

Barrow upon Soar Scout Group

England & Wales · Charity number 521720

Details

Other names BARROW-UPON-SOAR BOY SCOUT GROUP

Status Registered

Legal form Other

Registered 1963-09-19

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Activities

Objects: TO PROMOTE THE DEVELOPMENT OF YOUNG PEOPLE IN ACHIEVING THEIR FULL PHYSICAL, INTELLECTUAL, SOCIAL AND SPIRITUAL POTENTIALS AS INDIVIDUALS, AS RESPONSIBLE CITIZENS AND AS MEMBERS OF THEIR LOCAL, NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITIES.

Activities: EDUCATION, TRAINING, SPORT AND RECREATION FOR YOUNG PEOPLE

Classification

- **How:** Provides Services
- **What:** Education/training, Amateur Sport, Recreation
- **Who:** Children/young People

Geography

- **Area of benefit:** BARROW-UPONSOAR
- Leicestershire

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-03-31	£46,459	£43,911	-	-
2024-03-31	£56,993	£78,892	-	-
2023-03-31	£31,935	£31,775	-	-
2022-03-31	£27,337	£23,484	-	-
2021-03-31	£24,799	£8,058	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Ian Simon Mitchell	Chair	2022-09-02
Aaron David Parker		2021-11-23
Ann Murch		2006-04-01
Claire Bigg		2024-01-01
Claire Louise Delaney		2022-09-02
Robert Anthony Perridge		2022-09-02

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**BARROW UPON SOAR
SCOUTS**

ANNUAL REPORT

— 2025 —



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AGENDA

1. **Introduction and welcome**
2. **Apologies for absence**
3. **Governance topics**
 - a. Approve the minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 30th August 2024
 - b. Adopt the model constitution from Policy, Organisation and Rules (POR)
 - c. Note the Group's financial year
 - d. Approve appointed and community members of the Group Scout Council
4. **Review of the previous year**
 - a. The Group Lead Volunteer's review of Scouts in the Barrow Upon Soar Scout Group
 - b. Receive and consider the Annual Report of the Group Trustee Board, including the annual Statement of the Accounts

Closing remarks

GROUP CHAIR REPORT

As ever I am always amazed at how well the Scout Group manage to excel every year in their duties and responsibilities in supporting, challenging and developing our young Scouts.

This year has seen exceptional work by the Group which has gone from strength to strength in providing a varied and inspirational educational programme for all ages across 7 Scout Sections. This is without doubt down to the tireless efforts and dedication of Claire and her Leadership and Helper Team. I would like to thank them all for the huge amount of time and effort they put in to making Scouting a great experience for our young people. We shape the next generation in the most positive ways possible in Scouting and it can't be done without the selfless, dedicated hard work and commitment of these people.

There have been a number of camps and external activities over the last year and all have gone well. The group has carried out the usual round of activities in the village, including the Christmas and Summer Street Markets, Poppy Selling for the British Legion, Litter Picking and Christmas Post, all of which help to maintain our visibility and social responsibility in the village whilst bringing in much needed funds to help with maintaining our lovely headquarters.

It was a pleasure to be able to celebrate 90 years of Barrow Scout Group with you all last summer, here's to another 90 years of changing the lives of our young people and having the honour of positively shaping the next generations.

Our Thursday club volunteers have been working tirelessly to keep our buildings safe, clean, tidy and functional and maintain our gardens, which provide a wonderful space for our young people to enjoy numerous activities. Their contribution to the efficient functional and financial running of the building and group allows our Leadership Team to concentrate fully on their demanding work. Please read their report below to find out about the fantastic work they are doing.

This will be my final year as Group Chair and we are now looking to find a willing volunteer to take on this role at the next AGM in August 2026 – please let myself, Claire or any of our Trustees know if you would be interested.

Finally, my thanks go to Claire, Julie and Adam particularly, who goes above and beyond to make sure this group thrives and continues to be the largest in Charnwood District. And to all our Trustee Board and Support Committee members, thank you for the time and support you put into Scouting.

GROUP LEAD VOLUNTEER REPORT

Our Squirrel Drey, has come on leaps and bounds, so much has been achieved. It's led by Vicky, Nava and Kyle.

Allison Beaver Colony is run by Liz, Harvey and Dave, we welcome Ben to the leadership team. They also have Eliot, a young leader. Dave will be moving to Allison Scouts. Fronting Allison Cub Pack is Iska, Claire, Helen R and Jas. They also have 2 young leaders Sam and Zen.

Allison Scout Troop has seen some changes to the leadership team, Alex and Laura have stepped down. We have Adelle and Lee, with the more recent addition of Anna. Dave is due to start in September.

Wilford Beavers continues to be run by Ann, aided by Liz, Kerry and Amy. Lucy has stepped down and we welcome Katy to the Leadership Team.

Wilford Cubs has been running smoothly under Helen N, Jayne, Sally and Mark. With the addition of 2 young leaders Eddie and Samuel.

Wilford Scouts continues to be ran by Richard and Sarah W. Janet has relocated to Qwest Explorers.

We welcome Qwest Explorers to Barrow, this is run by Stephen and Janet.

Barrow celebrated 90 years of Scouting in September, we had a group camp with all sections taking part. Lots of fun had by all.

Most sections are running full to capacity, there are currently 13 Young People on our waiting list who are eligible to be at Squirrels or Beavers but we're unable to accommodate them without increasing our adult volunteers.

Finally, a massive thank you to all our leaders, Julie (group admin), committee members, parent helpers, the Thursday Club etc, who freely give their time and support for the benefit of the Young People of Barrow

Claire Bigg GLV

THURSDAY CLUB REPORT

We are very fortunate to have wonderful volunteers who happily give up their time helping with the upkeep of the building. During the last year the Thursday Club have continued to support the Scout Leaders by providing a safe, functional and continually evolving headquarters. They exist alongside the Support Committee to run the building and Scout Group efficiently so the Leaders can concentrate on their fantastic but demanding work.

Many people don't realise that the Scout Group is a Charity whose only source of income is from its young members subscriptions. So with no budget to work with, the Thursday Club carry out all cleaning and grounds and building maintenance and wherever possible cover any costs by fundraising, applying for grants and obtaining material donations. They also run the Ink Cartridge Recycling, Easy Fund Raising Shopping and 100 Club initiatives. Amongst their successes this past financial year have been grants obtained from British Gypsum, The Scout Association and The Parish Council and material donations from Jewson, Crown Paints and B & Q.

The building has become very popular with the Community, with hire increasing to the point where in addition to 7 Scout Sections, it now supports 8 mainly Children's Community Groups, including Rainbow Guides and Quest Charnwood Explorer Scouts. On a typical week we have a footfall of over 200 young people and we are proud of the invaluable contribution that makes to the social well being of the Barrow Community.

The associated hire income provides an invaluable boost to the financial stability of the group, assisting us to invest further in the facilities to the benefit of all. The team have been particularly proud to interact with and support the wider community and other volunteer village organisations free of charge such as the Women's Institute, Barrow In Bloom and a Village History Group.

Noteable work carried out and overseen by the Thursday Club over the last financial year includes :

- Repairing the wood floor before having it professionally resurfaced with help from British Gypsum with a grant of £1,000.
- Provision of an accessible ramp to the main entrance.
- Construction work preparing and finishing off of a new rear garden door installation.
- Our gardening team of Sue, Cheryl and Simon have continued planting additional shrubs and plants right through the seasons to make the grounds look special all year round and they are now seeing the fruits of their wild flower planting which can be seen evolving alongside the railway fence.

The Thursday Club are particularly proud of Rob's work spending countless hours and days constructing a Soap Box Go Kart for the Scouts to use at the Oaks In Charnwood Soap Box Derby in May this year. Unfortunately they didn't win, Rob didn't push them fast enough !

A current ongoing project is our Animal based Scouting Mural which can be seen in the corner of the Scout Hut. Following careful preparation by the Thursday Club, the artwork is being created by the wonderfully talented Alison, Tony and Linda who are local residents and friends of the Thursday Club. Keep watching it come to life over the next few months.

If you are interested in joining in with the Thursday Club please feel free to contact us, we are a relaxed, good humoured bunch of ex Scouts and local people proud to be supporting our hard working Leaders and the well being of our village.

SQUIRREL DREY

Squirrels have had another successful year

We have been on lots of outings including attending the district Squirrels sports day, ski centre trip, we joined in on the big birthday sleepover at the oaks in Charnwood

We have given out lots of badges this year, a total of 150 which includes 8 chief scout acorn awards which is the highest award a squirrel can achieve. Squirrel have worked hard to earn these badges by doing science experiments, cooking, obstacle courses, lots of teamwork and helping each other, building towers and growing plants from seeds.

We had a fantastic visit from the local police and the squirrels asked lots questions. We have made pizzas, pancakes and tried lots of new fruit and vegetables, learnt about the phases of the moon using Oreos

We had lots fun playing with water in the hot weather which everyone enjoyed!



ALLISON BEAVERS

What a brilliant year we've had this year with Allison Beavers! We started off the Autumn term with a new leader team of Liz (Mouse), Harvey (Stoat) and Dave (Otter) and had Eliot join us as a Young Leader. Following the same programme as Wilford Beavers, we were straight into action with a scarecrow building team challenge for the village Scarecrow Festival and our Big Barrow 90th Birthday Camp at the end of September. The Beavers and Leaders had a great time.



Also in September, we held our first log chew, looked at what makes a good friend and completed our disability awareness badge. During October, we became scientists and completed our experiment badge, then the Beavers took over running a games session as part of their Teamwork Challenge badge. We also made our Christmas cards in time for printing just before half term.



Blowing up a balloon with vinegar and bicarbonate of soda and making things move with magnets.

November always brings us round to thinking about Remembrance Day and the Beavers painted stones beautifully for a display around the flagpole at the Scout Hut for Remembrance Sunday. Lots of our Beavers joined us for the Remembrance Day parade and they all showed excellent behaviour – we were very proud of them. We also looked at how Hindus celebrate Diwali in November and made our decorations for the Christmas Tree Festival. At the end of November, we had fun at the District Swimming Gala and managed to win third place!



The dark days of December were full of fun too, with the Beavers learning how to light a fire and making their own s'mores. Thanks so much to Scout Leader Adelle for leading the fire lighting for us.



Our Christmas treat was a trip to the cinema to see Paddington in Peru along with Wilford Beavers and Cubs, and once again our young people from all the sections behaved superbly. We finished off the term with our traditional joint Christmas party with Wilford Beavers and a visit from Santa.



During the Spring term, we focused on our World Challenge badge along with the global issues and international activity badges. There's lots to do for these badges and it encourages our Beavers to think about their Beaver Promise, how they can help others in our community and beyond, and how to look after our world by looking at important issues worldwide. In January, we learned about fair trade goods, what that means and how it helps others; learned some facts about other countries around the world and to recognise their flags and made pitta bread pizzas.

In February, we learned about Beaver scouts in Kenya, tried some traditional Kenyan food, and learned some greetings and a song in Swahili, the language of Kenya. We also learned about endangered animals around the world, why they're at risk and what we can do to help them. The Beavers then made their own animal masks of endangered animals. Finally in February, we celebrated St David's Day by learning about Welsh culture, making paper daffodils and trying Welsh cakes.

In March, we were very lucky to have a visit from some police officers, who brought a van with them and answered lots of questions so the Beavers could learn about how they serve our community. A very big thank you to Helen and her colleagues for giving us their time. We thought about how we can look after our environment by thinking of ways to save energy and recycle things, and making a water filter. We helped our community by going on a litter pick around the village, made leaf print pictures and enjoyed a games night.



WILFORD BEAVERS

In the past year our beavers have worked very hard completing our challenge and activity badges.

We have completed our Team, World, and Outdoor Challenge badges along with numerous activity badges.

Autumn Term 2024

Our first team challenge was the scarecrow we made which was displayed outside of the scout hut with scarecrows from the other sections. We also started remembering the importance of friendship and took our friendship and acts of kindness diaries home. We also played lots of games to reflect this. We continued with this theme and completed a disability awareness evening and learned about the importance of inclusion. We had team games on the park which was great fun and had an experiments night which was great fun and much enjoyed by the beavers. We crafted painting stones for Remembrance Day which were laid in the scout garden and reflected on our diaries with a scouts own. We made Christmas cards and craft for the Christmas tree in church which we later got to take home. Our beavers all had a chance to lead some games and we even celebrated Diwali. We had a hotdog night just for fun because all had worked really hard. We even managed to fit in the district swimming gala and a brilliant turn out for Remembrance Sunday parade.

We also attended the Big Barrow Birthday Camp.

We finished off this term with a trip to the cinema with Allison beavers and a joint Christmas party which included a visit from the man himself.

This was a very busy term!

Spring Term 2025

We started the next term with our World Challenge Badge and related activity badges.

We looked at Scouts from Kenya and learned some things about the country. We learned to say hello in Swahili and sang a song from Kenya. We learned about fair trade products and how we can help by buying them. We learned about some different flags and facts about the countries and got quite expert at this. We ate Italian food made with our own fair hands. The pizzas were delicious.

We looked at our environment and kept a recycling diary and made water filters which really worked and learn't about the importance of saving energy and went on a litter pick around the village. We learned about endangered animals and what this means.

We had a go at leaf printing and managed to fit in a games night.

We celebrated St Davids day and had a visit from the police who very kindly brought their van for Beavers to look at.

Beavers also had the opportunity to attend the district sports day.

We ended this term with attending Jump Giants for a joint trampolining session with Allison Beavers

Summer term 2025

This term we have completed our Outdoor Challenge and related activity badges.

