

26TH LEICESTER (BLABY) SCOUT GROUP

England & Wales · Charity number 521744

Details

Other names	26TH LEICESTER BOY SCOUT GROUP
Status	Registered
Legal form	Other
Registered	1964-10-06
Register	View on the Charity Commission register

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Activities

Objects: 26TH LEICESTER BOY SCOUT GROUP.

Activities: Mixed Scout Group

Classification

- **How:** Provides Buildings/facilities/open Space, Other Charitable Activities
- **What:** Amateur Sport
- **Who:** Children/young People

Geography

- **Area of benefit:** LEICESTER
- Leicestershire

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-03-31	£32,193	£36,390	-	-
2024-03-31	£28,905	£38,244	-	-
2023-03-31	£30,529	£26,089	-	-
2022-03-31	£14,879	£13,745	-	-
2021-03-31	£18,203	£7,605	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Neil Brian Roberts	Chair	2022-11-04
Catharine Lydia Stilling		2022-11-04
Charles Peter Holdridge		2026-05-14
Christopher Worth		2026-01-01
Elizabeth Joyce Oddy		2024-11-12
Lucy Jayne Smith		2023-09-22
Mark Andrew Chamberlain		2019-06-18

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Chairman's Comments.

Welcome to the 2025 Annual Report for 26th Leicester (Blaby) Scout Group..

This year has been about growth and continuing the move of responsibilities across the 3 teams that comprise the Group:

- The Uniformed Sections – our reason for being
- The Operational Support Team – keeping the building and equipment in working order
- The Trustees – ensuring that we meet our Charity obligations

Recruitment continues across all 3 areas, and it has been great to see the Teams working together and moving things forward. My highlights from each area would be:

- Opening the new Squirrel section
- Work on the storage areas in the grounds at the back of the headquarters with scheduled “maintenance days”
- Installation of the new more efficient heating system

This year saw the departure of Betty Saunders – Akela (Cub Leader) and Trustee. Betty has been a stalwart of the Group for many years and we thank her for everything she has done for the Group and wish her well in retirement.

I need to say a huge thank you to everyone who volunteers with the Group – Leaders, Trustees, Operational Support Team members and those of you who help run the sections, events and assist with maintenance. We are all here for one thing – to enable the Young People in our care to be the best they can be. Without you the Group would not be as successful, and the young people would not have the fun they do. Thank you for all that you have done and for all that you do, this Group would not exist without you.

Trustees Report

The trustees are a group of people from various walks of life – with varying Scouting experience from 0 to 40 years. We meet every 2 months and depending on the roles and actions that we take on carry out other work in between.

It is our responsibility to ensure that the Group operates within the Scouting and Charity Commission frameworks. Finances, Safeguarding and Health and Safety are at the centre of what we look at.

So what have we been up to this year?

We replaced the heaters in the main hall and meeting room. We have already seen a significant decrease in our electricity usage with a quicker than budgeted payback, and our hut users are commenting on the improved heating. Part of the cost of this has been grant-funded, but this wasn't received until after we closed our books.

We started the process to take ownership of all the land that we use (we currently own about half of it). This will be a lengthy process but will put us into a more secure position.

We have reviewed subscriptions and Hall Hire costs – and this year we have made the decision to increase our subs for the first time in 3 years. This will enable us to break even this year, although we are not replacing our reserves used over the last few year.

I need to thank Helen Playle, Betty Saunders, Jane Young and Mason Chapman all of whom are standing down as Trustees of the Group. They have all played a huge part in the Board of Trustees over the years. Thank you all for your time as Trustees.

Neil Roberts

Chair - Board of trustees

Group Lead Volunteers Report.

Hello everyone,

As we gather for another Annual General Meeting, I want to take a moment to reflect on the past year—one full of both milestones and continued dedication to our Scouting values.

Firstly, I must extend heartfelt congratulations and thanks to Betty Saunders, who has retired after an extraordinary 40 years of service. Betty's unwavering commitment, leadership, and warmth have shaped the experience of generations of young people in our group. Her legacy will be deeply felt for years to come, and we owe her a debt of gratitude.

This year also saw the exciting launch of our new Squirrel section, welcoming our youngest members into Scouting. The enthusiasm and curiosity these young children bring is infectious, and it's been a joy to watch this section grow. My thanks to the volunteers who stepped forward to get this new section off the ground—you've done a fantastic job.

Looking ahead, we are seeing a growing demand for places in our Beaver section, and in order to meet this need, we are hoping to open a second Beaver colony. However, we can only make this happen if we are able to recruit more volunteers. If you or someone you know is interested in making a difference, even a small commitment can go a long way. Please spread the word—our young people need you.

Finally, I would like to close by thanking all of our incredible volunteers. Your time, energy, and dedication are what make this group thrive. Whether you're a section leader, helper, administrator, or occasional event volunteer—your efforts do not go unnoticed, and they are truly appreciated.

Thank you once again for your continued support, and here's to another successful year of Scouting together.

