

1ST BISPHAM SCOUT GROUP

England & Wales · Charity number 521535

Details

Status Registered

Legal form Trust

Registered 1965-02-12

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

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Activities

Objects: UNIT OF THE SCOUT ASSOCIATION

Activities: Scout & Guide activities.

Classification

- **How:** Provides Human Resources, Provides Buildings/facilities/open Space, Provides Services
- **What:** Education/training
- **Who:** Children/young People

Geography

- **Area of benefit:** BISPHAM
- Blackpool

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-03-31	£33,446	£26,271	-	-
2024-03-31	£34,375	£33,899	-	-
2023-03-31	£31,753	£21,723	-	-
2022-03-31	£18,493	£17,715	-	-
2021-03-31	£37,380	£11,883	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
DAVID EDWARD CAM	Chair	2017-03-01
Darrell Keith Shuck		2017-03-01
Eileen Sanday		2000-05-15
Elizabeth Abbott		2000-05-15
Irene Wheatley		2000-05-15
Lesley Meddings		2000-05-15
Peter Sanday		2000-05-15
Philip Wheatley		2000-05-15
STEPHEN ASHTON SMITH		
STEPHEN WILLIAMSON		2000-05-15
Steven Winter		2015-04-01
Victor Meddings		2000-05-15

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Scout & Guide Group

Annual Report 2024-2025

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Chair and Group Lead Volunteer Report

The last 12 months has seen the Group continue to grow from strength to strength with increasing membership in all Sections. Total membership is now an amazing 180, with all sections prospering and providing countless opportunities for our young people to develop and learn new skills. Reading the reports which follow, you will see that all sections have been very active throughout the year in one form or another.

Our newest section, Squirrels (Scouting section for 4 and 5-year-olds) continues to thrive and the Squirrels are enjoying their start along their Scouting journey, as you can see from the attached report. Well done to all our worthy Squirrel Volunteers for making this all happen.

The success of the Group would not be possible without the help of all our Volunteers. Our sincere thanks go to all these wonderful people who continue to give their time without any recompense whatsoever!

Specific mention must go to those members of 1st Bispham team, who in February this year, were presented with prestigious awards for their services to Scouting

- Lesley Meddings – 50 Years service
- Dominic Moore – 15 Years service
- Robert Sims – 5 Years service

Sincere congratulations to all the above who have given their time and dedication to the success of Scouting in Blackpool, West Lancs County and particularly to 1st Bispham.

Special thanks also to all parent helpers who have assisted at meetings and events. This help is greatly appreciated. Long may it continue as it makes a big difference and provides that extra valued support to the Volunteers.

We are always on the lookout for new Volunteers for both our Scouting and Guiding sections. If you, as parents, would wish to help in any way - even for a few hours a year - please don't hesitate to approach the appropriate section Volunteers. Every little helps a great deal!

Our "Tuesday" club has continued to ensure that the 1st Bispham Headquarters remains in excellent condition - see the Tuesday Club section of the report for the list of tasks completed. Again, on behalf of us all we would like to thank them for all the time they give

and the tremendous work they do. If there are any retired Grandparents who are looking for something to do for a few hours a week - do please put them in touch.

To offset the increased running costs of the HQ, we have again been extremely successful in hiring out the facility to outside organisations during the day. We are delighted to report, and you will see from the accounts, that we have had another successful year. This income is extremely helpful to support the running costs of the HQ. Sincere thanks to Eileen Sanday (our Bookings Secretary) for all her tremendously hard work in managing bookings – thank you Eileen and well done indeed.

From a business perspective we are carefully managing our finances to ensure that we can maintain the excellent facilities we have today in the condition we are enjoying today – whilst protecting our reserves, just in case.

This year sees 1st Bispham celebrate its Centenary year and we are planning an “open event” on the 26th July 2025 to celebrate this momentous occasion. All parents, grandparents, past and current members and volunteers/leaders will be invited to this celebration, so please keep your eyes peeled for further information with regard to this event.

Finally, again many thanks to all of you who have provided support by way of assistance to 1st Bispham. We look forward to welcoming you very much throughout 2025/26 to the variety of activities which will be organised in the coming year. Please feel free to join in the fun!

David Cam DL Chair

Steve Smith Group Lead Volunteer

Treasurer's Report

The accounts this year show a healthy picture - this being aided significantly with over £12K income from den hire. This slightly reduced from last year, however still an extremely helpful income to assist with the running costs of the HQ.

We are up to date with claiming gift aid from HMRC and can I say a big thank you to all parents who have completed gift aid forms.

Income from subscriptions has remained on track as we welcome more boys and girls into the group. It was also good to see a great turn out for our annual Xmas Fair, which provided a positive return.

The running costs of the den show a slight reduction from last year; we continue to be extremely diligent and monitor costs to ensure we manage and conserve monies wherever possible, whilst ensuring the building is running in an efficient and comfortable environment for all.

We have some significant capital expenditure "items" (new fire doors, internal decorating, new camping equipment) requirements/planned for the forthcoming year, as well as celebrating our Centenary year – these will be budgeted for and monies spent wisely.

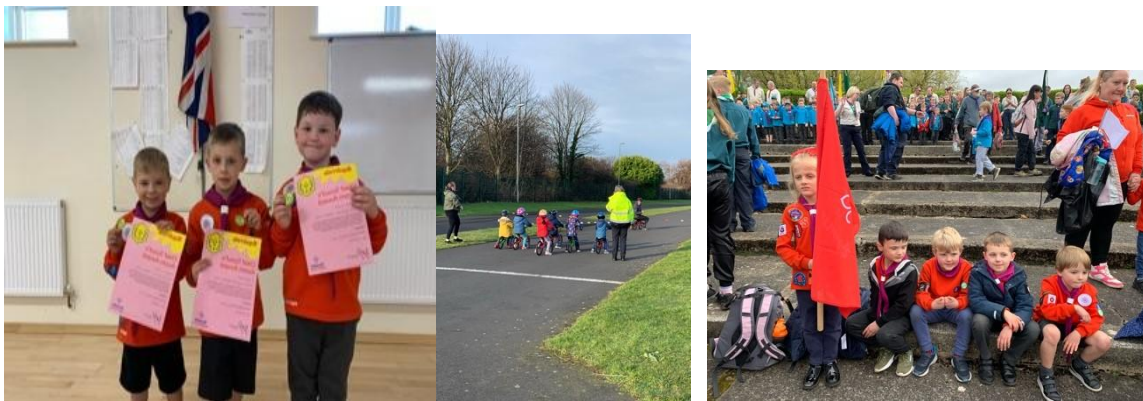
Our overall bank balances are healthy, but we need to ensure that we must maintain a "reserve" whilst at the same time ensure we can keep the fantastic building and facilities to the high standard that it currently is.

Looking ahead, and as Trustees, we are and intend to closely monitor all our income and expenditure to ensure we continue to be able to enjoy this facility and be able to provide Scouting and Guiding at this excellent Headquarters for years to come.

Steve Winter, Treasurer

Squirrels

The Squirrels have enjoyed another busy and fun packed year. We have awarded lots of activity badges and awards, including 5 Chief Scout Acorn Awards. The Squirrels enjoy working towards their badges and regularly let us know what they want to get involved with or find out about next!



We have enjoyed getting out and meeting other members of the Scouting family. Some of us joined with other Blackpool Squirrels for a balance bike session at Palatine Sports Centre where we made new Squirrel friends. We were excited to join in the St George's day celebration again with the whole district at Stanley Park, especially the chance to try some archery. Some of us received our badges at the Founders Day service at St Stephen's on the Cliffs, enjoying feeling part of the celebration.

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As part of our badge work, we particularly enjoyed learning all about space for our Space Explorers badge, making tin foil helmets for our toys and representing the solar system using fruit. We have learnt about emergency aid and had a go at bandaging each other in a session lead by one of our parents who is a nurse. We held a Highland Games night, wellie throwing and sponge caber tossing and made shortbread to celebrate St Andrew's day. We also had a visit from Gracie and found out all about Malawi and the amazing things she will do during her trip.



We have also picked litter, been on a local walk spotting and using a basic map, we have planted seeds and watched them grow, played new games, invented new games and even managed over 100 seconds of silence towards one of our centenary challenges. We have had a tremendous amount of fun and acquired a lot of new skills.

Just like the children, our drey continues to grow and learn. We now have 12 Squirrels and although we have had some leader changes, we now are building up our parent helpers so that our drey can continue to develop and grow. We are looking forward to another exciting year including the centenary celebrations.

Gemina & Motsy



BEAVERS

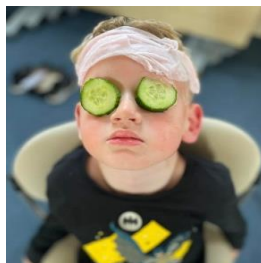
We begin as we always do, thinking about how it has been another busy 12 months here at 1st Bispham Beavers!

We have been working hard each Thursday night; having lots of fun, learning new things, facing challenges, and making new friends. We have also been out and about too!

Back in April we joined the whole of Blackpool District to celebrate St George's Day in the Park – the sun shone all afternoon which makes a change! We enjoyed a treasure hunt around the park, as well as archery, catapults, and tug of war before renewing our Beaver Scout Promise at the Bandstand. (We were the smartest colony by far! 😊)



Our colony is forever growing and active, we have enjoyed welcoming visitors to our colony as well as trying lots of new things for the very first time. Our 'Well-being night of Yoga, face and hand massages went down a treat!



We thoroughly enjoyed the BOTT Elmer Elephant walk around Blackpool Town Centre – it was little windy on the promenade but thankfully the rain stayed away!

We enjoyed attending the Blackpool Beaver District 'Great Outdoors Sleepover back in June... we loved camping in tents, archery, slacklines, den building, tomahawks, campfires, s'mores, nature and very little sleep! Thank you to the District Team for hosting this event. We pride ourselves on looking after our local community and keeping the area clean and tidy where we can.

Our annual visit to Blackpool Illuminations was thoroughly enjoyable and the chips always go down a treat! We are very grateful for all the extra help we had on this night too with our ever-growing colony numbers!



In the Autumn Term we joined other colonies in Blackpool to earn our Musician Badge – we enjoyed learning about our own voices as musical instruments as well as meeting volunteers who are musicians



In December we came together to support those in need. A huge thank you for all the generous food donations that we were able to give to local charities in need.

In January we supported our Beaver Scouts who were performing on The Grand Theatre Stage in Blackpool Gang Show – we were so very proud!

2024 – 2025 has meant the chance to continue to work towards lots of different badges....a whopping 293 in total! Here are just a few....Adventure, Outdoors, Communicator, Experiment, Health and Fitness, Musician, Emergency Aid, and Youth Shape – Centre, Plan and Lead.



In February we joined with over 130 Squirrels and other Beavers to celebrate Founders Day and the birthday of our Founder Lord Baden Powell.



We also congratulated Beaver Scouts on achieving the Chief Scout Bronze Award, the highest award you can earn as a Beaver. This also meant we had to say goodbye to lots of young people who moved onto Cubs.

We have so much more planned and still to do! So, watch this space! As the Colony continues to grow and grow and grow..... a big thank you; to you the parents for your support in providing that necessary taxi service each Thursday as well as to all the other events over the past year!

Finally, for all the above to take place a great deal of planning, commitment, enthusiasm, and time is required. A special thank you must go to all the Leadership Team at 1st Bispham, Julie (Badger), Darrell (Fox), Heather (Squirrel) Eleanor (Mole YL) Sienna (Hedgehog YL), Aidan (Finch YL), Ben (Chipmunk YL), Lily (Robin YL) and Lesley (who was previously Grey Beaver at 1st Bispham who has kindly come back to help!) without you simply none of this would be possible – especially when I am having one of 'my Emma ideas!' Thank you 😊

Here's to another action-packed fun filled time at 1st Bispham Beavers!