We have learned about safety and how to keep safe. We learned how to help others by completing our Emergency Aid Staged 1 badge. We made a fantastic bird box and made dens up at Beacon hill.

We went on an Animal Scavenger hunt and played wide games.(Outdoor games).

We had a fun night along side Allison Beavers where the Beavers helped build a camp fire, had hot dogs, went exploring and finished with a good sing song around the camp fire complete with their camp blankets they had brought along. We also learned to tie three knots.

We had fun grass sledging and playing on the zip wire at Willow park. We have been tent pitching with help from our scout leaders at Wilford.

We finished with a fun splash party in the scout garden.

Ten of our Beavers also took part in our Wilford Camp and had a wonderful, fun time.

In the last three terms we have awarded a massive nine Chief Scout Bronze awards. The highest award a Beaver can earn.

Leaders have worked very hard to deliver the programmes and give up a lot of their time but think because we have such well behaved Beavers, it was worth it. We have also appreciated the help of all of our parent helpers who turn up to take part as rostered on the programme.

Leaders are:- Ann Murch (Raven) Kerry Barkby (Robin) Amy Woolmer (Owl) Katie Herridge (Mole) Alex Broadhead is our highly valued, young leader and is known as Fox.

We are still looking for another leader. I have done this for nineteen years and will definitely be finishing as a Beaver leader at Christmas although I will stay with scouting but in a different role. It has been very rewarding and fun. If you feel you can help please give a shout.

Wilford Beaver Volunteer Leaders

ALLISON CUBS

The past twelve months have been eventful. We have awarded seven Chief Scout Silver Awards and approximately two hundred activity and challenge badges.

Since September 2024, we have participated in various events. We attended a Tennis session at Sileby Tennis Club and joined the Big Barrow Birthday Camp at Oaks in Charnwood with thirteen of our Cubs. The Remembrance Parade in November had good attendance, with commendable behaviour from our colour party members.

To conclude 2024, Allison Cubs went to Nottingham for ice-skating and participated in the District Bowling event.

Recently, we held our first all-Allison camp at Willesley Scout Campsite with Squirrels visiting for the day, two Beavers staying overnight with their parents, twenty Cubs, and around a dozen Scouts. We also have a paddle-boarding session planned before the end of term.

Our weekly sessions featured themed craft activities such as making pipe-cleaner pumpkins, paper snakes, and wooden Christmas tree decorations. Cooking sessions included pancakes, Mexican tacos, and arm pit fudge. Additionally, we conducted sessions on knot tying, fire lighting, den building, and team games. Water fights and snowball fights remain popular activities.

We appreciate the support of our two young leaders, Sam and Zen.

Currently, we have twenty-five Cubs on our register, two young leaders, and five adult volunteer leaders.

WILFORD CUBS

So only a couple of weeks ago I was asked "what have your cubs been up to this year" and my mind went blank. Everyone knows I love a photo or two and sharing those pictures with all our parents on Facebook has made it easy when I was asked to sum up the year..... We started back in September and had a fab session at the outdoor pursuits with the "Hot doggers" team. A firm favourite of mine and the cubs. We introduce the cubs to pickleball when attending Sileby for a taster session for that and tennis. Thank you to Betsy, it was great fun and could be a lovely family activity to carry on. We participated in the village scarecrow event and joined the other sections with a display outside the hut. At the end of September Barrow scouting had their camp. Although a bit chilly we enjoyed archery, climbing, laser tag, tomahawk throwing and a hike around the Oaks. Back in Barrow we had the opportunity to ring the Bells at the church. I'm not sure what the village thought, but we certainly had fun.

More fun on the water and a Friday night with a pool session in kayaks. I love the fact we have Eddie there to help. A firm favourite and an end of term treat at Jump Giants. (Leaders put your feet up) In November we invested our newer leaders Mark and Sally, how lovely that Rosie, Sallys daughter shared that evening and was also invested along with Alex. We had a good attendance this year for our Remembrance parade. I had the privilege of attending scout HQ with our young leader Eddie. He was presented with his "Young Leaders Award". Well done. Thanks to Rob Connolley the cubs attended the studio at his school and rehearsed the song for our Xmas carol event. Unfortunately this year it didn't go ahead but what a fab evening we had putting it all together. We joined the Beavers and went to see Paddington at the cinema. A little concerning for the other participants but what amazing behaviour from both sections. It was a pleasure taking them. Off to Nottingham we went in mini buses and ice skating. Lots of smiles and assistance from the penguins we kept acquiring from the side. The cubs had a gift of airfix models and their challenge was to bring them back built..... We said goodbye to 5 cubs, Owen, Luke, Travis, Carter and Archie who all did well achieving their silver awards. We started the new year with a few planes and cars built. Well done to those cubs, with a little help from parents. We hosted a Light saber evening. Thanks to Mel and Dave. Lots of mini Jedi's in the building and lots of fun had.

District hosted a Jambowtree evening and it was now time to say a further goodbye to Joe and Freddie H. Both achieving their silver awards. After bell ringing some months earlier we were joined by Syston Band and the cubs had the opportunity to sample some of the instruments they use. We certainly raised the roof that evening. Now it was time to start planning for our camp. We had putting up tent sessions, some outdoor cooking on coals of a good old favourite. Jacket potato, cheese and beans. Slightly mixed up that night as we ate s'moores first but sometimes these things need to be done. Don't tell the parents!! This years camp was Wilford all the way. From Beavers to scouts. What a fab weekend, it was lovely to see one family with a child in each section..... some fun activities on site and a nice stroll to Bradgate. Ended the weekend inviting parents to join us for a breakfast butty as it was Father's Day.

The grand finale this year was the sculptures at Beacon Hill. Some lovely pieces of work made extra special that a couple of them were a parent from our cubs and scouts. Great photo opportunity. That evening we said goodbye to Joel. He did his own little speech of how much cubs has meant to him. Good luck at scouts mate, we will miss you. One thing I can say about Wilford, one in all one. Great support from parents bringing your children to all these activities. What a fab year. Let's hope this year can bring as much fun. Thanks to Jayne, Sally and Mark for the support you give me to enable these activities. With the added help of Samuel and Eddie our young leaders. Not only do they help weekly, they attend their own sessions and are both achieving their own goals. I hope the parents have been sewing as lots of badges have been awarded, too many to mention

ALLISON SCOUTS

It's been another successful year for Allison Scouts, with a focus on moving back to developing traditional Scouting skills.

In the Autumn term we enjoyed the first joint Group camp, where the older Scouts were able to undertake their Expedition badge and achieve their Gold Awards before moving up.

The Spring term saw a focus on traditional fire skills, moving beyond just fire lighting and exploring the wider importance of maintaining and using a campfire. We spent time using axes and saws to prepare the wood, using knives to whittle feather sticks, and looking at various types of tinders and fire lays.

We also enjoyed pushing the boundaries with backwoods cooking, to make good use of the fires we were starting! We had eggs and sausages on skewers, sweet and savoury campfire breads, and a session learning how to gut and prepare fresh fish before cooking that over the fire too.

The Spring term also saw our first Patrol Camp, which we hope to continue as an annual feature on our programme. The Patrol Leaders and Assistant Patrol Leaders travelled up to Cherry Garth campsite near Cleethorpes for the weekend, and as it was March we were braced for some chilly overnights! The weather didn't disappoint in that sense, but it also delighted us with beautiful sunny days that were largely spent playing traditional games on the local beaches, along with time on the boating lake.

In the Summer term we took advantage of the better weather and longer days to focus on Navigation skills, and we entered a team into the annual County Rambling Fox competition, to put those skills into practice.

We also joined Wilford Scouts for paddleboarding at LOPC, and in manning the water station for the Watermead 10k running race.

We thoroughly enjoyed a joint camp with the younger Allison sections in June at Willesley Scout campsite, with the Saturday spent at the Swadlincote Ski Centre. Everyone got stuck into some great activities, including skiing, tobogganing and tubing despite the blistering heat!

We celebrated National Cheese Day by making our own cheese from scratch, which many of the Scouts were brave enough to taste. The final session of the term was a water party in the garden, which the leaders seemed to bear the brunt of!

As the year closed, we moved on another wave of older Scouts at the end of this year, all of them having achieved their Gold Awards and all planning to continue their Scouting journeys with QWEST Explorer Unit.

WILFORD SCOUTS

We've had a really busy year with Wilford Scouts with two camps, over 50 badges earned and 7x Gold Awards.

We started the year with events such as photography, ready steady cook, learning about electricity, park in the dark, Jump Giants, Scarecrow making, and lots of annual traditions such as Halloween, Christmas craft but sadly no carol concert this year. We continued with the success of the scout Christmas post on the run up to Christmas. This included an evening delivering letters across the village.

The Scouts led activities in the hut and had fun with lots of traditional games and we always try to include a new selection each year for them to choose from. It always ends up back with dodge ball, haggis and the dark game though.

In the new year we left the hut on a few occasions to try pizza making at Peters Pizzas in Loughborough, fire lighting at the Oaks campsite and we also went to watch Planet Circus in Beaumont Leys with Wilford Cubs. We also volunteered at the rise and shine weekend at the Oaks Campsite with some maintenance and repairs to the site. While in the hut, we hosted our first annual highland games and feasted on some lovely haggis, had an evening to celebrate the Chinese New Year and took part in woodworking to create a mobile phone holder and we also made some home made jam doughnuts in the garden on our gas stoves. We welcomed the Syston marching band into the hut and had a great session learning lots of new instruments.

The summer term brought us lots of new adventures including planning and building a soap box kart to race down Oaks Campsite hill, lots of hikes and orienteering practice, with a grand finale race around Charnwood between two teams. Both scout groups took part in helping Barrow Runners in running the water station at the first of the annual Watermead 10k running races. This event replaces the usual Prestwold race. A trip to LOPC is always a highlight and we couldn't disappoint, so a joint trip with Alison scouts to do SUPs, Kayaks and a large SUP. We even got the weather and it was a lovely warm sunny evening (for a change).

Our annual summer camp was a Wilford dominant event which saw the Beavers, Cubs and Scouts all join together for the first time. The camp was at Johns Lee Wood, and we were spoilt with great weather, great activities and a great ending with parents asked to attend earlier than normal for a breakfast roll to celebrate father's day.

Wilford Scouts have volunteered to help at various village events throughout the year.

TREASURERS REPORT

I'm pleased to report that Barrow upon Soar Scout Group maintains a healthy financial position and should continue to do so. Thank you to all the group's volunteer's for getting their expenses claims submitted in a timely manner as this enables the financial report to be both accurate and produced in good time.

Appendix

1. Accounts for 2024 - 2025 financial year

APPENDIX

BARROW UPON SOAR SCOUT GROUP Statement of Accounts 2024 - 2025

	2024-2025		2023-2024	
Income				
Leader Subscriptions	£	1,739.00	£	136.25
Subscriptions Squirrels	£	1,343.25	£	1,165.75
Subscriptions Beavers	£	5,074.50	£	5,410.25
Subscriptions Cubs	£	4,814.00	£	5,132.75
Subscriptions Scouts	£	3,633.50	£	4,663.50
		£ 16,604.25		£ 16,508.50
Activities Squirrels	£	-	£	-
Activities Beavers	£	-	£	15.00
Activities Cubs	£	-	£	1,880.00
Activities Scouts	£	132.50	£	992.15
		£ 132.50		£ 2,887.15
Camp Payments	£	8,514.00	£	13,067.01
External Activities	£	4,926.16	£	4,225.50
		£ 13,440.16		£ 17,292.51
Sale of badges & uniforms	£	302.50	£	684.00
Fund Raising	£	3,306.92	£	5,227.37
Hire of HQ & Parking	£	7,521.50	£	5,315.50
Hire of Equipment	£	125.00	£	125.00
Donations	£	1,317.86	£	126.10
Grants	£	2,085.00	£	7,767.50
Gift Aid	£	-	£	-
Interest on Savings	£	1,614.42	£	1,054.30
Other	£	8.65	£	5.47
		£ 16,281.85		£ 20,305.24
Total Income	£	46,458.76	£	46,458.76
			£	56,993.40
				£ 56,993.40

BARROW UPON SOAR SCOUT GROUP
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	2024-2025		2023-2024					
Expenditure								
HQ Water*	£	-	£	1,031.85				
HQ Gas	£	847.90	£	613.04				
HQ Electricity	£	473.74	£	474.55				
HQ Internet	£	188.14	£	155.00				
		£	1,509.78	£	2,274.44			
Membership Fees	£	7,248.80	£	7,248.80	£	6,566.00	£	6,566.00
Squirrels Running exps	£	52.14	£	62.57				
Beaver Running exps	£	96.00	£	123.15				
Cubs Running exps	£	143.00	£	402.54				
Scout Running exps	£	48.00	£	339.14	£	105.99	£	694.25
Activity exps Squirrels	£	75.50	£	-				
Activity exps Beaver	£	396.72	£	447.23				
Activity exps Cubs	£	707.56	£	1,804.31				
Activity exps Scouts	£	1,070.52	£	2,250.30	£	1,435.94	£	3,687.48
Camp Expenses	£	9,533.21	£	12,462.46				
External Activities	£	4,208.28	£	13,741.49	£	4,854.12	£	17,316.58
Camping Equipment	£	1,744.90	£	649.04				
Donations	£	90.00	£	-				
Events	£	706.77	£	77.46				
Exec Committee exps	£	670.28	£	1,982.21				
Caretaking	£	595.76	£	587.63				
Fund Raising	£	520.85	£	555.18				
GoCardless Fees	£	1,170.64	£	1,480.11				
HQ Equipment	£	1,300.54	£	486.13				
Insurance	£	1,070.17	£	1,022.24				
Maintenance & Repairs	£	6,158.44	£	1,273.92				
SumUp Fees	£	30.86	£	8.81				
Uniforms	£	3,637.92	£	4,484.16				
Other	£	54.20	£	-				
Projects	£	1,070.00	£	18,821.33	£	35,746.59	£	48,353.48
Total Expenditure	£	43,910.84	£	43,910.84	£	78,892.23	£	78,892.23
Surplus (Income minus Expenditure)		£ 2,547.92				-£ 21,898.83		

BARROW UPON SOAR SCOUT GROUP
Financial Statement for year ending 31st March 2025

	2024 - 2025	2023 - 2024
Equity brought forward 01.04.2024	£ 70,652.53	£ 92,551.36
Surplus / Deficit brought forward from overleaf	£ 2,547.92	-£ 21,898.83
Total Equity	£ 73,200.45	£ 70,652.53
Suppliers	-£ 20.00	£ 1,871.08
Vounteer Expenses	£ 1,718.76	£ 577.96
Total Liabilities	£ 1,698.76	£ 2,449.04
Total Liabilities & Equity	£ 74,899.21	£ 73,101.57
Represented by		
Accounts Receivable	£ -	£ 462.00
Cash	£ 256.10	£ 294.95
GoCardless	£ 52.00	£ 82.75
Sumup Business Account	£ 202.40	£ -
United Trust Notice Account	£ 60,000.00	£ -
Virgin Money 100 Club	£ 420.00	£ -
Virgin Money Current Account	£ 13,968.71	£ 72,261.87
Total Assets	£ 74,899.21	£ 73,101.57

The Barrow upon Soar Scout Group own a single story building situated in Grove Lane, Barrow upon Soar, which was purchased and erected in 1954/55.

