

# 16TH MORECAMBE AND HEYSHAM SCOUT GROUP

England & Wales · Charity number 509581

## Details

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**Status** Registered

**Legal form** Other

**Registered** 1980-02-12

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

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## Activities

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**Objects:** THE INSTRUCTION OF BOYS OF ALL CLASSES IN THE PRINCIPLES OF DISCIPLINE, LOYALTY AND GOOD CITIZENSHIP.

**Activities:** The aim of the Association is to promote the development of young people in achieving their full physical, intellectual, social and spiritual potential, as responsible citizens and as members of their local, national and international communities. The method of achieving the Aim of the Association is by providing an enjoyable and attractive scheme of progressive training.

## Classification

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- **How:** Provides Buildings/facilities/open Space, Provides Services
- **What:** Education/training, Amateur Sport
- **Who:** Children/young People, The General Public/mankind

## Geography

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- Lancashire

## Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2024-12-31	£41,786	£38,955	-	-
2023-12-31	£36,752	£35,204	-	-
2022-12-31	£32,126	£37,293	-	-
2021-12-31	£23,983	£28,312	-	-
2020-12-31	£18,053	£12,826	-	-

## Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
<b>David Roger Neal</b>	Chair	2022-09-24
Alexander Scott James		2023-06-23
Alison Lindsey Brown		2024-06-22
Andrew Blenkinship		2023-05-25
Anthony White		2017-06-17
Damian Porter Rev'd		2017-06-17
Darren Moss		2023-02-07
PAUL STEPHEN ANDERTON		
Philip James Tarbun		2023-06-23
ROGER CREWDSON		
Stephanie Louise Stephenson		2024-06-22
Susan Elizabeth Blenkinship		2024-06-22

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# Accounts

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# 2024/2025 Annual Report

## Chair of Trustees Foreword

I love volunteering with the 16<sup>th</sup> Morecambe. In my second year as Chair of our fantastic Trustee Board, I have witnessed our brilliant team of adult volunteers furnish our young people with skills for life through delivery of a varied, adventurous and exciting programme. Inspiring. Highlights for me this year include;

- The formation of our fundraising team and the inaugural Christmas Fair which raised over £1000!
- Red Rose 2024, West Lancashire's four yearly international camp can be the highlight of a young person's Scouting journey. Everything they do in Squirrels, Beavers, Cubs and Scouts prepares them for this type of experience.
- Concluding negotiations with Lancashire County Council for a new 25 year lease for the land on Michaelson Avenue, securing our Group's future.

**Dave Neal**



# Squirrels

Our squirrel section has now been open for two full years! The leaders have gone above and beyond to make this year better than the last and continue with parent support to keep the group open and thriving.

We are completing our two-year programme that we have successfully got into place, completing our Be Active badge at the start of the year. We had Morecambe Firefighters visit as part of our Local Superhero badge and hope to make these regular visits with the station as the squirrels had such good fun learning more about the Firefighters. We then learnt more about each other with the All About Me Challenge Badge and showed what makes us unique and special. We completed our Brilliant Builder badge following this and began our Super Chef badge. This was a personal favourite of mine as the squirrels had to complete this badge by cooking a meal at home!

The response and support we had from parents and carers really made this badge extra special as not only did the squirrels try new food but they showed they can help at home!

We also completed our Feel Good badge which is always a favourite to make a den out of the parachute and completed St Paddy's Day yoga led by our Young Leader - Hedgehog. We then completed another favourite of the leaders - Exciting Experiments! This year we took the experiments outside hoping they were bigger and better than before, we had the usual hiccups but can call this another success. Towards the end of the year we have Go Wild planned and Explore Outdoors.



Throughout the year the squirrels have helped us make various decorations for fundraising for group, this varied from making bat decorations for our Halloween Party to helping run a stall and raise money for the group at the Christmas Fayre!

We linked our Get Creative badge in with Valentine's Day this year and Lent by decorating stones to represent things we'd give up to be kind to others. Owl led brilliant sessions for Mother's Day, Father's Day and throughout the year, teaching the squirrels about St George's Day and VE Day. We had several successful Church Parades this year and will continue to attend these next year with the support of parents and guardians.

Finally I would like to mention our squirrels that achieved their Acorn Award this year, Oliver L who has shown amazing development from starting with us two years ago, he achieved this award by attending almost every session and catching up with any that he missed at home. He really deserves this award as he became a Squirrel the younger Squirrels looked up to. We are so proud of Oliver and hope to follow his journey throughout scouting at 16th Morecambe.

**Alice Ball**

# BEAVERS

Alder Beavers meet on a Monday and Willow Beavers meet on a Thursday at 6pm-7pm. We currently have 45 members across the 2 colonies and with a steady stream coming up from Squirrels and a healthy waiting list. Currently at 21 in each group and we anticipate being full into next year.

Andy, Simmi and Harmy have successfully navigated there first full year running Alder Beavers follow the departures of Jen, Sue and Andrew, who still remain involved with activities over the year such as Founders day and the ever popular sausage sizzle. They have been helped by young leaders Edward and Adam.

Willow Beavers is being run by Debs, Jolanta and Leanne. Supported by young leaders Charlie, Oliver and also Will. They were helped up until Easter by Rob and the ever reliable Tony, who is available as and when needed.

The young leaders also took charge of sessions during this term.

The spring term focused on the Teamwork challenge badge. Beavers for the builder badge designed, collected materials and built some fantastic forts, cars and an impressive robot. With regards the disability badge, beavers learned feel letters in brail, use sign language to spell out their own names and had an inspirational visit from the guide dogs association.



The term ended with a visit from Mandy Seddon with her challenge boxes which kept the beavers entertained.

The summer term has been focused on the Outdoors challenge including a visit to the beach, axe throwing as part of Father's Day. A sports night is planned and the term will conclude with an orienteering session at Williamson's park.

Thank you to all the parents who came along and helped on the parent rota or helped run a session, we are all volunteers and are grateful for those extra skills people can bring to help us run a fun programme, if you have talents or contacts that you think our Beavers would enjoy, please do let us know.

**Debs White**

# cubs

What a year so far! Here are some of our highlights - The Cubs started their new year with a Sausage Sizzle back in September and we were blessed with the most glorious weather that evening. October saw us learning mindfulness and getting creative making our bird feeders and terrariums. November was particularly special for us when we welcomed local Scouting legend Joyce Brooks for an evening where the Cubs learnt about 16<sup>th</sup> Morecambe over the last 60 years! December was a great month for the Cubs to show their musical talents whilst working on their Musician's badge and we definitely have some aspiring musicians amongst us!

The new year saw us celebrate Burn's Night with haggis, neeps and tatties as well as tossing pancakes before we jetted off on our first Spring Camp to the Fylde Scout Activity Centre in Lytham. What an action-packed weekend that was – fencing, climbing, gun carriage challenge and adventure golf!

