

**Fifth Beckenham South Scout Group**

Charity Number 1011301

**Annual Report**

April 2023 – March 2024

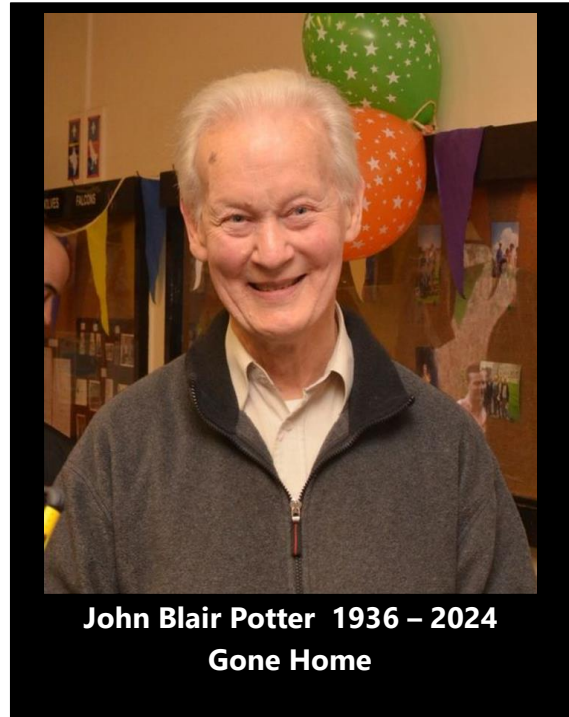
**Group Scout Leader**

A successful year of Scouting for the whole group, very much overshadowed by the passing of our Group Quartermaster and beloved Scout Leader John Blair Potter. John gave 55 years of selfless service to Scouting and The Fifth Beckenham South. In 2007 John received The Mayor of Bromley Award for Outstanding Voluntary Service and he will be deeply missed by all who knew him. A true gentleman, role model, mentor and friend.

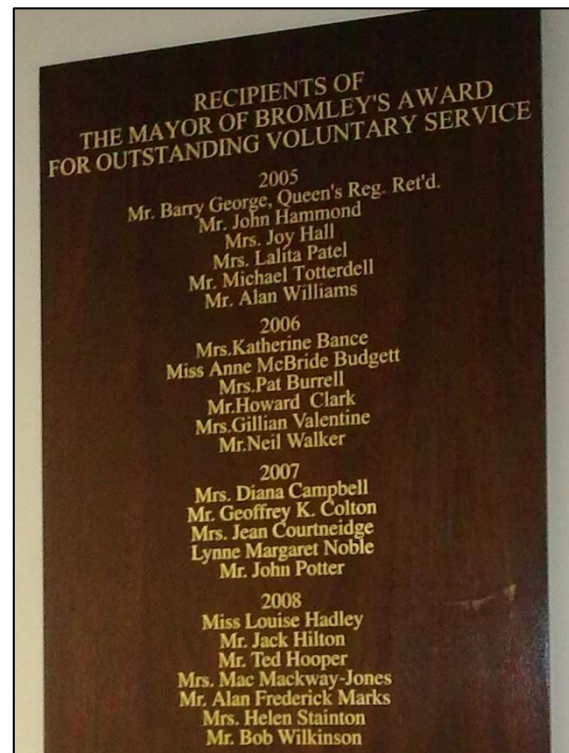
All sections have surpassed the Scout Association minimum policy of operating standards despite relentless changes to Policy Organisation Rules and extra additions to risk assessment requirements and adventurous activity permits. All sections have continued to function and thrive in the adversity of a post pandemic society, where youngsters have distinctly lost out on years of personal social development and continue to pose new challenges to leadership teams.

A new hierarchy structure looms within Scouting, changing traditional role titles across the Group and bringing training and volunteer recruitment and retention kicking and screaming into the 21<sup>st</sup> century.

Beavers continue to flourish with numbers and adventures, joining in with Bromley District events such as Easter Egg hunt and running their own successful winter and summer sleepovers and Cubs too continue to grow their leadership team and adventures with a sleepover on HMS Cavalier and a full-scale Whitsun (Group) camp joined by Beavers for the day and a small contingency of Lightning Scouts as new Scout Leaders cut their teeth under canvas.