Emma Hornby, Grey Beaver



Cub Report 2024 – our year of Olympic fun, international adventure and a winning performance on the stage!

April saw us host a visit from a very special visitor, Holly – a Scout leader from Germany who talked to us all about what Scouts is like in Germany, showed us their uniform and badges and taught us some German words. We experienced our own international adventure later that month taking part in the Junior Jamboree camp, which was organised and delivered by the team of young people who attended the World Scout Jamboree in Korea. We took part in Jamborees got Talent, our Cubs and Beavers singing the Continents song. We had a fantastic dance performance from two of our Cubs, who went on to win the entire contest! Well done to Alfie and George!!



In **May**, we joined the rest of Blackpool District for the annual BOTT (Blackpool On The Trail) walk, following the Elmer trail of elephants through the town centre. The cubs worked so well together and kept themselves and each other safe while seeing the sights of the town.



Lots more fun and activities inside and out over the following couple of months. In **July**, we took part in the Commissioners Flag competition held at the Zoo, and finished the Summer Term with a cinema trip to watch Despicable Me 2.



Over the Summer break, several cubs camped with Beavers, Cubs, Scouts and Explorers from the UK and Overseas, as we took part in Red Rose, an international camp held at Westmorland Showground, just outside Kendal.



We returned after the summer holidays ready for more adventure, and again we looked to the world stage – the Olympics! We held our pack holiday in **November** with a sporty camp, where Cubs participated to earn medals for their Countries. An opening and closing ceremony, Olympic torch making, medals and flags was followed by archery, shooting, tomahawks and a picture-perfect campfire.



We finished off for Xmas with a great night of UV bowl, the cubs showing their competitive streaks!

In the New Year, some of the pack went to watch lots of 1st Bispham Beavers, Cubs and Leaders perform in the Blackpool Gang Show at the Grand Theatre. The show took the Cubs on a trip around the world – what else on our year of International Adventure!

In **February**, we visited Liverpool World Museum, and then **March** saw another 5 of our young people reach for the stars as they were awarded their top award – the Chief Scout Silver – in front of the Mayor at the Town Hall. This is the highest award a Cub Scout can earn and is testament to the hard work and effort those young people have put in during their time in Cubs! So, a huge congratulations to Rupert, George, Lucy, Annabel and Hugh, fantastic role models who we know will do amazingly well in Scouts.

None of this would have been possible without our incredible team of volunteers, who give up their time every week (and often weekends too, as you'll see from the above) to give your young people these fantastic experiences and opportunities. We're always on the lookout for more help, so if you're interested in joining the team and what to have as much fun as we are, please speak to Kelly.

So, a huge thankyou from me to Steve, Keith, Sam, Connie, Owen, Richard and Carol, and a very big welcome to our newest young leader, Ben. Thank you all for the time and support you give, sharing these adventures with you all is my honour and privilege. Thank you also to the parents and carers of our young people – we appreciate all your support!

Kelly – Akela (Cub Team Leader)

SCOUTS

The Scout Troop have had yet another brilliant year over 2024 and 2025 so far. This year we waved farewell to a great bunch of older Scouts, who we hope are now enjoying their Explorer Scout journey. Our troop still has a steady number of enthusiastic members, that enjoy our weekly meetings, as well as our camps and days out.

Over 2024/25 we have attended 3 county run events, County Rally, Red Rose 24 and Crew Challenge. We also attended our districts St George's day event in Stanley park, which was thoroughly enjoyed by all.

The first camp we attended in 2024 was County Rally. County Rally is a weekend of adventure and activities at Waddecarr, where Scouts from all over West Lancs came together to have fun and make new friends. We had 8 scouts attend this event joining up with the rest of Blackpool district to try, and in some cases compete, in activities such as rock climbing, air rifle shooting, archery, canoeing, tug of war and axe throwing to name a few.

In August our troop attended Red Rose 2024 as a combined troop with 1st Windermere. The Scouts camped together for a week on Westmoreland Showground, alongside 1500 Scouts from around the world. During this event our Scouts had a jam packed week of adventurous activities, cultural experiences, evening entertainment, overcoming challenges, and forming fantastic new friendships.

Our third and last big event was Crew challenge, held on Beacon Fell in November. Crew Challenge is a competition where Scouts navigate the fell to locate challenge bases, and compete with their teams to earn points. This year's team came in at 12th place out of over 100 teams which is a fantastic achievement!

I would like to thank our leaders, Gemma, Malley and Aniela, for their week in, week out commitment to help provide a balanced program and passing on their skills so that our young people can learn, enjoy and develop.

Dominic Moore
Scout Lead Volunteer





This last year as always has been a busy year for the Rainbows. We currently have 40 Rainbows, 10 of which have just joined us and 8 of them have just left to join Brownies. We have 7 on the waiting list although not all of those are Rainbow age yet. Even with a strong leadership team we rely on parent helpers to ensure our adult to Rainbow ratios are maintained.

Just before Easter 7 Rainbows achieved their Gold Award which is the highest award that the Rainbows can get. This means over their Rainbow Journey they will have completed 6 theme awards, involving 6 skills builders, 6 interest badges and lots of hours undertaking unit meeting activities. This is very exciting and a fantastic achievement and we are very proud of them all. We also awarded 3 Silver awards and 17 Bronze awards which is the most we have ever awarded in 1 go.

In the Summer term of 2024, we worked towards our Sea Savers badge and learn all about the ocean and how to protect it. We completed our badge with a trip to the Sea Life Centre and had great fun watching all the sea creatures and learning about them. We also worked towards and achieved our Ready Steady Help challenge badge. This involved learning about everyday risks and how we can reduce these, we made our own hurricanes and what we would need in an emergency and how to call for help. We had a fun night playing lots of water games and we had a campfire, singing lots of songs and made yummy smores.

In the Autumn term the girls worked towards the Have Adventures theme award, which included the Camp skills builder badge where they girls had to build a den and know what to pack if they were going away. We did lots of different activities such as becoming an astronaut and walking on the moon, we worked out what we would need when it's hot and when it's cold and we made a lovely collage of all 4 seasons with lots of natural materials. The girls also worked towards the nature and agility badges in order to complete the theme award.

The autumn term is always busy as we had a Halloween party, walked down the illuminations with chips It was a busy term as we also went to see Alice returns to Wonderland ice show at the Blackpool and also enjoyed doing lots of bonfire

night activities such as making smores and edible sparklers. We did lots of Christmas crafts and for Christmas party we had an Elf bounce night at Air hop where we had lots of fun and raised nearly £400 for the Blackpool Hospital Blueskies Charity fund.

In the Spring term the girls have worked towards the Take Action Theme award which involved the Influence skills builder and the Helper badge. The girls made recycled paper, duck food, we collected things that we could sell on our bring and buy stall and we raised a huge £185 which worked out as £92.50 for Brian House charity and £92.50 for the local RSPCA charities chosen by the Rainbows. We also completed the Legacy badge and we have created a time capsule and had a camp fire and made yet more smores. We celebrated World Thinking Day celebrating Greece as Pangaiota our Young Leader is Greek. We also enjoyed making and eating pancakes for pancake day. We had a lovely Easter party to end the term with.

In March we had a non-sleepover sleepover be a Princess for the day afternoon, where the Rainbows created princess crafts, decorated some princess biscuits and cakes, got ready for the princess part at the spa all before having a princess party dressed in our finery and enjoyed afternoon tea. Then it was time for pj's and snuggle down in our sleeping bags with some popcorn and a movie, a great day was had by all.

We have lots more exciting things planned for this coming year so watch this Space !





Rachael Bailey-Brocklebank, Rainbow Leader

Brownies

1st Bispham Brownies

Our brownie unit once again has had an exciting and eventful year. Myself and brown owl have had a busy time organising events and activities for our girls. The unit numbers during the year have remained steady, our unit continues to flourish. We currently have 36 girls in our unit. We continue to encourage girls to carry on with their guiding journeys up to brownies from rainbows, and onto guide from brownies.

We are very lucky to continue to have support from our leadership team, we have 6 leaders and have an additional leader in training.

The girls have continued to work towards the brownie programme, receiving interest badges, skills builder and theme awards.

Over the last year girls have achieved the theme express myself, alongside two regional badges. The sea Savers badge was in collaboration with Sea life to complete activities to learn about conservation. We joined this up with a visit to the Sea life centre in Blackpool. The legacy explore badge was looking at the history and heritage of Girlguiding. Both of these badges are specific to Girlguiding north west region.



The girls have also achieved the bronze, silver and gold awards. The gold award is the highest award that can be achieved within the brownies programme



We as leaders are very proud of all our girl's achievement, as every week they complete task and activities to gain each badge and award.

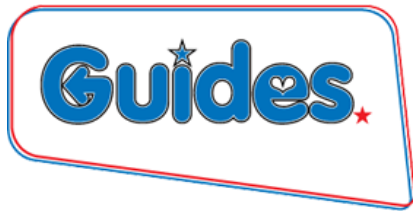
Brownie Pack Holiday (camp)

Our yearly pack holiday was once again held at Fylde Activity Centre. This year was Disney Princess theme. The girls did princess theme craft. We had an afternoon test followed by a surprise Princess ball with the girls dressing in their princess dresses. Additionally, the girls had the opportunity to try indoor climbing and archery. And we held a camp fire.



As always, the aim of brownies is to be a place of fun and enjoyment. Over the coming months we aim for the girls to achieve further badges and awards. We look forward to what the next 12 months has to bring.

Tawny Owl



We've had another busy year and we've maintained our capacity all year, with older members moving on and new members joining us from outside our Guiding family and Brownies flying up.

In the summer we enjoyed a group camp top Waddecar despite the weather being less than clement. The Guides completed 3 badges on the camp; stage 5 Camp Skills Builder, backwoods cooking and I'm a survivor- guide me out of here. Camp Stage 5 Skills builder required separate tasks to be completed. The Guides had to build a shelter, bake cakes in a cardboard oven, explore how to maintain hygiene and store food on camp and how to repair a tent. We also played Frisbee Golf and built mini rafts on this camp.



We are not planning a Guide camp this year but are excited to be joining the Group camp later in the 2025.

In the autumn term of 2024, we completed the Sea Savers Badge which GirlGuiding North West have produced in partnership with the Sea Life Centre. Activities included creating a method of communicating through song as whales do, finding ways to clean an oil spill, food chains and ocean acidity. We also enjoyed a trip to the sea Life Centre in July with the Rainbows and Brownies.

During this term we also went on a group trip to see Moana at the cinema and took part in the annual Airhop Christmas trip raising money through the Elf Bounce.

This spring term we have been working on our Natural Remedies interest badge. We've investigated perfumes and natural scents and created our own perfumes. We have also looked into how to create homemade face and hair masks. The final part of this badge work required the Guides to create a brand for their natural products.

We've had a busy start to the year and hopefully the summer term of 2025 will be just as busy whilst we complete our 100 challenges activities for the centenary celebrations of the unit.

Michelle Green - Guide Leader

Tuesday Club

A couple of retired people work hard behind the scenes striving to keep the Den functioning and to the standard that we have come to love and enjoy.

Regular jobs include:

Mowing lawns, weeding and pruning bushes.
Application of weedkiller on Drive and Car Park.
Regularly checking Emergency Lights and replacing batteries and fittings.
Regularly checking Fire Alarm call points.
AED readiness reporting.
and probably all sorts else.

One off jobs this year include:

Replacing reflective blanket on window in Plant Room to reduce heat through window.
Manufacture of two targets with stands for “axe” throwing.
Fitting of Carbon Monoxide monitors in Kitchen and Plant Room
Replacing missing toilet roll holders
Fitting mirror tiles in toilets
Polishing Main Hall floor
Fitting Fire Assembly Notice on front lawn
Rebuilding of Camp Oven on back lawn.

