

PENYFFORD SCOUT GROUP

England & Wales · Charity number 517642

Details

Other names PENYFFORDD SCOUT GROUP

Status Registered

Legal form Other

Registered 1986-05-28

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

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Activities

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

Activities: The Penyffordd Scout Group consists of a Squirrel, Beaver, Cub and Scout Group. It provides activities in doors and out for children age 4 to 14.

Classification

- **How:** Other Charitable Activities
- **What:** Education/training, Arts/culture/heritage/science, Amateur Sport, Environment/conservation/heritage
- **Who:** Children/young People

Geography

- Throughout Wales

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2024-12-31	£32,871	£32,462	-	-
2023-12-31	£31,523	£35,325	-	-
2022-12-31	£26,118	£28,392	-	-
2021-12-31	£31,888	£26,397	-	-
2020-12-31	£36,915	£30,359	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Richard MEMORY	Chair	2015-03-15
Andy Sloan		2024-09-19
Felix Michael Stanley Dawson		2025-06-29
Nicola Robinson		2025-11-12
Richard Neil Love		2025-06-29
SHARON LOUISE BAKEWELL		
Sarah Crosby		2017-06-29
Steve Wallace		2021-11-19
Steven LOVE		2015-03-19

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We took part in the district JOTT where we completed a 5-mile hike and a walk along the River Dee with 18 beavers gaining their hikes away badge. We attended the Chester Gang Show, which is a performance by Cheshire Scouts and was the first one for us since covid. We took part in Parliament Week, completing some parliamentary activities and voting for their favourite food for Sleepover.

We continued our community impact badge by renewing the poo bag dispensers and distributed them around the village, these were very well received. We carried on our activity for the community to help decorate the seasonal tree in the village throughout the year with decorations from the knitting club who knit the decorations.

We finished our summer term with a trip to FreeDome Trampoline Park, enjoyed cake and plenty of badges awarded.

We had 2 fantastic district events this year, starting with the DAMBOREE where Beavers come together to camp and enjoy a variety of activities plus a Halloween Campfire, singing songs around the fire with Beavers from Flintshire.

Our group took part in the traditional Penyffordd remembrance parade and service, parading with members of the Royal British Legion, 15 Beavers took part and received a commemorative badge for their uniform.

Beavers attended our fun introductory sessions, these are very popular, teaching them the basics, moving around in the boat and having fun, we were able to run 4 this year and hope to build on this next year.

Finished our year with a fun quiz night for our Beaver families, plenty of fun and laughter by all, a Christmas hike and our traditional trip to Jemoley's to paint Christmas decorations, supporting our fantastic local café.

In total Over 300 badges have been awarded this year together with 7 Chief Scout Bronze's.





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Cub Report: Hannah Morris, Cub Team Leader

Another busy year for cubs with lots to celebrate. This year saw us award 9 chief scout silver awards, and 294 other badges to Cubs following their hard work. We have continued to develop our skills in relation to camping and the outdoors, looking at cooking, knots, tent care, pioneering and camp projects. We have explored through hikes locally testing our navigation skills and completed incident and team challenge hikes to test our teamwork skills.

This year we commenced work on the community garden in Penyffordd working towards our environmental conservation and gardener badges. We have tried new sports at the tennis club, and enjoyed pool sessions for canoeing at Mold swimming baths. We have been away to Neston with our cycle camp in March, summer camp in Rowen Conwy joining in with JoTT and September camping basics camp in Coxwood.

Cubs continue to take on the challenges presented to them and as leaders we have been proud to see how they have grown as a group and gained confidence in the skills they have learned.





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Scout Report: Chris Williams, Scout Team Leader

2024 has been another busy year for Penyffordd Scouts. We have remained with consistently around 24 members throughout the year, with a constant flow from Cubs and up to Explorers.

We've continued our normal programme of outdoor camps and activities, including hiking - in the Clwydian Range and Llangollen, canoeing/kayaking in Mold Leisure Centre as well as on the Canal in Waverton, supported the All Wales Scout Camp, cycling and many other activities.

We have changed our method slightly for running the regular Troop nights, and we've been reinforcing the use of Patrols and developing the older Scouts to lead these Patrols. A number of the Scouts are now well on the way to achieving the Chief Scouts Gold Award through into 2025.

We currently have a relatively young Scout Troop, but we are continuing to build on our previous experiences to develop the Scouts and encourage them to maximise their participation in the activities





Explorer Scouts

As a group we continue to host Blaze Explorers on behalf of Flintshire District however for all sense and purpose they are treated as an equal partner of Pen-y-ffordd Scout Group. A partnership agreement is in place and reviewed annually.

As explorer scouting is administered at a District Level, the annual report for Blaze explorers is contained within the Flintshire District Reporting.

The group have young leaders supporting sections from Blaze Explorer unit.

Volunteer Learning

As referenced earlier in this report, following both the organisational changes in how our volunteers are structured and the recommendations from the reports following the Great Orme tragedy, 2024 has seen many of our volunteers having to undertake additional/ refresher learning and training. I am pleased to report that we remain in a great position from a compliance perspective with all volunteers up to date on their safety & safeguarding training, and ample first aid cover across all of our sections. In addition to the formal training, we are fortunate enough to have volunteers who have taken on additional learning and qualifications (known as permits, in Scouting) to run adventurous activities such as Kayaking, Climbing & Archery.

Community Impact

It is not possible for us as a Scout Group, to take part in every Scout Association community initiative however we can have an impact on our local community by taking an active role as a Scout Group.

We have supported with cleanups & tree planting in the village. We once again supported the village

remembrance parade and had a brilliant turnout from our young people who made up a significant proportion of the procession and also our younger sections took a part in the service in the institute following the parade – a huge thank you to parents for recognising the importance and significance of this event, and for the young people for representing our group so well.

December saw the return of the ever-popular Santa Float, and what has become a more recent tradition – the hotly anticipated PYF Christmas advert for this... with 2024's advert catching us a bit off guard with just how viral it ended up going, culminating in Greg being interviewed on BBC Radio about the advert! 2024 also saw another first for our Santa Float – gale force winds brought a halt to proceedings and for the first time ever (including throughout Covid!) we were forced to cancel a night of the collections – a huge thank you to everyone who rallied around at short notice to ensure that nobody missed out on seeing Santa by collecting for an additional weekend, especially given how close to Christmas this was.



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Health and Safety: Our Hut

The hut is maintained to an acceptable standard in line with Health and Safety requirements Jacksons undertook our annual fire extinguisher check in February 2024. The Asbestos Risk assessment has been reviewed and an asbestos plan put in place as recommended by The Scout Association, this has been signed off by the executive committee.

It is well known and recognised that whilst our premises remains safe and compliant, it is rapidly approaching the end of its life – we are working with the CIC established for the site to secure our future in a new building and transfer of the site is expected to take place in 2025, and so until then we will sit tight complete any necessary works to keep the building safe whilst ensuring we do not spend to excess unless absolutely necessary.

Welcome Pack

The welcome pack has been kept up to date with any necessary changes

Minibus/Trailer

The minibus has had regular servicing and mechanical work completed. Our minibus is now 15 years old and so in 2025 we will begin to explore replacement of this.

Principal Address:

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Trustee Board

The Group is managed by the Lead Volunteer and the leadership team with our Trustee Board charged with ensuring good governance of the group and sense checking the decisions made by the leadership team stand up to scrutiny and make good business sense. The members of our Trustee Board 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 Trustees are appointed in accordance with the Policy, Organisation and Rules of The Scout Association.

Sharon Bakewell (Treasurer)	Steven Love (Lead Volunteer)
Andy Sloan (Joined 19 th September 2024)	Richard Memmory (Chair)
Sarah Crosby	Steve Wallace

The board aims to have around 6-8 members, including a Chair & Treasurer.

Financial Review and Reserves

The results for the year show a net cash inflow of £408 compared to an outflow of £3,802 in the previous financial year. The Group accounts show a cash outflow of £2,485 for the year but the Section accounts, thanks to some one off donations showed a surplus of £2,893.

Membership increased over the year and we also increased fundraising income by holding a casino night for the first time in many years and also our Annual Santa Float.

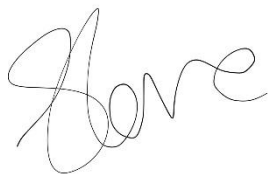
Money was spent in the year on improving equipment; new tents were purchased and also a new Canadian Canoe named after Hawkeye, Gary Robinson who we sadly lost in 2024. There was also a one-off necessary cost on servicing and improving the safety of our shutters at the Hut of over £2,000.

The Total Funds held by the Group on 31 December 2024 was £47,062 and this is split between Designated Funds held across the 4 sections of Squirrels, Beavers, Cubs and Scouts of £5,982, Minibus and remedial work on the building of £28,500, Restricted funding of £1,480 which leaves £11,101 as free reserves. The Trustees feel that the Charity needs to hold approximately 6 months Group expenditure as free reserves, which equates to approximately £12,000.

Subscriptions

It was agreed that due to increasing costs associated with running the group, it would be necessary to increase subscriptions from 1 January 2025.