**John Blair Potter 1936 – 2024**  
**Gone Home**



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Scouts enjoyed a successful year and their summer camp in Dorset saw several Scouts gain their RYA sailing qualifications amongst other adventures.

Our partnered Explorer Unit summer camped in South Wales and whilst the weather was characteristically wet, it did not dampen the adventure. Our Explorer Leaders also took on the Yorkshire Three Peaks challenge to raise money towards their next international trip planned for 2024.

In the summer and autumn of 2023, John Potter, knowing that his days of service were numbered, spent many hours with myself the Group Scout Leader, clearing our Scout Hut and sharing his in-depth knowledge of the inner workings, structure and facilities. Detailed explanations and diagrams of the plumbing, electricity and drainage were shared as well as the vast array of master keys and spare keys available. John also oversaw the start of a Group premises project to inspect and modernise our hut electrics and capacity as the group continues to expand its ambitions for our premises.

*Adam Young*

### Beaver Scouts (6-8yrs)

*Pippin Colony* was once again led by Dave Barber, Spencer Coward and Paul Blewer, ably assisted by our Young Leaders Henry, Josh, Amelia and Scarlett.

*Merry Colony* was led by Helen Langston and Lee Anderson, with John Noakes joining our ranks in September.



Our numbers were close to capacity throughout the year.

We provided a healthy and varied programme:  
Summer term 2023:

- District run St George's Day event at Frylands Wood Scout Centre with 30 Beavers from both colonies attending
- A day visit to our Cubs' camp at Cudham Shaws in May
- Activity Evening run by Frylands Wood with the Beavers taking part in climbing, archery, go karts, assault course and many other adventurous activities
- Summer camp, also at Frylands Wood Scout Centre, in July. Activities included a blindfold trail, pond dipping, making and lighting a fire and cooking on it, learning how to put up tents and songs around the campfire. This was a joint camp with 25 attending
- An evening trip to Frylands to create bug hotels and learned how to use natural materials
- As well as plenty of games, the Beavers worked towards Outdoor Challenge Badge

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A busy and enjoyable year that saw 14 Beavers achieve their Chief Scout Bronze Award.

Our thanks, as always, go to our parents who have supported us throughout.

*Dave Barber & Helen Langston*

### Autumn term 2023:

- Badge work this term included the Skills Challenge award and Safety badge.
- The Beavers enjoyed Halloween activities at the hut, and many took part in clearing the park on Sunday morning after our annual fireworks display
- Remembrance Day parade saw 17 Beavers take part in the parade through Beckenham
- Winter camp was also held at Frylands Wood with 26 Beavers and 4 Young Leaders attending overnight. Activities included Tunnels, Orienteering, a nature walk, the campfire and Xmas crafts.



### Spring term 2024

- Chinese New Year was celebrated, and the Beavers learned about the Year of the Dragon
- 37 signed up to take part in the District Easter Egg Hunt, but sadly this was called off on the day due to very poor weather conditions
- Pancakes were enjoyed at the start of Lent with a variety of fillings
- We concentrated on the Global Issues and Disability Awareness badges

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### Cubs (8-10½ yrs)

The year for cubs has been a busy one and we have continued to meet weekly and work on badges and have had our camps and sleepovers, Cudham Shaws for the May bank holiday weekend; a sleepover on the Lord Armory in October and a winter camp in January 2024 at Fryland. Numbers have remained steady with 24 cubs in each pack and leaders Ray, Sinead, Anna, Matthew and Liz.



We started the term in April with a bears bridge building mission – great fun designing a bridge. We attended a very wet St George's day in April but a great day out where the cubs were able to try out lots of different activities. We made pizza during the term and completed our science badge over 3 weeks as well as our traditional end of term water evening

The highlight of the year, as always is our Whitsun camp and in May we did a joint camp with scouts on the other side of the field and beavers joining us for the day. It was a great weekend full of activities including backwoods cooking, camp fires, archery, air rifle shooting and bouncy castles.



In June the sixers were lucky enough to attend the Colonels review representing Bromley District with other groups – we were close to St James' Park so that we could see the parade of the Royal House Artillery, the massed Bands of the Foot Guards and Prince William, on a very hot Saturday.

