

237TH BIRMINGHAM (1ST CASTLE BROMWICH) SCOUT GROUP

England & Wales - Charity number 504710

Details

Status Registered

Legal form Other

Registered 1975-11-18

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

Contact

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Activities

Objects: To promote the development of young people in achieving their full physical, intellectual, social and spiritual potentials as individuals, as responsible citizens, and as members of their local, national and international communities.

Activities: Providing activities and training for young people in accordance with the Policy Organisation and Rules of the Scout Association.

Classification

- **How:** Provides Services
- **What:** Education/training, Recreation
- **Who:** Children/young People

Geography

- Solihull

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-03-31	£49,662	£42,464	-	-
2024-03-31	£51,556	£44,406	-	-
2023-03-31	£53,879	£44,691	-	-
2022-03-31	£41,020	£30,331	-	-
2021-03-31	£56,213	£37,922	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Philip Jackson	Chair	2023-10-04
Elaine Patricia Chaplain		2025-09-19
IAN YEOMANS		2011-11-07
Justine Whittaker		2023-10-04
Laura-Marie Millward		2023-04-25
Lewis James Millward		2023-10-09
MARK BOSTOCK		2012-12-04
PAUL ANTHONY BRETTELL		
RICHARD HANDS		

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**237th Birmingham
1st Castle Bromwich**

Trustees' Annual Report and Accounts
2024-2025

Registered charity no 504710
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Trustees' Annual Report

For the period 1st April 2024 to 31st March 2025

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Names of Trustees who managed the charity in 2024-25

Trustee Name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year
Laura-Marie Millward	Group Lead Volunteer	
Philip Barrie Jackson	Chair	
Ian Yeomans	Treasurer	
Paul Anthony Brettell	Group Lead Volunteer (2)	
Lewis James Millward	Youth Trustee	
Mark Bostock	Compliance	
Richard Hands	Maintenance	
Justine Whittaker	Finance	
Lizzie O'Donnell	Fundraising	April – September 2024
Katie Millward	Fundraising	January – March 2025

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The Trustee Board consists of one ex-officio member, namely the group Lead Volunteer plus seven appointed trustees, with one vacancy. Up to September 2024, the Board met every month, except August but since then it has changed to bi-monthly meetings.

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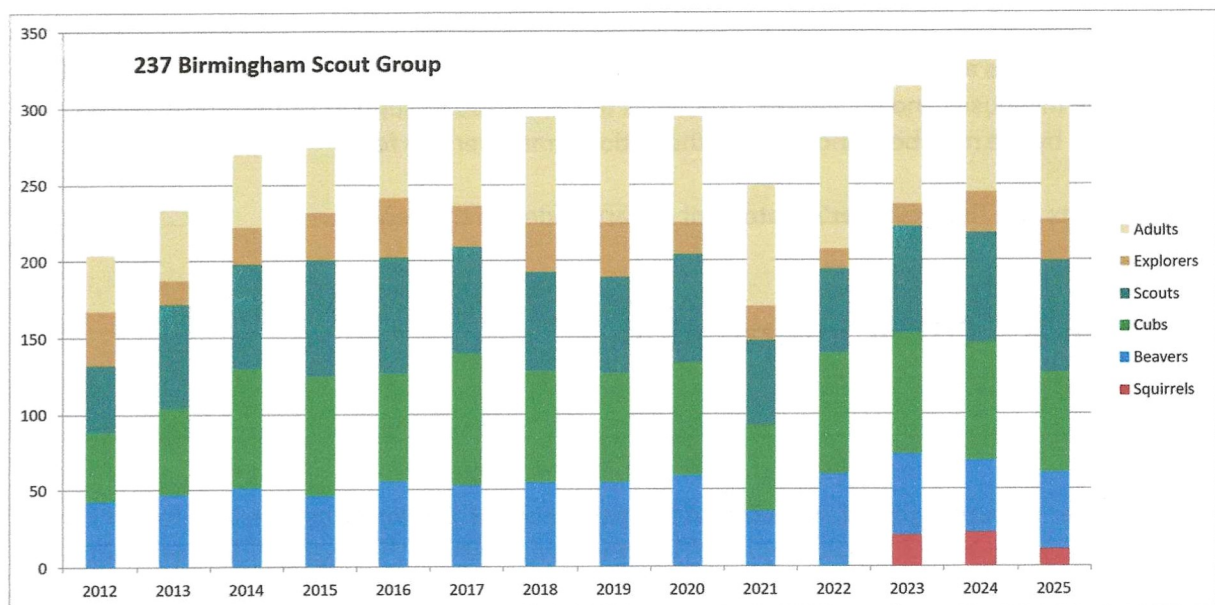
Section D – Achievements and Performance

Whilst we remain the largest group within the Spitfire District and are proud to have this status, our overall numbers have reduced, which for some sections can be accounted for through movements of our people across the sections.

The below chart shows the numbers recorded on the Scout Association annual census, which is completed at the end of January each year and reflects the challenges we face as our adult volunteer numbers have dropped. This appears to be a general trend amongst voluntary organisations at this time.

We have also seen a drop in numbers for the Squirrel and Cub section, which can be accounted for due to the constraints placed upon us in respect of the ratio of Adult Volunteers to young people. The good news is that we have approximately 24 on the waiting list for Squirrels and the Cubs still have an average of more than 20 per section.

Although Explorers are officially part of District Scouting, in line with previous years, our numbers continue include Explorer Scouts (14-18yr olds) and their leaders which meet at the Group HQ.



We have continued to make improvements to our Headquarters during the year, mainly through the efforts of our volunteers and fantastic maintenance support team. Upgrades have been made to the toilet facilities; minor groundworks and a fallen tree removed in the rear garden area; new camping equipment purchased, with older equipment donated to less fortunate groups within our District.

We also do our best to support the community in Castle Bromwich. All our sections have carried out litter picks and once again attended the Parish Remembrance Parade.

Section E – Financial review

Reserves Policy

Our policy on reserves is to hold sufficient resources to continue the charitable activities of the group should income and fundraising activities fall short. We also hold reserves to cover specific future expenditure and to allow for unexpected repairs to the building.

We held unrestricted reserves of approximately £82,314 against this at year end.

Funds in deficit

There are no funds materially in deficit.