The Cubs also completed work on their Space badge and we were delighted to have our former Cub and now Explorer Scout, Charlie White, join us for the evening who brought along his state-of-the-art telescope to show the Cubs and learn all about constellations and planets.



With the weather now improving, the Cubs were now able to get outside more and enjoyed building campfires and cooking s'mores.

Another special guest was Lune Valley Beekeepers who came to teach the Cubs all about the different bees, how the bees make their honey, look at bee frames and let us try on beekeeper outfits.

We still have our evening at the Crabbing Pool to look forward to, together with our annual football tournament before the end of the summer. Another fantastic year from our Cub Scouts!

**Ruth Holmes**



# SCOUTS

The last year has been a very successful one for the Scout Section. We placed highly in the Bowlander Expedition Competition, Crew Challenge and also placed highly in the Lonsdale Knight Hike.

We spent our summer camp last July at Red Rose in Westmorland county showground. The scouts got to experience the very best of what the Lake District and the north west has to offer with activities such as canoeing, mountain biking and a day visit to Chester. There were more than 4000 participants which made for a diverse and enjoyable camp with scouts from around the world.

We have participated in several Lonsdale District events, including the dragnet in Silverdale, Knight activity, PL/APL day and most recently County Rally, where almost 1000 West Lancs Scouts descended on



Waddecar for a weekend of fun, freedom, friendship and adventure.

We are very much looking forward to the remainder of our summer programme which includes kayaking on the Lune and a sausage sizzle.

As with the other Sections, the Scout section have also had leadership changes this year with gaining of Sarah.

We have four excellent Young Leaders – Josh, Dan, Alex and Arman supporting us, but we are desperate for more help if anyone fancies joining the adventure!

**Alex, Sophie, Olly, and Sarah**



# Group Lead Volunteer's Report

It's been another great year for 16th Morecambe Scout Group. Our volunteers across the group have run brilliant programs each week, held some great events, been on amazing camps and even created new fundraisers for the group. All of which contribute to making our group the best in the district (ok so I'm a little biased, but I do believe it's true).



I could go on about all the things the group has done since the last AGM but this will already be long enough so I shall just mention one thing the group did that I still think about today. Our first Christmas fair, it was created by our newly formed fundraiser/events team. It could not have gone any better, we had not only our group's family and friends, but the wider local community join us too.

During this we had stalls, games and a cakes and brews on offer we also honored a legend when we renamed our HQ after him, Alan Hague. We had his wife and family join us for unveiling of the 2 plaques. He did so much for our group and the wider scouting world and was a great loss when he passed. We shall remember him for many years to come.



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Our group would not be what it is today without the hard work our volunteers put in and without you (the parents/guardians) supporting us in the way you do. So, a massive thank you to all of you!

If anyone is thinking about helping a little more, please let me or another volunteer know as the more help we get the better we become. I'm not sure if everyone has an idea of the various roles across the group both front line and in the background. So I shall briefly mention a couple of the roles across our group, ranging from:

- front line volunteers like **team members** (used to be called leaders, most volunteer roughly 2 hours a week depending on length of section's session with potentially a little more around camps/events)
- **activity support** (you might have a job/skill/hobby that could support a section in running an activity, either for fun or could go towards a badge, so time wise could be just 1/2 sessions for one section or several sessions to cover all sections depends on activity and your availability)

- or **background roles** like in our fairly newly created events/fund raising team (this team helps us create and run our events like family camp and the Christmas fair which we had our inaugural one in November just gone, time wise you set when and how you help, could be just for one event, could be just planning or just the event, completely up to you).

I have just essentially said this for that last role example, but we are volunteers, so you dictate when you can/can't volunteer. Some are more labour intensive, some are more admin related. I am a big believer in "you get out what you put in".

It is extremely rewarding to see how the young people grow through their time in our scout group, and to see the difference in them while using the life skills we try to instill in them. Please think about joining us on our group's adventure.

Thank you all!

**Alex James**

# BECOME AN ADULT VOLUNTEER WITH THE 16<sup>TH</sup> MORECAMBE, YOU WON'T REGRET IT, IT'S GOOD FOR YOU!

## Volunteering with young people

**Team player? Love supporting young people? Great at planning?**

Most of our volunteers work directly with young people aged 6-18 through our Beaver, Cub, Scout and Explorer groups, known as sections – helping young people gain skills for life through activities and adventures.

### Working in teams, they might:

- Welcome young people and families to sessions and events
- Make sure everyone's safe, supported, included and having fun
- Help to plan and lead activities
- Get involved with days out, camps and expeditions
- Share and learn skills – from coding to cake decorating to canoeing
- Celebrate young people's achievements big and small

No previous experience with young people? No problem. Whether you'd like to help out week-after-week or whenever-you-can, we provide training, learning opportunities and cups of tea – every step of the way.

## Making it all happen

**Want to make a big impact behind the scenes? Your time and skills can make a difference in so many ways.**

Not all volunteers work directly with young people. Locally, regionally and nationally, many help out in other ways.

### Working in teams, they might:

- Get the best out of volunteers, using their people and leadership skills
- Spread the word about Scouts to attract new members
- Help with admin, fundraising, finances, operations or governance
- Keep everything running smoothly on the ground – from serving tea



# 2025 Annual General Meeting Agenda

**Date:** Sunday 28th 2025

**Time:** 6pm

**Location:** Silverhelme

**Invitees:** 16<sup>th</sup> Morecambe Trustees, 16<sup>th</sup> Morecambe Adult Volunteers, Parents and Young People plus Darren Phillips (Lonsdale Lead Volunteer), Tony Andrews (Lonsdale District Chair), the Lonsdale District Secretary, Joyce Brooks

1. **Welcome and introductions – DN**
2. **Apologies for absence – All**
3. **The Group Trustees to receive and consider the annual report – All**
  - **Section Leader reflections and look-ahead**
    - Squirrel
    - Beavers
    - Cubs
    - Scouts
  - **Group Lead Volunteer reflections and look-ahead – AJ**
4. **Presentations & Investitures**
5. **The Group Executive Committee to receive and consider annual accounts – PT**
6. **Approval of the Group Lead Volunteer's nomination of the Chair of the Trustee Board – AJ**

*Nomination – Dave Neal*
7. **Approval of the Group Chair's nomination of the Group Secretary – DN**

*Nomination – Claire Roberts*
8. **Approval of the Group Chair's nomination of the Group Treasurer – DN**

*Nomination – Phil Tarbun*
9. **Approval of the Group Chair's nomination of the Group Auditor – DN**

*Nomination – Amy Tarbun*
10. **Approval of the Lead Volunteer's nominations for members of the Group Trustee Board – AJ**

*Nominations include Andrew Blenkinship, Susan Blenkinship, Alison Brown, Roger Crewdson, Alex James, Darren Moss, Dave Neal, Father Damien Porter, Phil Tarbun, Tony White & Steph Stephenson*
11. **Close of meeting – DN**