Yours in Scouting,

Mark Chamberlain
Group Lead Volunteer

Squirrels

BEAVERS

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Finance Report.

Financial Summary for the Year: 1 April 2024 to 31 March 2025

Income

Donations, legacies and similar income

	2024/2025 £	2023/2024 £
Subscriptions	10,413	11,847
Less: Membership subscriptions paid on	-4,724	-4,412
Net membership subs retained	5,689	7,435
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Fundraising (gross)

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Investment income

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Bank charges and Go-Cardless fees	751	819
Sub total	28,590	38,244

Total Gross Expenditure

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Asset and Investment purchase - New Heating System	7,800	
Total Payments	36,390	38,244
Net of receipts	-4,197	-9,339

Cash Funds

2024/2025

£17,320

2023/2024

£21,517

Squirrels

We opened our drey on the 16th September 2024 with 12 new squirrels and 4 new leaders. We are delighted that myself (Big Nut) Katie (Little Nut), Jenna (Butternut), Becci (Nutkin) and Arran (Walnut) have joined our team having experience of new leaders and those from other sections to support the new drey. We also had Sarah (Crunchy Nut) who was with us for a while. We have also had some amazing help from our young leaders, Kind Nut, Nutter and Peanut. They help keep the squirrels entertained and are very helpful in helping tidy up after our sessions.



We started with a number of fun activities to get to

know each squirrel and for each leader to find their feet. At the end

of our first term it was the celebration of squirrels and scouting with all 12 squirrels and all new leaders being invested into the scouting community.

Within the 9 months that we have been open we have done a number of activities and given out quite a few badges! We have done all sorts of activities from toasting marshmallows on a fire, building blanket forts, visiting the library and going on a chippy walk. The squirrels all love to play a game of What's the time Mr. Wolf? And the biscuits are always a bonus!

From tasting new foods to lots of arts and crafts we have had an amazing time so far. We are aiming for the majority of our squirrels to gain their Chief Scout's Acorn award, which is the highest award that a squirrel can earn before they move to Beavers.

Some of the squirrels had their first adventure out with a trip to Twinlakes that was run by the city district team. We have another adventure planned in June at John's Lee woods, with Stuck in the Woods – Get Me Out of Here.



BEAVERS

What an amazing year we've had together in our Beaver Scout Colony! From fun-filled adventures to exciting challenges, we've grown, learned, and had an absolute blast.

Our fun-packed programme has made for an incredibly productive year and has seen our Beavers earn, and be awarded, almost 400 badges, including 107 challenge badges and a total of 20 Beavers earning their Chief Scout's bronze award during this time. The leaders would like to express a huge congratulations to all of our children for working so hard and achieving so much! We hope you have enjoyed it as much as we have.



While we love traditional Scouting activities like camp craft, cooking, reading maps, and pioneering, our programme also includes a wide variety of

experiences to help our Beavers better understand the world around them — both locally and globally. We've supported charities, carried out good deeds in the community, and explored global issues and environmental responsibility.



We've also enjoyed celebrating a range of festivals, learning about different cultures through fun and engaging activities. Highlights include rangoli art for Diwali, Chinese food tasting, a colour run for Holi, pancake making for Lent, and of course, our Christmas celebrations — crafts, a party, festive lights, and a pantomime at De Montfort Hall.

Family and community spirit have remained central to everything we do. Beavers have learned to care for themselves and others, and we've supported this with activities for National Inclusivity Week, Friendship Week, and the Disability Badge — all helping to build empathy and social awareness.

This term, we've focused on practical and outdoor skills, enjoying nature walks, scavenger hunts, gardening, and picnics. We've also had fantastic trips to Twinlakes Theme Park, the Abbey Park Miniature Railway, and the district-wide 'Stuck in the Woods' event — all great chances to connect with Beavers from across the region.

To wrap up this amazing year, it's clear that our Beaver Scouts have achieved so much, not just in terms of badges and awards, but in growing as compassionate, curious, and responsible young people. They have shown incredible enthusiasm, creativity, and teamwork throughout every activity, and we couldn't be prouder of the progress they've made.

Here's to another fantastic year of Scouting and wonderful memories made!



What an eventful year!

People have joined and left - we've invested cubs and leaders, and moved cubs onto Scouts - many of who earned their Chief Scout Silver award (the highest possible award in Cubs). We've earned badges, had nights away, been on trips, and introduced changes. There's been a lot of hard work and fun...

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The second half of 2024 saw us work on some of our safety badges, learn about wartime Scouting, dress up for Hallowe'en, and have some artistic craft evenings.

We held a sleepover at the woods in November, in the snow, cold and rain, but had a great time doing activities using the natural outdoor environment. We were thankful for bunk beds rather than tents.

Akela Betty retired at the end of term in December, after 44 years of leading the pack. We had a lovely family xmas games night so everyone was there for her farewell presentation.

Since then we've been working hard to recruit and build up a new leadership team.

We decided it was also the right time to make a few changes...