Review of 2024-2025

The Group raises funds through quarterly subscriptions and a programme of fundraising events. The Group claims Gift Aid on subscriptions and donations where possible. The Group will apply for charitable grants to support specific projects.

The Group had receipts of £49,662 net of Scout Association membership fee (Capitation).

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Future Plans

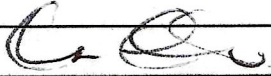

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We have started to restructure our leadership teams in line with guidance from the Scout Association and whilst this remains a challenge, we are making good progress that enables us to provide fantastic scouting to the young people within the group.

Section G – Declaration


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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)		
Full name(s)	Laura-Marie Millward	Philip Barrie Jackson
Position	Group Lead Volunteer	Chair
Date	15/09/25	

	Charity Name		No (if any)	
	237 Castle Bromwich Scout Group			
	Receipts and payments accounts			
	For the period from	Period start date	To	Period end date
		01/04/2024		31/3/2025
Section A Receipts and payments				
	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total funds	Last year
	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £
Receipts				
Membership Subscriptions	29312.50	-	29,313	29109
less Capitations paid on	11832.00	-	11,832	11178
Net Subscriptions	17480.50	-	17,481	17931
Gift Aid	6580.49	-	6,580	6816
Donations	2139.93	-	2,140	4641
Other Income	267.85		268	170
Funds Match	120.26		120	0
Fund Raising	4517.66	-	4,518	6325
Covid Grants	0.00	-	-	0
Jamboree		0.00	-	0
Explorers Camp		0.00	-	-127
Solar	2371.01		2,371	2489
Building	0.00		-	0
Camps/Activities	14683.24		14,683	12789
Sub total	48160.94	-	48,161	51034
Bank Interest	1501.07	-	1,501	521
Total receipts	49,662.01	-	49,662	51556
Payments				
Camps/Activities	20325.94	-	20,326	16753
Training	310.00	-	310	0
Utilities	5093.59	-	5,094	5588
Van Costs	1261.80	-	1,262	3304
Insurances	5103.50	-	5,104	5612
Repairs & Maintenance	4999.19	-	4,999	6668
Uniforms & Badges	1617.81	-	1,618	2486
Equipment	3040.72	-	3,041	3462
Misc	711.72		712	532
Overseas Trip		-	-	0
Building	0.00		-	0
Total payments	42464.27	-	42,464	44406

Net of receipts/(payments)	7197.74	-	7,198	7150
Transfers between funds			-	
Cash funds last year end	75117	7,135	82,252	
Cash funds this year end	82314.24	7,135	89,449	
Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period				
Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds to nearest £	Total Funds to nearest £
Cash funds	Bank Current Account	15598.20	7,135	22,733
	Bank Deposit Account	23804.77	-	23,805
	32 Day Notice Account	20777.14		20,777
	Fixed Notice Account	20690.41		20,690
	Equals Card/Cash	1443.72	-	1,444
	Total cash/Equals funds		82314.24	7,135
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	
Other monetary assets	Details	Current value	Current value	
			-	-
			-	-
Investment assets	Details			
			-	-
			-	-
Assets retained for the charity's own use	Details	Current value	Current value	Total
	Land & Buildings	152,480	-	152,480
	Motor Vehicles	20,000	-	20,000
	Trailer/Solar Panels	10,500	-	10,500
	Scouting Equipment	35,000	-	35,000
	Total	224,980	-	-
Total Assets		307,294	7,135	314,429

	Details		Amount due	When due
Liabilities			-	
			-	
			-	
Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees	Signature		Print Name	Date of approval
			Pamela JACKSON	15/9/21



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237 CASTLE BROMWICH SCOUT GROUP

CASTLE BROMWICH BIRMINGHAM

I have examined the Accounts, Statements and Invoices submitted to me, and have found some minor differences, but they are so insignificant that they do not require any adjustments to the accounts of the 237 Castle Bromwich Scout Group for the period 01/04/24 to 31/03/25.

Signed H. Lawrence
H Lawrence A.C.A.

Date 20/8/25

A. Lawrence LLB Dip LP
Solicitor

H. Lawrence ACA
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Ian Yeomans	Treasurer	
Paul Anthony Brettell	AGSL / GLV	
Mark Bostock		
Richard Hands		
Amelia Victoria Connolly		
Elizabeth O'Donnell		From 4 th October 2023
Justine Whittaker		From 4 th October 2023
Lewis James Millward		From 9 th October 2023
Jeffrey Cross		Until 4 th October 2023
Elaine Patricia Chaplain		Until 4 th October 2023
Lindsey Jane Harverson		Until 4 th October 2023
Keith Charles Stock		Until 4 th October 2023
Robert Cattell		Until 4 th October 2023
Derek Barnett		Until 4 th October 2023
Anthony Barnett		Until 4 th October 2023
Rachel Austin		Until 4 th October 2023
Kate Taylor		Until 4 th October 2023
David James Willetts		Until 4 th October 2023
Adrian Miles		Until 4 th October 2023
Samantha Miles		Until 4 th October 2023

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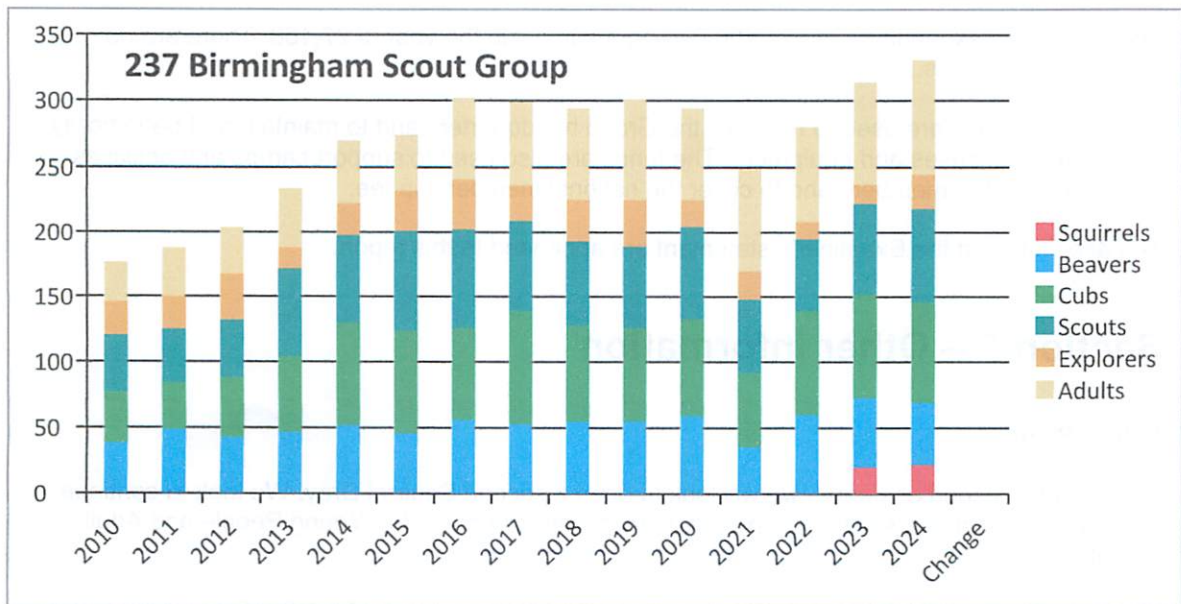
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Our first Squirrel Drey for four to six year olds, which we opened in 2022/23 is proving extremely popular. The Drey is now full and has a waiting list and a plan is to open a second drey when volunteers can be sought. For this a recruitment specific event will be considered using the current parents on the waiting list and any adults already in the group if they wish to support a younger section as well as the one they currently support.