United Trust Notice Account is a reserved account for our long term plan of rebuilding the present Scout Head Quarters when it is felt the current building is beyond serviceable repair.

MINUTES OF 2024 ANNUAL MEETING

1. Introduction & welcome

Chair: IAN MITCHELL

Opening remarks. Welcome – From the District , Nick, Phil, Sandy , Volunteers and Parents. Scouting in Barrow is 90 years old this year and we will celebrate this following the AGM.

2. Apologies for absence

Apologies have been received from Pam Hammond, Jayne Wallis, Simon Grant and Peter Worrall.

3. Governance Topics

3a. To approve the Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 8.9.23

Ian Mitchell notes to the Group Scout Council members present that this part of the meeting is a necessary part to make sure that the charity's foundations are in good order.

Chair: IAN MITCHELL

I propose that the minutes are taken as read and ask the Group Scout Council to agree that they are a true record of that meeting.

Secunder Trina Cooper / Show of hands to approve. – Approved

3b. To adopt the model constitution from Policy, Organisation and Rules

Chair: Ian Mitchell

In line with the recommendation from Scout Headquarters. I propose that we adopt the model constitution from Chapter 5 of Policy, Organisation and Rules. A copy of this was available for review and inspection prior to this meeting and copies are also available at the meeting.

Secunder Nick Fordyce / Show of hands to approve. - Approved

3.c. Note the Group's financial year

Ian Mitchell addressed this with Aaron Parker, to show accounts that have been signed and audited by Stuart McDonald.

3d. Approve appointed and community Members of the Group Council

It was agreed that those present form the Group Council

Agreed by show of hands

3e. Agree the number of members that may be elected to the Trustee Board

Chair: Ian Mitchell

The Group Scout Council must agree at its AGM the number of people that can be elected to the Trustee Board. The recommendation from the outgoing Trustee Board is that 4 people can be elected. I propose that the Group Scout Council approves that recommendation.

Secunder Helen Roberts / Show of hands to approve. – Approved

3f. Agree the quorum for each of the Group Scout Council (including this AGM), meetings of the Group Trustee Board, meetings of any sub-committees

Chair: Ian Mitchell

The Group Scout Council must agree at its AGM the quorum – the minimum number of Group Scout Council members that must be present at a meeting of the Group Scout Council. The recommendation from the Trustee Board is that the quorum should be set at 15 persons. The Group Scout Council is asked to approve that recommendation.

Secunder Iska Bos / Show of hands to approve. - Approved

Chair: Ian Mitchell

The Group Scout Council must agree at its AGM the quorum for Trustee Board meetings, and any sub-committee meetings. The Charity Commission statement of good practice is that the Trustee Board quorum should be set at one third of Trustee Board members plus one and that the that the sub-committee quorum should be set at one third of Trustee Board members plus one. The recommendation from the outgoing Trustee Board is that the quorum should be set the Charity Commission good practice statement. The Group

Scout Council is asked to approve that recommendation.

Secunder Ann Murch / Show of hands to approve. Approved

4. Review of the previous year

Ian Mitchell notes to the Group Scout Council members present that this part of the meeting is the opportunity to reflect on the activities of the past year.

4a. Group Lead Volunteer Review of Scouting in the Group

Ian Mithcell asks Group Lead Volunteer to present their Annual Review.

Claire Bigg gives their review and shows the Annual report that will be emailed around..

Ian Mitchell Thanks GLV for their review and extends thanks to Trina Cooper for her service to the group as GSL until this year.

4b. To receive and consider the Annual Report of the Group Trustee Board including the annual Statement of Accounts

Ian Mlcthell: The Group Trustee Board has approved the Annual Report and Statement of Accounts and Accounts, and the report on the accounts has been received from Aaron and Stuart Mcdonals.

Ian Mitchell asks the Group Treasurer, to give their explanation of the Statement of Accounts.

Aaron Parker to explain the Statement of Accounts.

Thanks to Treasurer Aaron Parker

5. Making appointments

Ian Mitchell notes to the Group Scout Council members present that this part of the meeting sets the charity up to be well-led during the period until the next AGM. Particularly, the Group Scout Council appoints a Trustee Board to ensure good governance for the charity over the next year.

5a To approve the Group Scout Leader's nomination of the Group Chair

Chair: I now hand the chairmanship of this meeting over to the GLV.

Following the appropriate processes prior to the meeting for nominations, Clair Bigg nominates Ian Mitchell; as Group Chair and asks for a show of hands as approval.- Approved

GLV hands the chairmanship of the meeting back to Ian Mitchell

5b. To elect the Group Treasurer

Ian Mitchell The 'Group Treasurer' is an elected appointment and, as required, Aaron Parker has been formally proposed and seconded. Since there were no other nominations by the closing date a show of hands is required to approve Arron Parker election. Approved

5c. To elect persons to the Group Trustee Board

Ian Mitchell the following have been formally proposed and seconded in writing by the due date:-

Ann Murch and Rob Perridge in addition to the Chair, GLV, Treasurer and Secretary.

Ian Mithcell requests a show of hands to approve their election Approved

Ian Mitchell thanks the Trustees for their work during the year and in particular those members who are standing down

5d. To appoint the Scrutineer / Independent Examiner / Auditor

Aaron Parker to propose Stuart Mcdonals. Aaron noted that Stuart may cease auditing within the year in which case an alternative auditor will be sought.

Ian Mitchell Stuart Mcdonals has been proposed and seconded and is qualified for the role. May I have a show of hands to approve Aaron Parker's nomination. Approved

Nick Fordyce congratulated Barrow ion being such a successful group with full sessions and an exciting programme. He thanked leaders and volunteers, the trustees and support teams and the Thursday Club for the remarkable transformation of the hut and grounds.

Closing Remarks

Ian Mitchell closed the AGM, thank all for attending and a wonderful party for the 90th Birthday of Scouting in Barrow followed.

Barrow upon Soar Scout Group

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**BARROW UPON SOAR
SCOUTS**

ANNUAL REPORT

— 2024 —



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AGENDA

1. **Introduction and welcome**
2. **Apologies for absence** – Apologies from Claire Delaney
3. **Governance topics**
 - a. Approve the minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 8th Sept 2023
 - b. Adopt the model constitution from Policy, Organisation and Rules (POR)
 - c. Note the Group's financial year
 - d. Approve appointed and community members of the Group Scout Council
 - e. Agree the number of members that may be appointed to the Trustee Board
 - f. Agree the quorum for future meetings of the Group Scout Council (excluding this AGM)
4. **Review of the previous year**
 - a. The Group Lead Volunteer's review of Scouts in the Barrow Upon Soar Scout Group
 - b. Receive and consider the Annual Report of the Group Trustee Board, including the annual Statement of the Accounts
5. **Making appointments**
 - a. Appoint the Group Chair, following recommendation from the open selection process initiated by the Group Trustee Board
 - b. Appoint the Group Treasurer, following recommendation from the open selection process initiated by the Group Trustee Board
 - c. Appoint members of the Group Trustee Board, following recommendations from the open selection process initiated by the Group Trustee Board
 - d. Appoint the Auditor

Closing remarks

GROUP CHAIR REPORT

This is a special year – Our group first opened In 1934 at the Toc H youth club on North Street in Barrow. The group was listed in the County Guide that year and then registered nationally in 1935. It started with cubs only and then a few years later the first scout troop was set up. We will be celebrating the groups 90th anniversary at our AGM.

So, I am delighted on this special occasion to introduce this year’s Annual Report. We have had a full year of activities in each of our sections and I would like to thank all of the leaders and their assistants for their hard work in planning and delivering programmes that enable our young people to experience new challenges and have fun. Scouting is thriving in Barrow and all of our sections are full and oversubscribed with youngsters waiting to join us, we are grateful for our volunteers who give up their time to run the sections for us. so please take a look at each of the section reports to find out what has been going on during the year!

I would like to thank all of our non-uniformed volunteers and Trustees, who work hard all year behind the scenes to keep the Group in good order and provide help with fundraising ideas and activities.

The group have been very proactive in obtaining grants and donated materials and labor. In the last financial year the windows were replaced with the help of a £2,200 grant from the Parish Council, new outside benches were donated by British Gypsum at a cost of £540 and local electrician Emma Dutton installed the new electricity supply to the shed. Just recently we received £5,000 from the Scout Association for a new door in the extension and a new accessible ramp area for the main door and a further £550 for purchasing play equipment. This month we received £1,000 from British Gypsum towards the cost of renovating the floor that you are standing on now.

All of this has contributed to a huge improvement in the building facilities, resulting in vastly increased building hire, including supporting 7 other community groups. The extra income allows us to continue improving facilities for our young people and keep subscription costs as low as possible.

Our Thursday Club Volunteers have been very busy carrying out maintenance work or supporting projects with tradesmen brought in for specialised work. Please have a read through the report which showcases their amazing achievements over the year.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Trina Cooper who retired as Group Scout Leader. Trina played a huge part in getting Scouting in the village to where it is now and leaves a long lasting legacy. I’m pleased to say that we still see Trina who is now a member of the Thursday club.

Finally – a warm welcome to Claire Bigg, our new Group Lead Volunteer. Claire has taken over from Trina and is pivotal to the continued growth and success of scouting in our village.

Ian Mitchell – Group Chair

GROUP LEAD VOLUNTEER REPORT

Our Squirrel Drey, has come on leaps and bounds, so much has been achieved. It's led by Vicky, Nava and we will be welcoming Kelly and Tim to the leadership team.

Allison Beaver Colony has had some changes as Lisa, Kelly and Heather have stepped down. Liz and Harvey have transferred from Squirrels to run beavers and we welcome Dave to the leadership team.

Allison Cub Pack is led by Iska, Claire, Helen R and Jas a young leader, Mark is also on hand if anything needs doing. Lee has now moved to Allison Scouts.

Fronting Allison Scout Troop we have Adelle, Alex and Laura with the more recent addition of Lee.

Wilford Beavers continues to be run by Ann, aided by Liz, Lucy, Kerry and now Amy has joined the Team.

Wilford Cubs has been running smoothly under Helen N and Jayne we welcome Sally and Mark to the leadership team. Cubs have been running on Thursday's for some time now with no issues.

Wilford Scouts continues to be ran by Richard, Sarah W and Janet

Most sections are running full to capacity, there are currently 14 Young People on our waiting list who are eligible to be at Squirrels or Beavers but we're unable to accommodate them without increasing our adult volunteers.

Finally, a massive thank you to all of our leaders, Julie (group admin), committee members, parent helpers, the Thursday Club etc, who freely give their time and support for the benefit of the Young People of Barrow

Claire Bigg GLV

THURSDAY CLUB REPORT

We are very fortunate to have wonderful volunteers who happily give up their time helping with the upkeep of the grounds and buildings.

Our gardens are lovingly maintained by Cheryl and Sue assisted by the grass mowing team. We have had support from local gardening stores who have been happy to donate plants and gardening materials. Sue and Cheryl have also created a museum in the back-meeting room – with photos and other scouting memorabilia going back decades - A must to see.

Building maintenance is in the safe hands of Rob and Adam – this year, they have project managed the refurbishment of the hall floor, concreting the path next to the kitchen and providing a ramp to allow access to all into the building. They have assisted with the electrical work providing power and lights to the new shed along with the installation of the CCTV with help from Aaron.

A new door has been installed within the Museum meeting room, providing access to the garden.

Our painting team – Clair, Les and Eilane have been refreshing all of the walls, doors and cupboards and with help from Trina have been refreshing the Beaver corner mural.

We don't have a cleaning contractor, so general cleaning is undertaken by our volunteers and tea towels washed weekly by Barbera.

There is always something to do on a Thursday along with a traditional tea and cake break at 11:00. Please come along, it's a very inclusive group and you will be made very welcome.

SQUIRREL DREY

Squirrels have had a very successful 2nd year

We have been on lots of outings including attending the district Squirrels day out to Wheelgate Park which was a fantastic day.

