



# Scouts

**1st Berryfields**

**Annual Review  
2022/23**



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# Group Scout Leader & Chairperson's Report

We would like to say a huge thank you to all our leaders, children's parents and our trustee team for ensuring that we have had wonderful opportunities and a great year scouting this past year.

The commitment from all our section leaders is huge it's not just an hour and half a week. It takes hours of planning behind the scenes and time away from family and friends often re-arranging work patterns to ensure your children have a good experience while developing skills for life.

However the past year has thrown many challenges our way. We have a huge waiting list of children who would like to be scouts, the demand for scouting in Aylesbury has increased more than we could have ever imagined before covid, and parents are acutely aware of the importance of getting out and about.

We have over 80 children on our waiting list. Our challenge this coming year is to find more committed individuals who can become leaders, to enable us to grow and open second sections and possibly a new squirrel section if demand and capacity allows.

This past year has brought other challenges too, the lack of online banking and bank statements in the past has made it very difficult for our treasurer and section leaders to balance our books and it became evident very quickly, that we had many unpaid activities and outstanding subs, which has seen us take a hit financially.

As a group, just like all our households, we have had seen an increase in rents, insurance as well as even Scout badges and scarves.

As a trustee team, we had to make some hard choices and the need to increase all subscriptions to £15 from April this year was not one that was taken lightly, however it was imperative to ensure that we were not operating at a loss.

We now have new bank accounts, this means we can see instantly if payments have been made before we commit the group in paying out for activities.

To that end the trustee team and treasurer have instructed that all subs must be up to date prior to any invitations to attend activity days or residential experiences. All payments are now made directly via OSM, this has transformed our accounting process. All our section leaders and treasurer now have instant access via OSM to view sections financial positions.

We will always endeavour to keep the costs of what we do as low as we possibly can, whilst remaining cost neutral to the group.

On a much lighter note we celebrate all our children's achievements in all their badges and all those who, despite coming out of COVID, have been able to complete their awards, congratulations one and all.

Thank you

**Celia Riordan**  
**Group Scout Leader**

**Sean Pickford**  
**Group Chairman**

# BEAVERS

Throughout the last year, Beavers have consistently had 24 children attending and we plan for 3 parent helpers per week as standard. Our biggest achievement is 12 Beavers achieving their Chief Scout Bronze Award and moving onto Cubs.

Within our meetings we have achieved a number of badges as a colony, here are a few:

**Sports** - last summer we covered these elements over 6 weeks, we chose football to link in with the Women's Euros and Men's World Cup happening.

**Hobbies** – we continued with our show and tell for our Beavers to show us all their hobbies and answer some questions.

**Experiment badge** - we had an evening of multiple experiments for the Beavers to investigate.

**Emergency Aid** – We had Kimberley attend and run a session to cover this, all Beavers enjoyed learning how to bandage.

**Disability Awareness** – linking pancake day to a presentation from a Beaver parent about us all being unique in our own way made for a delicious evening.

**Global Issues** – a highlight of this badge was doing a water experiment showing how different filter elements (cotton wool, grass, kitchen roll) work.

We took 18 Beavers to the Beaveree hosted by County at Paccar. Our Beavers took part in many adventurous and outdoor activities and we all had lots of fun.

We took 9 Beavers to the District Beaver Sleepover at Phasels Wood, we completed many outdoor activities including a night hike, singing round the camp fire, crafts, nature scavenger hunts, cresta run and low ropes.

We took 5 Beavers to the County Beaver Sleepover at the National Space Centre, covering all elements of the space badge and learning through lots of fun activities.

We took 17 Beavers to the District Christmas Party, Colonel Custard was a blast and he pied one of our 1st Berryfields dad's and got pied by another 1st Berryfields dad!

We held our own 1st Berryfields Pirate Camp at Speen Scout Hut, we took 18 Beavers and had lots of fun! The weather was incredibly kind and we spent much of day 1 outside, with a major highlight being cooking on the camp fire and later in the evening signing and smores! Our Beavers enjoyed putting up tents and lots of crafting.

The representation of the Beavers at the Remembrance Sunday was great and St Georges Parade was good and we are incredibly proud of them.

We have many out of meeting activities planned this year:  
Thinktank Museum District day  
County Beaver Sleepover at Gullivers  
Christmas Party with Colonel Custard

Moving forward, we are looking to cover the following badges:  
Hobby & Collection badges – via show and tell  
Experiment Badge  
Explorer

All while matching these to the Challenges badges, in order for maximum Beavers to achieve the Chief Scout Bronze Award.

**Tamara**  
**1st Berryfields Beaver Leader**



It has been a great year for Berryfields Cubs this year, finally getting back to normal Scouting after the disruptive years that COVID brought.

We have a full Cub pack of 36 Cubs, and they have been very active from hiking to orienteering, camping and some going to France with the district. Altogether they earned 313 badges between them.