Merging the true values, history and meaning of scouting with the modern - we've adopted the use of BP's original Grand Howl to open our meetings, so it's quicker, and more inclusive and interactive.



We now also send out a monthly newsletter to parents to show them everything we've been up to.

Our programme is very much youth-shaped and based on the Cubs' ideas.

We aim to give not only activities, but provide amazing experiences. This year, we had a trip to the Science Museum in London.

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Back in February, we went to Swadlincote Snow Centre - and had a go at snowboarding and skiing.

We've worked towards entertainer, pioneer and scientist badges. We've been out on visits (we joined and learned how to use a library), and welcomed visitors (the beasts came! - snake/lizard/scorpion/tarantula).

We've done cooking - cubs love anything to do with food!

We've also focused on a lot of challenges to build up our teamwork skills.

At the time of writing we're only a few weeks away from our Summer Camp which will be at Oaks campsite, where we shall enjoy lots of the adventurous activities they offer.

We have also just launched our community project, and will be raising money for and awareness about homelessness. We've partnered with the charity Centrepoin, and our SleepOut will be in September.

We have so many more exciting things already starting to be planned that we're looking forward to over the next year.



SCOUTS

The Scouting year is coming to a close, and with that comes the high point of all our activities, Summer Camp! This year Scouts are going to Hallowtree Scout Activity Site near Ipswich, where we plan a varied and exciting programme. All the skills learned during the year come together to support the scouts during this experience.



Leading up to this the scouts have hiked, taken part in sleepovers, Wide Games, cooked following recipes and creatively, mapping, pioneering projects and honed their leadership skills. One of the favourite summer activities is Rafting, when the Scout's pioneering/knotting skills are put to the test building and paddling their craft round a course on Hollowell Sailing Club's water! This is challenging and usually ends up being a rather wet experience when the knots give way under the strain of a crew of energetic paddlers...

We have welcomed Cubs and other young people to Scouts during the year and have sadly seen Scouts move on to Explorers and other things when they reach age 14. It is so rewarding to watch them grow and develop as people, hopefully preparing them to deal with what Life puts in their path. We wish them well.

As the Scout Leadership Team, we would like to thank all the scouts for being themselves, parents for being supportive and the many leaders and helpers who have assisted us in providing the programme. We couldn't do it without you all!



Shaun and Helen

Scout Hut Bookings

This year we had a marvellous new Heating & Aircon system installed and even-larger bins, but the excitement didn't stop there!

The Scout Group continued to earn extra funds by hiring out the main hall with fabulous garden and upstairs meeting room to a wide range of groups, families, societies, charities and small businesses. We sadly said goodbye to some longstanding bookers this year due to closure, illness and maternity leave, but we are so grateful that new local groups and families continue to get in contact with us. Here are some of the activities that happened here when we weren't Scouting in 2024/25!



31 birthday parties, meetings and one-off events

Dog and Puppy training sessions

Pilates and general fitness classes

Tai Chi sessions organised by Active Blaby

Heavy Vehicle driving exams

A New Year's Yoga-Gong session was held over midnight

Wedding Dance classes for couples

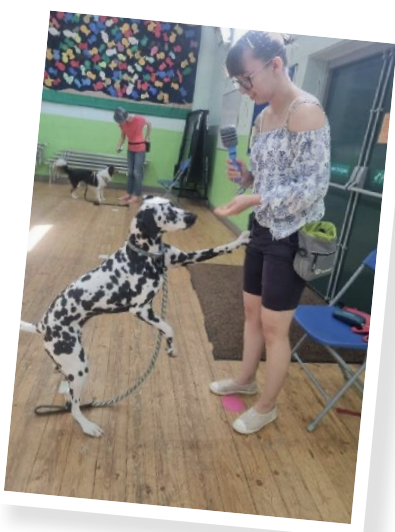
Swimming Club & Allotment committee meetings

Baby Sensory and Messy Play sessions

Counselling sessions

An Ultimate Frisbee team visited from Manchester

Tiny Talk held weekly Baby Signing classes



Our amazing bookers tell us we have a GREAT facility here and they appreciate how clean, tidy and well-kept it is. Many thanks to Jane, Cliff and all the team for keeping things ship-shape!

If you'd like to know more about booking the hut, for regular classes or a one-off special event, just visit our Website

www.blabyscouts.org/hut-hire and fill out our Booking Form. Or contact our booking secretary, Liz on Tel: 0116 326 6903 Or email: Bookings@blabyscouts.org



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If you want to become involved in our amazing Scout Group please contact our Group Lead Volunteer (mark.chamberlain@blabyscouts.org) or (mason.chapman@blabyscouts.org)



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26th Leicester (Blaby) Scout Group Receipts and Payments Account

Year start date

Year end date

For the year from	1-Apr-24	To	31-Mar-25
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Receipts and payments