We have been to the oaks on Charnwood campsite and enjoyed the jungle trail as well as some walk around the village

We have given out lots of badges this year, a total of 166 which includes 3 chief scout acorn awards which is the highest award a squirrel can achieve. Squirrel have worked hard to earn these badges by doing science experiments, cooking, obstacle courses, lots of teamwork and helping each other, building towers and growing plants from seeds.

We also had a visit from Santa!

In August we had our very first Squirrel sleepover in the hut!

Squirrel arrived on the Friday afternoon where we had lots of fun activities and water play, had some dinner and board games then we had a story before settling down in our tents for bed.

Saturday morning we had more activities and games before being picked up at lunchtime.

This was a huge success and we will be looking forward to organising more sleepovers in the future



ALLISON BEAVERS

Since last year's meeting we have had a jam packed programme of fun, learning and earning badges. September was a month full of crafts for our Creative Badge. Our Beavers made collages, fingerprint trees, leaf prints and nature pictures using items found on an autumnal walk through the village.

In October Allison Beavers learnt to tie the figure of eight knot using strawberry laces and skipping ropes. We had a visit from a special lady Jeanie and her Hedgehog friend teaching us about how we can care for hedgehogs in the wild. Our beavers were so brave stroking the Hedgehog and built up an excellent donation of food too. We finished off the month with our Halloween party with spooky costumes, a mini disco and a dance off.

In November we focused a lot on Remembrance Day, what it means, why we parade and what the funds raised selling poppies goes towards. We made handprint poppy wreaths with beautiful words of thanks to the soldiers who fought for our country.

We also had our first group trip to Sundown Adventure Park. Our Beavers had so much fun and demonstrated excellent behaviour. To end November, we finished with a roaring campfire at the hut where Allison Beavers helped to cook their hotdogs and lots of campfire songs were learnt and sung.

December came around and it was all about Christmas! We created beautiful button decorations (with thanks to Wilford Beavers for organising) for the Christmas Tree Festival and made Christmas Gonk decorations to take home to decorate our own Christmas tree. We joined Wilford Beavers for a Christmas party full of games, dancing and a visit from Santa and attended the Christmas Tree Festival singing carols to family and friends who joined us. We finished off the month with an end of term treat and trip to jump giants for some bouncing fun - we think Lisa enjoyed this more than the Beavers!



January was all about Hobbies and throughout the month we worked on our Hobbies, Musician and Creative badges. We did junk modelling, musical instrument making and playing and had a session with Alixandra Dance where our Beavers learnt an awesome routine which they performed for parents.

In February Allison Beavers learnt about Chinese New Year and we worked out using the zodiac signs that there are lots of cheeky monkeys in our group! Some of our Beavers attended the football event and although our numbers may have been small, with the help of members from the Mountsorrel and Rothley colonies, we were mighty. We celebrated Valentine's Day with biscuit decorating and handmade crafts for the parents and flipped out with pancakes for Shrove Tuesday! We finished the month working on our Gardeners badge making seed bombs and bird feeders.

March came around and Allison Beavers learnt about the Green Cross code with a torch led walk through the village. We started working on our Navigator badge using maps to find points of interest and playing games to learn the points of a compass. We had a fun filled day at Beaveree organised by the district (thank you for an amazing day!) with outdoor

activities, ice creams, crafts and so much more. Kelly was hit by the Strictly curse at the disco with 2 cream pies to the face! We finished before Easter with Easter themed crafts and an egg hunt in the newly refurbished scout hut garden.

In April we focused on team spirit and working together. We held a log chew, had team games and continued to have lodge leaders who became responsible for the washing up each session! We spent lots of time out of the hut with a visit to the Holy Trinity church for Bell Ringing and the Baptist Church to learn about our local food bank and how we can support our community. We ended the month with a trip to the local care home where Allison Beavers spent time reading, talking and sharing toys with the residents. We finished off the session with a performance of our well-loved songs Campfires Burning and our Beaver One, Beaver All song which has some great actions!

In May we spent lots of time outdoors focusing on our Activities badge. We visited Charnwood Oaks with support from Iska and Claire, where our Beavers loved trying out all the activities and were so brave trying new things, finishing with a campfire and toasted marshmallows. We had a fantastic session on the water Bell Boating and our beavers loved the games played in the boat.

June was filled with more outdoor activities and lots of discussions about health and fitness. We learnt about nutrition, healthy eating and exercise and made a great video about our favourite sports and healthy foods. We spent a session cycling at the park where Allison Beavers learnt to Be Safe, Be Seen and Be Ready and had lots of fun with slaloms, hills and races! We worked on our Sports badge with team games and had a visit from Sandy who helped to invest our newest members and award our first Chief Bronze Award.

In July we said Goodbye to Kelly, Lisa and Heather as we prepared for Liz, Harvey and Dave to take the baton and lead Allison Beavers after the Summer. We finished the month with a Water Safety session and visit from the RNLI, more investitures, 8 chief bronze awards and a tonne of well-earned badges. The term was finished off with a fun trip to Laser Quest and McDonald's where our lodges competed against each other before ordering and enjoying a McDonald's treat for tea!

Final note from Kelly, Lisa & Heather:

We have had an amazing time spent with the incredible Allison Beavers. We are so proud of our group of Young People who constantly demonstrate excellent behaviour and they are a real credit to their family. We have loved to watch them grow in confidence, develop new skills and make new friends along their journey with Allison Beavers. We have supported and had so much support from the community in running an exciting and action-packed programme and we can't wait to see what the future has in store for Allison Beavers with the lovely new leaders onboard. Thank you for having us at Allison Beavers 🤝💙

The Allison Beaver Leader Team



WILFORD BEAVERS

Wilford beavers have had a great year with all our beavers working hard to earn their badges and have had lots of fun throughout the past year.

We started last September with our Outdoor challenge badge. To achieve this we learned about five animals and had a visit from the hedgehog lady who brought along some hedgehogs she had rescued. It is to their credit that the animal work was completed at home. We built a camp fire and cooked sausages, on a barbecue. We learned to tie three knots and all had a go at putting up a tent at home. Beavers made some impressive bird feeders to put in their garden at home. We made a leaf collage and went on a photographic walk and created photo albums.

Beavers also attained their emergency Aid Stage 1 badge and Nights Away Stage 1.

We also attended the District Outing to Sundown adventure park, Remembrance parade and the Christmas Carol concert and decorated a tree for this. We hope to increase our turnout for this years parade and Carol Concert.

For the Spring Term we worked on our Skills challenge as well as participating in the County Beaverree. Charnwood district Football Tournament and indoor kayaking at New Parks Pool as an extra activity.

In our programme we learned how to look after ourselves and stay healthy and completed some super posters. We had fun on our agility exercise/games night

We learned to light a candle safely and reflected on what scouting was about and roasted marshmallows over it and turned them into smores. We did some pretty impressive glass painting for mothers day and invented and built machines of all shapes and sizes. Beavers were very excited about the visit from the Mayor of Charnwood. We learned about solving problems in a fun practical way. We finished our term by earning our musicians badge stage I where all beavers leaned new songs and we also had a very enjoyable Talent show. We raised £25.00 for Rainbows and £25.00 for Scout Hut renovations. This was a big well done to all beavers taking part.

This last term we have embarked on our Adventure Challenge. We have done absolutely loads so I am just going to list the adventurous fun things we have done.

We have lit fires sang, camp fire songs, made smores, been grass sledging, on the zip wire, den building at Beacon Hill, bouldering and crossbow shooting at the Oaks in Charnwood, followed trails and learned our green cross code (beavers are very good at this). We have attained our gardening badges by planting flower and vegetable seeds and looking after them. We also got our Navigation skills 1 and went on a fairly long hike around the fields to practice these skills. Some beavers who chose to attend went bell boating in May. All have completed the explorers badge. We have also completed the cyclist badge. We have had so much fun this term but still remembered others less fortunate and beavers kindly brought in £2.00 which they spent at the Coop buying food for the food bank.

We are very proud to say since September last year we have awarded nine Bronze awards

Some of this work has been completed at home to get these awards so please take note parents and beavers.

We have a good leadership team with Myself(Raven), Lucy(Bear), Kerry(Robin and Amy who is in the process of signing up as a leader. We also have the valuable addition of Alex Broadhead our new young leader. Thank you to all parents who continue to take part in the parent rota without the parent Rota some activities could not happen

ALLISON CUBS

In the last 12 months, we have awarded a total of 375 badges. This includes 9 Chief Scout Silver Awards.

It has been an extremely busy year, with quite a few tiring days out and weekends away.

We attended Charnwood's Birthday Cub trip to Chessington World of Adventure... The very long motorway closure did not stop the Cubs from having a great day out. Playing the one-minute game on the coach helped to pass the time.

The annual Remembrance Parade and Carol concert were well attended by Cubs.

Leading up to Christmas we had party with indoor snowball fight and went to sing Christmas carols at a residential care home in Mountsorrel.

In February we took 13 Cubs to Swadlincote snow sports centre for Tobogganing, Snow tubing and Skiing. All of them said they would like to go there again. The activities were great and the staff were really helpful however the organisation of the centre was a shambles.

We took a few cubs to the Charnwood district football tournament alongside Wilford Cubs – Not Barrow's strong point but at least we showed up!

The Black Country Living Museum trip in March was a long and busy day with 9 Allison Cubs.

We had a fabulous visit to Loughborough Fire Station, but we needed so much longer not everything they wanted to show us. We were given a detailed behind the scenes tour of the station and got to see a variety of fire service vehicles.

This term alone we have managed to go to both District and County camps. County camp was pirate themed and our first Cubs only camp jointly with Wilford Cubs. It was an exhausting camp due to the extreme heat but the cubs and leaders were all fantastic and had a great time. Activities included an inflatable assault course, building a pirate ship, and pirate themed cinema evenings.

WILFORD CUBS

Looking back over the past year we have had some amazing times. The cubs ventured on a trip to chessington zoo where they were stuck on the road for hours and showed some great resilience in their patience....resulting in a shorted adventure at the park but a fun one.

We visited the Black Country museum where we rode on a bus, visited the old times and joined in some fun games.

We had a session from Jon who taught us some new rugby skills. Danny in karate had all the cubs engaging well choosing his assistant to demonstrate some take downs. Also some of the cubs took part in the district football match.

We squeezed in two visit to the theatre this year for the fabulous productions of Grease and Matilda.

During the year we have welcomed new cubs and I think each year they get braver with 5 of our cubs being invested at camps in front of hundreds of other cubs. Well done.

On that note we have participated in two camps, one district and one county. These are great to be involved in and are weekends packed with great activities from glass engraving, drumming, fire lighting, making paracord items, learning new skills from DIY to climbing, go-carting, mountain biking, archery, laser tag, to name but a few.....

With the new ones coming we also have several cubs leaving that have achieved their silver awards which is the highest they can in cubs and they have gone off to Scouts to continue with the fun scouting can be.

We took part in Remembrance Sunday, and had a visit from Rev Clive and also helped out at the Barrow Christmas market helping on the tombola.

Throughout the year we have completed many badges, a favourite was the DIY badge when we made tin robots. We looked at disability awareness which was instigated when one of our cubs came to a slight mishap whilst skiing and injured his leg. The cubs showed great kindness and consideration when their fellow cub couldn't participate in all the activities and helped him along for several weeks.

We have lit fires, made s'more's, eaten chips on walks, made armpit fudge, cooked at home for our parents and generally learnt some new life skills and hopefully had fun along the way.

We have a great team at Wilford cubs, a special thank you from Helen to Jayne, Mark and Sally who has joined us recently for being part of this year and we look forward to lots more fun starting soon.

Helen

Wilford Cubs



ALLISON SCOUTS & WILFORD SCOUTS

2023/2024 has been another great year for both Scout groups. We have had new leaders join and continue to enjoy a close relationship running many of our activities as joint sessions.

As previous years, we have continued the focus on camps, making sure that Scouts benefit from all the unrivalled opportunities that they provide. We had a busy Splash camp at LOPC in the Autumn term, an overnight camp at The Oaks in January, a weekend district camp at Sherbrooke in May, & our 1st overnight camp at the Scout Hut.

Larkin International Camp

To end the term, we set up camp for a week at Larkin International Camp in North Yorkshire, where we were also joined by Quest Explorers Quorn.

The camp was a great success, with the scouts joining in lots of new activities to challenge them both physically & personally. The Scouts also enjoyed a day trip to Scarborough & the beach.



Away from camps we continue to pack our termly programmes with as much as we can. This past year we had a large number of new Scouts move to us from Cubs. Having new Scouts ensured that we covered off lots of essential Scouting skills in our badgework, such as backwoods cooking, pioneering & navigation skills, with a group of Scouts from both Allison & Wilford taking part in the County Incident Hike.

We've also enjoyed plenty of activities away from HQ, with visits to LOPC to do climbing, cooking & den building at The Oaks, cycling to Loughborough McDonalds, local river hikes & games nights at the Millennium Park. We also had the obligatory chip shop walk!

Getting involved in & being visible in the local community is also a large part of scouting, we have attended events such as the Christmas Tree festival, the very wet Party in the Park, Poppy selling on the High Street, the Remembrance Parade, and the Christmas street markets. Scouts from both sections also manned 2 watersations at Prestwold 10K road race.



We are all looking forward to continuing to offer a varied programme over the next year for both Alison & Wilford Scouts.

TREASURERS REPORT

I'm pleased to report that Barrow upon Soar Scout Group maintains a healthy financial position and should continue to do so. Thank you to all the group's volunteer's for getting their expenses claims submitted in a timely manner as this enables the financial report to be both accurate and produced in good time.

Highlights

Bank Accounts

Migration to a new account with Virgin Money has been completed and the NatWest account closed.

