



2nd Bramhall Scouts Trustee's Annual Report

For the period 01/04/2024 to 31/03/2025

Section A – Reference & Administration Details

Charity Name – 2nd Bramhall Boy Scout Group

Registered charity number – 520204

Charity's principle address – 2nd Bramhall Scouts, Fir Road, Bramhall, Stockport. SK7 2NP

Names of charity trustees who manage the charity.

1. Andrew Barker – Ex officio
2. Robert Verity – Treasurer
3. Karen Johnson – Trustee
4. Helen Jevons – Trustee
5. Robert Dawes – Trustee
6. Nathan Thomson – Trustee – Co-opted February 2025
7. Duncan Armstrong – Trustee – Co-opted February 2025

Section B – Structure, governance and management

The Group's governing documents are those of the Scout Association. They consist of a Royal Charter, which in turn gives authority to the Bye Laws of the Association and The Policy, Organisation and Rules of The Scout Association.

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

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

The Group is managed by the Group Trustee Board, 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 Trustee Board consists of the Treasurer and 6 Trustees (including 1 Ex Officio Trustee, and 2 co-opted Trustees) and meets every three months.

Members of the Trustee Board complete Being a Scouts Trustee learning within the first 6 months of joining the Board.

This Group Trustee Board exists to make sure the charity is well-managed, risks are assessed and mitigated, buildings and equipment are in good working order, and everyone follows legal requirements and the organisation's policies and rules. Their support helps other volunteers run high-quality and safe programmes that gives young people skills for life.

The Group Trustee Board identify major risks to which they believe the Group is exposed, these are reviewed and systems have been established to mitigate against them.

Objectives and activities

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

Achievements and performance

Each team leader has provided a summary of their sections year.

Beavers

Since April 2024 we have completed lots of badges:

Air Activity badge

Gardening badge (with sunflower competition)

Global issues badge

Cyclist badge, with help from scout leaders James and Jake

Musician badge

Disability Awareness badge, with visit from Hearing Dog puppy in training, Gwen

Sports badge

Safety badge

Experiment badge (Nala excelled herself, with the incredible erupting volcanoes and pots of slime)

Highlights:

Annual water-fun night in July, the leaders got soaked as usual!

Olympics night in Bramhall Park. The previous week, Beavers had made gold medals with pasta shapes and gold paint, presented at the closing ceremony!

Halloween party, Christmas party (everyone in their Christmas jumper)

Christmas crafts evening, with help from parents

We have a fantastic team with Nala, Tarka, Young Leader Mia, Scout helper Ruby and two DofE helpers, Lois and Marley.

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Cubs

Cubs have had a great year

We are “healthy” with numbers

Routinely managing 30+ Cubs on a weekly basis

though we are likely to lose our experienced Sixers/Seconders who

Will be moving on with their adventure as the move up to Scouts

We have had numerous trips/activities outside the confines of the hut

Including a recent visit to Cheadle Fire Station

No sliding down the pole but plenty of playing with the fire hose

As usual we have maintained the 2nd Bramhall tradition of being well represented

at both the Remembrance Day parade & St Georges Day parade

We’ve just had yet another outstanding camp

Knights theme & once again were blessed by the weather gods

This only worked so well because of the awesome leaders & parent helpers who assisted & made life easy

For those us who were running around like headless chickens

Plus a suitable thanks to the catering crew who kept us fed & watered

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Scouts

We’ve had another strong year in the scouts section. There are now over 35 scouts in the troop, and meetings regularly see attendance of 30+ scouts which is great to see and is a stark comparison to previous years. We are now having to be careful about managing the number of scouts we have in the troop, and in peak times of year, may even have a waiting list for external joiners. This is a nice problem to have, as opposed to not having enough scouts in the troop, and is testament to the hard work leaders put into delivering a quality and engaging program.

