

1ST BOSTON SEA SCOUT GROUP

England & Wales · Charity number 522354

Details

Status Registered

Legal form Trust

Registered 1964-02-13

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

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Activities

Objects: 1ST BOSTON SEA SCOUT GROUP

Activities: Scouting exists to actively engage and support young people in their personal development, empowering them to make a positive contribution to society. Activities are provided to members aged 6-14 years, and guided by the following values: Integrity, Respect, Care, Belief and Co-operation

Classification

- **How:** Provides Human Resources, Provides Buildings/facilities/open Space
- **What:** General Charitable Purposes, Education/training, Amateur Sport
- **Who:** Children/young People

Geography

- **Area of benefit:** BOSTON
- Lincolnshire

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-12-31	£24,293	£22,980	-	-
2024-12-31	£30,296	£26,033	-	-
2023-12-31	£23,779	£33,074	-	-
2022-12-31	£18,599	£16,969	-	-
2021-12-31	£27,541	£26,264	-	-
2020-12-31	£28,853	£19,474	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
RICHARD JAMES ATTERBY	Chair	
GRAHAM JOSEPH CHESTER		
MARTIN CHAPMAN		
STEPHEN CHAPMAN		2024-04-24
SUE CHESTER		

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Trustees' Annual Report

For the period

From (start date)

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 to end date

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Section A

Reference and administration details

Charity name

1ST BOSTON SEA SCOUT GROUP

Other names the charity is known by

1st Boston Scout Group

Registered charity number (if any)

5 2 2 3 5 4

HQ registration number

3 0 6 1 0 1

Charity's principal address

Witham Bank East

Boston

Lincs

Postcode P E 2 1 9J U

Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

(These will be published in the annual report of the charity and the Charity Register if reporting for a Registered Charity with a charity regulator)

	Trustee Name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year
1	Richard J Atterby		
2	Graham J Chester		
3	Sue Chester	Treasurer	
4	Martin Chapman		
5	Stephen Chapman		24.4.24-31.12.24

Names and addresses of advisers

Type of advisor	Name	Address
N/A		

Section B

Structure, governance and management

Description of the charity's trusts

Type of governing document

The Group's governing documents are those of the The Scout Association. They consist of a Royal Charter, which in turn gives authority to the Bye Laws of the Association and The Policy, Organisation and Rules of The Scout Association. Deed of gift dated 12.9.61 upon the trusts of the boys scouts association trust deed 1955

How the charity is constituted

The Group is a trust established under its rules which are

common to all Scouts.

Trustee selection methods

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

Additional governance issues

The Group is managed by the Group Trustee Board, the members of which are the 'Charity Trustees' of the Scout Group which is an educational charity. As charity trustees they are responsible for complying with legislation applicable to charities. This includes the registration, keeping proper accounts and making returns to the Charity Commission as appropriate.

The Trustee Board consists of the Chair, Treasurer and 3 Trustees

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

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

Section B

Structure, governance and management (continued)

Risk and Internal Control

The Group Trustee Board has identified the major risks to which they believe the Group is exposed, these have been reviewed and systems have been established to mitigate against them. The main areas of concern that have been identified are:

Damage to the building, property and equipment. The Group would request the use of buildings, property and equipment from neighbouring organisations and other Scout Groups. The Group has sufficient buildings and contents insurance in place to mitigate against permanent loss.

Injury to leaders, helpers, supporters and members. The Group through the capitation fees contributes to the Scout Associations national accident insurance policy. Risk Assessments are undertaken before all activities.

Reduced income from fund raising. The Group is primarily reliant upon income from building hire, subscriptions and fundraising. The group does hold a reserve to ensure the continuity of activities should there be a major reduction in

income. The Board could raise the value of subscriptions to increase the income to the group on an ongoing basis, either temporarily or permanently.

Reduction or loss of leaders. The group is totally reliant upon volunteers to run and administer the activities of the group. If there was a reduction in the number of leaders to an unacceptable level in a particular section or the group as a whole then there would have to be a contraction, consolidation or closure of a section. In the worst case scenario the complete closure of the Group.

Reduction or loss of members. The Group provides activities for all young people aged 6 to 14. If there was a reduction in membership in a particular section or the group as whole then there would have to be a contraction, consolidation or closure of a section. In the worst case scenario the complete closure of the Group.