The savings fund that was managed by Gillwell was returned to and used in part to fund projects on the including Shed & Garden areas. The remaining funds have been placed into a notice account with United Trust which follows the Bank of England base rate.

Gift Aid

The group is now registered with HMRC for gift aid and is permitted to claim up to 4 previous years back payment. Members and users have the group have been asked to complete gift aid forms which are to be submitted with the accounts at end of year. This is estimated to bring in an additional £1,500 into the group.

Spending

Some of the costs incurred by the Shed & Garden project were absorbed by grants. The budget allocated for this has been reallocated to cover additional projects such as the floor refurbishment & new doors.

Utilities

The gas contract with E.ON Next was renewed. A new contract with Yu Energy for Electricity was agreed and a new smart meter fitted. The group is now being billed precisely for electricity usage rather than making over-payments.

Accounts

The accounts for 2023 - 2024 have been audited by Stuart ready for submission to the charities commission.

The financial year ended with a deficit of £21,898.83, below the estimate of £25,000 - £30,000. Thank you to all those who helped secure grants & performed fund raising. The remaining budget is being allocated to other additional projects. A deficit of £5,000 is estimated for the following year.

The auditor has requested that the Scout HQ land & building be valued for the financial year prior to submission to the charities commission.

Budget

The original 2023 - 2024 financial year budget will continue into the following year. The manner in which income & expenses are tracked has now been altered to make tracking easier & provide greater insight into loss making areas.

Other Matters

Leaders are encouraged to submit all receipts for expenses as it is suspected that some may be absorbing costs themselves and this is not necessary.

A new expense's claim system has been created at: <http://expenses.barrowscouts.org/> however nobody to date has opted to make use of this.

Appendix

1. Accounts for 2023 – 2024 financial year

APPENDIX

BARROW UPON SOAR SCOUT GROUP Statement of Accounts 2023 - 2024

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**Barrow Upon Soar Scout Group Budget
2023 - 2024 Financial Year**



Expenses		Income	
Badges	£2,730.00	Subs	£15,800.00
Capitation	£6,566.00		
Insurance	£1,400.00		
Internet	£180.00		
Utilities	£1,348.00		
Total	£12,224.00		£15,800.00
Available Budget	£3,576.00		
Activities	£2,676.00		
Facilities	£400.00		
Maintenance	£500.00		
Total	£3,576.00		
<i>Activity budget per person based on 150 members</i>		Per Year	£17.84
		Per Term	£5.95

- Expenses & Income are based on established known fixed quantities.
- For the purpose of the budget, income from fund raising, HQ hire and other sources are not considered guaranteed and therefore not included..
- Leaders expenses will **not** be refused if they go over budget, income from other sources will be used where possible to cover an over-spend. The figure calculated is intended to be a general guide.
- The activity budget should cover all weekly snacks, drinks and activity costs.
- Activities which are externally led and require additional payments are not included in this.

MINUTES OF 2023 ANNUAL MEETING

Claire Delaney, Ian Mitchell, Trina Cooper, Aaron Parker, Andrew Appleyard, Adelle, Elliot, Sarah W, Sue P, Laura P, Cheryl, Simon Grant, Ann Murch, Bobi Murch, Phil Cooper, Kerry B, Babs Spence, Chris Spence, Danny Steves, Angela Stevens, Vicky Edge, Iska Bos, Lucy M, Liz Johnson, Les Mitchell, Elaine Mitchell, Adam Shapre, Claire Briggs, Sandy Taylor, Janet P, Heather T, Lisa Williams, Julie Tyler, Katie Lane, Zen, Arlo Appleyard & Isla Appleyard.

Introduction & welcome

Chair: IAN MITCHELL

Opening remarks. Welcome – From the District Phil, Sandy, Volunteers and Parents.

Apologies for absence

Apologies have been received from Richard Perkins (WS) , Alex Dalgetty (AS) , Hannah White (AS), Helen Nurse (WC), Jayne Hannaford Smith (WC), Lee Garner (AC), Kelly Philips (AB)

To approve the Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 8.9.23

Chair: IAN MITCHELL

The minutes have been previously reviewed by the Group Executive Committee at their first meeting after the previous AGM and so I propose that the minutes are taken as read and ask the Group Scout Council to agree that they are a true record of that meeting.

Seconder Liz Johnston / Show of hands to approve. – **Approved**

Governance topics

Ian Mitchell notes to the Group Scout Council members present that this part of the meeting is a necessary part to make sure that the charity's foundations are in good order.

4a. To adopt the model constitution from Policy, Organisation and Rules

Chair: Ian Mitchell

In line with the recommendation from Scout Headquarters. I propose that we adopt the model constitution from Chapter 5 of Policy, Organisation and Rules. A copy of this was available for review and inspection prior to this meeting, and copies are also available at the meeting.

Seconder Iska Bos / Show of hands to approve. - **Approved**

4b. Note the Group's financial year

Ian Mitchell addressed this with **Aaron Parker**, to show accounts that have been signed and audited by Stuart McDonald.

This year we have put a budget together- This is based on a worse case guide as if only subs were to come in & no other income.

4c. Agree the number of members that may be elected to the Trustee Board

Chair: Ian Mitchell

The Group Scout Council must agree at its AGM the number of people that can be elected to the Trustee Board. The recommendation from the outgoing Trustee Board is that 4 people can be elected. I propose that the Group Scout Council approves that recommendation.

Seconder Trina / Show of hands to approve. – **Approved**

4d. Agree the quorum for each of the Group Scout Council (including this AGM), meetings of the Group Trustee Board, meetings of any sub-committees

Chair: Ian Mitchell

The Group Scout Council must agree at its AGM the quorum – the minimum number of Group Scout Council members that must be present at a meeting of the Group Scout Council. The recommendation from the Trustee Board is that the quorum should be set at 15 persons. The Group Scout Council is asked to approve that recommendation.

Seconder Simom Grant / Show of hands to approve. - **Approved**

Chair: Ian Mitchell

The Group Scout Council must agree at its AGM the quorum for Trustee Board meetings, and any sub-committee meetings. The Charity Commission statement of good practice is that the Trustee Board quorum should be set at one third of Trustee Board members plus one and that the that the sub-committee quorum should be set at one third of Trustee Board members plus one. The recommendation from the outgoing Trustee Board is that the quorum should be set the Charity Commission good practice statement. The Group Scout Council is asked to approve that recommendation.

Seconder Ann Murch / Show of hands to approve. **Approved**

Review of the previous year

Ian Mitchell notes to the Group Scout Council members present that this part of the meeting is the opportunity to reflect on the activities of the past year.

5a. Group Scout Leader's Review of Scouting in the Group

Ian Mithcell asks GSL to present their Annual Review.

Trina Cooper gives their review and shows the Annual report that will be emailed around..

Ian Mitchell Thanks GSL for their review.

5b. To receive and consider the Annual Report of the Group Trustee Board including the annual Statement of Accounts

Ian Mitchell: The Group Trustee Board has approved the Annual Report and Statement of Accounts and Accounts, and the report on the accounts has been received from Aaron and Stuart Mcdonals.

Ian Mitchell asks the Group Treasurer, to give their explanation of the Statement of Accounts.

Aaron Parker to explain the Statement of Accounts.

Ian Mitchell invites questions from the floor regarding the Trustee Annual Report, and the Annual Accounts.

Thanks to *Treasurer Aaron Parker*

Making appointments

Ian Mitchell notes to the Group Scout Council members present that this part of the meeting sets the charity up to be well-led during the period until the next AGM. Particularly, the Group Scout Council appoints a Trustee Board to ensure good governance for the charity over the next year.

6a To approve the Group Scout Leader's nomination of the Group Chair

Chair: I now hand the chairmanship of this meeting over to the GSL.

Trina Cooper nominates *Ian Mitchell*; as Group Chair and asks for a show of hands as approval.- **Approved**

6b. To elect the Group Secretary

Ian Mitchell The 'Group Secretary' is an elected appointment and, as required, Claire Delaney has been formally proposed and seconded. Since there were no other nominations by the closing date a show of hands is required to approve Claire Delaney's election. **Approved**

6c. To elect the Group Treasurer

Ian Mitchell The 'Group Treasurer' is an elected appointment and, as required, Aaron Parker has been formally proposed and seconded. Since there were no other nominations by the closing date a show of hands is required to approve Arron Parker election. **Approved**

6d. To elect persons to the Group Trustee Board

Ian Mitchell the following have been formally proposed and seconded in writing by the due date:-

Adam Sharpe, Pete Worrall, Angela Stevens, Rob Perridge

Ian Mithcell requests a show of hands to approve their election.

6e. To approve the Group Scout Leader's nominations to the Group Trustee Board.

Trina Cooper – my nominations to the Group Trustee Board are: Adam Sharpe, Pete Worrall, Angela Stevens, Rob Perridge

Group Trustee Board – Approved.

Ian Mitchell thanks the Trustees for their work during the year and in particular those members who are standing down –Trina Cooper (December 2023)

6f. To appoint the Scrutineer / Independent Examiner / Auditor

Aaron Parker to propose Stuart Mcdonals

Ian Mitchell Stuart Mcdonals has been proposed and seconded and is qualified for the role. May I have a show of hands to approve Aaron Parker's nomination. **Approved**

Awards from Mitch – Thank yous given out. Trinas Tankyou to Mitch, Aaron and Claire Delaney Sandie – Assistant District for beaver and Squirrels BIG THANKYOU –

District thank barrow due to turn outs at all events. Scouting is changing, there will be a new remit, volunteers wont be leaders they will be team leaders etc etc. Scouting are changing the way they look at everything & Inprove the training. Trina to invest, Claire, Kerry, Laura & to present a 5 Year Service award to Heather – Allison Beavers.

Closing Remarks

Ian Mitchell closed the AGM, thank all for attending .

Date of the next Exec meeting is Wednesday 11th October 7:30pm at the Scout HQ

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HQ Gas**	£	613.04	-£	115.12				
HQ Electricity	£	474.55	£	318.84				
HQ Internet	£	155.00	£	-				
Insurances	£	1,022.24	£	1,392.69				
Maintenance & Repairs	£	1,273.92	£	2,272.08				
Caretaking	£	587.63	£	53.17				
HQ Equipment	£	486.13	£	688.13	£	5,043.35		
Membership Fees	£	6,566.00	£	6,566.00	£	6,298.00	£	6,298.00
Squirrels Running exps	£	62.57	£	514.56				
Beaver Running exps	£	123.15	£	575.87				
Cubs Running exps	£	402.54	£	936.51				
Scout Running exps	£	105.99	£	694.25	£	1,182.09	£	3,209.03
Activity exps Squirrels	£	-	£	99.59				
Activity exps Beaver	£	447.23	£	2,552.44				
Activity exps Cubs	£	1,804.31	£	3,693.59				
Activity exps Scouts	£	1,435.94	£	3,687.48	£	6,182.11	£	12,527.73
Camp Expenses	£	12,462.46	£	-				
External Activities	£	4,854.12	£	17,316.58	£	-	£	-
Camping Equipment	£	649.04	£	1,404.05				
Events	£	77.46	£	-				
Exec Committee exps	£	1,982.21	£	650.13				
Fund Raising	£	555.18	£	200.40				
GoCardless Fees	£	1,480.11	£	1,050.25				
SumUp Fees	£	8.81	£	-				
Uniforms	£	4,484.16	£	907.71				
Other	£	-	£	9,236.97	£	483.89	£	4,696.43
Projects	£	35,746.59	£	35,746.59	£	-	£	-
Total Expenditure	£	78,892.23	£	78,892.23	£	31,774.54	£	31,774.54
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Financial Statement for year ending 31st March 2024

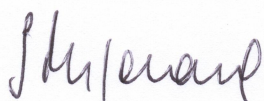
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Print STUART McDONALD A.C.A.

Date 26th August 2024

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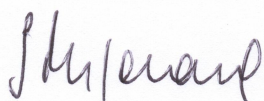
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2023 Annual Report



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AGENDA

1. Introduction and welcome
2. Apologies for absence
3. To approve the minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 02/09/2022.
4. **Governance topics**
 - a. Adopt the model constitution from Policy, Organisation and Rules
 - b. Note the Group's financial year.
 - c. Agree the number of members that may be elected to the Trustee Board
 - d. Agree the quorum for each of the Group Scout Council (including this AGM), meetings of the Group Trustee Board, meetings of any sub-committees.
5. **Review of the previous year**
 - a. The Group Scout Leader's review of Scouting in Barrow Scout Group
 - b. To receive and consider the Annual Report of the Group Trustee Board including the annual Statement of the Accounts
6. **Making appointments**
 - a. To note any other supporters who may be admitted to membership of the Group Scout Council, including former Scouts and parents, by the Group Scout Leader, the Group Trustee Board or the Group Scout Council.
 - b. To approve the Group Scout Leader's nomination of the Group Chair
 - c. Election of the Group Secretary
 - d. Election of the Group Treasurer
 - e. Elections of members to the Group Trustee Board
 - f. To approve the Group Scout Leader's nominations to the Group Trustee Board
7. Close

GROUP CHAIR REPORT

I am pleased to introduce this year's Annual Report. We have had a full year of activities in each of our sections and I would like to thank all of the leaders and their assistants for their hard work in planning and delivering programmes that enable our young people to experience new challenges and have fun. Scouting is thriving in Barrow and all of our sections are full and oversubscribed with youngsters waiting to join us, we are grateful for our volunteers who give up their time to run the sections for us, unfortunately we will never have enough places for all those who wish to become part of the scouting family. It's really pleasing to see that this year our young people have undertaken over 259 camper nights, so please take a look at each of the section reports to find out what has been going on during the year!

