

3RD WESTON-SUPER-MARE SCOUT GROUP

England & Wales · Charity number 305640

Details

Other names	3RD WESTON-SUPER-MARE SCOUTS
Status	Registered
Legal form	Other
Registered	1962-03-09
Register	View on the Charity Commission register

Contact

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Activities

Objects: THE AIM OF THE SCOUT ASSOCIATION IS TO PROMOTE THE DEVELOPMENT OF YOUNG PEOPLE IN ACHEIVING THEIR FULL PHYSICAL, INTERLECTUAL, SOCIAL AND SPIRITUAL POTENTIALS, AS INDIVIDUALS, AS RESPONSIBLE CITIZENS AND AS MEMBERS OF THEIR LOCAL, NATIONAL, AND INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITIES.

Activities: We are a scout group that offers Activities for young people between the ages of 6 and 14, helping them to develop as individuals physically, mentally, and spiritually. We also encourage the Young people to gain 'Skills for life',

Classification

- **How:** Provides Buildings/facilities/open Space
- **What:** General Charitable Purposes, Education/training, Amateur Sport
- **Who:** Children/young People

Geography

- **Area of benefit:** WESTON-SUPER-MARE
- North Somerset

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-03-31	£33,549	£107,908	-	-
2024-03-31	£120,091	£105,030	-	-
2023-03-31	£74,989	£39,854	-	-
2022-03-31	£47,247	£34,333	-	-
2021-03-31	£24,525	£9,235	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
ADAM CASHMORE		1993-04-23
Allan Piggott		2023-07-01
Angus Donald		2023-07-01
Bruce Badman		2023-07-01
Daniella Stopford		2023-07-01
Gary White		2023-07-01
JOHN MOON		1982-06-06
Nigel Neads		2002-05-21
ROBERT STEPHEN HASE		1993-04-23

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Accounts

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of 3rd Weston-super-Mare (St. Paul's) Scout Council

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the 3rd Weston-super-Mare (St. Paul's) Scout Group for the year ended 31st March 2025

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees of the 3rd Weston super Mare (St. Pauls) Scout Group you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').

I report in respect of my examination of the 3rd Weston super Mare (St. Pauls) Scout Group accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent examiner's statement

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed:



Name:

CATHERINE SLATER

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

Address: GARRYLAURENCE, DUNGARNEY, CO CORK, P25 CC90
IRELAND

Date:

16/7/25



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**3rd Weston-super-Mare
(St Paul's)**

**Annual Accounts
1st April 2024 - 31st March 2025**

**3rd Weston super Mare Scout Group
Account and Asset Summary**

Account Name		Opening Balance	Income	Expenditure	Closing Balance
Group Accounts	Group Account	£1,817.62	£8,065.80	-£7,546.91	£2,336.51
	Petty Cash	£552.52	£1,032.50	-£1,371.62	£213.40
	Jamboree Account	£11,952.77	£55.90	-£10,721.92	£1,286.75
	Building Account	£71,296.44	£14,671.73	-£78,972.00	£6,996.17
Sectional Accounts	Squirrel Account	£925.14	£515.00	-£980.43	£459.71
	Beaver Account	£1,310.39	£2,503.00	-£2,347.38	£1,466.01
	Cub Account	£2,146.03	£2,562.00	-£2,320.42	£2,387.61
	Scout Account	£620.31	£4,143.00	-£3,646.93	£1,116.38
Totals		£90,621.22	£33,548.93	-£107,907.61	£16,262.54

**Total Assets
as of 31st March 2025**

Total money held in all accounts	£16,262.54
Stock and Shares (held in the groups name)	3420 investment shares with foreign and colonial investment trust

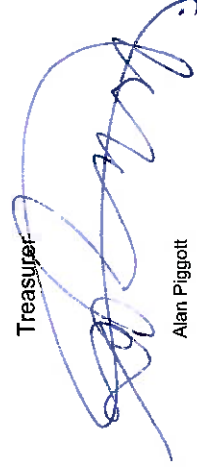
The above accounts were approved by the Groups Trustees on 3rd September 2025, and Signed on their behalf by

Chairman



Bruce Badman

Treasurer



Alan Piggott

Group Lead Volunteer



Nigel Neads

3rd Weston-super-Mare Scout Group
(Charity no. 305640)

Receipts and payments account

	Year start date		Year end date
For the year from	1st April 2024	To	31st March 2025

Receipts and payments

	2024/25	2023/24
	Unrestricted funds	Unrestricted funds
	£	£

Receipts

Donations, legacies and similar income		
Membership Subscriptions (Squirrels)	£515.00	£802.00
Membership subscriptions (Beavers)	£1,812.00	£1,894.00
Membership subscriptions (Cubs)	£1,836.00	£1,722.00
Membership subscriptions (Scouts)	£1,485.00	£1,426.00
Donations	£1,960.00	£205.00
Activities Income	£2,340.00	£3,284.00
Gift Aid	£787.12	£682.90
Transfers (from sectional A/c to General A/c)	£3,140.50	£1,942.00
Transfers (from Group A/c to group A/c)	£11,024.33	£41,205.00
Transfers (Section to Section)	£0.00	£500.00
Other similar income	£57.00	£296.10
Sub total	£24,956.95	£53,959.00
Grants		
North Somerset Council Grants	£0.00	£0.00
Other grants	£4,218.00	£62,533.78
Sub total	£4,218.00	£62,533.78
Fundraising events (gross)		
Easy Fundraising	£103.30	£111.23
Sub total	£103.30	£111.23

Scout hut income			
Hire of building		£3,681.00	£3,004.50
Hire of equipment		£0.00	£0.00
Other Scout hut income		£66.42	£0.00
Sub total		£3,747.42	£3,004.50
Investment income			
Bank interest		£0.00	£0.00
Building Society interest		£0.00	£0.00
The Scout Association Short Term Investment Service		£0.00	£0.00
Other investment income (Dividends)		£523.26	£482.22
Sub total		£523.26	£482.22
Total Gross Income		£33,548.93	£120,090.73
Asset and investment sales, etc.		£0.00	£0.00
Total receipts		£33,548.93	£120,090.73

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Receipts and payments account

	Year start date		Year end date
For the year from	1st April 2024	To	31st March 2025

Receipts and payments

	2024/25	2023/24
	Unrestricted funds	Unrestricted funds
	£	£

Payments

Charitable Payments		
Membership subscriptions paid on (National/County/Area/District)	£3,451.00	£3,420.00
Youth programme and activities (Squirrels)	£114.39	£1,144.86
Youth programme and activities (Beavers)	£1,072.07	£2,624.74
Youth programme and activities (Cubs)	£1,218.17	£1,767.29
Youth programme and activities (Scouts)	£2,542.21	£1,695.16
Adult support and training	£40.00	£40.00
Water and Sewerage	£340.00	£250.00
Electricity and Gas	£1,671.27	£3,143.83
Insurance	£1,715.90	£1,341.24
Repairs and Renewals	£79,040.69	£44,150.98
Accountant	£50.00	£0.00
Maintenance/Servicing	£757.47	£387.40
Legal Fees	£0.00	£880.00
Misc Payments	£546.23	£12.00
Materials and equipment	£106.19	£391.06
Printing and photocopying	£37.91	£48.84
Contribution to camp/activity costs	£0.00	£36.76
Uniforms	£1,000.82	£0.00
AGM and trustee expenses	£38.46	£49.12
Transfers (From Group A/c To group A/c)	£11,024.33	£41,200.00
Transfers (From Sectional accounts to General A/c)	£3,140.50	£1,947.00
Transfers (Section to Section)	£0.00	£500.00
Sub total	£107,907.61	£105,030.28

Fundraising expenses			
Easy Fundraising		£0.00	£0.00
Sub total		£0.00	£0.00
Total Gross Expenditure		£107,907.61	£105,030.28
Asset and investment purchases, etc.		£0.00	£0.00
Total payments		£107,907.61	£105,030.28
Net of receipts/(payments)		-£74,358.68	£15,060.45
Cash funds last year end		£90,621.22	£75,560.77
Cash funds this year end		£16,262.54	£90,621.22

3rd Weston-super-Mare Scout Group (Charity no. 305640)

Receipts and payments account

	Year start date	Year end date
For the year from	1st April 2024	T o 31st March 2025

Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the year

	31st March 2025	31st March 2024
	Unrestricted funds	Unrestricted funds
	£	£
Cash funds		
General Account	£2,336.51	£1,817.62
Squirrel Account	£459.71	£925.14
Beaver Account	£1,466.01	£1,310.39
Cub Account	£2,387.61	£2,146.03
Scout Account	£1,116.38	£620.31
Building Account	£6,996.17	£71,296.44
Jamboree Account	£1,286.75	£11,952.77
Cash/Floats	£213.40	£552.52
Total cash funds	£16,262.54	£90,621.22
(agree balances with receipts and payments account)	ok	ok
Other monetary assets		
Tax claim	£0.00	£0.00
Debts due from the County/Area/District/Group	£0.00	£0.00
Insurance claim	£0.00	£0.00
Sub total	£0.00	£0.00
Investment assets		
Scout Property, The Gilcraft Den, Totterdown Road (insurance Value)	£435,000.00	£435,000.00
3420 Shares held in F&C Investment Trust (Value of Shares on 31st March)	£36,936.00	£34,063.20
Other investments - No Other Investments	£0.00	£0.00
Sub total	£471,936.00	£469,063.20

Non monetary assets for charity's own use			
Squirrel Badge Stock		£343.80	£261.89
Beaver Badge Stock		£257.40	£154.83
Cub Badge Stock		£236.70	£489.58
Scout Badge Stock		£185.40	£218.80
Group Badge Stock		£100.00	£106.00
Shop stock		£0.00	£0.00
Other stock		£0.00	£0.00
Land and buildings		£0.00	£0.00
Motor vehicles		£0.00	£0.00
Scouting equipment, furniture etc		£0.00	£0.00
Other		£0.00	£0.00
Sub total		£1,123.30	£1,231.10
Liabilities			
Accounts not yet paid		£0.00	£0.00
Expenses incurred but not invoiced		£0.00	£0.00
Subscriptions not yet paid		£0.00	£0.00
Loan - detail		£0.00	£0.00
Other liabilities		£0.00	£0.00
Sub total		£0.00	£0.00
Total net assets		£489,321.84	£560,915.52



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**3rd Weston-super-Mare
(St Paul's)**

**Annual Reports
2024/25**

3rd Weston super Mare SCOUT COUNCIL
Annual General Meeting

Agenda

- 1 - Introduction and welcome
- 2 - Apologies for absence
3. Approve the minutes of last year's AGM
- 4 - Governance topics
 - 4A. Adopt the model constitution from Policy, Organisation and Rules (POR)
 - 4B. Note the Group's financial year
 - 4C Agree the quorum for future meetings of the Group Scout Council (exc this AGM)
- 5 - Review of the previous year
 - 5a. The Group Lead Volunteer's review
 - 5b. Receive and consider the Annual Reports and accounts of the Group Trustee Board
- 6 - Making appointments
 - 6a. Appoint the Group Chair,
 - 6B. Appoint the Group Treasurer,
 - 6C. Appoint Board of Trustees
 - 6D. Independent Examiner for the current financial year
- 7 - Awards
 - 7A Young People Awards
 - 7B Adult Awards
8. - District/County Report
9. - Closing remarks

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Tuesday 3rd September 2024

Meeting started at 7:42 pm

Introduction and welcome

Bruce Badman (Group Chair) welcomed everyone to the meeting and gives thanks to the venue for the use of its facilities. Health and safety and domestic announcements were made.

Also, welcomes members of the group scout council and district representative Graham Meikle (Deputy District Commissioner Training and compliance).

Present

The following people were present at the meeting, Nigel Neads (GSL), Bruce Badman (Chair), Allan Piggot (Treasurer), Scott Mchaddan (Secretary), Graham Meikle (DDC), Les Abraham, John Moon, Nikki Woodfield, Emma Welch, Maria Neads, Tori Ditch, Joshua Woodfield, John Wheatley, Khali Kattana, Julia Kattana, Jasmine Ditch, Rob Hase, Dan Abraham, Richard Abraham

Apologies

Nigel received apologies from Ann Coombs, Christopher Batten, Gary White, Barbara Murlis and Adam Cashmore for their absence today.

Minutes approved from previous AGM meeting held on 15th September 2023

No matters arising from the previous minutes, Bruce explained that the minutes were distributed to the Board of trustees in the November meeting.

All agreed that the minutes were a true and accurate reflection of the meeting

Governance topics

Adapt the model constitution from policy and organisation and rules(POR)

Bruce explained that following recommendations from scout headquarters, the group trustee board proposed we adopt the model constitution from chapter 5 of POR. A copy was made available for inspection and review prior to this meeting and copies are available throughout the meeting for the members to look through.