# Accounts for Year Ending 31<sup>st</sup> December 2024

## 16th Morecambe Church of Ascension Scout Group Receipts and Payments Accounts for Year ended 31st December 2024

Receipts	2023		2024		Payments	2023		2024	
	£	£	£	£		£	£	£	£
Subscriptions	£14,803.91	£18,950.00	Capitation	£5,340.00	£6,674.00				
Guides / Explorer Rent	£1,016.00	£528.00	Leader Insurance	£604.50	£592.21				
Other Rent	£-	£-	Utilites	£1,154.52	£1,612.10				
Camp Receipts	£13,836.50	£10,015.00	H.Q. Insurance	£-	£1,757.80				
Section Activities and Su	£2,694.50	£2,543.00	H.Q. Expenses	£2,471.23	£3,628.89				
Badges & Books	£-	£-	Camp Expenditure	£11,962.45	£13,043.60				
Donations Received	£852.00	£1,534.18	Minibus Expenditure	£1,348.56	£2,388.37				
Gift Aid	£1,185.87	£3,734.55	Activities & Sundries	£5,151.57	£4,244.97				
Uniform	£640.00	£398.50	Uniform	£1,856.99	£1,575.50				
Bank Interest	£290.10	£365.04	Gifts and Donations Made	£170.00	£160.00				
Fund Raising	£533.81	£3,613.04	Fund Raising Expenses	£-	£859.40				
Fund Raising Minibus	£-	£-	Badges & Books	£1,604.03	£719.43				
Use of minibus	£510.07	£105.00	Training	£95.00	£-				
Less charges to sections	£-370.97	£-	Equipment (Inc.Repairs)	£1,458.05	£801.39				
Hikes and Trips	£-	£-	Postage & Stationery	£296.60	£292.94				
Miscellaneous	£760.28	£-	Miscellaneous	£1,349.26	£244.36				
Unknown	£-	£-	Bank Charges	£341.50	£360.00				
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**Group Scout Leader** \_\_\_\_\_ Independently examined and found to be correct

**Chairman** \_\_\_\_\_

**Secretary** \_\_\_\_\_ Name A. Tarbun

**Treasurer** \_\_\_\_\_ Amy Tarbun

**Executive Committee Members**

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## Treasurer's Summary Report

2024 shows a net increase in funds compared to 2023. This is down to a full year of increased subs of £10 per member per term. There have also been increased fundraising activities.

One of our main sources of funding continues to be Gift Aid and we would very much appreciate it if everyone could access Online Scout Manager to either sign up to Gift Aid or hit the 'decline' button. If you have children in more than one section, please complete the declaration for each child.

These accounts have been signed off by our independent examiner, Amy Tarbun, having carried out a sample check over the transactions.

**Phil Tarbun**

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Group Scout Leader

Independently examined and found to be correct

Chairman



Secretary



Treasurer

Name

A Tarbur

Amy Tarbur

Executive Committee Members

Auson Brown

Soph Stephenson

Susan Blenkinship

Blenkinship

A White

Wren Man



# CHARITY COMMISSION FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

## Independent examiner's report on the accounts

### Section A

### Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/  
members of

Charity Name

16th Morecambe & Heysham Scout Group

On accounts for the year  
ended

31st December 2024

Charity no  
(if any)

509581

Set out on pages

Pages 1 & 2

(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended DD / MM / YYYY.

Responsibilities and  
basis of report

As the charity trustees of the Trust, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act").

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent  
examiner's statement

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

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act or
- the accounts do not accord with the accounting records

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

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

Signed:

*A. Tarbun*

Date:

14 June 2025

Name:

Amy Tarbun FCA BSc

Relevant professional  
qualification(s) or body  
(if any):

ICAEW

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

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# 2023

## Annual Report & AGM



### Chair of Trustees Foreword

I love volunteering with the 16<sup>th</sup> Morecambe. In my first year as Chair of Trustees I've had a real insight into what it takes to operate a successful youth group and registered charity, and it all hinges around an awesome group of volunteers. There's so much to be gained and so much to give when getting involved in volunteering.

It's an exciting time to be involved in Scouting. Over the last 18 months, Scouts have been working to transform the volunteer experience to make it easier, more enjoyable and rewarding. Over the coming months, Scouts are rolling out changes to ensure that we; give a warmer welcome to everyone, deliver better learning and to simplify how we volunteer together.

My advice to anyone who is considering volunteering in any walk of life is to be really clear about what you're prepared to and what you're not prepared to do, but also to be flexible and open to changing what you're prepared and not prepared to do as you develop into a role. There will be something you can do to help, and once you start, you won't look back.

I love working with all of our volunteers to help deliver awesome experiences for our young people and it's been brilliant to welcome so many new

volunteers into our teams this year. Thank you to all of you. I'd like to make four special mentions in this year's annual report;

Robert Gill our outgoing Treasurer who dedicated 29 years of his life to the 16<sup>th</sup> Morecambe and who has been a real support to me in my first year as a trustee.

Paul Anderton, the previous Chair, who received his Award of Merit for outstanding service to the movement earlier this month.

Alice Ball who, without hesitation, volunteered to be Camp Chief for family camp. Awesome enthusiasm!

Lastly, earlier this year, we sadly lost Alan Hague BEM who dedicated more than 60 years service to Scouting in our area with over 50 years at the 16<sup>th</sup> Morecambe. The extent of Alan's selflessness in dedicating his time to benefitting countless young people is beyond words.

**Dave Neal**  
Chair of  
Trustees



**Alan Hague BEM – 1943-2024**

# Squirrels

The Squirrel Section at 16th Morecambe has now been open for a whole year, as we're still putting together a two-year programme, we have chosen what we enjoyed with the Squirrels and certainly what they have enjoyed.

We have had numerous guests come in and show the Squirrels new things and life skills they can take up throughout scouting. We taught the Squirrels first aid and what to do in an emergency. We have showed them the importance of having plants and recycling and how this helps the environment. Our favourite badge that we completed is our Exciting



Experiment badge - both the Squirrels and the leaders enjoyed learning how much mess we could make in the name of science...

I want to thank the leaders at Squirrels and for their continued support in ensuring the meeting runs so smoothly every week. I also want to thank the Parents and Guardians of the Squirrels for bringing in the most random of items when requested.

We look forward to our continued plans for the next year hopefully introducing our first Squirrel Sleepover and much more!

## Alice Ball



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This has been a year of change for us with Jen, Sue and Andrew stepping down as Alder Beaver leaders after 22 years, we're so sad to see them go but are incredibly grateful for everything they've done and for the hundreds of lives they've shaped over the years. We're really happy that Simmi, Harmy and Andy have joined Koby to carry on running Alder Beavers and have come along with some amazing skills and ideas so we're all really excited for the year ahead. Willow Beavers continues to be run by Debs, Jolanta and Leanne, with a little extra help from Tony this term too. Edward and Adam (Alder) and Oliver and Charlie (Willow) continue to be excellent young leaders, helping with planning, running activities and games and setting a great example to the younger members.



