

1ST DIPTON SCOUT ASSOCIATION

England & Wales · Charity number 512890

Details

Other names 1ST DIPTON SCOUT AND GUIDE GROUP

Status Registered

Legal form Other

Registered 1989-06-14

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

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Activities

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

Activities: Scout & Guide Group Activities include Camping, Cooking, Crafts, Woodcraft, Entertainment and all other things connected with Scouting & Guiding.

Classification

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

Geography

- Durham

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2024-12-31	£32,023	£33,963	-	-
2023-12-31	£26,945	£31,556	-	-
2022-12-31	£29,305	£32,077	-	-
2021-12-31	£30,024	£22,029	-	-
2020-12-31	£24,699	£23,314	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Ashleigh Elizabeth Crowley		2025-06-29
Gemma Ferguson		2013-01-01
KEITH SLATER		2020-02-01
Mark Draper		2022-05-31
Nicola Joanne Mulgrew		2025-06-29
Rachel Oliver		2021-11-01
Richard Jefferson		2021-06-01
Sarah Louise Ayre		2025-06-29

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TRUSTEES 2024

Names of the Trustees who manage the Charity

Ivan Jewell	Chair	Rachel Oliver	Treasurer
Keith Slater	Group Scout Leader		
Brenda Bell	Beaver Scout Leader	Mark Draper	Scout Leader
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PERFORMANCE

What we have achieved over the past year

It has been another amazing year, with a wide range of activities across all of the sections, and membership has remained steady.

We have had a few new parents volunteering with the Beaver Scout section, but still need a lead volunteer for the section.

All sections have been very busy, with 380 nights away, a 12% increase, and 533 badges gained, a 17% increase on last year, including ten Chief Scout Awards and one Guide Gold Award.

Thank you to the amazing Team of Volunteers who make these activities possible. Not just the leaders who run the sections, but also our trustees who ensure we have the resources we need to keep going.

We had hoped to carry out work on our HQ in 2024, but so far have been unable to obtain the grants required. This work would be to the downstairs hall and toilets which are in need of refurbishment.



Priorities for the next 12 months



- **Increase the number of adult volunteers**

We aim to have a minimum of three adult volunteers for each section.

Recruit a new Lead Volunteer for Beaver Scouts, so the section can continue to flourish.

Recruit new trustees for the Trustee Board to support the group

- **Improve Black Bull House**

Commence refurbishment work to key areas of our HQ, Black Bull House.

- **Continue to Develop Programme of all Sections**

Review programmes and support leaders to deliver varied, fun and youth led programmes which leads to greater participation and more Chief Scout Awards and Guides Gold Awards being gained, with at least 25% of those Moving On gaining the top Awards.





SCOUT & GUIDE AWARDS

Congratulations to the following Beavers, Cubs, Scouts and Guides who have achieved their section's highest award over the last year:

Chief Scout Bronze Award

Thomas Broome

Harry Irving

Alice Walker

Chief Scout Silver Award

Alice Smith

Anya Benfold

Daniel Roberts

Isaac Denny

Harry Aspinall-Pilgrim

Amber Harrison

Lydia Cormack

Guide Gold Award

Nina Peart



FINANCIAL REVIEW

Receipts and Payments

Statement of independent examiner: Mrs Lisa Jayne McDonald

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	2024 Unrestricted funds £	2023 Unrestricted funds £
Receipts		
Membership subscriptions		
Membership subscriptions	14,376	13,285
Less:Membership subscriptions paid on (National/County/Area/District)	5,078	4,991
Net membership subscriptions retained	9,298	8,294
Sub total	9,298	8,294
Donations, Grants and Similar		
Donations	50	150
Tesco	375	1,125
Gift Aid		
Amazon		47
Leslie Sell Grant	2,000	900
Community Foundation	1,500	4,500
Hadrian Trust	500	
Project Genesis Trust	2,504	
Easy Fundraising	51	21
Sub total	6,980	6,744
Fundraising (gross)		
Raised by group	1,016	915
Sub total	1,016	915
Other income		
Youth programme and activities	11,215	8,802
Sub total	11,215	8,802
Investment income		
Bank interest	-	-
Property Rent income	3,515	2,190
Sub total	3,515	2,190
Total Gross Income	32,023	26,945
Asset and investment sales, etc.	-	
Total receipts	32,023	26,945

