

# 2ND STAMFORD TOWN SCOUT GROUP

England & Wales · Charity number 522365

## Details

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**Other names** 2ND STAMFORD TOWN BOY SCOUT GROUP

**Status** Registered

**Legal form** Other

**Registered** 1964-08-26

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

## Contact

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## Activities

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**Objects:** 2ND STAMFORD TOWN BOY SCOUT GROUP.

**Activities:** We promote the development of young people in achieving their full physical, intellectual, social and spiritual potentials as individuals & responsible citizens and members of local, national & international communities.

## Classification

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

## Geography

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- **Area of benefit:** STAMFORD
- Lincolnshire

## Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-03-31	£38,309	£45,561	-	-
2024-03-31	£32,291	£28,219	-	-
2023-03-31	£25,737	£47,993	-	-
2022-03-31	£57,422	£41,447	-	-
2021-03-31	£67,451	£23,091	-	-

## Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Ann Marie Burrows		2025-06-23
Anna Rose Wotherspoon		2025-06-23
Danielle Marie Byford		2025-06-23
Lisa Stevenson		2025-06-23
MRS JAN SIMMONDS		2014-02-05
Patrick Horton		2025-02-01
Tom Facer		2024-12-01

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# Accounts

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2<sup>nd</sup> Stamford (Town) Scout Group  
Group Scout Council

Annual General Meeting

Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> June 2025  
Empingham Road Scout HQ, Stamford PE9 2RJ

Minutes

**1. Attendees**

Jan Simmonds, Nick Reynolds, Trevor Watson, Lisa Stevenson, Tom Facer, Neil Wotherspoon, Anna Wotherspoon, Danielle Byford, Patrick Horton, Charlotte Pritchard, Ann Burrows, John Burrows, James Burrows, Lucy Burrows, Jonathan Bull, Pauline Jones, Becky Birch, Andrew Headley

**2. Apologies**

Paul Scholes, Neil Scholes

**Governance topics**

- a. The minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 23/09/25 was approved
- b. The model constitution from Policy, Organisation and Rules (POR) was approved
- c. Note the Group's financial year – 1<sup>st</sup> April 2025 – 31<sup>st</sup> March 2026
- d. Appointed and community members of the Group Scout Council were approved as
  - All adult members of the group
  - All parents of Squirrels, Beavers, Cubs and Scouts
  - Ex-officio appointments
  - Group Lead Volunteer
  - Members of the community
- e. Appointment to the Trustee Board was approved at a maximum of 12
- f. The quorum for future meetings of the Group Scout Council (excluding this AGM) was approved at 15
- g. The quorum for future meetings of the trustee board was approved at one third of the membership plus one
- h. The quorum for sub-committee meetings was approved at one third of the membership plus one

**3. Review of the previous year**

- a. The District Lead Volunteer remarks were
  - Thank you to all volunteers and parents for everything over the last 12 months.
  - Recruitment of new leaders has enabled us to keep up with growth in membership.
  - Plan to expect a different council in 2027 there may be disruptions that affect the new HQ due to changes in central government structure. Add to the new HQ risk register

- 6<sup>th</sup> Stamford are planning to grow which should take some pressure of our waiting list
- b. Receive and consider the Annual Report of the Group Trustee Board, including the annual Statement of the Account
- The Treasurer said to be aware of variances from year to year in the accounts relating to the new HQ spending and fundraising. Therefore, this shows a profit one year and a loss the next. There is no risk to the group as there are funds in the bank, for example when Drift Road hut is sold there will be a large profit.
- The Chairman thanked the Treasurer and the Deputy Treasurer for all their hard work. Nick is standing down as Treasurer.

#### 4. **Making appointments**

- a. **Appoint the Group Treasurer** – Ann Burrows  
Ann has been the Deputy Treasurer for a number of years, and Nick will help her transition into the role. The vote was unanimous.
- b. **Members of the Group Trustee Board** (following recommendations from the open selection process initiated by the Group Trustee Board) – Anna Wotherspoon was voted in unanimously
- c. **Appoint the Independent Examiner** – Glentor Accounting Services, Jayne Wheeler

The District Lead Volunteer explained that new Charity Commission recommendations are that no-one holds a trustee position for more than 9 years. The Chairman thanked the new and old Trustee Boards. He gave particular thanks to Nick for all his hard work over the past 6 years.

#### 5. **Recognition**

The District Lead Volunteer made presentations to  
 Nick Reynolds – 5 years service award  
 Jonathan Bull - 10 years service award  
 Gareth Jones – 25 years service award (presented to Pauline in his absence)

#### 6. **Closing Remarks**

The new Group Lead Volunteer (GLV) spoke about starting the year by contacting all 55 adults who have valid DBS checks to enhance the support for the group and the leaders.

The GLV is the person who liaises between the Trustee Board and the leaders. We will be working with the new structures and understanding what our roles are.

The Chairman closed the meeting

**2nd Stamford Town Scout Group**  
**Receipts and Payments Account**  
**for the period ending 31 March 2025**

<b><u>Income</u></b>	<i>Note</i>		<b><u>Expenditure</u></b>	<i>Note</i>	
Subs		14,176.00	Membership Fees		7,401.50
Camping Activities	(1)	5,839.50	Camping Activities	(1)	5,447.75
Exciting Activities	(2)	1,722.75	Exciting Activities	(2)	2,663.20
Weekly Activities		-	Weekly activities		877.14
Hiring	(5)	1,406.92	Scout Shop (badges etc)		1,651.93
Property costs		-	Property costs	(7)	4,282.86
Gift Aid		3,129.04	Maintenance	(6)	1,790.19
			Equipment	(8)	1,246.29
Fund Raising	(4)	621.80	Fund Raising costs		457.33
Fund Raising New HQ	(4)	9,321.78	New HQ		16,988.60
Bank interest		727.59	Go cardless (Subs) fees & taxes		928.83
Other		-	Online subscriptions		180.00
			Other		40.00
			Training		-
Sale of Hoodies and shirts		1,364.00	Hoodies and shirts		1,606.00
Excess of Expenses over Receipts		<u>7,252.24</u>			
		<b><u>45,561.62</u></b>			<b><u>45,561.62</u></b>

Balance Sheet as at 31 March 2025

	<u>Restricted Funds</u>	<u>Designated Funds</u>	<u>Unrestricted Funds</u>	<u>Total Funds</u>
<b>Opening balances:</b>				
Petty Cash			582.53	
Floats			20.00	
OSM Cards			288.77	
Lloyds Bank	7,920.58	14,910.67	42,993.51	
<b>Total Opening Balances</b>	<b>7,920.58</b>	<b>14,910.67</b>	<b>43,884.81</b>	<b>66,716.06</b>
Movement in the year	6,922.67	(14,910.67)	735.76	(7,252.24)
<b>Closing balance</b>	<b>14,843.25</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>44,620.57</b>	<b>59,463.82</b>
<b>Funds</b>				
Total Floats		(Note 3)	-	-
Petty cash			637.76	637.76
OSM Cards			388.13	388.13
Lloyds bank - savings accounts			41,004.28	56,168.71
Lincub deposits - 22/23 - donated to unit funds			321.18	
New HQ Empingham Road Expenses - 21/22	(6,346.23)	(10,895.45)		
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New HQ Empingham Road Expenses - 24/25	(2,077.93)	(14,910.67)		
New HQ Empingham Road - 19/20	2,600.01			
New HQ Empingham Road - 20/21	2,876.22	46,311.52		
New HQ Empingham Road - 21/22	870.00			
New HQ Empingham Road - 22/23	644.64	337.80		
Activity Fund Raising for new HQ - 23/24	1,768.91			
Activity Fund Raising for new HQ - 24/25	7,505.96			
Corporate Donations for new HQ - 23/24	2,285.85			
Total Donations for new HQ - 24/25	1,815.82			
Stamford Methodist Donation for new HQ - 20/21		1,500.00		
Stamford Methodist Donation for new HQ - 22/23	2,400.00			
Stamford Methodist Donation for new HQ - 23/24	500.00			
Lloyds bank - current account			2,269.22	2,269.22
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<b>14,843.25</b>	<b>(0.00)</b>	<b>44,620.57</b>	<b>59,463.82</b>

**Independent Examiner's Report**

The accounts have been prepared under the cash basis accounting principle which is appropriate for this entity. I have examined the receipts and payments account, together with the balance sheet and records provided. In my opinion it shows a true and fair view of the affairs of 2nd Stamford Town Scout Group as at 31 March 2025.



Jayne Wheeler MAAT  
Glentor Accounting Services

Date: 06/06/2025

**2nd Stamford Town Scout Group**  
**Notes to the Accounts: 2024/25**

**Note**

**1 CAMPING ACTIVITIES**

	<u>Income</u>	<u>Expenses</u>	<u>Net (current year)</u> <u>In/(Out)</u>	<u>Previous year</u>	<u>Net</u> <u>In/(Out)</u>
Chiller 2024	1,858.50	1,657.00	201.50	(433.00)	(231.50)
Stamcamp 2023			-	(36.16)	(36.16)
Stamcamp 2024	1,377.00	501.45	875.55	(705.00)	170.55
Stamcamp 2025	1,050.00	1,625.00	(575.00)		(575.00)
District Camp	1,350.00	1,431.79	(81.79)		(81.79)
Lincub 2023 *			-	321.18	321.18
Scouts Autumn camp 2024	135.00	126.16	8.84		8.84
Beaver Camp	69.00	106.35	(37.35)	(42.23)	(79.58)
Cub Camp			-	(190.93)	(190.93)
Scouts Day Hike & Autumn Camp			-	(45.88)	(45.88)
	<b>5,839.50</b>	<b>5,447.75</b>	<b>391.75</b>	<b>(1,132.02)</b>	<b>(740.27)</b>

\* Lincub included a refund from District

**2 EXCITING ACTIVITIES**

	<u>Income</u>	<u>Expenses</u>	<u>Net</u> <u>In/(Out)</u>	<u>Previous year</u>	<u>Net</u> <u>In/(Out)</u>	<u>Section</u>
Whitewater	78.75	158.46	(79.71)	17.79	(61.92)	Scouts
Toboganning						Beavers / Cubs /
	393.00	436.00	(43.00)	(124.99)	(167.99)	Scouts
Rumble Live	390.00	435.00	(45.00)	(250.00)	(295.00)	Cubs
Active Acre	280.00	547.50	(267.50)		(267.50)	Cubs
Forest Facility	115.00	396.00	(281.00)		(281.00)	Scouts
BASC Country Day	80.00	-	80.00		80.00	Cubs
Chinese New Year (Scouts)	350.00	555.00	(205.00)		(205.00)	Scouts
Metal Detecting	36.00	-	36.00		36.00	Cubs
East of England Cub Event	-	76.80	(76.80)		(76.80)	Cubs
Cub Christmas party	-	30.44	(30.44)		(30.44)	Cubs
Sleepover	-	-	-	3.79	3.79	Beavers
Rifles	-	28.00	(28.00)	(73.00)	(101.00)	Scouts
Archery	-	-	-	(80.00)	(80.00)	Scouts
Parkour	-	-	-	33.00	33.00	Scouts
Paddle Boarding	-	-	-	(153.25)	(153.25)	Scouts
Climbing at Forest Facility	-	-	-	(102.04)	(102.04)	Scouts
Scuba Diving	-	-	-	(175.77)	(175.77)	Scouts
	<b>1,722.75</b>	<b>2,663.20</b>	<b>(940.45)</b>	<b>(904.47)</b>	<b>(1,844.92)</b>	

**3 FLOATS:**

John Burrows (Cubs)	card	100.00
Jonathan Bull (Scouts)	card	5.00
Becky Birch (Squirrels)	card	100.00
Lisa Stevenson (Beavers)	card	100.00
Pauline Jones (QM)	card	83.13
Pegasus Scouts	cash	-
		<b>388.13</b>

**4 FUND RAISING inc New HQ**

	<u>General</u>	<u>Restricted</u>	<u>New HQ</u>
SKDC Lottery	362.00		
Donations	166.70		1,815.82
Stamcamp Tuck Shop	-		333.96
Castle Bytham Event	-		649.80
Firework Support to Kiwanis	-		1,537.50
Easy Fund Raising	93.10		
Car Boot	-		41.00
Raffle	-		1,953.00
Dog Show	-		550.00
Explorers Film Night	-		130.00
Quiz Night	-		1,882.00
SJS Gym event	-		428.70
Total	<b>621.80</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>9,321.78</b>

**Notes to the Accounts: 24/25 (continued)**

<b>5 HIRINGS</b>	<b>Emp. Rd</b>	<b>Drift Ave</b>
Rifle Range	255.00	-
Hammocks	696.92	-
Parties	455.00	-
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1,406.92</b>	<b>-</b>

<b>6 MAINTENANCE</b>	<b>Emp. Rd</b>	<b>Drift Ave</b>	<b>Group</b>
Buildings Maintenance	-	-	-
Fire Extinguishers	-	-	-
Signs	31.19	-	-
Cleaning & cleaning materials	1,642.00	-	-
Grounds Maintenance	117.00	-	-
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1,790.19</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>

<b>7 PROPERTY &amp; INSURANCE COSTS</b>	<b>Emp. Rd</b>	<b>Drift Ave</b>	<b>Group</b>
Council Tax	374.62	420.73	-
Water	72.00	610.94	-
Electric	902.18	330.00	-
Insurance	975.74	502.65	94.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>2,324.54</b>	<b>1,864.32</b>	<b>94.00</b>

<b>8 Equipment</b>	<b>General</b>	<b>Restricted</b>
General Repairs	179.59	
Camping Equipment	375.06	
Safety Equipment	35.38	
Camping Repairs	47.38	
Equipment for Group Activities	333.90	
Hammock Equipment	274.98	
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1,246.29</b>	<b>-</b>

## Summary

The group has made a net loss of £7,232, mainly due to the additional spending for the new hut. Whilst fund raising towards the new hut exceeded £6,500, Expenses related to the new hut where £16,900 this year. This was expected and reported on in previous years reports, and is likely to continue to increase.

Taking out the fund raising specifically related to the new HQ, and the expenses, the group made a net increase of £10,440. The main contributors to this are an increase in membership fees, and lower spend on property maintenance and equipment.

## Income

Membership fees were increased in the year to support the continued inflationary pressures felt by everyone. Membership numbers have remained similar and the Trustees still feel that this offers good value for money. The introduction of Squirrels added £1,000 to our income, but has also contributed to our expenses.

Gift Aid is a big revenue stream for us, worth £3,483, which is an increase over previous years however there are still some parents yet to complete the gift aid form on OSM. This allows us to reclaim 20% of the subs from HMRC and helps us to fund the activities provided for the young people. It doesn't cost the parents any more money, but allows us to claim the additional revenue back. We would strongly encourage all parents to review OSM and complete the gift aid declaration form to support our club.

## Expenses

The day to day running and maintenance of the huts cost £6,073 for the year, which is similar to previous years, but remains our biggest cost.

Expenditure on equipment is £1,246, which was mainly around replacing some camping equipment and repair costs.

Spend on badges and neckers has risen to £1,652.

## Reserves Policy

The Group's policy on reserves is to hold sufficient resources to continue the charitable activities of the group should income and fundraising activities fall short. The Group Trustee Board considers that the group should hold a sum equivalent to 6 months running costs, plus fees circa £5,000.

The Group held reserves of approximately £59,500 against this at year end. This is above the level required for operating expenses. However this can be explained by:

- £12,400 in Restricted Funds (2023/24: £8,000)
- £NIL in Designated Funds (2023/24: £15,000)
- £47,100 in Unrestricted Funds (2023/24: £43,800)

The high level of reserves is to support the New Hut development, and so will likely increase in the next few years, before being spent on the New Hut. Restricted Funds includes the fund raising activities directly towards the New Hut. The Trustees have agreed to spend a high proportion of the Unrestricted Funds to support the New Hut development.

**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 mainstream banks.

**Deputy Treasurer**

For a number of years now Ann Burrows has been helping out as deputy treasurer. Her role is incredibly valuable to the group, and to me personally. Ann has been a dedicated member of the team, and her diligence and care has been a huge asset to the group. So I wish to thank her for her continued support.

**2nd Stamford (Town) Scout Group**

**5 Year Forecast**

	<b>29/30</b>	<b>28/29</b>	<b>27/28</b>	<b>26/27</b>	<b>25/26</b>	<b>24/25</b>	<b>23/24</b>
	<b>Budget</b>	<b>Budget</b>	<b>Budget</b>	<b>Budget</b>	<b>Budget</b>	<b>Actual</b>	<b>Actual</b>
	<b>27</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>23</b>
Leaders							
Members	<b>130</b>	<b>130</b>	<b>120</b>	<b>110</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>91</b>	<b>98</b>
Subs Monthly Price	16.00	15.00	15.00	14.00	14.00	14.00	12.00
<b>Income</b>							
Subs	22,880	21,450	19,800	16,940	15,400	14,176	12,264
Gift Aid	4,118	3,861	3,564	3,049	2,772	3,129	2,479
Hiring	3,000	3,000	3,000	3,000	3,000	1,407	517
Charity events	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	0	0
Donations	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Fund Raising (net)	5,000	5,000	400,000	500,000	250,000	11,308	9,196
Activities	12,086	12,086	11,157	10,227	9,297	7,562	7,207
Miscellaneous income	600	600	600	600	350,728	728	628
International Trips	10	10	10	10	10	0	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>48,695</b>	<b>47,007</b>	<b>439,131</b>	<b>534,826</b>	<b>632,207</b>	<b>38,309</b>	<b>32,290</b>
Inflation	2%	2%	2%	2%	2%	2%	2%
<b>Expenditure</b>							
Membership fees	11,674	11,445	10,358	9,308	8,296	7,402	6,716
Activities	10,586	10,586	9,657	8,727	7,797	7,054	6,246
Exciting Activities	10,000	10,000	10,000	10,000	10,000	2,663	2,886
Weekly activities	666	666	615	564	512	877	870
Construct New Hut	0	25,000	500,000	800,000	200,000	16,989	0
Equipment	3,746	3,246	2,746	2,246	1,746	1,246	199
Leaders Training / Uniform	50	50	50	50	50	0	0
Scout Shop (badges etc)	2,360	2,360	2,178	1,997	1,815	1,652	1,022
Charity	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	457	15
Council Tax	187	184	180	827	811	795	746
Water	754	739	725	711	697	683	72
Electricity	1,360	1,334	1,308	1,282	1,257	1,232	1,496
Gas							16
Rental Costs							
Property Insurance	1,736	1,702	1,669	1,636	1,604	1,572	1,384
<b>Property costs:</b>	<b>4,038</b>	<b>3,959</b>	<b>3,881</b>	<b>4,456</b>	<b>4,369</b>	<b>4,283</b>	<b>3,713</b>
Buildings	482	472	463	454	445	0	428
Cleaning	1,732	1,698	1,665	1,632	1,600	1,642	1,501
Equipment	3,789	3,714	3,641	3,570	3,500	31	3,256
Grounds	325	318	312	306	300	117	368
<b>Maintenance:</b>	<b>6,327</b>	<b>6,203</b>	<b>6,081</b>	<b>5,962</b>	<b>5,845</b>	<b>1,790</b>	<b>5,553</b>
OnLine Scout Manager (OSM)	180	180	180	180	180	180	200
Subscriptions	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
AGM	499	499	499	500	500	0	141
Go cardless (Subs) fee	1,049	1,006	929	815	741	929	542
Sundry expenses	250	250	250	250	250	40	115
International Trips	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>52,425</b>	<b>76,450</b>	<b>548,423</b>	<b>846,055</b>	<b>243,102</b>	<b>45,561</b>	<b>28,219</b>
<b>Net income/(loss)</b>	<b>(3,730)</b>	<b>(29,443)</b>	<b>(109,293)</b>	<b>(311,229)</b>	<b>389,105</b>	<b>(7,252)</b>	<b>4,072</b>
<b>Funds</b>							
Opening balance	(1,231)	28,212	137,505	448,733	59,628	66,880	62,808
Closing balance	(4,962)	(1,231)	28,212	137,505	448,733	59,628	66,880
<b>Minimum Cash Requirement</b>	<b>7,856</b>	<b>7,702</b>	<b>7,119</b>	<b>6,882</b>	<b>6,332</b>	<b>5,842</b>	<b>5,214</b>

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Movement in the year	6,922.67	(14,910.67)	735.76	(7,252.24)
<b>Closing balance</b>	<u><b>14,843.25</b></u>	<u><b>-</b></u>	<u><b>44,620.57</b></u>	<u><b>59,463.82</b></u>
<b>Funds</b>				
Total Floats			-	-
Petty cash			637.76	637.76
OSM Cards			388.13	388.13
Lloyds bank - savings accounts			41,004.28	56,168.71
Lincub deposits - 22/23 - donated to unit funds			321.18	
New HQ Empingham Road Expenses - 21/22	(6,346.23)	(10,895.45)		
New HQ Empingham Road Expenses - 22/23		(22,343.20)		
New HQ Empingham Road Expenses - 24/25	(2,077.93)	(14,910.67)		
New HQ Empingham Road - 19/20	2,600.01			
New HQ Empingham Road - 20/21	2,876.22	46,311.52		
New HQ Empingham Road - 21/22	870.00			
New HQ Empingham Road - 22/23	644.64	337.80		
Activity Fund Raising for new HQ - 23/24	1,768.91			
Activity Fund Raising for new HQ - 24/25	7,505.96			
Corporate Donations for new HQ - 23/24	2,285.85			
Total Donations for new HQ - 24/25	1,815.82			
Stamford Methodist Donation for new HQ - 20/21		1,500.00		
Stamford Methodist Donation for new HQ - 22/23	2,400.00			
Stamford Methodist Donation for new HQ - 23/24	500.00			
Lloyds bank - current account			2,269.22	2,269.22
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u><b>14,843.25</b></u>	<u><b>(0.00)</b></u>	<u><b>44,620.57</b></u>	<u><b>59,463.82</b></u>

**Independent Examiner's Report**

The accounts have been prepared under the cash basis accounting principle which is appropriate for this entity. I have examined the receipts and payments account, together with the balance sheet and records provided. In my opinion it shows a true and fair view of the affairs of 2nd Stamford Town Scout Group as at 31 March 2025.