Signed on their behalf by:



Steve Love
Lead Volunteer

RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS**For the year ended 31 December 2024****Consolidated accounts including Beavers, Cubs and Scouts Sections****Scouts**

Penyffordd

	Total Unrestricted 2024 £	Total Restricted 2024 £	Total 2024 £	Total 2023 £
RECEIPTS				
Subscriptions	14,057	-	14,057	12,829
Fundraising	4,943	-	4,943	3,014
Donations	434	-	434	1,219
Grants	2,650	-	2,650	741
Trips and Activities	7,692	-	7,692	11,184
Badges/Hoodies	410	-	410	730
Contributions from Blaze Explorers	1,605	-	1,605	1,215
Bank Interest	798	-	798	359
Miscellaneous income	282	-	282	232
	<u>32,871</u>	<u>---</u>	<u>32,871</u>	<u>31,523</u>
PAYMENTS				
Donation	300	-	300	2,000
Scout Membership	5,022	-	5,022	3,335
Minibus Expenses	1,510	-	1,510	2,057
Insurance	1,021	-	1,021	1,311
Building maintenance	2,908	-	2,908	952
Garden	-	495	495	-
Utilities	1,417	-	1,417	2,060
Miscellaneous	486	-	486	503
Equipment	5,811	-	5,811	4,703
Fundraising expenses	652	-	652	225
Training and Uniform	190	-	190	263
Bank and Go Cardless Charges	605	-	605	510
Camps and Activities	10,307	-	10,307	15,387
Squirrels set up	-	-	-	335
60 th Anniversary costs	824	-	824	-
Badges/Hoodies	914	-	914	1,684
	<u>31,967</u>	<u>495</u>	<u>32,462</u>	<u>35,325</u>
Net Cash Inflow	904	(495)	409	(3,802)
Funds at 1 January 2024	44,679	1,975	46,654	46,654
Funds at 31 December 2024	<u>45,583</u> =====	<u>1,480</u> =====	<u>47,063</u> =====	<u>46,654</u> =====

STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES
As of 31 December 2024

	2024	2023
	£	£
Funds Held		
Group Current Account	8,731	11,952
Group Savings Account	32,338	31,554
Group Petty cash	12	59
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Group Funds	£41,081	43,565
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Sections Funds:		
Squirrels	2,167	514
Beavers	2,314	738
Cubs	505	613
Scouts	996	1,224
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Section Funds	5,982	3,089
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
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Funds – Split:		
Designated- Camps	-	-
Designated- Section	5,982	3,089
Designated- Building	3,500	3,500
Designated- Minibus	25,000	25,000
Restricted funds – Coop Community Fund Project	514	1,009
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Andrea’s Fund	966	966
-		
Unrestricted	11,101	13,090
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
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Approved by the Trustee Board and signed on their behalf by:

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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

Penyffordd Scouts

On accounts for the year ended

31st December 24

Charity no (if any)

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Set out on pages

(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's trustees, 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 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 in connection with the examination (other than that disclosed below *) which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or
- the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
- the accounts did not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

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:

28/06/2025

Name:

Adrian Bryan



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Relevant professional qualification(s) or body (if any): ACMA MIP – Chartered Institute of Management Accountants
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Section B

Disclosure

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight material 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.



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We took part in the district JOTT where we completed a 5-mile hike and a walk along the River Dee with 18 beavers gaining their hikes away badge. We attended the Chester Gang Show, which is a performance by Cheshire Scouts and was the first one for us since covid. We took part in Parliament Week, completing some parliamentary activities and voting for their favourite food for Sleepover.

We continued our community impact badge by renewing the poo bag dispensers and distributed them around the village, these were very well received. We carried on our activity for the community to help decorate the seasonal tree in the village throughout the year with decorations from the knitting club who knit the decorations.

We finished our summer term with a trip to FreeDome Trampoline Park, enjoyed cake and plenty of badges awarded.

We had 2 fantastic district events this year, starting with the DAMBOREE where Beavers come together to camp and enjoy a variety of activities plus a Halloween Campfire, singing songs around the fire with Beavers from Flintshire.

Our group took part in the traditional Penyffordd remembrance parade and service, parading with members of the Royal British Legion, 15 Beavers took part and received a commemorative badge for their uniform.

Beavers attended our fun introductory sessions, these are very popular, teaching them the basics, moving around in the boat and having fun, we were able to run 4 this year and hope to build on this next year.

Finished our year with a fun quiz night for our Beaver families, plenty of fun and laughter by all, a Christmas hike and our traditional trip to Jemoley's to paint Christmas decorations, supporting our fantastic local café.

In total Over 300 badges have been awarded this year together with 7 Chief Scout Bronze's.





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Cub Report: Hannah Morris, Cub Team Leader

Another busy year for cubs with lots to celebrate. This year saw us award 9 chief scout silver awards, and 294 other badges to Cubs following their hard work. We have continued to develop our skills in relation to camping and the outdoors, looking at cooking, knots, tent care, pioneering and camp projects. We have explored through hikes locally testing our navigation skills and completed incident and team challenge hikes to test our teamwork skills.

This year we commenced work on the community garden in Penyffordd working towards our environmental conservation and gardener badges. We have tried new sports at the tennis club, and enjoyed pool sessions for canoeing at Mold swimming baths. We have been away to Neston with our cycle camp in March, summer camp in Rowen Conwy joining in with JoTT and September camping basics camp in Coxwood.

Cubs continue to take on the challenges presented to them and as leaders we have been proud to see how they have grown as a group and gained confidence in the skills they have learned.





Scouts
Penyffordd

Scout Report: Chris Williams, Scout Team Leader

2024 has been another busy year for Penyffordd Scouts. We have remained with consistently around 24 members throughout the year, with a constant flow from Cubs and up to Explorers.

We've continued our normal programme of outdoor camps and activities, including hiking - in the Clwydian Range and Llangollen, canoeing/kayaking in Mold Leisure Centre as well as on the Canal in Waverton, supported the All Wales Scout Camp, cycling and many other activities.

We have changed our method slightly for running the regular Troop nights, and we've been reinforcing the use of Patrols and developing the older Scouts to lead these Patrols. A number of the Scouts are now well on the way to achieving the Chief Scouts Gold Award through into 2025.

We currently have a relatively young Scout Troop, but we are continuing to build on our previous experiences to develop the Scouts and encourage them to maximise their participation in the activities





Explorer Scouts

As a group we continue to host Blaze Explorers on behalf of Flintshire District however for all sense and purpose they are treated as an equal partner of Pen-y-ffordd Scout Group. A partnership agreement is in place and reviewed annually.

As explorer scouting is administered at a District Level, the annual report for Blaze explorers is contained within the Flintshire District Reporting.

The group have young leaders supporting sections from Blaze Explorer unit.

Volunteer Learning

As referenced earlier in this report, following both the organisational changes in how our volunteers are structured and the recommendations from the reports following the Great Orme tragedy, 2024 has seen many of our volunteers having to undertake additional/ refresher learning and training. I am pleased to report that we remain in a great position from a compliance perspective with all volunteers up to date on their safety & safeguarding training, and ample first aid cover across all of our sections. In addition to the formal training, we are fortunate enough to have volunteers who have taken on additional learning and qualifications (known as permits, in Scouting) to run adventurous activities such as Kayaking, Climbing & Archery.

Community Impact

It is not possible for us as a Scout Group, to take part in every Scout Association community initiative however we can have an impact on our local community by taking an active role as a Scout Group.

We have supported with cleanups & tree planting in the village. We once again supported the village

remembrance parade and had a brilliant turnout from our young people who made up a significant proportion of the procession and also our younger sections took a part in the service in the institute following the parade – a huge thank you to parents for recognising the importance and significance of this event, and for the young people for representing our group so well.

December saw the return of the ever-popular Santa Float, and what has become a more recent tradition – the hotly anticipated PYF Christmas advert for this... with 2024's advert catching us a bit off guard with just how viral it ended up going, culminating in Greg being interviewed on BBC Radio about the advert! 2024 also saw another first for our Santa Float – gale force winds brought a halt to proceedings and for the first time ever (including throughout Covid!) we were forced to cancel a night of the collections – a huge thank you to everyone who rallied around at short notice to ensure that nobody missed out on seeing Santa by collecting for an additional weekend, especially given how close to Christmas this was.



Scouts
Penyffordd

Health and Safety: Our Hut

The hut is maintained to an acceptable standard in line with Health and Safety requirements. Jacksons undertook our annual fire extinguisher check in February 2024. The Asbestos Risk assessment has been reviewed and an asbestos plan put in place as recommended by The Scout Association, this has been signed off by the executive committee.

It is well known and recognised that whilst our premises remains safe and compliant, it is rapidly approaching the end of its life – we are working with the CIC established for the site to secure our future in a new building and transfer of the site is expected to take place in 2025, and so until then we will sit tight complete any necessary works to keep the building safe whilst ensuring we do not spend to excess unless absolutely necessary.

Welcome Pack

The welcome pack has been kept up to date with any necessary changes

Minibus/Trailer

The minibus has had regular servicing and mechanical work completed. Our minibus is now 15 years old and so in 2025 we will begin to explore replacement of this.

Principal Address:

Pen-y-ffordd Scout Group
Hawarden Road
Pen-y-ffordd
Chester
CH4 0JE



Trustee Board

The Group is managed by the Lead Volunteer and the leadership team with our Trustee Board charged with ensuring good governance of the group and sense checking the decisions made by the leadership team stand up to scrutiny and make good business sense. The members of our Trustee Board 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 Trustees are appointed in accordance with the Policy, Organisation and Rules of The Scout Association.

Sharon Bakewell (Treasurer)	Steven Love (Lead Volunteer)
Andy Sloan (Joined 19 th September 2024)	Richard Memmory (Chair)
Sarah Crosby	Steve Wallace

The board aims to have around 6-8 members, including a Chair & Treasurer.

Financial Review and Reserves

The results for the year show a net cash inflow of £408 compared to an outflow of £3,802 in the previous financial year. The Group accounts show a cash outflow of £2,485 for the year but the Section accounts, thanks to some one off donations showed a surplus of £2,893.

Membership increased over the year and we also increased fundraising income by holding a casino night for the first time in many years and also our Annual Santa Float.

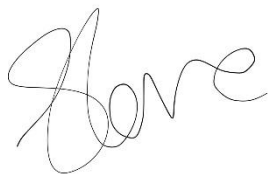
Money was spent in the year on improving equipment; new tents were purchased and also a new Canadian Canoe named after Hawkeye, Gary Robinson who we sadly lost in 2024. There was also a one-off necessary cost on servicing and improving the safety of our shutters at the Hut of over £2,000.

The Total Funds held by the Group on 31 December 2024 was £47,062 and this is split between Designated Funds held across the 4 sections of Squirrels, Beavers, Cubs and Scouts of £5,982, Minibus and remedial work on the building of £28,500, Restricted funding of £1,480 which leaves £11,101 as free reserves. The Trustees feel that the Charity needs to hold approximately 6 months Group expenditure as free reserves, which equates to approximately £12,000.