Last Autumn we completed our My World Challenge badge. The Beavers learned about the local area and tried some local foods. We had a visit from the Police Community Support Officers who brought down some equipment and their van, and a further fire safety visit from the Fire Service.

In the spring term we worked on the Skills challenge badge; the Beavers learned to light a candle, tie their shoelaces and iron and roll their neckers. We also had a visit

from Super Ball Paul and did a great treasure hunt in the hut. We also returned to Silverhelme for a brilliant Beaver sleepover and campfire sing a long thanks to the Scouts. Hopefully this is the start of many Nights Away badges for the Beavers.

We've moved onto to the Outdoors challenge for the summer term and hoping the weather holds out for us to enjoy sandcastle building on the beach, Happy Mount Park and tomahawk throwing as some of the activities. Trustee Darren Moss brought some of his trainee paramedics down to the hut to run a brilliant first aid night, we're very grateful for their help.

Thank you to all the parents who came along and helped on the parent rota or helped run a session, we are all volunteers and are grateful for those extra skills people can bring to help us run a fun programme, if you have talents or contacts that you think our Beavers would enjoy, please do let us know.

**Debs White**



# cubs

Cubs started the year with our Cub Pack forum, held around the campfire, giving the Cubs a voice with what new activities they would like to do. We then launched straight into badge work and hosted student paramedics from the University of Cumbria to work on our Emergency Aid badge.

Another guest to the Scout Hut were EDF Energy where the Cubs learnt all about how electricity is made at a nuclear power station.

Life skills are so important for our Cubs and the new Money Skills badge was completed where the

Cubs learnt all about how to budget for holding a Sausage Sizzle. We also learnt how to take good care of our Mental Health with some guided meditation, positive affirmations and a mindfulness journal.

Our work in the community continued with the Cubs collecting a massive 86 chocolate tubs to donate to the Tub2Pub scheme, whereby they will be recycled and profits going to the Macmillan cancer charity.

The beginning of 2024 saw us celebrate Burns Night followed by Spring Camp at Waddecar. We held a mock election so the Cubs learnt about the election process - More badge work in the following weeks and the warmer weather meant that we could go out on visits to the Church of the Ascension and Happy Mount Park.

Another camp to Waddecar called to celebrate 70 years of Waddecar and for the first time in what feels like years, we were blessed with glorious sunshine. We still have our annual sausage sizzle and football tournament to come!

This year also saw our leadership team increase with Dan, Charlie and Oliver (young helper) joining the 16th Morecambe Cubs family which will allow us to meet the exceptional demand for places.

All in all, the Cub family has had a fantastic year and look forward to exciting new adventures ahead!

**Ruth Holmes**



# SCOUTS

The last year has been a very successful one for the Scout Section, with 11 Scouts achieving their Chief Scout Gold Awards! We also placed highly in the Bowlander Expedition Competition, Crew Challenge and came 2nd place in the Lonsdale Knight Hike.

We spent our summer camp last July in London, camping near Watford with 21 Scouts and participating in adventurous activities on and around the site, as well as two full days in central London seeing the sights and visiting the Tower of London and London Dungeons.

We have participated in several Lonsdale District events, including the Helme Challenge expedition, Jamboree on the Internet sleepover, Master at Arms Day and most recently County Rally, where almost 1000 West Lancs Scouts descended on Waddecarr for a weekend of fun, freedom, friendship and adventure.



We are very much looking forward to the remainder of our summer programme which includes kayaking on the Lune, camp Olympics and a water fight. We are attending Red Rose Jamboree in August for an epic week with over 4000 Scouts and Guides from around the UK and the world. We can't wait!

As with the other Sections, the Scout section have also had leadership changes over this year,

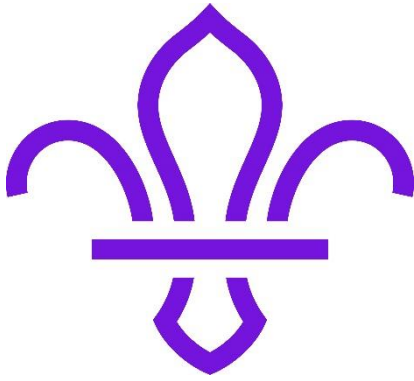


with the sad loss of Josh, Jack and Oli and the gaining of Danny and Teresa.

We have four excellent Young Leaders – Josh, Ashton, Freddie and Arman supporting us, but we are desperate for more help if anyone fancies joining the adventure!

**Sian, Alex, Sophie, Olly, Danny and Teresa**





## Group Lead Volunteer's Report

It brings great joy to see Family Camp back on this year's calendar, and I can't thank Alice Ball enough for all her efforts with taking the lead and organising it! Thank you to all those who have supported her and helped run this event.

Family Camp is not only a chance for our young people's families to experience a small part of their young person's journey through the various sections of Scouts, but also gives you the chance to get to know our other leaders from other sections your young person may not have reached yet. In previous years it was a highlight of the 16th Morecambe calendar that families looked forward to, and from the programme Alice and the team have put in place, this is going to bring that excitement back.

This year at 16th Morecambe has been about transformation, not only in the background but also with our section teams. In the background, the Scouts UK movement is modernising, I won't bore you with all of it, but role titles are changing, and Leader training has been simplified, to name a couple of changes.

This is to allow our volunteering to become more flexible and more easily help Leaders get the support they need to run their amazing programmes, to help keep the young people in our group safe and to more easily welcome new team members to our section teams.

As mentioned before, we also had transformation within our section teams too. Unfortunately, over this year we had some long serving leaders hang their neckers up across nearly all our sections. I can't do them justice in thanking them here for their time and effort they have donated to the group, to make our group not only the biggest but



the best in the district (in my opinion at least). Luckily some have continued other roles outside of our group so the Scouting movement haven't lost some good people, and others have taken up more background roles in our group



## ...continued

either as a trustee or part of a sub-team which help ensure our leaders can bring the best programmes to their respective sections.

On the other side of that, we have been fortunate that some new leaders have joined our group. These new leaders that have joined us have brought new perspectives and skills that will enable us to continually grow and evolve as a group and to keep our focus on teaching our young people skills for life and providing adventure.

We are always looking for more team members in our Section teams, if you feel like you are missing a bit of adventure in your life or if you want to give

something back to the community and help mould our young people of the future, please speak to one of the section team members. I'm sure all the Leaders will agree, being a Leader is incredibly rewarding, and enables a lot of personal development too.