	2024/2025	2023/2024
	Unrestricted funds	Unrestricted funds
	£	£
Receipts		
Donations, legacies and similar income		
Membership subscriptions	10,413	11,847
Less: Membership subscriptions paid on (National/County/Area/District)	4,724	4,412
Net membership subscriptions retained	5,689	7,435
Donations	586	1,453
Other income	1,410	
Gift Aid	4,759	0
Other similar income Camps	7,423	8,168
Sub total	19,867	17,056
Grants		
Maintenence grant		
Other grants	0	0
Sub total	0	0
Fundraising (gross)		
Funday		
Kit Sales		
Minibus Income		
Other fundraising activities	1,722	525
Sub total	1,722	525
Investment income		
Bank interest	30	49
Building Society interest		
The Scout Association Short Term Investment Service	0	43
Property Rent income	10,574	11,232
Other investment income		
Sub total	10,604	11,324
Total Gross Income	32,193	28,905
Asset and investment sales, etc.		
Total receipts	32,193	28,905

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	Unrestricted funds	Unrestricted funds
	£	£
Payments		
Charitable Payments		
Youth programme and activities, uniforms and kit	15,196	20,686
Training	-	-
Rent		
Water and Sewerage	192	230
Electricity	2,601	4,886
Insurance	1,833	1,599
Cleaning, Repairs and Renewals	4,293	7,316
Broadband	390	330
Printing and photocopying	-	-
Contribution to camp costs	-	-
Licences	-	377
AGM and trustee expenses	235	25
Minibus costs	3,050	1,976
Other costs	49	-
Bank charges and Go-Cardless fees	751	819
Sub total	28,590	38,244
Fundraising expenses		
Funday		
Cinema	-	-
Detail 3		
Other fundraising costs		
Sub total	-	-
Total Gross Expenditure	28,590	38,244
Asset and investment purchases, etc	7,800	
Total payments	36,390	38,244
Net of receipts/(payments)	(4,197)	(9,339)
Cash funds last year end	21,517	30,856
Cash funds this year end	17,320	21,517

Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the year

	31-Mar-25 Unrestricted funds £	31-Mar-24 Unrestricted funds £
Cash funds		
Bank current accounts	15,793	20,001
Bank deposit account	-	-
Building society account		
The Scout Association Short Term Investment Service	-	-
Cash/Floats	1,527	1,516
Total cash funds	17,320	21,517
Other monetary assets		
Tax claim	-	-
Debt due from rentals	-	-
Insurance claim		
Sub total	-	-
Investment assets		
Investment property - detail		
Quoted investments		
Other investments - detail		
Sub total	-	-
Non monetary assets for charity's own use		
Badge stock	-	
Shop stock	-	
Other stock		
Land and buildings	253,000	253,000
Motor vehicles	15,000	15,000
Scouting equipment, furniture etc	26,000	26,000
Other		
Sub total	294,000	294,000
Liabilities		
Accounts not yet paid	-	-
Expenses incurred but not invoiced		
Subscriptions not yet paid		
Loan - detail		
Other liabilities Balance on Grant from LCC	-	-
Sub total	-	-

Contingent liabilities and future obligations

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

Signature

Print Name

NEIL ROBERTS
PETER HOLDRIDGE

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Independent examiner's report to the trustees of 26th Leicester (Blaby) Scout Group

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the 26th Leicester (Blaby) Scout Group for the year ended 31 March 2025.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees of the 26th Leicester (Blaby) Scout Group you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').

I report in respect of my examination of the 26th Leicester (Blaby) Scout Group accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

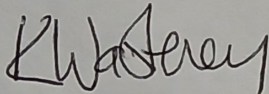
Independent examiner's statement

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

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the 26th Leicester (Blaby) Scout Group as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records.

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

Signed:



Name: Kathryn Wastenev

Relevant professional qualification or membership of professional bodies (if any): ACA / Member of the ICAEW

Address: 11 Park Road, Blaby, Leicestershire

Date: 16 June 2025

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Chairman's Comments.

Welcome to the 2024 Annual Report for 26th Leicester (Blaby) Scout Group. This year has been a year of change for the Group, and I have to pay tribute to and say a heartfelt thank you to everyone who has been involved not only in the changes but in running the Sections while things have been going on in the background. As you will see from their reports the sections have all had an eventful and successful year, and it is a privilege to be able to support their work.

In terms of Leadership, Jane Young stood down as Group Scout Leader (GSL) at the last AGM and Mark Chamberlain succeeded her as GSL and subsequently became Group Lead Volunteer (GLV) following the changes from headquarters during the year. Mason Chapman took on the Assistant GSL role previously filled by Mark. Additionally, Ashley Bown stepped down as Chair of the Group Executive Committee at the last AGM and have to thank all four of these dedicated people for enabling me to step into the role of Chair so easily.

This year The Scout Association has aligned itself more closely with the Charity Commission guidelines (we are a charity after all). This has meant that the Executive Committee has been split into two teams, the Board of Trustees who focus on the Charity Trustee-ship roles (including the AGM) and the Operational Team who focus on areas such as the Scout Hut, Equipment etc. The third, and arguably the most important, Leadership team has remained unchanged apart from role name changes through this process. A number of these changes are reflected in changes you will see at the AGM and over the coming year.