Our weekly meetings have seen a variety of activities, including science evening, shelter building, wormery making, fires, and the end of summer term our water slide evening. We had a great day out at the docklands scout project in July trying out dinghy sailing, rowing, canoeing and some of the cubs went on the yacht in the amazing setting of Canary Wharf.

In October we had a sleepover on HMS Cavalier the last operational second world war destroyer. The cubs slept in real bunks and we had a great evening of activities learning about the ship and it's history. The following morning, we had time to visit the submarine, HMS Ocelot; HMS Gannet a sloop of the Victorian Royal Navy, and we visited the ropery and made our own rope! A great weekend.

We also went bowling in October as a group and went to see Matilda in December at Filmbox at Langley Park school.

Other activities over the year have included making Airfix models of a spitfire or jaguar and painting it. St John Ambulance team gave us a fantastic evening on first aid and trained us on the Resus Annie on resuscitation. We

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also did more traditional scouting activities including knots and pioneering together with the regular annual meetings of Halloween, Chinese New Year and pancakes for Shrove Tuesday.

We joined the group Remembrance Day parade.

Our winter camp at Frylands in January was a great weekend and as well as the traditional activities, of assault courses, hikes, knots etc we had a mad scientist visit.

Thank you to all our leaders and parent helpers for all the support throughout the year and we look forward to another year of scouting.

*Liz Martin & Anna Clough*

### Scouts (10½ - 14yrs)

Both troops continue to thrive, Thunder, on Thursday led by Tim Younge and Lightning on Friday, led by Andy Dawes, supported by a team of scout leaders which includes Spencer, Alistair, Andrew S, Ray, Dickie, CJ, Matthew and Joan and others on an ad hoc basis.

It is great to see our troop nights having attendance back to pre-Covid numbers with a combined troop night attendance of around 45 Scouts per week. Scouts are overcoming their reluctance to attend overnight stays; this is something Andy and Tim continue to work on by arranging short nights away to build up their confidence.



We had our regular Group Whitsun weekend camp at Cudham Shaws Activity Centre which was attended by over 20 scout activities included air rifles, archery, grass sledging, and tomahawk throwing. There was a group BBQ and a large campfire.

There have been many trips and camps this year with trips to HMS Cavalier to spend the night on a WW2 ship, a weekend on the *Roseanne* canal boat for the Patrol & Assistant Leaders, a further day out cycling with Penge Cycle Club and the yearly Monopoly run managed by CJ.

The minibus is well used for day trips, including to water sports days and Frylands to make use of their facilities and campfire area.

The Troops also enjoyed night Badge work, water night, fire lighting, pancake & Chinese cooking, circus skills, Quasar and a host of other activities.



We had our summer camp at Budden's Activity Centre in Dorset, the weather was not kind to us but in true Scout Fashion we made the most of it and had a great time. All the Scouts over the week undertook their RYA training in some challenging weather conditions and all passed their RYA Stage 2 sailing certificate.

We did many activities on site including raft building, climbing, archery, axe throwing, zipwires, high wires, Jacob's ladder, rafting, volleyball. Day trips off-site included the Tank Museum and Monkey World.

Our end of year Christmas night was held at Bromley Bowling where we put on festive jumpers, played a few games and had Pizza.

Our Late Xmas winter camp was at Runways Indoor near Aldershot which 35 scouts and 10 leaders attended. There was frost on the ground outside, but that didn't deter us from activities such as high ropes, indoor circus skills, team building, a campfire with quiz and film in the evening.

We would like to thank all the leaders and occasional helpers who have helped throughout the year to achieve all of this. Looking forward to 2024

*Tim Younge*

## Fireworks & Easter Egg Hunt



We continued our organisation of the Beckenham Fireworks display and the Easter Egg Hunt in Croydon Road Recreation Ground and were very pleased to raise a record amount for local charities – over £50,000.

This would not be possible without a huge commitment from the group and our many volunteers, and the continued support of the local community, to whom we offer our grateful thanks.

[www.beckenhamfireworks.com](http://www.beckenhamfireworks.com)

**REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER: 1011301**

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Report of the Trustees and Unaudited Financial  
Statements for the Year Ended 31 March 2024**

**5th Beckenham South Scout Group**

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**Report of the Trustees  
for the Year Ended 31 March 2024**

The trustees present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 March 2024. The trustees have adopted the provisions of the Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) 'Accounting and Reporting by Charities' issued in March 2005.

**REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS Registered Charity number 1011301**

**Principal address**

The Scout Hut  
Bishop Challoner School  
228 Bromley Road  
Bromley BR2 0BS

**Trustees**

O Colville- Chair	T Younge
N Chrumka	A Dawe
A Stroud	D Barber
K Godart-Smith	A Young
R Tierney	EJ Jones
C Jones	C Martin
E Martin	P Cole
D Mullane	

**Independent examiner**

Hugh Watchorn

**STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT Governing document**

The charity is controlled by its governing document, a deed of trust, and constitutes an unincorporated charity.

**Risk management**

The trustees have a duty to identify and review the risks to which the charity is exposed and to ensure appropriate controls are in place to provide reasonable assurance against fraud and error.

Approved by order of the board of trustees on ..... 2 Dec 2024 ..... and signed on its behalf by:

..... C Martin  
..... Trustee

## 5th Beckenham South Scout Group

### Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of 5th Beckenham South Scout Group

I report on the accounts for the year ended 31 March 2024 set out on pages three to seven.

#### **Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner**

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under Section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is required.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under Section 145 of the 2011 Act
- to follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commission (under Section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act); and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

#### **Basis of the independent examiner's report**

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair view' and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statements below.

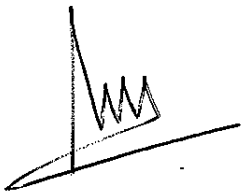
#### **Independent examiner's statement**

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

- (1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that, in any material respect, the requirements
  - to keep accounting records in accordance with Section 130 of the 2011 Act; and
  - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and to comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 Act

have not been met; or

- (2) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.



Hugh Watchorn

Date: 9 October 2024

**5th Beckenham South Scout Group  
Statement of Financial Activities for the Year  
Ended 31 March 2024**

	Notes	31.3.24 Unrestricted £	31.3.23 Unrestricted £
<b>INCOMING RESOURCES</b>			
<b>Incoming resources from generated funds</b>			
Voluntary income		79,121	54,489
Activities for generating funds	2	118,630	121,494
Other incoming resources		3,196	568
<b>Total Incoming Resources</b>		<u><u>200,948</u></u>	<u><u>176,551</u></u>
<b>RESOURCES EXPENDED</b>			
<b>Charitable Activities</b>			
Scouts		32,813	16,405
Cubs		8,406	6,116
Beavers		1,880	1,977
Explorers		3,054	7,708
Donations		35,127	47,209
<b>Governance costs</b>		7,398	7,368
<b>Fund Raising Costs</b>		39,733	33,845
<b>Other Resources Expended</b>		37,689	31,101
<b>Total Resources Expended</b>		<u><u>166,100</u></u>	<u><u>151,729</u></u>
<b>NET INCOMING/(OUTGOING) RESOURCES</b>		<u><u>34,848</u></u>	<u><u>24,822</u></u>
<b>RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS</b>			
<b>Total Funds Brought Forward</b>		343,085	318,263
<b>TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD</b>		<u><u>377,933</u></u>	<u><u>343,085</u></u>

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**Balance Sheet at 31 March 2024**

	Notes	31.3.24 Unrestricted £	31.3.23 Unrestricted £
<b>FIXED ASSETS</b>			
Tangible Assets	4	<u>190,047</u>	<u>193,348</u>
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>			
Stocks	5	49	21
Debtors	6	17,526	6,044
Cash at bank and in hand		208,155	162,738
		<u>225,730</u>	<u>168,803</u>
<b>CREDITORS</b>			
Amounts falling due within one year	7	37,844	19,066
<b>NET CURRENT ASSETS</b>		<u>187,886</u>	<u>149,737</u>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>		377,933	343,085
<b>NET ASSETS</b>		<u>377,933</u>	<u>343,085</u>
<b>FUNDS</b>			
Unrestricted Funds	8	377,933	343,085
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>		<u>377,933</u>	<u>343,085</u>

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees on ..... 2024 and were signed on their behalf by:

..... C Martin  
Trustee

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### Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 March 2024

#### 1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

##### Accounting Convention

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention, and in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard for Smaller Entities (effective April 2008), the Charities Act 2011 and the requirements of the Statement of Recommended Practice, Accounting and Reporting by Charities.