Subscriptions

It was agreed that due to increasing costs associated with running the group, it would be necessary to increase subscriptions from 1 January 2025.

Signed on their behalf by:



Steve Love
Lead Volunteer

RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS**For the year ended 31 December 2024****Consolidated accounts including Beavers, Cubs and Scouts Sections****Scouts**

Penyffordd

	Total Unrestricted 2024 £	Total Restricted 2024 £	Total 2024 £	Total 2023 £
RECEIPTS				
Subscriptions	14,057	-	14,057	12,829
Fundraising	4,943	-	4,943	3,014
Donations	434	-	434	1,219
Grants	2,650	-	2,650	741
Trips and Activities	7,692	-	7,692	11,184
Badges/Hoodies	410	-	410	730
Contributions from Blaze Explorers	1,605	-	1,605	1,215
Bank Interest	798	-	798	359
Miscellaneous income	282	-	282	232
	<u>32,871</u>	<u>---</u>	<u>32,871</u>	<u>31,523</u>
PAYMENTS				
Donation	300	-	300	2,000
Scout Membership	5,022	-	5,022	3,335
Minibus Expenses	1,510	-	1,510	2,057
Insurance	1,021	-	1,021	1,311
Building maintenance	2,908	-	2,908	952
Garden	-	495	495	-
Utilities	1,417	-	1,417	2,060
Miscellaneous	486	-	486	503
Equipment	5,811	-	5,811	4,703
Fundraising expenses	652	-	652	225
Training and Uniform	190	-	190	263
Bank and Go Cardless Charges	605	-	605	510
Camps and Activities	10,307	-	10,307	15,387
Squirrels set up	-	-	-	335
60 th Anniversary costs	824	-	824	-
Badges/Hoodies	914	-	914	1,684
	<u>31,967</u>	<u>495</u>	<u>32,462</u>	<u>35,325</u>
Net Cash Inflow	904	(495)	409	(3,802)
Funds at 1 January 2024	44,679	1,975	46,654	46,654
Funds at 31 December 2024	<u>45,583</u> =====	<u>1,480</u> =====	<u>47,063</u> =====	<u>46,654</u> =====

STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES
As of 31 December 2024

	2024	2023
	£	£
Funds Held		
Group Current Account	8,731	11,952
Group Savings Account	32,338	31,554
Group Petty cash	12	59
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Group Funds	£41,081	43,565
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Sections Funds:		
Squirrels	2,167	514
Beavers	2,314	738
Cubs	505	613
Scouts	996	1,224
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Section Funds	5,982	3,089
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Total Funds	47,063	46,654
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Funds – Split:		
Designated- Camps	-	-
Designated- Section	5,982	3,089
Designated- Building	3,500	3,500
Designated- Minibus	25,000	25,000
Restricted funds – Coop Community Fund Project	514	1,009
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Andrea’s Fund	966	966
-		
Unrestricted	11,101	13,090
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Total Funds	47,063	46,654
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Approved by the Trustee Board and signed on their behalf by:

Sharon Bakewell
Treasurer
29th June 2025



Scouts

Penyffordd



CHARITY COMMISSION FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Independent examiner's report on the accounts

Section A Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees

Penyffordd Scouts

On accounts for the year ended

31st December 24

Charity no (if any)

517642

Set out on pages

(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's trustees, 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 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 in connection with the examination (other than that disclosed below *) which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or
the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
the accounts did not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

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:

[Signature]

Date:

28/06/2025

Name:

Adrian Bryan



Relevant professional qualification(s) or body (if any): ACMA MIP – Chartered Institute of Management Accountants
Chartered Institute of Management Accountants – member in Practice

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Section B

Disclosure

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



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees

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PENYFFORD SCOUT GROUP

England & Wales - Charity number 517642

Accounts

Pen-y-ffordd Scout Group
Year-end accounts
31 December 2023

Registered Number: 517642

TRUSTEES REPORT

31 December 2023

The Trustee board present their report and the financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2023. They confirm that the financial statements comply with current statutory requirements and with those of the charity's constitution.

Structure and Governance

The charity was established under a constitution adopted in 1986, when it registered as a charity. The organisation is registered and governed by the UK Scout Association.

The Mission of Scouting

Scouts actively engages and supports young people in their personal development, empowering them to make a positive contribution to society.

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.

Our Goals & Vision

Our plan is to build on the success of the previous plan: to continue to grow, become more inclusive, to be shaped by young people and to make a bigger impact in our communities. We've set new goals for 2025.

By 2025* we'll have prepared more young people with skills for life, supported by amazing volunteers that deliver an inspiring programme. We'll be growing, more inclusive, shaped by young people and making a bigger impact in our communities.

**Due to the impact of COVID-19, our Skills for Life strategy has been extended until 2025.*

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.

Our Scout Group

Pen-y-ffordd Scout Group consists of a Squirrel Drey, Beaver Colony, Cub Pack and a Scout Group, in addition the group host Blaze Explorer Scout unit on behalf of Flintshire District Scouts through a partnership agreement. The Group provides activities for children aged 4 to 18 in accordance with the aims and objectives of the Scout movement.

PEN-Y-FFORDD SCOUT GROUP

TRUSTEES REPORT

31 December 2023

During the 2023 reporting period, it should be noted that there were some significant events within our Scout Group. We got off to an exceptionally positive start to the year with the opening of our Squirrel Drey (the second Drey in Flintshire) which continues to go from strength to strength offering programme activities to 4&5-year-olds. However, our positive start was soon overshadowed by the unexpected and sad passing of Andrea Dixon – our GSL, or Group Scout Leader (role now known as LV – Lead Volunteer). I (Steve Love) assumed the role of Lead Volunteer for the group following Andrea's death and have set about continuing the great work that she achieved for the group in conjunction with our volunteer leaders in our sections. Sadly, our group also suffered another loss in 2023, just 1 month prior to Andrea's death, our assistant beaver leader Gary (Hawkeye) lost his long & bravely fought battle with illness. Both Andrea and Gary's influence continues to live on in the group, they are never far from our thoughts, and we are so pleased that their family members continue to be involved in our group, including in some section leadership positions.

Our 2023 membership figure saw a bumper year, owing to the opening of our Squirrel Drey. Looking at the group on a like for like basis with the sections which were open in 2022 – we remained static with our youth membership numbers. The flat-line in our membership is not due to a wavering interest in being members of the group, but is instead a reflection of our group running at its absolute maximum capacity – our waiting list is sadly as long as ever, with many children on the list unlikely to secure a place with us. The demand for our sections is testament to the hard work of all our volunteers striving to provide an engaging programme, and I know that our team leaders for each section have worked tirelessly to keep the flow of children through the sections as seamless as possible to allow us to open up a few more places where we have been able to. We frequently review our waiting list and admit members in the most fair & equitable way possible, whilst encouraging people to also consider joining one of the other groups in Flintshire where there is space.

The highlight of the group calendar for 2023 was our inaugural Family Camp held in June, attended by almost 150 youth members, their siblings, parents, and leaders – a brilliant weekend with lots of activities on offer and a great chance to get to know leaders and parents better too. We look forward to making this a regular feature of our group calendar on a 2-yearly basis, with our next one being planned in 2025 – our Diamond Year.

I could continue to write a report for days with everything that our group have been up to these last 12 months, however I will save you the trouble of having to read it all! But I would like to finish my report by saying that despite becoming Lead Volunteer for the group under such tragic circumstances, I am exceptionally proud of Penyffordd Scout Group, our amazing leaders & supporters and the fantastic 100+ children we support weekly. Our volunteers do an incredible thing, offering their time – and we simply could not do it without their dedication and enthusiasm. Despite a difficult year for the group, especially our leadership team, we have delivered another brilliant year of fun & adventure and so on behalf of all our young people... "Thank You, Leaders".

Squirrel Report – Alex & Clare – Squirrel Team Leaders

Our squirrel drey opened in January 2023 with 12 Squirrels and we held our first investiture in February for the leaders followed by the Squirrels two weeks later.

Since starting, we are delighted to share that all 12 squirrels have now completed several of the activity and programme badges, and we also had two squirrels achieve their Chief Scouts Acorn Awards, the highest award in the Squirrels section. They achieved it relatively early because they completed the Jamboree On The Trail (JOTT) hike in May. Some of the squirrels also participated in family camp with the rest of their family and took part in all of the activities on offer in the camp. We also attended a joint Beaver and Squirrels district trip to Greenwood Forest Park.

PEN-Y-FFORDD SCOUT GROUP

TRUSTEES REPORT

31 December 2023

The Squirrel's are showing increasing independence; considering they are four and five and haven't been away from their parents for long periods of time before.

Considering the successful start to this new section, we will now be looking to increase our membership numbers from the waiting list in 2024 to grow the drey.

Beaver Report – Nic Robinson Beaver Team Leader

PYF Beavers 2023 has been an exciting year full of fun and adventure. We held 2 sleepovers, one in the spring at Cox Wood where the Beavers became secret agents for the weekend and an autumn sleepover celebrating birthdays. For the first time the group held a family camp at Gladstone, it was a great success with parents and children taking part from all our sections, 14 beavers attended.

We took part in the district JOTT where we completed a 5-mile hike and a walk along the Welsh Coastal path and back, our 11 beavers gaining their hikes away badge. We attended the Chester Gang Show, which is a performance by Cheshire Scouts and was the first one for us since covid. We took part in Parliament Week, completing some parliamentary activities and voting for a Beaver name for our new Young Leader.

We continued our community impact badge by renewing the poo bag dispensers and distributed them around the village, these were very well received. We also took on a new activity for the community to help decorate the seasonal tree in the village throughout the year with decorations, for our first one we attended with our Squirrel section and met the ladies from the knitting club who knit the decorations.

We finished our summer term with a family night at the hut, we held a presentation of scouting, a fun quiz and plenty of awards, over 70 badges and a Chief Scout Bronze Award.

We had 3 fantastic district events this year, starting with the creative challenge, beavers had to invent and make a robot, the grand final was held at Gladstone, we had some amazing inventions. Our 2nd was a district trip to Greenwood Forest Park, we had a great day out and went on several of the eco-friendly rides, both beavers and leaders had a fab day. Our final district event of the year was to take part in Jambowlree, beavers around the world take part in a worldwide ten pin bowling competition, we took part with 4 other groups and Penyffordd came away with the highest score, great afternoon out for the beavers.

