

Trustees' Annual Report

For the period

From (start date) 010123 to end date 311223

Section A

Reference and administration details

Charity name

1st Barry Sea Scout Group

Other names the charity is known by

Registered charity number (if any)

524893

HQ registration number

10010349

Charity's principal address

64 Porth Y Castell

Barry

Vale of Glamorgan

Postcode

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Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

	Trustee Name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year
1	Fatima Salhab	Chair	
2	Sarah Horbury	Secretary	04/23 Onwards
3	Gareth Phillips	Treasurer	
4	Neil Horbury	Group Scout Leader	
5	Mike Hawkes	Deputy GSL	
6	Chris Parr		
7	Aaron Bollingham		
8	Anthroney Jones		Until 03/23
9	Stuart Fraser		
10	Cathie Steele		
11	Richard James		
12	Vicki Simpkins		04/23 Onwards
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Names and addresses of advisers

Type of advisor	Name	Address
Bankers	Barclays Bank PLC	1 Churchill Place, London E14 5HP
Independent Examiner	Paul Lindley	JR Industries Ltd, Caerphilly CF83 3HU

Section B

Structure, governance and management

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Description of the charity's trusts

Type of governing document

(e.g. trust deed, constitution)

How the charity is constituted

(e.g. trust, association, company)

Trustee selection methods

(e.g. appointed by, elected by)

Additional governance issues

Policies and procedures adopted for:
a) the induction and training of trustees;
b) trustee' consideration of major risks
and the systems and procedures to
manage them

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

The Trustee Board consists of the Chair, Treasurer and 10 Trustees (including 1 Ex Officio Trustees) and meets every 3 months.

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

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

Section B

Structure, governance and management (continued)

Risk and Internal Control

The Group Trustee Board has identified the major risks to

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

Damage to the building, property and equipment. The Group would request the use of buildings, property and equipment from neighbouring organisations and other Scout Groups. 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 subscription contributes to the Scout Associations national accident insurance policy. Risk Assessments are written and kept for 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 Trustee Board could raise the value of subscriptions to increase the income to the group on an ongoing basis, either temporarily or permanently.

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

Reduction or loss of members. The Group provides activities for all young people aged 4 to 18. 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 and a comprehensive insurance policies to ensure that insurable risks are covered.

Section C	Objectives and activities
Summary of the objects of the charity set out in its governing document	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 objects

During the year, members of the group have had the opportunity to take part in regular meetings which have allowed them to work towards the appropriate badges and challenges to allow them to complete the top award in their section. These meetings have been supplemented by residential experiences appropriate to their age and other ad - hoc days out appropriate for the age group.

Public benefit statement

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

Section D

Achievements and performance

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

The Group held a Group Camp in May which was well supported by all sections of the group, and at the same time were represented by two members at the Coronation of King Charles III. The Scout Troop and Explorer Unit held a number of Camps, including a week long Summer Camp held in West Wales. All members of the group had the opportunity to take part in time on the water, be it kayaking or sailing. Members have achieved a good selection of badges during the year, with a good number awarded the top award for their section. The group was able to attend and support the Scout Fete in July, and successfully ran a number of stalls and is looking to repeat this in 2024. 2023 saw the return of another fundraising activity for the group - Scout Post.

Section E

Financial Review

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

Reserves Policy

The Group's policy on reserves is to hold sufficient resources to continue the charitable activities of the group should income and fundraising activities fall short. The Group Trustee Board considers that the group should hold a sum equivalent to 12 months running costs.

The group's bank balances were in excess of this amount at the end of the financial year.

Details of any funds materially in deficit (circumstances plus steps to eliminate)

Nil

Further financial review details (optional information)

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant, about:

- the charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising);

- how expenditure has supported the key objectives of the charity;

- investment policy and objectives;

Investment Policy

The Group's Income and Expenditure is small and as a consequence does not have sufficient funds to invest in longer-term investments such as stocks and shares. The Group has therefore adopted a low risk strategy to the investment of its funds. All funds are held in cash using only mainstream banks or building societies or The Scout Association's Short Term Investment Service.

The Group Trustee Board regularly monitors the levels of bank balances and the interest rates received to ensure the group obtains maximum value and income from its banking arrangements. Occasionally this may involve using an account that requires a period of notice before funds may be withdrawn, before doing so the Group Trustee Board considers the cash flow requirements.

Section F	Other Optional Information
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Plans for future periods (details of any significant activities planned to achieve them)

During the next financial year much of the trustee's work will be centered around working towards 100% compliance with the Scout Association and Charity Commission Rules; Reviewing it's practices and membership to fall in line with the Scout Association transformation away from Group Executive Committee's to Trustee Boards; and supporting the Scouting Operations as they move to their new Team format.