Jayne Wheeler MAAT  
Glentor Accounting Services

Date: 06/06/2025

**2nd Stamford Town Scout Group**  
**Notes to the Accounts: 2024/25**

**Note**

**1 CAMPING ACTIVITIES**

	<u>Income</u>	<u>Expenses</u>	<u>Net (current year)</u>		<u>Net</u>
			<u>In/(Out)</u>	<u>Previous year</u>	<u>In/(Out)</u>
Chiller 2024	1,858.50	1,657.00	201.50	(433.00)	(231.50)
Stamcamp 2023			-	(36.16)	(36.16)
Stamcamp 2024	1,377.00	501.45	875.55	(705.00)	170.55
Stamcamp 2025	1,050.00	1,625.00	(575.00)		(575.00)
District Camp	1,350.00	1,431.79	(81.79)		(81.79)
Lincub 2023 *			-	321.18	321.18
Scouts Autumn camp 2024	135.00	126.16	8.84		8.84
Beaver Camp	69.00	106.35	(37.35)	(42.23)	(79.58)
Cub Camp			-	(190.93)	(190.93)
Scouts Day Hike & Autumn Camp			-	(45.88)	(45.88)
	<b>5,839.50</b>	<b>5,447.75</b>	<b>391.75</b>	<b>(1,132.02)</b>	<b>(740.27)</b>

\* Lincub included a refund from District

**2 EXCITING ACTIVITIES**

	<u>Income</u>	<u>Expenses</u>	<u>Net</u>		<u>Net</u>	<u>Section</u>
			<u>In/(Out)</u>	<u>Previous year</u>	<u>In/(Out)</u>	
Whitewater	78.75	158.46	(79.71)	17.79	(61.92)	Scouts
Tobogganning						Beavers / Cubs /
	393.00	436.00	(43.00)	(124.99)	(167.99)	Scouts
Rumble Live	390.00	435.00	(45.00)	(250.00)	(295.00)	Cubs
Active Acre	280.00	547.50	(267.50)		(267.50)	Cubs
Forest Facility	115.00	396.00	(281.00)		(281.00)	Scouts
BASC Country Day	80.00	-	80.00		80.00	Cubs
Chinese New Year (Scouts)	350.00	555.00	(205.00)		(205.00)	Scouts
Metal Detecting	36.00	-	36.00		36.00	Cubs
East of England Cub Event	-	76.80	(76.80)		(76.80)	Cubs
Cub Christmas party	-	30.44	(30.44)		(30.44)	Cubs
Sleepover	-	-	-	3.79	3.79	Beavers
Rifles	-	28.00	(28.00)	(73.00)	(101.00)	Scouts
Archery	-	-	-	(80.00)	(80.00)	Scouts
Parkour	-	-	-	33.00	33.00	Scouts
Paddle Boarding	-	-	-	(153.25)	(153.25)	Scouts
Climbing at Forest Facility	-	-	-	(102.04)	(102.04)	Scouts
Scuba Diving	-	-	-	(175.77)	(175.77)	Scouts
	<b>1,722.75</b>	<b>2,663.20</b>	<b>(940.45)</b>	<b>(904.47)</b>	<b>(1,844.92)</b>	

**3 FLOATS:**

John Burrows (Cubs)	card	100.00	
Jonathan Bull (Scouts)	card	5.00	
Becky Birch (Squirrels)	card	100.00	
Lisa Stevenson (Beavers)	card	100.00	
Pauline Jones (QM)	card	83.13	
Pegasus Scouts	cash	-	
		<b>388.13</b>	

**4 FUND RAISING inc New HQ**

	General	Restricted	New HQ
SKDC Lottery	362.00		
Donations	166.70		1,815.82
Stamcamp Tuck Shop	-		333.96
Castle Bytham Event	-		649.80
Firework Support to Kiwanis	-		1,537.50
Easy Fund Raising	93.10		
Car Boot	-		41.00
Raffle	-		1,953.00
Dog Show	-		550.00
Explorers Film Night	-		130.00
Quiz Night	-		1,882.00
SJS Gym event	-		428.70
<b>Total</b>	<b>621.80</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>9,321.78</b>

**Notes to the Accounts: 24/25 (continued)**

5 HIRINGS	Emp. Rd	Drift Ave
Rifle Range	255.00	-
Hammocks	696.92	-
Parties	455.00	-
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1,406.92</b>	<b>-</b>

6 MAINTENANCE	Emp. Rd	Drift Ave	Group
Buildings Maintenance	-	-	-
Fire Extinguishers	-	-	-
Signs	31.19	-	-
Cleaning & cleaning materials	1,642.00	-	-
Grounds Maintenance	117.00	-	-
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1,790.19</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>

7 PROPERTY & INSURANCE COSTS	Emp. Rd	Drift Ave	Group
Council Tax	374.62	420.73	-
Water	72.00	610.94	-
Electric	902.18	330.00	-
Insurance	975.74	502.65	94.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>2,324.54</b>	<b>1,864.32</b>	<b>94.00</b>

8 Equipment	General	Restricted
General Repairs	179.59	
Camping Equipment	375.06	
Safety Equipment	35.38	
Camping Repairs	47.38	
Equipment for Group Activities	333.90	
Hammock Equipment	274.98	
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1,246.29</b>	<b>-</b>

**2ND STAMFORD TOWN SCOUT GROUP**

England & Wales - Charity number 522365

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# Accounts

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# 2<sup>nd</sup> Stamford Town Scouts Trustees Annual Report 2023 - 2024

AGM Date: 23<sup>rd</sup> September 2024

Venue: Empingham Road Scout Hut, Stamford

## Section A Reference and administration details

Charity name: 2<sup>nd</sup> Stamford (Town) Scout Group

Registered Charity Number: 522365

Charity's Principal Address: Empingham Road, Stamford, PE9 2RJ

Charity Trustees who manage the charity:

<b>Trustee Name</b>	<b>Office (if any)</b>	<b>Dates acted if not for whole year</b>
Kara Groves	Chairperson	
Jacqui Trayford	Secretary	
Nick Reynolds	Treasurer	
Jo Tinker	Group Scout Leader	01/04/23 - 31/12/23
Trevor Watson	Acting Group Scout Leader	01/01/24 - 31/03/24
Pauline Jones	Quartermaster	
Jonathan Bull	Scout Leader - Pegasus Troop	
John Burrows	Cub Scout Leader – Kestrel Pack	
Paul Scholes	Cub Scout Leader – Kingfisher Pack	
Lisa Stevenson	Beaver Scout Leader	
Jan Simmonds	Chairperson - new HQ sub-committee	
Neil Wotherspoon	General Member	01/04/23 - 14/03/24

## Section B – Structure, governance and management

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.

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

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

The Group is managed by the Board of Trustees, 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 Board of Trustees consists of 3 independent representatives, Chair, Treasurer and Secretary together with the Group Scout Leader, individual section leaders (if opted to take on the responsibility), together with a Quartermaster, and general member(s). The Committee meets every 3 months.

Members of the Board of Trustees complete 'Essential Information for Executive Committee' training within the first 5 months of joining the committee.

This Board of Trustees exists to support the Group Scout Leader in meeting the responsibilities of the appointments and is responsible for:

- The maintenance of Group property;
- The raising of funds and the administration of Group finance;
- The insurance of persons, property and equipment;
- Group public occasions;
- Assisting in the recruitment of leaders and other adult support;
- Appointing any sub committees that may be required;
- Appointing Group Administrators and Advisors other than those who are elected.
- Ensuring all staff are paid fairly, in line with employment law
- Ensuring Conflict of Interest declarations are completed by all trustees and reviewed as appropriate.

### **Risk and Internal Control**

The Board of Trustees 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 use the second site or request the use of buildings, property and equipment from neighbouring organisations such as the church, community centre and other Scout Groups. Similar reciprocal arrangements exist with these organisations. 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 membership fees contributes to the Scout Associations national accident insurance policy. The group also has group insurance for personal accident and medical expenses insurance for non-member helpers and supporters. Risk Assessments are undertaken before all activities.

**Reduced income from fund raising.**

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

The group has in place systems of internal controls that are designed to provide reasonable assurance against material mismanagement or loss, these include 2 signatories for all payments and comprehensive insurance policies to ensure that insurable risks are covered.

## Section C- Objectives and Activities

### **The Purpose of Scouting**

Scouting exists to actively engage and support young people in their personal development, empowering them to make a positive contribution to society.

### **The Values of Scouting**

As Scouts we are guided by these values:

Integrity - We act with integrity; we are honest, trustworthy and loyal.

Respect - We have self-respect and respect for others.

Care - We support others and take care of the world in which we live.

Belief - We explore our faiths, beliefs and attitudes.

Co-operation - We make a positive difference; we co-operate with others and make friends.

### **The Scout Method**

Scouting takes place when young people, in partnership with adults, work together based on the values of Scouting and:

- enjoy what they are doing and have fun
- take part in activities indoors and outdoors
- learn by doing
- share in spiritual reflection
- take responsibility and make choices
- undertake new and challenging activities
- make and live by their Promise

Summary of the main activities in relation to these objectives

During the year all Sections have offered a range of activities to the membership as detailed in the following annual reports:

### **Chairperson's Report:**

My thanks go to Kara Groves, our elected chairperson who stood for the full year, but has since had to step down, so I am writing the report on her behalf. Thanks also to Jo Tinker who has been an amazing dedicated GSL and unfortunately had to stand down in December.

We have an exciting expansion of the group with the forthcoming opening of our new squirrel section. This new section will take on 4–5-year-olds. We have four leaders to help in this section and plan to open in the summer.

The new HQ sub-committee have had to abandon the initial HQ design, for which we had planning permission, due to escalating costs. A new design is in the final stages, and we hope to get planning permission in the summer. The new HQ sub-committee now have the immense task of coordinating the fundraising and grant applications. Already some wonderful ideas, events and support from different section leaders have been proposed,

but we do need more help with this so if you have any experience in grant applications, building projects or fundraising, or are just keen to help, let me know.

My thanks go to all our leaders and volunteers on the committees who give their time to make sure more young people can get involved in Scouting. The next year is going to be hard work in terms of fundraising, however from what I have seen over the last 12 months I am sure the leaders and their sections will have lots of fun in doing so!

Jan Simmonds, Acting Chairperson

### **Contribution by Volunteers**

Details on the contribution of adults can be found throughout this report.

### **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

The Board of Trustees in administering the charity has met 3 times during the year.

### Group Scout Leader Report

It has been another busy year for all our sections and our leaders have done an amazing job at guiding our young people through gaining badges in all areas and being awarded Scouting's highest achievements for each age range. I am grateful for all the new volunteers who have joined our leadership teams across the Group over the year. I also want to record my thanks to Jo Tinker, who unfortunately had to step down as Group Scout Leader in December, she has done a sterling job in taking the Group forward and continues to support the group with administrative tasks. A successor is still sort for what in a Transformed Scout Association will be the role of Group Lead Volunteer (GLV) sharing responsibilities with the new Group Leadership Team (GLT). Any parent interested in finding out about volunteering to fill this position should approach any leader to be put in contact with me.

During the reporting year we looked forward to the launch of our new Squirrel Section in the summer under the leadership of Tina and Becky. It will be exciting to be able to offer Scouting to younger people and start them on their journey in Scouting, for some before they start school! I am pleased to say the Section started operation in June so there will be more to report in next year's Annual review.

We have seen the start of the new structures in Scouting, being introduced nationally. The new job titles and structure for all our volunteers will take effect after the AGM and under the new structure we will have a separate Trustee Board to relieve our Section Leaders from responsibilities for the governance of the Group, so they can concentrate on delivering great programmes for our young people. If you have skills that you can offer please do get in touch, there are endless opportunities to help which don't include sleeping under canvas!

We also owe a huge debt to our New HQ subcommittee of Jan Simmonds, Pauline Jones, Neil Wotherspoon and Neil Scholes, who having received planning permission for our new HQ had to take the design back to basics due to escalating costs. A new, reduced cost, design is nearing completion, and we hope to have planning permission granted in the summer. It has been a long road to get to this point, but this is just the beginning of the journey as we now must start to fundraise in earnest. (The new permission has been granted)

Scouting in Stamford remains as popular as ever, with a long waiting list, and we will continue to provide as many young people as possible with opportunities to gain skills for life. If you're interested in getting involved, please contact a member of the leadership team as to clear the waiting list we will need to grow the Group

I would like to finish by thanking all those adults who volunteer within the Group in

whatever way. Scouting is a community facility run by the community so without your help the Group would not exist. Many of you can only volunteer for a year or two, others are with us for decades. Our structures are changing so that all tasks are the responsibilities of teams rather than individuals to allow more flexible volunteering for all.

Over the coming 12 months we will no doubt be embedding the new culture and role names but fundamentally we will continue to be there to give young people in the community Skills for Life.

Trevor Watson  
District Lead Volunteer for Stamford & Bourne District  
(acting as Group Leader Volunteer – 2<sup>nd</sup> Stamford Town)

### Quartermaster Report

With all sections being able to run several camps this year all the equipment has been well used. We have removed 2 patrol sized tents which were worn out and purchased 2 air beam tents to replace them. These should last a good number of years.

We also purchased 2 new 3 man tents to replace those which had worn out after many years of service.

The permanently pitched marquee needs frequent checking and repairs. At times these are difficult to keep up with. The quotes for replacement bungees and “s” hooks from the firm we brought it from are astronomical. (They have been taken over.) I will be looking for other suppliers and if need be will try to manufacture “s” hooks in house. This has been done with heavy duty metal pegs.

Small items of kitchen kit have been replaced as necessary.

Pauline Jones

### Leaders Reports

Please see appendices for Leaders individual troop reports.

## Section E Financial Report

### Treasurers Report

Please see Appendix 2 for final accounts and budget.

### Financial Summary

#### Summary

The group has made a net gain of £4,072, mainly due to the additional fund raising for the new hut. Expenses related to the new hut were low this year, however now in '24 we have the approval, expenses here are likely to ramp up. Taking out the fund raising specifically related to the new HQ, and the expenses, the group made a net loss of £482. The main contributors to this are the lower membership levels, and hirings than previous years. The leaders have put on a great number of activities for the young people, and the group has helped to fund some of these activities.

#### Income

Fund raising has had a great year, and included £2,000 from the Stamford Kiwanis to support the building of our investment in hammocks.

Gift Aid is a big revenue stream for us, worth £2,479, however there are still some parents yet to complete the gift aid form on OSM. This allows us to reclaim 20% of the subs from HMRC and helps us to fund the activities provided for the young people. It doesn't cost the parents any more money, but allows us to claim the additional revenue back.

#### Expenses

The day to day running and maintenance of the huts cost £6,010.19 for the year, and is our biggest cost.

Expenditure on equipment is £3,455 and included hammocks that can be used to raise additional funds through hiring, as well as offer a different camping experience. Additionally, we purchased a gazebo to offer more useful space outside.

Due to increased costs, spend on badges and neckers has risen to £1,022, despite the reduction in the number of members.

#### Deputy Treasurer

For a number of years now Ann Burrows has been helping out as deputy treasurer. Her role is incredibly valuable to the group, and to me personally – I am very grateful that we have Ann as part of the team!

Nick Reynolds - Treasurer

## Section F Additional Information

### New HQ Update

This time last year we were waiting for planning permission for the original design. This was finally granted after 10 months, but the escalating costs of the build, totalling over £2.5million made the project unfeasible from a fund-raising perspective. We have therefore had to return to the drawing board and Neil Scholes, who recently joined the committee, has been instrumental in getting the design agreed and finalised. We hope to get planning permission in the summer.

This further delay has held up any applications for large grants, such as from the National Lottery, which are dependent on receiving planning permission. Local fund raising has continued and I'd like to thank all of you who have supported us in so many ways.

We are in discussions with SKDC regarding Drift Avenue HQ and hope to agree sale of the site. This is an important part of our fund raising. This has been a long laborious process, but we are making steady progress.

Once we have planning permission, we will have 3 years to start the building works, and the fund raising will start in earnest. We will be looking for help in all sorts of areas – marketing, publicity, grant applications, crafting, ideas for fund raising and participants in local fund-raising events. If you, or anyone you know, would like to take part in this exciting journey please get in touch with a leader or with me, Jan Simmonds.

I'd like to thank the other members of the sub-committee. Firstly, Neil Wotherspoon who has been a stalwart member of the sub-committee from the start and has had to stand down due to other commitments. Thanks also to Pauline who has been a constant hard-working member of the committee and has kept the neighbours on-side. And finally welcome to Neil Scholes, a new member of the committee, who has led the work on the new design. If anyone is interested in joining the committee, or helping with fund-raising, please let me know.

Further details of the project, can be found on the group website - <http://www.2ndstamford.scoutsonline.co.uk>

Jan Simmonds, Chair New HQ Sub-committee

## 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): Jacqui Trayford

Position: Secretary

Date: 15/09/2024

## Appendix 1 Youth Activity

### Pegasus Troop

The 2023/24 year has been a busy year with new ambitious activities in the programme. We have had an established leadership team this year covering both Wednesday and Thursday and providing continuity. The scouts have enjoyed a broad variation activity programme throughout the year and made some significant achievements and had fun along the way.

#### **Membership & Attendance:**

Our numbers of scouts have averaged this year at around 26-30 scouts. We will have 2 Patrols (Does & Buffalos) on Wednesday and 3 Patrols (Weasels, Ravens, Wolves) on Thursday. As older scouts have moved on or decided to finish, we have new patrol leadership and assistants to reinforce ownership and responsibility within the scout teams. With an additional intake of youngsters are expected in Autumn 2024 and Spring 2025, the number of patrols will likely grow with increased numbers to c.36.