	2024 Unrestricted funds £	2023 Unrestricted funds £
Payments		
Building		
Electricity and Gas	4,439	3,413
Insurance	1,768	1,522
Water and Sewerage	772	606
Internet	247	332
Repairs and Maintenance	2,798	2,608
Sub total	10,024	8,481
Charitable Payments		
Youth programme and activities	17,921	17,826
Adult support and training	626	878
Materials and equipment	2,183	866
Uniforms	1,889	2,270
Other costs	-	-
Sub total	22,620	£ 21,839
Fundraising expenses		
Sundries		
Fundraising costs	229	220
Go Cardless Fees	1,091	1,016
Sub total	1,320	1,236
Total Gross Expenditure	33,963	31,556
Asset and investment purchases, etc.	-	-
Total payments	33,963	31,556
Net of receipts/(payments)	- 1,940	- 4,611

Statement of Assets and Liabilities

	2024 Unrestricted funds £	2023 Unrestricted funds £
Cash funds		
Bank current account	20,585	22,606
Bank deposit account		
Stripe Payment Card Account	466	386
Cash/Floats	196	196
Total cash funds	21,247	23,188
Of which restricted funds		
Reserve fund	7,000	7,000
HQ Membership Fees	5,000	5,000
Held for activities		
HQ Ringfenced Works	5,000	5,000
Total restricted funds	17,000	17,000
Non monetary assets for charity's own use		
Land and buildings	75,000	75,000
Scouting equipment, furniture etc	28,000	28,000
Other	-	-
Sub total	103,000	103,000

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Ivan Jewell

Chair

Rachel Oliver

Treasurer

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Financial Statement

- Income and Spending on activities shows approximately 30% of activities costs covered by grants and fundraising, keeping costs lower for members.
- Expenditure on building running costs increased by around £1500, mainly due to utilities.
- Increase in spending on equipment, which was for new camping tents and mainly covered by grants
- £5,000 reserved for future work on the HQ
- Small decrease in cash funds at end of year, but we still need to claim Gift Aid, which will cover the difference.
- The Group remains in a very healthy position to support the sections in delivering fun and adventure packed activities over the coming year.



Reserves Policy

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The Trustee Board has agreed to increase the reserve fund to £7,000 as an amount sufficient to cover annual running costs, due to increasing utility costs.



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PERFORMANCE

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It has been another amazing year, with such a wide range of activities across all of the sections.

The second Cub Pack has taken some of the load off our waiting list, and both Packs are now flourishing.

Total numbers remained stable at 90 members, double what we had just three years ago. We spent 337 nights away from home, and gained 454 badges!

Our success is due to the amazing Team of Volunteers. Not just the leaders who run the sections, but also our trustees who ensure we have the resources we need to keep going.

Finding volunteers, particularly for the lead volunteer and trustee roles, remains a challenge. We are in urgent need of a new Lead Volunteer for Beaver Scouts, as Brenda, who has done the role for over 30 years, is stepping down in 2024.



Priorities for the next 12 months



- **Increase the number of adult leaders**

We aim to have a minimum of three adult volunteers for each section. All sections require more adults to achieve this.

Recruit a new Lead Volunteer for Beaver Scouts, so the section can continue to flourish.

- **Improve Black Bull House**

Commence refurbishment work to key areas of our HQ, Black Bull House.

- **Continue to Develop Programme of all Sections**

Review programmes and support leaders to deliver varied, fun and youth led programmes which leads to greater participation and more Chief Scout Awards and Guides Gold Awards being gained, with at least 25% of those Moving On gaining the top Awards.





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Chief Scout Bronze Award

Joshua Peel
Edward Beckett
Niamh Carlyon

Chief Scout Silver Award

Masie Heslop	Isaac Walker
Alia Terretta	Nathan McNulty
Jay Pearson	
Joshua Colledge	
Elise Johnston	

Chief Scout Silver Award

Noah Tallentire
Dylan Graham
Luke Littler



FINANCIAL REVIEW

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Statement of independent examiner: Mrs Lisa Jayne McDonald