Our autumn term sleepover was run with a twist, we celebrated birthdays with traditional party games mixed with some scouting activities, such as dough twists over fire and fence of knots learning how to tie 3 knots with 2 members of our scout active support group. Beavers enjoyed plenty of birthday cake, kindly brought along by a grandparent of our beaver who turned 8 and a fellow beaver leader from St Matthews who brought cake for Bubbles, celebrating her 30th Birthday.

Our group took part in the traditional Penyffordd remembrance parade and service, parading with members of the Royal British Legion, 15 Beavers took part and we followed this at our section night with an evening visit from a district member who gives a remembrance talk, acting as his great grandfather telling us about his journey during the war.

Canoeing was finally back in the programme with many of our Beavers now being able to swim well enough to take part, these sessions were very popular, teaching them the basics, moving around in the boat and having fun, we were able to run 4 this year and hope to build on this next year.

Finished our year with a joint trip to celebrate the end of the year at a local inflatable park, a Christmas hike and our traditional trip to Jemoley's to paint Christmas decorations, supporting our fantastic local café.

PEN-Y-FFORDD SCOUT GROUP

TRUSTEES REPORT

31 December 2023

In total Over 300 badges have been awarded this year together with 9 Chief Scout Bronze's.

A difficult year for our Beaver section as we lost our well-loved section assistant Hawkeye after a long battle with cancer, but with the love and support of the beavers, parents and leaders we came together in remembrance.

Cubs Report – Hannah Morris – Cubs Team Leader

Below are the Cub highlights from the year:

Cubs enjoyed continuing to explore and develop skills. They have visited Xplore!, Bailey Hill, Boulder Hut and we're fortunate to gain tickets for free to see Wrexham play at home.

They have worked on many badges which included local history, chef, finance skills, personal safety, cyclist.

Our outdoor skills were key focus for us working on camp skills, navigation and cycling.

Our Main camps for the year were cycling camp at Neston and Rowen Conwy. Cubs were able to practice skills they had learned to achieve as a group. Rowen camp saw us in addition learn to Ski and visit Llandudno life boat station.

Our end of year was celebrated with family event at Deeside Inflatables. Where we bounced around and shared many achievements from the year.

Scouts Report – Chris Williams Scout Team Leader

Below are the Scout highlights from the year:

2023 has been another busy year for Penyffordd Scouts. We have remained with consistently around 22 members throughout the year, with a constant flow from Cubs and up to Explorers.

We've continued our normal programme of outdoor camps and activities, including hiking - in the Clwydian Range, Snowdonia and Llangollen, canoeing/kayaking in Chester as well as on the River Wye and River Severn, cycling and many other activities. Development of the Scouts has continued, through running our Patrol Leader Training Weekend where we start to develop their basic leadership skills through classroom type discussions and activities.

Seven of the older Scouts completed the Expedition Challenge in the middle of the year, resulting in them completing their Chief Scouts Gold Award.

We currently have a relatively young Scout Troop, but we are continuing to build on our previous experiences to develop the Scouts and encourage them to maximise their participation in the activities.

Explorer Scouts

As a group we continue to host Blaze Explorers on behalf of Flintshire District however for all sense and purpose they are treated as an equal partner of Pen-y-ffordd Scout Group. A partnership agreement is in place and reviewed annually.

PEN-Y-FFORDD SCOUT GROUP

TRUSTEES REPORT

31 December 2023

As explorer scouting is administered at a District Level, the annual report for Blaze explorers is contained within the Flintshire District Reporting.

The group have young leaders supporting sections from Blaze Explorer unit.

Leader Training

As a leadership team and trustee board, we continue to fair well keeping up with training in comparison to other Groups in Flintshire District. I am pleased to report we remain 100% compliant with our mandatory safeguarding, safety & first aid training with all other additional training in a healthy position. In addition to the formal training, we are fortunate enough to have volunteers who have taken on additional learning and qualifications (known as permits, in Scouting) to run adventurous activities such as Kayaking, Climbing & Archery.

Community Impact

It is not possible for us as a Scout Group, to take part in every Scout Association community initiative however we can have an impact on our local community by taking an active role as a Scout Group.

We have supported with cleanups & tree planting in the village, as well as having a small but notable (due to event clashes) presence in the village carnival. We once again supported the village remembrance parade and had a phenomenal turnout from our young people – a huge thank you to parents for recognising the importance and significance of this event, and for the young people for representing our group so well.

December saw the return of the much-loved Santa Float with youth members and parents collecting with Santa under licences granted by Flintshire County council. The local community are very appreciative and supportive of the Santa float. This year we also returned to Higher Kinnerton to spread some Santa magic to them too – working in conjunction with Kinnerton Scout Group. It was recognised that with increasing houses and estates in the village, we may need to look at how we organise our Christmas float to ensure we can continue to spread festive cheer to all.

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The highlight of the group calendar for 2023 was our inaugural Family Camp held in June, attended by almost 150 youth members, their siblings, parents, and leaders – a brilliant weekend with lots of activities on offer and a great chance to get to know leaders and parents better too. We look forward to making this a regular feature of our group calendar on a 2-yearly basis, with our next one being planned in 2025 – our Diamond Year.

I could continue to write a report for days with everything that our group have been up to these last 12 months, however I will save you the trouble of having to read it all! But I would like to finish my report by saying that despite becoming Lead Volunteer for the group under such tragic circumstances, I am exceptionally proud of Penyffordd Scout Group, our amazing leaders & supporters and the fantastic 100+ children we support weekly. Our volunteers do an incredible thing, offering their time – and we simply could not do it without their dedication and enthusiasm. Despite a difficult year for the group, especially our leadership team, we have delivered another brilliant year of fun & adventure and so on behalf of all our young people... “Thank You, Leaders”.

Squirrel Report – Alex & Clare – Squirrel Team Leaders

Our squirrel drey opened in January 2023 with 12 Squirrels and we held our first investiture in February for the leaders followed by the Squirrels two weeks later.

Since starting, we are delighted to share that all 12 squirrels have now completed several of the activity and programme badges, and we also had two squirrels achieve their Chief Scouts Acorn Awards, the highest award in the Squirrels section. They achieved it relatively early because they completed the Jamboree On The Trail (JOTT) hike in May. Some of the squirrels also participated in family camp with the rest of their family and took part in all of the activities on offer in the camp. We also attended a joint Beaver and Squirrels district trip to Greenwood Forest Park.

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The Squirrel's are showing increasing independence; considering they are four and five and haven't been away from their parents for long periods of time before.

Considering the successful start to this new section, we will now be looking to increase our membership numbers from the waiting list in 2024 to grow the drey.

Beaver Report – Nic Robinson Beaver Team Leader

PYF Beavers 2023 has been an exciting year full of fun and adventure. We held 2 sleepovers, one in the spring at Cox Wood where the Beavers became secret agents for the weekend and an autumn sleepover celebrating birthdays. For the first time the group held a family camp at Gladstone, it was a great success with parents and children taking part from all our sections, 14 beavers attended.

We took part in the district JOTT where we completed a 5-mile hike and a walk along the Welsh Coastal path and back, our 11 beavers gaining their hikes away badge. We attended the Chester Gang Show, which is a performance by Cheshire Scouts and was the first one for us since covid. We took part in Parliament Week, completing some parliamentary activities and voting for a Beaver name for our new Young Leader.

We continued our community impact badge by renewing the poo bag dispensers and distributed them around the village, these were very well received. We also took on a new activity for the community to help decorate the seasonal tree in the village throughout the year with decorations, for our first one we attended with our Squirrel section and met the ladies from the knitting club who knit the decorations.

We finished our summer term with a family night at the hut, we held a presentation of scouting, a fun quiz and plenty of awards, over 70 badges and a Chief Scout Bronze Award.

We had 3 fantastic district events this year, starting with the creative challenge, beavers had to invent and make a robot, the grand final was held at Gladstone, we had some amazing inventions. Our 2nd was a district trip to Greenwood Forest Park, we had a great day out and went on several of the eco-friendly rides, both beavers and leaders had a fab day. Our final district event of the year was to take part in Jambowlree, beavers around the world take part in a worldwide ten pin bowling competition, we took part with 4 other groups and Penyffordd came away with the highest score, great afternoon out for the beavers.

Our autumn term sleepover was run with a twist, we celebrated birthdays with traditional party games mixed with some scouting activities, such as dough twists over fire and fence of knots learning how to tie 3 knots with 2 members of our scout active support group. Beavers enjoyed plenty of birthday cake, kindly brought along by a grandparent of our beaver who turned 8 and a fellow beaver leader from St Matthews who brought cake for Bubbles, celebrating her 30th Birthday.

Our group took part in the traditional Penyffordd remembrance parade and service, parading with members of the Royal British Legion, 15 Beavers took part and we followed this at our section night with an evening visit from a district member who gives a remembrance talk, acting as his great grandfather telling us about his journey during the war.

Canoeing was finally back in the programme with many of our Beavers now being able to swim well enough to take part, these sessions were very popular, teaching them the basics, moving around in the boat and having fun, we were able to run 4 this year and hope to build on this next year.

Finished our year with a joint trip to celebrate the end of the year at a local inflatable park, a Christmas hike and our traditional trip to Jemoley's to paint Christmas decorations, supporting our fantastic local café.

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In total Over 300 badges have been awarded this year together with 9 Chief Scout Bronze's.

A difficult year for our Beaver section as we lost our well-loved section assistant Hawkeye after a long battle with cancer, but with the love and support of the beavers, parents and leaders we came together in remembrance.

Cubs Report – Hannah Morris – Cubs Team Leader

Below are the Cub highlights from the year:

Cubs enjoyed continuing to explore and develop skills. They have visited Xplore!, Bailey Hill, Boulder Hut and we're fortunate to gain tickets for free to see Wrexham play at home.

They have worked on many badges which included local history, chef, finance skills, personal safety, cyclist.