We also now have a more stable Leadership Team with good numbers committed to designated evenings providing consistency and resilience going forward. However, we would be happy to receive younger leaders from Explorers to provide additional support.

#### **Programme & Activities:**

We completed a broad programme which included a mix of outdoor and indoor activities to ensure full inclusivity for all ages and abilities. Highlights for out camp activities included a hike and overnight camp at Shacklewell. This was good bonding exercise for the new group of scouts. The other major camp attended this year was Stamcamp with 24 scouts attending – experiencing a wide range of outdoor activities and crafts. We were pleased to be supported by parents who dedicated their time to assist at mealtimes, which was greatly appreciated.

We were able to mix up the programme with a number of offsite visits which included outdoor events at Forest Facility, a night hike, Chiller 23 Activity Day and water sports at both Whitewater and Rutland Water. Plus, indoor activities including air rifle shooting, parkour, jamboree on the internet and scuba diving in Oakham.

We also supported charitable events fund raising for the new Empingham Road HQ at the Dog Show and Castle Bytham Summer Fayre.

#### **Badges & Achievements:**

Through our varied programme we were able to cover a range of skill badge activities and challenge badge. Jan Simmonds has done a great job in fostering the learning programme and badge completion, making our evening programme and events count towards badges most weeks.

We had 9 scouts complete their Expedition Challenge badge with an unaccompanied overnight hike and camp.

We had 2 scouts to complete their Gold Award this year – Jamie Thompson and Millie Scholes. We have another 4-6 working through their Challenge badge criteria towards their Gold Award by early 2025.

### **Leadership Summary:**

Over the year we have had 8 leaders available across our Wednesday/Thursday sessions. 1 will leave by summer 2024, but we have recruited 2 more leaders/occasional helpers to support from September 2024 onwards.

All training modules are up to date. 2 new adults will require training and compass set up.

Going into 2024/2025 year we are in really good shape with additional leadership and hope to increase the group size with a number of young people on the waiting list and a significant number to move up from cubs in 2025.

Jonathan Bull, Scouts Leader

## **Kestrels & Kingfishers Troop Report**

It has been another successful and eventful year for the Kingfisher Cubs, filled with engaging activities, badge work, and memorable events. Our pack continues to thrive, with strong participation and enthusiasm from both Cubs and leaders alike. This report summarizes our key achievements and activities over the past year, covering the Summer, Autumn, and Spring terms.

### **Membership and Leadership**

We have maintained a stable membership of around 35-40 Cubs throughout the year. This has allowed us to keep a balanced intake from Beavers moving up to Cubs and ensures space is available for those progressing to Scouts. Our leadership team remains strong, with a dedicated group of 7 adults across both Cub packs (Kingfisher and Kestrel). This collaborative approach enables us to run a robust and varied program, with many joint activities and events throughout the year.

### **Summer Term 2023**

The Summer Term focused on outdoor skills and activities, fostering teamwork and resilience among the Cubs. We started with **den building at Burghley**, followed by a **games and skills night**. A highlight was our **King's Coronation event**, where Cubs engaged in crafts and wrote letters to the King. We also included practical skills like **bike maintenance** and **sports and athletics**, culminating in the popular **Chip Shop Challenge**, a fun exploration of Stamford to find the best local chip shop.

The term included preparation for our camps with sessions on **tent pitching and gate building**, which were crucial for developing camping skills. We also visited the **Stamford**

**Fire Station** to learn about fire safety and finished the term with a fantastic outdoor adventure at **Rutland Water** for the "Rumble" event.

### **Autumn Term 2023**

The Autumn Term saw the Cubs engage in a variety of activities aimed at badge work and team building. We began with games and discussions around the **pack code of conduct** to set expectations for behaviour and teamwork. The Cubs had fun **building shelters** and participated in a **Jamboree night** with joint packs, which included a fire and snacks.

The term was rich with educational experiences such as **air rifle shooting, aviation activities**, and a memorable visit to the **Stamford Fire Station**. Cubs also participated in creative sessions, including **clay modelling** to make poppies and learning about Stamford's war heroes. We observed **Remembrance Day** with a thoughtful session on clay painting and history.

The term wrapped up with an **International Night** for the International Badge and ended with festive celebrations, including **Christmas crafts** and a **joint Christmas party**, where Cubs wore Christmas jumpers or fancy dress to share in the holiday spirit.

### **Spring Term 2024**

The Spring Term was equally packed with exciting activities and badge work. Cubs participated in sessions that combined learning with fun, such as **baking and food hygiene, bird identification** for the Big Bird Watch, and **night walks** around Stamford Town. They also made **bird boxes** and explored **scouting history**.

A key feature of the term was the focus on problem-solving skills, with activities that included writing instructions and team games. The Cubs also contributed to the community by assisting with the **Burghley 7 - Water Stations**. They continued to build on their skills with events like the **Skills Night** and a fun **Nerf Gun Night**.

We concluded the term with engaging activities like the **Scalextric Night**, ensuring a mix of educational content, skill development, and fun.

Between the two cub packs we awarded over 280 badges during the year due to their commitment. This included 4 silver awards which is the highest badge in cubs and takes a lot of work to achieve. Well done to everyone this year as we see continue to see a big demand for youth places in our group.

John Burrows & Paul Scholes, Cubs Leaders

### **Beavers Drift Road and Empingham Road Colonies**

Over the year, the Beavers have been exceptionally busy. In the summer term they designed and built vehicles out of recyclable materials to take part in the District Beaver Egg Race. They worked on their navigational skills to use on our trip to Fineshade Woods, where they completed the Gruffalo Orienteering Course. During the term, they also worked

on the International Activity Badge, finishing with an International themed overnight camp.

We seem to have fit in a lot at Beavers during the Autumn term, starting with completing the Cyclist badge on our homemade road at the Empingham Road HQ. The Beavers also completed the Health and Fitness, Cooks (some of which was on the campfire), Money Skills and Experiments badges. We spent a few weeks working on the Disability badge. This involved having a visit from John, a local resident who spoke to the Beavers about being blind. The Beavers made him a Braille thank you card and John was so touched he kindly donated some money for the Beavers to use on fun activities. Over the term, we also had a movie night sleepover, attended the Remembrance Parade, went to the Chiller Activity Day and took part in the carol singing fundraiser at the Burghley Christmas Market.

In the new year, we had a visit from Beach, a local published children's author, who inspired the Beavers to create their own front covers and complete the Book Reader badge. The Beavers spent a couple of weeks learning Emergency Aid, which I have heard has been used in real life situations at home since. We spent John's donation on taking the Beavers tobogganing. During the term, we also cooked dampers on the campfire and completed a hike and den building at Wakerley Woods.

I am still Beaver Section Leader of both colonies, with Lorraine, Annie and Marie Assistant Leaders. Portia joined us as an Assistant Leader in September and is proving to be a valuable member of our team. Over the year, we have had two Young Leaders and two D of E volunteers helping out. Both colonies are still meeting at Empingham Road HQ on a Monday, with staggered starting times and occasional joint meetings. We have continued to run the session outside as much as possible, which has had very positive feedback.

Over the year we have remained full, with 16 beavers at each colony most of the time. More recently we have chosen to keep one of the colonies with slightly lower numbers but will be increasing this again shortly. A majority of our Beavers move up to cubs, most of whom achieve their Chief Scout Bronze Award. Jo Tinker is still running the waiting list and a new intake of children are joining Beavers at the start of every term. This coming year, we will have to accommodate for the Squirrels moving up to Beavers as well.

### **Bronze Awards**

Lucas Magliulo, Beatrice Cotton, Jamie Evans, Orson Grove, Harry Truslove, Benjamin Chenery, Felix Childs, Tyler Higgins, Edwin Melvin, Delphie Forkin, Phoenix Miley, Wilfred Turner, Hugo Bryan, William Hardman, Agatha Sauntson, Teddy Sallis, Wilbur Holbird.

Lisa Stevenson, Beavers Section Leader

Appendix 2 2<sup>nd</sup> Stamford Town Scout Group Accounts  
Accounts 2023-2024

Charity Registration No. 522365

**2nd Stamford (Town) Scout Group**

**Accounts**

**For the year ended 31 March 2024**

Glentor Accounting Services  
Glentor  
31 Churchill Road  
Stamford  
Lincolnshire  
PE9 1JG

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2nd Stamford Town Scout Group  
Receipts and Payments Account  
for the period ending 31 March 2024

<u>Income</u>			<u>Expenditure</u>		
	<i>Note</i>			<i>Note</i>	
Subs		12,264.00	Membership Fees		6,715.50
Activities	(1)	5,236.80	Activities	(1)	6,245.99
Exciting Activities	(2)	1,970.00	Exciting Activities	(2)	2,886.23
Weekly Activities		-	Weekly activities		870.44
Hiring	(5)	517.00	Scout Shop (badges etc)		1,022.05
Property costs		-	Property costs	(7)	3,713.45
Gift Aid		2,479.47	Maintenance	(6)	2,296.74
Fund Raising	(4)	4,641.05	Equipment	(8)	3,455.47
Fund Raising New HQ	(4)	4,554.76	Fund Raising costs		14.86
			AGM		141.26
Bank interest		627.83	Go cardless (Subs) fees & taxes		541.65
Income Other		-	Online subscriptions		200.00
			Expenses other		-
			Training		115.00
Excess of Receipts over Expenses		<u>32,290.91</u>	Excess of receipts over payments		<u>4,072.27</u>
					<u>32,290.91</u>

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Balance Sheet as at 31 March 2024

	<u>Restricted Funds</u>	<u>Designated Funds</u>	<u>Unrestricted Funds</u>	<u>Total Funds</u>
<b>Opening balances:</b>				
Petty Cash			424.81	
Floats			425.15	
OSM Cards				
Lloyds Bank	3,365.82	14,910.67	43,517.34	
<b>Total Opening Balances</b>	<b>3,365.82</b>	<b>14,910.67</b>	<b>44,367.30</b>	<b>62,643.79</b>
Movement in the year	4,554.76	0.00	(482.49)	4,072.27
<b>Closing balance</b>	<b>7,920.58</b>	<b>14,910.67</b>	<b>43,884.81</b>	<b>66,716.06</b>
<b>Funds</b>				
Total Floats			308.77	308.77
Petty cash			582.53	582.53
Lloyds bank - savings account			35,609.87	58,441.12
New HQ Empingham Road - 19/20	2,600.01			
New HQ Empingham Road - 20/21	2,876.22	46,311.52		
New HQ Empingham Road - 21/22	870.00			
New HQ Empingham Road - 22/23	644.64	337.80		
Lincub deposits - 22/23	321.18			
PGL				
New HQ Empingham Road Expenses - 21/22	(6,346.23)	(10,895.45)		
New HQ Empingham Road Expenses - 22/23		(22,343.20)		
Activity Fund Raising for new HQ - 23/24	1,412.18			
Corporate Donations for new HQ - 23/24	2,285.85			
Pauline Fund Raising for new HQ - 23/24	356.73			
Stamford Methodist Donation for new HQ - 20/21		1,500.00		
Stamford Methodist Donation for new HQ - 22/23	2,400.00			
Stamford Methodist Donation for new HQ - 23/24	500.00			
Lloyds bank - current account			7,383.64	7,383.64
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<b>7,920.58</b>	<b>14,910.67</b>	<b>43,884.81</b>	<b>66,716.06</b>

Independent Examiner's Report

The accounts have been prepared under the cash basis accounting principle which is appropriate for this entity. I have examined the receipts and payments account, together with the balance sheet and records provided. In my opinion it shows a true and fair view of the affairs of 2nd Stamford Town Scout Group as at 31 March 2024.

*Jmwheeler*

Jayne Wheeler MAAT  
Glentor Accounting Services

Date: 4/6/24

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2nd Stamford Town Scout Group  
Notes to the Accounts: 2023/24

Note

1 ACTIVITIES

	Income	Expenses	Net (current year) In/(Out)	Previous year	Net In/(Out)
Chiller camp	1,144.50	1,491.50	(347.00)	(86.00)	(433.00)
Stamcamp 2023	1,832.50	1,186.23	646.27	(682.43)	(36.16)
Stamcamp 2024	600.00	1,305.00	(705.00)	-	(705.00)
County Beaver	76.80	57.60	19.20	(14.40)	4.80
Lincub 2023 *	1,080.00	1,418.82	(338.82)	660.00	321.18
Beaver Camp	42.00	89.03	(47.03)	-	(47.03)
Cub Camp	300.00	490.93	(190.93)	-	(190.93)
Day Hike & Autumn Camp	161.00	206.88	(45.88)	-	(45.88)
	<u>5,236.80</u>	<u>6,245.99</u>	<u>(1,009.19)</u>	<u>(122.83)</u>	<u>(1,132.02)</u>

\* Lincub included a refund from District

2 EXCITING ACTIVITIES

	Income	Expenses	Net In/(Out)	Previous year	Net In/(Out)	Section
Whitewater	36.00	50.96	(14.96)	32.75	17.79	Scouts
Tobogganing	116.00	220.00	(104.00)	(20.99)	(124.99)	Beavers
Rumble	320.00	570.00	(250.00)	-	(250.00)	Cubs
Sleepover	48.00	44.21	3.79	-	3.79	Beavers
Rifles	-	73.00	(73.00)	-	(73.00)	Scouts
Archery	-	80.00	(80.00)	-	(80.00)	Scouts
Parkour	240.00	207.00	33.00	-	33.00	Scouts
Paddle Boarding	250.00	403.25	(153.25)	-	(153.25)	Scouts
Climbing at Forest Facility	420.00	522.04	(102.04)	-	(102.04)	Scouts
Scuba Diving	540.00	715.77	(175.77)	-	(175.77)	Scouts
	<u>1,970.00</u>	<u>2,886.23</u>	<u>(916.23)</u>	<u>11.76</u>	<u>(904.47)</u>	

3 FLOATS:

John Burrows (Cubs)	card	83.47			
Jonathan Bull (Scouts)	card	50.00			
Lisa Stevenson (Beavers)	card	74.79			
Pauline Jones (QM)	card	80.51			
Pegasus Scouts	cash	20.00	Jonathan Bull		
		<u>308.77</u>			

4 FUND RAISING inc New HQ

	General	Restricted	New HQ
SKDC Lottery	291.00	-	-
Just Giving	1,638.43	-	-
Activity Fund Raising	1.96	-	847.40
Stamford Kiwanis	-	2,000.00	-
Corporate Donations	414.00	100.00	2,285.85
Stamford Methodist	-	-	500.00
Easy Fundraising	40.01	-	-
Donations	130.00	-	-
Pauline Fund Raising	-	-	356.73
Amazon Smile	25.65	-	-
Dog Show	-	-	564.78
Total	<u>2,541.05</u>	<u>2,100.00</u>	<u>4,554.76</u>

*Notes to the Accounts: 23/24 (continued)*

5	HIRINGS	Emp. Rd	Drift Ave
	Rifle Range	162.00	-
	Explorers	160.00	-
	Parties	195.00	-
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>517.00</b>	<b>-</b>

6	MAINTENANCE	Emp. Rd	Drift Ave	Group
	Buildings Maintenance	133.98	-	-
	Fire Extinguishers	-	-	287.75
	Signs	5.99	-	-
	Cleaning & cleaning materials	1,500.92	-	-
	Grounds Maintenance	98.10	270.00	-
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1,738.99</b>	<b>270.00</b>	<b>287.75</b>

7	PROPERTY & INSURANCE COSTS	Emp. Rd	Drift Ave	Group
	Council Tax	350.71	395.48	-
	Water	72.00	-	-
	Electric	708.00	787.92	-
	Gas	-	15.55	-
	Property Insurance	851.26	438.53	94.00
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1,981.97</b>	<b>1,637.48</b>	<b>94.00</b>

8	Equipment	General	Restricted
	Hammocks	608.28	1242.00
	Gazebo	-	858.00
	Pyro Equipment	268.33	-
	Equipment for Group Activities	178.59	-
	Camping Spares	100.56	-
	High-viz jackets	67.96	-
	Petty cash - Item for stores	73.60	-
	General Repairs	58.15	-
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1,355.47</b>	<b>2,100.00</b>

## Appendix 3 - Budget 2023-2024

**2nd Stamford (Town) Scout Group**  
**5 Year Forecast**

	<b>28/29</b>	<b>27/28</b>	<b>26/27</b>	<b>25/26</b>	<b>24/25</b>	<b>23/24</b>	<b>22/23</b>	<b>21/22</b>	<b>20/21</b>
	<b>Budget</b>	<b>Budget</b>	<b>Budget</b>	<b>Budget</b>	<b>Budget</b>	<b>Actual</b>	<b>Actual</b>	<b>Actual</b>	<b>Actual</b>
Leaders	<u>27</u>	<u>27</u>	<u>27</u>	<u>27</u>	<u>27</u>	<u>23</u>	<u>18</u>	<u>16</u>	<u>13</u>
Members	<b>180</b>	<b>180</b>	<b>180</b>	<b>150</b>	<b>110</b>	<b>98</b>	<b>120</b>	<b>90</b>	<b>87</b>
Subs Monthly Price	12.00	12.00	12.00	12.00	12.00	12.00	12.00	12.00	12.00
<b>Income</b>									
Subs	23,760	23,760	23,760	19,800	14,520	12,264	11,676	13,303	10,198
Gift Aid	4,277	4,277	4,277	3,564	2,614	2,479	2,450	2,400	2,731
Hiring	3,000	3,000	3,000	3,000	3,000	517	515	510	215
Charity events	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	0	0	0	0
Donations	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	809
Fund Raising (net)	5,000	5,000	400,000	500,000	250,000	9,196	4,950	32,285	51,212
Activities	16,735	16,735	16,735	13,946	10,227	7,207	5,936	8,776	1,861
Miscellaneous income	600	600	600	350,600	600	628	82	140	436
International Trips	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Bank interest	10	10	10	10	10	0	128	7	9
<b>Total</b>	<b>54,382</b>	<b>54,382</b>	<b>449,382</b>	<b>891,920</b>	<b>281,970</b>	<b>32,290</b>	<b>25,737</b>	<b>57,422</b>	<b>67,471</b>
Inflation	2%	2%	2%	2%	2%	2%	2%	2%	2%
<b>Expenditure</b>									
Membership fees	13,618	13,351	13,090	10,694	7,689	6,716	5,757	5,692	6,148
Activities	15,235	15,235	15,235	12,446	8,727	6,246	6,176	6,780	1,535
Exciting Activities	9,999	9,999	10,000	10,000	8,000	2,886	1,312	2,453	0
Weekly activities	922	922	922	768	564	870	951	1,273	612
Construct New Hut	0	25,000	500,000	800,000	200,000	0	22,343	17,242	8,408
Equipment	2,699	2,199	1,699	1,199	699	199	1,184	2,400	555
Leaders Training / Uniform	49	49	50	50	160	0	117	0	40
Scout Shop (badges etc)	1,666	1,666	1,666	1,389	1,018	1,022	1,002	1,308	1,071
Charity	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	15	2,162	25	0
	177	174	170	167	761	746	352	180	0
	487	478	468	459	450	72	587	234	141
	1,082	1,061	1,040	1,020	1,000	1,496	1,246	1,188	1,292
						16			
					800			792	0
	974	955	936	918	900	1,384	1,266	461	1,159
<b>Property costs:</b>	<b>2,721</b>	<b>2,668</b>	<b>2,615</b>	<b>2,564</b>	<b>3,911</b>	<b>3,713</b>	<b>3,451</b>	<b>2,855</b>	<b>2,592</b>

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	472	463	454	445	436	428	1,617	9	0
	1,657	1,625	1,593	1,562	1,531	1,501	33	39	427
	3,595	3,525	3,456	3,388	3,322	3,256	614	280	83
	406	398	391	383	375	368	210	29	768
<b>Maintenance:</b>	<b>6,131</b>	<b>6,011</b>	<b>5,893</b>	<b>5,778</b>	<b>5,664</b>	<b>5,553</b>	<b>2,474</b>	<b>358</b>	<b>1,278</b>
Online Scout Manager	200	200	200	200	200	200	210	0	0
Subscriptions	0	0	0	0	0		122	120	210
AGM	499	499	500	500	500	141	102	0	0
Go cardless (Subs) fee	1,215	1,215	1,215	1,012	742	542	578	625	333
Sundry expenses	250	250	250	250	200	115	53	314	309
International Trips	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>56,205</b>	<b>80,264</b>	<b>554,335</b>	<b>847,850</b>	<b>239,074</b>	<b>28,219</b>	<b>47,992</b>	<b>41,445</b>	<b>23,091</b>
									<b>0</b>
			(104,954)						
<b>Net income/(loss)</b>	<b>(1,823)</b>	<b>(25,883)</b>	<b>)</b>	<b>44,070</b>	<b>42,896</b>	<b>4,072</b>	<b>(22,256)</b>	<b>15,977</b>	<b>44,380</b>
<b>Funds</b>									
<b>Opening balance</b>	23,020	48,903	153,856	109,786	66,890	62,818	85,074	69,097	24,717
<b>Closing balance</b>	21,197	23,020	48,903	153,856	109,786	66,890	62,818	85,074	69,097
<b>Minimum Cash Requirement</b>	8,170	8,009	7,852	6,629	5,800	5,214	4,604	4,273	4,370

**2ND STAMFORD TOWN SCOUT GROUP**

England & Wales - Charity number 522365

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# Accounts

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# Trustees Annual Report 2022 - 2023

**AGM Date: 11<sup>th</sup> July 2023**

**Venue: Shacklewell Scouts Hut**

- **Present:** Kara Groves, Alison Pike, Nick Reynolds, Jo Tinker, Jan Simmonds, Pauline Jones, Paul Scholes, John Burrows, Lisa Stevenson, Julie Evison Williams, Jacqui xxxx, Marina xxx, Lucy Burrows
- **Apologies:** Jonathon Bull

## Section A Reference and administration details

Charity name: 2<sup>nd</sup> Stamford Town Scouts  
 Registered Charity Number: 522365  
 Charity's Principal Address: Empingham Road, Stamford, PE9 2RH  
 Charity Trustees who manage the charity:

Trustee Name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year
Kara Groves	Chairperson	
Alison Pike	Secretary	
Nick Reynolds	Treasurer	
Jo Tinker	Group Scout Leader	
Pauline Jones	Quartermaster	
Julie Evison Williams	Explorers Leader	
Jonathon Bull	Scout Leader - Pegasus Troop	
John Burrows	Cub Scout Leader – Kestrel Pack	
Paul Scholes	Cub Scout Leader – Kingfisher Pack	
Lisa Stevenson	Beaver Scout Leader	
Lucy Burrows	Squirrels Leader	
Jan Simmonds	General Member	
Neil Wotherspoon	General Member	

## Section B – Structure, governance and management

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.