The year started in April with the Cubs attending St Georges day parade, then in May we had a 2 night back to basics camp at Speen. The following week, we completed a hike from Berryfields to Waddesdon and back again.

In June we had a fantastic trip to Cotswold Wildlife Park with the Scouts and Beavers. In July we had what is becoming our Annual Cubs Summer Camp at Paccar Scout Camp.

We jump to December where Lea, Maya, Natalie and David went on the District Cub trip to France. To finish the calendar year, just before Christmas, we went to the pantomime with the Scouts.

Onto this year, in February we had some Cubs planting trees on the Greenway and attending the district craft day at 9th Aylesbury. We finished the year off in March with Berryfields Cubs entering a team into Endurance 10K hike and finishing off with orienteering at Wendover Woods.



In between doing these activities we have our weekly meetings, where hopefully the Cubs are learning, making friends and having fun. We are very lucky to have such enthusiastic Cubs, supportive Parents and a dedicated group of leaders.

I am very pleased to say that we had 4 Cubs achieve the Chief Scout Silver Award:

Harry W  
Fletcher H  
Sophia K  
Isla P

This year we intend to continue creating an interesting and exciting program, the leaders are busy organising events and activities for the coming year.

I would like to thank the dedicated Cub team for all there help and endeavours for this year and for the coming years. Thank you to Lee Allen, Tim Robinson, Kimberley & Julian Cochran.

**David**  
**1st Berryfields Cub Leader**

# SCOUTS

Scouts have had amazing fun-packed year of adventure! 225 badges including one Chief Scout's Gold award, 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 37 young people with Berryfields Scout Section, 34 of which attend regularly, we have a diversity of needs within the group and are currently managing well.

We have a 1st for Berryfields Group... We have a new Assistant Scout Leader of Joel Hansen (aka: Monky)... Joel was a young person with Berryfields Scouts, Went to Matrix Explorers and thus four years later has come back to Berryfields as a leader!!

The Scout team now consist of 5 leaders, they are Stephen Hansen (aka: Hammer) and Daniel Nicklin (aka: Grizzly) as Scout leader, Dave Tutton (aka: Fozzie), Sarah Tutton (aka: Bramwell) and Joel Hansen (aka: Monky) as Assistant Scout Leader plus a young leader Theo (aka: Teddy). Therefore, the Scout leadership team is a strong, proactive family of six, we work well together, disturbing 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.

The Scouts have been active on camps with a total of 9 available nights away. Camps such as multi activity weekends where the Scouts could try 3G Gyro, Abseiling, Air-Rifle Shooting, Archery, Bungee Trampolining, Climbing, Crate Stacking, High Ropes, Ice Climbing, Land Zorbs, Slack Lining, Caving, Zip Wire.

Other camps have been multi activity inter scout competition; Strategy Camp, Gloucestershire, However a huge mention has to be said regarding 1st Berryfields and 12th Aylesbury group collaborating on a summer Survival Camp in Chalfont, Buckinghamshire and a indoor Winter camp at UK Scout HQ Gilwell Park in Chingford, London.

At the Survival Camp there were 46 people on camp, 37 young people and 9 leaders from across the groups, we also had a visit from the Bucks Scout DC, The young people cooked their dinners on open fire, made jacket potatoes in a cardboard box over and roasted 9 whole chickens over a tinding fire pit for around 4 hours before tucking into the tastiest succulent chicken under the stars, The scouts also had multiple sessions to use knives, bow saw's and axe's, shelter building in the woods and most importantly time to just be young people and make new friendships away from technology.

The Scouts have completed a number of hikes in the past year, Such as the greenway, chip shop and the London Monopoly run (A live game of Monopoly in London!!) where they walked for around 25KM!! They have also contributed to the community via public parades within Aylesbury.

This year the program has been youth shaped, the Scouts have been given the opportunity to be involved in creating the program that they want, asking the Scout leadership team to create activities to help them learn and develop the skills for life that they want, this has been across the board of activities, skills, society and faiths. Three Tuesday nights have been 100% run by young people in the past year, they came to us, we helped the plan an evening, then allowed the young people to take control (of course we were in the wings supporting if needed).