If you would like to help but can't commit to a weekly basis, we have plenty of sub-teams behind the scenes who also require more help, including the fundraising sub team and building and grounds team. We are also always grateful for members of our group that have an interesting hobby or job that could help us run an evening – Beavers and Scouts have recently undertaken First Aid

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Our group is unable to function without our Leaders, our Trustee's, our sub-team members and our young people and their families, so I would like to say a final thank you for all your efforts and support and let's make next year even better, with continued growth and development!

**Alex James**



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# Annual General Meeting Agenda

**Date:** Saturday 22nd June 2024

**Time:** 1800

**Location:** Silverhelme

**Invitees:** 16<sup>th</sup> Morecambe Trustees, 16<sup>th</sup> Morecambe Adult Volunteers, Parents and Young People plus Tony Andrews (Lonsdale District Chair) & Mandy Sweet (Lonsdale Lead Volunteer)

**Apologies:** Robert Gill

1. **Welcome, introductions & confirmation of apologies – DN**
2. **Governance Topics - DN**
  - Formal adoption of the model constitution from Policy, Organisation and Rules (POR)
3. **Receipt and consideration of the annual report – DN**
4. **Review of the previous year;**
  - **Section Leader reflections and look-ahead**
    - Squirrels - TBC
    - Beavers - TBC
    - Cubs - TBC
    - Scouts - TBC
  - **Group Scout Leader reflections and look-ahead - AJ**
5. **Presentations & Investitures**
6. **Receipt & confirmation of the annual accounts – PT**
  - Trustees to sign accounts post meeting.
7. **Making appointments;**
  - Appointment of the Group Chair, following recommendation from the open selection process initiated by the Group Trustee Board  
**Nomination – Dave Neal**
  - Appointment of the Group Treasurer, following recommendation from the open selection process initiated by the Group Trustee Board  
**Nomination – Phil Tarbun**
  - Appointment of members of the Group Trustee Board, following recommendations from the open selection process initiated by the Group Trustee Board  
**Nominations include;**  
**Ex-officio trustees - Alex James**  
**Appointed trustees – Andrew Blenkinship, Susan Blenkinship, Tony White, Fr Damien Porter, Roger Crewdson, Darren Moss, Steph Stephenson, Alison Brown**
  - Appointment of the Group Secretary, following recommendations from the open selection process initiated by the Group Trustee Board  
**Nomination – Claire Roberts**
  - Appointment of the Independent Examiner  
**Ongoing recruitment effort noted**
8. **Closing Remarks - DN**

# Accounts for Year Ending 31<sup>st</sup> December 2023

16th Morecambe Church of Ascension Scout Group  
 Receipts and Payments Accounts for Year ended 31st December 2023

Receipts	2022		2023		Payments	2022		2023	
	£	£	£	£		£	£	£	£
Subscriptions	£11,445.00		£14,803.91		Capitation	£5,117.50		£5,340.00	
Guides / Explorer Rent	£676.50		£1,016.00		Leader Insurance	£646.22		£604.50	
Other Rent	£-		£-		Utilites	£1,005.34		£1,154.52	
Camp Receipts	£13,182.00		£13,836.50		H.Q. Expenses	£2,152.64		£2,471.23	
Section Activities and Sun	£1,274.00		£2,694.50		Camp Expenditure	£14,069.02		£11,962.45	
Badges & Books	£105.00		£-		Minibus Expenditure	£2,849.82		£1,348.56	
Donations Received	£677.26		£852.00		Activities & Sundries	£4,259.00		£5,151.57	
Gift Aid	£2,283.20		£1,185.87		Uniform	£993.08		£1,856.99	
Uniform	£390.00		£640.00		Gifts and Donations Made	£430.00		£170.00	
Bank Interest	£82.61		£290.10		Fund Raising Expenses	£133.07		£-	
Fund Raising	£1,786.41		£533.81		Badges & Books	£881.13		£1,604.03	
Fund Raising Minibus	£-		£-		Training	£1,631.56		£95.00	
Use of minibus	£133.00		£510.07		Equipment (Inc.Repairs)	£1,976.10		£1,458.05	
Less charges to sections	£-56.00		£-370.97		Postage & Stationery	£167.60		£296.60	
Hikes and Trips	£147.30		£-		Miscellaneous	£575.51		£1,349.26	
Miscellaneous			£760.28		Bank Charges	£405.50		£341.50	
Unknown			£-		Unknown				
Receipts not cleared			£-		Payments not cleared			£-	
Exec Balance B/fwd	£27,211.78		£24,255.53		Exec Balance C/fwd	£24,255.53		£25,113.94	
Section Balance B/fwd	£11,114.24		£8,903.68		Section Balance C/fwd	£8,903.68		£9,593.08	
	<b>£70,452.30</b>		<b>£69,911.28</b>			<b>£70,452.30</b>		<b>£69,911.28</b>	

Group Scout Leader *Alex* Audited and found to be correct *A. Tabun*  
 Chairman *[Signature]*  
 Secretary *[Signature]* Name *Amy Tabun*  
 Treasurer *[Signature]*

Executive Committee Members  
*Blenkinship*  
*[Signature]*  
*Sue Blenkinship*  
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**CHARITY COMMISSION  
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES**

**Independent examiner's  
report on the accounts**

**Section A**

**Independent Examiner's Report**

**Report to the trustees/  
members of**

Charity Name  
16<sup>th</sup> Morecambe & Heysham Scout Group

**On accounts for the year  
ended**

31<sup>st</sup> December 2023

**Charity no  
(if any)**

509581

**Set out on pages**

Page 1 & 2

(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended **31 / 12 / 2023**.

**Responsibilities and  
basis of report**

As the charity trustees of the Trust, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act").

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

**Independent  
examiner's statement**

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

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act or
- the accounts do not accord with the accounting records

