



Scouts

1st Berryfields

**Annual Review
2023/24**

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Group Lead Volunteer

This year has seen us once more getting out and about and our sections enjoying scouting at its best. All sections have had the opportunity to enjoy a mixture of District and County events as well as our own activity programme, including nights away and hiking experiences.

I would like to say a huge thank you to our leaders for their time and commitment to all of your children. Scouting is not just an hour a week and our leaders spend considerable time away from their families planning and facilitating the experiences for our children at 1st Berryfields.

We have made a few changes to the leadership team this year and it's important to say thank you for all their time that they have shared with us over the year. Some members of the team have moved on and some are just stepping back for a while due to other commitments but we thank Helen, Tamara and Kelly for their dedication over the last few years and they remain very important members of our Scout family.

I'm very proud of our young leaders that we have in the group; including Jess, James, Daniel, Brooke & Callum, and I thank them for returning to 1st Berryfields to support sections that they were formally members of.

Our goal is to continue to be the best we can be, to ensure that Scouting at Berryfields is inclusive, diverse and youth led.

Finally, a thank you to our parents, carers and helpers who ensure that we are able to provide the opportunities that we do, supporting us to enable your children to gain skills for life.

Celia Riordan
Group Lead Volunteer

Squirrels

A big hello from the newest section of 1st Berryfields, Squirrels! We are a drey of 12 newly invested squirrels and a team of four newly invested adults. We had our first ever meeting back in February and since then we've achieved a whole lot of other firsts together. Our first activity badge, first challenge badge, first investiture ceremony and even our first parade where we were honoured to be leading our new scout family.

In our first term we've already had lots of fun learning about our world and everything in it. From growing our own sunflowers and seeing how we measured against them, to playing litter bingo on our litter pick (thanks to Berry Pickers for loaning us their kit), making our plastic pledges and making tasty fruit kebabs while we learned about where our food grows. We've even designed our own flag to represent all the things that are important to us - pizza included!

We've only just started but we've already achieved so much and have so much more planned too. We will be starting our staged badges off with Emergency First Aid with a visit from Paramedic Matt and his ambulance and we are well on our way to completing our 2nd challenge badge meaning all 12 of our squirrels are half way to achieving their chief scout acorn award, we are very proud of them.

To think less than a year ago we were meeting with Celia talking about what we could bring to scouting and what scouting could bring to us and now we are meeting with Celia asking to expand our Drey and structuring a parent rota.

We can't wait to continue our adventures and look forward to visiting the sleepover in June and meeting our Beaver friends.

1st Berryfields Squirrels Team

BEAVERS

This year our Beavers have been out and about on a couple of District and County events. Starting with the day trip to the Thinktank museum in Birmingham and then an absolutely fantastic sleepover at Gullivers Land in Milton Keynes.

Over the past twelve months, we've seen 5 Chief Scout's Bronze Awards issued to our oldest Beavers as they move on to join the Cub section.

However, across the board the children have been non stop, with them completing a combination of the following badges; Adventure, Outdoors, Personal, Skills, Teamwork, World, Animal Friend, Book Reader, Builder, Collector, Creative, Cyclist, Experiment, Explore, Gardner, Health & Fitness, Hobbies and Space.



cubs



The Cubs have had an action packed year with numerous trips; RAF Hendon, Conkers Sleepover, Summer Camp & Speen Back to Basics Camp.

The most noteworthy being our Summer Camp being held at Skreens Park Activity Centre in Essex. This gave our children a unique opportunity to take part in water activities, including rafting, kayaking and paddleboarding. This is something that we often struggle to do locally, and was thoroughly enjoyed by all.

We wave goodbye to 5 Cubs who have all achieved their Chief Scout's Silver Award before they move on to the Scout section.

SCOUTS

Scouts have had a busy year, through both the regular program and planned events, Overall we have awarded 256 badges including one Chief Scout's Gold award to the young people, All Scouts are constantly working towards other Challenge badges, including some who are also very close to achieving their Chief Scouts Gold Award.

There are 29 young people with Berryfield Scout Section, 27 of which attend regularly, we have a diversity of needs within the group and are currently managing well with 4 adult leaders and one young leader, they are Stephen Hansen (aka: Hammer) and Daniel Nicklin (aka: Grizzly) as Scout leader, Sarah Tutton (aka: Bramwell) and Joel Hansen (aka: Monky) as Assistant Scout Leader plus a young leader Jess (aka: Lars). we work well together, distributing the work load between us well. The dynamics of the team work very well, and each and every leader is having a positive impact on the Scouts bringing different skills and knowledge to the table, however given the diverse needs of the group, we are always on the lookout for more adult leaders

Throughout the past year the Scout section has been packed with activities and events with a total of 7 available nights away at camps: Strategy Camp, ASAP Camp and the highlight camp of the year, our Somerset Trip where the scouts got to visit Wookey Hole and Cheddar Gorge caves along with exploring the surrounding area, Plus a couple of quick trips to the beach and amusement piers with unlimited wristbands for the rides!!

The scouts have also taken part in a number of Aylesbury based events such as The Panto (Water guns were in full force), along with public events and volunteering at The Marsworth Stream Rally which the group received a £500 donation from after the event as a thank you for our help.

