

**The 1st Broomfield Scout Group annual report  
and accounts for the financial year ended 31st  
December 2022**



**AGM**

**15th June 2023 6.30pm**

**Scout HQ, School Lane, Broomfield, CM1 7DR**

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- **Trustee Board Member (Management of the Group and its buildings)**
- **Skills instructor**
- **Become part of the Leadership Team for Beavers Cubs or Scouts**
- **Activity Helper (e.g., on camps and walks)**
- **I T / Digital / social media**
- **Building & stores repair / maintenance coordinator**

# Welcome to our 2023 AGM & Review

Welcome all.

This has been a busy year as the sections returned to full face-to-face meetings. It has also provided us with some additional challenges. We unfortunately had to say farewell to Simon Webb our Group Scout Leader (GSL). Simon had stepped up to fill the GSL role that had been vacant for some time, regrettably Simon's job workload increased and this meant that he was unable to give us his time and thus stepped down.

Tara & Elles, long time stalwarts of the Scout Troop decided to step away at the end of the year and seek pastures new within the Kraken District Explorer Unit. We shall miss them both for their expertise and experience. However, I am pleased to report that Shane has agreed to take on the Scout Leader role and Paddy Passfield has become an Assistant Scout Leader (ASL). We also welcome Kirstie Zanco who has supported the Group on the Executive Committee for many years who has also joined as an ASL.

Our sections are now at full stretch running exciting programmes for our young people. As we increase in numerical strength this increases the load upon our existing leaders so we are in need of volunteers to assist in all of our five sections (2 x Beaver Colonies, 2 x Cub packs and the Scout Troop).

Scouting is currently undergoing a change. Under the new "Transformation Programme" the structure moves to a more team-based approach (one we have used for many years in Broomfield). Thus, sections will have a Team Leader and a group of Team Members (removing the existing role differentiation). The Group Executive Committee's role will also change – becoming a Board of Trustees (this we already are), but with greater emphasis on governance & finance. Exactly how this will function will be made clear later in the year, along with changes to the existing leader training regime.

Full use has been made of the additional facilities provided by our activities building (TMA Building) by all sections. Once again, the Book Sale has been a success, down to the hard work of those who give up a week's leave to set it up and sort the books. We must also mention the continued income from our paper skips (increased to two per week to reduce stray paper caught by the wind). Without the money from these two "income generators" the sections would be unable to provide their wide-ranging activity programme and we would be unable hold our annual subscriptions to their current levels, despite increasing costs. Your continued support for these two activities is greatly appreciated.

So, we look forward to our next year with expectation, and some trepidation, but we will continue to aim to provide good quality scouting and enjoyment to our young people – the citizens of tomorrow.

**Malcolm Taylor**

Group Chairman

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# AGM Minutes

## MINUTES OF THE AGM HELD 21st JUNE 2022

Group Chairman Malcolm Taylor welcomed all to the meeting – which was a hybrid meeting held on Zoom, with some participants at the HQ – especially the District Chairman, Roger Cole.

Despite the restrictions imposed by Covid the Group now had two Beaver Colonies, two Cub Packs, a Scout Troop (bursting at the seams) and a linked Explorer Unit.

The new multiuse activity building (TMA) had been formally opened at the beginning of the year and everyone was looking forward to utilising the traversing wall and additional facilities it would provide. Malcolm advised that for ease of Zoom he would assume assent to all items unless anyone indicated otherwise.

Apologies for absence were received from Martin Chapman, Kirstie Zanco and Suzanne Ball, Co-District Commissioner.

Minutes for the AGM held on 15th June 2021 were accepted as a true record.

The Annual review had been sent out to all and outlined the activities undertaken by the sections during the year. Again, credit was due to John Wallis, our Treasurer, for his management of the Group finances.

The new GSL, Simon Webb, nominated Malcolm to continue as Group Chairman; Malcolm confirmed his willingness to continue to serve as Chairman.

### Election of Group Officers – approved

Group Secretary - Monica McKie  
Group Treasurer - John Wallis

### Ex-Officio Members of the Executive Committee – approved

Ruth Reed, Kraken ESU

### Elected Members of the Group Executive Committee – approved

Beaver – Martin Chapman, Megan Janse Van Rensburg  
Cub - Graham Jarvis, Hasad Khan  
Scout - Sanjay Andersen, Will Davis, Kirstie Zanco  
Jason Smith

### Co-opted Members of the Executive Committee – approved

Rev. Dawn Butcher  
Linda MacInnes

Alun Powell was proposed as Independent Examiner by John Wallis – approved

At the end of the meeting Roger Cole, District Chairman, advised that two members of the Group had been recognised by the Chief Scout for Meritorious Service. Malcolm Taylor was awarded a Bar to the Award for Merit, and John Wallis given the Award for Merit.