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

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

The Group is managed by the Board of Trustees, 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 Board of Trustees consists of 3 independent representatives, Chair, Treasurer and Secretary together with the Group Scout Leader, individual section leaders (if opted to take on the responsibility), together with a Quartermaster. The Committee meets every 3 months.

Members of the Board of Trustees complete training within the first 5 months of joining the committee.

This Board of Trustees exists to support the Group Scout Leader in meeting the responsibilities of the appointments and is responsible for:

- The maintenance of Group property;
- The raising of funds and the administration of Group finance;
- The insurance of persons, property and equipment;
- Group public occasions;
- Assisting in the recruitment of leaders and other adult support;
- Appointing any sub committees that may be required;
- Appointing Group Administrators and Advisors other than those who are elected.
- Ensuring all staff are paid fairly, in line with employment law
- Ensuring Conflict of Interest declarations are completed by all trustees and reviewed as appropriate.

### **Risk and Internal Control**

The Board of Trustees 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 use the second site or request the use of buildings, property and equipment from neighbouring organisations such as the church, community centre and other Scout Groups. Similar reciprocal arrangements exist with these organisations. 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 membership fees contributes to the Scout Associations national accident insurance policy. The group also has group insurance for personal accident and medical expenses insurance for non-member helpers and supporters. Risk Assessments are undertaken before all activities.

**Reduced income from fund raising.**

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

The group has in place systems of internal controls that are designed to provide reasonable assurance against material mismanagement or loss, these include 2 signatories for all payments and comprehensive insurance policies to ensure that insurable risks are covered.

## Section C- Objectives and Activities

### The Purpose of Scouting

Scouting exists to actively engage and support young people in their personal development, empowering them to make a positive contribution to society.

### The Values of Scouting

As Scouts we are guided by these values:

Integrity - We act with integrity; we are honest, trustworthy and loyal.

Respect - We have self-respect and respect for others.

Care - We support others and take care of the world in which we live.

Belief - We explore our faiths, beliefs and attitudes.

Co-operation - We make a positive difference; we co-operate with others and make friends.

### The Scout Method

Scouting takes place when young people, in partnership with adults, work together based on the values of Scouting and:

- enjoy what they are doing and have fun
- take part in activities indoors and outdoors
- learn by doing
- share in spiritual reflection
- take responsibility and make choices
- undertake new and challenging activities
- make and live by their Promise

Summary of the main activities in relation to these objectives

During the year all Sections have offered a range of activities to the membership as detailed in the following annual reports:

### Chairperson's Report:

This year has been an extremely expansive time to join the 2nd Stamford Scouting as chairperson.

There has been a massive step forward with the new HQ with the long awaited planning permission now being granted<sup>1</sup>, this development means the new HQ sub – committee now have the immense task of coordinating the fundraising and grant applications. Already some wonderful ideas, events and support from different group leaders have been proposed, but we do need more help with this so if you have any experience in grant applications, building projects or fundraising, or are just keen to help, let me know.

Another exciting expansion is the progression of our new squirrel section. This new group will take on 4 – 6yr olds and will be coming soon. We are still looking for dedicated leaders

1. Planning permission was granted after the end of the financial year covered by this Annual Report.

to help in this section and hope to open in the new year.

My thanks go to all our leaders and volunteers on the committees who give their time to make sure more young people can get involved in Scouting. The next year is going to be hard work in terms of fundraising, however from what I have seen over the last 12 months I am sure the leaders and their groups will have lots of fun in doing so!

Kara Groves, Chair

### **Contribution by Volunteers**

Details on the contribution of adults can be found throughout this report.

### **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

The Board of Trustees in administering the charity has met 5 times during the year.

### Group Scout Leader Report

It has been another busy year for all our sections and our leaders have done an amazing job at guiding our young people through gaining badges in all areas and being awarded Scouting's highest achievements. Now Covid restrictions are behind us, all sections have been able to get back to doing all the things that make scouting unique.

We have seen the start of the new structures in Scouting, being introduced nationally, with our Exec Committee being refocused as our Trustee Board, and we have started to mould our sections into the new Team Structures with our Scout section leading in this approach. I am grateful for all the new volunteers who have joined our leadership teams in all sections.

We look forward to the launch of our new Squirrel Section towards the end of the year under the leadership of Lucy Burrows. It will exciting to be able to offer Scouting to younger people and start them on their journey in Scouting, for some before they start school!

I am also grateful to those other volunteers to have stepped up to help us in the governance and organisation of the Group. We are lucky to have Kara who took on the role of Chair last year, Marina who has joined us to help support our digital communications and Jacqui who is taking over the Secretary role from Alison. We express our heartfelt thanks to Alison for 5 years of dedicated service to the Group and wish her well in her volunteering elsewhere.

The new job titles and structure for all our volunteers will roll out early next year and with these new structures we will look to expand our Trustee Board to relieve our Section Leaders from responsibilities for the governance of the Group, so they can concentrate on delivering great programmes for our young people. If you have skills that you can offer please do get in touch, there are endless opportunities to help which don't include sleeping under canvas!

We also owe a huge debt to our New HQ sub committee of Jan, Pauline and Neil whose dedication and perseverance were rewarded with the recent grant of planning permission for our new HQ<sup>1</sup>. It has been a long road to get to this point, but this is just the beginning of the journey as we now must start to fundraise in earnest.

Scouting in Stamford remains as popular as ever and we will continue to provide as many young people as possible with opportunities to gain skills for life.

Jo Tinker – Group Scout Leader

1. Planning permission was granted after the end of the financial year covered by this Annual Report.

## Quartermaster Report

This year we have purchased 2 new air beam patrol sized tents to replace the old fibre pole ones which are wearing out and becoming extremely expensive to buy replacement poles for. Due to the nature of the fiberglass splitting this is a regular issue.

Repairs to the marquee are constantly ongoing as they were not intended to be erected for prolonged periods as ours is. Light and weather cause the fixings to perish and fail regularly. These are repaired by Pauline with her personal sewing machine, saving the costs of getting outside firms in.

The plates, bowls, mugs and cutlery have been reorganised to make storage and issue easier for Groups to have their exact requirements for camps.

Kit is being checked and reviewed ready for moving when the new HQ is being built. We are working through the remainder of the stores. Identifying items that are obsolete and broken. Some are repaired others removed. Some tents that are beyond repair have been cannibalised for parts to keep older tents going, but even that cannot last.

We would like to thank all Leaders, Helpers and Scouts of all ages for their help in identifying issues with equipment. This is extremely helpful and makes sure that equipment doesn't go out damaged. (Which is incredibly annoying to you and embarrassing for us) Also for your help in kit lists before events and help loading and unloading. Without this it would be much more difficult to keep the stores in order.

Pauline Jones

## Leaders Reports

Please see appendices for Leaders individual troop reports.

## Section E Financial Report

### Treasurers Report

Please see Appendix 2 for final accounts and budget.

### Financial Summary

The group has made a net loss of £22,256, although this is predominantly from expenditure related to the new HQ of £22,343. Taking out the fund raising specifically related to the new HQ, and the expenses, the group made a net loss of £2,956. The main contributors to this are the lower membership levels and hirings than previous years. The leaders have put on a great number of activities for the young people, and the group has helped to fund some of these activities.

### Income

Fund raising has had a great year, and included £2,400 from the Stamford Methodist Church to support the building of our new HQ. Gift Aid is a big revenue stream for us, worth £2,450, however there are still some parents yet to complete the gift aid form on OSM. This allows us to reclaim 20% of the subs from HMRC and helps us to fund the activities provided for the young people.

### Expenses

The day to day running and maintenance of the huts cost £5,926 for the year, and is our biggest cost. Expenditure on equipment is £1,183 and includes new tents, some folding tables as well utensils and cutlery for use at camps. The cost of badges and neckers has risen with the increase in membership, totalling £1,002 .

### Deputy Treasurer

For a number of years now Ann Burrows has been helping out as deputy treasurer. Her role is incredibly valuable to the group, and to me personally – I am very grateful that we have Ann as part of the team!

Nick Reynolds - Treasurer

## Section F Additional Information

### New HQ Update

An application for full planning permission was submitted to SKDC in June 2022, and it was deeply frustrating to still be waiting for a response at the end of March 2023. This has held up any applications for large grants, such as from the National Lottery, which are dependent on receiving planning permission. Local fund raising has continued and we are grateful to Stamford Methodist Church who supported us for 2 years and have donated £4,400 during this time.

We are in discussions with SKDC regarding Drift Avenue HQ and hope to agree sale of the site. This is an important part of our fund raising.

Once we have planning permission we will have 3 years to start the building works, and the fund raising will start in earnest. We will be looking for help in all sorts of areas – marketing, publicity, grant applications, crafting, ideas for fund raising and participants in local fund raising events. If you, or anyone you know, would like to take part in this exciting journey please get in touch with a leader or with me, Jan Simmonds.

Further details of the project, can be found on the group website - <http://www.2ndstamford.scoutsonline.co.uk>

Jan Simmonds, Chair New HQ Sub-committee

## 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): Alison Pike

Position: Secretary

Date: 7/7/23

## Appendix 1 Youth Activity

### Pegasus Troop

The 2022/23 year saw a number of changes in leadership and membership with a newly recruited team coming to work with 3 more experienced leaders. We've seen the Section grow and the scouts have enjoyed a broad variation activity programme throughout the year and made some significant achievements and had fun along the way.

#### **Membership & Attendance:**

After a significant number of cub move ups and membership changes after Poacher, we have now grown from 30 to 34 scouts with a relatively good spread of scout numbers over the two evenings (14 Wed/ 20 Thurs). We will have 2 Patrols (Does & Buffalos) on Wednesday and 3 Patrols (Weasels, Ravens, Wolves) on Thursday. As older scouts have moved on, we have new patrol leadership and assistants to reinforce ownership and responsibility within the scout teams. We have a relatively young section with a large intake over the 2022/23, so Patrols should become stable for the next 12 months. We also now have a more stable Leadership Team with good numbers committed to designated evenings providing consistency and resilience going forward. We are finishing the year with 34 Scouts and 9 Leaders and 1 Young Leader.

#### **Programme & Activities:**

We completed a broad programme which included a mix of outdoor and indoor activities to ensure full inclusivity for all ages and abilities. During the Autumn and Spring/Summer terms we managed to hold most meetings outdoors. Highlights for our camp activities included an overnight camp at the HQ, which was a good introduction to many of the new starters. This was good bonding exercise for the new group of scouts and for the new leadership too. The other major camp attended this year was Stamcamp with 32 scouts attending – the most we've had for several years – experiencing a wide range of outdoor activities and crafts. We were pleased to be supported by parents who dedicated their time to assist at mealtimes, which was greatly appreciated.

We were able to mix up the programme with a number of offsite visits which included a trip to an Indian restaurant to learn about cultures, customs and food during Diwali Celebrations, outdoor games a Hills and Holes, Wellbeing Fitness trail at the Spinney, National Space Centre Visit, Tallington Toboggan Party, countryside hikes, geocaching in town and water sports at both Whitewater and Rutland Water.

#### **Badges & Achievements:**

Through our varied programme we were able to cover a range of skill badge activities and challenge badges. We are still in the process of catching up post covid for some of the older scouts to complete Challenge badge criteria in working towards their Gold Award. We will focus on these in the Autumn term.

We were also pleased to see Eric Burrows be presented with a special endeavour award at Stamcamp by the DC.

### **Leadership Summary:**

The Autumn saw a new Leadership Team in place after a successful recruitment campaign in the summer of 2022. Over the late year we have had 7 new leaders complete their initial module training providing resilience and a wider range of expertise and knowledge to support a potentially more ambitious programme going forward. After some time to become established and get into a new rhythm with support from the wider 2nd Stamford Leadership community, the team have supported a broad programme for the young people to experience. I'd like to thank them for their time, commitment, willingness to support each other and learn. I'm really proud of what the leadership team have achieved in their first year.

Mike Ward will be leaving the leadership team at the end of this term after 2 years leading the Wednesday evening session with Neil Wotherspoon. I'd like to thank Mike for his time and dedication to Pegasus Scouts while he has been working in the region. He has brought enthusiasm and humour to the team and the scouts have benefited from his insights and experience from his career in the military. Notably arranging an evening visit from servicemen and women from the Army and RAF team based at Wittering – which the scouts and leaders all found very inspiring. We wish Mike well in his new career down in Suffolk.

Going into 2023/2024 year we are in really good shape and hope to increase the group to 40 scouts. We are looking to build on the experience gained this year and take the programme to the next level and hopefully some notable achievements by the scouts will result.

Jonathon Bull, Scouts Leader

### **Kestrels & Kingfishers Troop Report**

Joint Cubs Section Report from April 2022 to April 2023

We continued to see a good intake from beavers and cubs moving up to scouts which is great to see the progression and retainment in the group. The leadership team has remained stable with 7 adults across both cub packs. The cub numbers have remained around 30-35 as we ensure we keep space for beavers moving up. Although separate cub packs we create a joint program and have a joint leadership team and many joint nights through the year. This report is for both packs combined.

Over the summer term we completed naturalists badge, faith badge and athletics badge. We also had visits to the meadows and the infamous chip shop challenge around town. We attended the district cub camp at Sudbrooke which was a new venue for the event. There was plenty to do including, caving, climbing, archery and more. It was great to see the kids enjoying the practical side of scouting. We finished the term off by kayaking on the river through Deeping.

When we returned after the summer break we continued with some badge work including Emergency Aid and my faith. We also did various craft activities, night hike and 'I'm a cub get me out of here' challenge. Other activities included stop motion videos and a visit from the hearing dogs charity. We also attended Chiller at Walseby forest which was a county event with lots of varied activities. We finished the term with Christmas crafts and a party.

In the Spring term completed more badges including pioneering, scientist and chef badge. We had great fun at tobogganing at Tallington and air rifles at Empingham Road. We finished the term with open fires and cooking food which was a great night.

Between the two cub packs we awarded over 220 badges during the year due to their commitment. This included 8 silver awards which is the highest badge in cubs and takes a lot of work to achieve. Well done to everyone this year as we see continue to see a big demand for youth places in our group. We also wish Jamie good luck who will be taking the Lincolnshire Jamboree contingent to South Korea in August as he has put a lot of time and effort in along with the kids, thank you to anyone who helped his fundraising efforts of £4,000.

John Burrows & Paul Scholes, Cubs Leaders

## Beavers Drift Road and Empingham Road Colonies

Over the year, the Beavers have been exceptionally busy. In the summer term they went to Shacklewell Hollow for archery and den building, went canoeing on the River Welland, had a visit from The Canal and River Trust, completed the gardener and cyclist activity badges and had an overnight camp.

The Autumn started with a movie night and sleepover in the hut at Empingham Road and then we spent the term working on Global Issues and supporting the Community, earning the Community Impact badge – something that is particularly challenging to earn at Beaver age.

We introduced a few of the charities in Stamford that they could help support and they voted at our Parliament Week session as to which one they would like to help. They chose Stamford Litter Pickers. Part of the project involved going on a litter pick and making dog poo bag dispensers that were attached to some of the bins in town. We also went on a visit to Second Helpings to learn about how they support the local community.

In the new year we finished off our community impact work and completed the Animal Friend activities badge and the Emergency Aid staged badge. We had a visit to the Town Hall, where the Beavers learned about the town's history, had a tour of the dungeons and took part in a court case based on real trials that took place there. During this term we also took the Beavers tobogganing.

I am still Beaver Section Leader of both colonies, with Lorraine, Vickie, Annie and Marie

Assistant Leaders. Andy also volunteered as a Section Assistant but has now stepped down. He does want to stay involved in Scouting and will help out where he can. Victoria began her training as a leader and supported us for part of the year. However, she has emigrated to Australia, where she is hoping to continue scouting. Over the year, we have had three Young Leaders and one D of E Explorer Scout giving up their valuable time to volunteer and are proving to be valuable members of the team.

Over the year we have remained full, with 16 beavers at each colony most of the time. We have had 18 beavers move up to cubs, all of whom achieved their Chief Scout Bronze Award. We have had one Beaver emigrate and four Beavers leave Scouting completely. Jo Tinker is still running the waiting list and a new intake of children are joining Beavers at the start of every term.

Both colonies are still meeting at Empingham Road HQ on a Monday, with staggered starting times and occasional joint meetings. We have continued to run the session outside as much as possible, which has had very positive feedback.

Although this has happened in the new financial year, I want to say a big well done to Annie Wilson who has just completed her Wood Badge and to Harry Truslove who has earned his You Shaped Beaver Award. Harry started a project to help a school in Kenya and raised over £1500 by cycling or walking 150 miles in April. Well done to both of you.

Lisa Stevenson, Beavers Section Leader

## Explorers Troop Report

Our aim is to introduce the Explorers to lots of new experiences, with opportunities to gain the top scouting awards and develop leadership and team skills, whilst contributing positively to the community locally, considering the impact of our actions globally and having lots of fun and building lifelong friendships.

The Explorers are involved in planning the activities and leading them and we welcome their contributions and ideas. The more they get involved, the more that they get out of it.

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.