Section C	Objectives and activities
Summary of the objects of the charity set out in its governing document	<p>The Purpose of Scouting Scouting exists to actively engage and support young people in their personal development, empowering them to make a positive contribution to society.</p> <p>The Values of Scouting As Scouts we are guided by these values: Integrity - We act with integrity; we are honest, trustworthy and loyal. Respect - We have self-respect and respect for others. Care - We support others and take care of the world in which we live. Belief - We explore our faiths, beliefs and attitudes. Co-operation - We make a positive difference; we co-operate with others and make friends.</p> <p>The Scout Method Scouting takes place when young people, in partnership with adults, work together based on the values of Scouting and:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- enjoy what they are doing and have fun- take part in activities indoors and outdoors- learn by doing- share in spiritual reflection- take responsibility and make choices- undertake new and challenging activities- make and live by their Promise.

All sections undertake badge work, with the aim of achieving the relevant chief scout awards.
Camps were held at Woodhall, Hebden Bridge and Sudbroke.

Boston Woods opening of Dion's.
Weekly kayaking during summer months. Kayaking taster days to other groups within the district.
External activity days eg Care home crafts, litter picking, wide games and camp fire, martial arts, bowling, hikes, farm visit.
External visit from small animal rescue, Evolve flowers
Attendance at St Georges day parade and annual carol service.

Additional details of the objectives and activities

There have been no grant applications during this current year.
The trustees will continue to review any applications and requests.
Volunteers continue to aid in fund raising - primarily through manning the turnstiles at a local football club in return for a donation to group funds. A Race night was organised for all sections in April.

Public benefit statement

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

Section D

Achievements and performance

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

At the start of the year the group had 34 members, but throughout the year membership numbers increased to 47. This was largely due to the closure of 2nd Boston Scout Group, who merged with 1st Boston in Septmeber. There has been significant movement to explorer units. In line with other groups within the district, recruitment of younger members continues to be a concern. We currently have 19 leaders and 1 young leader. 2 young leaders have now progressed to leader roles.
5 gold chief scout awards presented.
Maintain statutory health and safety requirements.

Section E

Financial Review

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

Reserves Policy

The Group's policy on reserves is to hold sufficient resources to continue the charitable activities of the group should income and fundraising activities fall short.
The Group Trustee Board will prepare and review budgets during the next financial year.

Investment Policy

The Group does not have sufficient funds to invest in longer term investments. The Group has therefore adopted a risk averse strategy to the investment of its funds. All funds are held in cash using only a mainstream bank.

By lease arrangements, the building is also used by other users. Income received supports the maintenance and running costs of the building.

Gift aid is applied for in respect of membership subscriptions collected

Section F Other Optional Information

Plans for future periods

The Trustees will continue to support the Group through recruitment and membership with Playgroup.
The aim of the group is not for profit or to establish a large recruitment of trustees and youth members.
Maintain current revenue streams
Fund raise where applicable and relevant

Section G Declaration

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)

Full name(s)

Position (eg Treasurer, Chair)

Date

1ST BOSTON SCOUT GROUP
 ACCOUNT SUMMARY
 YEAR 01.01.24 – 31.12.24

OPENING BALANCE £7500.45
 CLOSING BALANCE £11762.87

Credits £30,295.72
 Debits £26033.30 = profit/growth £4262.42

EQUALS DEBIT CARDS Balance @ 31.12.24 = £432.86
Income transferred from Group account = £800.00
Expenditure on cards £367.14
(Section activities £220.00, Minibus £90.50, Repairs £8.64, Equals cards £48.00)

I confirm, to the best of my knowledge, that the balance statements are a true record of the 1st Boston Scout Group Account

Signed Sue Chester (treasurer)