This year, as you will see from the Group accounts, we have started to invest heavily in the Group as various bits of equipment reach the end of life, and, with the help of external grants, we have started to make improvements to the heating system to improve the efficiency and hence reduce our electricity costs. This has led to a significant decrease in funds over the last year and we expect this to continue in a controlled manner over the next 12 to 18 months. My thanks to Peter Holdridge, our Group Treasurer for keeping us on the straight and narrow.

Finally, I need to say a huge thank you to everyone who volunteers to help with the Group – from those of you who have formal Leadership, Trustee or Operational Team roles to those of you who come down to help run the sections and events and those of you who perform support roles like cutting the grass and cooking on camp. We are all here for one thing – to enable the Young People in our care to be the best they can be. Without you the Group would not be as successful, and the young people would not have the fun they do. Thank you for all that you have done and for all that you do, this Group would not exist without you.

Neil Roberts

Chair - Board of trustees

Group lead Volunteers Report.

Greetings Scouts, Scouters, and esteemed members of the 26th Leicester (Blaby) Scout Group! Another year has whizzed by since we gathered for our Annual General Meeting (AGM). It is a privilege to present this report on the progress and achievements of our Scout group over the past year: under my leadership, after succeeding Jane Young.

After their Covid Review and other events which have required changes to the way in which we work in Scouting, The National Association finally gave us some more details on what these changes may be. Over the next few months, you will start to notice adjustments to the terminology we use and some tweaks in the way we deliver the fantastic programme of activities offered to your young people by the amazing band of volunteer programme leadership team. If you would like the opportunity to join us, please see the recruitment section of our web site.

As you will see from the sectional teams' reports, we've organized a diverse array of activities, camps, and initiatives aimed at providing our young people with valuable skills, memorable experiences, and opportunities for personal growth.

To support our operational activities and enhance the scouting experience, we have another fantastic team of volunteers which was formally known as the group Executive Committee but now is the group's Board of Trustees.

They have made significant investments in infrastructure and replaced our outdated heating system.

There have been a couple of adjustments in leadership, Since I have took over as Lead Volunteer & we have welcomed Rebecca Slattery to our Cub team.

The Explorer Scout provision, provided in partnership with us (Dynamic Explorers), moved over to District administration to correct an historical inaccuracy and now are correct to the rules of the association.

Finally, I would like to extend my heartfelt gratitude to all the volunteers, parents, and supporters who have contributed their time, effort, and resources to the success of our Scout group. Your dedication, passion, and commitment are truly inspiring and serve as the driving force behind our collective achievements.

Mark Chamberlain
Group Lead Volunteer

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Finance Report.

Financial Summary for the Year: 1 April 2023 to 31 March 2024

Income

Donations, legacies and similar income

	2023/2024 £	2022/2023 £
Subscriptions	11,847	13,234
Less: Membership subscriptions paid on	-4,412	-4,343
Net membership subs retained	7,435	8,891
Donations	1,453	3,603
Legacies	-	-
Gift Aid	0	0
Other similar income camps	8,168	7,076
Sub total	17,056	19,570

Fundraising (gross)

	2023/2024 £	2022/2023 £
Other fundraising activities	525	60
Sub total	525	60

Investment income

	2023/2024 £	2022/2023 £
Bank interest	49	32
The Scout Association Short Term Investment Service	43	39
Property Rent income	11,232	10,828
Other investment income	-	-
Sub total	11,324	10,899

Total Gross Income: **2023/2024** **2022/2023**
£28,905 **£30,529**

Payments

Charitable Payments

	2023/2024 £	2022/2023 £
Youth programme and activities, uniforms and kit	20,686	11,817
Training	-	325
Rent		
Water and Sewerage	230	243
Electricity	4,886	1,893
Insurance	1,599	1,426
Cleaning, Repairs and Renewals	7,316	7,068
Broadband	330	323
Printing and photocopying	-	-
Contribution to camp costs	-	-
Licences	377	980
AGM and trustee expenses	25	110
Minibus costs	1,976	1,072
Other costs detail COVID-19 Costs	-	-
Bank charges and Go-Cardless fees	819	832
Sub total	38,244	26,089

Total Gross Expenditure

	2023/2024 £	2022/2023 £
Total Gross Expenditure	38,244	26,089
Total Payments	38,244	26,089
Net of receipts	9,339	4,440

Cash Funds

2023/2024
£21,517

2022/2023
£30,856

BEAVERS

This past year has been quite the adventure for our colony! We've bid farewell to lots of our Beavers as they crossed the river to Cubs, while warmly welcoming many new faces into the group too.

Our primary focus throughout the year is around earning our challenge badges. Beavers have worked hard at mastering these, especially the Camp Craft badge, which involved everything from knot-tying to indoor den building. Of course, no camp themed session would be complete without a good old campfire, s'mores and a joyful sing-along too!