New members

If anybody has spare time and would like to help, we'd love to meet you. Although we traditionally used to meet on Tuesdays, we have more recently liaised on Sunday night to find the best time, fitting in our commitments with that of the bookings in the Den

Apologies if I've missed any jobs out or not given credit where it's due, and many thanks to all who have helped in any way.

Pete and Vic.

1st Bispham Scout and Guide Group

Income & Expenditure yr ending 31st March 2025

<u>2023/24</u>	<u>Income</u>	<u>2024/25</u>
£ 666.25	Xmas Fair	£ 1,035.70
£ 16,718.50	Den Hire	£ 12,926.50
£ 480.00	EoN Lawn Repairs	-
£ 516.84	Donations	-
£ 18,841.00	Subscriptions	£ 18,320.50
	Less monies returned to Sections/section costs, plus Badges	
£ 9,215.86		£ 8,936.62
£ 9,625.14	Interest Received	£ 9,383.88
£ 1,373.33	Gift Aid - HMRC	£ 4,041.38
£ 3,268.10	Mini Bus Donations	£ 4,223.20
£ 722.50	Feed in Tariff	£ 550.00
£ 684.09	District Storage/OSM	£ 933.62
£ 320.00		£ 352.00
<u>£ 34,374.75</u>		<u>£ 33,446.28</u>
	<u>Expenditure</u>	
£ 867.51	Sundry Expenses	£ 464.96
£ 1,739.76	Den Gen. Maintenance/misc Expenses	£ 1,345.68
£ 8,424.81	Den Running Costs	£ 7,475.63
£ 1,267.12	Motor Expenses	£ 1,022.63
£ 60.75	Bank Charges	£ 61.00
-	Neckers	£ 220.00
£ 115.00	Fire Ext. Service	£ 255.00
£ 1,895.00	Floor Re-sand/Varnish	-
£ 8,813.60	New Equipment	£ 1,942.46
£ 800.00	Stain Glass window	£ 3,600.00
£ 480.00	Lawn Repairs	-
	Xmas Fair	£ 285.65
£ 310.00	Centenary Camp Deposit	-
£ 1,040.00	Cleaner	£ 1,040.00
£ 8,086.00	Capitation(Subs account expense)	£ 8,557.50
<u>£ 33,899.55</u>		<u>£ 26,270.51</u>
£ 475.20	Surplus of income over expenditure	£ 7,175.77
	<u>Bank Balances</u>	
£ 26.58	CAF Bank Gold	£ 27.22
£ 9,179.15	CAF Bank Current Account	£ 11,508.03
£ 100,235.67	CAF Fixed Rate Bond	£ 103,798.80
£ 15,812.69	CAF Subs Account	£ 17,095.81
<u>£ 125,254.09</u>		<u>£ 132,429.86</u>

Section Account Balances as at 31/03/2025

Rainbows	£ 433.93
Brownies	£ 1,566.32
Guides	£ 536.64
Squirrels	£ 229.07
Beavers	£ 672.96
Cubs	£ 1,227.68
Scouts	£ 348.61

2023/24

2024/25

Den Maintenance

£ 1,040.00	Cleaner
£ 1,739.76	General Maintenance/upkeep
<u>£ 2,779.76</u>	

£ 1,040.00	
£ 1,345.68	
<u>£ 2,385.68</u>	

Den Running Costs

£ 1,468.86	Building/contents Insurance
£ 2,377.14	Electricity
£ 700.00	Ground Rent
£ 804.69	Water Rates
£ 207.70	Non- Domestic Rates
£ 2,311.18	Gas
£ 555.24	IT & Broadband
<u>£ 8,424.81</u>	

£ 1,674.95	
£ 1,496.72	
£ 700.00	
£ 604.71	
£ 221.89	
£ 2,237.24	
£ 540.12	
<u>£ 7,475.63</u>	

Motor Expenses

£ 729.22	Mini bus Insurance
£ 312.91	Service/repairs/MoT
£ 59.99	Trailer Repairs
£ 165.00	Road Tax & permit
<u>£ 1,267.12</u>	

£ 745.24	
-	
£ 99.89	
£ 177.50	
<u>£ 1,022.63</u>	

Fund Raising

£ 666.25	Xmas Fair
<u>£ 666.25</u>	

Income £1035.70
less exp. £ 285.65

<u>£ 750.05</u>	
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Donations

£ 100.00	Doantion for loan of Tables
£ 416.84	Misc.donation for Centenary Window
<u>£ 516.84</u>	

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New Equipment

	CCTV cameras
	LED internal ceiling fittings & lights/bulbs
	Camping Equipment & Notice Board
£ 199.98	Flip Chart Boards
£ 2,428.93	TV's, inc. cabinet costs
£ 1,700.00	Mower
£ 666.00	Printer
£ 314.58	Emergency Lights
£ 3,392.00	Tables
£ 112.11	First Aid Kits
<u>£ 8,813.60</u>	

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Accounts Prepared by : Steve Winter

Date 23/04/25

Checked by by : Russell Eastwood

Date 4/5/25

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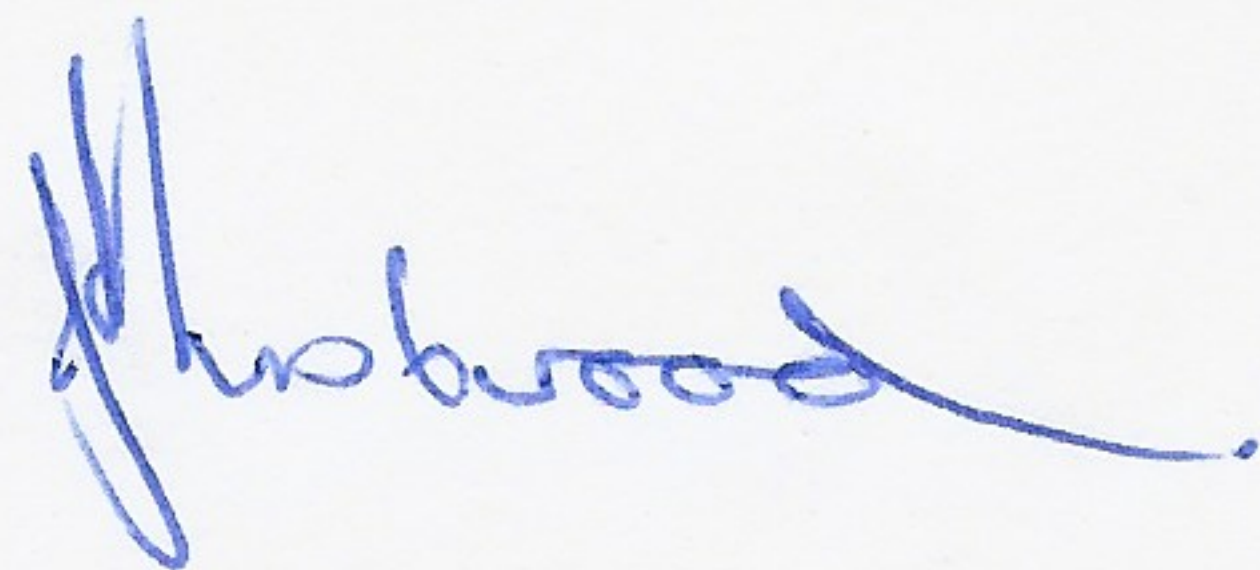
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Chairman and Group Lead Volunteer Report

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In 2023 opened a Squirrel Drey, (a new Scouting Section for 4- and 5-year-olds). We are pleased to report that this section is thriving and 15 Squirrels are enjoying their start along their Scouting journey, as you can see and read from the attached report. Well done to all our Squirrel Leaders for making this happen.

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As mentioned in last year's report the Group will celebrate its 100th anniversary in the summer of 2025 and we are starting to scope events to mark this extraordinary occasion – more details to follow in due course!

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David Cam DL Chairman

Steve Smith Group Lead Volunteer

Treasurer's Report

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Income from subscriptions has increased as we welcome more boys and girls into the group. It was also good to see a great turn out for our annual Xmas Fair, which provided a positive return.

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We have taken the opportunity this year to purchase some "new" capital items (new tables for upstairs room and installation of digital technology . both upstairs and downstairs) to help in the delivering of Scouting and Guiding in our fantastic HQ.

Our overall bank balances are healthy, but we need to ensure that we maintain a "reserve" whilst at the same time ensure we can keep the fantastic building and facilities to the high standard that it currently is.

Looking ahead, and as a Group Trustees, we are and intend to closely monitor all our income and expenditure to ensure we continue to be able to enjoy this facility and be able to provide Scouting and Guiding at this excellent Headquarters for years to come.

Steve Winter, Treasurer

Squirrels

We have enjoyed a busy year at Squirrels and our drey is now over a year old. We have had 6 of our original Squirrels move up to Beavers and 3 have received their Chief Scout Acorn Award.

They really enjoying gaining badges and we have been busy working on our activity badges and awards. To gain these we participated in the JOTT, had a go at making s'mores over the campfire, made indoor dens and junk models, played glow in the dark skittles, took part in the RSPB Big Bird Watch, had a go at plenty of craft activities and even had a go at learning how to use chopsticks! We have asked questions of a police officer and enjoyed trying on helmets, handcuffs, jackets and vests. We also had a very exciting evening with soft archery and tomahawks. They are keen to try anything and continue to surprise us with their skills, questions and enthusiasm.

We continue to grow and develop as a drey, both the children and the leaders. We have 10 Squirrels currently and a capacity with current leaders to take 12. We are looking forward to another exciting 12 months.

**Mandi, Gill, Ellie, Hayley,
Squirrel Leaders**





BEAVERS

We begin as we always do, thinking about how it has been another busy 12 months here at 1st Bispham Beavers!

We have been working hard each Thursday night; having lots of fun, learning new things, facing challenges, and making new friends. We have also been out and about too!

Back in April we joined the whole of Blackpool District to celebrate St George's Day in the Park – the sun shone all afternoon which makes a change! We enjoyed a treasure hunt around the park, as well as archery, catapults, and tug of war before renewing our Beaver Scout Promise at the Bandstand.



In May we volunteered to take part in the 'Big Help Out' (King Charles asked....and we couldn't say no!) We spent an hour in our local park litter picking thanks to the support of our families too.



Thanks to our local councillor Jo we have received a donation of vis-jackets, litter pickers and gloves so we can keep up with our work in the local community.



The summer months are a great time to become 'green fingered' and we put our gardening skills to the test!



In September we braved Fleetwood Boating Lake for night of kayaking – something we haven't done for a long time. The team of volunteers were great, although I am not sure some of the Beavers have forgiven me.....as they spent a lot of time in the freezing water and would have preferred to stay on dry land!



In October we supported our Beaver Scouts who were performing on The Grand Theatre Stage in Blackpool Gang Show – we were so very proud!

Some of visited Bibby's Farm for the County Skills day, the best part was cooking and eating our own pizzas on the fire! Yum!



Our annual visit to Blackpool Illuminations was thoroughly enjoyable and the chips always go down a treat! We are very grateful for all the extra help we had on this night too with our ever-growing colony numbers!



December brought 'Carols around the Campfire' a chance to join other members of Blackpool District. A huge thank you for all the generous food donations that we were able to give to local charities in need.



A group of Beavers also visited a Forest School to create Christmas Crafts. Thank you to Blackpool District Beaver Team for putting this event together, and we finished off the year with a Christmas party at Ascent.



2024 has meant the chance to continue to work towards lots of different badges. We have particularly focussed on the Activity Badges – Explore, Safety, Communicator, Experiment, Hobbies, Creative, Money skills, Teamwork, Skills and Outdoor Personal Challenge to name a few!