Nigel Explained that although the Model constitution will be adapted, based on the model constitution taken from March 2024 (June updates of POR), The group want to remove the following rules from the constitution as they are not relevant to the group.

Removal of rules

Rule 5.4.4.2A which relates to explorers, explorer's parents and sponsoring authority

Rule 5.4.5.2C which relates to appointing of group president and vice presidents

Rule 5.4.7.10A Which relates to joint GSL roles

Rule 5.4.6.4L which relates to employed staff

Creation of Rules

Nigel then went on to explain that we intend to add the following rule into the constitution which relates to the disposal of assets should the group merge or fold (as per the holding trustees trust deeds)

Rule 5.4.6.4I which relates to disposal of assets as per trust deeds

The meeting agreed to adopt the model constitution, with the above modifications

Agree the quorum for future meetings of the Group Scout Council

Bruce would like the Scout Council to approve the Bot's recommendation that the quorum for the scout council be 10 members

Group financial year

Bruce explained the Groups financial year runs from 1st April to 31st March

Review of previous year

Bruce hands the meeting over to Nigel to give his review of the previous year.

Nigel plays a video that shows the activities the young people, and adults have done over the past 12 months, as well as progress of the Gilcraft Den refurbishment.

Bruce thanks Nigel for the presentation and they both thank the teams for their efforts in the past year.

Receive and consider the annual statement of accounts

Bruce explains that the trustee board has approved the annual report and statement of accounts and received this report from Katerine Slater at KS bookkeeping

Allan Piggot explains copies of the accounts have been circulated at this meeting

Bruce thanks the treasurer for compiling the accounts and Asks if anyone has any questions regarding the accounts. No questions from the floor about the accounts.

Making Appointments

Bruce explained the next part of the meeting will appoint the Board of Trustees for the year ahead. The Board of trustees have made the following recommendations for the approval of the Group scout council at this meeting

Appoint the group chair

Bruce hands over the meeting to Nigel for the approval of the group Chair

Nigel states that the BoT's recommendation is that Bruce Badman should be appointed group chair for another year. The Scout Council Agreed this recommendation with no objections

Nigel thanked the scout council and passed the meeting back to bruce to make the next recommendations

Appoint the group treasurer

Bruce states that the BoT's Recommendation is that Allan Piggot is appointed as group treasurer. This was agreed by the Scout Council with no objections

Appoint group secretary

Bruce states that the BoT's recommendation that Scott Mchaddan is appointed as group secretary. This was agreed by the Scout council with no objections.

Graham mentioned that after transformation that this role may not exist, If the role ceases to exist then The BoT's will co-opt Scott on the Trustee board, for the purpose of recording the minutes at the BoT meetings

Group trustee board

At this point of the meeting Nigel Explained that the agenda had been copied from last years Agenda and that agenda points 6D and 6E were now going to be merged together. All other members of the BoT's are now referred to as appointed members, and not elected and nominated members

Nigel states that the BoT's recommendation is that the following are appointed as Board of Trustee members - Rob Hase, Adam Cashmore, Gary White, Angus Donald, John Moon, Christopher Batten, Ann coombs, Helen Badman. This was agreed by the scout council with no objections.

Bruce thanks the trustees for their work during the year.

Independent examiner for the current financial year

Allan Piggot proposes that we use Katherine Slater at KS Booking.

Bruce confirms that Katherine is qualified for the role, and asks for approval from the scout council from Allans recommendation. The Scout council approves with no objections

Awards

Awards for the young people.

Bruce hands the meeting over to Nigel for the next part of the meeting.

Nigel Explains that it is at the AGM, the group likes to recognise the achievements of the YP in the past 12 months, and that these YP have all achieved their chief scouts award. They have already been presented with their awards, but we would like to celebrate their achievements this evening.

Chief scouts award Gold

Bailey underhay

Chief scouts award Silver

Joseph Knight and Penny Underhay

Chief scouts award Bronze

Lyla hedges, Finley wells and Harper hedges

Chief scouts award Acorn

Brio Page, Hannah Wheatley, Zachariah Crockett, and Robyn Godfrey Keyte

Nigel Explains every year the Sectional Leadership teams are asked to nominate a young person in their section for an award. Nigel says he enjoys presenting these awards every year.

Squirrel of the year

Robyn Godfrey Keye

Beaver of the year

Berty Anvil Gittens

Cub of the year

Elana gradian

Scout of the year

Jasmine Ditch

Adult awards

Nigel Explains that there are a couple of adult awards this year to be presented.

The Abraham Trophy

Nigel explained the story of the Abraham Trophy and that although it is the GSL's Recommendation on who the trophy gets awarded to, that the trophy is presented by the sons of the Dick and Betty Abraham. Nigel invites the Abraham brothers up for the presentation..

Nigel says that this year, he would like to recommend that Rob Hase receives the Abraham trophy this year in recognition of his efforts towards The gilcraft Den Refurbishments from the planning, Funding and overseeing the project.

Graham Meikle takes the floor in the presentation of the next 2 awards.

Graham presents a 5 year length of service award to Nickki Woodfield, Graham then goes on to present a Commendation award to Rob Hase,

Nigel and Brue congratulate Nicki and Rob in their awards, as well as all the young people that have received awards.

District review

Bruce passes the meeting to Graham who gives the district review.

Firstly, I want to thank you for inviting me here today. It is a privilege to stand before you as a representative of Axe District Scouts. Like many areas of our society, Scouting in the UK is still recovering from the effects of the pandemic but has been growing steadily. Locally, our numbers at the last census (January this year) were 2060 young people and adult volunteers, up 4% on the figure from 2019. This means we are still offering more and more young people the opportunity to experience the huge variety of activities Scouting has to offer. The number of activity notifications for camping and outdoor activities is quite inspiring and you can find our young people and adult volunteers out somewhere in the area pretty much every night of the week – and weekends.

Having said that, as we emerge from the challenges posed by the pandemic, we understand that some of our groups are still dealing with the aftermath. A few of our dedicated leaders have taken this time to reflect on their commitments, not just to Scouting, but to their own lives as well. This is quite natural. However, it does present us with the task of ensuring that our Scouting sections continue to thrive.

We recognise the value that each leader brings to their respective Group and Section and to our wider Scouting community. We understand the importance of providing the necessary support.

The Scout Association's transformation process is still ongoing which when completed by the end of this year, will see changes to the ways we welcome new volunteers into Scouting and support them with their learning, changes to the way we support Scouting through Group and District Boards of Trustees and changes to our overall structure and our role titles. None of these changes however will affect the quality of the Scouting provided to our young people.

Scouting offers our young people and adult volunteers the opportunity to experience activities and events around the globe and we are extremely proud that members from Axe District are able to play their part in this. We had several young people and an adult volunteer go to the World Scout Jamboree in Korea last year – it wasn't perhaps the experience they thought they would have, but for the time they were onsite, they shared in that unique atmosphere that you can only get by being with 43,000 participants from 143 countries. In July this year we had young people and an adult volunteer attending Roverway in Norway, where they were promised an unforgettable adventure "North of the ordinary". We have two Network members attending the World Scout Moot in Portugal next year and one of our Network members (and an Assistant ESL) is one of only about 30 chosen from right across the whole of the UK to attend an expedition to Madagascar in 2025. None of these adventures are free and we are proud of every single one of them and proud also that as a District we have been able to support each young person and adult volunteer towards the cost of their trips and will continue to do so in years to come, so long as we are able to do so.

In closing, we are looking forward to the future and being able offer even more Scouting to an increasing number of young people and want to thank all our dedicated adult volunteers and supporters who are the backbone to making this happen.

Bruce Thanked everyone for attending the meeting this evening.

Meeting ended at 8:15 pm

Group Report

At the last AGM we reported that we had refurbished the outside of the building Finally making it a water tight and warm building again, This year the team have been working quietly in the background making some changes to the internal of the building, We have installed a new kitchen, and the toilet area has undergone a much needed face lift. Please feel free to look at them later this evening, if you haven't done so already.

The Next Project we are aiming to undertake is to give the main hall a facelift. This is in the early stage of planning, and costing, but we are hoping that it will be completed by the next AGM!

Over the past couple of years The Scout Association has undergone a transformation, They have made some changes to the names of things (The Exec committee has been renamed as a board of trustees, The 'job titles' of the leaders have changed slightly, and they have launched a new digital platform for the leaders to work from, and do their learning on). Whilst the changes are small, the 1 thing that hasn't changed is the programme that the young people get on a section evening,

At the census in January 2025, The number of young people in the group remained static year on year, (2 sections remained the same size, 1 grew slightly, and 1 shrank slightly).

I have had the privilege of seeing the young people (or hearing about) what the young people have been up to over the past year (you will see a few of the things they have been up to later in the AGM. Every section this year has offered a nights away experience to the young people, and more young people have gained their chief scouts awards, We have awarded 8 Chief scouts acorn Award (Squirrel Section), 2 Chief scouts bronze awards (Beaver Section), 4 chief scouts silver Award (Cub Section) and 6 chief scouts gold award (Scout Section). Congratulations to all the young people who have achieved them, and a massive thank you and well done to the leadership teams for giving the Young people the opportunity to earn these awards.

On top of the Chief scouts awards,, We have loved reading the citations for this year's Squirrel, Beaver, Cub and Scout of the year awards. We feel honoured to be supporting the leadership teams to make these young people grow and become great young people.

As Lead Volunteer, I love seeing young people join the group as a squirrel/Beaver and seeing them leave as a 14 year old Knowing the teams have given them skills for life and a sense of adventure they might not have got if they hadn't joined Scouting.

Our booking Secretary, Helen, has worked hard this year, booking in parties, and answering questions about hall hire etc. This is a vital part of the group's operation, without hall hire bookings, (both regular and occasional users), We would have to find money for the running of the building for the young people. As things stand the income from hall hire currently pays for the electricity, gas, and insurances for the premises. This means, we can keep the subs for the young people to a minimum.

We ask every year for the parents and supporters of the group to sign up for 2 things.

The first thing is Gift aid, We can claim gift aid back from the Government, which ensures the money you for scouting, goes further, as every £1 you pay in subs, we can claim an additional 20p back from the government,

The second thing we ask, if that you sign up for easy fundraising.

I'm sure most of you shop online (albeit ebay shopping, grocery shopping, shopping for random stuff on amazon or shein). If you do, Please sign up to easy fundraising, (it costs you nothing to sign up) and then every time you shop online though the platform, then we receive a donation from the online retailer.

We would like to thank the Board of Trustees, for their efforts in the background making sure the group remains compliant and have a safe premises for you young people,

We would also like to thank the Leadership teams for their efforts, time and dedication they put into making sure the young people have a great time. A lot of people think it's just an hour or 2 a week, Well that's what you see. Behind the scenes they have to plan the programme, complete risk assessments, communicate with parents, attend district meetings, write letters/emails etc.

Bruce Badman
Group Chair

Nigel Needs
Group lead volunteer

Holding Trustee Report 2024/2025

This evening we have heard how the Transformation of the Scout movement in the UK has progressed in particular the adoptions of new titles and names. Focussing on the changes made over the last couple of years, from group executive committee to Board of Trustees I would like to remind the scout council we as a group have had Group trustees dating back to 1932 when the Gilcraft Den was obtained from a farm for the use of scouting, yes it was a cow shed and on occasions still smells like one!

Numbering four in total we the Holding Trustees are responsible for holding the title deeds of the Den and the share investments in trust for the good of the group. In the light of these recent changes we are now known as Holding Trustees to avoid any confusion with the new board of trustee titles. We also hold seats on the Board of Trustees.

The past year has seen more progress in the refurbishment of the property making the Den more appealing. A new kitchen has been fitted, with attention being paid to ease of cleaning and a modern look and its usability. The WC area was also decorated and the hand basins repositioned adding extra appeal for visitors and groups alike. Consideration also given to the ease of access to one of the WCs for those with mobility concerns. Interior decoration is continuing along with the general upkeep of the plot and building. The old street gas lamp on the lawn has been refurbished and returned to operation albeit electric with timers and other wizardry making it automatic and energy efficient. This lamp was originally sited in the street and was "adopted" by the group when the lights in Totterdown Rd were electrified. We all hope the scout council will agree that the progress made this year has complemented the overall appearance and usability of the Den.

The Holding Trustee line up remains the same and I would like to express my thanks for the work and input volunteered by Adam, Gary and Angus to achieve what you see in the Den tonight. It should also be noted that a good deal of thanks should be given to Nigel and the Board of Trustees as a whole for their support with this ongoing project.

Our solicitors Powells have finalized the voluntary registration of the Den with the Land Registry. This was deemed necessary because the property had not changed hands or been subject to any conveyancing since 1932, and to gain access to some grants a Land Registry number is required.

