

1st Bradford on Avon Scout Group

ANNUAL ACCOUNTS

for the year ending

31st March 2024

Charity Number = 308236

Charity Reference Number = XN62767

1st Bradford on Avon Scout Group

Trustees' Annual Report for the year to 31 March 2024

Section A Objectives and activities

Summary of the objects of the charity as set out in its governing document	<p>The objectives of the group is as a unit of the Scout Association.</p> <p>The purpose of scouting Scouting exists to actively engage and support young people in their personal development, empowering them to make a positive contribution to society.</p>
Summary of the main activities in relation to these objects	<p>The Group main function is to support the sections in achieving the aims of the Scout Association.</p> <p>The Provision of Scouting within the Group is totally dependent on the contribution made by volunteers.</p>
Public Benefit	<p>The Trustees have paid due regard to the Charity Commission guidance on Public Benefit on deciding what activities the charity should undertake.</p> <p>Membership subscriptions are charged to cover the immediate running costs of the Group and these do not unduly restrict membership. The Group follows the principle that no one should be excluded because of their inability to pay membership subscriptions</p> <p>Two key principles demonstrate scouting's aims are for the public benefit are that through the scout method young people develop towards their full potential and there is a clear link between the benefits for young people and the purpose of scouting. The safety of young people is taken very seriously and the benefits scouting activities provide far outweigh the risks. Any private benefits from scouting are incidental, other than to those as beneficiary.</p>

Section B Achievements and performance

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year	<p>The Group has delivered a fun, varied and challenging programme over the course of the year for Beavers, Cubs, Scouts and Explorer Scouts.</p> <p>Each section holds regular weekly meetings taking care to react to any instances of covid 19 within each age group. The Group held a very successful Group camp near Bath and both the Cubs and Scouts held very successful camps. The Group Executive (now Group Trustee) meetings have continued to be held regularly both in person and online.</p> <p>We are continuing to develop a strategy for the future regarding the Scout HQ. We are looking at several options including the redevelopment of the site.</p>
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Section C Financial review

Policy on Reserves	<p>The Group policy on reserves is to hold sufficient resources to continue the charitable activities of the Group should income and fundraising activities fall short. The Group Executive Committee considers that the group should hold a sum equivalent to 12 months running costs, approximately £10k</p> <p>The Group held free reserves of approximately £90k against this at year-end</p>
Further financial review details	<p>The Group does not have sufficient funds to invest in longer term investments. The Group has therefore adopted a risk averse strategy to the investment of its funds. All funds are held in cash using only mainstream banks or building societies.</p>

Section D Structure, governance and management

Type of governing document	<p>The Group governing documents are those of The Scout Association. They consist of a Royal Charter, which in turn gives authority to the Bye Laws of the Association and The Policy Organisation and Rules of The Scout Association</p>
How the charity is constituted	<p>The Group is a trust established under its rules which are common to all Scouts</p>
Trustee selection methods	<p>The Trustees are appointed in accordance with the Policy Organisation and Rules of The Scout Association</p>
Additional governance issues	<p>The Group is managed by the Group Executive Committee (now Group Trustee Committee), the members of which are the “Charity Trustees” of the Scout Group that is an educational charity. As charity trustees they are responsible for complying with legislation applicable to charities. This includes the registration, keeping proper accounts and making returns to the Charity Commission as applicable</p>
	<p>The committee consist of 11 Independent members who meet at least 6 times a year</p> <p>Ex – officio Chairperson, Treasurer, Secretary, 2 Joint Group Scout Leaders</p> <p>Nominated 3 (Section leaders) Elected Members 3 NB nominated members cannot be a greater number than elected members</p>
	<p>This Group Executive Committee exists to support the Group Leaders in meeting the responsibilities of their appointments and is responsible for:</p> <p>The maintenance of Group property; The raising of funds and the administration of Group finance; The insurance of persons, property and equipment Group public occasions; Assisting in the recruitment of leaders and other adult support; Appointing any sub committees that may be required; Appointing Group Administrators and Advisors other than those who are elected.</p>

	The Group has in place systems of internal controls that are designed to provide reasonable assurance against material mismanagement or loss, these include 2 signatories for all payments and comprehensive insurance policies to ensure that insurable risks are covered

Section E Reference and administration details

Charity Name	1 st Bradford on Avon Scout Group
Charity Number	XN62767
Charity's principal address	35 Leigh Park Road, Bradford on Avon

Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

	Trustee Name	Office	Dates acted if not for whole year
	Ex Officio		
1	Jarrold Hill	Chairperson	
2	Nicholas McGrogan	Secretary	
3	Graham Cheshire	Treasurer	
4	Christopher Pugh	JGSL	
5	Alistair Purches	JGSL	
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	Nominated		
	Pauline Hurley	Leader (Beavers)	
	Frazer Buxton	Leader (Cubs)	
	Tim Doran	Leader (Scouts)	
	Elected		
	Tim Yeomans	Premises	From 01/02/2023
	Alison Masero	Parent Rep	
	Florence Battle	Community Member	

Name and address of advisor

Type of advisor	Name	Address
Independent Scrutineer	Lydia Elliot	hello@lydiathebookkeeper.co.uk

Section G Declaration

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature	<i>Graham Cheshire</i>
Full name	Graham Cheshire
Position held	Group Treasurer
Date	23rd September 2024

Scrutineer's Report to the Trustees of the 1st Bradford on Avon Scout Council

I report on the accounts of the Group for the year ended 31st March 2024

Respective responsibilities of Trustees and Scrutineer

As the Group's trustees you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts; you consider that neither the audit nor independent examination requirements of the Charities Act 2011 apply. It is my responsibility without carrying out an audit or independent examination to scrutinise the accounts and to report to you.