Malcolm thanked Roger for the presentations and said that for a great many years Roger had served the Group in a variety of roles and latterly as a member of the Group Executive Committee and as one of the stalwarts of the Book sale. Whilst he would continue assisting with the Book sale he had stood down from the Executive at this AGM. Malcolm thanked Roger for his service to the Group and presented him with a set of engraved wine glasses on behalf of the Executive.

Malcolm concluded the meeting by thanking everyone for their attendance and hoped that next year we would all be able to meet in person.

# Treasurers Report 2022

The financial wellbeing of the Group continues to be strong, the (anticipated) deficit of £4,464, needs to be read in conjunction with the surplus of £5,092 in 2021. This was due to delayed expenditure and also early receipts of funds (in 2021) for the Troop's summer camp to Dorset, which was paid for via instalments, in advance by parents.

The core income and expenditure has virtually returned to pre-Covid levels and the combination of a very popular Book Sale and the continuing Waste paper recycling will prove to be excellent fundraisers in 2023 and hopefully beyond as they have been for some years. AS noted below, many year-on-year comparisons are difficult as 2021 was a year of 2 halves with the Group only fully opening again in September 2021

Electricity and Gas prices are up for renegotiation in July 2023 and all expenditure will rise, however I still expect cash flow to be in surplus enabling the Group to subsidise many activities for a growing number of young people (as long as we have leaders to help) and to invest in our equipment and headquarters (e.g., refitted Kitchen and toilet facilities)

Towards the end of 2022 we have stated to trial a second wastepaper skip. We are indebted to Essex Reclamation Ltd for their help with this, and whilst we will initially pay an amount for the extra weekly skip, this will be avoided if we can get extra paper recycled. The previous weekly collection meant that paper was often overflowing despite the good work of our skip jumpers. Quite simply we have doubled capacity at a modest cost per year – and hopefully no cost as the tonnage increases.

## Notes to the accounts

- 1) Subs – a record amount, simply due to the increased numbers in the group. 2021 figure was affected by the Pandemic and delayed re-introduction of subs for existing members.
- 2) Donations Received – include £1,000 from Barclays re Matched fundraising (re the Book Sale) and £100 from Aaron Guilder, a former Scout.
- 3) Gift Aid – This was not claimed in 2022 due low number of Gift Aid Declarations (30%), will be claimed in 2023.
- 4) Activity Income & Expenditure – This is always a measure of success, reflecting more activities undertaken for more young people. 2021 was affected by the pandemic, 2022 was slightly higher than usual due to an excellent Summer Camp in Dorset for the Scout Troop, which accounted for just over £5,000 of the (gross) expenditure. Excluding 2020 and 2021, the annual spend has ranged from £9125 in 2013 to a peak of £21,150 in 2019.
- 5) Other Grant – The final Covid related Leisure & Hospitality Grant from Chelmsford City Council in January 2022
- 6) Book Sale – With a lot of deliberation and flexible planning we went ahead with the Book Sale in Feb 2022 with a fantastic result. A new record total raised (£6,339), of which £2750 was received from sale of higher value books online – Thanks to Roger and Sue Cole for their sterling efforts and to all Book Sale helpers.
- 7) Waste Paper Income - Our income from the waste paper skip (value of paper and Recycling Credits) is relatively consistent and has proved an excellent fund raiser. In a worst-case scenario the extra skip collection per week will cost around £2500 a year, but protect the remaining income of £5,000.
- 8) Sale of Assets – Broomfield Village Hall kindly gave us a donation of £100 for an under used marquee / tent.
- 9) Membership Fees - were paid as normal to district at £37.50 per child/young leader. Numbers were still low in February, due to after effects of pandemic but have since grown to record levels, as the subs income testifies.
- 10) Income for activities and events - comes direct from Parents and rose in line with the increased group size and the Scouts Summer Camp. It should be noted that there has been a greater subsidy this year as Parental support for camps and sleepovers etc. has diminished from pre-Pandemic levels, which increases the subsidy due to lower economies of scale and fixed costs – e.g., if booking a Camp site building.
- 11) Adult Support & Training - relates to an Archery course for 2 of our Cub instructors, which expands the availability of leaders trained to provide this activity.
- 12) Utility costs - both showed large rises, due to increased usage (HQ was all but closed in the cold winter months in 2021) and to a lesser degree - estimated bills.
- 13) Repairs & Renewals – Includes delays in payments from 2021. The largest elements were: - Electrical repairs/improvements £4138, Replacement fire door £2,658, Replacement tyres for trailer £325, Emergency window replacement £360. The remainder was for servicing costs and miscellaneous costs e.g., paper towels.
- 14) Materials and Equipment - Purchases include £850 for 5 new Vango tents (to cope with increased numbers), £625 for new pioneering pole, £317 for additional climbing equipment (to allow more young people to climb under instruction at the same time) and £163 for an air rifle curtain.
- 15) Uniforms - basic uniform is provided free to new leaders, and with replacements when required.
- 17) Cleaning – costs increased as we fully re-started activities after the Pandemic.
- 18) Badges – costs are much higher due to a combination of increased meetings and young people and also the young people were all issued with 2 badges during the year to celebrate the Queen's Jubilee and also to remember her passing.