Our outdoor skills were key focus for us working on camp skills, navigation and cycling.

Our Main camps for the year were cycling camp at Neston and Rowen Conwy. Cubs were able to practice skills they had learned to achieve as a group. Rowen camp saw us in addition learn to Ski and visit Llandudno life boat station.

Our end of year was celebrated with family event at Deeside Inflatables. Where we bounced around and shared many achievements from the year.

Scouts Report – Chris Williams Scout Team Leader

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We've continued our normal programme of outdoor camps and activities, including hiking - in the Clwydian Range, Snowdonia and Llangollen, canoeing/kayaking in Chester as well as on the River Wye and River Severn, cycling and many other activities. Development of the Scouts has continued, through running our Patrol Leader Training Weekend where we start to develop their basic leadership skills through classroom type discussions and activities.

Seven of the older Scouts completed the Expedition Challenge in the middle of the year, resulting in them completing their Chief Scouts Gold Award.

We currently have a relatively young Scout Troop, but we are continuing to build on our previous experiences to develop the Scouts and encourage them to maximise their participation in the activities.

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As a group we continue to host Blaze Explorers on behalf of Flintshire District however for all sense and purpose they are treated as an equal partner of Pen-y-ffordd Scout Group. A partnership agreement is in place and reviewed annually.

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As explorer scouting is administered at a District Level, the annual report for Blaze explorers is contained within the Flintshire District Reporting.

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Penyffordd Scouts

On accounts for the year
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(if any)

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Set out on pages

(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)

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Independent
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[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 in connection with the examination (other than that disclosed below *) which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

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Signed:

Date:

31/10/2024

Name:

Adrian Bryan

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

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Section B

Disclosure

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight material 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.

PENYFFORD SCOUT GROUP

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As mentioned in the 2021 annual report, an action for 2022 has been to submit an expression of interest to The Scout Association with a view to establishing a Squirrel Drey, Squirrels are the newest Section to the Scouting family. I am delighted to confirm that this application was approved and we now have an established Squirrel Drey which will be reported on in the 2023 report.

It should be noted that at the time of compiling this report, Steve Love has assumed the role of Lead Volunteer (formerly known as GSL) after the sad loss of our former GSL Andrea following a short battle with cancer in August 2023. Andrea undertook her duties as GSL throughout the course of 2022, and so my reporting on this year will be understandably brief - reporting on a year for which I was not in post.

Andrea was incredibly proud to be GSL of Pen-y-ffordd, she is missed immeasurably by us all and I know our leaders will continue to adopt her values and learnings as we strive to deliver a brilliant programme for our young people. Whilst also technically a 2023 reporting point, it seems timely and fitting to note that the summer of 2023 also saw the equally sad loss of Gary Robinson "Hawkeye", a much loved and valued member of our Beaver Leadership team. Our thoughts remain with both Gary & Andrea's families, and I know the impact they had on our group and its members will be felt for years to come.

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2022 finally saw the end to almost all things covid in respect to specific risk assessments and operating methods, transitioning along with the rest of the world to accepting it as a part of life and adopting more stringent infection control practices into our standard Risk Assessments. This has allowed for a much welcomed "return to normal" for all our sections and activities.

Our 2022 membership figure remained as healthy as ever, with every section pretty much at capacity. Whilst this is encouraging to see such a positive response to our group, it does present us with a slightly more challenging issue – we do now have more young people on our waiting list, than we do in the group, and the likelihood of some young people on the waiting list ever getting a place in Penyffordd is slim. This is due to a continued struggle with leadership numbers, particularly with our younger sections, and the constraints of our building. The success of the group has now outgrown the size of our building. We frequently review our list and admit members in the most fair & equitable way possible, whilst encouraging people to also consider joining one of the other groups in Flintshire where there is space.

On that subject, we continue to liaise with the relevant authorities on the future of our hut and have agreed in principle to become tenants of a (as yet unbuilt) new extension to the Old School next door as part of the redevelopment plans for our site. This is likely to be a drawn out process and as of yet there is nothing substantive to report. Our trustees continue to look at all options and proposals and will fulfil their roles as trustees of the group when it comes to making decisions on this in due course.

The Scout Group continues to be valued and respected by youth members, supporters and the wider village community with involvement in several village events including the Platinum Jubilee celebrations.

Beaver Report – Nicola Robinson Beaver Leader

PYF Beavers 2022 has been full of fun and adventure. We were able to take part in 2 sleepovers and a district camp "Damboree 2022" with over 50 Beavers from Flintshire where many of the Beavers earned their 1st nights away badge since covid, working towards their Chief Scout Bronze Award.

We took part in the first district JOTT for 2 years where we completed a 5-mile hike and a walk across the Pontcysyllte Aqueduct with the beavers gaining their hikes away badge. We also visited Bailey Hill and learned all about the history of Mold Castle, had a visit from North Wales Horse Watch understanding the countryside code and took part in Parliament Week voting for a Beaver name for our new Young Leader.

We started on our community impact badge by coming up with an idea to help our community and poo bag dispensers were designed, made, and distributed around the village, these were very well received and also saw the Leader newspaper run a story on our venture. We visited our local Emanuel Church and met Rev Piercy where they shared reflections and listened to a story that relates to the Beaver Scout Promise. (Story of the Good Samaritan & Noah who showed kindness by helping the animals)

Some of our Beavers also took part in the lighting of the Beacon for the Jubilee and sang with the local choir, singing the national and Welsh anthem where the community came together. We finished our Summer term with a family night at Gladstone, offering parents the opportunity to see what it's like to be a beaver, trying Archery, crossbows, fire lighting, s'mores, pyrography and coming together to sing around the campfire.

Another district event took place during our autumn term in conjunction with our sleepover, we held a campfire for the beavers, a district campfire decorated with pumpkins and Halloween lanterns made by the beavers and singing some favourite campfire songs. A fantastic night had by all. Our group took part in the remembrance parade and service in Penyffordd with 14 Beavers taking part and finished our year with a trip to Jemoley's to paint Christmas decorations, supporting our local café.

Over 250 badges have been awarded with 10 Chief Scout Bronze Awards together with 2 of our leaders earning awards from Scouting, Hawkeye was invited to Windsor Castle for the Day of Celebration for his Chief Scout Commendation for Meritorious Conduct Award meeting Bear Grylls. Keo attended the Celebration of Scouting Awards and achieved highly commended in the adult leader category.

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Cubs Report – Hannah Morris Cub Leader

Below are the Cub highlights from the year:

Cubs enjoyed continuing to explore and develop skills. They have visited Xplore! , Bailey Hill, Boulder Hut and we're fortunate to gain tickets for free to see Wrexham play at home.

They have worked on many badges which included local history, chef, finance skills, personal safety, cyclist.

Our outdoor skills were key focus for us working on camp skills, navigation and cycling.

Our Main camps for the year were cycling camp at Neston and Rowen Conwy. Cubs were able to practice skills they had learned to achieve as a group. Rowen camp saw us in addition learn to Ski and visit Llandudno life boat station.

Our end of year was celebrated with family event at Deeside Inflatables. Where we bounced around and shared many achievements from the year.

Scouts Report – Chris Williams Scout Leader

Below are the Scout highlights from the year:

2022 has been a busy year for the Scout Troop as we started to get back into our routine of camps and activities after Covid.

Numbers have remained steady at around 22 Scouts throughout the year, and Scouts have continued to work towards the various activity, staged and challenge awards as well as the chief scout gold award.

The main camps and activities included various day hikes, the River Wye Canoe Cruise, the All Wales Scout Camp, a joint summer camp with Blaze Explorers at Kent International Jamboree, a canoeing weekend based from Forest Camp, the River Severn Canoe Cruise and a Cycling Weekend.

Explorer Scouts

As a group we continue to host Blaze Explorers on behalf of Flintshire District however for all sense and purpose they are treated as an equal partner of Pen-y-ffordd Scout Group. A partnership agreement is in place and reviewed annually.

The group have young leaders supporting sections from Blaze Explorer unit.

Leader Training

As a leadership team and executive committee, we continue to fair well keeping up with training in comparison to other Groups in Flintshire District. I am pleased to report we remain 100% compliant with our mandatory safeguarding, safety & first aid training with all other additional training in a healthy position.

Most leader training has continued to be all online during the year, except for First Aid which has run face to face when Covid regulations has allowed.

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Community Impact

It is not possible for us as a Scout Group, to take part in every Scout Association community initiative however we can have an impact on our local community by taking an active role as a Scouts Group. With the opening back up of the world, community activities have once again returned and we have endeavoured to support where possible including events such as the lighting of the Jubilee Beacon, supporting the village BBQ at the Jubilee party, a great turnout for the remembrance parade and several nights involved in community initiatives such as tree planting and maintaining community garden space/ flowerbeds.

December saw the return of the much-loved Santa Float with youth members and parents collecting with Santa under licences granted by Flintshire County council. The local community are very appreciative and supportive of the Santa float. This year we responded to a plea from the community of Higher Kinnerton to spread some Santa magic to them too - our Explorer unit took on this round as part of their fundraising efforts for their 2023 trip to Croatia. We once again provided Santa support to the Red Lion for their Christmas Fair.

Health and Safety: Our Hut

The hut is maintained to an acceptable standard in line with Health and Safety requirements Jacksons undertook our annual fire extinguisher check in February 2022.

The Asbestos Risk assessment has been reviewed and an asbestos plan put in place as recommended by The Scout Association, this has been signed off by the executive committee.

Welcome Pack

The welcome pack has been kept up to date with any necessary changes

Minibus/Trailer

The minibus has had regular servicing and mechanical work completed.

Unfortunately, this year, our trailer was involved in quite a serious road traffic accident and required substantial repairs which were covered by our insurance. Luckily there were no injuries sustained by anyone in the accident - the trailer was being towed by another vehicle at the time of the incident and so this did not involve our minibus.

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An action for next year is to strengthen the executive committee.

Members of the Executive Committee should complete 'Essential Information for Executive Committee' training within the first 5 months of joining the committee, as well as Safety, Safeguarding and GDPR.