In February we joined with over 160 other Beavers on a trip to Manchester Science Museum. Another jam-packed fun day that involved learning lots of new facts a Poo exhibition wanting to eat our packed lunches at 9am on the coach there!



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A huge thank you to the team who represented 1st Bispham at 'The Great Beaver Bake Off' We are always so very proud of 1st Bispham wherever we go!

We congratulated many Beaver Scouts on achieving the Chief Scout Bronze Award, the highest award you can earn as a Beaver. This also meant we had to say goodbye to lots of young people who moved onto Cubs.



We have so much more planned and still to do! So, watch this space! As the Colony continues to grow and grow and grow..... a big thank you; to you the parents for your support in providing that necessary taxi service each Thursday as well as to all the other events over the past year!

Finally, for all the above to take place a great deal of planning, commitment, enthusiasm, and time is required. With an ever-growing colony I am reliant on such a supportive Leadership Team. This year we have sadly said goodbye to Matt (Owl) and Jordan (Mouse) from our leadership team who between them have over 20 years combined service to 1st Bispham Beavers. They are incredibly missed but we wish them lots of luck in their other Scouting roles.

A special thank you must go to all the Leadership Team at 1st Bispham, Julie (Badger), Darrell (Fox), Sienna (Hedgehog YL), Heather (Squirrel) Eleanor (Mole YL) Aidan (YL), Ben (YL) and Lesley (Robin – who was previously Grey Beaver at 1st Bispham who has kindly come back to help!) without you simply none of this would be possible – especially when I am having one of 'my Emma ideas!' Thank you 😊

Here's to another action-packed fun filled time at 1st Bispham Beavers!

Emma Hornby, Grey Beaver

Wow, what another great year it's been. It's gone so fast, and we've packed a lot in! In **April** we joined the rest of Blackpool District to celebrate St Georges day in style, with an action-packed day in Stanley Park. We renewed our promises, and remembered what it is to be a Cub Scout. The following weekend, we had our Medieval themed Spring Pack Holiday, where we made incredible sword and shields and took parts in lots of adventurous activities. We had an amazing time doing archery, tomahawk Throwing, a campfire and even got to attack the cardboard fortresses we had made! We packed a LOT of adventure into 3 days!



In **May**, a team of cubs took part in the Jack Lamb competition, an annual Scouting Skills competition for Blackpool Cub Scouts. The team did extremely well, and more importantly we received incredible feedback about their behaviour and manners 😊



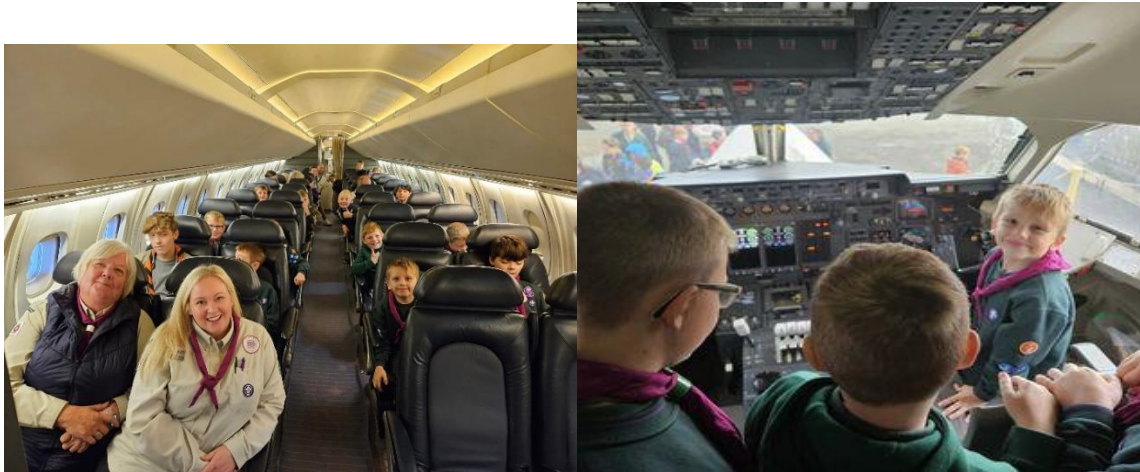
The summer months saw us cooking outside, playing games and Tomahawk Throwing in the sunshine. We took part in the Commissioners Flag competition, and finished the Summer Term with a night of UV bowling.



We returned after the summer holidays excited for our next adventure! First up was the Race to Silver Camp in **September**, which saw some of the pack completing the final parts of their Chief Scout Silver awards. The cubs who attended put up their own tents, learnt new skills, and prepared and cooked their own evening meal over the fire!

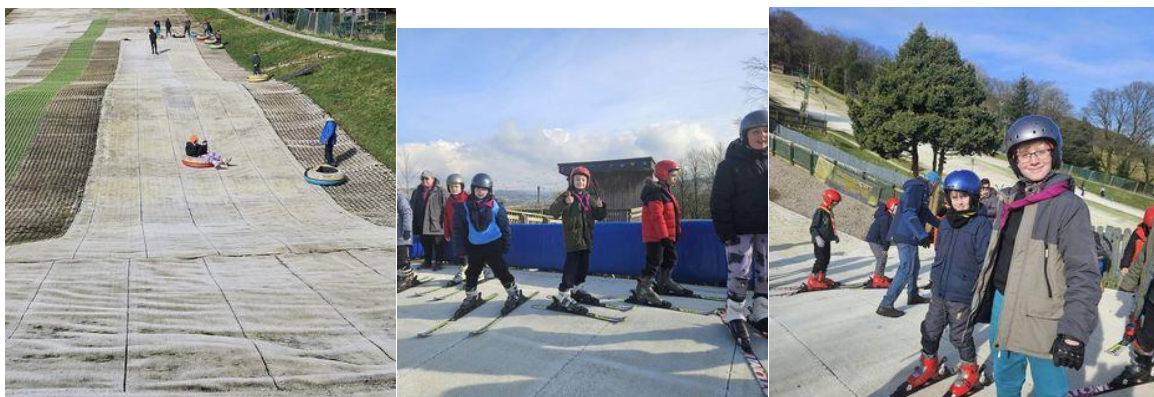


In **October** we visited Manchester Airport visitors centre – an incredible trip which saw us meet cabin crew and pilots, discover all the different jobs that happen in an airport, explore lots of different aircraft and we event got to sit on CONCORDE!! A brilliant experience for all of us 😊



The winter months had us completing badge work as well as enjoying ourselves with a lego night, and escape room, the District Carol Service and our annual Illuminations Walk with a specially designed quiz. We finished the year with a well-deserved trip to the Cinema.

In the New Year, most of the pack achieved their Snowsports badge by undertaking a taster session at Ski Rossendale. The Cubs learnt about the equipment, basic skiing and had a blast shooting down the slopes on rubber rings.



To top off an incredible year, we had 7 Cubs invited to attend the Town Hall to be presented with their Chief Scout Silver award! This is the highest award a Cub Scout can earn and is testament to the hard work and effort those young people have put in during their time in Cubs! So, a huge congratulations to those who managed to get their Silver this time – a massive achievement, very well deserved!



Lots of badges have also been covered this year, including International, musician, scientist and Teamwork to name but a few. None of this would have been possible without our incredible team of volunteers, who give up their time every week (and often weekends too, as you'll see from the above) to give your young people these fantastic experiences and opportunities. We've been lucky enough to gain a few new faces in the Cub Team recently to help with this, and we're delighted to welcome them. So, a heartfelt thankyou from me to Keith, Sam, Carol, Owen, Richard, Connie and Ben, and a very big welcome to Steve, Arnold and Pola. Thank you all for the time and support you give, sharing these adventures with you all is my honour and privilege. Thank you also to the parents and carers of our young people – we appreciate all your support!

Kelly – Akela (Cub Team Leader)

SCOUTS

1st Bispham Scout Troop have had another fantastic year over 2023/24, with our number staying at a steady 20 young people week in week out. Our Scouts have been enthusiastically enjoying and joining in with a variety of activities in our weekly meetings and on weekends.

The first event that we attended was the return of the National Scout Car races at Wombwell kart circuit in Barnsley. We took a team of 4 scouts to compete against other troops from around the country. Although no trophies came home with us a great day was had by all and we can't wait to enter again this year.

August 2023 saw our summer camp. We stayed at Silverhelme Scout Campsite near Arnside for a weekend. The main activity of the camp was a walk between the campsite and Arnside solely navigated by our young people. The rest of the weekend was focused on enhancing the Scouts' camping skills and of course playing games and having fun.

Our troop nights this year have had our young people become Aviation enthusiasts, Masters of Watersports, budding DIYers and Film Directors.

Last summer we visited Fairhaven Lake where the Scouts demonstrated excellent teamwork Paddle Boarding. Later in the year we were lucky enough to have a tour of the Production and Development hangar at BAE SYSTEMS to see first-hand the work on the Eurofighter Typhoon program. Other activities that we have undertaken involve creating, hiding and then finding geocaches around the village and making bird boxes using saws, hammers and drills.

Our leadership team have also been out having fun earlier on this year by attending the black-tie dinner put on by west Lancs scouts at Ribby hall to celebrate all that the adult members of scouts do for the movement.

So, on that note I would like to thank our leaders, Gemma, Malley and Aniella, for all that they do to make sure that the young people at our troop have an enjoyable and worthwhile time at scouts.

Dominic Moore

Scout Team Leader





This last year as always has been a busy year for the Rainbows. We currently have 35 Rainbows and 14 on the waiting list although not all of those are Rainbow age yet. Even with a strong leadership team we rely on parent helpers to ensure our adult to Rainbow ratios are maintained. In Dec 2 Rainbows achieved their Gold Award which is the highest award that the Rainbows can get. This means over there Rainbow Journey they will have completed 6 theme awards, involving 6 skills builders, 6 interest badges and lots of hours undertaking unit meeting activities. This is very exciting and a fantastic achievement.

In the Summer term of 2023, the girls worked towards their Skills for my future theme award, completing the Lead skills builder and either the book lover or construction badge. In May we celebrated the King's Coronation by having a joint party with the Brownies and Guides, we made crowns and had afternoon tea. In May we also went on a County trip to Blackpool Zoo which was a super day out. In the Summer term we also had the RLNI visit us. We had a fun night playing lots of water games and for our last night before we broke up for the summer, we had a joint campfire with the Brownies and Guides, singing lots of songs and made yummy smores.

In the Autumn term the girls worked towards the Be Well Theme Award achieving the Feel-good skills builder and either the healthy mind or fruit and veg badge. We enjoyed a walk down the illuminations with a yummy bag of chips. The leaders were very proud of the way we behaved and the amount of walking we did. In the October half term, we went to see the Blackpool Gang Show at the Grand Theatre which was brilliant and all the girls had a great time. We also had fun at our annual Halloween party. We also enjoyed a country trip with the Brownies to see the High Jinx show at Blackpool Tower Circus which was great fun and the magic was incredible. It was a busy term as we also went to see Alice returns to Wonderland ice show at the Blackpool Ice Rink where we all enjoyed it enormously. For our last night before we broke up for Christmas, we had an Elf bounce night at Ascent where we had lots of fun and raised nearly £900 for the Blackpool Hospital Blueskies Charity fund.

In the Spring term the girls have worked towards the Know Myself Theme award which involved the Network skills builder and either the Family tree or Animal lover badge. We celebrated World Thinking Day by travelling around the world in 1 hr. We visited Mexico, Australia, India, England and Africa. We also enjoyed making and eating pancakes for pancake day. We had a lovely Easter party to end the term with.

We have lots more exciting things planned for this coming year so watch this Space !

Rachael Bailey-Brocklebank, Rainbow Leader

Brownies 1st Bispham Brownies

Our brownie unit once again has had an exciting and eventful year. Myself and brown owl have had a busy time organising events and activities for our girls.