The share holding remains unchanged and continues to provide the group with a steady income, please see treasurers report.

With the remaining and future funds raised for the improvements, we in the next year aim to concentrate on the inside, namely the walls and floor as major projects. We therefore consider that once these areas are addressed the Den will be a superb building to facilitate first class scouting at 3rd and be actively used by local community groups. This helps to provide an income for the group, which in turn achieves growth in the number of young people and volunteers who all enjoy scouting at the Gilcraft Den.

Robert Hase
(Senior Trustee)

Den Hire Report

This year has been quieter than last year in terms of hall usage. We have secured a couple of regular bookings and recently had someone visit who may be interested in hiring the hall. At present, most bookings come from the same regular groups.

I have reviewed our hire charges and compared them with other local halls, which range from £15–£25 per hour. For new bookings, I have increased the rate to £13.50 per hour, with a further increase planned for April. Current regular bookings remain at the same rate for now, but we should look to review these in April as well.

A few issues have arisen regarding the use of confetti, glitter cannons, and party poppers, which leave a considerable amount of mess and require extra cleaning. I have begun advising hirers not to use them, or that an additional cleaning charge will apply if they do.

The renovation of the kitchen and toilets has been very well received, with hirers giving good feedback on the improvements. Overall, feedback has been positive, and people are happy with the service provided.

One area to consider going forward is waste and recycling. With recent changes to collections in North Somerset, we currently do not recycle from the hall. After events, the waste generated often fills a bin bag. Going forward we will be exploring options for recycling to help reduce mixed waste.

If you would like to hire the hall, Please email 3rdwsmbookings@gmail.com

Helen

Booking Secretary

Squirrel Report

We've given out 8 Chief Scout Acorn Awards in the last 12 months:

- Ivan P
- Matilda S
- Hadley S
- Jasmine L
- Theo H
- Ava-May J
- Amber-Rose M
- Charlie O

Autumn 2024: We explored space, had a bonfire party, had a visit from a paramedic and learnt some first aid from her. We also celebrated Diwali, hearing the story, painting paper hands, dancing to Bollywood music and making lanterns.

In January 2025 Cathy Wheatley took lead of the drey as Trudy needed to step down due to personal reasons.

Spring 2025: "Feel Good January" exploring ways to be healthy and look after our wellbeing. Including a trip to the community garden / allotment to see where food comes from, and a healthy eating session with the council's food and nutrition public health specialist making overnight oats and fruit salad. We started the Earth Tribe badge; visitors helped us to build bug houses, make solar powered fans and litter pick. We then set ourselves personal challenges such as turning out lights, reducing our food waste (by trying more of our meals) and helping with the recycling at home and thought about which pathway we might take for Earth Tribe.

Summer 2025: The Squirrels loved litter picking and wanted to do a lot more of it. We decided to "adopt" Totterdown Road through the Adopt a Street scheme— vowing to carry out regular litter picks (4-6 times a year). North Somerset Environment bought smaller litter picking PPE and equipment and send a member of staff every time we want to do a litter pick, to help out – we've done three already! Besides this, we explored cultural diversity with an international night where we heard from people from Germany, France and Romania. We learnt the word for "Squirrel" in each language, tried some food, found countries on a map, learnt the flags and some interesting facts about each country. We celebrated our own diversity during Pride month – by making flags with pictures of our families on and marching around the hall waving them, singing and making music with instruments, to show that we are proud of who we are.

On the penultimate week of the year we joined the other sections in den building in Weston Woods, and on the last week we had a garden party back and campfire back at the community garden.

The group as it stands now is entirely different to those we started the year with, with a complete change over of children. All 8 of the children named as having received a chief scout acorn award have now moved on and the 8 children we've now got on role have started since January. We have four new children starting over the coming term, three in September and one after October half term, bringing us to a comfortable total of 12. More than that would require more team members who could commit to every week.

Cathy Wheatley

Team Leader (Squirrels)

Beaver Report

The beavers have completed many tasks through this year towards their badges. They have completed creative activities, where beavers have explored the space badge, completed some Christmas activities, and worked together as teams to complete problem solving activities.

The beavers have been to some interesting places in weston and had some visitors to the hut. Some of these were visiting the food bank, the helicopter museum, we attended a local church and had a paramedic attend a session to help us with our first aid. We also learnt about our planet and how to look after it. While exploring this badge we went litter picking and did some work around endangered animals.

The beavers have completed many hikes through the year counting a night hike through the woods and some navigation work around weston with maps.

They attended a district trip to Noah's ark zoo which gave the beavers the opportunity to meet other beavers from different sections. We also completed some adventure activities such as axe throwing and archery.

We also completed some group activities to support the beavers to interact with our whole section, squirrels, cubs and scouts such as a Halloween party and a family den building activity.

There was 2 camps this year that the beavers attended at our hut.

The end of term we managed to spend loads of time out of the hut and made the most of the weather. We went on a hike in uphill, and Worlebury woods, made floating boats and floated them at a pool down the beach, and ended our summer term with laser tag in the woods which was a brilliant and engaging term.

Sierena Richardson
Team Leader (Beavers)

Cub Pack Report

We currently have 19 Cubs in the pack. Between April 2024 and March 2025, four of our oldest Cubs achieved their Chief Scout Silver Award, the highest award in Cubs, which is a fantastic achievement for them all.

As well as working towards a number of the Challenge Awards during that time, we also completed several activity badges including Collector, Scientist and Emergency Aid. We took part in a wide range of activities, such as fire lighting, team challenges, held an Olympic evening, Christmas craft, Street Dance, a spy themed evening and celebrated St Andrews Day. We also went tobogganing, and tried Street Dance and karate.

We held a summer camp for 3 nights at Uphill Scout Hut in August 2024, and held a sleepover in November 2024. More recently we had another sleepover in May 2025 and are looking forward to two nights away in Backwell later in the year. The Cubs have enjoyed the experience of staying away from home, while taking part in activities including shooting, archery, craft, games and of course a hot chocolate and a game of bingo before bed!

This year we have been fortunate to have two new adult leaders. Imogen, who was one of our Young Leaders, has now continued with us as an adult leader. We have also welcomed Lucy to our leadership team. I am as always very grateful to Anthea, Nikki, Barbara and Shelley, as well as Imogen and Lucy for their commitment, support and dedication in everything they do for our Cubs.

We are also very privileged to have had several Young Leaders over the last year who have given up their time each week. They are a vital part of our leadership team as they help support the Cubs, and bring new ideas – a big thank you to Joshua, Bailey and Dylan.

We are always looking for more adult help and if anyone is interested in finding out more about joining our leadership team as a leader, or helping on an occasional basis, please let me know, or speak to our Group Scout Leader Nigel Needs. We have a fun, supportive team and it is a rewarding role!

Emma Welch
Team Leader (Cubs)

Scout Section Report

As we close the scouting year, we're proud to reflect on the energy, creativity, and resilience shown by the 3rd Weston Scout Troop. With 15 scouts currently in the troop, we've enjoyed a wide variety of activities that brought us closer to nature, built new skills, and strengthened our sense of community.

One of the most memorable evenings was our Seafront Photography, where scouts captured the changing light and scenery from Marine Lake to Beach Lawns. The evening ended with a relaxed games in the Sea Monster Garden. We also spent much time in Weston Woods, where scouts built their own bivouacs and dens. These sessions helped deepen their understanding of the natural world and gave them a real sense of independence. Our climbing trip to Rock Up was a highlight for many, offering a chance to test physical limits and support one another through challenging climbs. The troop also enjoyed cooking over open fires at the allotments, where they prepared a range of dishes while learning fire safety and outdoor cooking techniques.

The year ended on a high with our Summer Camp at Woodhouse Park in Bristol. It was a hot weekend packed with fun and adventure. Scouts took part in laser tag, tackled the adventure course, played crazy golf, and cooled off with a lively water fight. They also cooked on open fires, strengthening their outdoor skills and teamwork. The camp was a joyful celebration of everything scouting stands for.

We're especially proud of the scouts who completed their Chief Scout Gold Award this year: Gabby, Flo, Doug, Sapphire, Grace, and Lillie. These young people have been important and valued members of our troop, and we wish them all the best as they move on—two of them to Explorers.

A huge thank you goes to our dedicated leadership team: John, Jay, Chloe, Sarah, Maz, Nigel, and Young Leader Dylan. Your commitment and enthusiasm make all of this possible.

Looking Ahead... Next year, we're excited to focus on the Challenge Badges, plan an expedition, and explore new activities like watersports, hiking, and even a bit of geocaching.

We look forward to another year of growth, adventure, and fun.

John Wheatley
Team Leader - Scouts

3RD WESTON-SUPER-MARE SCOUT GROUP

England & Wales - Charity number 305640

Accounts

**Independent examiner's report to the trustees of
3rd Weston-super-Mare (St. Paul's) Scout Council**

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the 3rd Weston-super-Mare (St. Paul's) Scout Group for the year ended 31st March 2023

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees of the 3rd Weston super Mare (St. Pauls) Scout Group you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').

I report in respect of my examination of the 3rd Weston super Mare (St. Pauls) Scout Group accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent examiner's statement

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed:



Name:

CATHERINE SLATER

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

Address:

GARRYLAURENCE, DUNGOURNEY, CO CORK, P25CC90 IRELAND

Date



Scouts

**3rd Weston-super-Mare
(St Paul's)**

**Annual Accounts
1st April 2023 - 31st March 2024**

3rd Weston super Mare Scout Group
Account and Asset Summary

Account Name	Opening Balance	Income	Expenditure	Closing Balance
Group Accounts	Group Account	£5,934.47		£1,817.62
	Petty Cash	£124.68	-£29,163.47	£552.52
	Jamboree Account	£1,286.75	-£852.76	£11,952.77
	Building Account	£64,514.23	-£10,600.00	£71,296.44
Sectional Accounts	Squirrel Account	£0.00	-£54,735.00	
	Beaver Account	£727.13	-£1,454.86	£925.14
	Cub Account	£2,239.82	-£2,624.74	£1,310.39
	Scout Account	£733.69	-£2,506.50	£2,146.03
Totals				£620.31
Totals				£90,621.22

Total Assets
as of 31st March 2024

Total money held in all accounts	£90,621.22
Stock and Shares (held in the groups name)	3420 investment shares with foreign and colonial investment trust

The above accounts were approved by the Groups Trustees on 3rd September 2024, and Signed on thier behalf by

Chairman



Bruce Badman

Treasurer



Alan Piggott

Group Lead Volunteer



Nigel Needs

3rd Weston-super-Mare Scout Group (Charity no. 305640)

Receipts and Payments Account

	Year start date		Year end date
For the year from	1st April 2023	To	31st March 2024

Receipts and Payments

	2023/24	2022/23
	Unrestricted funds	Unrestricted funds
	£	£

Receipts

Donations, legacies and similar income		
Membership Subscriptions (Squirrels)	£802.00	£0.00
Membership subscriptions (Beavers)	£1,894.00	£1,707.00
Membership subscriptions (Cubs)	£1,722.00	£1,956.00
Membership subscriptions (Scouts)	£1,426.00	£1,208.00
Donations	£205.00	£165.67
Activities Income	£3,284.00	£2,858.50
Gift Aid	£682.90	£1,299.15
Transfers (from sectional A/c to General A/c)	£1,942.00	£2,231.85
Transfers (from Group A/c to group A/c)	£41,205.00	£23,252.03
Transfers (Section to Section)	£500.00	£1,159.00
Other similar income	£296.10	£0.00

Sub total

£53,959.00

£35,837.20

Grants

North Somerset Council Grants	£0.00	£0.00
Other grants	£62,533.78	£35,455.71

Sub total

£62,533.78

£35,455.71

Fundraising events (gross)		
No Fundraising Events held in this Financial Period	£111.23	£0.00
Sub total	£111.23	£0.00
Scout hut income		
Hire of building	£3,004.50	£3,237.95
Hire of equipment	£0.00	£0.00
Other Scout hut income	£0.00	£0.00
Sub total	£3,004.50	£3,237.95
Investment income		
Bank interest	£0.00	£0.00
Building Society interest	£0.00	£0.00
The Scout Association Short Term Investment Service	£0.00	£0.00
Other investment income (Dividends)	£482.22	£458.28
Sub total	£482.22	£458.28
Total Gross Income	£120,090.73	£74,989.14
Asset and investment sales, etc.	£0.00	£0.00
Total receipts	£120,090.73	£74,989.14

3rd Weston-super-Mare Scout Group (Charity no. 305640)

Receipts and Payments Account

	Year start date		Year end date
For the year from	1st April 2023	To	31st March 2024