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	2023 Unrestricted funds £	2022 Unrestricted funds £
Receipts		
Membership subscriptions		
Membership subscriptions	13,285	11,235
Less: Membership subscriptions paid on (National/County/Area/District)	4,991	3,756
Net membership subscriptions retained	8,294	7,480
Sub total	8,294	7,480
Donations, Grants and Similar		
Donations	150	726
Tesco	1,125	
Gift Aid		1,605
Amazon	47	1,425
Leslie Sell Grant	900	540
DCC Grants		2,667
County Durham Community Foundation	4,500	
Easy Fundraising	21	27
Sub total	6,744	6,990
Fundraising (gross)		
Raised by group	915	1,097
Other fundraising activities		
Sub total	915	1,097
Other income	-	-
Youth programme and activities	8,802	12,224
Sub total	8,802	12,224
Investment income		
Bank interest	-	-
Property Rent income	2,190	1,515
Other investment income		-
Sub total	2,190	1,515
Total Gross Income	26,945	29,305
Asset and investment sales, etc.	-	-
Total receipts	26,945	29,305

	2023 Unrestricted funds £	2022 Unrestricted funds £
Payments		
Building		
Electricity and Gas	3,413	2,926
Insurance	1,522	1,825
Water and Sewerage	606	463
Internet	332	-
Repairs and Maintenance	2,608	9,073
Sub total	8,481	14,287
Charitable Payments		
Youth programme and activities	17,826	14,055
Adult support and training	878	86
Materials and equipment	866	761
Uniforms	2,270	1,659
Other costs	-	-
Sub total	21,839	£ 16,561
Fundraising expenses		
Sundries		356
Fundraising costs	220	51
Go Cardless Fees	1,016	822
Sub total	1,236	1,229
Total Gross Expenditure	31,556	32,077
Asset and investment purchases, etc.	-	-
Total payments	31,556	32,077
Net of receipts/(payments)	- 4,611	- 2,772

Statement of Assets and Liabilities at 31st December 2023

	2023 Unrestricted funds £	2022 Unrestricted funds £
Cash funds		
Bank current account	22,606	27,233
Bank deposit account		
Stripe Payment Card Account	386	
Cash/Floats	196	566
Total cash funds	23,188	27,799
Of which restricted funds		
Reserve fund	7,000	6,000
HQ Membership Fees	5,000	5,000
Held for activities		1,500
HQ Ringfenced Works	5,000	
Total restricted funds	17,000	12,500
Non monetary assets for charity's own use		
Land and buildings	75,000	75,000
Scouting equipment, furniture etc	28,000	28,000
Other	-	-
Sub total	103,000	103,000
Liabilities		
Other liabilities	-	-
Sub total	-	-

The above receipts and payments account and statement of assets and liabilities were approved by the Trustees on 8th May 2024 and signed on their behalf by

Ivan Jewell

Chair

Rachel Oliver

Treasurer

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Financial Statement

The group remains in a very healthy position financially.

We saw an increase in expenditure on youth activities as well as uniform, which includes an increase in badges. This demonstrates an increase in the number of activities the youth members are taking part in.

It is also worth noting the difference between income for activities (£8,802) and expenditure (£17,826). Part of the reason for this is the Scout Canal Holiday in April, where a half the income came in the previous year. The other reason is that we continue to obtain grants with which to subsidise our activities and reduce the financial burden on families.

There will be challenges ahead, but the Group remains in a very healthy position to support the sections in delivering fun and adventure packed activities over the coming year.



Reserves Policy

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Richard Jefferson	Cub Scout Leader	Gemma Ferguson	Guide Leader
Lynn Littler	Trustee	Christina Charlton	Trustee
Karen Hart	Trustee		

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PERFORMANCE

What we have achieved over the past year

It has been another great year of growth for the Group, with numbers increasing by 30% to almost 100. The biggest the group has ever been in its history.

We successfully opened a second Cub Pack to help cope with demand, however, we still have a huge waiting list for Beavers.

Our success is due to the amazing Team of Volunteers. Not just the leaders who run the sections, but also our trustees who ensure we have the resources we need to keep going. Our team has grown a little over the past year, but we still need more volunteers for most sections so we can sustain this growth and keep providing the wide range of events and activities for our members.

We have continued to improve our HQ, Black Bull House, with some important changes to the entry doors and corridor. The building is over 200 years old, and we have started planning the major works which need to be carried out to keep it going for another 100 years.



Priorities for the next 12 months



- **Increase the number of adult leaders**

We aim to have a minimum of three adult volunteers for each section. All sections require more adults to achieve this.

- **Improve Black Bull House**

Complete preliminary works for renovations and start to fund raise for works.