Basis of Scrutineer's Statement

In accordance with the directions given in the Group's/District's constitution, I have scrutinised the records and the accounts set out on pages1..... to21.....

Scrutineer's Statement

In my opinion the accounts are in accordance with the records produced to me and comply with the constitution.

Name:Lydia Elliott.....

Address:42 Shaw Hill

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Date:14 May 2024.....

1st Bradford on Avon Scout Group

Receipts and Payments Account

Year start date

Year end date

For the year from		01/04/2023	To	31/03/2024
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Receipts and payments

	2023/24 Unrestricted funds £	2022/23 Unrestricted funds £
Receipts		
Donations, legacies and similar income		
Membership subscriptions	12627.92	9552.46
Less: Membership subscriptions paid on (National/County/Area/District)	-4975.50	-4138.50
Net membership subscriptions retained	7652.42	5413.96
Donations	6030.00	2570.00
Legacies	0.00	0.00
Gift Aid	1662.83	1149.40
Closure of Section Building society/Bank account Balance xfer to Group	0.00	0.00
Camps: Scouts Cycling Camp, Scout Snowdrift (Dartmoor) activity, Group Camp, Scout Camp	15639.49	15917.47
Other similar income	0.00	0.00
Sub total	30984.74	25050.83
Grants		
Maintenence grant	0.00	0.00
Other grants - Explorer start up grant	500.00	0.00
Sub total	500.00	0.00
Fundraising (gross)		
Scout Post	0.00	0.00
Fireworks	0.00	0.00
Scout sleep out	4170.02	0.00
Uniform including badges	83.40	605.36
Other fundraising activities	0.00	0.00
Sub total	4253.42	605.36
Investment income		
Bank interest	450.37	80.34
Building Society interest	667.47	356.49
The Scout Association Short Term Investment Service	0.00	0.00
Property Rent income	0.00	0.00
Other investment income	0.00	0.00
Sub total	1117.84	436.83
Total Gross Income	36856.00	26093.02
Asset and investment sales, etc.	0.00	0.00
Total receipts	36856.00	26093.02

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For the year from	01/04/2023	To	31/03/2024
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Receipts and payments

	2023/24 Unrestricted funds £	2022/23 Unrestricted funds £
Payments		
Charitable Payments		
Youth programme and activities (Subs to sections)	2421.00	2424.00
Group Development	0.00	5040.00
Rent	172.62	159.98
Water and Sewerage	590.47	457.69
Electricity and Gas	1222.94	1692.94
Insurance	2578.77	1691.87
Repairs and Renewals	920.31	398.27
Materials and equipment	114.39	385.06
Camp costs: Scouts Activities, Group Camp 2022 & 2023, Scout Camp 2022, Cub Camp 2023	17184.27	14393.47
Uniforms	178.65	315.54
Internet	515.87	343.34
Premises - Cleaning	1254.09	969.35
Community	2579.12	30.00
Section Expenses (Group Responsibility)	1116.61	652.69
Sub total	30849.11	28954.20
Fundraising expenses		
Fireworks	0.00	0.00
Scout Post	0.00	0.00
Detail 3	0.00	0.00
Other fundraising costs	0.00	0.00
Sub total	0.00	0.00
Total Gross Expenditure	30849.11	28954.20
Asset and investment purchases, etc.	0.00	0.00
Total payments	30849.11	28954.20
Net of receipts/(payments)	6006.89	-2861.18
Cash funds last year end	84212.67	87073.85
Cash funds this year end	90219.56	84212.67

Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the year

	31st March 2024	31st March 2023
	Unrestricted funds	Unrestricted funds
	£	£
Cash funds		
Bank current account	14299.26	9410.21
Bank Savings Account (Development)	42744.10	42293.73
Building society account	33176.20	32508.73
The Scout Association Short Term Investment Service	0.00	0.00
Cash/Floats	0.00	0.00
Total cash funds	90219.56	84212.67
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		
Investment property - detail	0.00	0.00
Quoted investments	0.00	0.00
Other investments - detail	0.00	0.00
Sub total	0.00	0.00
Non monetary assets for charity's own use		
Badge stock	0.00	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	0.00	0.00
Liabilities		
Accounts not yet paid	0.00	0.00
Scout Activities	2226.83	0.00
Beavers & Explorers	935.08	178.56
Group Kit reserves	850.00	0.00
Other liabilities (Camps)	2429.13	3805.56
Sub total	6441.04	3984.12

Contingent liabilities and future obligations

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

Signature

James Hill
Graham Cheshire

Print Name

Jarrold Hill Chairman
Graham Cheshire Treasurer