John Wallis

Group Treasurer – [broomfieldtreasurer@gmail.com](mailto:broomfieldtreasurer@gmail.com)

### Reserves Policy of 1st Broomfield Scout Group

It is the policy of the Group to hold one year's expenditure in reserve to cover loss of our two large income streams namely the Book Sale and Waste Paper recycling (approximately £15,000 in total). These form an exceptionally large part of our fund raising. This reserve policy is reviewed regularly by the Group Executive (Trustees) who are satisfied that sufficient reserves remain to carry on the daily running of the Group.

Following the completion of the new activities/storage building alongside the HQ further reserves will be established to enable provision for a refurbished kitchen area and improved disabled access with improvements to WC facilities. Long term we will also need to build reserves for the rebuilding of the (pre-fab) concrete walls built in 1974 and will not last for ever.

## Receipts and Payments Account

Notes		2021 Unrestricted funds	2022 Unrestricted funds
	<b>Receipts</b>		
	<b>Donations, Legacies and similar Income</b>		
1	Membership Subscriptions	£1,960	£7,417
2	Donations Received	£297	£1,168
3	Gift Aid	£0	£0
4	Income for Youth programme and activities	£1,738	£8,120
	Refunds Received on Activities	£0	£0
	<b>Sub Total</b>	<b>3,994</b>	<b>16,705</b>
	<b>Grants</b>		
	Building Grant	£4,404	£0
5	Other Grant	£16,993	£2,867
	<b>Sub Total</b>	<b>21,397</b>	<b>2,867</b>
	<b>Fundraising events (Gross)</b>		
6	Book Sale	£5,000	£6,339
7	Waste Paper income & Recycling Credits	£7,457	£7,662
	<b>Sub Total</b>	<b>12,457</b>	<b>14,001</b>
	<b>Scout Hut Income</b>		
8	Sale of Assets	£0	£100
	Hire of Building	£0	£250
	<b>Sub Total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>350</b>
	<b>Investment income</b>		
	Bank Interest	£104	£128
	<b>Sub Total</b>	<b>104</b>	<b>128</b>
	<b>Total Gross Income</b>	<b>37,951</b>	<b>34,051</b>
	<b>Asset and investment sales, etc.</b>	<b>£0</b>	<b>£0</b>
	<b>Total receipts</b>	<b>37,951</b>	<b>34,051</b>

# Receipts and Payments Account

For the year ended 31st December 2022

<b>Payments</b>		<b>2021</b>	<b>2022</b>
Notes		Unrestricted funds	Unrestricted funds
	<b>Charitable Payments</b>		
9	Membership Fees paid to District	-£3,822	-£2,963
10	Youth programme and activities	-£4,176	-£17,250
	Refunds Issued on Activities	£0	-£246
11	Adult Support & Training	-£198	-£440
7	Wastepaper Skip Charges	£0	-£166
	Waste Disposal	-£379	-£383
12	Water & Sewerage	-£152	-£330
12	Electricity & Gas	-£403	-£742
	Insurance	-£1,420	-£1,475
13	Repairs & Renewals	-£909	-£8,168
14	Materials & Equipment	-£17,734	-£2,332
	Printing & Photocopying	-£53	-£79
15	Uniforms	-£70	-£625
	AGM & Trustee Expenses	-£119	-£153
	OSM Bank Charges	-£271	-£530
17	Cleaning	-£396	-£634
	Donations made	-£2,000	-£168
18	Badges	-£472	-£1,763
	<b>Sub Total</b>	<b>- 32,574</b>	<b>- 38,448</b>
	Fund Raising Expenses	£0	-£67
	<b>Total Gross Expenditure</b>	<b>- 32,574</b>	<b>- 38,515</b>
	<b>Asset and investment purchases etc.</b>		
	Major Building costs	-£285	£0
	<b>Total payments</b>	<b>- 32,859</b>	<b>- 38,515</b>
	<b>Net Receipts/(Payments)</b>	<b>£5,092</b>	<b>-£4,464</b>
	<b>Cash funds last year end</b>	<b>£52,895</b>	<b>£57,987</b>
	<b>Cash funds this year end</b>	<b>57,987</b>	<b>53,524</b>