- **Increase capacity for new members**

We will continue to look at opportunities for reducing our waiting list.

- **Continue to Develop Programme of all Sections**

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Isaac Walker

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Joe Heslop

Lydia Cormack

Isla Park

Chief Scout Silver Award

Emily Wilson

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Sophia Bates



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Statement of independent examiner: Mrs Kathryn Dorner

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Net membership subscriptions retained	7,480	5,006
Sub total	7,480	5,006
Donations, Grants and Similar		
Donations	726	411
Legacies		-
Gift Aid	1,605	910
Amazon	1,425	-
Leslie Sell Grant	540	-
DCC Grants	2,667	17,335
Easy Fundraising	27	
Sub total	6,990	18,656
Fundraising (gross)		
Raised by group	1,097	101
Other fundraising activities		196
Sub total	1,097	297
Other income		
Youth programme and activities	12,224	4,856
Sub total	12,224	4,856
Investment income		
Bank interest	-	-
Property Rent income	1,515	1,210
Other investment income		-
Sub total	1,515	1,210
Total Gross Income	29,305	30,024
Asset and investment sales, etc.	-	
Total receipts	29,305	30,024

	2022 Unrestricted funds £	2021 Unrestricted funds £
Payments		
Building		
Electricity and Gas	2,926	3,681
Insurance	1,825	2,224
Water and Sewerage	463	483
Rent	-	40
Repairs and Maintenance	9,073	6,907
Sub total	14,287	13,335
Charitable Payments		
Youth programme and activities	14,055	4,923
Adult support and training	86	
Materials and equipment	761	2,133
Uniforms	1,659	850
Other costs	-	-
Sub total	16,561	£ 7,905.57
Fundraising expenses		
Sundries	356	179
Fundraising costs	51	209
Go Cardless Fees	822	401
Sub total	1,229	789
Total Gross Expenditure	32,077	22,029
Asset and investment purchases, etc.	-	-
Total payments	32,077	22,029
Net of receipts/(payments)	- 2,772	7,995

Statement of Assets and Liabilities at 31st December 2022

	2022 Unrestricted funds £	2021 Unrestricted funds £
Cash funds		
Bank current account	27,233	30,152
Bank deposit account		
Cash/Floats	566	419
Total cash funds	27,799	30,571
Of which restricted funds		
Reserve fund	6,000	6,000
HQ Membership Fees	5,000	
Held for activities	1,500	2,650
BBH Agreed Ringfenced Works		5,330
Total restricted funds	12,500	13,980
Non monetary assets for charity's own use		
Land and buildings	75,000	75,000
Scouting equipment, furniture etc	28,000	28,000
Other	-	-
Sub total	103,000	103,000
Liabilities		
Other liabilities	-	-
Sub total	-	-

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Ivan Jewell

Chair

Rachel Oliver

Treasurer

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Financial Statement

Our accounts reflect the increase in numbers and activities that we are now doing.

Income from Membership Fees has gone up 50%, and spending on activities has increased 300%, along with spending on uniform and badges which doubled.

We have also continued to invest in improvements to our HQ.

Overall the accounts remain healthy, despite a £2,700 reduction in funds, which was due to the spending of ring fenced funds on the HQ improvements. Increasing our membership has meant that we have not needed to increase membership fees to cope with the rising inflation and utility costs.

There will be challenges ahead, but the Group remains in a very healthy position to support the sections in delivering fun and adventure packed activities over the coming year.



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- make and live by their Promise.



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Brenda Bell	Beaver Scout Leader
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Gemma Ferguson	Guide Leader
Lynn Littler	Parent
Rachel Oliver	Trustee (co-opted)

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PERFORMANCE

What we have achieved over the past year

It has been an amazing year, with 70% increase in youth membership and over 500 badges and awards gained, including seven Chief Scout Awards

We started 2021 with virtual meetings, but as soon as the lockdown ended we were back to Face to Face, and one of the first groups to get back camping in June 2021.

Since face to face activities restarted, we have taken part in many events across all the sections.

As a result of all the things we have been doing, our membership has increased up to 76, the largest for twenty years. However, we now have a huge waiting list for Beavers and Cubs, as word of mouth spreads, and are looking to open a new Cub Pack and possibly a new Beaver Colony to cope with demand.

All of this is thanks to our team of fantastic volunteers without whom none of this would be able to happen.