I would like to thank all of my fellow Executive Committee members, who work hard all year behind the scenes to keep the Group in good order and provide help with fundraising ideas and activities. I would particularly like to thank Trina, our Group Scout Leader, for her continuing commitment to the Group and Julie who stood in for Trina whilst she was away for a couple of months. Trina, with help from Julie, makes sure our adult helpers are well trained and well supported and they ensure that all the activities are fun, safe and appropriate for each of our age groups, and they are always around to provide cover as and when it is needed.

I would also like to thank a very special group of adult volunteers known as the "Thursday Club". This group meets every Thursday throughout the year and provides maintenance services along with help at fundraising events. This is a friendly sociable group and inclusive to all who have time on their hands to come along. Over the last year they have transformed the front and back gardens, decorated inside and outside the hut and have been instrumental with the latest new shed development.

As you can see, we have busy and active adults that make Scouting work in Barrow, but the old adage 'many hands make light work' have never been more accurate. Therefore, I make no apology for using this report to ask for your help. Please consider getting involved or talk to friends and family to encourage others to contact us.

Volunteering can be a brilliant way to boost your mental wellbeing. It's a great feeling knowing you're helping young people get skills for life, and you might even learn a lot about yourself along the way.

Scouts can make you feel good in other ways too. We'll guide you to an opportunity where you can:

- Make friends and meet people.
- Try new things and challenge yourself.
- Get outdoors and get stuck in
- Develop skills that can enhance your CV.
- Positively impact your community
- Create vital opportunities for young people.
- Make memories that'll last a lifetime.

If you can only occasionally help, that's okay. Whether you'd like to be an activity planner, tea-maker or craft creator, we appreciate any time you can spare. Talk to any of the leaders or contact me direct if you want to find out more!

Ian Mitchell – Group Chair

GROUP SCOUT LEADER REPORT

Our Squirrel Drey, the first in Charnwood District, was officially opened by our newly appointed Chair, Ian, last September. Originally started by Vicky, Lucy, Nava and Harvey they have now been joined by Julia.

We have saved Allison Beaver Colony from closure with Lisa, Kelly, Heather and Eleni stepping in. Janet has transferred to Scouts (covering both Troops) and Rob has moved to Allison Cubs with his son. We've said goodbye to Lorna as the family have transferred to Quorn. Kirsty has also stood down but remains part of our fundraising team.

Allison Cub Pack was led by Iska, Colin and Helen R. More recently joined by Mark, Lee and Claire although Colin has stood down after 5 years to concentrate on other pursuits.

Fronting Allison Scout Troop we have Adelle, Alex and Hannah with the more recent addition of Laura.

Wilford Beavers continues to be run by Ann, aided by Liz, Helen N and Lucy and now Kerry has joined that Team.

Wilford Cubs has been running smoothly under Helen N, Sarah C and Jayne on Tuesdays but is now transferring to Thursdays, all Cubs unable to make the move have been accommodated elsewhere.

The Team has changed at Wilford Scouts, Richard and Sarah W have been joined by Janet as Julie has changed her role to Group Administrator to assist with the ever-increasing demands of my own role as Group Scout Leader.

All Sections are running full to capacity, and we have had to close our waiting lists down to new joiners. There are currently 23 Young People on our waiting list who are eligible to be at Squirrels or Beavers but we're unable to accommodate them without increasing our adult volunteers.

With 20 years of being involved in Scouting I shall be stepping down as GSL at the end of this year which will be timely as the "Transformation" of future Scouting begins. I have made many new friends here in Barrow and would just say thanks to you all.

Finally, a massive thank you to all of our leaders, committee members, parent helpers, the Thursday Club etc, who freely give their time and support for the benefit of the Young People of Barrow

Trina Cooper GSL

SQUIRREL DREY

We've had an amazing time since we launched Squirrels in September 2022, we are the first Squirrel Drey in the district.

We have done lots of different things including making smores, doing a range of science experiments like putting pencils through a bag filled with water and it doesn't leak.

We have been for 2 walks around the village which were enjoyed by all.

We have had 4 Squirrels move onto beavers and 2 of them have achieved their Acorn award.

We have completed a range of badges including exciting Experiments, let it grow, super chef, all about me, all about adventure and many more, in total we have given out 74 badges!

We have 10 Squirrels, 1 section leader and 3 section assistants.

We are looking forward to our next 12 months and enjoying lots more activities and getting out and exploring.

ALLISON BEAVERS

Sept 2022 - April 2023 (Feedback from Janet)

This period was run by Janet with support from Rob and during this time Allison Beavers went on a trip to Glenfield Tunnel with Wilford Beavers during the Autumn term.

During the Winter term, they attended a pantomime, took part in the Christmas Tree Festival and had a joint Christmas Party with Wilford Beavers.

In the Spring term Allison Beavers took part in the District Swimming Gala and Bronze Awards x 6 were presented.

From April 2023 a new team took over, with Kelly, Lisa and Heather becoming new Leaders for Allison Beavers with help from Eleni & Phil as regular volunteers.

During the last 4 months we have covered lots of topics starting with agreeing what our Beaver rules are and determined these to be; Be Safe, Be Ready and Be Respectful. We introduced Bob the Beaver who is awarded each week to the Beaver who has stood out in group either by participation, kindness, willingness to learn etc. and the Beavers have loved taking home and sharing with their peers what they have got up to each week.

We started working towards our Book Reader Activity Badge with a visit from a lovely mum (and real-life Author!) where our Beavers demonstrated amazing listening and questioning skills. This is to be completed this coming term now our Beavers have had chance to read a variety of books at home.

Our Beavers earned their International Badge with an amazing week of fun that included learning Hello in 4 languages, a food tasting session and 'Head, Shoulders, Knees & Toes' in French. The perks of having a French teacher as a Beaver Leader!

We visited King George Park for an evening of activity, working towards our Health & Fitness badge. We talked about why health and fitness are important, types of food and the importance of a varied diet before completing a circuit of exercises and relay races. It was great to see our Beavers enjoying time outside and really supporting and motivating each other!

In June we joined Wilford Beavers for an evening at Charnwood Oaks for some outdoor activities. Our Beavers collected wood for the fire, went on a mini beast hunt (which they all

LOVED!) and had fun on the jungle trail before finishing off the evening with songs around the campfire.

We worked towards our Global Issues and Community Impact badges exploring 'What is Recycling and why is it important?' Using games, our Beavers learnt about different types of recycling and used an OS map to plan a route for our litter pick. This took place in the village the following week, with the Beavers choosing some of the main routes to school. They worked in pairs to collect litter and were extremely thorough in making sure they got every piece of litter!

As we hit June we spent as much time as we could outside working towards our Camping Badge. Our Beavers worked in groups to put up their own tents in the Scout Hut Garden, demonstrating excellent teamwork. We talked about fire safety and lit a campfire, and all Beavers were taught how to light a match, and everybody safely had a go. They loved being involved in this activity and demonstrated awesome listening skills.

The following week, we continued working towards our Camping Badge and learnt about campfires. The Beavers helped to choose actions to help them remember the key elements Fuel, Heat & Oxygen and we talked about the structure of a fire before they worked in teams to build their own campfires. All of our Beavers learnt how to use the flint lighter safely following a demonstration and they each had a go, before enjoying hot chocolates and marshmallows around the campfire.

For our final session before the Summer we went on a hike at Beacon Hill sculpture trail working towards our Adventure Badge. Our Beavers loved searching for the sculptures and using the maps to identify what they had found. Parents joined us for this session which was great to have their participation and the Beavers were all so excited to bring their adults along. At the end of the session we said goodbye to some of our lovely Beavers who move up to Cubs after the Summer.

As a new team, it has been great to be welcomed in by all of the amazing Allison Beavers and seeing their hard work and dedication to achieving badges. It is amazing to see how much they all love Beavers, making our volunteering worthwhile. We have had some excellent help from parents too through the parent rotas so thank you to all for your support.

We are pushing on with completing our training modules and are ready to go for the next term, working with Wilford Beavers for joint planning as we feel focusing on the same aspects in each group will be beneficial and align the colonies. We look forward to the next year of supporting our community and helping to grow and develop our young Beavers.



The Allison Beaver Leader Team



WILFORD BEAVERS

This has been a good year for Wilford Beavers. We have a good leadership team which has recently increased with Kerry Barkby joining us as Section Assistant.

Our team is as follows: -

- Ann Murch-Section Leader (Raven)
- Helen Nurse-Assistant Section Leader (Rabbit)
- Liz Johnson -Assistant Section Leader (Mouse)
- Lucy Matthews -Assistant Section Leader (Bear)
- Kerry Barkby -Section Assistant (Caterpillar)

Our numbers have been fairly steady over the year between 19 to 24 young people in our colony each term.

We have had lots of successes over the year and since the last AGM we are proud to say we have awarded 11 top Chief Scout Bronze awards.

We have had a varied programme and have made dens, made campfires, sang songs, been on the obstacle course, roasted marshmallows done park in the dark, went on a mini beast hunt, cooked pizzas. I could go on for a long time, we have had lots of adventures and completed many other activities.

To sum this up the young people have worked hard to learn about and care for their environment, for other people and about team working. They took part in a litter pick and made water filters which really worked. They have taken part in traditional activities from around the world. The young people have not only done these activities at beavers they have completed good deed diaries and other work at home. This proved to us beyond doubt what marvellous beavers have passed through and are currently in our colony and that they really know what the Beaver Scout promise really means as they all went over and above what was asked of them.

We have taken part in the District Swimming Gala earlier in the year, visited Glenfield Tunnel prior to this and went to Laser-force.

Last term we went Bell Boating, visited the Fire Station at Birstall and went trampolining to Jump Giants.

For the Autumn Term we are working mainly on our Outdoor Challenge badge, Emergency Aid, photographers and hikes badge. We will be giving Beavers the opportunity to go to Sundown Park in November which is a district event. We also have some beavers completing their YouShape badges.

This is common knowledge to our parents, but we run a parent Rota and the extra help is invaluable. Without these extra helpers some activities would not be able to take place.

Thank you to all of you from all the leaders.

Thank you to all our volunteers who maintain the hut for all our young people to enjoy.

Regards

Ann Murch- Section leader.

ALLISON CUBS

We have had a really busy year (as always)

As a group, we have attended some great district, county and group events including:

- Ninja warrior
- Remembrance parade
- Laser force
- Duxford Air Museum
- Swimming Gala
- Incident Hike
- Allison Cub camp at the Oaks Campsite

Other activities have included:

- A reptile encounter thanks to Lords Exotics
- Paddleboarding at LOPC

- A visit to Glenfield Tunnels
- A tour of a Synagogue in Leicester
- A variety of local walks and hikes
- and of course, the obligatory fire lighting, smores, backwoods cooking, and campfire songs!

Over the last 12 months we have given out over 280 activity and challenge and numerous Joining in badges, for between 1 and 4 years attendance.

We have also awarded 3 Chief Scout Silver awards and transferred those Cubs successfully to Scouts, for them to continue their journeys.

As it stands, Allison Cubs has 1 Section Leader, 2 Assistant Section Leaders, 2 Section Assistants and 1 Young Leader.

Allison Cubs has 24 Cub members for this term.



WILFORD CUBS

During the year we have lots of achievements with 9 cubs leaving us to move to scouts having all achieved their silver awards.

We have enjoyed a variety of activities.

We had our DIY project where the cubs all made themselves a key hanging plaque.

We went on camp to The Oaks, with lots of practice runs of putting up tents, fire lighting, which can only mean one thing S'mores.

Camp was a great success with our nights away permit being issued. We had lots of fun activities, climbing, archery, axe throwing to name but a few. Even the washing up and taking down tents put smiles on the cubs faces. It was great to see the cubs growing in confidence as some had never stayed away from home before.

We have also done kayaking which is always a favourite and some fun activities at Jump giants and Ninja Warriors.

ALLISON SCOUTS

2022/2023 has been another great year for Allison Scouts. We have increased our leadership team and continue to enjoy a close relationship with Wilford Scouts, running many of our activities jointly.

This year, there has been a much bigger focus on camps, making sure that Scouts benefit from all the unrivalled opportunities that they provide. We had a busy Splash camp at LOPC in the Autumn term, a day camp at John Lees Wood in January and a weekend camp at The Oaks in June, which was a huge success despite the scorching weather!

In July and August we also attended Forest Fest in Walesby, the first International jamboree Camp that Barrow Scouts had taken part in since 2019. This was a 5-night camp, enjoyed by Scouts and leaders alike, and has become a springboard for lots of future jamboree plans!

Away from camps we continue to pack our termly programmes with as much as we can. There has been a focus on 'getting back to basics' and refreshing those important Skills for Life - first aid training, supported by Alison from Quorn Scouts, plenty of pioneering, with help from Rob and Danny and putting navigational skills into regular practice to make the most of the County Incident Hike.

We've also enjoyed plenty of activities away from HQ, such as trips to the cinema and Ninja Warrior, laser quest, climbing and the sculpture trail at Beacon Hill. We've involved ourselves in community events such as the Party in the Park, the Remembrance Parade, and the Christmas and Summer street markets.

We've moved 4 Scouts up this year, with 3 of them heading to Explorers, and all 4 of them worked hard before finishing their time with us to make sure they all achieved their Gold Awards, despite much of their time in Scouts falling over the Covid restrictions.

We're looking forward to continuing to offer a varied programme over the next year, with a AS update focus on time outdoors and as many opportunities for camp as we can.

WILFORD SCOUTS

We've had a really busy year with Wilford Scouts with three camps and lots of exciting activities along the way but a little bit of traditional badgework for good measure.