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

		<b>31/12/2021</b>	<b>31/12/2022</b>
Notes	<b>Cash funds</b>	Unrestricted funds	Unrestricted funds
	Bank current account	£6,330	£2,239
	Bank deposit accounts	£28,007	£27,533
	Bank Notice Account	£23,650	£23,752
	<b>Total cash funds</b>	<b>57,987</b>	<b>53,524</b>
	<b>Non-Monetary assets for charity's own use</b>		
	Badge stock	£450	£450
	Uniform Stock	£495	£495
	Land and buildings	£389,000	£389,000
	Scouting equipment, furniture etc (depreciated at 5% p.a.)	£42,440	£42,533
	<b>Sub total</b>	<b>432,385</b>	<b>432,478</b>
	<b>Liabilities</b>		
	Expenses incurred but not invoiced	£4,074	£0
	<b>Sub total</b>	<b>£4,074</b>	<b>£0</b>
	<b>Total Group Assets</b>	<b>486,298</b>	<b>486,002</b>

## SECTION REPORTS



### Scout Troop

Summer / Autumn 2022

A group of marvellous young ladies battled with the full return of the weekend Plainsman's hike again proving to be the ultimate challenge, but so proud of their achievement, however broken they were they soldiered on to the finish :-). We also had a budding young team take part in the Wanderers hike who did amazing map reading really boasting their confidence overtaking several teams on route.

We attended Epic County camp at Skreens park, and our first camp of this sort since Covid, many new Scouts enjoyed the activities and independence of being a Scout, although sad to note the tuck shop was not open at 6:30 in the morning. A great time was had by all and an easy win for leaders on the organising front.

August Was a welcome return to our summer camp which took place in Dorset and mainly the program remained similar to our last visit in 2017. We had the whole site to ourselves, so enjoyed the open space and independence this gave us. The Scouts did many activities from Archery, paddle boarding, canoeing, swimming. Day visits to Beaulieu motor museum and Swanage beach by steam train, plus a visit to Brownsea Island by ferry, a highlight this time as last visit was in torrential rain. The weather was most kind to us this year as normal summer camp there is always plenty of rain too. For many scouts it was a first time at summer camp and indeed camping with the section, and handled the duration well.

The new year saw a new start with Shane, Paddy taking over the reins where we enjoyed cooking, map reading and hiking.

The County Backpack is a regular event with overnight camping at Thriftwood, for all Essex Scouts. The weekend was notable for both for the amount of mud underfoot but also, we are all very proud of four of our scouts who used their scouting skills to help an ambulance crew assist a member of the public with a broken ankle #skillsforlife.

In April we hiked to Riffhams, Danbury for a Backwoods camp under tarpaulin shelters

We have visited Skreens park a couple of time for many activities such as abseiling, climbing, the new Zip-wire, archery and shooting. This are great activities and paid for by the group from our fundraising.

Finally, a warm welcome to Kirstie to transfers from Trustee to Assistant Scout Leader.

Shane, Paddy and Kirstie

## Wednesday Beavers



### Summer / Autumn Term

We are now back up to full numbers with regular attendance.

Jayne Pearson has joined as a sectional assistant, and we've had 2 parents ask to be DBS'd. The second half of the summer term saw us learn cricket skills at Broomfield Cricket Club and enjoy abseiling and crate stacking at Skreens park. We also visited Braintree Museum with the Thursday group for a dinosaur sleepover. This was very well attended and a great fun and informative night was had by all.

We also enjoyed a (very warm) July afternoon River Dipping with the Thursday beavers catching a variety of creatures and identifying them plus some craft making too. This was well supported by parents. The autumn term has seen us gain our Health and fitness and Global Issues badges. We have had a games night with crab football being a huge hit with the children.

September saw our first outdoor camp as a Beaver Colony when we joined with the Thursday group and hundreds of other Beavers at Skreens Park. It is always exciting to join in with other colonies and the young people get to enjoy a full programme with many fun activities.

Winter saw us do a lovely Christmas hike through the snow in Chelmsford town centre (the gritted parts!) and we enjoyed all the lights and an unexpected carol or two from the Salvation Army that just happened to be there at the same time.