Speaking of the program, for the second half of this year we have really focussed on ensuring every meeting has an exciting twist or game to keep the scouts engaged. Gone are the days of just learning about first aid for 2 hours, which whilst important, could be a bit boring. Now, such a meeting would be combined with pioneering so that scouts are challenged at the end of the night to design, build and test (via relay races) their own stretcher, for example. We’ve found great success in adding a little chaos and energy to your typical slower meetings/badge work nights. The main highlights from this year’s program are of course the usual pirates, obstacle course, water fight, wide game, and hiking meetings, but also the brand-new real life Cluedo meeting, and the leader made scare maze in our annual Halloween meeting, which both went down a treat, and will return bigger and better in 2025!

In terms of camps, in 2024 we completed the most nights away the scout section has done in a long time. We introduced the idea of a weekend camp in the spring, for the first time, designed as a stepping stone between Cub Camp and Summer Camp. We then also had our annual PL and APL weekend camp, designed to teach the older scouts the skills they need to lead their patrol on

Summer Camp. Speaking of, we got Summer Camp back up to its full 9-day length for the first time since 2019. The overwhelming highlight of that camp was our new activity: ghyll scrambling. In 2025, Summer Camp will be returning to its rightful home in the Lake District, and watch this space for exciting developments relating to ghyll scrambling, as we plan to make that activity even bigger (literally, in terms of the size of the jumps) this year. Finally, we finished the year off with our Christmas Party, Night Hike and Sleepover, a returning favourite.

A big thanks from me to all the leaders who have helped support the section this past year, and have made such an exciting program possible.

J Ashton

Explorers

The section is still small in size but beginning to grow.

This year saw a return to the usual Tuesday two-hour meeting slot.

We've tried a number of projects – converting manual go kart to petrol driven, drones, usual ball sports, extracting honey and wax, keeping the bees going, the test pilots for all scouts activities eg zorbing and high ropes.

Duke of Edinburgh training was completed along with a Bronze practice expedition.

The Explorers provide Young Leaders to both the Scout and Cub sections and have supported both sections on their camps.

Explorers had their own Santa's Float evening and have helped at all fundraising events for the Group.

Awards/Achievements

King Scout – Jake Ashton

Duke of Edingburgh Gold – Jake Ashton, Aaron Dorber

Financial review

Reserves Policy

The Group's policy on reserves is to hold sufficient resources to continue the charitable activities of the group should income and fundraising activities fall short.

The Group Trustee Board considers that the group should hold a sum equivalent to 12 months running costs.

Investment Policy

The Group's Income and Expenditure is very small and as a consequence does not have sufficient funds to invest in longer-term investments such as stocks and shares.

The Group has therefore adopted a low risk strategy to the investment of its funds. All funds are held in cash using only mainstream banks or building societies.

The Group Trustee Board regularly monitors the levels of bank balances and the interest rates received to ensure the group obtains maximum value and income from its banking arrangements.

Occasionally this may involve using an account that requires a period of notice before funds may be withdrawn, before doing so the Group Trustee Board considers the cash flow requirements.

Not having a Chair or Secretary over the last year has not been an ideal situation.

Co-opting two new Trustee’s was a positive step but the board is aware it lacks a breadth of skills for the maintenance of the group and it’s assets.

Declaration

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

Signed on behalf of the charity’s trustees

Signature(s)	<div></div> <div></div>
Full name(s)	<div></div> <div></div>
Position (eg Secretary, Chair)	<div></div> <div></div>
Date	<div><div>D</div><div>D</div><div>M</div><div>M</div><div>Y</div><div>Y</div></div>

2nd Bramhall Scout Group Receipts and Payments Account

Year start date

Year end date

For the year from	2024	To	2025
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Receipts and payments

	2024/25	2023/24
	Unrestricted funds	Unrestricted funds
	£	£
Receipts		
Donations, legacies and similar income		
Membership subscriptions	10,029.87	7,045.86
Less: Membership subscriptions paid on (National/County/Area/District)	-3,584.50	-3,540.50
Net membership subscriptions retained	6,445.37	3,505.36
Donations	0.00	3,000.00
Legacies	0.00	0.00
Gift Aid	0.00	0.00
Other similar income	0.00	0.00
Sub total	6,445.37	6,505.36
Grants		
Maintenance grant	0.00	0.00
Other grants	0.00	0.00
Sub total	0.00	0.00
Fundraising (gross)		
Plant Sales	13,422.86	13,562.88
Christmas Float & Bag Packing	500.00	1,100.00
Other fundraising events	0.00	0.00
Sponsored Event & Open Day	731.73	0.00
Sub total	14,654.59	14,662.88
Investment income		
Bank interest	537.79	476.23
Building Society interest	1,036.46	1,018.20
The Scout Association Short Term Investment Service	0.00	0.00
Property Rent income	10,614.50	11,475.00
Net income from Insurance claims	0.00	0.00
Sub total	12,188.75	12,969.43
Total Gross Income	33,288.71	34,137.67
Asset and investment sales, etc.		
Total receipts	33,288.71	34,137.67