Receipts and payments

2023/24	2022/23
Unrestricted funds	Unrestricted funds
£	£

Payments

Charitable Payments		
Membership subscriptions paid on (National/County/Area/District)	£3,420.00	£2,640.00
Youth programme and activities (Squirrels)	£1,144.86	£0.00
Youth programme and activities (Beavers)	£2,624.74	£2,200.61
Youth programme and activities (Cubs)	£1,767.29	£2,429.08
Youth programme and activities (Scouts)	£1,695.16	£1,077.95
Adult support and training	£40.00	£80.00
Water and Sewerage	£250.00	£214.00
Electricity and Gas	£3,143.83	£1,286.65
Insurance	£1,341.24	£1,174.72
Repairs and Renewals	£44,150.98	£1,312.81
Accountant	£0.00	£50.00
Maintenance/Servicing	£387.40	£488.50
Legal Fees	£880.00	£0.00
Misc Payments	£12.00	£0.00
Materials and equipment	£391.06	£164.89
Printing and photocopying	£48.84	£48.74
Contribution to camp/activity costs	£36.76	£15.00
Uniforms	£0.00	£0.00
AGM and trustee expenses	£49.12	£28.33
Transfers (From General A/c To Buildings A/c)	£41,200.00	£23,252.03
Transfers (From Sectional accounts to General A/c)	£1,947.00	£2,231.86
Transfers (Section to Section)	£500.00	£1,159.00
Sub total	£105,030.28	£39,854.17

Fundraising expenses			
No Fundraising Events held in this Financial Period		£0.00	£0.00
Sub total		£0.00	£0.00
Total Gross Expenditure		£105,030.28	£39,854.17
Asset and investment purchases, etc.		£0.00	£0.00
Total payments		£105,030.28	£39,854.17
Net of receipts/(payments)		£15,060.45	£35,134.97
Cash funds last year end		£75,560.77	£40,425.80
Cash funds this year end		£90,621.22	£75,560.77

3rd Weston-super-Mare Scout Group
(Charity no. 305640)

Receipts and Payments Account

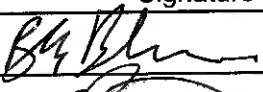
	Year start date		Year end date
For the year from	1st April 2023	To	31st March 2024

Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the year

	31st March 2023	31st March 2022
	Unrestricted funds	Unrestricted funds
	£	£
Cash funds		
General Account	£1,817.62	£5,934.47
Squirrel Account	£925.14	£0.00
Beaver Account	£1,310.39	£727.13
Cub Account	£2,146.03	£2,239.82
Scout Account	£620.31	£733.69
Building Account	£71,296.44	£64,514.23
Jamboree Account	£11,952.77	£1,286.75
Cash/Floats	£552.52	£124.68
Total cash funds	£90,621.22	£75,560.77
Other monetary assets		
Tax claim	£0.00	£0.00
Debts due from the County/Area/District/Group	£0.00	£0.00
Insurance claim	£0.00	£0.00
Sub total	£0.00	£0.00
Investment assets		
Scout Property, The Gilcraft Den, Totterdown Road (insurance Value)	£435,000.00	£435,000.00
3420 Shares held in F&C Investment Trust (Value of Shares on 31st March)	£34,063.20	£31,122.00
Other investments - No Other Investments	£0.00	£0.00
Sub total	£469,063.20	£466,122.00

Non monetary assets for charity's own use			
Squirrel Badge Stock	£261.89		£0.00
Beaver Badge Stock	£154.83		£212.89
Cub Badge Stock	£489.58		£484.47
Scout Badge Stock	£218.80		£220.05
Group Badge Stock	£106.00		£108.00
Shop stock	£0.00		£0.00
Other stock	£0.00		£0.00
Land and buildings	£0.00		£0.00
Motor vehicles	£0.00		£0.00
Scouting equipment, furniture etc	£0.00		£0.00
Other	£0.00		£0.00
Sub total	£1,231.10		£1,025.41
Liabilities			
Accounts not yet paid	£0.00		£0.00
Expenses incurred but not invoiced	£0.00		£0.00
Subscriptions not yet paid	£0.00		£0.00
Loan - detail	£0.00		£0.00
Other liabilities	£0.00		£0.00
Sub total	£0.00		£0.00
Total net assets	£560,915.52		£542,708.18

The above receipts and payments account and statement of assets and liabilities were approved by the Board of Trustees on 3rd September 2024.

Signature	Print Name	
	Bruce Badman	Chair
	Allan Piggott	Treasurer
	Nigel Needs	GSL



Scouts

**3rd Weston-super-Mare
(St Paul's)**

Annual Reports

3rd Weston super Mare Scout Group
Annual General Meeting
AGENDA

1. Introduction and welcome
2. Apologies for absence
3. To approve the minutes of the Annual General Meeting (held on 15th September 2023)
4. **Governance topics**
 - a. Adopt the Groups constitution from (Based on the model Constitution in POR, July 23)
 - b. Note the Group's financial year
5. **Review of the previous year**
 - a. The Group Scout Leader's review of Scouting.
 - b. To receive and consider the Annual Report of the Group Trustee Board including the annual Statement of the Accounts
6. **Making appointments**
 - a. To approve the Group Scout Leader's nomination of the Group Chair
 - b. Election of the Group Secretary
 - c. Election of the Group Treasurer
 - d. Elections of members to the Group Trustee Board
 - e. To approve the Group Scout Leader's nominations to the Group Trustee Board
 - f. To appoint the Scrutineer / Independent Examiner / Auditor for the Current Financial year
7. **Awards**
 - a. Young People Awards
 - b. Adult Awards
8. District Rep
9. Close

3rd Weston super Mare Scout Group

Annual General Meeting

Minutes 15th september

1. Introduction and welcome

Bruce and Nigel opened the meeting at 19.20,

Bruce welcomed everyone and thanked everyone for their attendance. - 17 people attended the meeting

2. Apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Adam Cashmore, Dani Stopford, John Wheatley and Barbara Murlis

3. To approve the minutes of the Annual General Meeting (held on 21st September 2022)

The minutes of the 2022 AGM were taken as a true record, These were proposed by Bruce Badman and Seconded by John Moon.

4. Governance topics

Bruce introduced this section of the meeting, explaining that the next part of the meeting is necessary to make sure the Groups foundation (from a charity point of view) is in good order.

note the dates of charity's financial year

4a agree the number of members that may be elected to the Trustee Board

In line with the recommendation from POR, Bruce proposed that the Scout Group adopt the model constitution from chapter 5 of POR.

Nigel Explained to the meeting how the group has used the model constitution and tweaked it make it relevant to the group

Nigel Mentioned that the following POR points were removed due to them district specific- 5.4.2.7 / 5.4.3.3 / 5.4.4.5 / 5.4.5.8,

The following POR points were removed due to them being county specific - 5.4.2.3 C / 5.4.2.8 / 5.4.3.4 / 5.4.4.6 / 5.4.5.7D / 5.4.5.9

The Following POR points were removed as the group does not have a sponsoring authority - 5.4.2.5.F

The Following POR points were removed as the group does not have any paid employees - 5.4.4.3L

The following POR points were removed due to the group not having an explorer unit - 5.4.2.5.D / 5.4.3.5.E

In point 5.4.6.4 / 5.4.7.7 / 5.4.4.4A - We added the Building Trustee sub committee

in point 5.4.2.5 - We expanded the point that the District Commissioner may send his/Her Rep in their place.

in point 5.4.4.4 A a, We refer to the disposal of assets to the 1932 trust deed.

The constitution was distributed before the meeting with copies available at the meeting.

Nigel and Bruce both proposed that we adopt the model constitution with the above adaptations in place,

This was seconded by Rob Hase.

4b. Financial Year

it was noted that the groups financial year is 1st April -31st March,

4c. To agree on the quorum for each meeting.

Bruce asked that the quorum for the meeting of the group Scout Council (AGM) be 12 people - This was seconded by Angus Donald

Bruce asked that the quorum for meetings of the Trustee Board (also known as the board of trustees) be 6 trustees. This was seconded by Nigel Neads

Bruce asked that the quorum of the Holding trustee Sub-committee be 3. Nigel Added at this point that although the quorum of these meetings will be 3, any decisions relating to the building/shares holdings/deeds would need approval from all 4 holding trustees. This was Seconded by Gary White and Angus Donald.

5. Review of the previous year

5a. The Group Scout Leader's review of Scouting.

Nigel Thanked all the leaders for their contribution over the past year. Nigel then showed a presentation showing what the group has got up to over the past 12 months,

b. To receive and consider the Annual Report of the Group Trustee Board including the annual Statement of the Accounts

Bruce said that the accounts for the previous year were prepared by the treasurer, and approved by the Group Trustee Board, and that the accounts had been independently examined.

Allan Piggott, Explained the accounts to the Group scout council.

Bruce then asked the floor if there were any questions in relation to the accounts. No questions were received.

6. Making appointments

Bruce Explained that the next part of the meeting sets the Group up to be well led during the period to the next AGM. in particular the Group scout council appoints a trustee board to ensure good governance for the charity over the next year.

a. To approve the Group Scout Leader's nomination of the Group Chair

Bruce handed control of the meeting to Nigel.

Nigel Nominated Bruce to stand as chairman for another year. This was supported and approved by all.

Nigel Handed control of the meeting back to Bruce.

b. Election of the Group Secretary

Bruce Proposed that the secretary for the next year - Scott Mchaddan

This was seconded by Ann Coombs

c. Election of the Group Treasurer

Bruce proposed that the Treasurer for the next year - Allan Piggott

This was seconded by Rob Hase,

d. Elections of members to the Group Trustee Board

Bruce proposed the following members be elected on to the Trustee board

Adam Cashmore, Gary White, Rob Hase, and Angus Donald.

This was seconded by Nigel.

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

The following members were nominated to the board of trustees - Ann Coombs, John Moon, Chris Batten.

Nigel also asked that when a booking secretary is found, that they will also sit on the board of trustees as a nominated member.

This was accepted by all at the meeting.

f. To appoint the Scrutineer / Independent Examiner / Auditor for the Current Financial year

Bruce asked the Group Scout Council permission for the Trustee board to appoint a relevant person(s) once the financial year has ended. We will then know whether we need to appoint a examiner or auditor depending on the amount of money the group has turned over,

This was agreed by everyone at the meeting.

7. Awards

Bruce handed the meeting over to Nigel so we could recognize the efforts of the young people in the group

a. Young People Awards

Squirrel of the year. - Ivan Richardson.

Beavers of the year - Samantha Wheatley

Cub of the Year – Lucas Farrelly.

Scout of the year - Leah McNally and Nate Hutchison

In the past year the following young people have earned their Chief Scouts Award Bronze
Oliver Nyamunda, Hunter McCloud, Jenson John Loader, Hugo Drake, Ginevra Parker, Kyrie Shute, Aria Page, Mason Mayes, Zephyr John Barker, Samantha Wheatley

In the past year the following young people have earned their Chief Scouts Award Silver
Safyre Meek, Shannon Woodfield, Esther Brickley, Pearl Brickley, Ari Drake, Jude Clements, Noah Clements, Harold Barber, Saul Hucker

In the past year the following young people have earned their Chief Scouts Award Silver
Joshua Woodfield,

b. Adult Awards

Nigel had the pleasure of nominating John Wheatley for the Dick and Betty Abraham Award. This is traditionally presented by a member of the Abraham Family, but John was not present at the meeting, due to him running the Troop. Nigel asked Les Abraham if he could present it to John at the next troop meeting.

8. District Rep

Graham Meikle apologized for being late, as he was stuck in traffic.

Graham told the meeting that there are 57 million people across the world enjoying scouting, and that scouting today is as relevant as it was back in 1917 when BP held his experimental camp on Brownsea Island.

Graham explained that the district is now back to pre-pandemic numbers, and that this number has grown across all sections and thanks to the 'creation' of Squirrel Scouts.

Graham said he was proud to be a scout, and proud to be a scout in the district.

Graham also brought some awards with him, for some of the adults in the group.

Graham awarded The Chief Scouts Commendation for good service to Fiona Hayrows, Bruce Badman, and Maria Neads

Graham also mentioned that Rob Hase and Nigel Neads were invited to the District Awards evening in October for their long service awards, 40 years to Rob, and 20 years to Nigel. Graham also told the meeting that Nigel would be awarded the award for merit at the Districts award evening,

9. Close

No AOB raised

Bruce closed the meeting at 20.20 and invited everyone to take part in the quiz.

Group Report 2023-24

Over the past 12 months, We have managed to secure enough money so we could start the refurbishments to the Gilcraft Den. In December we engaged with our preferred contractor to start the ball rolling to order the materials and equipment so Phase 1 could be started in March.

In April The Den was handed back to us, and as I'm sure you will see the transformation, the exterior of the Den has gone though.