The scout program is always youth shaped, and this past year has again been based on the ideas from the young people

This year the Scouts have mainly worked on Topics and badges have been matched to the topic, Topics have been Communication and Help, we are also booked onto a few camps and more volunteering at Marsworth and Chiltern Hill rallies.

If you have a skill that you feel the Scouts would benefit from or would like to help and assistance with some events and evenings, be it formally or on an ad-hoc basis we look forward to hearing from you.

1st Berryfields Scout Leaders

Treasurer's Report

Annual Accounts

For the year ended 31 March 2024



	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	2023-2024 Total Funds	2022-2023 Total Funds
Income				
Admin	124.80		124.80	65.00
Bank Interest	56.63		56.63	0.00
Donation	316.00		316.00	1,101.98
Events	684.00		684.00	874.00
Events - Beavers	1,326.00		1,326.00	1,032.00
Events - Cubs	4,440.52		4,440.52	4,078.50
Events - Scouts	3,085.00		3,085.00	4,487.00
Fundraising	500.00		500.00	1,034.82
Gift Aid	2,264.65		2,264.65	1,491.92
Grants		1,250.00	1,250.00	0.00
Meetings	48.00		48.00	128.00
Membership Fees	16,542.00		16,542.00	12,062.50
Expense				
Admin	679.16		679.16	1,208.31
Badges	989.15	250.00	1,239.15	921.67
Bank Fees	624.96		624.96	43.03
Camping Equipment	750.78	1,000.00	1,750.78	1,340.15
Events	693.60		693.60	1,835.65
Events - Beavers	1,583.17		1,583.17	1,384.17
Events - Cubs	4,104.27		4,104.27	4,523.52
Events - Scouts	3,250.30		3,250.30	5,828.70
Insurance	532.56		532.56	432.16
Meetings	93.01		93.01	15.15
Meetings - Beavers	286.95		286.95	73.97
Meetings - Cubs	248.77		248.77	298.51
Meetings - Scouts	15.45		15.45	45.10
Meetings - Squirrels	56.22		56.22	0.00
Membership Costs	5,952.00		5,952.00	4,537.50
Rent	4,694.50		4,694.50	4,886.00
Trailer Maintenance	233.14		233.14	0.00
Account balances				
Lloyds Current Account			10,986.51	5,464.31
Expense Account			620.19	271.36
NatWest			0.00	21,066.63
Lloyds Instant Access Saver			10,010.66	0.00
Lloyds Fixed Term Deposit 19LS			10,000.00	0.00
Cash / Floats			0.00	215.45
Summary				
Account balance brought forward			27,017.75	28,035.62
Total income			30,637.60	26,355.72
Total expenditure			26,037.99	27,373.59
Net income			4,599.61	-1,017.87
Account balance carried forward			31,617.36	27,017.75

Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the year

	31st March 2024	31st March 2023
	Unrestricted funds	Unrestricted funds
	£	£
Cash funds		
Lloyds Current Account	10,986.51	5,464.31
Expense Account	620.19	271.36
NatWest	-	21,066.63
Lloyds Instant Access Saver	10,010.66	-
Lloyds Fixed Term Deposit 19LS	10,000.00	-
Cash/Floats		215.45
Total cash funds	31,617.36	27,017.75
Other monetary assets		
Tax claim	-	-
Debts due from the County/Area/District/Group	-	-
Insurance claim	-	-
Sub total	-	-
Investment assets		
Investment property - detail	-	-
Quoted investments	-	-
Other investments - detail	-	-
Sub total	-	-
Non monetary assets for charity's own use		
Badge stock	500.00	300.00
Shop stock	-	-
Other stock	-	-
Land and buildings	-	-
Motor vehicles	-	-
Scouting equipment, furniture etc	14,000.00	12,000.00
Other	-	-
Sub total	14,500.00	12,300.00
Liabilities		
Accounts not yet paid	-	-
Expenses incurred but not invoiced	-	-
Subscriptions not yet paid	-	-
Loan - detail	-	-
Other liabilities	-	-
Sub total	-	-
Total net assets	46,117.36	39,317.75

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

Signature

Print Name

Chair
Treasurer

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

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the **1st Berryfields Scout Group** for the year ended **31st March 2024**.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees of the **1st Berryfields Scout Group** you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').

I report in respect of my examination of the **1st Berryfields Scout Group** accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent examiner's statement

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

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

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

Signed: *Martin Betts*
Martin Betts (Apr 30, 2024 21:29 GMT+1)

Name: **Martin Betts**

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

Address: [REDACTED]

Date: **30/04/24**

**Do more.
Share more.
Be more.**

We're Scouts and everyone's welcome here. All genders, races and backgrounds. Every week we give the young people of Berryfields aged 4-14 the skills they need for school, college, university, the job interview, the important speech, the tricky challenge and the big dreams: the skills they need for life.

Put your skills to use, learn new ones, and contribute to an amazing life-experience for you and your local community in Berryfields.

Volunteering is easier than you think. With full support and training, you can volunteer on a flexible basis.

Give young people the skills they need to succeed in life and discover how being a part of the Scouting family can be as rewarding for you as it is for them.

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