In January we welcomed the addition of a new leader, Badger, whose expertise as a qualified Karate instructor has brought an exciting dimension to our programme. The Beavers had a blast learning high kicks and punches under her guidance, and have since done other fitness activities earning them both their Sports Badge and their Health and Fitness Activity badge.

The highlight of March was undoubtedly the South Leicester Beaveree; an exciting event featuring a multitude of activities including crafts, dancing, magic shows, inflatables, go-karting, caving experiences, and even bouldering. The day was themed around reality TV shows and enabled us to meet, and connect, with others from the wider scouting community.

In April, nine of our lovely Beavers went to a special ceremony at the Town Hall in Leicester City centre where they received their Chief Scout's Bronze Award, presented by the Lord Mayor. This is the highest award Beaver's can achieve and was a moment of great pride for everyone.

Our calendar has been brimming with an exciting programme of other activities too. We've had our annual Saint George's Day celebrations, which was a great hit, with dragons, flags, and biscuit decorating adding to the fun and festivities; A Greek-themed

night hosted by Fox, with an immersive cultural experience complete with authentic Greek cuisine; and learnt what to do in an emergency and how to administer basic first aid as part of our work towards the Emergency Aid badge.

In May we had an amazing sleepover at Conkers activity centre as part of another district wide scouting event. We were paired with the 84th Leicester Beaver Colony from Littlethorpe and had a wonderful day together exploring, playing and learning in the outdoors. The Beavers loved the variety of activities available to them, and while the many climbing experiences and train ride were firm favourites, the movie before bed was the perfect way to relax after an energetic, fun-filled day. We made some great new scouting friends in the 84th colony and have plans to get our two groups together for some joint activities in the future.

As the nights grew warmer and longer, we embraced more outdoor activities. We took the opportunity for some leisurely rambles through some of Blaby's parks and open spaces, providing us with an opportunity to connect with nature and learn about our local area.

Reflecting on the past year, it's clear that our adventures with Blaby Beavers have been a true testament to the spirit of scouting and the development of our young people, and hopefully giving them some wonderful memorable experiences to cherish. We are now starting to gear-up ready for our Autumn programme - so here's to many more fun and exciting times ahead with our incredible Blaby Beavers colony!



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The Pack currently has 26 Cubs, 1 Young Leader and 5 Leaders. We've enjoyed many amazing activities this past year and are already looking forward to what we have planned for the coming year.

We've had a successful parent rota running for 2 terms now, which has allowed us to do keep up our exciting programme even when low on leaders or just when we need a little extra help.

We went on a day trip to the Black Country Museum, where it was noted how well behaved our cubs were. We learnt a lot and enjoyed trying out things.

Despite the weather being terrible just before we arrived at the campsite, the rain cleared up

we enjoyed a lovely day at the woods to practice our scouting skills such as navigation, fire lighting and shelter building.

We've had 2 sleepovers - in November it was a board games theme, and in May we used our navigation skills on an evening hike before watching a movie.

In December we had xmas crafts and a Christmas party.

In February we celebrated Pancake Day, and tried out circus skills for the Venetian Carnival.

We had an extremely interesting evening in March - with special guests coming in to talk about their disabilities with us.

April saw us renew our promise during our St George's Day evening.

We've completed our Astronomer, Fire Safety and Hobbies badges; and our Communicator, Navigator and Gardening badgework is ongoing.

Other activities have included archery and climbing, home help skills, deafening ourselves learning about the science behind musical instruments, getting messy with plaster-of-paris hallowe'en and bonfire crafts, maypole dancing, sending messages through semaphore and morse code.

We have been working towards our You Shape awards, part of which will be the Cubs' presentation at the AGM.

At the time of writing this - we are excited about our upcoming summer camp at the end of June at Fox Coverts campsite, where we have some amazing activities planned. I'm sure the cubs will tell you all about it.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank everybody (Parents, Guests, the wider Scout Group and all our connections) who supports our Cub Pack to make all the above things happen.

Scouts



We have welcomed new Scouts both from Cubs and from outside of Scouting, they have blended into the Troop, becoming valued members. Scouts have reached the magic age of 14 and moved on to the challenges of Explorer Scouts and we wish them, and those who have made the break from Scouting, well in their new endeavours.

This year we have had a week long Summer Camp at Gradbach Scout Campsite which belongs to Derbyshire Scouts. It was a camp of mixed weather with sunshine and showers when scouts were continually swapping from trousers to shorts and back again. Our activities included rock climbing at the Roaches, Kayaking and Stand Up Paddleboarding, hiking from the campsite and in Dovedale and of course Master Chef competition which is a highlight of every Summer Camp. It's a busy week for the Scouts, with activities and cooking all their own meals as patrols - putting everything that we do on Troop nights into practice.

Sadly not enough Scouts wanted to brave the elements in January and Frostie camp was not financially viable, so had to be cancelled.

Our programme has also seen the scouts partying for Christmas and B.P.'s Birthday; cooking up a storm with Shrove Friday, Friday Kitchen and fruity BBQ skewers on fires; brushing up their First Aid skills; celebrating their wonderful mums and St David's Day with all things Welsh; doing their bit for World Earth Day with a litter pick; sleepovers, hikes and pioneering projects where they raced Sedan Chairs! All in all, an enjoyable time with opportunities to develop and grow as part of a team.