The unit numbers during the year have remained steady, our unit continues to flourish. We currently have 36 registered girls in the unit. We continue to encourage girls to carry on with their guiding journeys up to brownies from rainbows, and onto guide from brownies.

We have been extremely happy to congratulate Evie on passing her leadership qualification and joining our team.

The girls have continued to work towards the brownie programme, receiving interest badges, skills builder and theme awards.

Over the last year girls have achieved the following theme awards.



The girls have also achieved the bronze, silver and gold awards. The gold award is the highest award

That can be achieved within the brownies programme



We as leaders are very proud of all our girl's achievement, as every week they complete task and activities to gain each badge and award.

Brownie Pack Holiday (camp)

Our yearly pack holiday was once again held at Fylde Activity Centre. This year was Harry Potter theme. The girls arrived through platform 9 and 3/4, and had two days of Harry Potter related craft and activity. Additionally, the girls had the opportunity to try indoor climbing and archery.



As always, the aim of brownies is to be a place of fun and enjoyment. Over the coming months we aim for the girls to achieve further badges and awards. We look forward to what the next 12 months has to bring.

Tawny Owl



We've had another busy year and we've maintained our full capacity all year, with older members moving on and new members joining us from outside our Guiding family and Brownies flying up.

This year Ellie planned our summer camp to Waddecar where we enjoyed lots of different activities including archery, frisbee golf, a challenge course and cooking over open fires. For some of the Guides it was their first time on an outdoor camp so it was an exciting new experience for the girls. We're in the process of arranging another summer camp to Waddecar in June 2024 where we're hoping to try some new activities including crate stacking. It is a great opportunity for the Guides to learn some new skills and enhance their confidence.



Throughout our Guide meeting this year we have been working towards different skills builder and interest badges. Most of the unit competed Make a Change Stage 4 Skills builder which was all about how to think about other and the environment. It was an interesting badge to achieve as allowed the Guides to express their opinions on all sorts of issues that affect them and others they know. They had to create surveys, design canvases of kindness and think about the steps they could take to improve negative impacts we have on the planet.

We have also completed the investigating badge. To get this badge, the Guides must use a detective kit to investigate some evidence. We used dusting powder (coco powder), little brushes and a magnifying glass to take finger prints, collect them and then view them. The 2nd part of the badge required to create something scientific; we made lava lamps using old bottles, oil, water, food colouring and effervescent tablets. The Guides enjoyed making the lava lamps a lot.

What the Guides love more than anything is being creative and when it came to Remembrance Day, I wanted to let them be as creative as possible. I gave them a brief of 'making a poppy' and left each Guide to design their own poppy with whatever craft materials they wanted to. The result was a beautiful display with lots of individual flowers.



We've enjoyed our illuminations walk this year. I think what the Guides enjoy most is being with their friends and talking about the illuminations and their likes and dislikes. Oh, and don't forget the chips!

For our last session before Christmas, we went to Ascent with the Rainbows and Brownies. Some of the Guides really enjoy looking after the younger members of the group and take on a young leader style role. I am certain there are some future leaders in the making. They all enjoy going to Ascent; it gives them a chance to blow off some steam and socialise in a less structured way.

The rest of the year involves us completing our Reflect Stage 5 skills builder badge and our Confectionery badge.

We're also hoping to plan a trip this term too.

Michelle Green - Guide Leader

Tuesday Club

A couple of retired people work hard behind the scenes striving to keep the Den functioning and to the standard that we have come to love and enjoy.

Regular jobs include:

Mowing lawns, weeding and pruning bushes.
Application of weedkiller on Drive and Car Park.
Regularly checking Emergency Lights and replacing batteries and fittings.
Regularly checking Fire Alarm call points.
AED readiness reporting.
And probably all sorts else.

One off Jobs this year include:

Along with several other volunteers painting all the walls in the downstairs hall.
Fitting new door lock to upstairs unisex toilet.
Replacing missing toilet roll holders.
Checking and replacing all rubber feet on tables and chairs ready for new floor.
Liaising with the electrician fitting the new TV screens.
Making good surrounding plasterwork after TV screens fitted.
Painting TV cabinet downstairs
Liaising with contractors who sanded and varnished the floor.
Varnishing the skirting boards after flooring contractors finished.
Removing and disposing of all the old tables from the upstairs Hall.
Perhaps the most important job of the year was replacing the leaking tap on the Brew Boiler, for without regular cups of tea no work at all would get done!

New members

If anybody has spare time and would like to help, we'd love to meet you. Although we traditionally used to meet on Tuesdays, we have more recently liaised on Sunday night to find the best time, fitting in our commitments with that of the bookings in the Den

Apologies if I've missed any jobs out or not given credit where it's due, and many thanks to all who have helped in any way.

Pete and Vic.

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Den Maintenance

£ 1,060.00	Cleaner
£ 2,401.30	General Maintenance/upkeep
<u>£ 3,461.30</u>	

£ 1,040.00	
£ 1,739.76	
<u>£ 2,779.76</u>	

Den Running Costs

£ 1,350.08	Building/contents Insurance
£ 1,101.93	Electricity
£ 700.00	Ground Rent
£ 515.07	Water Rates
£ 394.24	Non- Domestic Rates
£ 798.67	Gas
£ 609.39	IT & Broadband
<u>£ 5,469.38</u>	

£ 1,468.86	
£ 2,377.14	
£ 700.00	
£ 804.69	
£ 207.70	
£ 2,311.18	
£ 555.24	
<u>£ 8,424.81</u>	

Motor Expenses

£ 645.00	Mini bus Insurance
£ 26.74	Service/repairs/MoT/Fuel
-	Trailer Repairs
£ 165.00	Road Tax
<u>£ 836.74</u>	

£ 729.22	
£ 312.91	
£ 59.99	
£ 165.00	
<u>£ 1,267.12</u>	

Fund Raising

£ 834.43	Xmas Fair
<u>£ 834.43</u>	

£ 666.25	
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Donations

£ 50.00	Donations in memory of Steve Williamson
£ 100.00	Deonation from estate of M.Loomes
£ 100.00	Doantion for loan of Tables
	Misc.donation for Centenery Window
£ 2,000.00	W.Sadler Legacy
<u>£ 2,250.00</u>	

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£ 100.00	
£ 416.84	
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<u>£ 516.84</u>	

New Equipment

Flip Chart Boards
TV's, inc. cabinet costs
Mower
Printer
Emergency Lights
Tables
First Aid Kits

£ 199.98	
£ 2,428.93	
£ 1,700.00	
£ 666.00	
£ 314.58	
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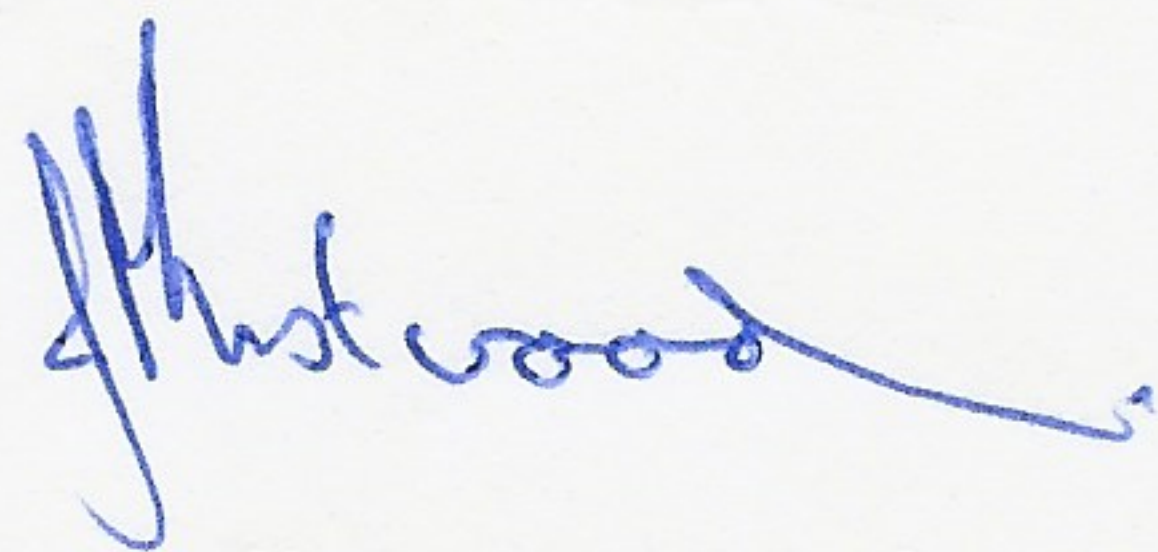
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The accounts this year show a positive financial surplus - this being aided significantly with over £14K income from den hire. We are up to date with claiming gift aid from HMRC and can I say a big thank you to all parents who have completed gift aid forms.

Income from subscriptions has increased as we welcome more boys and girls into the group. It was also good to see a great turn out for our annual Xmas Fair, which provided a positive return.

The running costs of the den show an increase from last year, mainly due to the annual increases and having to renew items as necessary - we are extremely aware of rising energy costs, which will impact our running costs more so in the next 12 months - we are now on the increased tariff which we estimate will see our energy costs rise to circa £4,500.00 for the next 12 months!

Our overall bank balances are healthy, but we need to ensure that we maintain a "reserve" whilst at the same time ensure we can keep the fantastic building and facilities to the high standard that it currently is.

Looking ahead, and as a Group Executive, we are and intend to closely monitor our income and expenditure to ensure we continue to be able to enjoy this facility and be able to provide Scouting and Guiding at this excellent Headquarters for years to come.

Steve Winter, Treasurer

Squirrels

It's been an exciting time this year for 1st Bispham Squirrels, we started mid-January with 11 squirrels.

We started off learning about each other and the important things about scouting, learning our promise and the squirrel wiggle dance.

We've had a fun filled calendar so far from crafts including Mother's Day crafts, making Easter chocolate crispy nests, planting seeds and growing our own cress.

We held an investiture party with all parents attending and even joining in with the squirrel wiggle dance. All squirrels and leaders were invested at the party.

We have also attended our first St George's Day event at Stanley park which we all truly enjoyed and parents attended too.

We have a fun filled programme ahead and currently have 10 squirrels with the intention to go to 12 in September.

Natalie, Gill, Mandi & Hayley
Squirrel Leaders

BEAVERS

We begin as we always do, thinking about how it has been another busy 12 months here at 1st Bispham Beavers!

We have been working hard each Thursday night; having lots of fun, learning new things, facing challenges, and making new friends. We have also been out and about too!

Back in April we joined the whole of Blackpool District on Camp at Bibby's Farm. We spent time on the water, grass sledged, investigated a cave bus, tried archery, lit fires, tasted yummy s'mores, sang around a campfire and so much more! It was a perfect weekend of sun, fresh air and fun as well as learning some new scouting skills. All those who attended work towards the badge criteria for the Outdoor Challenge.



In May a team of Beavers represented our Colony at the George Schofield Competition – we made our own props and bravely sang in front of a panel of judges! Thank you to those who took part.



We took part in the annual Jott Walk around Marton Mere – where we definitely didn't get lost or wet at any point!

We joined the nation in a special party to celebrate 70 years on the throne for her Majesty the Queen. Red, White and Blue, crowns, flags, bunting and party food all round.

In June we attended our first County Beaver Event – Puddle and Waddle at Waddecar Scout Campsite. Another jam-packed fun day in the sun, that involved a lot of plastic ducks, water, kayaks and wanting to eat our packed lunches at 9am on the coach there!

In September we re-introduced lodges to Beavers for the children to work together in Teams, they have special badges to wear to show which lodge they belong too. We have also re-launched Beaver of the Week and worked hard to ensure our Beaver Scouts know how to take part in the Opening and Closing Ceremony and what an Investiture looks like.

In October we supported our Beaver Scouts who were performing on The Grand Theatre Stage in Blackpool Gang Show – we were so very proud!