The numbers in the other sections have continued to recover following the Covid-19 pandemic. We now have about 9% more young people than before Covid. We are currently the largest group within the Spitfire District and proud to have this status.

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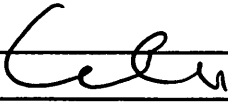

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Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)		
Full name(s)	Laura-Marie Millward	Philip Barrie Jackson
Position	Group Lead Volunteer	Chair
Date	270824	

Charity Name 237 Castle Bromwich Scout Group		No (if any)	
Receipts and payments accounts			
For the period from	Period start 01/04/2023	To	Period end date 31/03/2024

Section A Receipts and payments

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Receipts				
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less Capitations paid on	11178.00	-	11,178	10428
Net Subscriptions	17930.51	-	17,931	15632
Gift Aid	6816.35	-	6,816	7372
Donations	4641.40	-	4,641	5395
Other Income	170.18	-	170	117
Funds Match	0.00	-	-	250
Fund Raising	6324.81	-	6,325	4936
Covid Grants	0.00	-	-	0
Jamboree		0.00	-	500
Explorers Camp		-127.10	- 127	300
Solar	2488.72		2,489	2178
Building	0.00		-	0
Camps/Activities	12789.40		12,789	17992
Sub total	51161.37	- 127	51,034	54672
Bank Interest	521.47	-	521	6
Total receipts	51,682.84	- 127	51,556	54679
Payments				
Camps/Activities	16753.14	-	16,753	23835
Training	0.00	-	-	0
Utilities	5588.17	-	5,588	4288
Van Costs	3303.98	-	3,304	1777
Insurances	5611.56	-	5,612	5151
Repairs & Maintenance	6668.29	-	6,668	4228
Uniforms & Badges	2486.14	-	2,486	1541
equipment	3462.32	-	3,462	3359
Misc	532.28	-	532	513
Overseas Trip		-	-	0
Building	0.00	-	-	0
Total payments	44405.88	-	44,406	44691
of receipts/(payments)	7276.96	- 127	7,150	9987
Transfers between funds			-	
Cash funds last year end	67840	7,262	75,102	
sh funds this year end	75116.50	7,135	82,252	

Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total Funds
			to nearest £	to nearest £
Cash funds	Bank Current Account	9,794.51	7,135	16,930
	Bank Deposit Account	23496.18	-	23,496
	32 Day Notice Account	20275.07	-	20,275
	Fixed Notice Account	20000.00	-	20,000
	Equals Card/Cash	1,550.74	-	1,551
	Total cash/Equals funds		75116.50	7,135
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	
	Details	Current value	Current value	
Other monetary assets			-	-
			-	-
	Details			
Investment assets			-	-
			-	-
	Details	Current value	Current value	Total
Assets retained for the charity's own use	Land & Buildings	152,480	-	152,480
	Motor Vehicles	20,000	-	20,000
	Trailer/Solar Panels	10,500	-	10,500
	Scouting Equipment	35,000	-	35,000
	Furniture & Fittings	7,000	-	7,000
	Total	224,980	-	224,980
Total Assets		300,097	7,135	307,232
	Details		Amount due	When due
Liabilities			-	
			-	
			-	
Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees	Signature		Print Name	Date of approval



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237 CASTLE BROMWICH SCOUT GROUP CASTLE BROMWICH BIRMINGHAM

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Signed H. Lawrence
H Lawrence A.C.A.

Date 27/6/2024

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237TH BIRMINGHAM (1ST CASTLE BROMWICH) SCOUT GROUP

England & Wales - Charity number 504710

Accounts



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**237th Birmingham
1st Castle Bromwich**

Trustees' Annual Report and Accounts
2022-2023

Registered charity no 504710
Scout Association registration no 14234



Trustees' Annual Report

For the period 1st April 2022 to 31st March 2023

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Registered Charity No 504710

Scout Association registration No 14234

Charity's principal address

Scout HQ
Brownsover Close
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Names of Trustees who managed the charity in 2022-23

Trustee Name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year
David Harry Room	Chair	Until 14 th March 2023
Ian Yeomans	Treasurer	
Amanda Jane Cardall	Secretary	Until 15 th May 2023
Simon Cardall	Group Scout Leader	Until 5 th March 2023
Paul Anthony Brettell	AGSL	
Hayley Mann	AGSL	Until 21 st Sept 2022
Amelia Victoria Connolly		
Jeffrey Cross		
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Keith Charles Stock		
Richard Hands		
Robert Cattell		
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Anthony Barnett		
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Rachel Austin		
Kate Taylor		
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Samantha Miles		

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The Group is a trust established under its rules which are common to all Scout Groups.

The Trustees are appointed in accordance with the Policy, Organisation and Rules of The Scout Association.

The Group is managed by the Group's Trustee Board. As charity trustees they are responsible for complying with legislation applicable to charities. This includes the registration, keeping proper accounts and making returns to the Charity Commission as appropriate.

The Trustee Board consists of 3 independent representatives, Chair, Treasurer and Secretary together with the Group Scout Leader, Assistant Group Scout Leader, Section leaders and elected representatives. It meets every month, except August.