Thanks go to all the Troop volunteers for their help in making the programme happen, (and especially to Alex our Young Leader who has been much missed during this exam period), to the Scouts for keeping us wanting to do it and to parents for their support throughout the year.

Shaun and Helen

EXPLORERS

As we reflect on the past 12 months at Blaby Explorers, it's been a year of transition, growth and unforgettable experiences. We've welcomed new faces into our unit while bidding farewell to older Explorers as they embark on new adventures in the world of work and university.

One highlight of our year was our unforgettable Summer Camp in Tintern, Cornwall. Despite the weather throwing us a curveball, we embraced every moment and had an incredible time. From surfing and cycling to aqua-park adventures, we indulged in fantastic food and shared many laughs, returning home exhausted but with memories to last a lifetime.

Throughout the year, we've engaged in a wide range of activities, including Hello Fresh cooking nights, pioneering challenges, hikes and even a wet and damp "Frosty" camp in March. Laser Tag battles, quiz nights, games and fires at Johns Lee Wood all added to the fun.

Looking ahead, we're eagerly anticipating this year's summer camp near Hunstanton, where we'll embark on a week filled with exciting activities and new adventures.

On a bittersweet note, we must share that myself, Max, and Andy have made the difficult decision to step down as leaders at the end of the year. Increasing work commitments and other scouting responsibilities necessitate this. However, we remain committed to supporting the upcoming Explorer Belt trip to Canada in 2025.

As we prepare for the future, we're actively seeking a new team of volunteers to lead our unit in 2025. If you're passionate about scouting and interested in joining our team, please don't hesitate to reach out to either myself or Mark (Group Lead Volunteer).

Chris Worth
Explorer Scout Team Lead

Hut Report.

The Scout Group continues to earn extra funding by hiring out both the main hall and the upstairs meeting room to a wide variety of local groups, societies, charities and small businesses.

We have provided a regular venue for baby signing, messy play, 2 different dog training groups, yoga classes, exercise and tai chi classes for seniors, driver training tests, counselling sessions and a range of local society meetings. We have hosted craft fairs, antique valuation days, NHS staff away-days and local council-funded exercise classes.

In the past year there have also been 17 birthday parties and celebrations for local families at the hut. Many bookers come to us after enjoying someone else's party here.

Our users say they appreciate the space available, including the kitchen and the garden, the use of our equipment such as tables/chairs/tea and coffee making facilities, the WiFi and the convenient, free parking.

In a bid to be more energy efficient, the heating in the main hall has been changed to a newer aircon system which holds the room at a comfortable temperature.

Better insulation is to follow, which should ensure lower energy bills in the years to come.

Finally some thanks!

Thanks to all our wonderful bookers who appreciate our hut and help keep it in good condition

Thanks to Fanta who cleans and tidies twice a week and ensures all supplies are replenished

Thanks to Jane our Quartermaster and Cliff, for the huge amount they do in and around the building, especially keeping the garden in such good order

Thanks to the solid group of leaders, exec members and parents who volunteer to open and close the hut for parties!

Please get in touch or check out our website if you want to know more about our rooms, how to book them, or details of any of the regular classes that use the hut. We currently have some daytime slots available during the week.

Email: bookings@blabyscouts.org

Website: www.blabyscouts.org/hut-hire/

Liz
Blaby Scout Hut Bookings Secretary



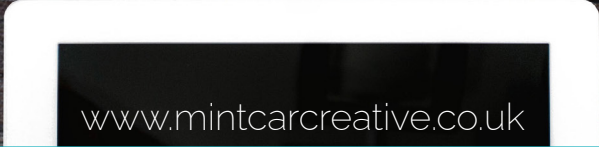
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If you want to become involved in our amazing Scout Group please contact our Group lead volunteer (mark.chamberlain@blabyscouts.org) or Deputy group lead volunteer (mason.chapman@blabyscouts.org)

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Receipts and Payments Account

Year start date

Year end date

For the year from	01-Apr-23	To	31-Mar-24
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Receipts and payments

	2023/2024 Unrestricted funds £	2022/2023 Unrestricted funds £
Receipts		
Donations, legacies and similar income		
Membership subscriptions	11,847	13,234
Less: Membership subscriptions paid on (National/County/Area/District)	4,412	4,343
Net membership subscriptions retained	7,435	8,891
Donations	1,453	3,603
Legacies		
Gift Aid	0	0
Other similar income Camps	8,168	7,076
Sub total	17,056	19,570
Grants		
Other grants	0	0
Sub total	0	0
Fundraising (gross)		
Other fundraising activities	525	60
Sub total	525	60
Investment income		
Bank interest	49	32
The Scout Association Short Term Investment Service	43	39
Property Rent income	11,232	10,828
Other investment income		
Sub total	11,324	10,899
Total Gross Income	28,905	30,529
Asset and investment sales, etc.		
Total receipts	28,905	30,529