Dated 17 May 2025

SUMMARY OF ACCOUNTS 01.01.24-31.12.2024

INCOME		EXPENDITURE	
SUBS	2530.00	WATER RATES	944.77
PLAYGROUP HIRE	5700.00	ELECTRICITY	7080.67
WITHAM EXPLORERS	320.00	EQUIPMENT	125.93
CANOE CLUB HIRE	450.00	GROUP ACTIVITIES/BADGES	9243.45
FUND RAISING	867.70	FUNDRAISING	287.54
ROOM HIRE	0.00	MEMBERSHIP/CAPITATION	1908.00
GROUP SECTION ACTIVITY	7789.82	MINIBUS	1770.05
DONATION	4079.86	ELECTRICAL CERTIFICATION	0.00
TRAINING REIMBURSEMENT	22.50	LEADER TRAINING/ACTIVITIES	89.20
KAYAK SESSIONS	20.00	INSURANCE	1667.89
PLAYGROUP RECHARGES	7440.84	FIRE EQUIPMENT SERVICE	750.43
GIFT AID	895.00	DONATION	250.00
MINIBUS DONATION USE	180.00	REPAIS & MAINTENANCE	836.53
		UNIFORM	915.24
		RATES	27.13
		ADVERTISING/MISCELLANEOUS	136.47
TOTAL	30295.72		26033.30

APPROVED BY DATED

Scrutineer's Report to the Trustees of the 1st Boston Scout Council

I report on the accounts of the Group/District for the year ended 31st December 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:

Address:

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Date:

1ST BOSTON SEA SCOUT GROUP

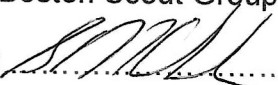
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1ST BOSTON SCOUT GROUP
 ACCOUNT SUMMARY
 YEAR 01.01.21 – 31.12.21

2019/20	
OPENING BALANCE	13888.86
CLOSING BALANCE	15166.52
Credits	27541.42
Debits	26263.76

I confirm, to the best of my knowledge, that the balance statements are a true record of the 1st Boston Scout Group accounts

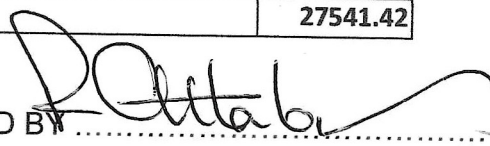
Signed  Sue Chester (treasurer)

Dated ...06 March 2022

SUMMARY OF ACCOUNTS 01.01.21-31.12.2021

INCOME	
SUBS	1720.00
PLAYGROUP HIRE	5400.00
WITHAM EXPLORERS	0.00
CANOE CLUB HIRE	0.00
FUND RAISING	0.00
ROOM HIRE	0.00
GROUP SECTION ACTIVITY	40.00
DONATION	930.00
TRAINING REIMBURSEMENT	0.00
KAYAK SESSIONS	0.00
PLAYGROUP RECHARGES	3116.21
GIFT AID	0.00
LOCAL AUTHORITY GRANT	16335.21
TOTAL	27541.42

EXPENDITURE	
WATER RATES	591.44
ELECTRICITY	2536.27
EQUIPMENT	3059.79
GROUP ACTIVITIES/BADGES	1226.33
PARTY	630.71
MEMBERSHIP/CAPITATION	2645.00
MINIBUS	1743.52
LEADER TRAINING/ACTIVITIES	80.00
INSURANCE	1247.96
FIRE EQUIPMENT SERVICE	210.00
DONATION	0.00
REPAIS & MAINTENANCE	11916.56
UNIFORM	308.72
RATES	31.23
ADVERTISING/MISCELLANEOUS	36.23
	26263.76

APPROVED BY  DATED 07.06.22

TREASURERS REPORT
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
WEDNESDAY 6 APRIL 2022

FINANCIAL YEAR 01.01.21 – 31.12.21

OPENING BALANCE: £13,888.86

CLOSING BALANCE: £15,166.52 = growth £1,277.6

INCOME

Subs and playgroup hire are comparable with the last year. Gift Aid application is still to be submitted on subs paid. Due to restricted use we suspended all charges for the canoe club and Witham explorers relating to room/equipment hire. Normal charges will resume 2022.

£930 donation received from Boston United Football Club - providing cover on the turnstiles during match games. Increase in payments received, due to additional cover needed at new stadium

Riverside playgroup continue to pay 88% of utility costs – as per lease agreement amendment 28.09.2017

Grants received due to covid government funding £16,335.21

EXPENDITURE

Utilities actual cost to group = £375.33

Equipment purchases = £3,059.79 includes replacement tents, camping equipment, event shelter, tables and chairs, mower, activity equipment

Group activities and badges = £1,857.04 – including summer welcome back events and Christmas activities.