Members of the Trustee Board complete 'Essential Information for Executive Committee' training within the first 5 months of joining the Board. They also complete safety and safeguarding and GDPR training.

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- 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.

Following the 2023 Annual General Meeting, it is proposed to reduce the number of trustees in line with Scout Association guidance. Some of the existing trustees will step down from the Board but remain as members of support teams.

Risk and Internal Control

The Trustee Board has identified the major risks to which they believe the Group is exposed, these have been reviewed and systems have been established to mitigate against them. The main areas of concern that have been identified are:

Damage to the building, property and equipment. We receive requests for the use of buildings, property and equipment from neighbouring organisations such as local churches, community groups and other Scout Groups. Similar reciprocal arrangements exist with these organisations. We maintain sufficient buildings and contents insurance in place to mitigate against permanent loss.

Injury to leaders, helpers, supporters and members, and claims for negligence etc. The Group is covered by the Scout Association's national insurance policy. Risk Assessments are undertaken before all activities. All leaders, trustees and other adults are vetted through the DBS process and are trained in safety and safeguarding in line with the requirements of the Scout Association.

Reduced income from fundraising. We rely on income from subscriptions and fundraising. We hold a reserve to ensure the continuity of activities should there be a major reduction in income. The Trustee Board could, and occasionally do, also raise the value of subscriptions to increase our income on an ongoing basis, either temporarily or permanently.

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Reduction of financial loss.

The group has in place systems of internal controls that are designed to provide reasonable assurance against material mismanagement or loss, these include two signatories for all payments and comprehensive insurance policies to ensure that insurable risks are covered. Equals cards have been introduced so that electronic transfer of funds can be made to section leaders instead of handling cash.

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- learn by doing
- share in spiritual reflection
- take responsibility and make choices
- undertake new and challenging activities
- make and live by their Promise.

Our Scout Group

We have ten, age specific sections, which meet at separate times in the week. (1 Squirrel Drey, 2 Beaver Colonies, 3 Cub Packs, 3 Scout Troops and an Explorer Unit). The Squirrel Drey is a new section for 4-6 year olds which opened in October 2022.

Each section runs a balanced programme consisting of weekly meetings, with team building games and training, outside activities and visits. The sections also run camps and weekends away. These are complemented by activities and camps run at Group, District, County and national level.

We meet at our own, brick built, headquarters in Brownsver Close, Castle Bromwich.

Policies on grant making and investments

In general, we do not make grants. We will occasionally support individual members with grants for specific expeditions. Each application is considered individually by the Trustee Board.

The Group does not make investments.

Staff

The Group is run by volunteers. There are no paid staff.

Public benefit statement

The Charity meets the Charity Commission's public benefit criteria under both the advancement of education and the advancement of citizenship or community development headings.

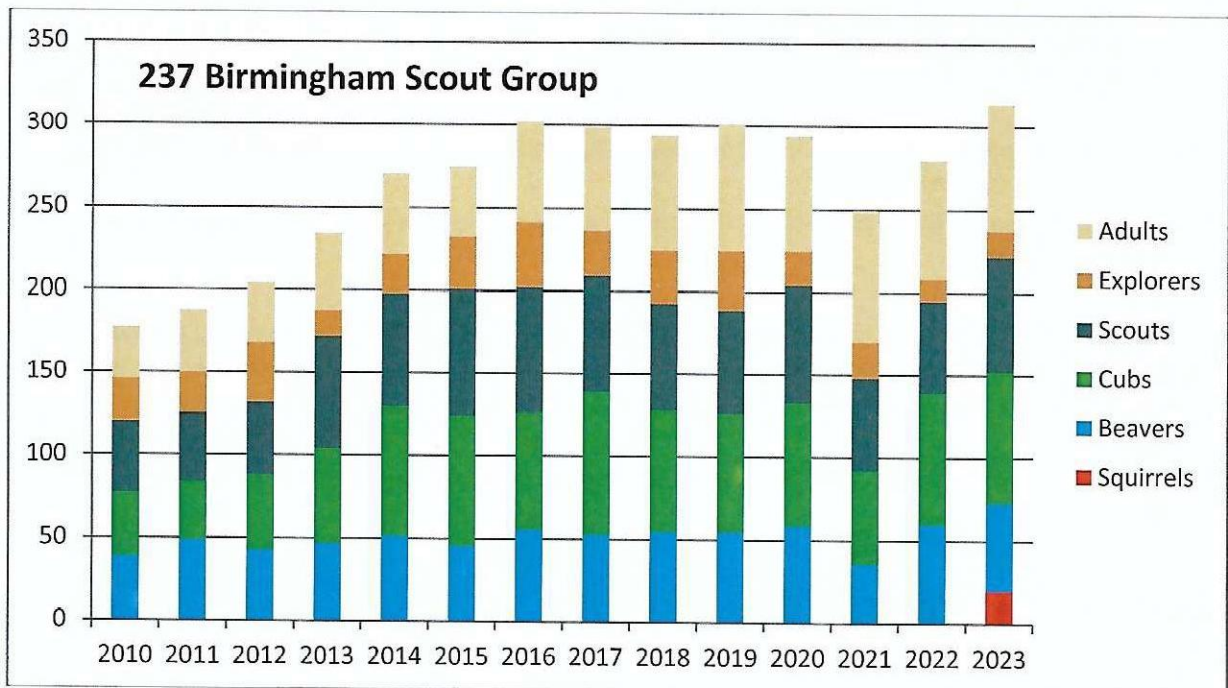
Section D – Achievements and Performance

This year we have opened our first Squirrel Drey for four to six year olds. This has proved extremely popular, with numbers rising quickly. The Drey is now full and has a waiting list.

The numbers in the other sections have continued to recover following the Covid-19 pandemic and the return to face to face scouting.

This chart shows the numbers recorded on the Scout Association annual census, which is completed at the end of January each year.

Explorers are officially part of District Scouting. In line with previous years, our numbers include Explorer Scouts (14-18yr olds) and their leaders which meet at the Group HQ.



All sections have returned to a normal programme of activities following the Covid-19 pandemic. All sections have run nights-away activities successfully and have engaged in County and District events as well as their own section events. This has helped to restore our numbers to pre-pandemic levels.