We have had cladding placed on all the exterior walls, to keep the warmth in (and the damp out!), we have had the entire roof replaced with a thermal efficient roof, with full width skylights, so we can make use of the natural light where possible (as well as retaining the heat and the water out).

Double glazing windows have been installed throughout the building, as well as new fire doors, and a complete rewire throughout to bring the building up to current specs.

Thank you to my Team of Helpers that joined me in 'The Big Clean up' after the works had finished to make sure the Den was ready to be used. Thank you Adam, Angus, Allan, and Helen

Since April, The team have been working quietly away in the background, to explore some more funding streams, and planning Phase 2 of the works.

Phase 2 will see the refurbishment of the kitchen and Toilet area. We are still working on the final plans for these areas, but hopefully they will be completed later in 2024 (or early 2025).

We have been slowly Filling holes, prepping the walls, and painting them to bring the interior decoration up to scratch. (Thank you Gary)

Later in this pack, you will see where some of our money has come from for the project, and without them we know the refurbishments wouldn't have happened, so Thank you to everyone who has supported us. We have also had some 'personal' donations, and grants from organizations that do not want to be named - We thank you for your generosity.

As we look to the Future, we would like to encourage you all to sign up to Gift Aid, this is a fantastic opportunity for us to claim back Gift Aid on everything you donate, providing you are a UK Taxpayer, we can claim back 20p for every £1 you donate. All you have to do is to fill in a form which will take most people under 30 seconds. Please scan the QR code (these are located around the hall, and at the end of this report) to take you straight to the online form, or if you prefer, please ask us for a traditional paper form.

I'm sure many of you like to shop online. If you do, please sign up to 'easy fundraising'. Once you have signed up (takes a few minutes to sign up) and then everytime you shop online, we get a donation (at no extra cost to you). Again there is a QR Code at the end of this report that will take you to the sign up page. Each time you shop, we get a small % of the value you spend at the retailer.

Since we started using 'easy fundraising a couple of years ago our supporters have shopped 528 times, giving us a donation worth over £260.

Last year we spoke of Scouting Transformations by Scout Headquarters. These are still happening, but the launch has been delayed. We should be going live with the transformations by the end of this year.

Last year we reported that the group had grown Year on Year, Well We have done it again. The Group has had a 20% increase in youth membership between January 2023, and January 2024. Thank you to the amazing leadership teams that keep the sections running every week. We know how much time, effort and dedication that goes into organizing the activities that you run for the young people.

In the last year, we have presented 12 chief scouts awards (4 Acorn, 3 Bronze, 4 Silver, and 1 Gold). These awards are the highest awards that a young person can achieve in their sections, and it is always great to be able to present these awards to the young people.

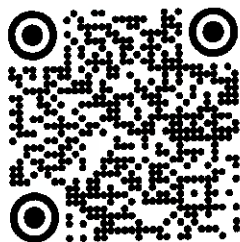
This year, We had Helen come on board as Booking Secretary and she has done a great job in looking after the bookings, and keeping the Den Tidy. Thank you Helen.

Nigel Neads
Lead Volunteer

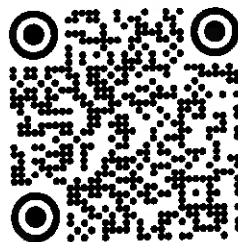
Bruce Badman
Group Chair

QR Codes

General Donation Gift Aid



Subs Gift Aid



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The past year has seen amazing changes to the Den with the long hoped and promised refurbishment of the property and we all hope the scout council will agree the overall appearance, abundant natural light filling the main hall has transformed the feel of this repurposed cow shed. The Holding Trustee line up remains the same and I would like to express my thanks for the work and input volunteered by Adam, Gary and Angus to achieve what you see in the Den tonight. It should also be noted that a good deal of thanks should be given to Nigel and the Board of Trustees for their support with the project.

We still have Powells our solicitors working on a voluntary registration of the Den with the Land Registry. This is deemed necessary because the property has not changed hands or been subject to any conveyancing since 1932, which explains the length of time it is taking.

The shareholding remains unchanged and continues to provide the group with a steady income, please see treasurer's report.

With the remaining funds raised for the improvements, both environmental and decorative of the building, we in the next year aim to concentrate on the inside namely the kitchen and WC areas as major projects. We therefore consider that once these areas are addressed the Den will again be a superb building to facilitate first class scouting at 3rd and be actively used by local community groups which helps to provide an income for the group, which all in turn achieves growth in the number of young people who enjoy all scouting has to offer at the Den.

Robert Hase

(Senior Holding Trustee)

Squirrel Drey Report

We have had an exciting year, exploring lots of different badges and activities.

We have had a mix of indoor and outdoor meetings, meeting at the Park, Bluebell woods and the Beach, not forgetting the community gardens, We have also done some fab activities at the Hut including a visit from the local police force

We celebrated our first birthday with our friends and family, playing some games and having snacks together.

The Squirrels have attended a nights away experience with the Beavers, for many of the squirrels this was the first time they have been away from their parents for the night. Having said that, they all had a fantastic time.

Trudy Meek
Squirrel Scout Leader

Beaver Colony Report

The beavers have completed many tasks through this year towards their badges. They have completed creative activities, cooking activities, beavers have tried to grow some seeds which some turned out amazing and had a campfire with smores.

The beavers have completed many hikes through the year counting a night hike through the woods, they attended a district and a group day out to Woodlands and Puxton park which where lovey days and game the beavers the opportunity to meet other beavers from other groups and spend time with leaders and children from our group from the different sections.

There were 2 camps this year that the beavers attended, which consisted of science activities, fun on the beach and a Halloween camp.

The end of term we managed to spend loads of time out of the hut and made the most of the weather. We went on a bike ride, pond dipping, archery in the hut and lazer tag in the woods to end our brilliant and engaging term.

Sirrena Richardson
Beaver Scout Leader

Cub Pack Report

We currently have 15 Cubs in the pack. Between April 2023 and March 2024, four of our oldest Cubs achieved their Chief Scout Silver Award, the highest award in Cubs, which is a fantastic achievement for them all.

As well as working towards a number of the Challenge Awards, we also completed several activity badges including Chef, Local Knowledge, Athletics, and Entertainer. We took part in a wide range of activities, such as fire lighting and Christmas craft, St David's Day and Mardi Gras themed evenings, learning magic tricks and planning and cooking meals. We also went ice skating, went on a bike ride, visited a church and took part in a group trip to Puxton Park.

We held sleepovers in May 2023 and December 2023, where the Cubs enjoyed sleeping at the Den, and taking part in activities including fire lighting, baking and shooting.

This year we have welcomed back Anthea to our leadership team after a break of a couple of years. We are also delighted to have welcomed Shelley to our leadership team. I am as always very grateful to Nikki and Barbara, as well as Shelley and Anthea for their commitment, support and dedication in everything they do for our Cubs.

We are very fortunate to have had four Young Leaders over the last year who have given up their time each week, and I have been delighted to see them develop in their leadership, and hopefully having fun too as they help us deliver our programme to the Cubs – a big thank you to Joshua, Imogen, Dylan and William.

We are always looking for more adult help and if anyone is interested in finding out more about joining our leadership team as a leader, or helping on an occasional basis, please let me know, or speak to our Group Scout Leader Nigel Neads. We have a fun, supportive team and it is a rewarding role!

Emma Welch
Cub Scout Leader

Scout Troop Report

This year, our troop has grown to a full roll of 24 scouts, with a balanced mix of ages and genders. We welcomed three new leaders: Poppy, Chloe, and Sarah, who have brought fresh energy and ideas.

Our activities were diverse and engaging, ranging from night hikes, kite flying, den building, map reading, fire lighting and survival skills, to more social activities like pizza making at the allotments, baking, and DIY skills. We also enjoyed outdoor cooking, shooting, wide games, and a beach walk.

We visited various locations including Uphill, Weston Woods, Weston Beach, Coleridge Road Allotments, and Sea Monster Garden. A highlight was our summer camp at Glenny Woods.

While our Den underwent refurbishment, we spent time at the Loxton Road Community Hub. We are delighted with our warmer, brighter, and smarter Den.

In October, we joined the district for their annual Jota Joti international event, which was a great experience for all.

Leah and Nate, our Scouts of the Year, continued to be excellent peer leaders. We are also grateful for Dylan, who has been a dedicated young leader throughout the year.

Looking forward to another exciting year ahead!

Thank you to the Team of amazing volunteers who have supported me in the scout section over the past 12 months

John wheatley

Scout Leader

3RD WESTON-SUPER-MARE SCOUT GROUP

England & Wales - Charity number 305640

Accounts

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of

3rd Weston-super-Mare (St. Paul's) Scout Council

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the 3rd Weston-super-Mare (St. Paul's) Scout Group for the year ended 31st March 2023

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees of the 3rd Weston super Mare (St. Pauls) Scout Group you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').

I report in respect of my examination of the 3rd Weston super Mare (St. Pauls) Scout Group accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent examiner's statement

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

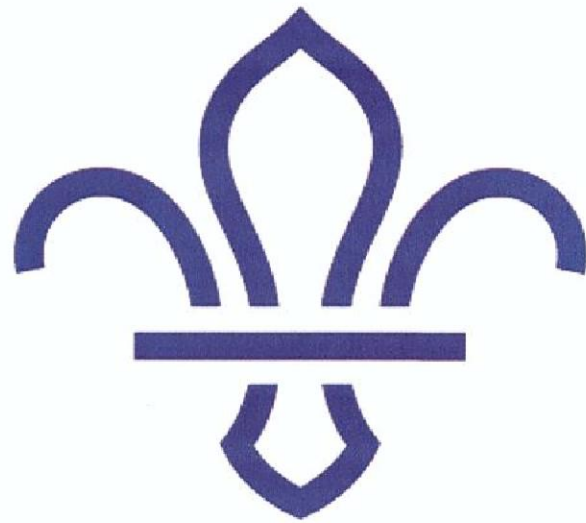
Signed: 

Name: CLARE BIDDULPH

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

Address: 4 MAYFIELD AVENUE
WESTON-SUPER-MARE
BS22 6AA

Date: 13/9/23



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**3rd (St. Paul's)
Weston-super-Mare**

Annual General Meeting

Accounts

2022-23

3rd Weston super Mare Scout Group Account and Asset Summary

	Account Name	Opening Balance	Income	Expenditure	Closing balance
Group Accounts	Group Account	£7,015.44	£29,294.73	-£30,375.70	£5,934.47
	Petty Cash	£142.15	£1,487.50	-£1,504.97	£124.68
	Jamboree Account	£1,286.75	£0.00	£0.00	£1,286.75
	Building Account	£28,176.88	£36,337.35	£0.00	£64,514.23
Sectional Accounts	Beaver Account	£621.64	£2,932.00	-£2,826.51	£727.13
	Cub Account	£2,130.90	£3,242.50	-£3,133.58	£2,239.82
	Scout Account	£1,052.04	£1,695.06	-£2,013.41	£733.69
	Total	£40,425.80	£74,989.14	-£39,854.17	£75,560.77

Total Assets as of 31st March 2023

Total Money held in all Accounts	£75,560.77
Stocks and shares (held in the Groups name)	3420 investment shares with Foreign and Colonial Investments Trust

The above accounts were approved by the Group trustees on 15th September 2023, and signed on their behalf by

Chairman



Bruce Badman

Treasurer



Allan Piggott

Group Scout Leader



Nigel Needs

The above accounts were independently examined and verified by

Clare Biddulph



3rd Weston-super-Mare Scout Group
(Charity no. 305640)
Receipts and payments account

For the year from	1st April 2022	To	31st March 2023
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Receipts and payments

2022/23	2021/22
Unrestricted	Unrestricted
funds	funds
£	£

Receipts

Donations, legacies and similar income		
Membership subscriptions (Beavers)	£1,707.00	£1,536.00
Membership subscriptions (Cubs)	£1,956.00	£1,870.00
Membership subscriptions (Scouts)	£1,208.00	£862.00
Donations	£165.67	£1,248.00
Activities Income	£2,858.50	£921.00
Gift Aid	£1,299.15	£390.32
Transfers (from sectional A/c to General A/c)	£2,231.85	£1,722.64
Transfers (from General A/c to Buildings A/c)	£23,252.03	£25,000.00
Transfers (Section to Section)	£1,159.00	£0.00
Other similar income	£0.00	£51.81

Sub total

£35,837.20

£33,601.77

Grants		
North Somerset Council Grants	£0.00	£10,667.00
Other grants	£35,455.71	£1,000.00

Sub total

£35,455.71

£11,667.00

Fundraising events (gross)		
No Fundraising Events held in this Financial Period	£0.00	£0.00