Thank you to John, Arthur, Anthony, Arthur and Josh who represented our Colony at the District Evening Gazette Competition, we used recycling junk to design our own Bonfire and Firework model.

Our annual visit to Blackpool Illuminations was thoroughly enjoyable and the chips always go down a treat! We are very grateful for all the extra help we had on this night too with our ever-growing colony numbers!

In November Michelle and Gabby came to talk to us about their trip to Malawi in Africa, we were fascinated to hear about the work they did out there building a school room for young children the same age as a Beaver Scout and how different the lives of the children are out there. We certainly have some Beaver Scouts who seem too keen to experience Scouting opportunities abroad when they are older.

December brought 'Carols around the Campfire' a chance to join other members of Blackpool District. A huge thank you for all the generous food donations that we were able to give to local charities in need.

2023 has already brought visits to Forest Gate Fire Station, St Stephen's Church for Founders Day with our friends from 51st Blackpool and 1st Nor Breck, the Jewish Reformed Synagogue and a morning at Mowbreck, focussed on Scouting Skills for some of our oldest Beaver Scouts. In February we joined lots of other Beaver Colonies and Squirrel Dreys for a Birthday Party for Robert Baden Powel to commemorate Founders Day. I am always so very proud of 1st Bispham wherever we go!



Thanks to our local councillor Jo we have received a donation of vis-jackets, litter pickers and gloves so we can begin to work in our local community. Jo came to visit the colony back in September and we asked her for help with this.

Badge work has been our focus over the past 12 months – we have particularly focussed on the Activity Badges – Faith, Creative, Communicator, First Aid, Disability Awareness, International Healthy Eating, Digital Citizen, Experiment, Hobbies, Teamwork, Skills and Outdoor Personal Challenge to name a few!



We congratulated many Beaver Scouts on achieving the Chief Scout Bronze Award, the highest award you can earn as a Beaver. This also meant we had to say goodbye to lots of young people who moved onto Cubs.

We have so much more planned and still to do! So, watch this space!

As the Colony has grown and Beavers have moved on to Cubs, we have some spaces for new Beavers that we would be delighted to welcome to 1st Bispham. I would be grateful to any of our current families who can share this information with others. A big thank you; to you the parents for your support in providing that necessary taxi service each Thursday as well as to all the other events over the past year!

Finally, for all the above to take place a great deal of planning, commitment, enthusiasm and time is required. With an ever-growing colony I am reliant on such a supportive Leadership Team. A special thank you must go to all the Beaver Leaders, Julie (Badger), Darrell (Fox), Sienna (Hedgehog YL), Heather (Squirrel) Eleanor (Mole YL) Matthew (Owl) Jordan (Mouse) and Lesley (Robin – who was previously Grey Beaver at 1st Bispham who has kindly come back to help!) without you simply none of this would be possible – especially when I am having one of ‘my Emma ideas!’ Thank you 😊

Here’s to another action-packed fun filled time at 1st Bispham Beavers!

Emma Hornby, Grey Beaver

cubs

Another action packed and fun time at 1st Bispham Cubs over the last year. In fact, looking back at everything we've achieved, it's difficult to imagine we squeezed all of the below and more into just 12 months!

Hot on the heels of winning the Jack Lamb scouting skills competition in March, in **April** we joined the rest of Blackpool District on a 2-night camp outdoors for St Georges Day weekend. We had an amazing time doing archery, shooting, canoeing, caving, climbing, geocaching, campfire and even a great fun disco! We packed a LOT of adventure into 3 days!



In **May**, for our Community Impact badge we gave back to our community with a litter pick around the local area. Cubs managed to collect a staggering 12 bags of litter, helping local residents and wildlife.



The summer months saw us complete our athletics badge, enjoy smores on the fire and Tomahawk Throwing in the sunshine. **June** saw us congratulate but say farewell to Matt, our Akela for the last 10 years, on his appointment as the District Commissioner! It also saw us be announced as the Blackpool District Pack of the Year in **July** – what a massive achievement for our Cubs!



We returned after the summer holidays excited for our **September** Pack Holiday - Pirate Camp at Waddecar! We enjoyed Obstacle courses, Archery, Kayaks and Canoes, and even went panning for gold and bouldering! As a reward for our achievements as Pack of the Year, a team of 6 were invited to take part in the County Challenge day, which was all about team work and problem-solving challenges. We gave out over 120 badges, which just shows how much work the cubs had done!



In **October** we had an incredible 9 Cubs attend the Town Hall to be presented with their Chief Scout Silver award! This is the highest award a Cub Scout can earn and is testament to the hard work and effort those Cubs have put in during their time in Cubs!

So, a huge congratulations to Liam, Noah, William, Lyla, Isla, Lincoln, Stan, Zac and Miley – a huge achievement, very well deserved!



The fun has continued through the winter months with visits to the Arcade Club, Ski Rossendale and Liverpool World Museum to name a few, as well as nights at the HQ completing badges about our hobbies and collections, the environment, pioneering, Money Skills, Air Activities and much more! We were amazed to find we had ventriloquists, magicians, performers of stage, screen and radio and super sportspeople amongst our cubs – 1st Bispham Cubs are a talented bunch!



As always, a massive and heartfelt thanks to the amazing Cub leadership team, without whom none of this would be possible – Carol, Keith, Sam, Owen, Richard, Connie and Lauren, and of course our fantastic Young Leader Ben – thank you all for the time and support you give, the joy you bring the Cubs and the laughs we have together. Volunteering with you all is an absolute pleasure!

Thank you also to the parents and carers of our young people – we appreciate all your support!

We're super proud to be the largest Cub pack in Blackpool District, however this also means that we are often at capacity. We'd love any additional help, so if you are interested in getting involved and joining in the amazing fun you've heard we're having – get in touch!

Kelly – Akela (Cub Team Leader)

SCOUTS

The 1st Bispham Scout Troop during 2022/23 has grown from strength to strength, with weekly numbers ranging between 20-25 young people. All of them getting involved in our activities with the upmost enthusiasm.

This year during our troop nights we have become Scientists, Authors, Historians, Cartographers and Chefs amongst many other activities along the way. Cooking being a favourite of all the young people be it sticking to a recipe baking, the surprises that come from Ready Steady Cook or even finding new ways of making food during our science night. During this year we have celebrated Chinese new year and shrove Tuesday as well as the more local tradition of walking Blackpool's very own illuminations.

As a troop we have been away on two residential trips. The first being a back to basics camp at Mowbreck Scout Campsite. During this weekend we learnt all about how to start and look after fires throughout the day, how to prepare the wood for them with knives, axes and saws and most importantly how to cook a variety of food on them. We also celebrated Bonfire night with a fantastic firework display and then fun with sparklers.

The second was our Winter Camp at Patterdale Hall, which was a joint weekend with our Guides and the 5th Blackpool Scouts & Cubs. As well as taking in the great hospitality of the team at the residence, we took on the a very snowy but bright Lake District. The Saturday was spent walking around Ullswater for our younger members, and the older scouts took on the adventure of walking a little higher in the mountains and even got in a little bit of sledging. The evening was spent playing games with the guides and 5th Blackpool mixing all the teams up so that new friendships were found. On the Sunday we put our walking boots back on, for a trip around Aira Force waterfall before heading home.

I would like to thank my leadership team Gemma, Malley and Morgan(YL) for all that they have done throughout the year, be it front of house delivering our program or the lesser seen behind the scenes bits, they all do a fantastic job and keep the troop thriving.

There's a lot more fun, badges and camping to come throughout 2023 and in to 2024.

Dominic Moore

Scout Leader





This last year as always has been a busy year for the Rainbows. We currently have 37 Rainbows and 6 on the waiting list. Even with a strong leadership team we rely on parent helpers to ensure our adult to Rainbow ratios are maintained.

In July 4 Rainbows will move up to Brownies with 3 of them having achieved their Gold Award which is the highest award that the Rainbows can get. This means over their Rainbow Journey they will have completed 6 theme awards, involving 6 skills builders, 6 interest badges and lots of hours undertaking unit meeting activities. They will be our first Rainbows to gain the Gold Award which is very exciting and a fantastic achievement.

In the Summer term of 2022, the girls worked towards their Have Adventure theme award, completing the camp skills builder and the agility badge. We also had a joint night with the Brownies and Guides celebrating the Queens Jubilee which was great fun. We had a joint campfire night with the Brownies and Guides where we enjoyed singing lots of songs and made some tasty smores to eat. For the last night before we broke up for the summer, we invited the parents to join in with a Treasure Hunt in the Rock Gardens which was lots of fun and made for a great competition!!

In the Autumn term the girls worked towards the Take Action Theme Award achieving the Make Change skills builder and either the helper or recycler badge.

We enjoyed a walk down the illuminations with a yummy bag of chips. The leaders were very proud of the way we behaved and the amount of walking we did. In the October half term, we went to see the Blackpool Gang Show at the Grand Theatre which was brilliant and all the girls had a great time. We also had fun at our annual Halloween party and then celebrated Bonfire night making our own sparklers and a firework picture.

We had a big promise night where we enrolled many of our latest Rainbows during the evening, we incorporated a bring a parent along night which went down very well by both the Rainbows and the parents. For our last night before we broke up for Christmas, we had a Jingle all the way night where we made jingle sticks and raised over £300 for the Blackpool Hospital Blueskies Charity fund. To finish off the year we all went to see Peter Pan on Ice at the Ice Arena which was a fantastic performance.

In the Spring term the girls have worked towards the Express Myself Theme award which involved the Innovate skills builder and either the drawing or storyteller badge. The girls have done some fantastic drawings and stories. We celebrated World Thinking Day by travelling around the world in 1 hr. We visited Mexico, Australia, India, England and Africa. We had a lovely Easter party to end the term with.

We have a trip planned to the Zoo in May which we are all looking forward to

We have lots more exciting things planned for this coming year so watch this

Space!

Rachael Bailey-Brocklebank, Rainbow Leader



Brownies

1st Bispham Brownies

Our brownie unit once again has had an exciting and eventful year. Myself and brown owl have had a busy time organising events and activities for our girls.

The unit numbers during the year have remained steady, our unit continues to flourish. We currently have 35 registered girls in the unit. We continue to encourage girls to carry on with their guiding journeys up to brownies from rainbows, and onto guide from brownies. The girls have continued to work towards their brownie programme and gaining and have gained the following two theme awards.



Know Myself

Girls explore emotions and learn about themselves. They'll look at what they enjoy, build confidence and discover how feelings affect behaviour



Have Adventures

Girls have the chance to overcome fears, try new activities and learn survival skills. Getting outside and having adventures has always been an important part of guiding

The girls gained this theme award on our brownie pack holiday (camp) in September of last year. It was a great success enjoyed by all. Tawny Owl celebrated as by organising and running the camp she gained her camp licence to be able to take the girls away on many more camps in the future.

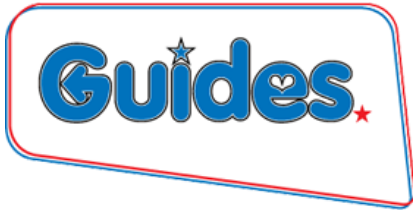
Some of our girls by complete either two or four theme awards have been gained a bronze or silver award over the last year.



We as leaders are very proud of all our girl's achievement, as every week they complete task and activities to gain each badge and award.

As always, the aim of brownies is to be a place of fun an enjoyment. Over the coming months we aim for the girls to achieve further badges and awards. We look forward to what the next 12 months has to bring.

Tawny Owl



We've had a busy year at 1st Bispham Guides and we're now at full capacity with 22 Guides on the register.