We have made significant improvements to our Headquarters during the year, mainly through the efforts of our volunteers. These have included the completion of the new kitchen and stores and the construction of a new garden area. This will be used by all sections to learn horticultural skills and assist in the sections completing their gardening badges. It will be dedicated to the memory of our former Group Scout Leader, Garry Griffiths.

We also do our best to support the community in Castle Bromwich. All our sections have carried out litter picks and they attended the Parish Remembrance Parade.

Section E – Financial review

Reserves Policy

Our policy on reserves is to hold sufficient resources to continue the charitable activities of the group should income and fundraising activities fall short. We also hold reserves to cover specific future expenditure and to allow for unexpected repairs to the building.

We held unrestricted reserves of approximately £67,840 against this at year end.

Funds in deficit

There are no funds materially in deficit.

Review of 2022-2023

The Group raises funds through quarterly subscriptions and a programme of fundraising events. The Group claims Gift Aid on subscriptions and donations where possible. The Group will apply for charitable grants to support specific projects.

The Group had receipts of £54,409 net of Scout Association membership fee (Capitation).

The Group had expenditure of £44,691 leaving a surplus in the year of £9,717. There are no outstanding liabilities.

The Group's funds are used to maintain the Group headquarters and to maintain and periodically replace the minibuses and equipment. The funds are also used to support camps and activities undertaken by the members and to cover the national membership fee.

The accounts and the Examiner's statement are appended to this report.

Section F – Other information

Future Plans

We have two young people and one adult leader attending the World Scout Jamboree in Korea in August 2023.

When leader resources permit, we will look to open a second Squirrel Drey and a third Beaver Colony. We look to continue growing the group across all sections with both the recruitment of the Young People and Adult Volunteers.

In 2023-24, we plan to restructure the Trustee Board in line with Scout Association and Charity Commission guidance. This will reduce the number of Trustees and increase accountability. Former Trustees will be invited to join support teams.

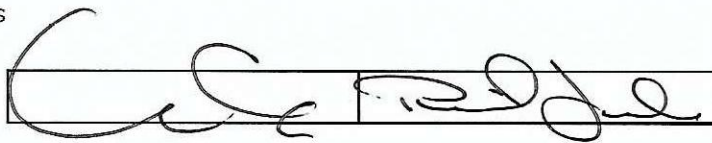
We also plan to restructure our leadership teams in line with expected guidance from the Scout Association.

Section G – Declaration

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)



Full name(s)

Laura Millward	Philip Jackson
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Position (eg: Secretary, Chair)

Group Scout Leader	Chair Designate
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Date

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Charity Name 237 Castle Bromwich Scout Group	No (if any) 504710
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Receipts and payments accounts

For the period from	Period start date 01/04/2022	To	Period end date 31/03/2023
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Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
Receipts				
Membership Subscriptions	26060.19	-	26,060	25659
less Capitations paid on	10428.00	-	10,428	9073
Net Subscriptions	15632.19	-	15,632	16686
Gift Aid	7372.95	-	7,372	2658
Donations	5394.91	-	5,395	6550
Other Income	117.00	-	117	711
Funds Match	250.36	-	250	612
Fund Raising	4936.04	-	4,936	2552
Covid Grants	0.00	-	-	10667
Jamboree		500.00	500	-416
Explorers Camp		30.00	30	-34
Solar	2177.66		2,178	1844
Building	0.00		-	0
Camps/Activities	17991.82		17,992	6800
Sub total	53872.33	530	54,402	48529
Bank Interest	6.17	-	6	1
Total receipts	53,878.50	530	54,409	48530
Payments				
Camps/Activities	23834.94	-	23,835	8302
Training	0.00	-	-	0
Utilities	4287.81	-	4,288	3602
Van Costs	1777.26	-	1,777	1528
Insurances	5150.52	-	5,151	4999
Repairs & Maintenance	4227.84	-	4,228	12829
Uniforms & Badges	1540.96	-	1,541	1314
equipment	3359.37	-	3,359	3668
Misc	512.50	-	513	1495
Overseas Trip		-	-	84
Building	0.00	-	-	21
Total payments	44691.20	-	44,691	37842
Net of receipts/(payments)	9187.30	530	9,717	10689
Transfers between funds			-	
Cash funds last year end	58652	6,732	65,384	
Cash funds this year end	67839.54	7,262	75,102	

Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds	Restrict ed funds to nearest £	Total Funds to nearest £
Cash funds	Bank Current Account	62,040.60	7,262	69,303
	Bank Deposit Account	3,249.78	-	3,250
	Building Society	0.00		-
	Equals Card/Cash	2,549.16	-	2,549
	Total cash/Equals funds	67,839.54	7,262	75,102
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	
Other monetary assets	Details	Current value	Current value	
			-	-
Investment assets	Details		-	-
			-	-
Assets retained for the charity's own use	Details	Current value	Current value	Total
	Land & Buildings	152,480	-	152,480
	Motor Vehicles	20,000	-	20,000
	Trailer/Solar Panels	10,500	-	10,500
	Scouting Equipment	35,000	-	35,000
	Furniture & Fittings	7,000	-	7,000
	Total	224,980	-	224,980
Total Assets		292,820	7,262	300,082
Liabilities	Details		Amount due	When due
			-	
			-	
Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees	Signature		Print Name	Date of approval



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237 CASTLE BROMWICH SCOUT GROUP

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I have examined the Accounts, Statements and Invoices submitted to me and confirm them to be a true and accurate record of the financial actions of the 237 Castle Bromwich Scout Group for the period 01/04/22 to 31/03/23.

Signed 
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H Lawrence A.C.A.