We have shown care through our fundraising events. We have made refreshments at choral society events, auctioned the planters that we had made, run a cake decorating activity for 2nd Stamford Beavers and supported the Deeping Lions club in running their annual duck race. The Explorers nominated charities meaningful to them and we have

raised:

£68 for Motor Neurone Disease Association

£124 for Cancer Research

£136 for UNICEF

£85.51 for Don't Lose Hope

We also collected donations for the local food bank in December.

We have had some great sessions led by the Explorers thinking about what is important to them and promoting and understanding of their beliefs. This has included developing an awareness of the gender pay gap, racism and the importance of positive mental health and strategies to help us cope with times which may be difficult. It is so encouraging to see the Explorers promoting inclusion and celebrating difference.

Our summer camp was in Derbyshire. We had a go at caving, which was a new activity for many, and climbing. The Explorers showed their usual positive attitude to have a go at any challenge they were faced with - even name that tune with kazoos! It was at this camp that the Explorers really showed us how responsible they could be. They sorted out who would do which tasks needed doing and got on with it without any reminding from the leaders. It was a real pleasure to spend the weekend with them.

One of the highlights of the year was taking 8 Explorers sailing on a yacht from Ipswich and out to sea. We slept on board and learned some basic seamanship including tacking, steering a course and man-overboard drills.

Poacher – over 6,000 members of the scouting association for a week at the beginning of August. Hundreds of activities including gliding, hovercrafting, archery, climbing, inflatables, the list is endless! An amazing experience!!!

Our autumn camp involved pioneering. A new activity for lots of us. It involved lots of knots and lashings and overcoming some fears too! Our spring camp this year involved expedition skills: first aid, orienteering and campcraft. In March we headed off to London for the Monopoly Run. Competing against 100s of Scouts, Explorers, Guides and Rangers we had two teams racing their way around London visiting the landmarks represented on the Monopoly board. A real test of teamwork, stamina and route finding. Other activities have included candle making, kayaking, dinghy sailing, basic nautical skills, a night hike and micro-navigation, raft building, making bird boxes, making shadow puppets and putting on a play for Chinese New Year, tree planting, a talk about Ketton nature reserve, Chiller (a scouting activity day at Walesby forest), the Star Party at Sacrewell, skiing at Tallington and geocaching.

### **Awards and badges**

Well done to Oscar, Oliver, Rory, Emilia and Jess for passing their bronze DofE expedition. It was lovely to see the group working well together and problem solving.

Ben, Harry, George and James passed their silver DofE expedition in the Peak district. They demonstrated excellent team work, fantastic navigation skills and showed great resilience

to keep going through torrential rain. They did get some really great views as well!

Congratulations to Harry, George, James, Harrison and Jess for achieving their platinum award.

We meet fortnightly and it has been fantastic to be able to keep about 25 Explorers having fun and doing such a range of activities throughout the year at an age when many are doing GCSEs, starting college and even starting work. Our leadership team of Julie, Dan and Doug remains the same and if anyone fancies helping out then please do not hesitate to get in contact.

Julie Evison Williams, Explorers Section Leader

## Appendix 2 2<sup>nd</sup> Stamford Scout Group Accounts

Accounts 2022-2023

Charity Registration No. 522365

### 2nd Stamford (Town) Scout Group

Accounts

For the year ended 31 March 2023

Glentor Accounting Services  
Glentor  
31 Churchill Road  
Stamford  
Lincolnshire  
PE9 1JG

2nd Stamford Town Scout Group  
Receipts and Payments Account  
for the period ending 31 March 2023

<u>Income</u>		<u>Expenditure</u>			
	<i>Note</i>		<i>Note</i>		
Subs		11,676.00	Membership Fees	5,757.00	
Activities	(1)	5,317.40	Activities	(1)	6,175.57
Exciting Activities	(2)	618.50	Exciting Activities	(2)	1,311.50
Weekly Activities		0.00	Weekly activities		951.47
Leaders Training / Uniform		82.00	Leader uniform		117.00
Hiring	(5)	515.00	Scout Shop (badges etc)		1,001.69
Charity events		0.00	Charity		2,161.96
Property costs		0.00	Property costs	(7)	3,451.91
Gift Aid		2,449.74	Maintenance	(6)	2,174.50
Fund Raising	(4)	1,906.33	Equipment		1,183.57
Fund Raising New HQ	(4)	3,043.62	Subs refund		24.00
Overpaid subs		0.00	AGM		101.54
Bank interest		127.93	Go cardless (Subs) fees & taxes		577.95
International trips fund		0.00	Online subscriptions		210.00
membership fee		0.00	New HQ	(8)	22,343.20
Income: Other		0.00	Expenses other		40.00
			Leader Training		110.00
Excess of expenses over receipts		<u>22,256.34</u>			<u>47,992.86</u>
		<u>47,992.86</u>			

Balance Sheet as at 31 March 2023

	Restricted Funds	Designated Funds	Unrestricted Funds	Total Funds
<b>Opening balances:</b>				
Petty Cash	0.00		247.50	
Floats	0.00		8.97	
Lloyds Bank	337.80	36,916.07	47,389.79	
Total Opening Balances	<b>337.80</b>	<b>36,916.07</b>	<b>47,646.26</b>	<b>84,900.13</b>
Movement in the year	3,028.02	(22,005.40)	(3,278.96)	(22,256.34)
<b>Closing balance</b>	<b>3,365.82</b>	<b>14,910.67</b>	<b>44,367.30</b>	<b>62,643.79</b>
<b>Funds</b>				
Total Floats			424.81	424.81
Petty cash			425.15	425.15
Lloyds bank - savings account			41,511.15	59,787.64
New HQ Empingham Road - 19/20	2,600.01			
New HQ Empingham Road - 20/21	2,876.22	47,811.52		
New HQ Empingham Road - 21/22	870.00			
New HQ Empingham Road Expenses - 21/22	(6,346.23)	(10,895.45)		
Stamford Methodist Church Donations - 22/23	2,400.00			
PGI, refunds of £337.80 to cubs unable to attend - converted to Donations	(337.80)	337.80		
Lincub deposits	660.00			
New HQ Fundraising - 22/23	643.62			
New HQ Empingham Road Expenses - 22/23		(12,343.20)		
Lloyds bank - current account			2,006.19	2,006.19
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<b>3,365.82</b>	<b>14,910.67</b>	<b>44,367.30</b>	<b>62,643.79</b>

Independent Examiner's Report

The accounts have been prepared under the cash basis accounting principle which is appropriate for this entity. I have examined the receipts and payments account, together with the balance sheet and records provided. In my opinion it shows a true and fair view of the affairs of 2nd Stamford Town Scout Group as at 31 March 2023.



Jayne Wheeler MAAT  
Glentor Accounting Services

Date: 17 June 2023

2nd Stamford Town Scout Group  
Notes to the Accounts: 2022/23

**Note**

<b>ACTIVITIES</b>	<b>Income</b>	<b>Expenses</b>	<b>Net (current year)</b>		<b>Net</b>
			<b>In/(Out)</b>	<b>Previous year</b>	<b>In/(Out)</b>
Poacher 22	950.00	1,306.86	(356.86)	(715.35)	(1,072.21)
Hoodies 22	580.00	816.22	(236.22)	(272.50)	(508.72)
Scouts Autumn Camp		80.95	(80.95)	45.68	(35.27)
Chiller camp	1,000.00	1,066.00	(66.00)	(20.00)	(86.00)
Stamcamp 2022	1,040.00	1,847.43	(807.43)	125.00	(682.43)
District Camp	880.00	845.08	34.92		34.92
24 hour camp	145.00	136.23	8.77		8.77
County Beaver	62.40	76.80	(14.40)		(14.40)
Lincub 2023	660.00		660.00		660.00
	<b>5,317.40</b>	<b>6,175.57</b>	<b>(858.17)</b>	<b>(837.17)</b>	<b>(1,695.34)</b>

**EXCITING ACTIVITIES**

	<b>Income</b>	<b>Expenses</b>	<b>Net</b>		<b>Net</b>
			<b>In/(Out)</b>	<b>Previous year</b>	<b>In/(Out)</b>
Cub Activity Day Peterborough	10.00		10.00	19.20	23.20
Archery	170.50	200.00	(29.50)		(29.50)
Whitewater	120.00	100.00	20.00	32.75	52.75
Canoeing	104.00	116.00	(12.00)		(12.00)
Space Centre	102.00	132.00	(30.00)		(30.00)
Tobogganing	112.00	380.00	(268.00)	(20.99)	(288.99)
Shacklewell		79.50	(79.50)		(79.50)
Curry Night		264.00	(264.00)		(264.00)
Church Tour		40.00	(40.00)		(40.00)
Junior Poacher			0.00	(18.00)	(18.00)
PGL			0.00	240.80	240.80
	<b>618.50</b>	<b>1,311.50</b>	<b>(693.00)</b>	<b>247.76</b>	<b>(445.24)</b>

**FLOATS:**

Beavers - Empingham Rd	0.00	Returned to treasurer
Beavers - Drift Ave	0.00	Returned to treasurer
Kestrel Cubs	2.73	John / Pauline
Kingfisher Cubs	2.08	Paul
John Burrows (Cubs)	100.00	
Jonathan Bull (Scouts)	100.00	
Lisa Stevenson (Beavers)	100.00	
{Pauline Jones (QM)}	100.00	
Pegasus Scouts	20.00	Jonathan Bull
	<b>424.81</b>	

**FUND RAISING inc New HQ**

	<b>General</b>	<b>New HQ</b>
SKDC Lottery	552.50	
Market Stalls	591.10	643.62
Easy Fund Raising	44.33	
Paypal Giving Fund	17.50	
Amazon Smile	22.85	
Just Giving	228.05	
Stamford Methodist Church		2,400.00
Rutland Mara	450.00	
Total	<b>1,906.33</b>	<b>3,043.62</b>

*Notes to the Accounts: 22/23 (continued)*

HIRINGS	Emp. Rd	Drift Ave
Rifle Range	20.00	
Explorers		
Parties	395.00	100.00
Equipment Hire		
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>415.00</b>	<b>100.00</b>

MAINTENANCE	Emp. Rd	Drift Ave	Group
Buildings Maintenance	1,401.13	215.94	
Cleaning Equipment	32.60		
Fire Extinguishers	405.45	208.87	
Keys cut			
Signs			
Grounds Maintenance	40.50	170.00	
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1,879.69</b>	<b>594.81</b>	

PROPERTY & INSURANCE COSTS	Emp. Rd	Drift Ave	Group
Council Tax	164.88	188.40	
Water	72.00	514.90	
Electric	468.00	708.00	
Gas		69.98	
Property Insurance	751.40	430.36	84.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1,456.28</b>	<b>1,911.64</b>	<b>84.00</b>

8 NEW HQ EXPENSES	
Transport Statement - Encon	2,400.00
Noise Impact Statement - Encon	2,400.00
Architect Fees	17,543.20
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>22,343.20</b>

Budget 2022-2023

2nd Stamford (Town) Scout Group									
5 Year Forecast									
	27/28	26/27	25/26	24/25	23/24	22/23	21/22	20/21	
	Budget	Budget	Budget	Budget	Budget	Actual	Actual	Actual	Comments
Leaders	27	27	27	27	23	18	16	13	
Members	260	260	243	180	150	120	90	87	
Subs Monthly Price	12.00	12.00	12.00	12.00	12.00	12.00	12.00	12.00	Assumed flat
<b>Income</b>									
Subs	34,320	34,320	32,076	23,760	19,800	11,676	13,303	10,198	Subs x Members x price
Gift Aid	6,178	6,178	5,774	4,277	3,564	2,450	2,400	2,731	Assumed 18% recovery
Hiring	3,000	3,000	3,000	3,000	600	515	510	215	Assumed increase from 24/25 due to new hut
Charity events	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	800	0	0	0	Assumed flat
Donations	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	809	Assumed flat
Fund Raising (net)	200	200	650,000	680,000	250,000	4,950	32,285	51,212	Increased for fund raising for New HQ
Activities	24,173	24,173	22,592	16,735	13,946	5,936	8,776	1,861	Assumed growth with Membership
Miscellaneous income	400	400	400	350,400	400	82	140	436	Assumed flat with exception of sale of Drift hut
International Trips	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	N/A
Bank interest	10	10	10	10	10	128	7	9	
<b>Total</b>	<b>69,280</b>	<b>69,280</b>	<b>714,852</b>	<b>1,079,182</b>	<b>289,120</b>	<b>25,737</b>	<b>57,422</b>	<b>67,471</b>	
Inflation	2%	2%	2%	2%	2%	2%	2%	2%	
<b>Expenditure</b>									
Membership fees	13,772	13,502	12,371	8,984	7,340	5,757	5,692	6,148	Assumed 2% inflation YOY
Activities	22,673	22,673	21,092	15,235	12,946	6,176	6,780	1,535	Based on Membership
Exciting Activities	9,999	10,000	10,000	8,000	7,000	1,312	2,453	0	Increased Spend in line with membership
Weekly activities	1,332	1,332	1,245	922	768	951	1,273	612	Based on headcount increase
Construct New Hut		500,000	500,000	800,000	200,000	22,343	17,242	8,408	Current cost assumption of new HQ construction
Equipment	3,684	3,184	2,684	2,184	1,684	1,184	2,400	555	Assumed flat
Leaders Training / Uniform	49	50	50	160	200	117	0	40	Based on new leaders
Scout Shop (badges etc)	2,407	2,407	2,250	1,666	1,389	1,002	1,308	1,071	Based on headcount increase
Charity	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	800	2,162	25	0	Assumed flat
Council Tax	174	170	167	366	359	352	180	0	Only 1 property
Water	478	468	459	450	599	587	234	141	No cost for sewerage at Empingham
Electricity	1,061	1,040	1,020	1,000	1,271	1,246	1,188	1,292	Assumed 2% inflation YOY - Assume new hut, whilst larger, will not cost more than both huts currently
Rental Costs				800			792	0	Cost of renting space for meetings whilst Empingham Road Hut is built - £20 per meeting per section
Property Insurance	1,398	1,370	1,343	1,317	1,291	1,266	461	1,159	Assumed 2% inflation YOY - Assume new hut, whilst larger, will not cost more than both huts currently
<b>Property costs:</b>	<b>3,110</b>	<b>3,049</b>	<b>2,989</b>	<b>3,933</b>	<b>3,520</b>	<b>3,451</b>	<b>2,855</b>	<b>2,592</b>	
Buildings	541	531	520	510	500	1,617	9	0	
Cleaning	36	35	35	34	33	33	39	427	Assumed 2% inflation YOY - Assume new hut, whilst larger, will not cost more than both huts currently
Equipment	678	665	652	639	627	614	280	83	
Grounds	232	227	223	218	214	210	29	768	
<b>Maintenance:</b>	<b>1,487</b>	<b>1,458</b>	<b>1,430</b>	<b>1,402</b>	<b>1,374</b>	<b>2,474</b>	<b>358</b>	<b>1,278</b>	
OnLine Scout Manager (OSM)	210	210	210	210	210	210	0	0	
Subscriptions	135	132	130	127	125	122	120	210	Assumed 2% inflation YOY
AGM	499	500	500	500	350	102	0	0	Higher costs for the increased membership
Go cardless (Subs) fee	1,755	1,755	1,640	1,215	1,012	578	625	333	Assumed 2% inflation YOY
Sundry expenses	250	250	250	200	120	53	314	309	Assumed 2% inflation YOY
International Trips	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	Assumed Flat
<b>Total</b>	<b>62,361</b>	<b>561,501</b>	<b>557,840</b>	<b>845,738</b>	<b>238,838</b>	<b>47,992</b>	<b>41,445</b>	<b>23,091</b>	
<b>Net income/(loss)</b>	<b>6,919</b>	<b>(492,221)</b>	<b>157,011</b>	<b>233,443</b>	<b>50,282</b>	<b>(22,256)</b>	<b>15,977</b>	<b>44,380</b>	
<b>Funds</b>									
Opening balance	11,334	503,555	346,544	113,100	62,818	85,074	69,097	24,717	
Closing balance	18,253	11,334	503,555	346,544	113,100	62,818	85,074	69,097	
Minimum Cash Requirement	8,441	8,275	7,680	6,459	5,430	4,604	4,273	4,370	6 months of running costs + Membership Fees

**2ND STAMFORD TOWN SCOUT GROUP**

England & Wales - Charity number 522365

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# Accounts

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# Trustees Annual Report 2021 - 2022

**AGM Date: 6<sup>th</sup> July 2022**

**Venue: Shacklewell Scouts Hut**

- **Present:** Laura Smith, Alison Pike, Nick Reynolds, Jan Simmonds, Pauline Jones, Paul Scholes, John Burrows, Lisa Stevenson, Neil Wotherspoon, Jo Tinker, Julie Evison Williams

## Section A Reference and administration details

Charity name: 2<sup>nd</sup> Stamford Town Scouts  
 Registered Charity Number: 522365  
 Charity's Principal Address: Empingham Road, Stamford, PE9 2RH  
 Charity Trustees who manage the charity:

Trustee Name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year
Laura Smith	Chairperson	
Alison Pike	Secretary	
Nick Reynolds	Treasurer	
Howard Nelson	Acting GSL	From June 2020 to Sept 2021
Jo Tinker	Group Scout Leader	From Sept 2021
Pauline Jones	Quartermaster	
Neil Wotherspoon	Scout Leader - Pegasus Troop	
John Burrows	Cub Scout Leader – Kestrel Pack	
Paul Scholes	Cub Scout Leader – Kingfisher Pack	
Lisa Stevenson	Beaver Scout Leader	
Jan Simmonds	General Member	

## Section B – Structure, governance and management

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.

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

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

The Group is managed by the Group Executive Committee, 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 Committee consists of 3 independent representatives, Chair, Treasurer and Secretary together with the Acting Group Scout Leader, individual section leaders (if opted to take on the responsibility), together with a facilities team member, a fundraising team member and a Quartermaster. The Committee meets every 3 months.

Members of the Executive Committee complete 'Essential Information for Executive Committee' training within the first 5 months of joining the committee.

This Group Executive Committee exists to support the Group Scout Leader in meeting the responsibilities of the appointments and is responsible for:

- The maintenance of Group property;
- The raising of funds and the administration of Group finance;
- The insurance of persons, property and equipment;
- Group public occasions;
- Assisting in the recruitment of leaders and other adult support;
- Appointing any sub committees that may be required;
- Appointing Group Administrators and Advisors other than those who are elected.
- Ensuring all staff are paid fairly, in line with employment law
- Ensuring Conflict of Interest declarations are completed by all trustees and reviewed as appropriate.

### **Risk and Internal Control**

The Group Executive Committee 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 use the second site or request the use of buildings, property and equipment from neighbouring organisations such as the church, community centre and other Scout Groups. Similar reciprocal arrangements exist with these organisations. 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 membership fees contributes to the Scout Associations national accident insurance policy. The group also has group insurance for personal accident and medical expenses insurance for non-member helpers and supporters. Risk Assessments are undertaken before all activities.

Reduced income from fund raising.

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

The group has in place systems of internal controls that are designed to provide reasonable assurance against material mismanagement or loss, these include 2 signatories for all payments and comprehensive insurance policies to ensure that insurable risks are covered.

## Section C- Objectives and Activities

### The Purpose of Scouting

Scouting exists to actively engage and support young people in their personal development, empowering them to make a positive contribution to society.

### The Values of Scouting

As Scouts we are guided by these values:

Integrity - We act with integrity; we are honest, trustworthy and loyal.

Respect - We have self-respect and respect for others.

Care - We support others and take care of the world in which we live.

Belief - We explore our faiths, beliefs and attitudes.

Co-operation - We make a positive difference; we co-operate with others and make friends.