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

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

**Signed:**

*A Turbin*

**Date:**

11/04/24

**Name:**

*Amy Turbin*

**Relevant professional  
qualification(s) or body  
(if any):**

*ICAEW (FCA)*

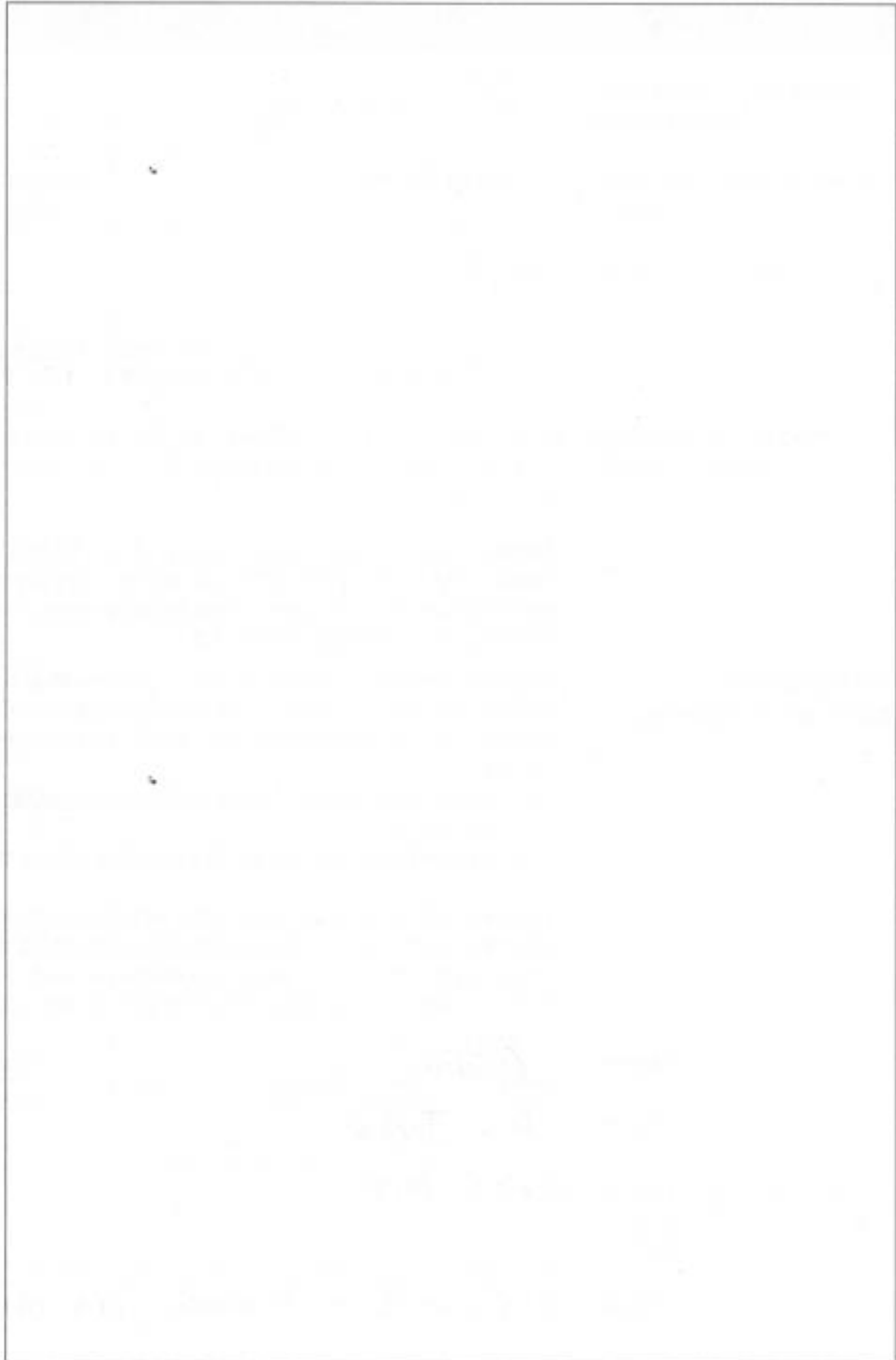
**Address:**

*36 Queens Drive, Morecambe, LA4 6LN*

**Section B Disclosure**

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

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



# Treasurer's Summary Report;

My apologies, I am not able to attend the AGM.

At year end the Exec account receipts total £14,262.62

Payments £ 13,404.21

A positive outcome of £858.41 which is a better situation than last year where we had a deficit of £2956.25.

## 2024

Facts to consider when assessing income V outgoings for 2024.

- The current gas contract ends on the 24th of May.
  - The period of contract was 4 years at 4.89p/Kwh, zero standing charge.
  - The new contract is 2 years, 10.6p/Kwh and 25p standing charge.
  - 2023 gas cost = £271.10
  - Estimated cost for 2024 is £481.50, using 2023 Kwh, an increase of £210.40
  - Estimate for 2025, £683.50, a full year on the new contract, an increase of £412.40 on 2023.
- No doubt there will be increase costs of Building, Leader and minibus insurances.
- The minibus MOT, servicing and repair work was gifted to the group last year, no charge. MOT and service estimate £200
- Survey of the HQ for Building Insurance, £250 but gifted to us £0.
- We obtained a substantial discount on the boiler and landlord's gas certificate. Charge £118 we paid £36. If you don't ask you don't get.
- The ground rent is estimated to cost £2800 including initial legal costs, £500 per year thereafter.
- The water bill account was credited £225.00 in January 2023, recompense for failure of supply. The credit was held on account consequently the accounts do not reflect actual water cost. Cost of water in 2023, £252.03, £25 per month.
- The minibus unexpectedly broke down and cost over £1000 to repair. This could happen again considering the age of the bus.
- The foregoing equates to roughly £5040 increase in outgoings but does not take account of inflation.

## Fund Raising

The only regular source of additional funds comes from Gift Aid

2022 Gift Aid Claim, the group received a payment of £1800.78 from HMRC.

2023 Gift Aid Claim, currently being processed and will probably generate a similar amount.

Gift Aid remains the group's only regular fund raiser. A volunteer is required to continue as the HMRC registered person to submit claims on behalf of the group.

This is my last report as treasurer and I leave the 16th Group to venture north across the border. Thank you to all the sections for your perseverance in providing receipts on a regular basis and rescuing me by supplying copies when I misplace them.

I wish you well and I know the group will go from strength to strength with such strong and enthusiastic team.

**Robert Gill**

**16TH MORECAMBE AND HEYSHAM SCOUT GROUP**

England & Wales - Charity number 509581

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# Accounts

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# 2022

## Annual Report & AGM



### Chairman's Foreword

Welcome to this year's Annual General Meeting and thank you very much for attending. Whilst there will, out of necessity, be some formality to the meeting the leaders and executive members have worked hard to create an entertaining and enjoyable event so please mingle with them,, engage and ask questions or even let us have ideas and suggestions that you think might benefit the group.

Leaders reports make interesting reading and, once again, show how active, inclusive and comprehensive the sections have been in 2022 and 2023 so far. Being Chairman of such a dedicated, enthusiastic and responsible group has been both a pleasure and immense learning curve.

Sadly my role as Chairman will come to an end at today's meeting. Having served over 25 years with my beloved 16<sup>th</sup> the time has come for a new steward with new initiatives. I would like to think that I made a small contribution to steadying the ship in difficult times but I leave her now in great shape and in safe hands ready and "prepared" for her next adventures!

Good luck and thank you for giving me the privilege to serve as your Chairman

**Paul Anderton**

# Squirrels

Squirrels is new to 16th Morecambe and is open for 4-6 year olds, we are the youngest group in scouting and we've had a successful two terms trying to navigate a new group. Since starting we have successfully completed several badges varying from the local superhero badge to air activities. Each badge has offered fun new games to learn and difficult tasks to overcome to help the squirrels at home and at school and nursery. We are looking forward to doing more badges with the squirrels whilst continuing to teach some early life skills. We've had guest speaker fire fighter Jeff come in to teach the squirrels how to ring the emergency services if there's a fire. Emma from the local nursery Sparrows came down and helped the squirrels learn how to disperse their energy and learn the colours of the rainbow song.