Date 14/9/2023
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237TH BIRMINGHAM (1ST CASTLE BROMWICH) SCOUT GROUP

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Accounts



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**237th Birmingham
1st Castle Bromwich**

Trustees' Annual Report and Accounts
2021 - 2022

Registered charity no 504710
Scout Association registration no 14234



Trustees' Annual Report

For the period 1st April 2021 to 31st March 2022

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Registered Charity No 504710

Scout Association registration No 14234

Charity's principal address

Scout HQ
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Names of Trustees who manage the charity

Trustee Name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year
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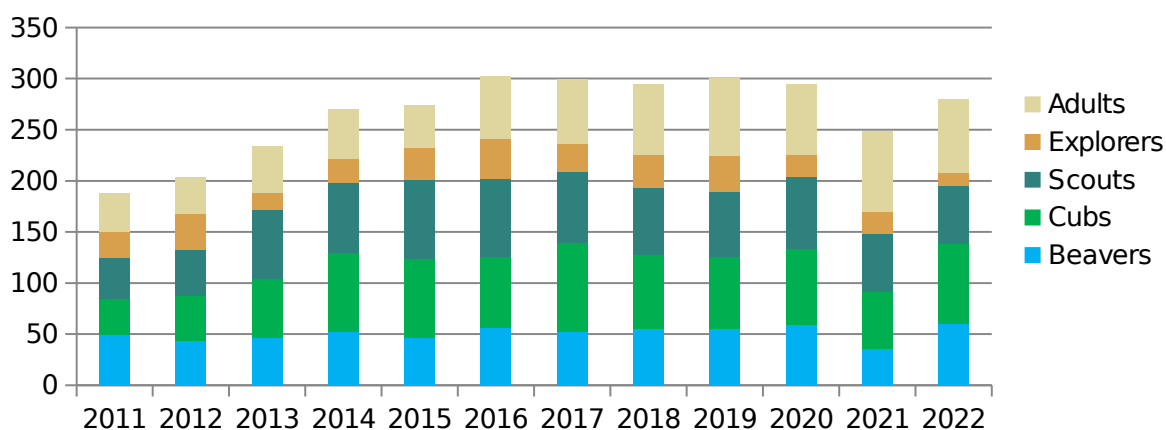
On the 17th March 2020, Covid 19 forced the suspension of face to face scouting. This continued throughout the whole of 2020-2021 apart from a brief period in the summer.

During that period our leaders provided an on-line programme of activities, supported by activities run by National HQ, County and District. This programme received wide support from the young people and their parents

In the annual census, held in January 2021, we recorded a fall in the number of youth members of 24%. This was consistent with the national picture.

As Covid restrictions were progressively lifted during 2021-22, we were able to restart our face-to-face meetings with a resumption of a fuller range of activities towards the end of the year. As a result, our numbers have rebounded to levels close to those before the pandemic. This chart shows the numbers recorded on the Scout Association annual census, which is done at the end of January each year.

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During the coming year it is expected that headcount will recover to pre-Covid levels. The normal influx of new members has refilled the Beaver sections to capacity and new members are being taken into other sections, where possible, whilst ensuring there is capacity for those moving up due to their age.

This year (2022) celebrates the 90th year since the group was founded. A number of events are planned to celebrate the occasion. Most notably is our alliance with Severn Trent, Earth Watch and the Commonwealth Games in being custodians of one of the 72 Tiny Forests planted to celebrate the Games coming to Birmingham. Over 130 members of the group turned out to plant 600 trees in the open space to the rear of the HQ. It will be interesting to see it grow and develop in coming years.

Every section has now either run an overnight event, or camp in the last year, ensuring our young people get back to the things we enjoy the most.

Despite the restrictions the sections have continued to provide amazing programmes that have achieved a wide range of badges and have been successful in completing many of the top Chief Scouts Awards!

The Group continues to support many of the District and County events in all sections.

Section E - Financial review

Reserves Policy

Our policy on reserves is to hold sufficient resources to continue the charitable activities of the group should income and fundraising activities fall short. We also hold reserves to cover specific future expenditure and to allow for unexpected repairs to the building.

We held unrestricted reserves of approximately £58,000 against this at year end. This increase was due to the unexpected Covid grants available from the local authority.

Funds in deficit

There are no funds materially in deficit.

Review of 2021-2022

The Group usually raises funds through quarterly subscriptions and a programme of fundraising events. The Group claims Gift Aid on subscriptions where possible. The Group will apply for charitable grants to support specific projects.

During lockdown, the Group reduced the level of subscriptions and was unable to run many of the fundraising events. Income was supplemented by a series of Covid grants received from the local authority.

The Group's funds are used to maintain the Group headquarters and to maintain and periodically replace the minibuses and equipment. The funds also cover the national membership fee. They are normally used to support camps and activities undertaken by the members.

The funds were used to cover essential costs and to maintain the Group Headquarters. We were also able to progress with planned improvements to the HQ in readiness for the return to face to face scouting.

Section F - Other information

Future Plans

We are in the process of registering and finding adult leaders to open at least one section for "Squirrels". This additional national section will provide activities for four- to six-year-olds. When resources permit, the Group intends to open a third Beaver Colony.

Section G - Declaration

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)		
Full name(s)	Simon Cardall	David Room
Position (eg: Secretary, Chair)	Group Scout Leader	Chair
Date		

Charity Name 237 Castle Bromwich Scout Group	No (if any)
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Receipts and payments accounts

For the period from	Period start date 01/04/2021	To	Period end date 31/03/2022
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Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
Receipts				
Membership Subscriptions	25659.11	-	25,659	15121
Less Capitations paid on	9073.00	-	9,073	7565
Net Subscriptions	16586.11	-	16,586	7556
Gift Aid	2658.12	-	2,658	3991
Donations	6549.72	-	6,550	10065
Other Income		-	-	0
Funds Match	611.62	-	612	53
Fund Raising/Covid Grant	13219.40	-	13,219	22549
Camp Bank		-	-	0
Jamboree		-416.13	416	416
Explorers Camp		-34.31	34	1008
Solar	1844.17		1,844	1716
Building	0.00		-	10250
Sub total	41469.14	- 450	41,019	57638
Bank Interest	1.07	-	1	0
Total receipts	41,470.21	- 450	41,020	57638
Payments				
Youth Programme and Activities	1501.53	-	1,502	665
Training	0.00	-	-	0
Utilities	3602.47	-	3,602	1950
Van Costs	1528.03	-	1,528	296
Insurances	4998.79	-	4,999	2647
Repairs & Maintenance	12829.17	-	12,829	17013
Uniforms & Badges	1313.98	-	1,314	274
equipment	3668.13	-	3,668	1094
Misc	784.05	-	784	222
Overseas Trip		84	84	5842
Building	20.94		21	13773
Total payments	30247.09	84	30,331	43764
Net of receipts/(payments)	11223.12	- 534	10,689	13873
Transfers between funds			-	
Cash funds last year end	47429	7,267	54,696	
Cash funds this year end	58652.24	6,732	65,384	

Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total Funds
		to nearest £	to nearest £	to nearest £
Cash funds	Bank Current Account	52,464.84	6,732	59,197
	Bank Deposit Account	3243.61	-	3,244
	Building Society	0.00	-	-
	Cash	2,943.79	-	2,944
	Total cash/Equals funds	58652.24	6,732	65,384
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	
Other monetary assets	Details	Current value	Current value	
Investment assets	Details			
Assets retained for the charity's own use	Details	Current value	Current value	Total
	Land & Buildings	152,480	-	152,480
	Motor Vehicles	20,000	-	20,000
	Trailer/Solar Panels	10,500	-	10,500
	Scouting Equipment	35,000	-	35,000
	Furniture & Fittings	7,000	-	7,000
	Total	224,980	-	224,980
Total Assets		283,632	6,732	290,364
Liabilities	Details		Amount due	When due
Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees	Signature		Print Name	Date of approval

237TH BIRMINGHAM (1ST CASTLE BROMWICH) SCOUT GROUP

England & Wales - Charity number 504710

Accounts

Trustees' Annual Report

For the period

From (start date)

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 to end date

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Section A Reference and administration details

Charity name

237th Birmingham (1st Castle Bromwich) Scout Group																																																	
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Other names the charity is known by

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Registered charity number (if any)

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HQ registration number

1	4	2	3	4			
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Charity's principal address

Brownsver Close																																																	
Castle Bromwich																																																	
Birmingham																																																	
Postcode	B	3	6			9	E	F																																									

Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

	Trustee Name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year
1	David Harry Room	Chair	
2	Ian Yeomans	Treasurer	
3	Amanda Jane Cardall	Secretary	
4	Simon Cardall	Group Scout Leader	
5	Paul Anthony Brettell	AGSL	
6	Amelia Victoria Connolly		
7	Jeffrey Cross		
8	Elaine Patricia Chaplain		
9	Lindsey Jane Harverson		
10	Keith Charles Stock		
11	Richard Hands		
12	Robert Cattell		
13	Derek Barnett		
14	Anthony Barnett		
15	Mark Bostock		
16	Rachel Austin		
17	Samantha Dawn Lucas		Until 11/05/2020
18	Kate Taylor (nee Vale)		
19	David James Willetts		
20	Gary Lee Millward		
21	Adrian Miles		
22	Samantha Miles		

Names and addresses of advisers (optional information but encouraged as best practice)

Type of advisor	Name	Address
None		

Section B**Structure, governance and management**

Description of the charity's trusts

Type of governing document

(e.g. trust deed, constitution)

The Group's 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.

How the charity is constituted

(e.g. trust, association, company)

The Group is a trust established under its rules which are common to all Scout Groups.

Trustee selection methods

(e.g. appointed by, elected by)

The Trustees are appointed in accordance with the Policy, Organisation and Rules of The Scout Association.

Additional governance issues (optional information but encouraged as best practice)

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

Policies and procedures adopted for:
a) the induction and training of trustees;
b) trustee consideration of major risks and the systems and procedures to manage them

The Group is managed by the Group Executive Committee, the members of which are the 'Charity Trustees' of the Scout Group which 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 appropriate.

The Committee consists of 3 independent representatives, Chair, Treasurer and Secretary together with the Group Scout Leader, Assistant Group Scout Leader, two section leaders and parent's representatives. It meets every month, except August.

Members of the Executive Committee complete '*Essential Information for Executive Committee*' training within the first 5 months of joining the committee. They also complete safety and safeguarding training.

This Group Executive Committee exists to support the Group Scout Leader in meeting the responsibilities of the appointments and is responsible for:

The maintenance of Group property;

The raising of funds and the administration of Group finance;

The insurance of persons, property and equipment;

Group public occasions;

Assisting in the recruitment of leaders and other adult support;

Appointing any sub committees that may be required;

Appointing Group Administrators and Advisors other than those who are elected.

Risk and Internal Control

The Group Executive Committee has identified the major risks to which they believe the Group is exposed, these have been reviewed and systems have been established to mitigate against them. The main areas of concern that have been identified are:

Damage to the building, property and equipment. The Group would request the use of buildings, property and equipment from neighbouring organisations such as the church, community centre and other Scout Groups. Similar reciprocal arrangements exist with these organisations. The Group has sufficient buildings and contents insurance in place to mitigate against permanent loss.

Injury to leaders, helpers, supporters and members, and claims for negligence etc. The Group through the membership fees contributes to the Scout Association's national insurance policy. Risk Assessments are undertaken before all activities.

Reduced income from fund raising. The Group is primarily reliant upon income from subscriptions and fundraising. The group does hold a reserve to ensure the continuity of activities should there be a major reduction in income. The Committee could raise the value of subscriptions to increase the income to the group on an ongoing basis, either temporarily or permanently.

Reduction or loss of leaders. The group is totally reliant upon volunteers to run and administer the activities of the group. If there was a reduction in the number of leaders to an unacceptable level in a particular section or the group as a whole then there would have to be a contraction, consolidation or closure of a section. In the worst case scenario the complete closure of the Group.

Reduction or loss of members. The Group provides activities for all young people aged 6 to 18. If there was a reduction in membership in a particular section or the group as whole then there would have to be a contraction, consolidation or closure of a section. In the worst case scenario the complete closure of the Group.

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 a comprehensive insurance policies to ensure that insurable risks are covered.

Section C	Objectives and activities
<p>Summary of the objects of the charity set out in its governing document</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> <p>The Values of Scouting As Scouts we are guided by these values: Integrity - We act with integrity; we are honest, trustworthy and loyal. Respect - We have self-respect and respect for others. Care - We support others and take care of the world in which we live. Belief - We explore our faiths, beliefs and attitudes. Co-operation - We make a positive difference; we co-operate with others and make friends.</p> <p>The Scout Method Scouting takes place when young people, in partnership with adults, work together based on the values of Scouting and: - enjoy what they are doing and have fun - take part in activities indoors and outdoors - learn by doing - share in spiritual reflection - take responsibility and make choices - undertake new and challenging activities - make and live by their Promise.</p>
<p>Summary of the main activities in relation to these objects</p>	<p>The Group has ten, age specific sections, which meet at separate times in the week. (2 Beaver Colonies, 3 Cub Packs, 3 Scout Troops and 2 Explorer Units).</p> <p>Each section runs a balanced programme consisting of weekly meetings, with team building games and training, outside activities and visits. The sections also run camps and weekends away. These programmes are complemented by activities and camps run at Group, District, County and national level.</p>
<p>Additional details of the objectives and activities (optional information but encouraged as best practice)</p>	
<p>You may choose to include further statements, where relevant, about:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • policy on grantmaking; • contribution made by volunteers; • policy on investments. 	<p>In general the Group does not make grants. The Group will occasionally support individual members with grants for specific expeditions. Each application is considered individually by the Group Executive Committee.</p> <p>The Group is run by volunteers. There are no paid staff.</p>
<p>Public benefit statement</p>	<p>The Group meets the Charity Commission's public benefit criteria under both the advancement of education and the advancement of citizenship or community development headings.</p>