Priorities for the next 12 months

- **Increase the number of adult leaders**

We aim to have a minimum of three adult volunteers for each section. Scouts and Guides require more adults to achieve this.

- **Improve Black Bull House**

We will carry out preliminary works for further improvements to modernise our HQ and ensure that it will last another 100 years.

- **Increase capacity for new members**

We have had an amazing increase in membership in 2021, but we have a huge waiting list. We want to open a new Cub Pack and possibly a new Beaver Scout Colony

- **Continue to Develop Programme of all Sections**

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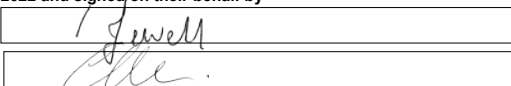
Receipts	2021	2020
	Unrestricted funds £	Unrestricted funds £
Membership subscriptions		
Membership subscriptions	7,294	5,521
Less:Membership subscriptions paid on (National/County/Area/District)	2,289	2,049
Net membership subscriptions retained	5,006	3,473
Sub total	5,006	3,473
Donations, Grants and Similar		-
Donations	411	1,020
Legacies	-	-
Gift Aid	910	2,300
Mason Grant	-	1,000
Leslie Sell Grant	-	250
DCC Grants	17,335	13,903
Karbon Homes Grant	-	1,000
Sub total	18,656	19,473
Fundraising (gross)		
Raised by group	101	245
Other fundraising activities	196	-
Sub total	297	245
Other income		
Youth programme and activities	4,856	356
Sub total	4,856	356
Investment income		
Bank interest	-	-
Property Rent income	1,210	1,152
Other investment income	-	-
Sub total	1,210	1,152
Total Gross Income	30,024	24,699
Asset and investment sales, etc.	-	-
Total receipts	30,024	24,699

	2021 Unrestricted funds £	2020 Unrestricted funds £
Payments		
Building		
Electricity and Gas	3,681	1,757
Insurance	2,224	3,798
Water and Sewerage	483	571
Rent	40	408
Repairs and Renewals	6,907	12,869
Sub total	13,335	19,403
Charitable Payments		
Youth programme and activities	4,923	755
Adult support and training		14
Materials and equipment	2,133	2,179
Uniforms	850	426
Other costs	-	-
Sub total	7,906	£ 3,374.00
Fundraising expenses		
Sundries	179	184
OSM fees	209	354
Go Cardless Fees	401	Part of line above
Sub total	789	538
Total Gross Expenditure	22,029	23,315
Asset and investment purchases, etc.	-	-
Total payments	22,029	23,315
Net of receipts/(payments)	7,995	1,384

Statement of Assets and Liabilities at 31st December 2021

	2021 Unrestricted funds £	2020 Unrestricted funds £
Cash funds		
Bank current account	30,152	22,042
Bank deposit account		
Cash/Floats	419	535
Total cash funds	30,571	22,577
Of which restricted funds		
Reserve fund	6,000	6,000
Arnold Clark Grant	1,000	
Cub Hawkhurst Camp - cheque issued	1,650	
BBH Agreed Ringfenced Works	5,330	
Total restricted funds	13,980	9,806
Non monetary assets for charity's own use		
Land and buildings	75,000	75,000
Scouting equipment, furniture etc	28,000	28,000
Other	-	-
Sub total	103,000	103,000
Liabilities		
Other liabilities	-	-
Sub total	-	-

The above receipts and payments account and statement of assets and liabilities were approved by the Trustees on 6th April 2022 and signed, on their behalf by



Ivan Jewell - Chair

Christina Charlton - Treasurer

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Financial Statement

Since the end of Lockdown income and expenditure on activities has increased more than 10 times, which shows how many activities all of our sections are doing. This is also shown in the increase in spending on badges, which has doubled.



We have also continued to invest in improvements to our HQ and in new equipment.

The Government Hospitality grants assisted us during lockdown, enabling us to continue to keep our membership fees at 50% whilst we could not meet face to face.

There will be challenges ahead, such as the increasing costs of energy, but the Group is in a very healthy position to support the sections in delivering fun and adventure packed activities over the coming year.

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 Executive Committee considers that the group should hold a sum equivalent to 12 months building running costs.

Due to the potential impact of the COVID Pandemic, it was agreed that the reserve fund was insufficient to ensure the continuity of the group should something similar occur in the future. Therefore it was increased to £6,000 as an amount sufficient to cover all annual costs.