Sub total

£0.00

£0.00

Scout hut income		
Hire of building	£3,237.95	£1,553.39
Hire of equipment	£0.00	£0.00
Other Scout hut income	£0.00	£0.00
Sub total	£3,237.95	£1,553.39
Investment income		
Bank interest	£0.00	£0.00
Building Society interest	£0.00	£0.00
The Scout Association Short Term Investment Service	£0.00	£0.00
Other investment income (Dividends)	£458.28	£424.08
Sub total	£458.28	£424.08
Total Gross Income	£74,989.14	£47,246.24
Asset and investment sales, etc.	£0.00	£0.00
Total receipts	£74,989.14	£47,246.24

3rd Weston-super-Mare Scout Group
(Charity no. 305640)
Receipts and payments account

For the year from	1st April 2022	To	31st March 2023
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Receipts and payments

2022/23
Unrestricted
funds
£

2021/22
Unrestricted
funds
£

Payments

Charitable Payments		
Membership subscriptions paid on (National/County/Area/District)	£2,640.00	£1,944.00
Youth programme and activities (Beavers)	£2,200.61	£1,280.31
Youth programme and activities (Cubs)	£2,429.08	£1,012.88
Youth programme and activities (Scouts)	£1,077.95	£494.00
Adult support and training	£80.00	£88.00
Water and Sewerage	£214.00	£102.70
Electricity and Gas	£1,286.65	£1,051.56
Insurance	£1,174.72	£1,202.88
Repairs and Renewals	£1,312.81	£0.00
Accountant	£50.00	£50.00
Maintenance/Servicing	£488.50	£342.42
Misc Payments	£0.00	£41.22
Materials and equipment	£164.89	£0.00
Printing and photocopying	£48.74	£0.00
Contribution to camp/activity costs	£15.00	£0.00
Uniforms	£0.00	£0.00
AGM and trustee expenses	£28.33	£0.00
Transfers (From General A/c To Buildings A/c)	£23,252.03	£25,000.00
Transfers (From Sectional accounts to General A/c)	£2,231.86	£1,722.64
Transfers (Section to Section)	£1,159.00	£0.00
Sub total	£39,854.17	£34,332.61

Fundraising expenses		
No Fundraising Events held in this Financial Period	£0.00	£0.00
Sub total	£0.00	£0.00
Total Gross Expenditure	£39,854.17	£34,332.61
Asset and investment purchases, etc.	£0.00	£0.00
Total payments	£39,854.17	£34,332.61
Net of receipts/(payments)	£35,134.97	£12,913.63
Cash funds last year end	£40,425.80	£27,512.17
Cash funds this year end	£75,560.77	£40,425.80

3rd Weston-super-Mare Scout Group
(Charity no. 305640)
Receipts and payments account

For the year from	1st April 2022	To	31st March 2023
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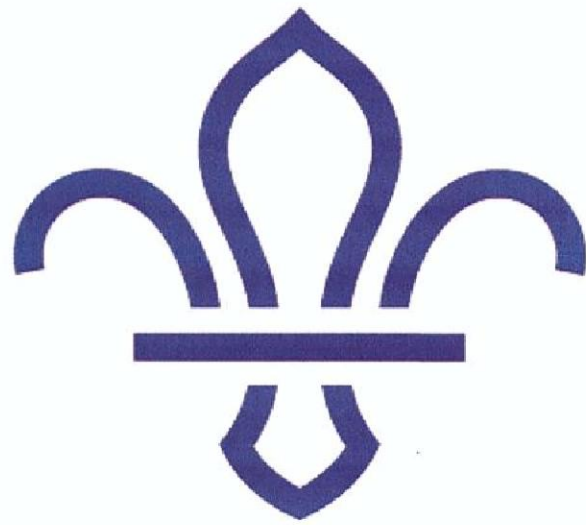
Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the year

	31st March 2023 Unrestricted funds £	31st March 2022 Unrestricted funds £
Cash funds		
General Account	£5,934.47	£7,157.59
Beaver Account	£727.13	£621.64
Cub Account	£2,239.82	£2,130.90
Scout Account	£733.69	£1,052.04
Building Account	£64,514.23	£28,176.88
Jamboree Account	£1,286.75	£1,286.75
Cash/Floats	£124.68	£0.00
	£75,560.77	£40,425.80
Other monetary assets		
Tax claim	£0.00	£0.00
Debts due from the County/Area/District/Group	£0.00	£0.00
Insurance claim	£0.00	£0.00
Sub total	£0.00	£0.00
Investment assets		
Scout Property, The Gilcraft Den, Totterdown Road (insurance Value)	£435,000.00	£435,000.00
3420 Shares held in F&C Investment Trust (Value of Shares on 31st March)	£31,122.00	£29,719.80
Other investments - No Other Investments	£0.00	£0.00
Sub total	£466,122.00	£464,719.80

Non monetary assets for charity's own use		
Beaver Badge Stock	£212.89	£136.14
Cub Badge Stock	£484.47	£407.92
Scout Badge Stock	£220.05	£150.72
Group Badge Stock	£108.00	£108.00
Shop stock	£0.00	£0.00
Other stock	£0.00	£0.00
Land and buildings	£0.00	£0.00
Motor vehicles	£0.00	£0.00
Scouting equipment, furniture etc	£0.00	£0.00
Other	£0.00	£0.00
Sub total	£1,025.41	£802.78
Liabilities		
Accounts not yet paid	£0.00	£0.00
Expenses incurred but not invoiced	£0.00	£0.00
Subscriptions not yet paid	£0.00	£0.00
Loan - detail	£0.00	£0.00
Other liabilities	£0.00	£0.00
Sub total	£0.00	£0.00
Total net assets	£542,708.18	£505,948.38

The above receipts and payments account and statement of assets and liabilities were approved by the Trustees on 15th September 2023 and signed on their behalf by

Signature	Print Name	
	Bruce Badman	Chair
	Allan Piggott	Treasurer
	Nigel Needs	Group Scout Leader



Scouts

**3rd (St. Paul's)
Weston-super-Mare**

*Annual General Meeting
Report Pack
2023*

3rd Weston super Mare Scout Group

Annual General Meeting

AGENDA

1. Introduction and welcome
2. Apologies for absence
3. To approve the minutes of the Annual General Meeting (held on 21st September 2022)
4. **Governance topics**
 - a. Adopt the Groups constitution from (Based on the model Constitution in POR July 23)
 - b. Note the Group's financial year
5. **Review of the previous year**
 - a. The Group Scout Leader's review of Scouting.
 - b. To receive and consider the Annual Report of the Group Trustee Board including the annual Statement of the Accounts
6. **Making appointments**
 - a. To approve the Group Scout Leader's nomination of the Group Chair
 - b. Election of the Group Secretary
 - c. Election of the Group Treasurer
 - d. Elections of members to the Group Trustee Board
 - e. To approve the Group Scout Leader's nominations to the Group Trustee Board
 - f. To appoint the Scrutineer / Independent Examiner / Auditor for the Current Financial year
7. **Awards**
 - a. Young People Awards
 - b. Adult Awards
8. District Rep
9. Close

**3rd Weston super Mare Scout Group
Minutes of the Annual General Meeting
Wednesday 21st September 2022**

Bruce Opened the meeting at 20.02

Welcome

Bruce Welcomed everyone to the meeting, and thanked them for their attendance.

Apologies of Absence

Ann Coombes, Barbara Murliss, Emma Welch, Gary White, District Rep.

Minutes of the Last Meeting.

The minutes of the 2021 meeting were taken as a true record, these were proposed by as a true record by Bruce Badman and Seconded by Christopher Batten.

Accounts

The accounts for the year 21-22 were audited by C. Biddulph.

The accounts were available for all to see, and no questions, comments or concerns were raised about the accounts.

The accounts were proposed to the Scout council by Allan (treasurer) and were seconded by Adam Cashmore.

Election of the Exec Committee

Chairman - Nigel Asked Bruce to continue his role for another year, This was Seconded by Angus Donald

Treasurer - Nomination Allan Piggot - Proposed by Bruce Badman and Seconded by John Moon

Secretary - Nomination Dani Stopford - Proposed by Bruce Badman and Seconded by Nigel Neads

Elected Members

Rob Hase, Gary White, Adam Cashmore, Angus Donald, John Moon.

Proposed by Nigel and Bruce, Seconded by Allan Piggot

Nominated members

Ann Coombes, Christopher Batten

Nominated by Nigel and Bruce, Seconded by Rob Hase and Adam Cashmore.

Awards and presentations

The Following Awards were presented at the AGM

Young people Awards

Chief Scouts Awards, these awards have all been earned in the past 12 months and have been presented with a certificate at the AGM for recognition by the group for their efforts

Bronze Awards (Beavers)

Indio Slater, Grace Dando, Rudi Ferris, Jaxon Plowman, Kaden Plowman, Elana Brayton, Ceejay Densley-Harris, Nicholas Meek, Kaysie Mayes, Kyla Bolitho, Hugo Drake

Silver Awards (Cubs)

Douglas Heather, Florence Heather, Lillie Hayrows, Elijah Brayton, Jasmine Ditch, Safyre Meek.

Gold Awards (Scouts)

Dylan Collins

Young person of the year Awards

Beaver of the year	-	Hugo Drake
Cub of the Year	-	Saul Hacker
Scout of the Year	-	Joshua Woodfield

Adult Awards

The Dick and Betty Abraham Award

The award was presented to John Moon for his efforts to the group over the years.
The award was presented to John by the Abraham Brothers .

15 years Service	-	Martin Nazer
Award of Merit (Group recognition certificates)	-	Adam Cashmore and Nigel Neads
Easy fundraising Recognition	-	Pat Hase and Jackie Neads

District update

No district update.

AOB

No AOB raised

Bruce Closed the meeting at 20.20

Group Report.

The Group has had a busy year. As you will read in the sectional reports there has been a lot of active programmes happening throughout all the sections. Nigel has had the pleasure this year in attending sectional meetings, talking to the young people, listening to their stories of what they love about being in scouting. This means that the leadership teams are doing a fantastic job in running the sections. This is evident from the amounts of chief scout awards Bronze silver and Gold that have been presented over the past 12 months.

At the census this year, the group recorded a 30% increase in young people in the group. Year on year, and has been our highest figure since 2012, and we are on track to increasing this number at the next census.

Just over a year ago, Nigel was approached by a parent who wanted to know about starting a squirrel section. Originally I wasn't sure if it was right for the group, but after talking to others (both in the group and externally), I took the idea to the Exec committee (and district) and it was agreed earlier this year that we should start our Squirrel Drey.

The Drey officially started in June, and they have grown, and are already full! This is a great achievement by the squirrel team.

This means now that we are able to deliver scouting opportunities for young people aged from 4 years old, all the way up till their 14th birthday.

In the past 12 months, We have been trying to get our heads around the ongoing 'transformation' project that the scout association is going through, and like all things relating to change, we have gone through a journey. Some things have been easy, and others things have had a lot of work attached (and a lot of emails back and forth to different people).

Whilst things in the background are changing, the programme that gets delivered to the young people will not be affected.

What is changing?

The Exec. Committee will become a trustee board. Why? So terminology used by external organizations fits better with the management committee. Currently the terminology used by external organizations is different to that used by the Exec committee.

The backend Database (where we host the details of our adult members) will be changing to a new platform, making it easier for our volunteers to control their training, permits and reducing some of the admin required behind the scenes, which will give the teams more time to focus on the young people in the group.

The Training scheme is also being reviewed, and will be referred to as learning. The new scheme will mean that if a member has done some training/learning externally to scouting (ie in the workplace) then these could be used in the scouting, rather than having to re-do similar training in a scouting environment.

Some Roles within the organization will be renamed. The logic behind this is so people outside of our movement will have a clearer idea of the roles. For example, The Group Scout Leader role will be re-named Lead Volunteer. The scout association believes people outside of the movement will understand what a lead volunteer is, compared to Group Scout Leader.

These changes will start to come in over the next 6 months, the first change will be the change to the Exec. Committee, this change will happen at this year's AGM,

We are growing ever closer to our funding target of £115,000 to start the building works on the Gilcraft Den. We are thankful to those who have donated money to fund (businesses, Charitable foundations, and individuals), We would also like to thank those of you who use the easy fund-raising platform when shopping online, It doesn't cost you a penny more, but everytime you shop through them, we get a small donation, so thank you if you are helping us when you spend money.

We would like to Welcome John and Poppy who have agreed to run the Scout Section, and also to Trudy, Cathy, Anna and Ronnie, who have all agreed to launch our squirrel Section. We hope they all have a good time scouting in 3rd Weston super Mare Scout Group.

We would like to thank the Exec committee for their work behind the scenes ensuring that everything is kept running smoothly behind the scenes, and the Gilcraft Den is kept running.