It should be noted that The Scout Association have indicated that we will be making significant changes to the organisation of our adult roles, members and teams in 2023. Part of this change will see us adopt Trustee boards in place of the current Executive Committee. As more details become available we will navigate these changes to ensure we remain compliant and demonstrate good governance and will provide an update in our 2023 report.

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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.

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Appointing any sub committees that may be required.

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Sharon Bakewell (Treasurer)	Steven Love (Group Scout Leader)
Kerri Bendon	Richard Memmory (Chair)
Simon Briscoe	Nicola Robinson
Sarah Crosby	Steve Wallace
Andrea Dixon - (deceased August 2023)	Chris Williams
Hannah Dooley-Morris	

Financial Review and Reserves

The results for the year show a net cash outflow of £2,274 compared to an inflow of £5,491 in the previous financial year.

The Total Funds held by the Group on 31 December 2022 was £50,456 and this is split between Designated Funds held across the 3 sections of Beavers, Cubs and Scouts of £1,728, money held for future camps - £3,261, Minibus and remedial work on the building of £28,500, Restricted funding of £1,009 which leaves £15,958 as free reserves. The Committee feel that the Charity needs to hold approximately 6 months expenditure as free reserves, which equates to approximately £15,000. Plans have been put in place to spend this money on charitable activities in 2023.

Grant Funding

The Scout Group have been fortunate to be eligible for further Covid -19 business support grants from Flintshire County Council at the start of 2022.

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All sections received a grant from the village Community Council.

The group successfully applied to the COOP community fund for funding to improve the village community garden and received £1,009.

Fundraising

The only fundraising event which took place this year was the group Santa float at the beginning of December.

Subscriptions

It was agreed to increase subscriptions from 1 January 2023 and also money would be collected by all sections through OSM.

The trustees' report and accounts were approved by the trustees on 30 October 2023 and

Signed on their behalf by:



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Steve Love
Group Scout Leader

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RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS
For the year ended 31 December 2022

Consolidated accounts including Beavers, Cubs and Scouts Sections

	Total Unrestricted 2022 £	Total Restricted 2022 £	Total 2022 £	Total Unrestricted 2021 £
RECEIPTS				
Subscriptions	8,742	-	8,742	8,535
Fundraising	3,889	-	3,889	4,740
Donations	400	-	400	-
Grants	2,900	1,009	3,909	10,600
Trips and Activities	8,080	-	8,080	5,781
Badges/Hoodies	65	-	65	650
Contributions from Blaze Explorers	895	-	895	1,582
Miscellaneous income	138	-	138	-
	<u>25,109</u>	<u>1,009</u>	<u>26,118</u>	<u>31,888</u>
PAYMENTS				
Donation	200	-	200	25
Scout Membership	3,410	-	3,410	3,327
Minibus Expenses	3,462	-	3,462	2,170
Insurance	1,308	-	1,308	1,213
Building maintenance	748	-	748	1,446
Utilities	1,810	-	1,810	601
Miscellaneous	775	-	775	405
Equipment	2,469	-	2,469	7,287
Fundraising expenses	359	-	359	616
Training and Uniform	330	-	330	-
Bank Charges	163	-	163	-
Camps and Activities	12,358	-	12,358	8,207
Badges/Hoodies	1,000	-	1,000	1,100
	<u>28,392</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>28,392</u>	<u>26,397</u>
Net Cash Inflow	(3,283)	1,009	(2,274)	5,491
Funds at 1 January 2022	52,730	-	52,730	47,239
Funds at 31 December 2022	<u>49,447</u> =====	<u>1,009</u> =====	<u>50,456</u> =====	<u>52,730</u> =====

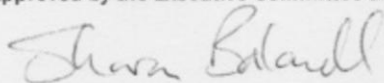
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STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES

As at 31 December 2022

	2022	2021
	£	£
Funds Held		
Group Current Account	16,013	13,839
Group Savings Account	29,440	29,500
Group Petty cash	14	378
	<u>45,467</u>	<u>43,717</u>
Sections Funds:		
Beavers	651	628
Cubs	366	521
Scouts	3,972	7,864
	<u>4,989</u>	<u>9,013</u>
Section Funds		
	<u>4,989</u>	<u>9,013</u>
Total Funds	<u>50,456</u> =====	<u>52,730</u> =====
Funds - Split:		
Designated- Camps	3,261	7,178
Designated- Section	1,728	1,835
Designated- Building	3,500	5,000
Designated- Minibus	25,000	18,500
Restricted funds - Coop Community Fund Project	1,009	-
Unrestricted	15,958	20,217
	<u>50,456</u> =====	<u>52,730</u> =====

Approved by the Executive Committee and signed on their behalf by:



Sharon Bakewell
Treasurer
30 October 2023

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT
TO THE MEMBERS OF PEN-Y-FFORDD SCOUT GROUP

I report on the financial statements of Pen-y-Ffordd Scout Group for the year ended 31 December 2022.

Respective responsibilities of Trustees and examiner

The charity's Trustees are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements. The charity's Trustees consider that an audit is not required for this period under section 144 (2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

examine the financial statements under section 145 of the 2011 Act;
to follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act; and
to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the financial statements presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the financial statements, 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 statement 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 130 of the 2011 Act; and
to prepare financial statements which accord with the accounting records and to comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 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 financial statements to be reached.

K Williams

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Name: *Kitty Williams B.A. Business/CIMA*

Occupation: *Head of Finance Play Revolution Ltd
Schappe Buildings, Raderyn, Wey, 201201*

Date: *03/11/23*

PENYFFORD SCOUT GROUP

England & Wales - Charity number 517642

Accounts

Pen-y-ffordd Scout Group

Year-end accounts

31 December 2021

Registered Number: 517642

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The Executive Committee present their report and the financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2021. They confirm that the financial statements comply with current statutory requirements and with those of the charity's constitution.

Structure and governance

The charity was established under a constitution adopted in 1986, when it registered as a charity. The organisation is registered and governed by the UK Scout Association.

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.

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.

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.

Our Scout Group - Andrea Dixon Group Scout Leader

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An action for 2022 is to submit an expression of interest to The Scout Association with a view to establishing a Squirrel Drey, Squirrels are the newest Section to the Scouting family.

As GSL I am proud of the strong leadership teams we have in each section and admire their creativity in providing exciting and challenging programmes week in week out initially within a pandemic where the boundaries are constantly changing.

An action for next year is to see if we can strengthen the Cub Leadership team with additional volunteers.

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A significant requirement has been brought into the Scout Policy Organisation and Rules, this is that every activity must be risk assessed and recorded. This presents an initial challenge in getting risk assessment in place for the most common activities, everything we do will come under this requirement from flag break in the hut to hiking up Everest.

Covid risk assessments were continually reviewed, and programmes adapted to meet the requirements depending on if we were in RED, AMBER or GREEN. Section programmes were initially run on zoom, then primarily run outside utilising various outdoor spaces around the Scout Hut and at the district campsite Gladstone which was funded by group throughout this period.

Despite the disruptions Covid brought us, the group-maintained youth membership numbers throughout the year and continue to have a healthy waiting list, unfortunately we cannot offer all young people a place.

The Scout Group continues to be valued and respected by youth members, supporters and the wider village community.

Beaver section assistant Gary Robinson was awarded the 'Meritous Conduct' Award an official Scout Association award for his contribution to Scouting.

Beaver Report - Nic Robinson Beaver Leader

Beavers embraced online sessions with some interesting visitors and activities over Zoom, where the Beavers fully committed to the online experience and gained more than 200 badges this year, including 7 Chief Scout Bronze Awards.

Activities included:

- Little Zoo to You - met some very interesting creatures
- Cooking - Tortilla Pasties and Armpit Fudge
- Beavers took a virtual tour of a Fire Station
- First Aid - Practising CPR on teddies and learning the recover position with willing volunteers at home!
- Beavers made Bird Feeders for their gardens and learnt how to tie 3 knots
- Kahoot Quizzes
- Camp at Home with a virtual campfire and a bedtime story with Keeo "Friends of the Forest"

After the Easter break, we returned to face-to-face activities outside at the Scout Hut, in the Community Garden and at our local campsite Gladstone, we planted up the garden, ran a campfire singalong, scavenger hunts, held a back to basics scouting sleepover at Gladstone learning how to light a fire, build a den, archery, crossbows, orienteering and staying away from home for a night.

Beavers had visits from Wales Air Ambulance charity learning about the important work of the Air Ambulance, had a special visitor who re-enacted the time of soldier during the 1st World War to mark remembrance Sunday and took part in Parliament Week talking to our local MP and Community Councillor about issues that affect us in our community.

Beavers finished 2021 with a visit to our local pottery cafe to make Christmas Decorations and completed a Christmas Scavenger Hunt around the village.

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Cubs Report – Hannah Morris Cub Leader

Below are the Cub highlights from the year:

- Overall Cubs have enjoyed being back in person with Cubs and moving from digital provision
- Highlight for the Cub leaders has been being able to see them growing in confidence both individually and as Cub pack working together. They have worked hard to perfect their skills and becoming more independent in using them
- Cubs have enjoyed visit to Xplore! in Wrexham, District campfire, hiking, outdoor sessions at Gladstone centre perfecting their fire lighting and camp skills, geocaching, Canoeing sessions
- They have worked through their international badge, scientist, astronomer, personal safety, local history, hobbies, community impact, paddle sports, fitness, alongside their skills badges.

Scouts Report – Chris Williams Scout Leader

Below are the Scout highlights from the year:

- Running Section membership steady on 24
- Successfully running sessions online in the first part of the year, followed by outdoor sessions for most of the remaining year, focusing on getting back into routine, patrols, uniform, patrol points
- Summer camp Kibblestone, given the green light for this camp at the very last minute, team worked hard to get everything in place and Risk Assessment approved at District level
- Scouts enjoyed a trip Laser combat in Llandegla
- I'm a scout get me out of here was run as 2 separate day events in order to comply with Covid restrictions, despite this Scouts thoroughly enjoyed this challenging event
- River Dee Canoe Cruise run jointly with Blaze and K2 explorer units this replaced River Severn annual canoe cruise which was cancelled due to restrictions
- Scout meeting concentrating on Scouting skills of navigation, knotting and first aid

Explorer Scouts

As a group we continue to host Blaze Explorers on behalf of Flintshire District however for all sense and purpose they are treated as an equal partner of Pen-y-ffordd Scout Group. A partnership agreement is in place and reviewed annually.