Section D**Achievements and performance**

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

On the 17th March 2020, Covid 19 forced the suspension of face to face scouting. This continued throughout the whole report year apart from a brief period in the summer.

The leaders have provided an on-line programme of activities, supported by activities run by National HQ, County and District. This programme has received wide support from the young people and their parents

Despite this, in the annual census, held in January 2021, the group recorded a fall in the number of youth members of 24%. This is consistent with the national picture. We expect numbers to rebound when face to face scouting fully resumes.

Section E**Financial Review**

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

Reserves Policy

The Group's 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 also hold reserves to cover specific future expenditure and to allow for unexpected repairs to the building.

The Group held unrestricted reserves of approximately £47,000 against this at year end. The trustees are of the opinion that this is sufficient.

Quantify and explain any designations

Details of any funds materially in deficit (circumstances plus steps to eliminate)

There are no funds materially in deficit.

Further financial review details (optional information)

The Group usually raises funds through quarterly subscriptions and a programme of fundraising events. The Group claims Gift Aid on subscriptions where possible. The Group will apply for charitable grants to support specific projects.

During lockdown, the Group reduced the level of subscriptions and was unable to run many of the fundraising events. Income was supplemented by a series of Covid grants received from the local authority.

The Group's funds are used to maintain the Group headquarters and to maintain and periodically replace the minibuses and equipment. The funds also cover the national membership fee. They are normally used to support camps and activities undertaken by the members.

The funds were used to cover essential costs and to maintain the Group Headquarters. We were also able to progress with planned improvements to the HQ in readiness for the return to face to face scouting.

The Group does not have sufficient funds to invest in longer term investments. The Group adopts a risk averse strategy to the investment of its funds. All funds are held in cash using only mainstream banks or building societies.

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

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

Section F Other Optional Information

Plans for future periods (details of any significant activities planned to achieve them)

Once conditions allow, we plan to open a third Beaver Colony to meet demand for places.

Section G Declaration

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)		
Full name(s)	Simon Cardall	David Room
Position (eg Secretary, Chair)	Group Scout Leader	Chair
Date	1	3 0 9 2 1

Charity Name 237 Castle Bromwich Scout Group	No (if any) 504710
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Receipts and payments accounts

For the period from	Period start date 01/04/2020	To	Period end date 31/03/2021
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Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
Receipts				
Membership Subscriptions	15120.70	-	15,121	26150
less Capitations paid on	7565.00	-	7,565	8473
Net Subscriptions	7555.70	-	7,556	17677
Gift Aid	3991.00	-	3,991	6377
Donations	10068.00	-	10,068	4389
Other Income		-	-	2679
Funds Match	83.01	-	83	951
Fund Raising/Covid Grant	22549.15	-	22,549	18771
Camp Bank		-	-	0
Jamboree		0.00	-	0
Explorers Camp		0.00	-	0
Solar	1716.23		1,716	1714
Building	10250.00		10,250	25500
Sub total	56213.09	-	56,213	78057
Bank Interest	0.00	-	-	2
Total receipts	56,213.09	-	56,213	78059
Payments				
Youth Programme and Activities	665.23	-	665	1947
Training	0.00	-	-	21
Utilities	1950.13	-	1,950	3360
Van Costs	285.56	-	286	1905
Insurances	2646.55	-	2,647	4467
Repairs & Maintenance	17012.59	-	17,013	12251
Uniforms & Badges	273.78	-	274	2000
equipment	1093.77	-	1,094	3341
Misc	222.13	-	222	956
Overseas Trip		-	-	14958
Building	13772.66		13,773	23079
Total payments	37922.40	-	37,922	68285
Net of receipts/(payments)	18290.69	-	18,291	9774
Transfers between funds			-	
Cash funds last year end	29138	7,267	36,405	
Cash funds this year end	47429.12	7,267	54,696	

Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds to nearest £	Total Funds to nearest £
Cash funds	Bank Current Account	42,427.74	7,267	49,694
	Bank Deposit Account	3242.54	-	3,243
	Building Society	0.00		-
	Cash	1,758.84	-	1,759
	Total cash funds	47429.12	7,267	54,696
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	

	Details	Current value	Current value	
Other monetary assets			-	-
			-	-

	Details			
Investment assets			-	-
			-	-

	Details	Current value	Current value	Total
Assets retained for the charity's own use	Land & Buildings	152,480	-	152,480
	Motor Vehicles	20,000	-	20,000
	Trailer/Solar Panels	10,500	-	10,500
	Scouting Equipment	35,000	-	35,000
	Furniture & Fittings	7,000	-	7,000
	Total		224,980	-

Total Assets		272,409	7,267	279,676
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	Details		Amount due	When due
Liabilities	None		-	
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Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Signature

Print Name

Ian Yeomans
David Room

Date of approval

13/09/2021
13/09/2021

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of
237th Birmingham (1st Castle Bromwich) Scout Group

I report on the accounts for the year ended 31st March 2021.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year (under Section 43(2) of the Charities Act 1993 (the 1993 Act) and that an independent examination is required.

It is my responsibility to:

- Examine the accounts under Section 43 of the 1993 Act
- To follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commission (under Section 43(7)(b) of the 1993 Act); and
- To state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of the independent examiner's report

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

Independent examiner's statement

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

1. Which gives me reasonable cause to believe that, in any material respect, the requirements
 - To keep accounting records in accordance with Section 41 of the 1993 Act; and
 - To prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and to comply with the accounting requirements of the 1993 Act.

have not been met; or

2. To which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

M Lawrence & Co.

30th September 2021