Our thanks also go to the leadership teams across all sections for their hard work and dedication to keep the sections running week in and week out.

Regards

Bruce Badman
Group Chair

Nigel Needs
Lead Volunteer

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This evening we have heard about the Transformation of the Scout movement in the UK in particular changes of titles and names. Focussing on the changes from group executive committee to board of trustees I would like to remind the scout council we as a group have had Group trustees dating back to 1932 when the Gilcraft Den was obtained from a farm for the use of scouting, yes it was a cow shed and on occasions still smells like one!

Numbering four in total we the Holding Trustees are responsible for holding the title deeds of the Den and the share investments in trust for the good of the group. In the light of the changes we are now known as Holding Trustees to avoid any confusion with the new board of trustee titles. We also hold seats on the Board of Trustees.

The past year has seen some changes in our line up. Two new Trustees have been appointed to fill the vacant positions, both have been members of the group in the past and have remained interested in it since, both bring skills and knowledge which can only hold the group in good stead for the future. We welcome Gary White and Angus Donald and they replace John Moon who has retired after joining as a trustee in 1986 and Betty Abraham who passed in 2019 who also joined as trustee in 86. Adam Cashmore and myself remain in position since joining in 1996. All these personnel changes have been formalized by a Deed of Appointment drawn up by Powells the Solicitor who also have a long connection with the Group. We with the assistance of Powells are currently undertaking a voluntary registration of the Den with the Land Registry. This is deemed necessary because the property has not changed hands or been subject to any conveyancing since 1932.

The shareholding remains unchanged and continues to provide the group with a steady income, please see the treasurer's report.

With the target funds almost raised for the improvements, both environmental and decorative of the building we see an exciting year ahead. We therefore consider that once refurbished the Den will again be a superb building to facilitate first class scouting at 3rd which seems to be achieving a growth phase and as such is greatly needed for the future.

Robert Hase
(Senior Trustee)

Squirrel Drey Report 2023

After lots of planning we held an information session in May prior to our Drey opening on 7th June 2023 which was a success.

We started with 12 squirrels, with 1 on the waiting list from our very first session in June, and 4 adult volunteers.

We have invested 12 Squirrels and 4 adult volunteers at Clarence Park in July.

We have since increased our Drey to have 16 Squirrels, and have 5 young people on our waiting list.

New Beginnings INFORMATION SESSION

The young people took part in some activities and games, decorating an acorn to use when signing into the session, and working together to decorate our oak tree to sign in with.

We had information sheets for the parents and a welcome booklet with useful information to refer to.

FIRST WEEK

Our first session explored Scouting, the different sections, badges and our promise, why we make it and what it was. We played 4 corners and a badge identification and collection game which the squirrels enjoyed finding the hiding badges.

FIRST TERM

We have explored our emotions through games and stories, and drawing our own emotions to show how we were feeling. The squirrels were very brave trying fruits, some more familiar than others, they discovered they do not like dragon fruit at all!

Some games have been very successful such as shark infested custard and the bean game. The squirrels worked together in small teams to cross the hut, before all joining together and working together to reach the other end of the hall without getting caught by the sharks.

Next Term Aims INVESTMENTS

We are hoping to invest our newest squirrels and volunteers into our Drey by the end of September, if they feel ready for it.

OUTINGS

We have an upcoming trip to the local fire station in September to meet some local heroes, and a hike to Clarence Park in October to do some badge work and hopefully enjoy some good weather.

BADGES

We are aiming to get started on our challenge badges, some staged badges as well as some more activity badges.

We will also be supporting the young people to choose a project for our community impact challenge.

Trudy
Squirrel Leader

Beaver Colony Report 2023

We have 16 beavers in our group at the moment. These are 7 girls and 9 boys.

Throughout the year we did many activities that the children enjoyed and connected well with. These activities were implemented from the beavers badges that the beavers needed to work towards throughout this year. Some of these activities were attending the helicopter museum, learning and supporting our community by going to the food bank, litter picking and learning about recycling, tracking in the woods, laser tag in the woods, problem solving sessions, family den building, team building and many more activities.

Beavers participated in 3 camps this year. These were October camp which ended with a group Halloween party. Easter camp, which involved an Easter trail in the woods and axe throwing, which the children thrived in. District camp, which was held at woodhouse in Bristol and involved many adventures activities such as climbing wall, low ropes actively, archery, Laser tag, axe throwing. Beavers made new friends from other beavers colonies. This was the first district camp since Covid and it was nice for beavers and leaders from different colony's to come together for this camp.

We attended a few district and group activities through the year, These were Puxton park day trip, Halloween party, Christmas party at Puxton park, Christmas pantomime, family den building and this month we will be attending a district activity, where the beavers will go to Woodlands together and build new friendships with other beavers groups, from north Somerset.

We have awarded 14 bronze badge awards throughout the year. This is the highest award that beavers can earn through their journey as a beaver.

Sirrena Richardson

Beaver Scout Leader

Cub Pack Report 2023

We currently have 16 Cubs in the pack. Despite the challenges of experiencing part of their time in Cubs during Covid lockdowns, seven of our oldest Cubs achieved their Chief Scout Silver Award, which is a fantastic achievement for them all.

As well as working towards a number of the Challenge Awards, we also completed several activity badges including Backwoods Cooking, Fire Safety, Scientist, Disability Awareness and Pioneer. We took part in a wide range of activities, such as fire lighting, science experiments, a Spy-themed evening, making photo frames and a water fight. We also were lucky enough to visit and help out at the Foodbank, go on a bike ride, and to have a visit from the RNLI. A joint trip with the Beavers and Scouts to Puxton Park was also a fun day out enjoyed by all.

In August 2022 we enjoyed a Summer Camp at Huish Woods, where we took part in a number of activities over 4 days, including artificial caving, orienteering and woodcraft. We also held sleepovers in October 22 and February 2023 where the Cubs also got to try archery and complete team challenges with the Scouts.

I am as always very grateful to both Nikki and Barbara for their commitment, support and dedication in everything they do for our Cubs. I am also grateful for the support of our parent helpers during the last year, who have provided us with the support we need to be able to deliver our programme, often stepping in at short notice, giving up their time to help us on a Tuesday evening when needed - Shelley, Astra and Kelly your help is invaluable.

We are very fortunate to have four Young Leaders who give up their time each week, and I have been delighted to see them develop in their leadership, and hopefully having fun too as they help us deliver our programme to the Cubs – a big thank you to Joshua, Imogen, Dylan and William.

As always, we are looking for more adult help and if anyone is interested in finding out more about joining our leadership team as a leader, or helping on an occasional basis, please let me know, or speak to our Group Scout Leader Nigel Neads. We have a fun, supportive team and it is a rewarding role!

Emma Welch
Cub Scout Leader

Scout Troop Report 2023

We currently have 18 young people in the troop, this is the highest number we have had for a few years.

This year the troop have been working toward several of their badges (they are working towards them simultaneously). They have been busy cooking, Learning navigation skills, team work, creating things and making some international contact.

We have had the privilege of awarding a chief scouts award gold this year to Josh, This was well deserved as he started in the scout troop during the lockdown when we were scouting on Zoom.

The scouts also took part in the districts Joti/Jota event in October, this was a great annual experience that enables the scouts to talk to other scouts from around the world as well as learning some international things, though a wide range of activities.

They also took part in the district quiz where although they didn't win, they did come high up the rankings - I am proud of where they finished!

The scouts Also had a great day out at Puxton park (organized by the Cub team).

The Scouts had fun (as did the leaders).

This year the Scout Section Welcomed John and Poppy as leaders, and they are a great asset to the team.

Unfortunately we said goodbye to Martin from the team, as he moved to a group Closer to his home.

Regards

John, Poppy, Maria and Nigel
The Scout Leadership team

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Accounts



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Receipts and payments account

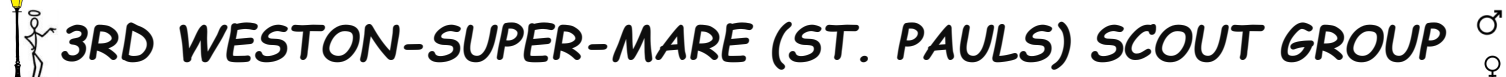
	Year start date		Year end date
For the year from	1st April 2021	To	31st March 2022

Receipts and payments

	2021/22		2020/21
	Unrestricted funds		Unrestricted funds
	£		£

Receipts

Donations, legacies and similar income			
Membership subscriptions (Beavers)	£1,536.00		£291.50
Membership subscriptions (Cubs)	£1,870.00		£342.50
Membership subscriptions (Scouts)	£862.00		£140.00
Donations	£1,248.00		£1,022.75
Activities Income	£921.00		£0.00
Gift Aid	£390.32		£0.00
Transfers (from sectional A/c to General A/c)	£1,722.64		£1,689.17
Transfers (from General A/c to Buildings A/c)	£25,000.00		£0.00
Other similar income	£51.81		£595.83
Sub total	£33,601.77		£4,081.75
Grants			
North Somerset Council Grants	£10,667.00		£19,431.00
Other grants	£1,000.00		£0.00
Sub total	£11,667.00		£19,431.00
Fundraising events (gross)			
No Fundraising Events held in this Financial Period	£0.00		£0.00
Sub total	£0.00		£0.00



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Scout hut income			
Hire of building		£1,553.39	£615.00
Hire of equipment		£0.00	£0.00
Other Scout hut income		£0.00	£0.00
Sub total		£1,553.39	£615.00
Investment income			
Bank interest		£0.00	£0.00
Building Society interest		£0.00	£0.00
The Scout Association Short Term Investment Service		£0.00	£0.00
Other investment income (Dividends)		£424.08	£396.72
Sub total		£424.08	£396.72
Total Gross Income		£47,246.24	£24,524.47
Asset and investment sales, etc.		£0.00	£0.00
Total receipts		£47,246.24	£24,524.47



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	For the year from	1st April 2021	To	31st March 2022

Receipts and payments

		2021/22		2020/21
		Unrestricted funds		Unrestricted funds
		£		£

Payments

Charitable Payments			
Membership subscriptions paid on (National/County/Area/District)		£1,944.00	£4,600.00
Youth programme and activities (Beavers)		£1,280.31	£206.36
Youth programme and activities (Cubs)		£1,012.88	£144.92
Youth programme and activities (Scouts)		£494.00	£96.93
Adult support and training		£88.00	£0.00
Water and Sewerage		£102.70	£97.96
Electricity and Gas		£1,051.56	£678.57
Insurance		£1,202.88	£585.50
Repairs and Renewals		£0.00	£0.00
Accountant		£50.00	£0.00
Maintenance/Servicing		£342.42	£109.26
Misc Payments		£41.22	£118.41
Materials and equipment		£0.00	£0.00
Printing and photocopying		£0.00	£0.00
Contribution to camp costs		£0.00	£0.00
Uniforms		£0.00	£0.00
AGM and trustee expenses		£0.00	£0.00
Transfers (From General A/c To Buildings A/c)		£25,000.00	£0.00
Transfers (From Sectional accounts to General A/c)		£1,722.64	£1,689.17
Refund (covid Cancellations)		£0.00	£908.25
Sub total		£34,332.61	£9,235.33

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Fundraising expenses			
No Fundraising Events held in this Financial Period		£0.00	£0.00
Sub total		£0.00	£0.00
Total Gross Expenditure		£34,332.61	£9,235.33
Asset and investment purchases, etc.		£0.00	£0.00
Total payments		£34,332.61	£9,235.33
Net of receipts/(payments)		£12,913.63	£15,289.14
Cash funds last year end		£27,512.17	£12,223.03
Cash funds this year end		£40,425.80	£27,512.17



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Receipts and payments account

		Year start date		Year end date
	For the year from	1st April 2021	To	31st March 2022

Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the year

		31st March 2022	31st March 2021
		Unrestricted funds	Unrestricted funds
		£	£
Cash funds			
General Account		£7,157.59	£21,237.92
Beaver Account		£621.64	£338.33
Cub Account		£2,130.90	£1,504.88
Scout Account		£1,052.04	£1,132.39
Building Account		£28,176.88	£2,011.90
Jamboree Account		£1,286.75	£1,286.75
Cash/Floats		£0.00	£0.00
Total cash funds		£40,425.80	£27,512.17
(agree balances with receipts and payments account)		ok	ok
Other monetary assets			
Tax claim		£0.00	£0.00
Debts due from the County/Area/District/Group		£0.00	£0.00
Insurance claim		£0.00	£0.00
Sub total		£0.00	£0.00
Investment assets			
Scout Property, The Gilcraft Den, Totterdown Road (insurance Value)		£435,000.00	£400,000.00
3420 Shares held in F&C Investment Trust (Value of Shares on 31st March)		£29,719.80	£27,291.00
Other investments - No Other Investments		£0.00	£0.00
Sub total		£464,719.80	£427,291.00