As Blaze continue to contribute financially to the group, we have ensured they have been financially supported during the period when they haven't been able to make use of the scout hut, an example being meeting the cost of using Gladstone campsite for weekly meetings.

The group have young leaders supporting sections from Blaze Explorer unit.

Leader Training

As a leadership team and executive committee, we continue to fair well keeping up with training in comparison to other Groups in Flintshire District. Leaders are guided by Training Adviser/ Cub Leader Hannah Morris and Assistant Scout Leader Sue Randle. 1 Wood Badge has been completed this year and 1 leader remains in training.

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Community Impact

It is not possible for us as a Scout Group, to take part in every Scout Association community initiative however we can have an impact on our local community by taking an active role as a Scouts Group.

Community involvement has been limited again this year, by Covid regulations, however, we were able to join the village parade for Remembrance Day and a few representatives of the group attended the service.

By December the Covid situation was greatly improved and the groups much-loved Santa Float was able to go-ahead in the usual manner with youth members and parents collecting with Santa under licences granted by Flintshire County council. The local community are very appreciative and supportive of the Santa float.

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Health and Safety-Hut

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The Asbestos Risk assessment has been reviewed and an asbestos plan put in place as recommended by The Scout Association, this has been signed off by the executive committee.

Scout Hut Update - Richard Memmory, Chair

The beloved Scout Hut is reaching the end of its natural life with costs to replace aspects of the building being extremely costly and would not be a sound investment for the Scout Group to spend money on. Over the course of the last few years, somewhat impacted by Covid, we have been working with Flintshire Council and the newly formed Penyffordd Penymynydd Dobshell (PPD) Hwb to review our options for a longer-term location to be based out of. Out of several potential options (including the Scout Group take on full responsibility of the Scout Hut, Scout Group take on full responsibility of the Youth Club building or Flintshire Council look at an alternative site for the Group) the committee have decided that working with the PPD Hwb would be the best outcome for the Group.

Who are the PPD Hwb?

They are a community-based group, backed by the Community Council, who are working towards taking ownership of the Youth Club building, and surrounding land, to offer space to various groups and organisations to compliment the War Memorial Institute (which is already oversubscribed). We have been working with the Hwb to express our requirements and needs and are looking to work with them to build a new garage and storage area, have some secure dedicated space within the Youth Club building plus access to a brand new building which will become our new home.

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It's early days, the Hwb are just about to take ownership of the Youth Club and their immediate focus will be setting up the existing building so it can be used for community activities. From a Scout Group perspective, we urgently need a new garage/storage area so will be working with the Hwb on how we can get this build started (our aim is for the Scout Group to raise funds for this) and then longer term, our new home.

We are looking forward to expanding on what we have today (dedicated and safe space for our Group) to provide more opportunities for Pen-y-ffordd Scout Group.

Welcome Pack

The welcome pack has been kept up to date with any necessary changes

Minibus/Trailer

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The group has been fortunate to be able to purchase a brand-new bespoke trailer. The previous trailer will now house the Santa Float on a permanent basis.

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Executive committee activity continued to be limited to zoom meetings due to Covid 19, restrictions continually changing, meeting on Zoom has proved to be an effective way to hold executive committee meetings and has improved attendance. Communication is additionally enhanced using an executive committee face book messenger group

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Emma Clark (resigned 29 May 2021)	Helen Mitchell (resigned 27 March 2021)
Sarah Crosby	Natalie Roberts (resigned 12 December 2021)
Joanne Davies (resigned 30 August 2021)	Nicola Robinson
Andrea Dixon (Group Scout Leader)	Chris Williams
Hannah Dooley-Morris	
Rachel Kendrick (resigned 29 May 2021)	

Financial Review and Reserves

The results for the year show a net cash inflow of £5,491 compared to £6,556 in the previous financial year.

The Total Funds held by the Group on 31 December 2021 was £47,239 and this is split between Designated Funds held across the 3 sections of Beavers, Cubs and Scouts of £1,835, money for future camps - £7,178, Minibus and remedial work on the building of £23,500 which leaves £20,217 as free reserves. The Committee feel that the Charity needs to hold approximately 6 months expenditure as free reserves, which equates to approximately £12,000. We are currently over this limit due to Grant funding received in the year but not spent at year end. Plans have been put in place to spend this money on charitable activities in 2022.

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Grant Funding

Although fundraising was reduced again this year the Scout Group have been fortunate to be eligible for further Covid -19 business support grants from Flintshire County Council. This has again brought in significant funding far in excess of our usual fundraising efforts.

Some sections received a grant from the village Community Council.

The group successfully applied to the COOP community fund for funding to improve the village community garden, this project will run up until October 2022. No funds have been received yet.

Fundraising

The only fundraising event which took place this year was the group Santa float at the beginning of December referenced previously in the Community impact area of this report.

Subscriptions

The plan was to increase subs this year however due to the ongoing pandemic a decision has been made to postpone this to a future date.

The trustees' report and accounts were approved by the trustees on 31 October 2022 and

Signed on their behalf by:

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Andrea Dixon
Group Scout Leader

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RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS

For the year ended 31 December 2021

Consolidated accounts including Beavers, Cubs and Scouts Sections

	Total Unrestricted 2021 £	Total Unrestricted 2020 £
RECEIPTS		
Subscriptions	8,535	9,577
Fundraising	4,740	4,949
Donations	-	1,460
Grants	10,600	14,240
Trips and Activities	5,781	5,771
Badges/Hoodies	650	131
Contributions from Blaze Explorers	1,582	580
Miscellaneous income	-	207
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	31,888	36,915
PAYMENTS		
Subs paid to Explorers	25	74
Scout Association Membership	3,327	4,070
Minibus Expenses	2,170	839
Insurance	1,213	1,427
Building maintenance	1,446	580
Utilities	601	577
Miscellaneous	405	475
Equipment	7,287	2,494
Fundraising expenses	616	394
Food and Provisions	-	120
Camps and Activities	8,207	18,518
Badges/Hoodies	1,100	791
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	26,397	30,359
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Net Cash Inflow	5,491	6,556
Funds at 1 January 2021	47,239	40,683
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Funds at 31 December 2021	<u>52,730</u>	<u>47,239</u>

PEN-Y-FFORDD SCOUT GROUP
STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES

As at 31 December 2021

	2021	2020
	£	£
Funds Held		
Group Current Account	13,839	19,531
Group Savings Account	29,500	17,000
Group Petty cash	378	202
Group Funds	<u>43,717</u>	<u>36,733</u>
Sections Funds:		
Beavers	628	292
Cubs	521	367
Scouts	7,864	9,847
Section Funds	<u>9,013</u>	<u>10,506</u>
Total Funds	<u>52,730</u>	<u>47,239</u>
Funds - Split		
Designated- Camps	7,178	9,000
Designated- Section	1,835	1,506
Designated- Building	5,000	3,000
Designated- Minibus	18,500	15,000
Unrestricted	20,217	18,733
	<u>52,730</u>	<u>47,239</u>

Approved by the Executive Committee and signed on their behalf by:

Sharon Bakewell
Treasurer
31 October 2022

PEN-Y-FFORDD SCOUT GROUP
INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT
TO THE MEMBERS OF PEN-Y-FFORDD SCOUT GROUP

I report on the financial statements of Pen-y-Ffordd Scout Group for the year ended 31 December 2021.

Respective responsibilities of Trustees and examiner

The charity's Trustees are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements. The charity's Trustees consider that an audit is not required for this period under section 144 (2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the financial statements under section 145 of the 2011 Act;
- to follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act; and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the financial statements presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the financial statements, 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 statement 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 130 of the 2011 Act; and
- to prepare financial statements which accord with the accounting records and to comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 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 financial statements to be reached.

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PENYFFORD SCOUT GROUP

England & Wales - Charity number 517642

Accounts

Pen-y-ffordd Scout Group

Year-end accounts

31 December 2020

Registered Number: 517642

PEN-Y-FFORDD SCOUT GROUP

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The Executive Committee present their report and the financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2020. They confirm that the financial statements comply with current statutory requirements and with those of the charity's constitution.

Structure and governance

The charity was established under a constitution adopted in 1986, when it registered as a charity. The organisation is registered and governed by the UK Scout Association.

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.

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.

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.

The Vision

The vision was that by 2023 we will have prepared more young people with skills for life, supported by amazing leaders who deliver an inspiring programme. We will be growing, more inclusive, shaped by young people and making a bigger impact in our communities. As a result of Covid-19 this strategy has been extended until 2025.

Our Goals

We will achieve the following goals against our four objectives:

1. Growth

50k more young people

10k more Section Leaders

5k more Young Leaders

2. Inclusivity

Our volunteers reflect the demographics of our society

In 500 more areas of deprivation

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3. Youth Shaped

250k young people shape their Scouting each year

50% young people achieve top awards

4. Community Impact

250k young people making a positive impact in their local communities each year

50% young people achieve top awards

There will be three pillars of work

To meet these objectives, we will focus on three pillars of work:

Perception, People and Programme

Our Scout Group

Pen-y-ffordd Scout Group consists of a Beaver Colony, Cub Pack and a Scout Group, we also host an Explorer Scout unit on behalf of Flintshire District Scouts through a Partnership agreement. The Group provides activities for children aged 6 to 18 in accordance with the aims and objectives of the Scout movement nationally.

We entered 2020 with high hopes, enthusiasm and active programmes planned for sections, and the long awaited and anticipated International Scout trip to Kandersteg, little did we know Scouting was going to change beyond all recognition.

Scouting as we knew it was brought to an abrupt halt in March 2020 when we were directed by the organisation to cease face to face scouting activities with immediate effect as a result of the emerging Covid 19 Pandemic.