Minibus – £1743.52 – insurance, tax, repairs and maintenance, signwriting/decals

Capitation £2645 paid for all members and young leaders

Insurance – buildings and equipment £1247.96

Repairs and maintenance – including fire equipment servicing = £12,126.56 - Key items facia and guttering repairs £1548 – repairs to jetty £1666.49 – partial replacement roof £8202.72

Key planned maintenance for 2022 will include repairs to bank steps leading down to the water.

A review to be carried out by the executive committee into the lease agreement with Riverside Playgroup, and membership charges to the members.

Online banking was set up in November 2021 with the group's bank, enabling prompt payment for expenditure and cheque clearing.

SUSAN CHESTER - GROUP TREASURER

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER REPORT

IST BOSTON SCOUT GROUP

ANNUAL ACCOUNTS for Period 01.01.22 – 31.12.21

INCOME - has been documented and cross checked against bank statements.

Local government grants have been received for business covid operating restrictions.

EXPENDITURE – receipts have been received and retained against those checked. Expenditure has been broken down to identify specific categories, reflecting statutory maintenance and operating costs.

The group continues to recharge utility costs to a building user in line with the lease agreement dated 28.9.17.

RECOMMENDATIONS – continue to maintain accurate records and retain for a period of at least 6 years.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'John E Pogson', written in a cursive style.

JOHN E POGSON – sole proprietor

Trading as Johns Audio & Visual, 13 Fydell Street, Boston, Lincs PE21 8LE

Dated 10 March 2022

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1ST BOSTON SCOUT GROUP
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
9th March 2021 8pm
MINUTES

PRESENT:

██████████ (Scout Leader) – CC	██████████ (Beaver Leader) – TC
██████████ – (GSL) GC	██████████ (Parent) - MC
██████████ (Treasurer) – SC	██████████ (Assistant Cub Leader) – PJ
██████████ (Secretary) – KC	██████████ (Parent) – AT
██████████ (AGSL) – RA	██████████ (Parent) – JS
██████████ (Assistant Scout Leader) - SB	

1. **APOLOGIES** –

2. **CHAIRMAN'S REPORT** –

- Due to now aligning financial period to that of Boston District this will therefore cover from 1st August 2019 to 31st December 2020
- Due to Covid-19 no meetings were held periods March to September and November to current.
- Expectations is for face-to-face meetings to resume from the 12th of April onwards, this is still subject to meeting government targets and approval from scouts association.
- During last year leaders have undertaken a clean up of site including bank compound, plus improvements as follows
 - New gates to bank frontage
 - Main Hall floor professionally refurbished
 - Additional racking in dry store
 - Grant from Boston Council in 2019 used to purchase 5 new tents
 - Community grant from Co-op used to purchase 40 chairs, trolley and 2 folding tables
 - Further to above we have purchased an additional 40 chairs, trolley and 6 tables
 - Fencing has been repainted
 - New outside lighting has been installed
- Further planned improvements – a meeting of the trustees has taken place to approve all the larger spends listed below, from additional government grants, this was confirmed by GC and RA during the meeting. These will meet health and safety concerns and insurance recommendations.
 - Over roofing of upstairs kitchen and meeting room including fascia and guttering £8200
 - Replacement of jetty decking £1500
 - Replacement of guttering and fascias on main hall building £1300
- Current Membership
 - Scouts 27 plus 2 young leaders
 - Cubs 18
 - Beavers 7
 - Leaders 15
 - Exec committee 8

Cub scout & beavers' numbers approx. 7% down on January 2020 census, whereas Boston District as a whole is down 30%. This latter figure represents the national trend across the country.

- Restarting procedures will be as October 2020
 - Temperature checks prior to entering building
 - Hand sanitiser
 - Face masks for all scouts
 - Face masks/visors for all adult leaders

- Disinfectant spray for cleaning at the end of the session
- All subscriptions to be paid via standing order
- Numbers limited to 15 including leaders

3. **TREASURERS REPORT**

- 17 months since the last report this is an overview
- Opening Balance of £4509 with a closing balance of £13888
- Income
 - £28852 income with and expenditure of £19473, this seems high but the work that has been done is documented above in the chairman's report
 - Playgroup income was £6750 as they continued to operate during this time
 - Football club donations was £260 - restricted matches due to covid £180 outstanding will be reported in next financial year
 - 2 lots of gift aid at a total of £1762
- Expenditure
 - Our biggest expense was utilities at a cost of £4800 however 88% is recharged back to playgroup so £4000 was paid back so total cost to the group was £800.
 - Other key expenditure was equipment including new camping equipment, tables, chairs, and PPE needed for restarting under restrictions.
 - Repairs and maintenance had a spend of £4876 including £1675 on the main deck floor, new gates and outside works has also been completed.
- Donations
 - Boston Town Council small grants scheme donated £2048
 - As we pay business rates and were unable to operate fully, we were eligible for the Government covid grant scheme; we received £11334 last year, we have also been given an additional £6239.21 in January 2021 with a further £2096 due all from the same scheme.