This year the Scouts badges that have mainly been worked on are: Adventure, Athletics, Craft, Entertainer, Outdoors, Photographer, Fundraising, Musician

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

## 1st Berryfields Scout Group Receipts and Payments Account

Year start date

Year end date

For the year from	01/04/2022	To	31/03/2023
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### Receipts and payments

	2022/23			2021/22	
	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Endowment funds £	Total funds £	Total funds £
<b>Receipts</b>					
<b>Donations, legacies and similar income</b>					
Membership subscriptions	12,062	-	-	12,062	9,251
Donations	1,052	-	-	1,052	-
Legacies	-	-	-	-	-
Gift Aid	1,492	-	-	1,492	1,389
Other similar income	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>14,606</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>14,606</b>	<b>10,640</b>
<b>Grants</b>					
Maintenance grant	-	-	-	-	-
Other grants	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Fundraising events (gross)</b>					
Group Events	11,506	-	-	11,506	6,598
Group Events	-	-	-	-	-
Badges and uniform	128	-	-	128	67
Other fundraising activities	-	-	-	-	47
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>11,634</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>11,634</b>	<b>6,712</b>
<b>Scout hut income</b>					
Hire of building	-	-	-	-	-
Hire of equipment	-	-	-	-	-
Other Scout hut income	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Investment income</b>					
Bank interest	-	-	-	-	-
Building Society interest	-	-	-	-	-
The Scout Association Short Term Investment Service	-	-	-	-	-
Other investment income	50	-	-	50	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total Gross Income</b>	<b>26,290</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>26,290</b>	<b>17,352</b>
<b>Asset and investment sales, etc.</b>	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total receipts</b>	<b>26,290</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>26,290</b>	<b>17,352</b>

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<b>Payments</b>					
<b>Charitable Payments</b>					
Membership subscriptions paid on (National/County/Area/District)	4,538	-	-	4,538	3,540
Youth programme and activities	13,874	-	-	13,874	2,938
Adult support and training	-	-	-	-	-
Rent	4,886	-	-	4,886	3,540
Water and Sewerage	-	-	-	-	-
Electricity and Gas	-	-	-	-	-
Insurance	432	-	-	432	218
Repairs and Renewals	674	-	-	674	-
Materials and equipment	1,340	-	-	1,340	1,041
Printing and photocopying	-	-	-	-	24
Bank fees	43	-	-	43	-
Uniforms and Badges	922	-	-	922	907
AGM and trustee expenses	430	-	-	430	-
Refunded activities	-	-	-	-	-
Online Youth manager	169	-	-	169	462
Scouting equipment	-	-	-	-	598
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>27,308</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>27,308</b>	<b>13,268</b>
<b>Fundraising expenses</b>					
General	-	-	-	-	-
Detail 2	-	-	-	-	-
Detail 3	-	-	-	-	-
Other fundraising costs	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total Gross Expenditure</b>	<b>27,308</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>27,308</b>	<b>13,268</b>
<b>Asset and investment</b>	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total payments</b>	<b>27,308</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>27,308</b>	<b>13,268</b>
<b>Net of receipts/(payments)</b>	<b>- 1,018</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>- 1,018</b>	<b>4,084</b>
Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
Cash funds last year end	28,035	-	-	28,035	23,951
<b>Cash funds this year end</b>	<b>27,017</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>27,017</b>	<b>28,035</b>

# 1st Berryfields Scout Group Receipts and Payments Account

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## Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the year

	31/03/2023				31/03/2022
	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total funds	Total funds
	£	£	£	£	£
<b>Cash funds</b>					
Bank current account	5,464	-	-	5,464	27,820
Bank deposit account	21,067	-	-	21,067	-
Building society account	-	-	-	-	-
Expense account	271	-	-	271	-
Cash/Floats	215	-	-	215	215
<b>Total cash funds</b>	<b>27,017</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>27,017</b>	<b>28,035</b>
(agree balances with receipts and payments a/c)	ok	ok	ok	ok	ok
<b>Other monetary assets</b>					
Tax claim	-	-	-	-	-
Debts due from the County/Area/District/Group	-	-	-	-	-
Insurance claim	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Investment assets</b>					
Investment property - detail	-	-	-	-	-
Quoted investments	-	-	-	-	-
Other investments - detail	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Non monetary assets for</b>					
Badge stock	150	-	-	150	150
Shop stock	-	-	-	-	-
Other stock	-	-	-	-	-
Land and buildings	-	-	-	-	-
Motor vehicles	-	-	-	-	-
Scouting equipment, furniture etc	11,000	-	-	11,000	11,000
Other	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>11,150</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>11,150</b>	<b>11,150</b>
<b>Liabilities</b>					
Accounts not yet paid	-	-	-	-	-
Expenses incurred but not invoiced	-	-	-	-	-
Subscriptions not yet paid	-	-	-	-	-
Loan - detail	-	-	-	-	-
Other liabilities	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total net assets</b>	<b>38,167</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>38,167</b>	<b>39,185</b>

The above receipts and payments account and statement of assets and liabilities were approved by the Trustees on Xth X 200X (the date of the Executive Committee meeting that approved the accounts) and signed on their behalf by

Signature	Print Name
	Chair
	Treasurer

**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 6-14 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.**

[1stberryfieldsscouts.org.uk](http://1stberryfieldsscouts.org.uk)  
**#SkillsForLife**