We went on summer camp to Waddecar with most of the unit who enjoyed activities such as canoeing, the Badger's Warren and the bouldering Wall. We let the Guides explore the site too and they enjoyed adventuring with each other discovering interesting plants and taking pictures. We also took part in a site campfire which was led by various unit leaders there on camp with Scouting and Guiding units from all over. The Guides really enjoyed the campfire songs and carried on singing them once the campfire was over. To end the evening, we toasted marshmallows over a fire. We're planning another camp at Waddecar this summer and I have no doubts it will be just as much fun.

The Guides also joined the Scouts on their winter camp to Patterdale this year. The weather was beautiful on the day we did our walk, cold but sunny. We walked around the lake which provided excellent views. There were lots of icy patches which some of the Guides enjoyed skidding down. A brilliant evening of games finished off the camp.

We've been working towards many different skills builders in Guides and continue to do so. This year some of the Guides have finished their communicate Stage 4 skills builder and Camp Stage 4 Skills Builder. We're currently working on Lead Stage 4 which we'll finish by the summer.

A joint evening with the Rainbows and Brownies saw us celebrate the King's Coronation. We made crowns, planted "pots" of kindness and had a tea party. The girls all had a blast. We also cheered to the new King.

Michelle Green
Guide Leader

Tuesday Club

A couple of retired people work hard behind the scenes striving to keep the Den functioning and to the standard that we have come to love and enjoy. (They also have long tea breaks spent putting the world to rights!)

Regular jobs include:

Mowing lawns, weeding and pruning bushes.

Application of weedkiller on Drive and Car Park.

Regularly checking Emergency Lights and replacing batteries and fittings.

Regularly checking Fire Alarm call points.

AED readiness reporting.

And probably all sorts else.

One off jobs this year include:

One job with particular poignancy and pride was the installation of “Steve’s Bench” by the front door. The bench, kindly donated by Glasdons is in memory of our former Group Scout Leader and Tuesday club member, Steve Williamson.

Frequent liaising with the Electricity Board when they dug up our back lawn (twice) and the car park.

Erecting mesh screens between us and the park in the far corner of the rear lawn.

Replacing four broken toilet seats.

Construction of a traditional “biscuit tin” camp oven.

New members - If anybody has spare time and would like to help, we’d love to meet you. We are usually at the Den from 10.00am on Tuesday mornings, but check first as we have been meeting Mondays on several occasions.

Apologies if I’ve missed any jobs out or not given credit where it’s due, and many thanks to all who have helped in any way.

Pete and Vic.

1st Bispham Scout and Guide Group

Income & Expenditure yr ending 31st March 2023

<u>2021/22</u>	<u>Income</u>	<u>2022/23</u>
£ 709.77	Xmas Fair	£ 834.43
£ 8,632.70	Den Hire	£ 14,211.75
£ 340.00	Donations	£ 2,250.00
£ 14,975.08	Subscriptions	£ 18,552.00
	Less monies returned to Sections, refunds and "credits of Subs"	
£ 10,267.00		£ 11,792.98
£ 4,708.08		£ 6,759.02
£ 306.60	Interest Received	£ 634.36
£ 2,617.50	Gift Aid - HMRC	£ 3,095.27
£ 210.00	Mini Bus Donations	£ 840.00
£ 648.26	Feed in Tariff	£ 1,174.11
-	Grant from Scout Assoc. re Squirrels	£ 500.00
-	Insurance Claim Settlement	£ 1,134.00
£ 320.00	District Storage	£ 320.00
<u>£ 18,492.91</u>		<u>£ 31,752.94</u>
	<u>Expenditure</u>	
£ 481.81	Sundry Expenses	£ 524.85
£ 733.72	Den Gen. Maintenance/misc Expenses	£ 2,401.30
£ 4,278.14	Den Running Costs	£ 5,469.38
£ 1,234.18	Motor Expenses	£ 836.74
£ 96.50	Bank Charges	£ 72.75
£ 1,324.04	Badges	£ 2,048.03
£ 181.00	Neckers	£ 300.00
£ 200.00	Fire Ext. Service	£ 96.00
£ 2,288.62	Laptops (Subs account expense)	-
£ 880.22	New Equipment	£ 1,811.87
£ 860.00	Cleaner	£ 1,060.00
£5,157.00	Capitation(Subs account expense)	£7,102.00
<u>£ 17,715.23</u>		<u>£ 21,722.92</u>
	Surplus of Income over Expenditure	£10,030.02
	<u>Bank Balances</u>	
£ 913.54	CAF Bank Gold	£ 25.34
£ 30,569.31	CAF Bank Current Account	£ 21,582.10
£ 67,940.90	CAF Fixed Rate Bond	£ 89,316.49
£ 15,325.12	CAF Subs Account	£ 13,854.96
<u>£ 114,748.87</u>		<u>£ 124,778.89</u>

Section Account Balances as at 31/03/2023

Rainbows	£ 492.67
Brownies	£ 988.48
Guides	£ 703.30
Beavers	£ 546.23
Cubs	£ 248.00
Scouts	£ 640.05

2021/22

2022/23

Den Maintenance

£ 860.00	Cleaner	£ 1,060.00
£ 733.72	General Maintenance/upkeep	£ 2,401.30
<u>£ 1,593.72</u>		<u>£ 3,461.30</u>

Den Running Costs

£ 1,070.60	Building/contents Insurance	£ 1,350.08
£ 945.38	Electricity	£ 1,101.93
£ 700.00	Ground Rent	£ 700.00
£ 350.63	Water Rates	£ 515.07
£ 201.25	Non- Domestic Rates	£ 394.24
£ 650.40	Gas	£ 798.67
£ 359.88	IT & Broadband	£ 609.39
<u>£ 4,278.14</u>		<u>£ 5,469.38</u>

Motor Expenses

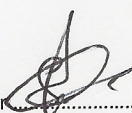
£ 630.00	Mini bus Insurance	£ 645.00
£ 389.18	Service/repairs/MoT/Fuel	£ 26.74
£ 50.00	Trailer Repairs	-
£ 165.00	Road Tax	£ 165.00
<u>£ 1,234.18</u>		<u>£ 836.74</u>

Fund Raising

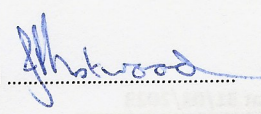
£ 709.77	Xmas Fair	£ 834.43
<u>£ 709.77</u>		<u>£ 834.43</u>

Donations

£ 340.00	Donations in memory of Steve Williamson	£ 50.00
-	Deonation from estate of M.Loomes	£ 100.00
-	Doantion for loan of Tables/chairs	£ 100.00
-	W.Sadler Legacy	£ 2,000.00
<u>£ 340.00</u>		<u>£ 2,250.00</u>

Accounts Prepared by : Steve Winter 

Date 01/05/23

Checked by by : Russell Eastwood 

Date 12/5/23

Independent Examiners Report to the Trustees of 1st Bispham Scout & Guide Group

I report on the accounts of the 1st Bispham Scout & Guide Group for the year ending 31st March 2023

Responsibilities and Basis of Report

As charity trustees of 1st Bispham Scout and Guide Group, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 (the Act).

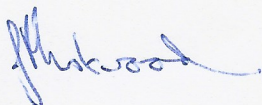
I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent Examiner's Statement

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 Trust 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.

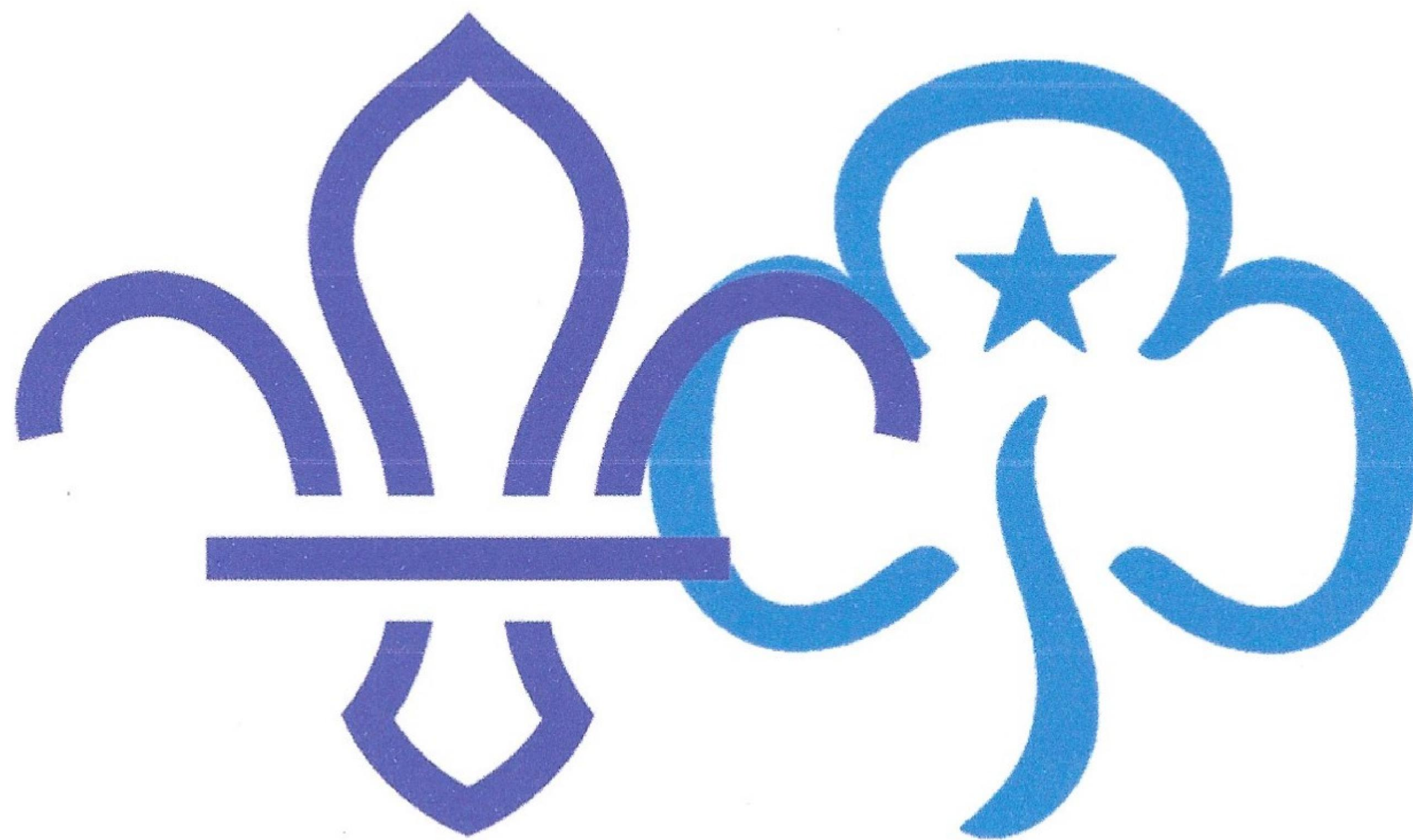
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1st Bispham
Scout & Guide Group

Annual Report
2020/2021

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Chairman and Group Scout Leaders Report

Writing this report we find ourselves reflecting on a totally different and challenging year. Lockdowns, and limitation on how we have been able to meet, or not, being the main topic of conversation throughout 2020/21. Despite the lockdowns we, as a group, have continued to provide "virtual meetings" when we have been able to and technology has allowed. This has been a challenging time for us all and especially the Leaders in the Group having to also do "home schooling" as well as Scouting and Guiding interactions wherever possible. One appreciates that "zoom sessions" are not for all and one is glad to be able to report that from April/May 2021 all Sections have been able to return to "face to face" meetings, albeit with some restrictions/regulations to safeguard everybody.

Despite the pandemic, we are delighted to see the number of members in each Section returning to pre pandemic numbers (pre pandemic/lockdowns) which we are sure will continue, as we look to start gradually and when allowed, to put on more activities and events

The success of the Group would not be possible without the help of all section leaders who continue to make 1st Bispham a great success. Our enormous and sincere thanks to all these leaders and volunteers (who of course give their time without recompense!).