26th Leicester (Blaby) Scout Group Receipts and Payments Account

Year start date

Year end date

For the year from	01-Apr-23	To	31-Mar-24
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Receipts and payments

	2023/2024 Unrestricted funds £	2022/2023 Unrestricted funds £
Payments		
Charitable Payments		
Youth programme and activities, uniforms and kit	20,686	11,817
Training	-	325
Rent		
Water and Sewerage	230	243
Electricity	4,886	1,893
Insurance	1,599	1,426
Cleaning, Repairs and Renewals	7,316	7,068
Broadband	330	323
Printing and photocopying	-	-
Contribution to camp costs	-	-
Licences	377	980
AGM and trustee expenses	25	110
Minibus costs	1,976	1,072
Other costs detail COVID-19 Costs	-	-
Bank charges and Go-Cardless fees	819	832
Sub total	38,244	26,089
Fundraising expenses		
Other fundraising costs		
Sub total	-	-
Total Gross Expenditure	38,244	26,089
Total payments	38,244	26,089
Net of receipts/(payments)	- 9,339	4,440
Cash funds last year end	30,856	26,416
Cash funds this year end	21,517	30,856

Template for the scrutineer's report to the trustees

Scrutineer's Report to the Trustees of 26th Leicester (Blaby) Scout Group

I report on the accounts of the Group/District for the year ended 31st March 2024.

Respective responsibilities of Trustees and Scrutineer

As the Group's/District's trustees you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts; you consider that neither the audit nor independent examination requirements of the Charities Act 2011 apply. It is my responsibility without carrying out an audit or independent examination to scrutinise the accounts and to report to you.

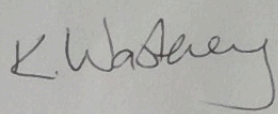
Basis of Scrutineer's Statement

In accordance with the directions given in the Group's/District's constitution, I have scrutinised the records and the accounts set out on pages to

Scrutineer's Statement

In my opinion the accounts are in accordance with the records produced to me and comply with the constitution.

Name: Kathryn Wastrey
Address: 11 Park Road
Blaby
Date: 20 May 2024



26TH LEICESTER (BLABY) SCOUT GROUP

England & Wales - Charity number 521744

Accounts

26th Leicester (Blaby) Scouts – Annual Report 2022-3

This was the first full year of activities post covid. It was good to see all scouting groups return to full activity and a summer of camps. Support from group leaders, assistants and parents through the year was great and numbers of members was maintained.

Financially this was a sound year with receipts exceeding payments by £4,440. Financial reserves remain secure.

26th Leicester (Blaby) Scout Group Receipts and Payments Account

Year start date

Year end date

For the year from	01-Apr-22	To	31-Mar-23
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Receipts and payments

	2022/2023 Unrestricted funds £	2021/2022 Unrestricted funds £
Receipts		
Donations, legacies and similar income		
Membership subscriptions	13,234	7,750
Less: Membership subscriptions paid on (National/County/Area/District)	4,343	4,505
Net membership subscriptions retained	8,891	3,245
Donations	3,603	1,230
Legacies		
Gift Aid	0	277
Other similar income Camps	7,076	1,716
Sub total	19,570	6,468
Grants		
Other grants	0	0
Sub total	0	0
Fundraising (gross)		
Other fundraising activities	60	18
Sub total	60	18
Investment income		
Bank interest	32	0
The Scout Association Short Term Investment Service	39	8
Property Rent income	10,828	8,385
Other investment income		
Sub total	10,899	8,393
Total Gross Income	30,529	14,879
Asset and investment sales, etc.		
Total receipts	30,529	14,879

26th Leicester (Blaby) Scout Group Receipts and Payments Account

Year start date

Year end date

For the year from	01-Apr-22	To	31-Mar-23
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Receipts and payments

	2022/2023 Unrestricted funds £	2021/2022 Unrestricted funds £
Payments		
Charitable Payments		
Youth programme and activities, uniforms and kit	11,817	3,093
Training	325	-
Rent		
Water and Sewerage	243	74
Electricity	1,893	1,915
Insurance	1,426	1,326
Cleaning, Repairs and Renewals	7,068	4,650
Broadband	323	
Printing and photocopying	-	186
Contribution to camp costs	-	434
Licences	980	
AGM and trustee expenses	110	68
Minibus costs	1,072	1,403
Other costs detail COVID-19 Costs	-	109
Bank charges and Go-Cardless fees	832	487
Sub total	26,089	13,745
Fundraising expenses		
Other fundraising costs		
Sub total	-	-
Total Gross Expenditure	26,089	13,745
Total payments	26,089	13,745
Net of receipts/(payments)	4,440	1,134
Cash funds last year end	26,416	25,282
Cash funds this year end	30,856	26,416

Scrutineer's Report to the Trustees of the 26th Leicester (Blaby) Scout Group Scout Council

I report on the accounts of the Group for the year ended 31 March 2023

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