers are up and all the young people enjoy their weekly meetings. We have added to our leadership teams with Sophie Durman gaining her wood beads and Chloe White stepping up to an assistant section leader. She has completed her training so we are waiting for her wood beads to arrive so they can be presented. Mathew Lofting has agreed to be our beaver leader and has some very keen helpers and some parents to help him out. We just need a chairman!!!

There have been some awards and winners amongst our scouts. Harrison Willock achieved his Chief Scout Gold Award, Othilie Tricard has secured a place on the National Scout and Guide Symphony Orchestra, a first for 14th Bromley, Asher Falcon has been presented his Jack Petchey Medallion. He has yet to spend his award. We are hoping that other young people will also gain their awards soon.

Bromley District held an online competition earlier in the year entitled "Bromley's Got Talent" and our own scout Oliver Treasure won for his amazing skills with a Rubik's cube. His prize was various "scouty" items delivered to his door as we were unable to present them in person.

I would like to thank the leadership teams who willingly volunteer their time and skills and the other teams that keep the archives, maintain the building, and as trustees attend our committee meetings. Without these people the 14th Bromley wouldn't be the scout Group it is. Let's hope that in the future, life will return to some sort of normality and scouts can enjoy life as Baden Powell would have hoped.

Sarah-Jane Durman GSL

14th Bromley Scout Group Receipts & Payments Accounts

	Year start date	Year end date
For the year from	1-Apr-20	31-Mar-21

Receipts

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total funds £	2019/20 Total funds £
Membership, activities and other income				
Membership subscriptions	4,387	-	4,387	10,020
Less : Membership subscriptions paid on to District / County/ HQ	- 2,926	-	- 2,926	- 3,268
Net membership subscriptions retained by Group	1,461	-	1,461	6,752
Donations	-	-	-	47
Gift Aid	2,135	-	2,135	2,041
Activity Income	1,465	-	1,465	13,575
Group Centenary Events	-	-	-	1,872
Sub total	5,061	-	5,061	24,287
Grants				
Govt - Covid 19 - Hospitality Sector	14,000	-	14,000	-
Govt - Lockdown Grants	6,193	-	6,193	-
Sub total	20,193	-	20,193	-
Fundraising (gross)				
Fundraising for Group / Others	-	-	-	2,241
	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	2,241
Other Income				
Bank interest	-	-	-	-
Hall Rentals	8,593	-	8,593	17,677
Sub total	8,593	-	8,593	17,677
Total Receipts	33,847	-	33,847	44,205

	Year start date	Year end date
For the year from	1-Apr-20	31-Mar-21

Payments

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total funds £	2019/20 Total funds £
Youth programme and activities	1,199		1,199	15,459
Scouting equipment	-		-	253
	-	-	-	-
Uniforms (inc Scarves, Polos etc)	569	-	569	40
Group Centenary Events	-	-	-	5,802
Sub total	1,768	-	1,768	21,554
Headquarters running costs				
Rates	-	-	-	950
Water and Sewerage	185	-	185	246
Gas, Electricity	3,028	-	3,028	3,017
Telephone, Broadband	751	-	751	757
Insurance	5,629	-	5,629	5,590
Maintenance	3,808	-	3,808	1,116
Cleaning	2,868	-	2,868	2,840
Hall administration		-	-	-
Sub total	16,269	-	16,269	14,516
Administration				
Printing, postage, AGM expenses, presentations, etc	69	-	69	60
Donations		-	-	1,067
Sundries		-	-	-
Sub total	69	-	69	1,127
Fundraising expenses				
Fundraising costs			-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-
Total Gross Expenditure	18,106	-	18,106	37,197
Premises Improvements	-		-	4,900
Total payments	18,106	-	18,106	42,097
Net of receipts/(payments)	15,741	-	15,741	2,108
Funds as at 1 April 2020	9,439	1,609	11,048	8,940
Funds as at 31 March 2021	25,180	1,609	26,789	11,048

Statement of assets and liabilities at 31 March 2021

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total funds £	31-Mar-20 Total funds £
Cash funds				
Bank current account	27,152	1,609	28,761	15,071
Bank deposit account	-	-	-	-
Cash/Floats	534	-	534	534
	27,686	1,609	29,295	15,605
Other monetary assets				
Monies prepaid by members for future activities (net)	-	-	-	1,910
Explorer Unit funds held for future activities	1,611	-	1,611	1,232
Other accounts (net)	895	-	895	1,415
			-	
Funds available for Group use	25,180	1,609	26,789	11,048
Other Assets				
Land and buildings at insurance declared valuation	611,378	-	611,378	598,218
Equipment, furniture etc at insurance declared valuation	47,767	-	47,767	45,315
Other	-	-	-	-
Sub total	659,145	-	659,145	643,533

The balance of Restricted Funds are from Race Nights organised to purchase Group Equipment

The above Receipts and Payments Account and the Statement of Assets and Liabilities were approved by the trustees on 13 May 2021 and signed on their behalf by

S-J Durman	Acting Chairman
J.C. Kingsmell	Treasurer



Independent examiner's report on the accounts

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Charity Name
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On accounts for the year

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