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Non monetary assets for charity's own use			
Beaver Badge Stock		£136.14	£0.00
Cub Badge Stock		£407.92	£0.00
Scout Badge Stock		£150.72	£0.00
Group Badge Stock		£108.00	£0.00
Shop stock		£0.00	£0.00
Other stock		£0.00	£0.00
Land and buildings		£0.00	£0.00
Motor vehicles		£0.00	£0.00
Scouting equipment, furniture etc		£0.00	£0.00
Other		£0.00	£0.00
Sub total		£802.78	£0.00
Liabilities			
Accounts not yet paid		£0.00	£0.00
Expenses incurred but not invoiced		£0.00	£0.00
Subscriptions not yet paid		£0.00	£0.00
Loan - detail		£0.00	£0.00
Other liabilities		£0.00	£0.00
Sub total		£0.00	£0.00
Total net assets		£505,948.38	£454,803.17

The above receipts and payments account and statement of assets and liabilities were approved by the Trustees on 21st September 2022 (the date of the Executive Committee meeting that approved the accounts) and signed on their behalf by

Signature	Print Name	Chair
	Bruce Badman	
	Allan Piggott	Treasurer
	Nigel Neads	Group Scout Leader



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3rd Weston super Mare Scout Group Account and Asset Summary

Account Name	Opening Balance	Income	Expenditure	Closing balance
Group Accounts				
Group Account	£21,237.92	£15,742.45	-£29,822.78	£7,157.59
Jamboree Account	£1,286.75	£0.00	£0.00	£1,286.75
Building Account	£2,011.90	£26,164.98	£0.00	£28,176.88
Sectional Accounts				
Beaver Account	£338.33	£2,116.00	-£1,832.69	£621.64
Cub Account	£1,504.88	£2,325.78	-£1,699.76	£2,130.90
Scout Account	£1,132.39	£897.33	-£977.68	£1,052.04
Total	£27,512.17	£47,246.54	-£34,332.91	£40,425.80

Total Assets as of 31st March 2022

Total Money held in all Accounts	£40,425.80
Stocks and shares (held in the Groups name)	3420 investment shares with Foreign and Colonial Investments Trust

Independent examiner's statement

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination of the accounts of the 3rd Weston super Mare Scout Group (Year Ending 31st March 2022)


Clare Biddulph
Independent Examiner of Accounts


Allan Piggott
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Bruce Badman
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3rd Weston super Mare Scout Group **Minutes of the Annual General Meeting** **Monday 27th september 2021**

Bruce Opened the meeting at 18.45

Welcome

Bruce Welcomed everyone to the meeting, and thanked them for attending our first ever Hybrid AGM, (We had a face to face, with the meeting being streamed via zoom for those who were not comfortable in attending). 10 people attended the meeting F2F, with 5 people attending via Zoom,

Apologies.

No Apologies of absence were taken.

Minutes

The minutes of the 2019 AGM were taken as a true record, these were proposed by Bruce Badman and seconded by Maz Neads. (due to pandemic and lockdowns, there was no AGM in 2020 in accordance with the charity commission's Guidelines)

Accounts

This year the Group presented 2 years of accounts (2019-20, and 2020-21) to the AGM,
The 2019-20 Accounts were independently examined by C. Lloyd, and were sent to the charity commission on time. The 2020-21 Accounts Were audited by C. Biddulph and Will be sent to the Charity commission after this meeting. Both sets of accounts were available (printed and emailed).
Both Sets of accounts were proposed by Nigel and Seconded by Bruce.
Nigel Explained that due to the amount of money the group were holding (Raising money for the Development)
The accounts needed to be audited, inline with the guidance in POR and the Charity commission.
There was no questions, comments or concerns about the accounts

Election of the Group Exec Committee.

Chairman - Nigel asked Bruce Badman to continue in his role for another year, This was Seconded by Maz Neads

Treasurer - Allan Piggott. Proposed by Bruce Badman and seconded by Rob Hase.

Secretary - Position Vacant. Bruce asked the AGM if they were happy for the position to remain vacant, whilst we look for a replacement, This was agreed by all.

Elected Members - John Moon, Kathy Roberts and Nikki Woodfield. All were Proposed by Nigel, and seconded by Bruce

Co-opted Members - Chris Batten (train Club) proposed by Bruce, Seconded by Maz Neads



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Leaders on the Exec - Emma Welch (CSL), Sirrenaa Richardson (BSL)

Holding Trustees.

There are some proposed changes to the Holding Trustees.

The Group will be removing John Moon and Betty Abraham From the Trust Deeds (and associated trusts), and will be replaced with Garry White and Angus Donald.

Rob Hase Will take on the Role as Senior Trustee. Adam Cashmore will continue in his role as Trustee.

This was proposed by the 3 existing trustees (John, Rob and Adam), and was seconded by Nigel.

District Representative - Kate Lewis

Kate Lewis took the floor for a district summary

Kate started by telling the meeting that after a tough 18 months of covid restrictions, Scouting had now returned to a green status, where everyone could meet 'normally'. Kate thanked the leaders for continuing with scouting throughout the lockdowns by doing virtual sessions.

Kate went on to say that the scout association numbers had dropped at this year's census, with the association dropping by 24%, with the district reporting a 19% drop. However the number on the waiting list is now growing so things are changing.

Following a national Press release recently, The District is currently looking at a provision for Squirrel Scouts (The new Section which will start young people as young as 4 into the movement). Planning is still under way as to where and when but it is hoped the sections will be under way shortly.

It is hoped that the Panto Trip will return this year (19th December), as well as the remembrance parade (14th November). Both of these are subject to there being no change in the Covid Restrictions.

Kate Finished off by Thanking all of the team (scouters and exec) for keeping the Group going during the covid restrictions.

AOB.

Nigel took this opportunity to thank Kath and Alan Roberts for their hard work over the years. Alan has retired this year from the role of Treasurer, due to Ill Health and Kath has taken a back seat (but still wants to be part of the Group). Nigel has said that they have left some very large shoes to fill, and wishes them both all the best for the future.

Nigel Also thanked John Moon for all his efforts over the years as a group holding trustee. Although John is stepping down as a holding trustee, he will continue to sit on the exec committee.

The Meeting Closed at 19.04



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Group Report 2021-22

This year we have seen the group's numbers bounce back up following a couple of years of restrictions. Nigel Has had the opportunity this year to spend some time with the sections, and it is nice to see all the young people back together smiling and enjoying the activities on offer.

12 months ago, the Leadership teams were sketchy about planning activities too far in advance for the fear of the activities being canceled due to covid restrictions, And now look at us go... Every young person in the group has been given the opportunity to attend a nights away experience this year (with some more coming up before Christmas). The young people have also taken up numerous adventurous activities from Axe-throwing, to Kayaking, from Crossbowing to tobogganing.

Our thanks go to Emma, Sirrena, and Martin for keeping the sections going with a wide range of programme activities. I wish I was young again to take part in some of the activities on offer! Thank you to the leadership Teams of the group for engaging with the young people every week. Not only the time you spend on the section nights with the young people, but the time you spend planning and organizing the sessions.

From behind the scenes, The Group is one step closer to getting the new roof that has been in the planning for the past few years, unfortunately Covid got in the way, and a lot of revenue streams were directed to help the fight against covid and tackling the loneliness caused by Covid and the restrictions. We are about £5000 short of the target to get the external works done but we are slowly reducing this number. (The External Works will include a New Roof to include sky lights, External Cladding incorporating insulation, and Replacement windows). When these works are completed, it will help us reduce our carbon footprint, as well as our energy consumption and spending.

If you shop online, you can help us raise money, and it won't cost you a penny extra! To find out more, please check out the easy fundraising and Amazon Smile pages at the end of this pack.

Fingers crossed that early in the new year, The External works will be completed, and we will be looking at raising money to make the inside of the building look good again. (it is hoped that by 2024, in our 110th year, all the building works will be completed).

Our Thanks go to the Teams behind the Scenes who make sure that The Gilcraft Den is open for bookings, as well as clean and tidy. We would also like to thank Rob and his team who have written applications for funding (who have done a great Job in securing a lot of money), and liaise with the builders to obtain quotes.



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A mention to Gary and Angus who have come on board as holding trustees in the last year and have made sure The Gilcraft Den is a Safe place to meet in and have put policies in place to keep it safe. Our new Treasurer, Allan, has done a sterling job in 'streamlining processes' to make the role easier.

Our thanks goes to everyone in the group, Leaders, Helpers, and Exec members for their dedication and efforts to the group, and scouting in general. Unfortunately there are too many of you to thank individually but you are all super stars in our eyes.

Cartoon Heros may wear capes.. But the Real Heros Wear Neckies!

Nigel Neads
Group Scout Leader

Bruce Badman
Chairman



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Beaver Colony Report **2021-22**

We have 16 beavers in our group at the moment. These are 5 girls and 11 boys.

Throughout the year we did many activities that the children enjoyed and linked well with the Beaver badges. Some of these activities are a bike ride, tracking in the woods, laser tag in the woods, problem solving sessions, family den building, climbing, team building and many more activities.

Beavers attended an Easter science camp, which they really enjoyed. This event also entailed a hike to Kewstoke and an afternoon doing axe throwing. It was really nice to have a camp with the beavers, since we have not run one for 3 years, due to Covid 19. This month we will be attending a district activity, where the Beavers will go to Crealy together and engage with other beavers groups, from North Somerset. We are also putting together a camp for Halloween and a Halloween party with the cubs attending.

We have awarded 7 bronze badge awards throughout the year. These are the highest awards that beavers can earn through their journey as a beaver.

Many Thanks
Sirrena Richardson



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Cub Pack Report **2021-22**

Following a difficult year in 2020-21, we were very pleased to be able to start to gradually return to more 'normal' scouting activities this last year.

We currently have 20 Cubs in the pack. In the last year we completed the Skills Challenge, World Challenge and Adventure Challenge badges, with many also doing their Personal Challenge. Despite the challenges in delivering a full programme during their time in Cubs, six of our Cubs achieved their Chief Scout Silver Award, which is a fantastic achievement for them all.

We also completed several activity badges, including Collectors, Cyclist, Astronomer and Artist. We took part in a wide range of activities, including more traditional scouting activities such as tracking, building shelters, wide games, hiking, fire lighting and scavenger hunts. We also went did some shooting, went Tobogganing, had a trip to Clip and Climb, visited a church, went on a bike ride and held a mini-Olympics. We were also lucky enough to have a visit from the police who talked about their jobs and let us sit in their police car and try on some police uniform!

We were also finally able to have our first proper Nights Away experience since pre-Covid times, doing a (very cold!) Night Hike and sleeping over at the Den. We are also looking forward to our first Summer Camp for three years in August 2022.

I am as always very grateful to both Nikki and Barbara for their commitment, support and dedication in everything they do for our Cubs. Sadly two of our leaders left last year, with Rachel stepping down and Anthea also currently unable to attend on Tuesday evenings for the foreseeable future. My sincere thanks to both of them for all their hard work with the pack, and I hope one day they will both be in a position to return to Scouting. Unfortunately this has left us in a difficult situation where we do not have enough leaders, and with only a couple of parents left on our parent rota (to whom I am also exceptionally grateful for their time and flexibility, often stepping in to help at short notice), it is becoming ever more of a challenge to keep the pack running, particularly with my own shift work, the covid situation which has not entirely resolved, and the required ratios to be able to run activities safely.

We are now in desperate need for another leader, and more parents on the parent rota. If anyone is interested in becoming more involved and would like to find out more, please speak to myself or Nigel

Emma Welch
Cub Scout Leader



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Scout Section Report **2021-22**

We currently have 15 scouts in the section, 6 are boys and 9 are girls.

This year we have been getting the scouts used to some traditional scouting activities, with some adventurous activities. The Activities have ranged from tracking signs, and backwards cooking, to shooting and crossbow sessions.

We have been on a few trips this year, ranging from a trip to the fire station to see the fire engines and learn about fire safety to kayaking in Bristol Docks.

We have managed to get a night away at the Scout hut this year, following a night hike. We are planning to have another opportunity for a nights away in october for JOTI/JOTA, with hopefully a summer camp in August year (we are currently looking at this)

It is good to get back to face to face scouting after a couple of rocky years of facing restrictions from both the government (lockdowns) and The Scout Association (red, yellow, amber and green status). But the Scouts are back, and we have managed to scout all the way though, with a blend of virtual and F2F Scouting.

We have a great bunch of scouts at the moment and it is always rewarding to see them achieve the things that they do.

If anyone out there is interested in joining the leadership team, then please feel free to come and talk to myself or Nigel.

Martin Nazer
Assistant Scout Leader