We have been lucky to not have to ask district for financial support during this time and we are in the fortunate position of being self-sufficient, if anyone has any requests for spends to improve the group facilities and activities, please put your ideas forward.

4. **ELECTION OF OFFICERS**

- GC confirmed all those in elected positions are happy to be re-elected – all those in attendance confirmed yes.
- GC to contact all those not in attendance to confirm the above.

5. **SECTION REPORTS**

- Beavers – note read by GC from TC
 - Numerous badges have been awarded including hobbies badge, personal survival, gardening, cooking, cycling - due to lockdown these have all be award through achieving at home
 - Face to face resumed October–first week in November so limited activity was done
 - Beavers continued via Zoom where activities such as bingo, lego challenge, pizza wraps, paper crafts and pancake making were done
 - A big well done to Thomas and Sky who have made it into the local paper for their hard work doing a litter pick in the local community
- Cubs
 - No representative at the meeting
- Scouts
 - October return saw all but 1 scout return from pre lockdown, the 1 scout felt more comfortable at the time to delay their restart
 - CC praised the scouts for adapting very well to the changes due to covid restrictions

- Outdoor activities were done including flower arranging which was done by a scout parent
- November onwards saw virtual scout meetings with challenges done
- The chief scout award was also given out last year

Other comments

- Congratulations to Mark and Sam for completing their mandatory leaders training
- Congratulations to CC for completing her Training manager training to become a TA

6. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- GC thanked the leaders, as without them it's not possible to hold meetings and run all the activities, visits, and camps.

Next AGM March 2022, dates TBC

Meeting closed – 8.27pm

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 ACCOUNT SUMMARY
 YEAR 01.08.19 – 31.12.20

2019/20	
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CLOSING BALANCE	13888.86
Credits	28852.78
Debits	19473.80

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Signed Sue Chester (treasurer)

Dated ...14 February 2021

SUMMARY OF ACCOUNTS 01.08.2019-31.12.2020

INCOME		EXPENDITURE	
SUBS	1777.00	WATER RATES	716.88
PLAYGROUP HIRE	6750.00	ELECTRICITY	4095.33
WITHAM EXPLORERS	160.00	EQUIPMENT	2582.83
CANOE CLUB HIRE	450.00	GROUP ACTIVITIES/BADGES	194.09
FUND RAISING		PARTY	933.90
ROOM HIRE		MEMBERSHIP/CAPITATION	1838.00
		Skirbeck Holding fund	2000.00
DONATION	2048.61	CAPITATION Skirbeck Group	506.00
TRAINING REIMBURSEMENT		LEADER TRAINING/ACTIVITIES	
KAYAK SESSIONS	20.00	INSURANCE	1204.23
PLAYGROUP RECHARGES	4045.17	FIRE EQUIPMENT SERVICE	165.00
GIFT AID	1762.00	DONATION	51.83
LOCAL AUTHORITY GRANT	11334.00	REPAIS & MAINTENANCE	4876.77
Skirbeck Group capitation	506.00	UNIFORM	160.90
		RATES	35.85
		ADVERTISING/MISCELLANEOUS	112.19
TOTAL	28852.78		19473.80

SCOUT ASSOC-SKIRBECK set up 2000.00 - held in trust by 1st Boston Scout Group pending set up and confirmation of account details

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER REPORT

IST BOSTON SCOUT GROUP

ANNUAL ACCOUNTS for Period 01.08.19 – 31.12.20

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EXPENDITURE – receipts have been received and retained against those checked. Expenditure has been broken down to identify specific categories, reflecting statutory maintenance and operating costs.

The group had been holding funds for another new local scout group, which have been transferred during this financial period.

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Dated 31 January 2021