We look forward to a jam packed year full of new activities where we will continue completing badges and keeping the squirrels entertained with new and exciting challenges.

A big thanks to all of our parent helpers that have stayed and helped when we've needed it! And thank you for supporting our stepping stones to being the best Squirrel group in Lonsdale! Of course thank you to our Leaders that volunteer their time every week, Steph, Harminder, Sophie, Alice and our newest leader Laura. And a massive thank you to our young leader Lily for being a great role model to the squirrels.

We are currently at full capacity and have a waiting list so we can't wait to see new faces begin their scouting journey!

## Alice Ball



# BEAVERS

Alder Beavers meet on a Monday and Willow Beavers meet on a Thursday at 6pm-7pm. We have 19 Beavers per colony. The leaders on Monday are Jen Andrew and Sue and we are very pleased to welcome Koby Cheeseman as a leader. Koby has been a young leader with us and his 'youth' and support has been an essential part of running our Beaver sessions. Thursday Beavers is run by Debs Jolanta and Leanne. We also have 3 young leaders Oliver, Charlie and Edward and we are grateful for their help. Parents help on the rota once/twice a term allowing them to support the sessions and see what Beavers is all about-thank you.

Last Autumn we completed the Money Skills badge. The Beavers learnt lots of facts about money and some ideas on how to save money, they designed a bank note and decorated a money box. They had the opportunity to either complete the pet lover badge or hobby badge. They showed confidence standing in front of the peers and talking about their chosen subject.

In spring, the Beavers worked on their Team challenge and experimenter badge. They made, painted and exploded volcanoes! Debs made a fleur de lis for our notice board with comments from the Beavers about what makes a good friend. We grew cress in yoghurt pots and played team games blindfolded. We had a very informative visit to Lancaster Town hall arranged by Jolanta Cross.

The summer term is an excuse to get outside as much as possible with visits to the beach to build sandcastles, a trip to Happy Mount Park to look at the wildlife and play on the play area, sausage sizzle at Silverhelme for 100 adults and children, tomahawk/angel throwing for Father's day, water games and sports day. One of our Beaver parents kindly showed us his birds of prey. Thank you Robert Carr – the Beavers loved being so close to the birds. We also had Beaver sleepover, at Silverhelme, in May, for 15 children which was a great success, with many of the Beavers bravely spending their first night away from family.

We're pleased to have handed out many badges, each term, thanks to the Beavers' hard work and we're very proud of our 13 Bronze award recipients over the last 12 months and our 2 'Beavers of the Year' 2022 who were Reuben Moss and Sadie Webster.

Scouting is a volunteer organisation and it wouldn't run without the dedication of the leaders who plan and run sessions every week. We are always looking for help – could you be a leader? There are volunteers behind the scenes too- if you would like to know how you can add to the group without committing to being a leader please let us know. Perhaps you could help on our social committee.

Beavers is about Fun and Friends and we've had a great year together learning skills for life.

## Sue Blenkinship



# CUBS

An action packed year with Cubs kicked off with a visit to Morecambe Lifeboat Station. The Cubs learnt all about how the crew keep us safe in the bay, how the lifeboat and all its equipment works and even tried on the lifeboat crew's uniform.

Later on in the year, the Cubs celebrated Diwali, making their own Diwali lights and learning all about other religious festivals and celebrations from other countries.

In November, our invited guests from Red Rose Karate introduced the Cubs to Karate under the expert guidance of Sensei Gordon Wilson and the Cubs gaining their Martial Arts badge.

The New Year got off to a flying start with Apache Akela Donna Pearson receiving her Award of Merit in recognition of all her hard work and dedication in Scouting. Congratulations Akela and very well deserved! Later on that month, the Cubs celebrated Burns Night and sampled "haggis, neeps and tatties" and Scottish country dancing to finish off the evening.

February meant Winter Camp at Waddecarr for the Cubs with a busy weekend rifle shooting, bouldering and high ropes to name a few.

One of the many highlights of the year was our behind the scenes visit to the Morecambe Winter Gardens we were learnt about the ongoing restoration project and famous names from the past who have performed at the theatre. With the warmer weather, the Cubs were able to enjoy the outdoors and we were thrilled to have guests from Swallows and Amazons Forest School join us for an evening where the Cubs learnt about how to identify trees from their leaves and bark and enjoyed s'mores on an open fire to end the evening.

May saw us celebrate King Charles' Coronation with a fun-filled party and games. We were also blessed with fantastic weather for our annual sausage sizzle at Silverhelme where we were proud to present the Silver Award to our older Cubs who have worked so hard and also to invest are younger Cubs into our packs.

Our year ends with our annual football tournament between Apache and Sioux packs and back to Waddecarr for our first visit to the tented village where we will be busy with activities including kayaking, archery, climbing and abseiling.

On behalf of the Leadership team, thank you to all the parents and carers for your fantastic support this year.

## Ruth Holmes



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The Scout Section have had another busy year packed full of adventure and challenges. We currently have 40 Scouts across the two troops.

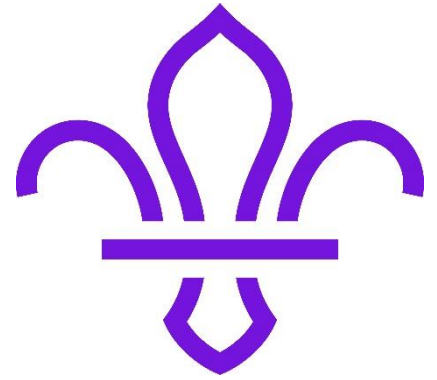
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The Scout Section have ramped up 18 nights away this year so far, the highlight being the fun packed Red Rose Jamboree. We are very much looking forward to our upcoming London trip in the summer, camping near Hemel Hempstead and visiting the Harry Potter Studio Tour, London Dungeons and the Tower of London, The Natural History Museum and all the major sightseeing stops.

**Sian James**



# Group Scout Leader's Report



I find it hard to believe it has nearly been a year since I took on the Group Scout Leader role at 16th Morecambe, it has gone so quickly. I am immensely proud of our ever growing group, we have continued to be the largest in the district. I don't think I really need to point this out, but the programmes that we as a group have been able to provide for the young people across the sections have been life changing and instilling life skills, as well as being fun and active. On a personal note, the transition into this role has gone smoothly which has only been possible with the support of our amazing leadership teams across the sections and our unsung heroes of our exec committee. So will say it now, a massive thank you to all our group leadership teams and exec committee members. All of your efforts have kept our group the best in the district (in my only slightly biased opinion anyway).

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That nicely leads me into recruitment. For those of you who have been to our AGM's before, this will come as no surprise, but we need volunteers. Either as a leader or as part of the behind the scenes committees, it is extremely rewarding knowing that whatever your role, your time and actions help to give great experiences to our young people.