Section G	Declaration
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The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)		
Full name(s)	Fatima Salhab	Gareth Phillips
Position (eg Secretary, Chair)	Group Chair	Group Treasurer
Date	<div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"> </div>	

Group Lead Volunteers Annual Review 2023

2023 was yet another busy year for 1st Barry Sea Scout Group, this being my first full year as the Lead Volunteer. All our sections met weekly, and in addition to their weekly meetings held several other activities, be it hikes, shooting, boating or camping. My thanks go to the leadership team who have enabled this to happen for our young people. On page 2 you will see how many people access Scouting at 1st Barry, this number doesn't include the Smugglers Explorer scouts, but they bring another 20 members to the group on a weekly basis.

As you will see from our accounts, we spend an enormous amount on badges, in fact in 2023 we awarded 1270 activity badges to our members, and in addition several of our members achieved their section Top Award:

Chief Scout Acorn Award (Squirrels) – 5
Chief Scout Bronze Award (Beavers) – 1
Chief Scout Silver Award (Cubs) – 6
Chief Scout Gold Award (Scouts) – 8

Congratulations to all those who achieved awards in 2023!

In May 2023 the Group came together for a Group Camp, at a Guide Camp Site near Porthcawl, members were able to take part in lots of activities during the weekend both as members of their section and with other members of the group. During the same weekend, two members of the group leadership team were to be found at Gilwell Park (the Home of UK Scouting), supporting the Coronation of King Charles III.

In July, the Group supported the Annual Scout and Guide Fete, including the attempt at a world record, this is a significant fundraising event for the group, as well as a fantastic opportunity for members both old and current to get together.

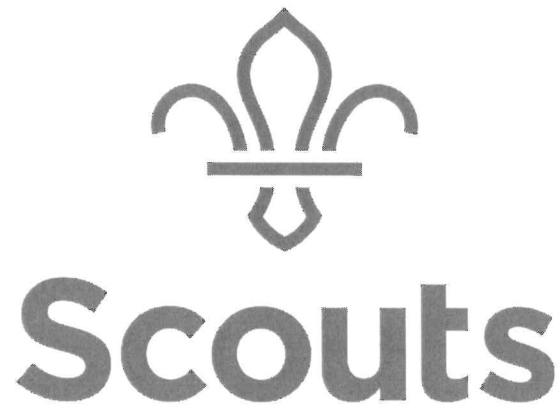
We held two going up events during the year, another opportunity to bring all our members together, and it was brilliant to see these events supported so well by our young members and their parents.

As a Sea Scout Group, one of our most important summer activities is boating, during the year all members had an opportunity to take part in a boating activity, with the main emphasis during the summer being for the Scout Troop and Explorer Unit. They were able to take part in activities at Cosmeston, Boat Base and Old Harbour, as well as a boating programme on the main summer camp in West Wales. Again, thanks should go to the Boating Party for the work they put into boating, but in particular Chris Parr who plans and leads the majority of sessions for the group. In September, the group held a social boating day for all group members and their families, this was very well attended and we hope to be able to repeat the event in a similar format in the future.

To bring 2023 to a close, the group re-launched Scout Post following the sad news that the previous Area scheme would not restart, this proved to be very popular, despite only delivering to Barry, and we didn't end up with as many cards for other areas as was originally feared!

Census of Group Membership in 1st Barry Sea Scout
For the year ending January 2024

	Male	Female	Self-identify	Prefer not to say	Total
YOUTH MEMBERSHIP					
Squirrels	12	11	0	0	23
Beavers	16	8	0	0	24
Cubs	21	4	0	0	25
Scouts	26	9	0	0	35
TOTAL	75	32	0	0	107
PROGRAMME DELIVERY ROLES					
Section Leaders	2	1	0	0	3
Assistant Leaders	7	0	0	0	7
Section Assistants	2	11	0	0	13
TOTAL	11	12	0	0	23
Young Leaders+	2	0	0	0	2
TOTAL	13	12	0	0	25
LINE MANAGER ROLES					
GSL	1	0	0	0	0
TOTAL	1	0	0	0	0
GOVERNANCE ROLES					
Group Chair	0	1	0	0	1
Group Secretary	0	1	0	0	1
Group Treasurer	1	0	0	0	1
Group TB members	2	1	0	0	3
TOTAL	3	3	0	0	6
SUPPORT ROLES					
Deputy GSL	1	0	0	0	1
Group Admin	0	1	0	0	1
Skills Instructors	1	1	0	0	2
Other Group Adults	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL	2	2	0	0	4
Active Support	5	1	0	0	6
TOTAL	7	3	0	0	10
TOTALS					
TOTAL YOUTH MEMBER	75	32	0	0	107
TOTAL ADULT MEMBER	21	18	0	0	39
TOTAL MEMBERSHIP	96	5	0	0	146
UNITS					
Squirrel Dreys	1				
Beaver Colonies	1				
Cub Packs	1				
Scout Troops	1				
Active Support Units	3				



1st Barry Sea Scouts Annual Accounts 31st December 2023

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**1st BARRY SEA SCOUTS
ANNUAL ACCOUNTS
31st DECEMBER 2023**