We started the year at the Oaks camp site with Zorb football and orienteering mostly in the dark! Then had a couple of sessions where the Scouts worked on their map reading skills and completed their 1st Aid badge. In September 25 Wilford and Allison Scouts went to the district Splash camp at the LOPC. They had a great time doing activities old and new and generally getting wet! They took part in the routes of remembrance poppy art project with the Scouts artwork being displayed at Nottingham and Barrow train stations. We ventured out of the hut and went to the climbing station and Laser quest. We finished the year on a high with our pre-recorded music video at the Scout and Guide carol concert.

The Scouts led activities in the hut and had fun playing human hungry hippos, we then had a park in the dark session with chips, went to try our hand at bell ringing at Holy Trinity church and did lots of pioneering and map reading ready for the district incident hike.

We started the Summer term with a village scavenger hunt and a trip to Ninja warriors which always goes down well. We made ice cream and tested their engineering skills making spaghetti bridges. We spent an evening preparing for camp with tent building and gadget making, but they still need to practice their knot tying skills!

We have camped twice during the summer, at the Oaks with Allison Scouts and Wilford cubs. It was a very hot weekend, but everyone seemed to have fun taking part in the activities including making a giant catapult to launch wet sponges! The second camp was Forest Fest held at Walesby. This was an international camp and Scouts had the opportunity to

meet Scouts and Guides from around the world and try lots of new activities. We definitely all had a great time and are already planning ahead for next summer.

Wilford Scouts have volunteered to help at various village events throughout the year like the yard sale, the Christmas and summer street markets, poppy sales for remembrance and the Rise and Shine Day at the Oaks campsite to prepare it for the 2023 camping season.

GROUP TREASURER'S REPORT

I'm pleased to report that Barrow upon Soar Scout Group maintains a healthy financial position and should continue to do so. Thank you to all the group's volunteer's for getting their expenses claims submitted in a timely manner as this enables the financial report to be both accurate and produced in good time.

HIGHLIGHTS

Bank Accounts

Our primary current account with NatWest is to be closed in coming months. Unfortunately the bank became uncooperative when attempting to add new signatories to the account. They made an unusual demand that we provide them with an original signed & stamped by solicitor copy of the group's constitution from 19th September 1963. They were unwilling to accept anything other than the original document. If anybody has it, please let us know as we'd be very interested in seeing it also.

As a result the decision was made to create a new account elsewhere and a new account with Virgin Money has been arranged. Migration to this at the time of writing is almost completed.

The group has also had a savings account reserved for the building on a new Scout HQ which was looked after by Gilwell. Due to poor performance of these accounts the decision was made by Gilwell to return all funds to individual groups for management. New savings products have been researched and the decision made to split the money between longer term deposit accounts and quicker access.

Card Payments

Thanks to Claire (secretary) the group has had the opportunity to trial taking card payments at fundraising events. This has proven to be hugely beneficial accounting for an additional 25% income on top of what would typically have been raised. The committee has decided to invest in the purchase of a couple of these devices for the group's use and will help modernise our fundraising.

Gift Aid

The group has never been able to benefit from GiftAid owing to the fact it wasn't registered with HMRC. An application is now in progress to enable this and will hopefully be a good source of income for the group.

Internet

We have entered a rolling monthly agreement with ID mobile to provide WiFi access to the Scout Hut at a cost of £15 per month for unlimited use. We are able to cancel this at any time and enter into new terms at any time.

Spending

There has been significant spending recently on the maintenance of the Scout HQ. Although grants have been applied for, they don't cover the full amount. Income from HQ Hire, Car park space rental and fundraising have also helped cover these improvements. Over the coming financial year the committee has committed to using some of the fund reserved for the building of a new HQ to extensive renovations.

Utilities

In February 2021 we agreed a 2 Year fixed rate contract with our electricity & gas provider E.ON. This enabled us to weather the brunt of increased energy costs. However, this contract will come to an end in February 2024 and require review.

ACCOUNTS

The accounts for 2022 - 2023 have been audited by Stuart ready for submission to the charities commission.

We ended the financial year with a small surplus of £160.50. Due to current projects it is projected that the 2023 - 2024 year will have a deficit of approximately £25,000 - £30,000.

BUDGET

For the 2023 - 2024 financial year in collaboration with the group's chair a proposed budget has been created. Although the group has various sources of funding few of these can be considered to be stable or reliable. Therefore the budget is based solely on the income generated from subs payments.

Funding from other sources will go primarily into building the savings pot and hopefully help towards replenishing the fund for future projects. However these funds are not exclusively for maintenance projects and will be applied in areas decided upon by the governing committee.

OTHER MATTERS

During this financial year a new policy affecting the expenses claims process will be implemented. This sets out timescales for payments as well as providing guidance on acquiring approval for expenditure, limits and processes. This is at time of writing not yet completed but expected to be completed within the first term.

FINAL WORDS

It has been a pleasure to serve as the group's treasurer and I would be very happy to remain. The current projects to renovate the HQ facilities are very exciting and hopefully will help elevate the already high standard of Scouting the group currently provides.

APPENDICES

1. Signed Accounts for 2022 - 2023 financial year.
2. Budget for 2023 - 2024 financial year

MINUTES OF 2022 ANNUAL MEETING

Barrow upon Soar Scout Group – 2022 AGM

Friday 2nd September - 7.00pm

Executive and Leadership Attendees:

1. GSL - Trina Cooper
2. District – DC Paul Smith
3. Chair – Trevor Ranson
4. Sec – Claire Delaney
5. AS – Hannah White
6. AC – Iska Bos
7. WB – Liz Johnson
8. WC – Helen Nurse
9. AB – Lorna Goodacre
10. Sq – Vicky Edge
11. WS – Julie Tyler
12. WS – Richard Perkins
13. AB – Janet Prevost
14. AB - Lorna Goodacre
15. WC – Sarah Bruce

Also in attendance were

1. Rob Perridge - supporter
2. Sue Perridge - supporter
3. Joyce Allison – VIP Guest
4. Bruce Charles - parent
5. Annette Mitchell - supporter
6. Ian Mitchell - supporter
7. Pauline Ranson - supporter
8. Vanessa Simon – parent
9. Rob Simon – parent
10. Jonathan Folland – parent
11. Alison Folland – parent
12. Lee Garner – parent
13. Nsovo Mabusa – parent
14. Sally Holdridge – parent
15. Simon Grant – supporter
16. Geraldine Gaff – parent
17. Rachel Gibbs – parent
18. Adam Sharpe – supporter

And lots of Young People

Apologies (from Executive and Leadership Teams)

1. Aaron Parker – Treasurer

2. Jayne Wallis – HQ Bookings
3. Adelle Eveleigh-Winstone (AS)
4. Alex Dalgetty (AS)
5. Sarah Wrigglesworth (WS)
6. Jayne Hannaford-Smith (WC)
7. Helen Robberts (AC)
8. Colin France (AC)
9. Lucy Marshall (Sq)

AGENDA

1. Welcome
2. Minutes of AGM 8/9/20
3. Matters arising
4. Approval of group constitution
5. Treasurers report
6. Group reports
7. GSL report
8. Chairman report
9. Nomination & Elections
 - GSL nomination for Chairman
 - GSL nomination for Treasurer
 - GSL nomination for Secretary
 - Nominations for Group Executive Committee
10. District representative
11. Date of Executive Meeting.

1. Welcome

A welcome from Trevor (Chair) Welcoming and thanking everyone for attending

2. Minutes of the previous AGM – 14th June 2021

Approved

3. Approval of the Constitution for Barrow upon Soar Scout Executive

Approved

4. Matters Arising

NONE

5. Treasurers Report

As the Treasurer wasn't in attendance Trevor read a statement from Aaron confirming that the accounts had been audited, ready for submission to the Charities Commission.

6. Group Reports

These are to be circulated via email

7. GSL Report

Numbers have shot up now we are back meeting f2f.

Welcome to new volunteers, Kirsty, Lyndsay and Rob.

We now have a regular Team of supporters (former Scouts and Leaders) looking after the building and gardens.

A 3rd adult has come forward so we shall be opening our new Squirrel Drey shortly.

Finally, a massive thank you all, to all our leaders, committee members, parent helpers, etc, who give their time for the benefit of the Young People of Barrow.

Trina Cooper GSL

9. Nominations and Elections

GSL Nomination for Chair – Ian Mitchell. Proposed by Julie and seconded by Karen

GSL Nomination for Treasurer – Aaron Parker to stay. Proposed by Trevor and seconded by Ann

GSL Nomination for Secretary – Claire Delaney. Proposed by Kirsty and seconded by Iska

GSL Nominations for Group Executive members, unanimously approved

Jayne Wallis, Karen Mills, Trevor Ranson, Adam Sharpe, Rob Perridge

Ann continues as an ex-Officio member

10. District representative

DC Paul – thanked everyone for attending and for the volunteering we all do

Trina thanked Trevor for his assistance as Chair over the last couple of years.

Meeting ended at 7.46pm

APPENDIX 1

BARROW UPON SOAR SCOUT GROUP Financial Statement for year ending 31st March 2023

	2022 - 2023	2022 - 2023	2021 - 2022
Equity			
Equity brought forward 01.04.2022	£ 88,537.24	£ 92,390.86	£ 88,537.24
Surplus brought forward from overleaf	£ 3,853.62	£ 160.50	£ 3,853.62
Total Equity	£ 92,390.86	£ 92,551.36	£ 92,390.86
Liabilities			
Activity & Sub Refunds	£ 40.00	£ -	£ 40.00
Suppliers	£ 372.19	£ 274.02	£ 372.19
Vouunteer Expenses	£ 573.98	£ 532.42	£ 573.98
Total Liabilities	£ 986.17	£ 806.44	£ 986.17
Total Liabilities & Equity	£ 93,377.03	£ 93,357.80	£ 93,377.03
Assets			
Represented by			
NatWest Current Account	£ 22,746.59	£ 23,212.01	£ 22,746.59
GoCardless	£ 50.00	£ 91.50	£ 50.00
Cash (Treasurer)	£ 580.44	£ 84.29	£ 580.44
Cash (Leaders)	£ -	£ -	£ -
STIS (Investment account)	£ 70,000.00	£ 70,000.00	£ 70,000.00
Total Assets	£ 93,377.03	£ 93,387.80	£ 93,377.03

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I have examined the accounts of Barrow upon Soar Scout Group for the year ended 31.3.2023 and certify that the Financial Statement accurately reflects the underlying transactions recorded in the books of account in all material respects. I have also signed my independent examination of the accounts for the purposes of reporting to the Charity Commission, with no reservations.

Signed 

Print **STUART McNALLY**

Date **29-8-2023**

Barrow Upon Soar Scout Group Budget 2023 - 2024 Financial Year



Expenses		Income	
Badges	£2,730.00	Subs	£15,800.00
Capitation	£6,566.00		
Insurance	£1,400.00		
Internet	£180.00		
Utilities	£1,348.00		
Total	£12,224.00		£15,800.00
Available Budget	£3,576.00		
Activities	£2,676.00		
Facilities	£400.00		
Maintenance	£500.00		
Total	£3,576.00		
<i>Activity budget per person based on 150 members</i>		Per Year	£17.84
		Per Term	£5.95

- Expenses & Income are based on established known fixed quantities.
- For the purpose of the budget, income from fund raising, HQ hire and other sources are not considered guaranteed and therefore not included..
- Leaders expenses will **not** be refused if they go over budget, income from other sources will be used where possible to cover an over-spend. The figure calculated is intended to be a general guide.
- The activity budget should cover all weekly snacks, drinks and activity costs.
- Activities which are externally led and require additional payments are not included in this.