We urgently require an Assistant Section Leader for our Apache Cubs, who meet on Tuesdays. This is a very rewarding role, and training and support are provided. Please talk to myself or any of the Cub leaders to find out more details. The best part of being a leader is watching the young people progress through the section and grow as young people, utilising the skills they develop along the way.

We also need new volunteers for the behind the scenes committees. Our exec would really benefit from some more members (they usually only meet once every couple of months apart from when it's leading up to a big group event like this, but even then it's still only once a month), but what I would really like to find volunteers for is to create a sub-committee for fund raising. This sub-committee would ease the load on the sections leadership teams when equipment need replacing or new equipment needs purchasing to allow our sections to bring the best programmes possible.

Will finish on a personal highlight that helped remind me why I volunteer, a scout was out with his family when his sister got into a bad accident, he not only knew what to do regarding first aid but kept himself calm and help keep his sister and younger brother calm. These are skills that his parents have said could only have come from his time in our group. So this is a good reminder for all our leaders and potential leaders (hint hint) why we volunteer journey!

**Alex James**

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**Time:** 1500 (in conjunction with a Family Fun Day 1200-1600)

**Location:** Torrisholme Primary School Field

**Invitees:** 16<sup>th</sup> Morecambe Executive Committee, 16<sup>th</sup> Morecambe Adult Volunteers, Parents and Young People plus Mandy Sweet (Lonsdale District Commissioner), Tony Andrews (Lonsdale District Chair) & Alan Hague (Lonsdale District Secretary)

**1. Welcome and introductions – PA**

**2. Apologies for absence – All**

**3. The Group Executive Committee to receive and consider the annual report – PA**

- **Section Leader reflections and look-ahead**
  - Squirrels - *TBC*
  - Beavers – *TBC*
  - Cubs - *TBC*
  - Scouts – *TBC*
- **Group Scout Leader reflections and look-ahead – AJ**

**4. Presentations & Investitures - TBC**

**5. The Group Executive Committee to receive and consider the annual accounts – RG**

**6. Approval of the Group Scout Leader's nomination of the Group Chair – AJ**  
*Nomination – Dave Neal*

**7. Approval of the Group Chair's nomination of the Group Secretary – PA**  
*Nomination – Dave Neal (noting ongoing recruitment effort)*

**8. Approval of the Group Chair's nomination of the Group Treasurer – PA**  
*Nomination – Robert Gill (noting ongoing recruitment effort)*

**9. Approval of the Group Chair's nomination of the Group Auditor – PA**  
*Nomination – Lisa Stott (noting that the 2023 accounts will be Lisa's last)*

**10. Approval of the Group Scout Leader's nomination of members of the Group Executive Committee – AJ**  
*Nominations include Andrew Blenkinship, Tony White, Father Damien Porter, Roger Crewdson & Darren Moss*  
*Additional Nominations are invited.*

**11. Close of meeting - PA**

# Accounts for Year Ending 31<sup>st</sup> December 2022

## 16th Morecambe Church of Ascension Scout Group Receipts and Payments Accounts for Year ended 31st December 2022

Receipts	2021	2022	Payments	2021	2022
	£	£		£	£
Subscriptions	£5,726.00	£11,445.00	Capitation	£5,198.00	£5,117.50
Guides / Explorer Rent	£168.00	£676.50	Leader Insurance	£-	£646.22
Other Rent	£-	£-	Utilities	£635.84	£1,005.34
Camp Receipts	£5,661.08	£13,182.00	H.Q. Expenses	£3,897.69	£2,152.64
Section Activities and Sun Badges & Books	£34.00	£1,274.00	Camp Expenditure	£3,866.36	£14,069.02
		£105.00			
Donations Received	£9,800.98	£677.26	Minibus Expenditure	£2,957.02	£2,849.82
Gift Aid	£-	£2,283.20	Activities & Sundries	£1,094.12	£4,259.00
Uniform	£367.00	£390.00	Uniform	£1,207.69	£993.08
Bank Interest	£15.04	£82.61	Gifts and Donations Made	£1,100.00	£430.00
Fund Raising	£2,165.89	£1,786.41	Fund Raising Expenses	£-	£133.07
Fund Raising Minibus	£-	£-	Badges & Books	£613.02	£881.13
Use of minibus	£49.75	£133.00	Training	£415.00	£1,631.56
Less charges to sections	£-49.75	£-56.00	Equipment (Inc.Repairs)	£6,256.21	£1,976.10
Hikes and Trips	£-	£-	Postage & Stationery	£172.27	£167.60
Miscellaneous	£45.00	£147.30	Miscellaneous	£418.45	£575.51
			Bank Charges	£480.00	£405.50
Receipts not cleared		£-	Payments not cleared		£-
Exec Balance B/fwd	£30,640.95	£27,211.78	Exec Balance C/fwd	£27,211.78	£24,255.53
Section Balance B/fwd	£12,013.75	£11,114.24	Section Balance C/fwd	£11,114.24	£8,903.68
	<b>£66,637.69</b>	<b>£70,452.30</b>		<b>£66,637.69</b>	<b>£70,452.30</b>

Group Scout Leader



Audited and found to be correct

Chairman




Secretary



Name

LISA STOTT

Treasurer




26/04/23

Executive Committee Members

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## Treasurer's Summary Report;

In 2022 we carried forward an income v expenditure deficit of £2956, in part this is the result of the loss of the Christmas Post fund raiser.

Our main source of funds other than subs is Gift Aid. Please ensure that you access Scout Manager and sign up to Gift Aid or mark it decline. Marking 'decline' makes the process much more straight forward.

The good news is that Paul Anderton is gathering a team to organise some fund raising activities.

The accounts have been signed off once again by our auditor, Lisa Stott, having carried out a full audit.

On a personal note I will stand down as treasurer, at the latest, at the next AGM. The group are looking to fill the role sooner as it is possible that I will move to Scotland before the next AGM.

**Robert Gill**



CHARITY COMMISSION  
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Independent examiner's report  
on the accounts

Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/ members of	16 <sup>th</sup> Morecambe & Heysham Scout Group		
On accounts for the year ended	31 <sup>st</sup> December 2022	Charity no (if any)	509581
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I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended

Responsibilities and  
basis of report

As the charity trustees, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act").

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent  
examiner's statement

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

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

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

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

Signed:  Date: 26/04/23

Name: MRS LISA MARIA STOTT

Relevant professional  
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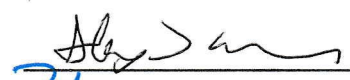
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Chairman 

Secretary  Name LISA STOTT

Treasurer  

26/04/23

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Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

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Charity Name  
16<sup>th</sup> Morecambe & Heysham Scout Group

On accounts for the year ended

31<sup>st</sup> December 2022

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Signed:

Date:

26/04/23

Name:

MRS LISA MARIA STOTT

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