##### Going Concern

The trustees have considered whether the charity remains a going concern. At the balance sheet date the charity held cash at the bank of £180,890, this is significantly in excess of all running costs. The trustees are confident that they are able to meet all liabilities as they fall due and have sufficient reserves to manage risk.

##### Incoming resources

All incoming resources are included on the Statement of Financial Activities when the charity is legally entitled to the income and the amount can be quantified with reasonable accuracy.

##### Resources expended

Expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all cost related to the category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated to activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources.

##### Tangible fixed assets

Depreciation is provided at the following annual rates in order to write off each asset over its estimated useful life:

Equipment 20%

Motor Vehicles 20%, Buildings are not depreciated.

##### Stocks

Stocks are valued at the lower of cost and net realisable value, after making due allowance for obsolete and slow-moving items.

##### Taxation

The charity is exempt from tax on its charitable activities.

##### Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds can be used in accordance with the charitable objectives at the discretion of the trustees. Restricted funds can only be used for particular restricted purposes within the objects of the charity. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for particular restricted purposes. The Trustees consider that no funds are restricted.

#### 2. ACTIVITIES FOR GENERATING FUNDS

	31.3.24	31.3.23
	£	£
Beckenham Firework Display	108,755	118,075
Other Fundraising events	9,875	3,419
	<u>118,630</u>	<u>121,494</u>
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#### 3. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS

There were no trustees' remuneration nor other benefits for the year ended 31 March 2024 nor for the year ended 31 March 2023. The group rent storage space from a former trustee for £1,500 pa, this is at less than market rate.

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**Notes to the Financial Statements - continued for the Year Ended 31 March 2024**

**4 TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS**

	Group Buildings £	Scouting Equipment £	Marine Equipment £
<b>Cost</b>			
At 1 April 2023	149,673	58,189	1,050
Additions		8,893	-
At 31 March 2024	<u>149,673</u>	<u>67,082</u>	<u>1,050</u>
<b>Depreciation</b>			
At 1 April 2023	-	48,227	932
Charge for year	-	3,771	24
At 31 March 2024	<u>-</u>	<u>51,998</u>	<u>956</u>
<b>Net Book Value</b>			
At 31 March 2024	<u>149,673</u>	<u>15,084</u>	<u>94</u>
At 31 March 2023	<u>149,673</u>	<u>9,962</u>	<u>118</u>

	Minibus £	Computer Equipment £	Totals £
<b>Cost</b>			
At 1 April 2023	41,994	8,609	259,515
Disposal	-	-	-
Additions	-	-	8,893
At 31 March 2024	<u>41,994</u>	<u>8,609</u>	<u>268,408</u>
<b>Depreciation</b>			
At 1 April 2023	8,399	8,609	66,167
Disposal	-	-	-
Charge for year	8,399	-	12,194
At 31 March 2024	<u>16,798</u>	<u>8,609</u>	<u>78,361</u>
<b>Net Book Value</b>			
At 31 March 2024	<u>25,196</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>190,047</u>
At 31 March 2023	<u>33,595</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>193,348</u>

**5 STOCKS**

	31.3.24	31.3.23
	£	£
Tuck Shop Stock	<u>49</u>	<u>33</u>

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**Notes to the Financial Statements - continued for the Year Ended 31 March 2024**

**6 DEBTORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR**

	31.3.24 £	31.3.23 £
Other amounts due	17,526	6,044

**7 CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR**

	31.3.24 £	31.3.23 £
Other Creditors	26,294	15,000
Accruals	11,550	4,066
	<u>37,844</u>	<u>19,066</u>

**8 MOVEMENT IN FUNDS**

<b>Unrestricted funds</b>	Net Movement in funds		
	At 1.4.23		At 31.3.24
	£	£	£
General Fund	343,085	34,848	377,933
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u>343,085</u>	<u>34,848</u>	<u>377,933</u>

Net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

<b>Unrestricted funds</b>	Incoming Resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
General funds	200,948	166,100	34,848
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u>200,948</u>	<u>166,100</u>	<u>34,848</u>