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Surplus brought forward from overleaf	£ 160.50	£	160.50	£	3,853.62
Total Equity	£ 92,551.36	£	92,551.36	£	92,390.86
Liabilities					
Activity & Sub Refunds	£ -	£	-	£	40.00
Suppliers	£ 274.02	£	274.02	£	372.19
Vounteer Expenses	£ 532.42	£	532.42	£	573.98
Total Liabilities	£ 806.44	£	806.44	£	986.17
Total Liabilities & Equity	£ 93,357.80	£	93,357.80	£	93,377.03
Assets					
Represented by					
NatWest Current Account	£ 23,212.01	£	23,212.01	£	22,746.59
GoCardless	£ 91.50	£	91.50	£	50.00
Cash (Treasurer)	£ 84.29	£	84.29	£	580.44
Cash (Leaders)	£ -	£	-	£	-
STIS (Investment account)	£ 70,000.00	£	70,000.00	£	70,000.00
Total Assets	£ 93,387.80	£	93,387.80	£	93,377.03

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BARROW UPON SOAR SCOUT GROUP
Statement of Accounts 2022 - 2023

	2022-2023		2021-2022	
Expenditure				
HQ Water	£	433.56	£	392.85
HQ Heat & Light	£	203.72	£	1,512.00
Insurances	£	1,392.69	£	1,354.16
Maintenance & Repairs	£	2,272.08	£	4,616.19
Caretaking	£	53.17	£	131.00
HQ Equipment	£	688.13	£	144.49
		£ 5,043.35		£ 8,150.69
Membership Fees	£	6,298.00	£	4,809.00
		£ 6,298.00		£ 4,809.00
Squirrels Running exps	£	514.56	£	37.99
Beaver Running exps	£	575.87	£	792.32
Cubs Running exps	£	936.51	£	1,235.35
Scout Running exps	£	1,182.09	£	591.69
		£ 3,209.03		£ 2,657.35
Activity exps Squirrels	£	99.59	£	-
Activity exps Beaver	£	2,552.44	£	478.08
Activity exps Cubs	£	3,693.59	£	2,339.35
Activity exps Scouts	£	6,182.11	£	3,341.08
		£ 12,527.73		£ 6,158.51
Uniforms	£	907.71	£	387.44
Website	£	-	£	-
Camping Equipment	£	1,404.05	£	248.46
Exec Committee exps	£	650.13	£	292.39
Fund Raising	£	200.40	£	275.29
GoCardless Fees	£	1,050.25	£	377.05
Other	£	483.89	£	127.61
		£ 4,696.43		£ 1,708.24
Total Expenditure	£	31,774.54	£	23,483.79
		£ 31,774.54		£ 23,483.79
Surplus (Income minus Expenditure)		£ 160.50		£ 3,853.62

BARROW UPON SOAR SCOUT GROUP

Financial Statement of Accounts 2022 - 2023

	2022-2023		2021-2022	
Income				
Subscriptions Squirrels	£ 191.25		£ 191.25	
Subscriptions Beavers	£ 5,358.75		£ 5,358.75	
Subscriptions Cubs	£ 5,085.00		£ 5,085.00	
Subscriptions Scouts	£ 5,141.25	£ 15,776.25	£ 1,633.25	£ 5,076.25
Activities Beavers	£ 1,777.00		£ 284.00	
Activities Cubs	£ 3,465.00		£ 2,274.00	
Activities Scouts	£ 4,046.00	£ 9,288.00	£ 3,334.58	£ 5,892.58
Sale of badges & uniforms	£ 336.00		£ 336.00	
Fund Raising	£ 2,748.67		£ 2,424.77	
Hire of HQ	£ 2,965.00		£ 3,147.00	
Hire of Equipment	£ -		£ -	
Donations	£ 100.00		£ 100.00	
Grants	£ 411.46		£ 10,667.00	
Gift Aid	£ -		£ -	
Interest on STIS	£ 244.66		£ 79.81	
Other	£ 65.00	£ 6,870.79	£ 50.00	£ 16,368.58
Total Income	£ 31,935.04	£ 31,935.04	£ 27,337.41	£ 27,337.41

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Sarah Johnson

John Stewart Johnson

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Fund Raising	£	200.40	£	275.29
GoCardless Fees	£	1,050.25	£	377.05
Other	£	483.89	£	127.61
Total Expenditure	£	31,774.54	£	23,483.79
Surplus (Income minus Expenditure)		£ 160.50		£ 3,853.62

BARROW UPON SOAR SCOUT GROUP

Financial Statement of Accounts 2022 - 2023

	2022-2023		2021-2022	
Income				
Subscriptions Squirrels	£ 191.25		£ 191.25	
Subscriptions Beavers	£ 5,358.75		£ 5,358.75	
Subscriptions Cubs	£ 5,085.00		£ 5,085.00	
Subscriptions Scouts	£ 5,141.25	£ 15,776.25	£ 1,633.25	£ 5,076.25
Activities Beavers	£ 1,777.00		£ 284.00	
Activities Cubs	£ 3,465.00		£ 2,274.00	
Activities Scouts	£ 4,046.00	£ 9,288.00	£ 3,334.58	£ 5,892.58
Sale of badges & uniforms	£ 336.00		£ 336.00	
Fund Raising	£ 2,748.67		£ 2,424.77	
Hire of HQ	£ 2,965.00		£ 3,147.00	
Hire of Equipment	£ -		£ -	
Donations	£ 100.00		£ 100.00	
Grants	£ 411.46		£ 10,667.00	
Gift Aid	£ -		£ -	
Interest on STIS	£ 244.66		£ 79.81	
Other	£ 65.00	£ 6,870.79	£ 50.00	£ 16,368.58
Total Income	£ 31,935.04	£ 31,935.04	£ 27,337.41	£ 27,337.41

The Barrow upon Soar Scout Group own a single store building situated in Grove Lane, Barrow upon Soar, which was purchased and completed in 1954/55.
Present Value £300,000 - £380,000.

STIS account is a reserved account for our long term plan of rebuilding the present Scout Vead Quarters when it is felt the current building is beyond serviceable repair.

I have examined the accounts of Barrow upon Soar Scout Group for the year ended 31.3.2023 and certify that the Financial Statement accurately reflects the underlying transactions recorded in the books of account in all material respects. I have also signed my independent examination of the accounts for the purposes of reporting to the Charity Commission, with no reservations.

Sarah Johnson

John Stewart Johnson

Date 29.4.2023

Barrow upon Soar Scout Group

England & Wales - Charity number 521720

Accounts

Barrow upon Soar Scout Group – 2022 AGM

Friday 2nd September - 7.00pm

Executive and Leadership Attendees:

1. GSL - Trina Cooper
2. District – DC Paul Smith
3. Chair – Trevor Ranson
4. Sec – Claire Delaney
5. AS – Hannah White
6. AC – Iska Bos
7. WB – Liz Johnson
8. WC – Helen Nurse
9. AB – Lorna Goodacre
10. Sq – Vicky Edge
11. WS – Julie Tyler
12. WS – Richard Perkins
13. AB – Janet Prevost
14. AB - Lorna Goodacre
15. WC – Sarah Bruce

Also in attendance were

1. Rob Perridge - supporter
2. Sue Perridge - supporter
3. Joyce Allison – VIP Guest
4. Bruce Charles - parent
5. Annette Mitchell - supporter
6. Ian Mitchell - supporter
7. Pauline Ranson - supporter
8. Vanessa Simon – parent
9. Rob Simon – parent
10. Jonathan Folland – parent
11. Alison Folland – parent
12. Lee Garner – parent
13. Nsovo Mabusa – parent
14. Sally Holdridge – parent
15. Simon Grant – supporter
16. Geraldine Gaff – parent
17. Rachel Gibbs – parent
18. Adam Sharpe – supporter

And lots of Young People

Apologies (from Executive and Leadership Teams)

1. Aaron Parker – Treasurer
2. Jayne Wallis – HQ Bookings
3. Adelle Eveleigh-Winstone (AS)

4. Alex Dalgetty (AS)
5. Sarah Wrigglesworth (WS)
6. Jayne Hannaford-Smith (WC)
7. Helen Robberts (AC)
8. Colin France (AC)
9. Lucy Marshall (Sq)

AGENDA

1. Welcome
2. Minutes of AGM 8/9/20
3. Matters arising
4. Approval of group constitution
5. Treasurers report
6. Group reports
7. GSL report
8. Chairman report
9. Nomination & Elections
 - GSL nomination for Chairman
 - GSL nomination for Treasurer
 - GSL nomination for Secretary
 - Nominations for Group Executive Committee
10. District representative
11. Date of Executive Meeting.

1. Welcome

A welcome from Trevor (Chair) Welcoming and thanking everyone for attending

2. Minutes of the previous AGM – 14th June 2021

Approved

3. Approval of the Constitution for Barrow upon Soar Scout Executive

Approved

4. Matters Arising

NONE

5. Treasurers Report

As the Treasurer wasn't in attendance Trevor read a statement from Aaron confirming that the accounts had been audited, ready for submission to the Charities Commission.

6. Group Reports

These are to be circulated via email

7. GSL Report

Numbers have shot up now we are back meeting f2f.

Welcome to new volunteers, Kirsty, Lyndsay and Rob.

We now have a regular Team of supporters (former Scouts and Leaders) looking after the building and gardens.

A 3rd adult has come forward so we shall be opening our new Squirrel Drey shortly.

Finally, a massive thank you all, to all our leaders, committee members, parent helpers, etc, who give their time for the benefit of the Young People of Barrow.

Trina Cooper GSL

9. Nominations and Elections

GSL Nomination for Chair – Ian Mitchell. Proposed by Julie and seconded by Karen

GSL Nomination for Treasurer – Aaron Parker to stay. Proposed by Trevor and seconded by Ann

GSL Nomination for Secretary – Claire Delaney. Proposed by Kirsty and seconded by Iska

GSL Nominations for Group Executive members, unanimously approved

Jayne Wallis, Karen Mills, Trevor Ranson, Adam Sharpe, Rob Perridge

Ann continues as an ex-Officio member

10. District representative

DC Paul – thanked everyone for attending and for the volunteering we all do

Trina thanked Trevor for his assistance as Chair over the last couple of years.

Meeting ended at 7.46pm

BARROW UPON SOAR SCOUT GROUP
Financial Statement for year ending 31st March 2022

	2021-2022	2021 - 2022	2020-2021
Equity			
Equity brought forward 01.04.2021	£ 88,537.24	£ 88,537.24	£ 71,796.66
Surplus brought forward from overleaf	£ 3,853.62	£ 3,853.62	£ 16,740.58
Total Equity	£ 92,390.86	£ 92,390.86	£ 88,537.24
Liabilities			
Maintenance & Repairs	£ 40.00	£ 40.00	£ -
Activity & Sub Refunds	£ 372.19	£ 372.19	£ -
Suppliers	£ 573.98	£ 573.98	£ -
Vounteer Expenses	£ 986.17	£ 986.17	£ -
Total Liabilities	£ 986.17	£ 986.17	£ -
Total Liabilities & Equity	£ 93,377.03	£ 93,377.03	£ 88,537.24
Assets			
Bank Running exps	£ 22,746.59	£ 22,746.59	£ 18,225.82
Represented by			
Scout Running exps	£ 50.00	£ 50.00	£ -
NatWest Current Account	£ 580.44	£ 580.44	£ 5.69
GoCardless	£ -	£ -	£ 317.11
Cash (Treasurer)	£ 70,000.00	£ 70,000.00	£ 70,000.00
Cash (Leaders)			
STIS (Investment account)			
Total Assets	£ 93,377.03	£ 93,377.03	£ 88,537.24

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 Present Value £330,000-£383,000.

STIS account is a reserved account for our long term plan of rebuilding the present Scout Head Quarters when it is felt the current building is beyond serviceable repair.

I have examined the accounts of Barrow upon Soar Scout Group for the year ended 31.3.2022 and certify that the Financial Statement accurately reflects the underlying transactions recorded in the books of account in all material respects. I have also signed my independent examination of the accounts for the purposes of reporting to the Charity Commission, with no reservations.

Signed *Stuart A.B. Mubwald*

Print *STUART A.B. MUBWALD A.C.A.*

Date *15/8/22*

BARROW UPON SOAR SCOUT GROUP
Statement of Accounts 2021 - 2022

	2021-2022		2020-2021	
Expenditure				
HQ Water	£	392.85	£	394.68
HQ Heat & Light	£	1,512.00	£	2,160.00
Insurances	£	1,354.16	£	1,181.65
Maintenance & Repairs	£	4,616.19	£	-
Caretaking	£	131.00	£	-
HQ Equipment	£	144.49	£	115.10
Membership Fees	£	4,809.00	£	3,114.40
Squirrels Running exps	£	37.99	£	-
Beaver Running exps	£	792.32	£	256.87
Cubs Running exps	£	1,235.35	£	-
Scout Running exps	£	591.69	£	86.00
Activity exps Beaver	£	478.08	£	164.08
Activity exps Cubs	£	2,339.35	£	150.00
Activity exps Scouts	£	3,341.08	£	-
Uniforms	£	387.44	£	367.98
Website	£	-	£	20.00
Camping Equipment	£	248.46	£	-
Exec Committee exps	£	292.39	£	22.50
Fund Raising	£	275.29	£	-
GoCardless Fees	£	377.05	£	3.76
Other	£	127.61	£	21.00
Total Expenditure	£	23,483.79	£	8,058.02
Surplus (Income minus Expenditure)		£ 3,853.62		£ 16,740.58

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT ON THE STATEMENTS OF ACCOUNTS

BARROW UPON SOAR SCOUT GROUP
Statement of Accounts 2021 - 2022

	2021-2022		2020-2021	
Income				
Subscriptions Beavers	£ 1,572.25		£ 394.10	
Subscriptions Cubs	£ 1,870.75		£ 578.70	
Subscriptions Scouts	£ 1,633.25	£ 5,076.25	£ 650.00	£ 1,622.80
Activities Beavers	£ 284.00		£ 160.00	
Activities Cubs	£ 2,274.00		£ 20.00	
Activities Scouts	£ 3,334.58	£ 5,892.58	£ 120.00	£ 300.00
Sale of badges & uniforms	£ -		£ -	
Fund Raising	£ 2,424.77		£ -	
International Camp	£ -		£ 168.00	
Hire of HQ	£ 3,147.00		£ 708.00	
Hire of Equipment	£ -		£ -	
Donations	£ -		£ -	
Grants	£ 10,667.00		£ 18,594.30	
Gift Aid	£ -		£ -	
Interest on STIS	£ 79.81		£ 184.03	
Other	£ 50.00	£ 16,368.58	£ 3,221.47	£ 22,875.80
Total Income	£ 27,337.41	£ 27,337.41	£ 24,798.60	£ 24,798.60

I have examined the accounts of the Barrow upon Soar Scout Group for the year ended 31st March 2022 and the comparative year ended 31st March 2021. I have also examined the supporting records and the financial statements. I have also carried out the necessary tests to ensure that the accounts are true and fair. I have also carried out the necessary tests to ensure that the accounts are true and fair. I have also carried out the necessary tests to ensure that the accounts are true and fair.

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

Signed: [Signature] Date: 15/8/22

Name: STUART A B - M. J. B. J.

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Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

**Report to the trustees/
members of**

BARROW UPON SOAR SCOUT GROUP

**On accounts for the year
ended**

31ST MARCH 2022

**Charity no
(if any)**

521720

Set out on pages

1-3

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended

**Responsibilities and
basis of report**

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

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

**Independent
examiner's statement**

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

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

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

Signed:

Stuart A.B. McDonald

Date:

15/8/22

Name:

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