RECEIPTS	2023	2022
	£	£
FUNDRAISING		
Scout post 2023	6647	0
Scout Post 2022	0	0
Scout Post 2021	0	55
Scout Fete	5575	4512
	£12,222	£4,567
OPERATIONAL		
Subscriptions	18958	14369
Camps during the year	8257	7898
Scout Activities	1145	2149
Explorer Activities	269	0
	£28,628	£24,416
OTHER		
Insurance claim (Water)	0	1191
Donations / Grants	4148	4091
Bank Interest	729	74
Uniform/T Shirts	790	1213
	£5,667	£6,568
GRAND TOTALS	£46,517	£35,551

**1st BARRY SEA SCOUTS
ANNUAL ACCOUNTS
31st DECEMBER 2023**

PAYMENTS	2023		2022	
		£		£
FUNDRAISING				
Scout post 2023	980		0	
Scout post 2022	0		0	
District Fete	1970		1591	
		£2,950		£1,591
ANNUAL OUTGOINGS				
Building Insurance	5437		5363	
Marine Insurance	1459		1236	
Gas	584		529	
Electricity	1022		1018	
Telephone / Internet	893		702	
Water Rates	363		2235	
Cleaning	619		482	
Alarm	391		0	
		£10,768		£11,566
FIXTURES/FITTINGS/EQUIPMENT				
Computer/printer/TV	0		465	
Photocopier	282		299	
VHF Radios / GPS	10		0	
Shooting Equipment	209		0	
Tents/Equipment	574		4842	
Climbing Equipment	0		192	
		£1,075		£5,798
SMUGGS MAINTENANCE				
General Maintenance (Fire escape)	524		281	
Building upgrade work	6420		996	
		£6,944		£1,277
OPERATIONAL REVENUE				
Camps during the year	9612		9095	
Travel	0		55	
Badges	1017		1387	
Leader Training	105		630	
Squirrel Activities	583		360	
Beaver Activities	238		392	
Cub Activities	295		151	
Scout Activities	2124		2444	
Explorer Activities	999		542	
Capitation	8170		6060	
Neckerchieves	225		338	
Uniform/T Shirts	1824		1250	
Maps, Etc	58		158	
OSM Upgrade	76		72	
Cosmeston/Boat base Launching fees	286		240	
Calor Gas	515		734	
		£26,126		£23,909
OPERATIONAL CAPITAL				
New Boats	2797		0	
Boat Repairs	432		417	
Trailer Etc	0		57	
Equipment Upgrade	137		724	
		£3,366		£1,198
GENERAL				
AGM	310		0	
Miscellaneous	2001		114	
		£2,311		£114
GRAND TOTALS		£53,540		£45,452

**1st BARRY SEA SCOUTS
ANNUAL ACCOUNTS
31st DECEMBER 2023**

FINANCIAL STATEMENT	2023		2022	
		£		£
Cash at Bank				
Exec Committee current a/c	5,681		3,624	
Exec Committee STIS a/c	0 **		23,233	
Subs a/c	45,049		30,896	
		<u>£50,730</u>		<u>£57,754</u>

Reconciliation

Opening cash at bank			£57,754
2023 Receipts	£46,517		
2023 Payments	£53,540		-£7,023
			<u>£50,730</u>

** STIS account closed by the Scout Association, money transferred to the Subs account.

**1st BARRY SEA SCOUTS
ANNUAL ACCOUNTS**

STATEMENT OF ASSETS: 31st DECEMBER 2023

	2023	£	2022	£
BUILDINGS				
Smugglers - insured value	768,505		686,166	
Garage/Stores - insured value	316,897	£1,085,402	282,944	£969,110
FIXTURES & FITTINGS & EQUIPMENT				
Insured value		£70,195		£64,200
BOATS Etc				
Insured value		£40,407		£38,583
OTHER EQUIPMENT				
Estimated value		£23,200		£23,200
TOTAL FIXED ASSETS		£1,219,204		£1,095,093
CASH AT BANK				
Current Account	5,681		3,624	
STIS Account	0		23,233	
Subs Account	45,049	£50,730	30,896	£57,754
		£1,269,934		£1,152,847
REPRESENTED BY				
General Fund	1,152,847		686,438	
Add Increased Value of Assets	124,111	£1,276,958	476,310	£1,162,748
Receipts	46,517		35,551	
Payments	53,540	-£7,023	45,452	-£9,901
		£1,269,934		£1,152,847

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of 1st Barry Sea Scout Group

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the 1st Barry Sea Scout Group (the Trust) for the year ended 31st December 2023.

Responsibilities and basis of report

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

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

Independent examiner's statement

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

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Trust as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records.

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

Signed:



Name: Paul Lindley

Relevant professional qualification or membership of professional bodies (if any):

FCCA

Address: JR Industries Ltd, Pontygwindy Industrial Estate, Caerphilly, CF83 3HU.

Date: 27/09/2024

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