### The Scout Method

Scouting takes place when young people, in partnership with adults, work together based on the values of Scouting and:

- enjoy what they are doing and have fun
- take part in activities indoors and outdoors
- learn by doing
- share in spiritual reflection
- take responsibility and make choices
- undertake new and challenging activities
- make and live by their Promise

Summary of the main activities in relation to these objectives

During the year all Sections have offered a range of activities to the membership as detailed in the following annual reports:

### Chairperson's Report:

This year saw 2nd Stamford scouting move from virtual meetings to face to face activities. The leaders again handled the transition marvellously well and supported the Beavers, Cubs and Scouts through these changes. The children responded positively and managed to earn a wealth of badges, including some practical based skills which had been more challenging to achieve during online meetings. We have also been able to make the most out of our wonderful outdoor space with the addition of a marquee which allowed many meetings to go ahead outside throughout the winter.

The new HQ sub-committee have continued their hard work moving forward the exciting plans for a new building for 2nd Stamford scouting. This year the committee submitted the 'Pre-App' application which has successfully been approved. We can now move on to submitting the full planning application which takes us another step further on the journey to our fantastic new building.

We are delighted that the role of Group Scout Leader has been taken up by Jo Tinker. Jo has a wealth of experience and passion for scouting and has already made a considerable difference to how we run as a committee and has a long list of ideas that we know will ensure 2nd Stamford will continue to thrive long into the future.

I have thoroughly enjoyed my role as Chairperson over the last 5 years, watching the young people grow, develop, and achieve greatness with the support of each other and the remarkable leaders. However this is my final report as chair of the Executive Committee as I step down at this AGM. I would like to give my heartfelt thanks to the committee for their dedication to scouting. I know they will go on to support the new chairperson in their role.

I wish 2nd Stamford Scouts all the best for an exciting future and will enjoy watching the group continue to thrive.

Laura Smith  
ljsmithlj@gmail.com

### **Contribution by Volunteers**

Details on the contribution of adults can be found throughout this report.

### **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

The Executive Committee in administering the charity has met 5 times during the year.

### Group Scout Leader Report

It's been a busy 9 months since I started as GSL, not least because the group has functioned for so long without a dedicated one. We are extremely lucky to have a great and committed group of leaders who have been shouldering the burden of the whole group for a long time so my main aim has been to get to know everyone and to see where a group approach can be helpful.

I have primarily been focused on making sure that any group admin can be centralised to relieve our leaders to do what they do best; lead their sections. By taking over the waiting list, volunteer recruitment and national comms elements I hope I have reduced the amount of emails piling up in inboxes.

As we move to next year we will start to see some of the benefits of the new leadership team structure where our new volunteers can join a team and become a leader on a more sporadic or occasional basis rather than having to attend every week. In addition we are starting to build up databases of helpers in different areas. This will help to spread the load of all the additional bits of scouting and allow additional focus on events and programming for our youth members.

I thank the leadership team and exec committee for their help and support as I find my feet in the GSL role and look forward to some of our plans coming to fruition in the coming year.

Jo Tinker – Group Scout Leader

### Quartermaster Report

During the year tents have been checked and repaired as necessary. Ongoing repairs needed especially with ageing patrol tents. The fiberglass poles need continual monitoring and replacement. They do not repair safely. The tents will need replacing and research into suitable air beam tents is ongoing. The expedition tents purchased last year have been well used by both scouts and explorers. We had a large quantity of plastic plates, bowls, mugs, cups and cutlery donated to us giving us plenty for large groups. The stores are to be put on a data base to help leaders understand the kit available. This will be done once the lighting issues in the stores are resolved.

Pauline Jones

### Leaders Reports

Please see appendix 1 for Leaders individual troop reports.

## Section E Financial Report

### Treasurers Report

Please see Appendix 2 for final accounts and budget.

### Financial Summary

The group has made a net income of £16,015. The main contributors to this are the high membership levels, hirings, fund raising work, Gift Aid and Fund Raising towards the new hut. The group has had a fantastic year with all sections full throughout the year and an average membership of 90 young people.

### Income

Fund raising has continued to be strong this year, with over £660 from the SKDC Lottery , and generous individual donations.

With COVID restrictions the hiring has been limited, however overall the group raised £510. Chutney continues to offer rifle range evenings. The group is very grateful for all that he does for us. Miscellaneous hirings, mostly for birthday parties has given us an income of £455. Both halls and the rifle range are available to hire – please contact Pauline or your section leader if you are interested.

Gift Aid is a big revenue stream for us and generated an additional income of nearly £2,500. For us to be able to claim this money, we need parents to update the records on OSM, so please can I ask you to double check this for us

### Expenses

The day to day running and maintenance of the huts cost £3,213 for the year and is our biggest cost.

Expenditure on equipment was £2400 for the year.

The cost of badges and neckers totalled £1018 for the year.

Our online subscriptions have gone up this year with the launch of the new website. Now that all of our sections are collecting subs through OSM there is an increase in the OSM fees, but this is more than compensated for by the reduction in administration for the section leaders.

### Treasurers Role

Once again the treasury role has been split between myself and Ann Burrows, her support has continued to be invaluable to myself and the group. I would also like to thank Jan for her continued advice and support.

Nick Reynolds - Treasurer

## Section F Additional Information

### New HQ Update

During the past year the committee has been continuing to work with the architects to finalise the design, apply for pre-planning, raise reports and separately, continue to fundraise.

We worked with the leaders of all sections with 3 layout choices to decide the best ideas that would ensure the best building we can produce. The final design was a mixture of the 3 layouts. Summarizing, the second hall's footprint was increased, the stores located under the building where the rifle range is now and the kitchen positioning next to the main hall. Once this was finalized, we held a public consultation with our neighbours where they were able to ask questions and raise issues. We were able to respond to any issues before we submitted the pre-application in June 21.

The report from the planning officer was returned in November and was largely positive, with requests for reports on noise, contamination, access and traffic to be conducted. We added an engineer's report and completed the asbestos report. All these reports have been returned and the final planning submitted.

Throughout this time we have continued with fundraising, managing to accrue approximately £90,000. When we receive the final planning permission we will need to have a sound plan in place to apply for grants and funding.

A huge thank you to all the committee for the work so far, we have achieved a huge amount through very difficult times.

Further details of the project, can be found on the group website - <http://www.2ndstamford.scoutsonline.co.uk>

## 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): Alison Pike

Position: Secretary

Date: 1/7/22

## Appendix 1 Youth Activity

### Pegasus Troop

41 Scouts, 5 Leaders, 1 Occasional Helpers, 2 young leaders. 6 Chief Scout Gold awards and a Scout selected for the World Jamboree.

The year started with us still meeting virtually, once a week. We welcomed Mike Ward to the leadership group. Mike is an experienced scout leader who had been posted to RAF Wittering. We put a plan in place to meet on Wednesday and Thursday every week. Mike to lead the Wednesdays and I the Thursdays. This was successful and we were able to hold twice as many meetings and cover more subjects than before. We have not had to hold a virtual meeting since. During part of this year I was unable to attend Scouts due to family bereavement and it is of great credit that Scouts continued seamlessly due to the work of Jan, Jonathan, Mike and Chris with support from many others in the group.

There was no Stamcamp again this year but we were able to hold 2 expeditions for the most experienced Scouts. We had a weekend camp in the autumn for the whole troop. It was a huge learning event for both the Scouts and the leadership.

The first expedition was held whilst restrictions on camping were in place. The event was run by the leadership team and Julie Evison Williams, the Explorer leader who helped run the event to enable it to take place, thank you Julie.

Despite the restrictions placed on us during Covid we managed to award 6 Scouts their Chief Scout Gold Award during this year. This is an outstanding achievement and testament to the outstanding work Jan does for the troop. Congratulations to Harry Merryman, Harry Evison Williams, Huw Ballard, Freddie Brewin, Rory Cullen and Niamh Glasswell.

In a 2nd Stamford first for decades, Oliver Timson was selected for the World Jamboree in South Korea. He had to attend a selection camp and was one of just 10 scouts out of 100 who were successful. A tremendous achievement.

Together with the cubs we attended the Chiller day at Walesby Forrest. This gave the Scouts the opportunity to do many adventurous activity and was a hugely popular event with all that attended.

From April we were able to meet physically with restrictions on indoor numbers. The addition of the permanent tent to has been very useful. It enabled us to continue meeting throughout the winter.

The pandemic left the Scouts with a huge practical knowledge gap. During this year we had tried to fill this with as many outdoor and traditional Scouting skills as we could. We started with the survival badge. This covers knives, axes, saws, backwoods cooking, shelters and rescue signals. During the rest of the year we managed to get the scouts to

sail at Whitewater, do air rifles, 2 night hikes, after map reading revision and visit the Scalextric centre near Spalding. To cover the environment and volunteering aspects we joined the Explorers at a tree planting event.

This year has been challenging but things have improved as time went on. We have tried to reintroduce the scouts to the outdoors, emphasising teamwork and leadership. The leadership team is changing. Chris is having to stop being a leader, due to changing work commitments and moving back to Oxfordshire. He has provided superb support to all of us and will be missed by us all.

This will be my final report. I have decided that now is a good time to step back from leading Pegasus troop. It has been a privilege to be given the chance to influence the young people's life's. I have thanked Chris already but Jonathan, Jan, Richard, Dani and Mike have all contributed to the success of Pegasus troop throughout my time leading. Together we have grown the troop from just 10 Scouts to consistently having around 40 Scouts. We have managed to award many Chief Scouts gold awards and also to get our first attendee to the world Jamboree.

Neil Wotherspoon, Scouts Leader

## Kestrels Troop Report

16 Cubs, 2 young leaders and 4 uniformed leaders

We went into the new year still meeting on Zoom every Tuesday night with nearly full attendance. Our programme was varied, with guest speakers, badge work and lots of fun. On several occasions' leaders delivered activity material to the doors of the cub's houses so they all had the same materials to use while on zoom.

Kestrels and kingfishers continue to plan and follow the same programme through out the year achieving lots of activities and badge work

The biggest part of scouting that we all missed was going camping, but with lots of camping at home the cubs still managed to experience time in tents or under homemade shelters. We even saw parents getting involved. When we were able to get back together our first official camp was slightly different as we took the cubs to a PGL site nr Grantham and stayed in their accommodation block. Cubs and leaders had a fantastic time.

During the year we handed out 207 badges and the leadership team were happy to have the Badges at home icon on OSM which enabled the Cubs to complete badge work that they may not have time to complete on a normal meet.

We even achieved 7 Chief Scout Silver Awards:

- Xander Miley
- William Farrer

- Henry Stainsby
- Samuel Willing
- Toby Dawson
- Annie Parrott
- Joshua Perkins

When we were able to meet back up in person it took a while for the cubs and leaders to settle back into normal meetings, but with lots of outdoor space and the addition of a new marquee we soon found new ways to work together safely.

Some of the memorable activities were packing shoeboxes with toys and toiletries for a charity in Peterborough, attending Chiller at Walesby Forest and sending the Queen a card for her jubilee celebrations.

John Burrows, Cubs Leader

### Kingfisher Troop Report

We continued to see a good intake from beavers and cubs moving up to scouts which is great to see the progression and retainment in the group. The leadership team has remained stable with 4 adults as one young leader become an adult leader. The cub numbers have remained around 16 as we monitored covid risks.

As covid restrictions lifted we were very keen to get back to face to face meetings. Over the summer term we complete emergency aid, Gardening and Backwoods cooking badgework, alongside other outside activities including going to Ketton Scout Hall to use some of their facilities. It was great to see the kids back enjoying the more practical side of scouting.

When we returned after the summer break we continued with some badge work including Disability awareness, cooking, and a hike. We also did various craft activities, night hike and money skills. We packed shoeboxes with toys and toiletries for a charity in Peterborough to share out to less fortunate people living in the community. We managed to take the cubs away to a PGL centre for an over night residential which was a long time coming since covid and a chance to do some more adventurous activities. We also attended Chiller at Walseby forest which was a county event with lots of varied activities. We finished the term with Christmas crafts and a party.

In the Spring term completed more badges including DIY badge, Astronomy and personal safety. We joined in the Queen's celebrations by sending her a card to which she replied which was lovely. We also learnt more about scouting Jamborees as our leader Jamie was selected to lead the Lincolnshire contingent to South Korea in 2023. We attend a Cub activity day at the East of England showground where they could do air rifles, tracking and pigeon plucking and taste testing. We finished the term with 10 pin bowling which was a great fun night.

We awarded over 120 badges during the year due to their commitment. This included 2 silver awards which is the highest badge in cubs and takes a lot of work to achieve. Well done to everyone this year as we see a more 'normal' return to scouting.

Paul Scholes, Cubs Leader

## Beavers Drift Road and Empingham Road Colonies

This report is unlike any I have written for Beavers before, as so many adaptations have been made to continue scouting during the pandemic. The first lockdown put a stop to all our planned activities so we immediately sent out suggested scouting activities the beavers could do over the Easter holidays, including ways of keeping fit and healthy and the challenge to create an Easter masterpiece of their choice.

When it became clear face-to-face scouting would not be returning for a considerable time, we began to have our weekly beaver meetings on Zoom. I was so impressed how easily the beavers took to this and how involved they were willing to get. I am also very proud of how all the leaders adapted to this way of delivering scouting and I think our virtual experiment night, Lego challenge and end of term party were the highlights of this term. Most of the beavers completed lots of badges at home and shared what they had been doing with the rest of the colony. Some of the older beavers also set challenges and activities for the others to complete. Many of the beavers drew pictures and made cards, which were delivered to the Evergreen Care Trust. We joined in with the Hike to the Moon and took part in the virtual camp weekend.

Face to face scouting was permitted again in September and we spent a huge amount of time planning to return to outside meetings safely. Each colony alternated between a face-to-face session and a Zoom one. We also arranged a few Saturday events for the older beavers to finish off their Chief Scout Bronze Awards, before moving up to cubs. Again, the children adapted so well to a change in their scouting experience and the restrictions we still had to put in place. During this period, the beavers had a cyclist night, earned their disability and global issues badges and one group managed to get in a campfire before being told we had to return to virtual scouting again.

It was a long winter, being stuck inside, but the beavers kept up their enthusiasm for scouting. We had another virtual sleepover and an Australian themed night, earning the beavers their international badge. We finished the term with a fun packed Beaver Christmas party and the whole group one too.

In January the term started with a show and tell session, as we had encouraged the beavers to start working on various badges over the Christmas break. We completed a very successful two Zoom sessions to earn the Emergency Aid badge, with the beavers learning how to call for help and reassure their patient in an emergency and demonstrating, on brave volunteers in their household, how to bandage a bleed and put the casualty in the recovery position. To be awarded the badge, the beavers were assessed on their new skills by performing the correct emergency aid throughout a very accident-prone Mr Men story.

After half term the beavers worked on their Air Activities badge. I would like to say a big thank you to Graham Beet for presenting his experiences in flying various aircraft and Chris Burden for sharing a video of him in the cockpit flying and landing his aircraft. During this term we arranged a glow in the dark virtual dance party, which was incredibly successful, and I was amazed at the participation and the enthusiasm we had from the kids and, of course, their incredible dance skills.

Over the year I continued to be Section Leader for both colonies and throughout a lot of this time we worked as one big colony for practicality reasons during the pandemic. I had three Assistant Section Leaders and one Section Assistant at the very start of the period and have had two more Section Assistant Leaders join, first virtually and then face-to-face. We had only four beavers leave scouting during this time and 18 new beavers start. I feel in awe of these children, who were brave enough to join a new club during such a difficult period and at such a young age. I awarded 10, well deserved, Chief Scout Bronze Awards during the year.

I would like to thank all the parents of our beavers for supporting their child's scouting during this difficult year. The attendance, attitude and enthusiasm to take part and to complete badges and activities was phenomenal and I know that the children will have needed a lot of your help with this.

Looking forward, we have already returned to regular outside face-to-face meetings and plan for both colonies to continue to both meet outside at Empingham Road throughout autumn and winter. Having been forced to only meet outside over the last few months, we have decided that we would like to continue delivering scouting this way and are adapting the outside space and our programme to be more suitable for the winter weather. We are back up to 16 beavers in each colony and are still working together as a team of leaders running both colonies. We have a new leader joining us and three young leaders volunteering. The waiting list is continuing to grow, with usually around 45-50 children waiting for a place in the group at one time. It would be wonderful if all these children could be offered a place. We are still looking for a second Beaver Section Leader and this would allow us to increase the number of children we could introduce to the scouting experience.

Lisa Stevenson

## Explorer's Report

It's been a very busy year for Stamford and Ketton Explorers. It has been fantastic to get back to normal scouting activities after the lockdown period.

### Camps

A firm favourite of all the Explorers is going on camp and we have run three this year. At the international camp each Explorer led a game or activity using an international theme and was involved in cooking and trying some different tastes from around the world. The survival camp in October involved building shelters, skinning and cooking rabbit, foraging – all in the pouring rain but it didn't dampen our spirits.

For our March camp we had no rain but definitely had sub zero temperatures at night. We had loads of fun making go-karts and racing them in Ketton woods.

### Activities

As well as going on lots of hikes and improving our navigation skills we have been mountain biking, rifle shooting, sailing and kayaking, archery, bell ringing and a local history quiz. We have even been sub aqua diving!

We have improved our practical skills by learning about bicycle maintenance, first aid and making planters. We later sold the planters to raise money for Cancer Research. We have also supported the local foodbank and have an ongoing project to raise money for the Evergreen Trust. We have been involved in planting trees at Braceborough, being part of the pre-season clear up at Whitewater and marshalling the Burghley7 showing that we enjoy volunteering to support community projects and fundraising initiatives.

Our Christmas treat was to go to Escape rooms in Peterborough. This helped develop teamwork as well as being lots of fun. All the groups got out – just!

An ongoing theme throughout the year has been exploring and discussing our own beliefs. The Explorers have designed and led their own activities to communicate their beliefs to others to raise awareness of issues that are important to them.

### Awards

We have had 3 Explorers complete their bronze Duke of Edinburgh award and move on to their silver. We've also had some members from scouts signing up to start their bronze and a new member sign up for their silver. This will go towards achieving the top scouting awards: platinum, diamond and the ultimate goal, the Queen's Scout Award.

One member was selected to represent us at the World Scout Jamboree in South Korea 2023 and is very busily raising money for that trip.

We have 3 Explorers enrolled on the Young Leaders programme and even more helping out with younger sections to help develop their leadership skills.

By the end of the year, we had 19 Explorers with several more looking to move up from scouts. We have 3 leaders.

I'd like to thank the Explorers who have been so much fun to work with. They get really stuck in to every activity we suggest and are becoming really responsible, independent young people with fantastic problem-solving skills and ever-growing confidence.

I'd also like to thank their parents for putting up with my constant demands for activity forms!