Scouting nationally and locally adapted quickly making use of social media platforms initially to promote 'Scouting at home' activities, challenges, competition's, activities towards badge work, there were no boundaries to the creative ideas Leaders came up with.

The number of activity and challenge badges awarded significantly increased.

Camps took place at home, during the daily exercise routines Scouts set a challenge to collectively run, cycle, walk or scoot the length of Wales, they far exceeded this distance!

This evolved with the Scout association going into a partnership for free Zoom accounts, gradually section meetings evolved to being run on Zoom, some sections evolved quicker than others however as life was changing quickly and leaders were having to adapt to significant change in their personal lives as well as their scouting life it was important each section developed at the pace that was right for them.

Members experienced lego workshops, cooking activities, keep fit ,the opportunities to be creative were endless.

Scouts Cymru delivered a Promise renewal ceremony online on St Georges Day.

Leaders Steve Love and Graeme Cooper were awarded official Scout Association awards for their contribution to Scouting.

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Explorer Scouts

As a group we host Blaze Explorers on behalf of Flintshire District however for all sense and purpose they are treated as an equal partner of Pen-y-ffordd Scout Group. A partnership agreement is in place and reviewed annually.

This year in line with the organisations POR Blaze Explorer unit has become financially independent of Pen-y-ffordd Scout Group and pay £5 per month per head to Pen-y-ffordd Scout group for use of the hut, equipment and the Minibus. The Partnership agreement has been reviewed to reflect this.

Kandersteg International Scout Camp 2020

An international camp was booked for July 2020 for a total of 40 scouts, Explorers and Leaders, several activities has been undertaken in preparation for the camp and a separate fundraising committee had been established primarily led by parents with significant funds raised.

Due to Covid -19 a decision had to be taken that the trip could not go ahead, this was devastating for both young people and Leaders. Unfortunately, the trip insurance was taken out through the booking with Venture Abroad and we were not covered for the significant loss paid out for flights. Communication with Venture Abroad was slow to the point we were out of timescale for moving the flights to alternate dates.

Parents and leaders were financially out of pocket, therefore through consultation with Executive committee and with District Commissioner oversight parents and leaders were reimbursed most of the monies they had paid out. This came from a mixture of fundraised money for the trip and Covid Grant.

Training

As a leadership team and executive committee, we continue to fair well keeping up with training in comparison to other Groups in Flintshire District. Leaders are all on target with their training and are guided by Training Adviser/ Cub leader Hannah Morris and Assistant Scout Leader Sue Randle. 2 leaders are near to completing their Wood Badge.

Leader training has all moved online during the pandemic, with options to join training run by areas and counties across the UK.

Community Impact.

It is not possible for us as a Scout Group, to take part in every Scout Association community initiative however we can have an impact on our local community by taking an active role as a Scouts Group.

This year Covid-19 put a halt on all but one community activities, we managed at very last minute to get a licence to run the much-loved group Santa Float. Changes had to be made to comply with our Covid-19 Risk assessment which had to be submitted to Flintshire County Council for approval. Santa also did an afternoon at the Red Lion Christmas Fayre. Changes included minimal collectors, no knocking on doors and a new initiative of an online Just giving page.

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Executive Committee Activity

Exec activity has been somewhat reduced due to covid 19, with scouting being unable to run for much of the year. The few meetings that have taken place have been via zoom. Most decision making has been made using face book messenger Exec group.

Update on our Scout Hut

Committee Chair Richard Memory represents the Scout Group on the committee of the community interest group who plan to take on the old school community building as a community asset transfer.

A feasibility study will be commissioned and outsourced to an independent company; Leaders will meet prior to meeting with the company so we can put together a list of minimum requirements.

A decision has been made to have some remedial work done on the roof in order to repair the current holes and provide further weatherproofing. A roofer has been identified and the work will commence in January 2021.

The electrics have been serviced in October 2020. A light has been installed outside to aid meeting outside in the winter evenings during the pandemic.

The hut has been fitted with hand sanitiser stations and hand washing facilities have been improved with the fitting of a small instant water heater for hot water in the toilets.

Covid signage has been put up around the hut.

Health and Safety

The hut is maintained to an acceptable standard in line with Health and Safety requirements Jacksons undertook our annual fire extinguisher check in February.

This year some remedial work has been organised on the Scout Hut roof. The benefits were immediately noticeable.

Executive Committee Training

We have not had any new committee members; all training is now virtual with E learning options available. The committee has good compliance with required training.

Online Scout Manager

OSM is a computer programme designed for storing personal details of scout members, communicating with parents and keeping records of scout programmes. OSM also supports GDPR by keeping data securely.

Flintshire District continues to fund OSM. Sections have extended their use of OSM for programme planning and communicating with parents.

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We have not proceeded with the plan to move subs payments over to OSM due to primarily meeting virtually and acknowledging it was not the time to review the amount paid for subscriptions. This will be revisited next year.

Welcome Pack

The welcome pack has been kept up to date with any necessary changes. The covid Risk assessment will shortly be added in along with the group covid operating procedures and a Zoom code of conduct, in preparation for increased Scouting activity next year.

Minibus

The minibus has had minimal use this year due to Scouts being unable to meet, the insurance was reduced to fire and theft only and the bus was SORN for a period.

Fundraising

Fortunately, we squeezed in a successful fundraising Casino evening in February 2020, no further fundraising took place until our Santa float at the beginning of December referenced previously in the Community impact area of this report.

Principal Address:

Pen-y-Ffordd Scout Group
Hawarden Road
Pen-y-Ffordd
Chester
CH4 0JE

Executive Committee

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

The Committee consists of 3 independent representatives, Chair, Treasurer and Secretary together with the Group Scout Leader, individual section leaders and parent representation and meets every 6 weeks.

Members of the Executive Committee should complete 'Essential Information for Executive Committee' training within the first 5 months of joining the committee.

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.

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Appointing any sub committees that may be required.

Appointing Group Administrators and Advisors other than those who are elected

The Group is managed by the Executive Committee who are listed below:

Sharon Bakewell (Treasurer)	Stephen Love
Simon Briscoe	Richard Memmory (Chair)
Emma Clark (resigned 29 May 2021)	Helen Mitchell (resigned 27 March 2021)
Sarah Crosby	Natalie Roberts (resigned 12 December 2021)
Joanne Davies (resigned 30 August 2021)	Nicola Robinson
Andrea Dixon (Group Scout Leader)	Chris Williams
Hannah Dooley-Morris	
Rachel Kendrick (resigned 29 May 2021)	

Financial Review and Reserves

The results for the year show a net cash inflow of £6,556 compared to £16,304 in the previous financial year. The previous year's figure included money collected and fundraised for Camps which were due to happen in 2020 of £12,223. In the event, due to the pandemic these camps did not take place and the money that was paid to individuals was refunded in 2020.

The Total Funds held by the Group on 31 December 2020 was £47,239 and this is split between Designated Funds held across the 3 sections of Beavers, Cubs and Scouts of £1,506, Money for future camps - £9,000, Minibus and remedial work on the building of £20,000 which leaves £16,733 as free reserves. The Committee feel that the Charity needs to hold approximately 6 months expenditure as free reserves, which equates to approximately £10,000. We are currently over this limit due to Grant funding which was received in the year but not spent at year end. Plans have been put in place to spend this money on charitable activities in 2021.

Grant Funding

Despite fundraising being reduced to a minimum this year, as a Scout Group we have been fortunate to be eligible for Covid -19 business support grants and a Non - domestic rates - Lockdown grant. This has brought in significant funding far in excess of our usual fundraising efforts.

Subscriptions

Despite meeting virtually for most of the year most of our members subscriptions continued as usual, parents were given the option of ceasing or reducing payments if their personal financial circumstances were impacted as a result of the pandemic.

The trustees' report and accounts were approved by the trustees on 20 December 2021 and

Signed on their behalf by:

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Andrea Dixon
Group Scout Leader

PEN-Y-FFORDD SCOUT GROUP

RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS

For the year ended 31 December 2020

Consolidated accounts including Beavers, Cubs and Scouts Sections

	Total Unrestricted 2020 £	Total Unrestricted 2019 £
RECEIPTS		
Subscriptions	9,577	12,512
Fundraising	4,949	16,185
Donations	1,460	150
Grants	14,240	3,942
Trips and Activities	5,771	18,677
Badges/Hoodies	131	474
Contributions from Blaze Explorers	580	-
Miscellaneous income	206	130
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	36,915	52,070
PAYMENTS		
Subs paid to Explorers	74	612
Scout Association Membership	4,070	4,312
Minibus Expenses	839	3,330
Insurance	1,427	1,343
Building maintenance	580	298
Rates	-	-
Utilities	577	525
Miscellaneous	475	261
Training and uniform	-	1,574
Equipment	2,494	4,469
Fundraising expenses	394	3,039
Food and Provisions	120	1,861
Camps and Activities	18,518	13,305
Badges/Hoodies	791	837
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	30,359	35,766
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Net Cash Inflow	6,556	16,304
Funds at 1 January 2020	40,683	24,379
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Funds at 31 December 2020	<u>47,239</u>	<u>40,683</u>

PEN-Y-FFORDD SCOUT GROUP
STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES

As at 31 December 2020

	2020	2019
	£	£
Funds Held		
Group Current Account	19,531	9,574
Group Savings Account	17,000	14,000
Group Petty cash	202	420
	36,733	23,994
Group Funds		
Sections Funds:		
Beavers	292	609
Cubs	367	245
Scouts	9,847	15,835
	10,506	16,689
Section Funds		
	47,239	40,683
Total Funds		
	47,239	40,683
 Funds - Split		
Designated- Camps	9,000	12,223
Designated- Section	1,506	4,466
Designated- Building	3,000	3,000
Designated- Minibus	15,000	12,000
Unrestricted	18,733	8,994
	47,239	40,683

Approved by the Executive Committee and signed on their behalf by:

Sharon Bakewell
Treasurer
20 Decemer 2021

PEN-Y-FFORDD SCOUT GROUP
INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT
TO THE MEMBERS OF PEN-Y-FFORDD SCOUT GROUP

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Basis of independent examiner's report

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Independent examiner's statement

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