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	£	£
Payments		
Charitable Payments		
Youth programme and activities	4,167.78	3,999.88
Adult support and training	599.76	0.00
Rent	0.00	0.00
Rates, Water and Sewerage	1,838.47	1,608.35
Electricity and Gas	3,377.15	5,839.85
Insurance	3,562.16	3,637.76
Repairs and Renewals	1,442.64	1,367.71
Materials and equipment	0.00	0.00
Administration Expenses	1,469.10	1,216.15
Contribution to camp costs	593.99	1,584.56
Vehicle Expenses	1,430.01	1,643.05
Contribution to Explorer Unit Expenses	129.04	0.00
Cleaner & Gardener	1,395.09	2,101.71
Badges	72.00	219.97
Donations	27.50	102.99
Sub total	20,104.69	23,321.98
Fundraising expenses		
Plant Sales	8,085.75	8,133.07
Christmas Float & Bag Packing	0.00	0.00
Other fundraising events	0.00	0.00
Open Day	693.63	0.00
Sub total	8,779.38	8,133.07
Total Gross Expenditure	28,884.07	31,455.05
Asset and investment purchases, etc.	1,234.79	329.60
Total payments	30,118.86	31,784.65
Net of receipts/(payments)	3,169.85	2,353.02
Cash funds last year end	73,970.45	71,617.43
Cash funds this year end	77,140.30	73,970.45

Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the year

	31st March 2025	31st March 2024
	Unrestricted funds	Unrestricted funds
	£	£
Cash funds		
Bank current accounts, Barclays & Unity	5,219.39	2,530.19
Bank deposit account (plant sales)	0.19	6,631.31
Subscription accounts, Barclays & Unity	31,010.61	32,684.61
Skipton Building Society	33,145.80	32,109.34
Hampshire B S	7,749.31	0.00
Cash/Floats	15.00	15.00
Total cash funds	77,140.30	73,970.45
Other monetary assets		
Tax claim	0.00	0.00
Debts due from the County/Area/District/Group	0.00	0.00
Insurance claim	0.00	0.00
Sub total	0.00	0.00
Investment assets		
Investment property - detail	0.00	0.00
Quoted investments	0.00	0.00
Other investments - detail	0.00	0.00
Sub total	0.00	0.00
Non monetary assets for charity's own use		
Badge stock	0.00	0.00
Shop stock	0.00	0.00
Other stock	0.00	0.00
Land and buildings	24,297.96	24,297.96
Motor vehicles	39.18	55.97
Scouting equipment, furniture etc	11,057.66	10,914.30
Other	0.00	0.00
Sub total	35,394.80	35,268.23
Liabilities		
Accounts not yet paid	0.00	0.00
Expenses incurred but not invoiced	0.00	0.00
Subscriptions not yet paid	0.00	0.00
Loan - detail	0.00	0.00
Other liabilities	0.00	0.00
Sub total	0.00	0.00

Contingent liabilities and future obligations

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

Signature
Signature on original
Signature on original

Print Name
Andrew Barker Trustee
Robert Verity Treasurer

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of 2nd Bramhall Boy Scout Group

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the 2nd Bramhall Boy Scout Group for the year ended 31st March 2025.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees of the 2nd Bramhall Boy Scout Group 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 2nd Bramhall Boy Scout Group 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

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the 2nd Bramhall Boy Scout Group as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records.

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.

Signed:

DA Clarke

Name:

DEREK CLARKE

Treasurer Sustainable Hayfield

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Date:

HAYFIELD, HIGH PEAK SK22 2TB

24 June 2025.