Julie Evison Williams, Explorers Leader

## Appendix 2 2<sup>nd</sup> Stamford Scout Group Accounts

### Accounts 2021-2022

**2nd Stamford Town Scout Group**  
**Receipts and Payments Account**  
**for the period ending 31 March 2022**

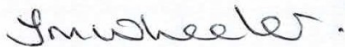
<u>Income</u>	<i>Note</i>		<u>Expenditure</u>	<i>Note</i>	
Subs		13,303.00	Membership Fees		5,691.60
Activities	(1)	6,076.00	Activities	(1)	6,779.54
Exciting Activities	(2)	2,700.30	Exciting Activities	(2)	2,452.54
Weekly Activities		0.00	Weekly activities		1,273.26
Leaders Training / Uniform		0.00	Leader uniform		289.57
Hiring	(5)	510.00	Scout Shop (badges etc)		1,018.85
Charity events		0.00	Charity		25.00
Property costs		0.00	Property costs	(7)	1,602.46
Gift Aid		2,400.49	Maintenance	(6)	358.37
Donations		0.00	Website		0.00
Fund Raising	(4)	32,285.03	Equipment		2,400.38
Overpaid subs		0.00	AGM		0.00
Bank interest		7.44	Go cardless (Subs) fees & taxes		625.34
International trips fund		0.00	Online subscriptions		210.00
membership fee		0.00	New Hut		17,241.68
Income Other		140.00	Insurance	(7)	1,253.08
			Expenses other		185.15
			Leader Training		40.00
		0.00	Excess of receipts over payments		16,015.44
		<u>57,422.26</u>			<u>57,462.26</u>
		0.00			0.00

**Balance Sheet as at 31 March 2022**

	<u>Restricted</u>	<u>Designated</u>	<u>Unrestricted</u>	
	<u>Funds</u>	<u>Funds</u>	<u>Funds</u>	<u>Total Funds</u>
<b>Opening balances:</b>				
Petty Cash	0.00		58.56	
Floats	0.00		80.26	
Lloyds Bank	7,015.88	47,811.52	13,958.47	
Total Opening Balances	<b>7,015.88</b>	<b>47,811.52</b>	<b>14,097.29</b>	<b>68,924.69</b>
Movement in the year	(6,678.08)	(10,895.45)	33,548.97	15,975.44
<b>Closing balance</b>	<b>337.80</b>	<b>36,916.07</b>	<b>47,646.26</b>	<b>84,900.13</b>
<b>Funds</b>				
Total Floats <i>Note 3)</i>			8.97	<b>8.97</b>
Petty cash			247.50	<b>247.50</b>
Lloyds bank - savings account			41,382.99	<b>78,636.86</b>
New Hut Empingham Road - 19/20	2,600.01			
New Hut Empingham Road - 20/21	2,876.22	47,811.52		
New Hut Empingham Road - 21/22	870.00			
New Hut Empingham Road Expenses - 21/22	(6,346.23)	(10,895.45)		
PGL refunds to cubs unable to attend	337.80			
Lloyds bank - current account			6,006.80	<b>6,006.80</b>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<b>337.80</b>	<b>36,916.07</b>	<b>47,646.26</b>	<b>84,900.13</b>
	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00

**Independent Examiner's Report**

The accounts have been prepared under the cash basis accounting principle which is appropriate for this entity. I have examined the receipts and payments account, together with the balance sheet and records provided. In my opinion it shows a true and fair view of the affairs of 2nd Stamford Town Scout Group as at 31 March 2022.



Jayne Wheeler MAAT  
Glentor Accounting Services

Date: 27 June 2022

**2nd Stamford Town Scout Group**  
**Notes to the Accounts: 2021/22**

**Note**

<b>1 ACTIVITIES</b>	<b>Income</b>	<b>Expenses</b>	<b>Net (current year)</b>	<b>Previous</b>	<b>Net</b>
			<b>In/(Out)</b>	<b>year</b>	<b>In/(Out)</b>
			0.00		0.00
Poacher 22	3,480.00	4,505.00	(1,025.00)	309.65	(715.35)
Hoodies	1,116.00	945.22	170.78	(443.28)	(272.50)
Scouts Autumn Camp	150.00	104.32	45.68		45.68
Chiller camp	630.00	650.00	(20.00)		(20.00)
Stamcamp 2022	700.00	575.00	125.00		125.00
	<b>6,076.00</b>	<b>6,779.54</b>	<b>(703.54)</b>	<b>(133.63)</b>	<b>(837.17)</b>
<b>2 EXCITING ACTIVITIES</b>	<b>Income</b>	<b>Expenses</b>	<b>Net</b>	<b>Previous</b>	<b>Net</b>
			<b>In/(Out)</b>	<b>year</b>	<b>In/(Out)</b>
PGL	1,658.30	1,417.50	240.80		240.80 inc. £337.80 refunds
Toboganning	147.00	167.99	(20.99)		(20.99)
Cub Activity Day Peterborough	90.00	76.80	13.20		13.20
Junior Poacher	165.00	183.00	(18.00)		(18.00)
Scalextric	310.00	310.00	0.00		0.00
Whitewater	232.75	200.00	32.75		32.75
Scout Party	97.25	97.25	0.00		0.00
	<b>2,700.30</b>	<b>2,452.54</b>	<b>247.76</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>247.76</b>
<b>3 FLOATS:</b>					
Beavers - Empingham Rd		20.00		Lisa	
Beavers - Drift Ave		20.00		Lisa	
Kestrel Cubs		8.23		John / Pauline	
Kingfisher Cubs		2.08		Paul	
Pegasus Scouts		(41.34)		Neil	
		<u>8.97</u>			
<b>4 FUND RAISING</b>					
SKDC Lottery		661.50			
SKDC Grant		25,050.00			
Plant Sale		120.00			
Easy Fund Raising		101.19			
Paypal Giving Fund		3,012.48			
Amazon Smile		27.86			
Just Giving		641.75			
Stamford Methodist Church		1,500.00			
Paid in - 20p's for new hut fund		9.00			
Donations		1,161.25			
Total		<u>32,285.03</u>			

Notes to the Accounts: 21/22 (continued)

5	HIRINGS	Emp. Rd	Drift Ave
	Rifle Range	15.00	
	Explorers	40.00	
	Parties	390.00	65.00
	Table Hire		
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>445.00</b>	<b>65.00</b>

6	MAINTENANCE	Emp. Rd	Drift Ave	Group
	Buildings Maintenance	9.34		
	Cleaning Equipment	39.34		
	Fire Extinguishers	149.45	76.99	
	Keys cut	16.90		
	Signs	36.99		
	Grounds Maintenance	29.36		
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>281.38</b>	<b>76.99</b>	<b>-</b>

7	PROPERTY & INSURANCE COSTS	Emp. Rd	Drift Ave	Group
	Council Tax	79.40	100.94	
	Water	72.00	162.12	
	Electric	524.00	664.00	
	Property Insurance	532.05	259.66	461.37
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1,207.45</b>	<b>1,186.72</b>	<b>461.37</b>

Budget 2022-2023

2nd Stamford (Town) Scout Group

5 Year Forecast

	26/27	25/26	24/25	23/24	22/23	21/22	20/21	19/20	18/19	
	Budget	Budget	Budget	Budget	Budget	Actual	Actual	Actual	Actual	
	Z7	Z7	Z7	Z3	Z18	Z16	Z13	Z100		
	Z60	Z243	Z216	Z185	Z146	Z90	Z87	Z100		
Leaders	12.00	12.00	12.00	12.00	12.00	12.00	12.00	11.50		Comments
Members										Ask Leaders
Subs Monthly Price										Assumed flat
Income										
Subs	34,320	32,076	28,312	24,420	19,272	13,303	10,198	13,360	12,512	Subs x Members x 11
Gift Aid	6,178	5,174	5,132	4,396	3,469	2,400	2,731	2,998	1,684	Assumed 18% recovery - average of last two years
Rental	3,000	3,000	3,000	3,000	2,000	510	215	1,886	2,526	No rental in 20/21 due to COVID, assumed increase from 23/24 due to new hut
Charity events	1,000	1,000	1,000	800	600	0	0	480	544	Assumed flat
Donations	0	0	0	0	0	0	809	1,404	630	Assumed flat
Fund Raising (net)	2,000	2,000	2,000	150,000	500,000	32,285	51,212	1,180	1,882	High in 20 - 22 to increase funds for new hut
Activities	24,173	22,592	20,082	17,200	13,574	8,776	1,861	9,297	2,740	Assumed growth with Membership
Miscellaneous Income	400	400	400	400	300,436	140	436	339	1,498	Assumed flat with exception of 21/22 for sale of Drift hut
International Trips	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	N/A
Bank interest	10	10	10	10	10	7	9	9	8	
<b>Total</b>	<b>71,080</b>	<b>66,852</b>	<b>60,136</b>	<b>200,225</b>	<b>839,361</b>	<b>57,422</b>	<b>67,471</b>	<b>30,953.01</b>	<b>24,121</b>	
Inflation		2%	2%	2%	2%	2%	2%			
Expenditure										
Membership fees	18,154	16,634	14,496	12,172	9,418	5,692	6,148	6,449	5,885	Assumed 2% inflation YOY
Activities	22,673	21,092	18,582	16,200	13,074	6,780	1,535	8,449	3,546	Based on Membership
Exciting Activities	10,000	10,000	8,000	7,000	6,000	2,453	0	549	195	Increased Spend in line with membership
Weekly activities	1,332	1,245	1,107	948	748	1,273	612	512	1,026	Based on headcount increase
Construct New Hut				850,000	150,000	17,242	8,408			Current cost assumption of new hut construction
Equipment	3,500	3,000	2,500	2,000	1,500	2,400	555	924	1,969	Assumed flat
Leaders Training / Uniform	50	50	160	200	80	0	40	17	29	Based on new leaders
Scout shop (badges etc)	2,407	2,250	2,000	1,713	1,352	1,308	1,071	926	939	Based on headcount increase
Charity	1,000	1,000	1,000	800	600	25	0	480	544	Assumed flat
Council Tax	(126)	(123)	(121)	(118)	(116)	180	0	696	680	Only 1 property
Water	78	76	75	73	72	234	141	119	487	No cost for sewerage at Empingham
Electricity	1,312	1,286	1,261	1,236	1,212	1,188	1,292	1,520	1,605	Assumed 2% inflation YOY - Assume new hut, whilst larger, will not cost more than both huts currently
Rental Costs					2,000	792	0			Cost of renting space for meetings whilst Empingham Road Hut is built - £20 per meeting per section
Property Insurance	1,264	1,239	1,215	1,191	1,168	2,394	2,053	3,255	3,806	Assumed 2% inflation YOY - Assume new hut, whilst larger, will not cost more than both huts currently
Buildings	265	260	255	250	250	10	9	56	91	Assumed 2% inflation YOY - Assume new hut, whilst larger, will not cost more than both huts currently
Cleaning	43	43	42	41	40	39	427	951	733	Assumed 2% inflation YOY
Equipment	309	303	297	291	286	280	83	0	436	Higher costs for the increased membership
Grounds	32	32	31	31	30	29	768	176	174	Assumed 2% inflation YOY
<b>Maintenance:</b>	<b>650</b>	<b>638</b>	<b>625</b>	<b>613</b>	<b>365</b>	<b>358</b>	<b>1,278</b>	<b>1,183</b>	<b>1,435</b>	Assumed 2% inflation YOY - Assumed new equipment in new hut
OnLine Scout Manager (OSM)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	180	180	Cost now picked up by District
Subscriptions	132	130	127	125	122	120	210	201	280	Assumed 2% inflation YOY
AGM	500	500	500	350	250	0	0	35	157	Higher costs for the increased membership
Go cardless (Subs) fee	1,755	1,640	1,458	1,249	985	625	333	666	447	Assumed 2% inflation YOY
Insurance - contents/activity	325	318	312	306	300	461	539	173	59	Assumed 2% inflation YOY - Assumed new equipment in new hut
Sundry expenses	230	230	200	120	50	314	309	26	62	Assumed 2% inflation YOY
International Trips	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	200	0	Assumed Flat
<b>Total</b>	<b>63,992</b>	<b>59,986</b>	<b>52,281</b>	<b>894,986</b>	<b>188,012</b>	<b>41,446</b>	<b>23,091</b>	<b>24,225</b>	<b>20,558</b>	
<b>Net Income/(loss)</b>	<b>7,089</b>	<b>6,866</b>	<b>7,855</b>	<b>(694,760)</b>	<b>651,349</b>	<b>15,976</b>	<b>44,380</b>	<b>6,728</b>	<b>3,566</b>	
<b>Funds</b>										
Opening balance	56,210	49,344	41,490	736,250	84,901	68,925	24,544	17,816	14,247	
Closing balance	63,299	56,210	49,344	41,490	736,250	84,901	68,925	24,544	17,816	
<b>Minimum Cash Requirement</b>	<b>9,709</b>	<b>8,937</b>	<b>7,855</b>	<b>6,662</b>	<b>6,293</b>	<b>4,043</b>	<b>4,101</b>			6 months of running costs + Membership Fees

**2ND STAMFORD TOWN SCOUT GROUP**

England & Wales - Charity number 522365

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# Accounts

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# **Trustees Annual Report 2020 - 2021**

**AGM Date: 23 September 2021**

**Venue: Empingham Road Scout Hut**

- Laura Smith, Alison Pike, Nick Reynolds, Jan Simmonds, Pauline Jones, Paul Scholes, John Burrows, Lisa Stevenson, Neil Wotherspoon, Trevor Watson, Howard Nelson

## Section A Reference and administration details

Charity name: 2<sup>nd</sup> Stamford Town Scouts  
 Registered Charity Number: 522365  
 Charity's Principal Address: Empingham Road, Stamford, PE9 2RH  
 Charity Trustees who manage the charity:

Trustee Name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year
Laura Smith	Chairman	
Alison Pike	Secretary	
Nick Reynolds	Treasurer	
Trevor Watson	Acting GSL (District Commissioner)	To June 2020
Howard Nelson	Acting GSL	From June 2020
Pauline Jones	Quartermaster	
Neil Wotherspoon	Scout Leader - Pegasus Troop	
John Burrows	Cub Scout Leader – Kestrel Pack	
Paul Scholes	Cub Scout Leader – Kingfisher Pack	
Lisa Stevenson	Beaver Scout Leader	
Jan Simmonds	General Member	

## Section B – Structure, governance and management

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.

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

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

The Group is managed by the Group Executive Committee, 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 Committee consists of 3 independent representatives, Chair, Treasurer and Secretary together with the Acting Group Scout Leader, individual section leaders (if opted to take on the responsibility), together with a facilities team member, a fundraising team member and a Quartermaster. The Committee meets every 3 months.

Members of the Executive Committee complete 'Essential Information for Executive Committee' training within the first 5 months of joining the committee.

This Group Executive Committee exists to support the Group Scout Leader in meeting the responsibilities of the appointments and is responsible for:

- The maintenance of Group property;
- The raising of funds and the administration of Group finance;
- The insurance of persons, property and equipment;
- Group public occasions;
- Assisting in the recruitment of leaders and other adult support;
- Appointing any sub committees that may be required;
- Appointing Group Administrators and Advisors other than those who are elected.
- Ensuring all staff are paid fairly, in line with employment law
- Ensuring Conflict of Interest declarations are completed by all trustees and reviewed as appropriate.

### **Risk and Internal Control**

The Group Executive Committee 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 use the second site or request the use of buildings, property and equipment from neighbouring organisations such as the church, community centre and other Scout Groups. Similar reciprocal arrangements exist with these organisations. 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 membership fees contributes to the Scout Associations national accident insurance policy. The group also has group insurance for personal accident and medical expenses insurance for non-member helpers and supporters. Risk Assessments are undertaken before all activities.

Reduced income from fund raising.

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

The group has in place systems of internal controls that are designed to provide reasonable assurance against material mismanagement or loss, these include 2 signatories for all payments and comprehensive insurance policies to ensure that insurable risks are covered.

## Section C- Objectives and Activities

### The Purpose of Scouting

Scouting exists to actively engage and support young people in their personal development, empowering them to make a positive contribution to society.

### The Values of Scouting

As Scouts we are guided by these values:

Integrity - We act with integrity; we are honest, trustworthy and loyal.

Respect - We have self-respect and respect for others.

Care - We support others and take care of the world in which we live.

Belief - We explore our faiths, beliefs and attitudes.

Co-operation - We make a positive difference; we co-operate with others and make friends.

### The Scout Method

Scouting takes place when young people, in partnership with adults, work together based on the values of Scouting and:

- enjoy what they are doing and have fun
- take part in activities indoors and outdoors
- learn by doing
- share in spiritual reflection
- take responsibility and make choices
- undertake new and challenging activities
- make and live by their Promise

Summary of the main activities in relation to these objectives

During the year all Sections have offered a range of activities to the membership as detailed in the following annual reports:

### Chairperson's Report:

This report covers the period from April 2020 to 2021 and as you all know, most of that time we were carrying out all our scouting duties and activities under lockdown. It was an unusual and challenging year and our leaders very much rose to the challenge. They delivered a full and exciting programme of activities for our young people and I was impressed by their creativity, commitment and willingness to adapt to the times.

The children responded to this by achieving a phenomenal amount of badges, including many Bronze, Silver and Gold awards. This was all the more impressive given the conditions under which they were accomplished. The leaders also used lockdown to continue their learning and many got their Wood badge which is awarded upon completion of leader training. Three leaders were given County Commissioner Commendation Awards as was Adam Warren for his brilliant fundraising efforts.

I am also excited to report that in December the Stamford and Ketton Explorer Scouts

group was established. This is a group for 14 to 18 years olds to continue their scouting journey.

Towards the end of lockdown, we were pleased to be given the task of preparing for the return to face to face scouting. Once again our leaders rose to the challenge and a great deal of work was done by them to ensure that meetings could be held safely and yet still be fun and exciting. The results of this work you can see today and it is great to have our young people back experiencing scouting face to face.

During lockdown and since, the work on the new HQ has continued and I have been so impressed by how much the sub committee has achieved in this time. We are getting closer to having a cost for the build and a budget to fundraise for. Very soon we will need people to help complete grant applications and come up with other fundraising activities.

To continue to be the thriving scouting group that we are, we need your help. We currently need someone to be our Group Scout Leader which is an administrative rather than practical role. The GSL manages and supports the group and its leaders to ensure it runs effectively. You will be welcomed into the leadership team with open arms and given the necessary training for the role. If this is something you think you could do, please get in touch with me or one of the leaders.

Thank you to everyone for your ongoing support and let's look forward to an exciting year ahead.

Laura Smith  
ljsmithlj@gmail.com

### **Contribution by Volunteers**

Details on the contribution of adults can be found throughout this report.

### **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

The Executive Committee in administering the charity has met 6 times during the year.

### Acting Group Scout Leader Report

Like all walks of life, this last year's Scouting has been dominated by the Covid19 pandemic. And despite the enormous restrictions it placed on being able to deliver anything like a near-normal programme of activities, the group has done a fabulous job.

Zoom featured predominantly in our Sections been able to "meet". Online games, challenges and quizzes were among the inventive ways we kept things running. Whilst it was a godsend to be able to communicate, I think I speak for all our Leaders by saying we are thoroughly pleased to be able to get back to face to face scouting.

2020-2021 has been a year of achievements by the young people and the first signs of future challenges to be addressed. All five Sections (Beaver (2)/Cub (2) /Scout) and the District provision of a local Explorer Unit have provided a full Scouting programme throughout the year. Special thanks must go to Lisa for maintaining the leadership of 2 Beaver Colonies.

You will have all seen your own children's achievements and the fun they get out of their Scouting time each week and as acting GSL I must give my thanks to the 4 Section leaders, Lisa, Paul, John & Neil for the tasks they have taken on to run successful sections throughout the years. The leaders will no doubt tell you more through their own reports. I was also delighted to see some of leaders gain well deserved recognition for their service including Pauline Jones who was awarded the highest award of a Silver Wolf.

I am writing this report at the end of my term as acting GSL. Trevor asked me to stand in last June until we started the return to Face to Face Scouting. Whilst I am pleased that we are last returning to face o face scouting it is now time for me to stand down. I would like to thank all of the group leaders and Laura Smith as Group Chair for the help she gives in running the Group. It is important we fill this vital leader role and if you think you could take on this important role please contact [dc@stamfordbournescouts.org.uk](mailto:dc@stamfordbournescouts.org.uk) or Howard Nelson [howard.nelson@lincolnshirescouts.org.uk](mailto:howard.nelson@lincolnshirescouts.org.uk) who will be pleased to have a chat.

The small sub-committee that is working on plans to redevelop the Empingham Road site with a new Headquarters Building for the 21st Century also deserve a mention. This I know from experience of several HQ rebuilds over the years is a huge task and will bring lots of challenges. So thank you to all those in this team.

To close this, I must commend our outstanding team of volunteer Leaders. They have really held this Group together this year and kept things running. Also, in the background, we have our Executive of volunteer trustees that provides support and governance to the Group. Thank you all.

Howard Nelson – Acting Group Scout Leader

### Quartermaster Report

During the year we have purchased more expedition tents, axes, knives, firestones and other pieces of survival training equipment for the Group. These are also shared with the Explorer group when required. We had the opportunity to buy some 4 person tents from County which were not used at the cancelled Jamboree. These will be an added asset with growing numbers in the sections.