Specific mention must go to the members of 1st Bispham team, who have received prestigious awards for their services to Scouting

- Philip Wheatley (Group Exec. member and Blackpool District Scout Leader) – 50 years long service award.
- Steve Smith – (Group Scout Leader) - 40 years Long Service Award.
- Keith Winter – (Asst. Cub Scout Leader) - 40 years Long Service Award.
- Peter Sanday – (Group Advisor & past Scout Leader) - 25 years long service award.
- Matthew Smith – (Asst. Beaver Scout Leader) - 10 years long service award and Chief Scouts commendation for good service
- David Cam – (Chairman of the 1st Bispham) -5 years long service award.
- Steve Winter – (Treasurer of 1st Bispham) – 5 years long service award
- Emma Hornby – (Beaver Scout Leader & ADC Beaver Scouts Blacjkpool) awarded the "Award of Merit". This award is given by the Scout Association for distinguished and long service to the movement.

Sincere congratulations to all the above who have given their time and dedication to the success of Scouting in Blackpool and specifically 1st Bispham Scout & Guide Group.

We are always on the lookout for new leaders for both our Scouting and Guiding sections. If any of you, as parents, would wish to help in anyway please don't hesitate to approach the appropriate section leaders.

In between "lockdowns" and when it has been safe to do so it has been safe to do so our "Tuesday Club" (namely Pete Sanday, Steve Williamson and Vic Meddings - who are retired from work and give their time on a weekly basis to assist in undertaking maintenance jobs

inside and outside) have maintained our superb HQ. - see page 6 of the report for the list of tasks completed. Again, on behalf of the Group Executive, we would like to thank them for the time they give and tremendous work they do, helping to ensure the 1st Bispham Headquarters remains in excellent condition.

In "normal" circumstances and to offset the increased running costs of the new building, we have been successful in hiring out the facility during the day to outside organisations. Obviously, this has not been possible this year. However, we have been fortunate to receive leisure and hospitality grants from the Government (due to Covid), which has offset this loss of income, which has helped tremendously. Eileen Sanday our "Bookings Secretary" is now starting to take new reservations for 2021/22, albeit these are dependent upon restrictions being lifted by the Government in the coming months.

Going forward we continue to look for new outside organisations to use the HQ (daytime predominantly) to help with ever increased running costs that the building will demands, to ensure this is kept to the excellent standard it is in today. If you know of anyone who may be interested in using our HQ, please let us know.

From a business perspective we will continue to carefully manage our finances to ensure that we can maintain the excellent facilities we have today in the condition we are sitting in now – together with some reserves, just in case.

Finally, it has been a challenging and difficult year for all of us. Hopefully, we are emerging from the pandemic and slowly being able to return to "normal" Scouting and Guiding activities in the coming months. We sincerely hope this is the case, and ask you to be understanding if we have to continue with some restrictions to safeguard us all.

We would like to wish you well and to remain safe over the forthcoming 12 months. Hopefully, next year's report will see us reflecting on the many activities 1st Bispham has been able to provide for the benefit of all its young people in Scouting and Guiding and as such we look forward to seeing everyone at 1st Bispham/these events in the coming year.

Thanks again

David Cam DL Chairman
Steve Smith Group Scout Leader

Treasurer's report

A different year in all respects has seen the Group show a healthy surplus in the last 12 months. This being mainly due to grants we have received as part of the Governments Leisure and hospitality support as a result of the pandemic. This has offset the income we would have normally received from "lettings" of the HQ, outside of our Scouting and Guiding activities. Donations/income in other areas, such as Xmas Fair and use of mini bus hire have also been impacted, albeit at the same time we have had the maintenance and insurance costs of the HQ to maintain.

We are up to date with claiming back gift aid from HMRC and once again a big thank you to all parents who have completed gift aid forms.

I would like to thank parents/carers for continuing in the payment of the monthly subscriptions. As promised and communicated we will be "crediting 50% of payments (made between April'20 -March'21) to each members account and using this to cover future camps/events. In addition, we will look to fund a Group event in the future, once restrictions allow us to do so.

Our overall bank balances are healthy, but we need to ensure that we maintain a "reserve" whilst at the same time ensure we can keep the fantastic building and facilities to the high standard that it currently is.

Steve Winter, Treasurer

'Tuesday Club'

A small group of retired people work hard behind the scenes striving to keep the Den functioning and to the standard that we have come to love and enjoy. (They also drink a lot of tea!).

Please note jobs only completed when restrictions have allowed us to do so, and when doing jobs these have been do respecting social distancing at all times.

Regular jobs include:

Mowing lawns, weeding and pruning bushes.
Application of weedkiller on Drive and Car Park.
Regularly checking Emergency Lights and replacing batteries.
Regularly checking Fire Alarm call points.
Maintenance (although doesn't always work for everyone) of printers.
AED (Defibrillator) readiness reporting.
And probably all sorts else

One off jobs this year include:

Fitting of new first Aid Cupboard.
Renewing First Aid Kits.
Erection of donated gates to provide barrier to side passage, woodpile and aerial.
Repairing back lawn after excavation by Electricity Company.
Improvements to Car Park lighting.
Installation of "Children Slow" warning sign on drive.

Apologies if I've missed any jobs out or not given credit where it's due, and many thanks to all who have helped in any way.

Pete, Tuesday Club

1st Bispham Scout and Guide Group

Income & Expenditure yr ending 31st March 2021

<u>2019/2020</u>		<u>2020/21</u>
	<u>Income</u>	
£ 743.06	Xmas Fair	£ -
£ 4,776.20	Den Hire	£ 1,045.00
£ 2,756.00	Weight Watchers	£ 182.00
£ 1,500.00	Donations	£ 21,337.00
£ 1,680.00	District Camp	£ -
£ 11,424.26	Subscriptions	£ -
		£ 12,746.00
	Less returned to Sections	£ 2,771.36
£ 872.98	Interest Received	£ 943.04
£ 2,514.50	Gift Aid - HMRC	£ 3,181.56
£ 833.00	Mini Bus Donations	£ -
£ 886.07	Feed in Tariff	£ 716.50
£ 572.00	District Storage	£ -
<u>£ 28,558.07</u>		<u>£ 37,379.74</u>
	<u>Expenditure</u>	
£ 354.96	Sundry Expenses	£ 282.22
£ 725.85	Den Gen. Maintenance/misc Expenses	£ 363.31
£ 5,158.53	Den Running Costs	£ 3,809.54
£ 1,787.64	Motor Expenses	£ 1,424.28
£ 60.00	Bank Charges	£ 69.50
£ 712.50	Badges/Books	£ 774.22
-	Neckers	£ 202.50
£ 551.50	Uniform Polo Shirts	£ -
-	Fire Ext. Service	£ 214.95
-	IT/CCTV/Ext.light/Car Park Equip	£ 1,140.12
£ 2,765.28	New Equipment	-
£ 180.00	St Georges Day	£ -
£ 2,204.80	District Camp	£ -
£ 1,060.00	Cleaner	£ -
£ 920.00	Trophy Cabinet	£ -
£ 4,810.50	Capitation(Membership of Scout & Guide Assoc)	£ 3,602.00
£ 1,500.00	Defibrillator	£ -
<u>£ 22,791.56</u>		<u>£ 11,882.64</u>
£5,766.51 Surplus of Income over Expenditure		£25,497.10
	<u>Bank Balances</u>	
£ 912.99	CAF Bank Gold	£ 913.40
£ 8,708.87	CAF Bank Current Account	£ 26,908.14
£ 66,700.99	CAF Fixed Rate Bond	£ 67,637.36
£ 11,680.45	CAF Subs Account (see note 1)	£ 18,059.74
£ 33.82	Cash in Hand	£ 15.58
<u>£88,037.12</u>		<u>£ 113,534.22</u>

Note 1 - Balance includes £5,665.00 to be credited to members

Section Account Balances as at 31/03/2021

Rainbows	£ 361.43
Brownies	£ 455.17
Guides	£ 596.00
Beavers	£ 150.00
Cubs	£ 200.08
Scouts	£ 1,016.23

2019/2020

2020/21

Den Maintenance

£ 1,060.00	Cleaner
	Mower Repairs
£ 725.85	General Maintenance/upkeep
<u>£ 1,785.85</u>	

£ -	
£ 48.30	
£ 315.01	
<u>£ 363.31</u>	

Den Running Costs

£ 1,434.00	Building/contents Insurance
£ 713.07	Electricity
£ 700.00	Ground Rent
£ 428.02	Water Rates
£ 776.16	Non- Domestic Rates
£ 503.41	Gas
£ 603.87	IT & Broadband
<u>£ 5,158.53</u>	

£ 1,372.55	
£ 564.34	
£ 700.00	
£ 295.51	
£ -	
£ 513.56	
£ 363.58	
<u>£ 3,809.54</u>	

Motor Expenses

£ 638.43	Mini bus Insurance
£ 820.81	Mini bus Service/repairs/MoT
£ 163.40	Trailer repairs
£ 165.00	Road Tax
<u>£ 1,787.64</u>	

£ 704.37	
£ 554.91	
£ -	
£ 165.00	
<u>£ 1,424.28</u>	

Fund Raising

£ 743.06	Xmas Fair
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£ -	
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Donations

£ 1,500.00	Ward Council
	Misc. donations
-	Government - Covid Grants
<u>£ 1,500.00</u>	

£ -	
£ 100.00	
£ 21,237.00	
<u>£ 21,337.00</u>	

Accounts Prepared by : Steve Winter

Date 26/04/2021

Checked by by : Russell Eastwood

Date 20/5/21

Independent Examiners Report to the Trustees of 1st Bispham Scout & Guide Group

I report on the accounts of the 1st Bispham Scout & Guide Group for the year ending 31st March 2021.

Responsibilities and Basis of Report

As charity trustees of 1st Bispham Scout and Guide Group, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 (the Act).

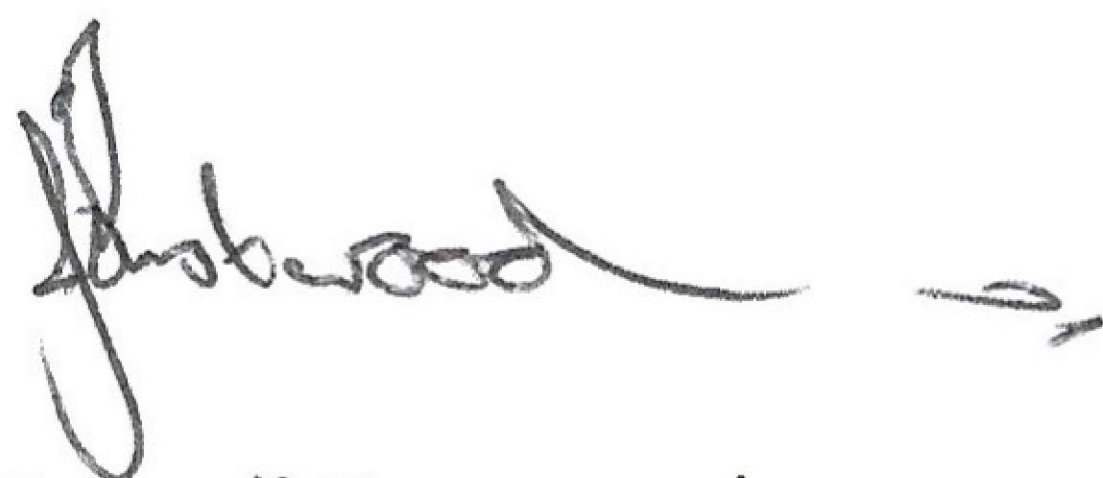
I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent Examiner's Statement

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 Trust 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.



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