In the next year we may need to replace (or add to) the patrol tents, Stamcamp, Poacher and District Cub camp will all need appropriate canvas. Nylon type tents are not as robust as canvas ones and therefore do not last as long.

We have also had a donation of plastic mugs, plates and bowls which have added to our previous stock. We have plenty to cover the group now.

I also had the opportunity to obtain another heavy duty cooking pot and kitchen tools at no cost to the group.

Pauline Jones

### Leaders Reports

Please see appendix 1 for Leaders individual troop reports

## Section E Financial Report

### Treasurers Report

Please see Appendix 2 for final accounts and budget.

### Financial Summary

The group has made a net income of £44,360. The main contributors to this are through grants, totalling to £43,088. The group has had a fantastic year with all sections full throughout the year and an average membership of around 100 young people.

### Income

Fund raising has continued to be strong this year, with the COVID grants available from SKDC, we have received £43,088.

Regular hire has not been possible this year, with COVID restrictions in place, meaning only £215 has been raised in this way.

Gift Aid is a big revenue stream for us and generated an additional income of over £2,700. For us to be able to claim this money, we need parents to update the records on OSM, so please can I ask you to double check this for us.

### Expenses

The day to day running and maintenance of the huts cost £4,024 for the year and is our biggest cost outside membership fees.

Expenditure on equipment was £555 for the year, lower than usual, but this is due to being used less frequently.

The cost of badges and neckers totalled £1,090 for the year. This is higher than in previous years due to increase badge work during the school closures.

Our online subscriptions have gone up this year with the launch of the new website. Now that all of our sections are collecting subs through OSM there is an increase in the OSM fees, but this is more than compensated for by the reduction in administration for the section leaders.

As part of preparing for the new hut, we have spent £8,407 on surveys, reports and advice.

### Treasurers Role

I took over the Treasurer role from Jan Simmons in November of 2019, the ongoing support from Ann Burrows with looking after the cash for the group is invaluable to me.

Nick Reynolds

## Section F Additional Information

### New HQ Update

#### Design

Peter Smith Associates were selected as the architects for the new HQ project. They have completed a design for the new HQ incorporating all of our requirements, and after many iterations it is ready for submission for planning approval. Additional information is being collated for the application before submission. We will submit a pre-approval planning application in order to consult with SKDC before submitting full planning permission. The aim is to have full planning approval by the end of the year.

A public consultation was held in January and appears to have gone well with the wider community. There were 267 viewings on the website and we had 21 responses on the questionnaire and a further three letters from neighbours. 5 of the 6 immediate neighbours responded.

Ecology and tree surveys have been undertaken as part of the planning permission, and raised nothing for concern.

#### Funding

The project is estimated to cost £1million and monies will be raised as follows:

- £300k Sale of Drift Avenue HQ
- £450k Major grant funding
- £150k Local fund raising and smaller grant applications
- £100k S106 monies

#### Fund Raising

Total raised has now passed £61k including gift aid.

Louise Warren has taken on local fund raising activities. If you would like to help with fund raising, or have any money raising ideas please get in touch. We have had two fantastic local fund raisers so far - Adam Warren organised a group fun run during the lockdown which raised over £3500 with gift aid. This was an amazing achievement for which he was awarded a County Commissioners Award. An online Facebook raffle has topped £2000 with a week to go. Thank you to Louise and to all of our fund raisers and supporters for all their work so far.

Small grant applications are being made as and when opportunities arise and have been successful so far.

Once we have full planning permission larger grant applications can be made to the Lottery, landfill sites, Garfield Weston, etc

#### Publicity

To launch the project we made a presentation to Stamford Town Council, Lincolnshire Scouts, Miranda Rock (Burghley Estates), Kelham Cooke (Leader of SKDC), Gareth Davies (MP) and Mindspace, and these were all well received, and we thank them for the many offers of support.

The Mercury has been very supportive and has published several articles about the project, the fund raising and the group as a whole, keeping us in the public eye, for which we are very grateful.

Social Media – we need to get our name out in the wider community, and keep it there. We have started our social media campaign with Facebook.

Further details of the project, can be found on the group website -  
<http://www.2ndstamford.scoutsonline.co.uk>

## **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): Alison Pike

Position: Secretary

Date: 23/09/21

## Appendix 1 Youth Activity

### Pegasus Troop

38 Scouts, 4 Leaders, 1 Sectional Assistant, 1 Occasional Helpers, 2 young leaders.

The year started with us completing the DIY badge and a weeks air rifles then having to stop face to face meetings. Initially we did not hold any meetings through a combination of fear of technology and planning issues. After a couple of weeks we started to hold online meetings. We mastered the technology and as a team highlighted badges and subjects we could cover whilst unable to meet in person. The leadership adapted to the alternative method and we were able to continue to offer a full program. This did not suit all scouts, we lost at least 12 scouts because this was not why they were in scouts for. The scouts who remained attended most of the meetings despite having to use the same technology all day whilst at school. We have found that in certain cases holding a virtual meeting has advantages to the traditional meeting, it is something we will use from time to time in the future.

Pegasus troop has reduced its number by 3 since the last AGM with 18 leaving and 15 joining. This is a larger than normal change largely driven by the move to virtual meetings. We started to meet every week virtually with over 30 scout regularly joining the meetings. If we are able to recruit more leaders we will be able to continue this when we return to normal.

The leadership team has remained stable, however Jonathan, Jan and Chris have all gained their wood badge. The young leaders were a great help too, running some meetings to take the pressure off us.

We have awarded 2 Chief Scout Gold awards. A fantastic effort given the circumstances.

Though this year we completed the Global issues badge, Astronautics badge, Air Activities badge, and fire safety badge. There were many Kahoot quizzes and escape rooms. We had virtual tours of the Smithsonian space and air museum, a talk by a pilot, cooking, beat box tutorial and lots of parties. We have held camps and attended the JOTI. This was a huge success for us, holding this virtually work very well with the scouts contacting scouts from all over the world.

All camps were cancelled, we met face to face once in the Autumn. Gave out badges and played a game, we were limited to 15 scouts so we ran 2 meetings an evening to get everyone through. This was the only way we could make it work.

I would like to thank the support I have received from the others in the leadership team, the committee and the parents. We could not do this without all your support and help.

Neil Wotherspoon

## Kingfishers and Kestrels Troop

We continued to see a good intake from beavers and cubs moving up to scouts which is great to see the progression and retainment in the group. We dropped slightly to help with the covid restrictions to around 16 cubs for Kingfishers and 21 for Kestrels but look to increase again when restrictions lift. The leadership team has remained stable with 5 adults and 1 young leader.

As covid restrictions started we were very quick to take to online meetings. We offered a varied program still and allowing the youngsters to keep interacting with each other was very important. I feel we offered some consistency in a very strange and new 'normal' for many of the kids. It was challenging as even the adults had to change and adapt to new ways of learning and teaching. Thank you to the parents who also had to arrange the technology and sometimes roped into some of the activities, we hope you had fun too!

The online approach did allow for us to have some amazing guests come and join us which would not have been possible otherwise. We enjoyed magicians, artists, poets, dancers and musicians to name a few. We are grateful for all the people who offered these services and other content and presentations which was a big help for the leaders.

Badge work for many continued at home and easy for parents to upload via OSM. We remained sending out badges to those who earned them which helped keep them interested. We ran a virtual camp which was a novelty and fun for all who attended.

We awarded over 408 badges during the year due to their commitment. This included 18 silver awards which is the highest badge in cubs and takes a lot of work to achieve. Well done to everyone this year which has seen the biggest challenges and changes to scouting that we have ever seen. We look forward to things getting back to more normal times later in 2021 and more face-to-face Scouting.

Paul Scholes and John Burrows

## Beavers Drift Road and Empingham Road Colonies

This report is unlike any I have written for Beavers before, as so many adaptations have been made to continue scouting during the pandemic. The first lockdown put a stop to all our planned activities so we immediately sent out suggested scouting activities the beavers could do over the Easter holidays, including ways of keeping fit and healthy and the challenge to create an Easter masterpiece of their choice.

When it became clear face-to-face scouting would not be returning for a considerable time, we began to have our weekly beaver meetings on Zoom. I was so impressed how easily the beavers took to this and how involved they were willing to get. I am also very proud of how

all the leaders adapted to this way of delivering scouting and I think our virtual experiment night, Lego challenge and end of term party were the highlights of this term. Most of the beavers completed lots of badges at home and shared what they had been doing with the rest of the colony. Some of the older beavers also set challenges and activities for the others to complete. Many of the beavers drew pictures and made cards, which were delivered to the Evergreen Care Trust. We joined in with the Hike to the Moon and took part in the virtual camp weekend.

Face to face scouting was permitted again in September and we spent a huge amount of time planning to return to outside meetings safely. Each colony alternated between a face-to-face session and a Zoom one. We also arranged a few Saturday events for the older beavers to finish off their Chief Scout Bronze Awards, before moving up to cubs. Again, the children adapted so well to a change in their scouting experience and the restrictions we still had to put in place. During this period, the beavers had a cyclist night, earned their disability and global issues badges and one group managed to get in a campfire before being told we had to return to virtual scouting again.

It was a long winter, being stuck inside, but the beavers kept up their enthusiasm for scouting. We had another virtual sleepover and an Australian themed night, earning the beavers their international badge. We finished the term with a fun packed Beaver Christmas party and the whole group one too.

In January the term started with a show and tell session, as we had encouraged the beavers to start working on various badges over the Christmas break. We completed a very successful two Zoom sessions to earn the Emergency Aid badge, with the beavers learning how to call for help and reassure their patient in an emergency and demonstrating, on brave volunteers in their household, how to bandage a bleed and put the casualty in the recovery position. To be awarded the badge, the beavers were assessed on their new skills by performing the correct emergency aid throughout a very accident-prone Mr Men story. After half term the beavers worked on their Air Activities badge. I would like to say a big thank you to Graham Beet for presenting his experiences in flying various aircraft and Chris Burden for sharing a video of him in the cockpit flying and landing his aircraft. During this term we arranged a glow in the dark virtual dance party, which was incredibly successful, and I was amazed at the participation and the enthusiasm we had from the kids and, of course, their incredible dance skills.

Over the year I continued to be Section Leader for both colonies and throughout a lot of this time we worked as one big colony for practicality reasons during the pandemic. I had three Assistant Section Leaders and one Section Assistant at the very start of the period and have had two more Section Assistant Leaders join, first virtually and then face-to-face. We had only four beavers leave scouting during this time and 18 new beavers start. I feel in awe of these children, who were brave enough to join a new club during such a difficult period and at such a young age. I awarded 10, well deserved, Chief Scout Bronze Awards during the year.

I would like to thank all the parents of our beavers for supporting their child's scouting during this difficult year. The attendance, attitude and enthusiasm to take part and to

complete badges and activities was phenomenal and I know that the children will have needed a lot of your help with this.

Looking forward, we have already returned to regular outside face-to-face meetings and plan for both colonies to continue to both meet outside at Empingham Road throughout autumn and winter. Having been forced to only meet outside over the last few months, we have decided that we would like to continue delivering scouting this way and are adapting the outside space and our programme to be more suitable for the winter weather. We are back up to 16 beavers in each colony and are still working together as a team of leaders running both colonies. We have a new leader joining us and three young leaders volunteering. The waiting list is continuing to grow, with usually around 45-50 children waiting for a place in the group at one time. It would be wonderful if all these children could be offered a place. We are still looking for a second Beaver Section Leader and this would allow us to increase the number of children we could introduce to the scouting experience.

Lisa Stevenson

## Appendix 2 2<sup>nd</sup> Stamford Scout Group Accounts

Accounts 2020-2021

<u>2nd Stamford Town Scout Group</u>				
<u>Receipts and Payments Account</u>				
<u>for the period ending 31 March 2021</u>				
<u>Income</u>			<u>Expenditure</u>	
	<i>Note</i>			<i>Note</i>
Subs		10,197.50	Membership fee	6,148.00
Activities	(1)	1,861.00	Activities	(1) 1,534.63
Exciting Activities	(2)	0.00	Exciting Activities	(2) 0.00
Weekly activities		0.00	Weekly activities	612.41
Leaders Training / Uniform			Leader uniform	40.00
Hiring	(5)	215.00	Scout Shop (badges etc)	1,070.55
Charity events		0.00	Charity	0.00
Property costs	(7)	341.57	Property costs	(7) 2,933.68
Gift Aid		2,730.80	Maintenance	(6) 937.13
Donations		809.40	Website	0.00
Fund Raising	(4)	51,212.28	Equipment	554.68
Overpaid subs		0.00	AGM	0.00
Bank interest		9.14	Go cardless (Subs) fees & taxes	333.46
International trips fund			Online subscriptions	210.00
membership fee		74.20	New Hut	8,407.56
Income Other		0.10		
			Expenses other	309.14
			District International Trips	0.00
		0.00		
		<u>67,450.99</u>	Excess of receipts over payments	<u>44,359.75</u>
				<u>67,450.99</u>

**Balance Sheet as at 31 March 2021**

	<u>Restricted Funds</u>	<u>Designated Funds</u>	<u>Unrestricted Funds</u>	<u>Total Funds</u>
<b>Opening balances:</b>				
Petty Cash	0.00		88.10	
Floats	0.00		89.25	
Lloyds Bank	4,630.01		19,757.58	
Total Opening Balances	4,630.01	-	19,934.93	24,564.94
Movement in the year	2,385.87	47,811.52	(5,837.64)	44,359.75
<b>Closing balance</b>	<b>7,015.88</b>	<b>47,811.52</b>	<b>14,097.29</b>	<b>68,924.69</b>
<b>Funds</b>				
Total Floats (Note 3)			80.26	80.26
Petty cash			58.56	58.56
Lloyds bank - savings account			7,774.16	62,601.56
New Hut Empingham Road - 19/20	2,600.01			
New Hut Empingham Road - 20/21	2,876.22	47,811.52		
Poacher 22 Deposits	1,539.65			
Lloyds bank - current account			6,184.31	6,184.31
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<b>7,015.88</b>	<b>47,811.52</b>	<b>14,097.29</b>	<b>68,924.69</b>

**Independent Examiner's Report**

The accounts have been prepared under the cash basis accounting principle which is appropriate for this entity. I have examined the receipts and payments account, together with the balance sheet and records provided. In my opinion it shows a true and fair view of the affairs of 2nd Stamford Town Scout Group as at 31 March 2021.

Jayne Wheeler

Date 20/09/21

Jayne Wheeler MAAT  
Glentor Accounting Services

**2nd Stamford Town Scout Group**  
**Notes to the Accounts: 2020/21**

**Note**

<b>1 ACTIVITIES</b>	<b>Income</b>	<b>Expenses</b>	<b>Net (current year) In/(Out)</b>	<b>Previous year</b>	<b>Net In/(Out)</b>
Stamcamp 2020			0.00	1,230.00	1,230.00
Hoodies	16.00	1,259.28	(1,243.28)	800.00	(443.28)
Poacher 21	1,755.00	272.68	1,482.32	(1,260.00)	222.32
Poacher 22	90.00	2.67	87.33	0.00	87.33
	<b>1,861.00</b>	<b>1,534.63</b>	<b>326.37</b>	<b>770.00</b>	<b>1,096.37</b>
<i>Check</i>	-	-			

\* Income from parents in prior year, group paid for Leader hoodies

<b>2 EXCITING ACTIVITIES</b>	<b>Income</b>	<b>Expenses</b>	<b>Net In/(Out)</b>	<b>Previous year</b>	<b>Net In/(Out)</b>
	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>

**3 FLOATS:**

Beavers - Empingham Rd	31.41
Beavers - Drift Ave	25.13
Kestrel Cubs	1.64
Kingfisher Cubs	2.08
Pegasus Scouts	20.00
	<b>80.26</b>

**4 FUND RAISING**

SKDC Lottery	532.00
SKDC Business Grant	39,338.42
Cummins - \$5000 donation	3,746.72
Metal Hooks sold to Second to None	40.00
Easy Fundraising	29.31
Amazon Smile	16.26
HQ Donation - Easement Solutions/ESL	100.00
Virtual Fun Run	3,375.78
Just Giving	66.92
Donations	211.87
Raffle	5.00
SKDC Grant	3,750.00
Total	<b>51,212.28</b>

**Notes to the Accounts: 20/21 (continued)**

5 HIRINGS	Emp. Rd	Drift Ave
One Touch Football	75.00	
Explorers	90.00	
Table Hire	50.00	
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>215.00</b>	<b>-</b>

6 MAINTENANCE	Emp. Rd	Drift Ave	Group
Buildings Maintenance			
Cleaning	40.00		
Cleaning Equipment	30.00	15.96	
Equipment repairs			-
First Aid Kits	12.12	12.12	
Keys cut	3.50		
Signs	30.22	25.21	
Grounds Maintenance	768.00		
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>883.84</b>	<b>53.29</b>	<b>-</b>

7 PROPERTY COSTS	Emp. Rd	Drift Ave	Group
Council Tax	-	-	
Water	72.00	69.42	
Electricity	604.99	687.00	
Property Insurance	275.52	344.41	538.77
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>952.51</b>	<b>1,100.83</b>	<b>538.77</b>

## Budget 2021-2022

**2nd Stamford (Town) Scout Group**

	<b>21/22</b>	<b>20/21</b>	<b>19/20</b>	<b>18/19</b>
	<b>Budget</b>	<b>Actual</b>	<b>Actual</b>	<b>Actual</b>
Leaders	<b>16</b>	<b>13</b>		
Members	<b>120</b>	<b>101</b>	<b>100</b>	
Subs Monthly Price	12.00	12.00	11.50	
<b>Income</b>				
Subs	15,840	10,198	13,360	12,512
Gift Aid	2,851	2,731	2,998	1,684
Rental	2,000	215	1,886	2,526
Charity events	0	0	480	544
Donations	202	202	1,404	630
Fund Raising (net)	500,000	51,212	1,180	1,882
Activities	11,157	1,861	9,297	2,740
Miscellaneous income	300,000		339	1,498
International Trips	0	0	0	100
Bank interest	10	10	9	8
<b>Total</b>	<b>832,060</b>	<b>66,429</b>	<b>30,953.01</b>	<b>24,124</b>
Inflation	2%	2%		
<b>Expenditure</b>				
Membership fees	7,451	6,148	6,449	5,885
Activities	10,657	1,534	8,449	3,546
Exciting Activities	1,200	0	549	195
Weekly activities	615	612	512	1,026
Construct New Hut	150,000	8,407		
Equipment	555	555	924	1,969
Leaders Training / Uniform	120	20	17	29
Scout Shop (badges etc)	1,111	1,091	926	939
Charity	0	0	480	544
Council Tax	0	0	696	680
Water	255	141	119	487
Electricity	1,318	1,292	1,520	1,605
Rental Costs				
Property Insurance	958	689	920	1,034
<b>Property costs:</b>	<b>2,530</b>	<b>2,122</b>	<b>3,255</b>	<b>3,806</b>
Buildings	58	0	56	91
Cleaning	989	40	951	733
Equipment	510	897	0	436
Grounds	183	0	176	174
<b>Maintenance:</b>	<b>1,740</b>	<b>937</b>	<b>1,183</b>	<b>1,435</b>
OnLine Scout Manager (OSM)	0	0	180	180
Subscriptions	209	120	201	280
AGM	180	0	35	157
Go cardless (Subs) fee	810	333	666	447
Insurance - contents/activity	180	0	173	59
Sundry expenses	0	0	26	62
International Trips	0	0	200	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>177,358</b>	<b>21,878</b>	<b>24,225</b>	<b>20,558</b>
<b>Net income/(loss)</b>	<b>654,702</b>	<b>44,550</b>	<b>6,728</b>	<b>3,566</b>
<b>Funds</b>				
Opening balance	69,094	24,544	17,816	14,247
Closing balance	723,797	69,094	24,544	17,816