We also tried to make popcorn on a campfire – with varying degrees of success (a few even ate the burnt popcorn, but one batch was at least successful.), we visited Broomfield Church for Christingle and had fun with junk modelling with a spaceship theme. The highlight of the winter term was probably entering the Beavers Get Busy (Chelmsford District) competition, where (Thanks to Charlotte's creativity and the Beavers craft skills,) we won the Colony Challenge (narrowly beating our Thursday Colony into second place. We also won lots of individual prizes at this craft competition – well done all!

March saw a combined sleepover in the HQ with the Thursday colony, this was a low-cost sleepover with a Secret Agent theme. Lots of fun (and some sleep) had by all.

We have played lots of games, learnt about the value of Money and planted seeds. The recent cycling evening on the school field was certainly the most skilful demonstration of cycling we have seen and a pleasure to see everyone on their bikes.

The absolute highlight must be the Day trip to the World Headquarters of scout – Gilwell park – to join with 1000 beavers from all other England for a fab day of climbing, rafting, Angry Birds, Bouncy Castles / slides, pedal cars, grass sledging, circus skills and caving. It was a long hot day but well worth the trip. with over 40 Beavers and Cubs from Broomfield and one of the largest groups there.

Charlotte, Amy, Jayne, Sarah and John (the BLT)

## Kantankye Cubs (Wednesday) Report

The Kantankye Cub pack have been as busy as ever this year! We started off Summer last year with a packed term filled with badges and activities; the Cubs learnt how to communicate using semaphore



### **Kantankye Cub Pack Report 2022-23**

At the last AGM in 2022, we'd just come back from attending Megacamp, a massive County Camp held at Skreens Park. We finished the term off with archery, bouldering, craft and water games and we also held a couple of meetings over the summer holiday in 2022 to give Cubs the opportunity to try paddle boarding and crate stacking. It was a busy Autumn term with games, pioneering, craft, newspaper fashion show, Dungeons & Dragons and fire safety. We helped in the community by getting out and about delivering the Broomfield Times, those living in Longshots Close may have heard us... We had an amazing camp at Riffhams in September, with a Jungle book theme. Cubs did Nordic braiding to make tiny Kaa snakes, tarpology and shelter building and battled their way through Shere Khan's lair. Tie dye neckers were messy but a souvenir to keep from the weekend, even more messy were Cubs wading through jelly and baked beans in the "sensory challenge"!

Cubs put in lots of entries to the Broomfield Cottage Gardeners Society Autumn Show and we had a number of winners, well done Cubs!

For Parliament week in November, the Cubs learned about the Houses of Commons and Lords, political parties and prime ministers... They even debated on important topics such as "Should children choose their own bed time?". The pack made a poppy for Armistice Day using handprints and took time to reflect. A highlight of the term has got to be the DIY badge, Cubs measured, marked, sawed, drilled, hammered and painted, many thanks go to Linda, Paddy, Jason, Chris and Mike for their help in running these evenings. Under their expert guidance and careful supervision, the Cubs learned lots of new skills, and the first aid box wasn't needed at all!

We went ahead with our Christmas sleepover at the HQ, even with sub-zero temperatures and snow and ice, although plans had to be changed to take account of the weather. Still an enjoyable evening, lots of party games, home-made pizza and a film.

When we returned after the Christmas break, we held a pack forum, played games, made Cub top trumps and celebrated Burns Night.

We were so pleased to be able to hold our Winter camp at Belchamps, this had been cancelled due to covid in both 2021 and 2022. The camp followed a "Nintendo" theme, although not a games console in sight. Cubs completed challenges to earn coins and stars, looked after eggs – and had to buy them back if they lost them!

They had a go on the pedal carts, took on the assault course, did a bit of pioneering, and of course, cooked marshmallows on the fire.

What an enjoyable camp weekend!

Over the rest of the term, Cubs also celebrated St. David's Day, built Lego bridges, and worked on the Astronomer's badge. The Sixers and Seconders ran one meeting, a lot of games were played! Cubs practised putting up tents and also had a go on the bouldering wall.

We entered two teams in the District Scout Swimming Gala, our Cub swimmers were amazing, not just their swimming but also the level of support they gave other swimmers – they cheered each other, they cheered Dinizulu pack, they cheered anyone else they knew and they gave great encouragement to Cubs struggling to finish, we were really proud of them. They also won the Cub Section and were awarded the District Cup, and scored so highly that even though there were no Broomfield Scout swimmers to add to the score, they still came second overall. What a wonderful evening!

It's been great to be outside for most of the Summer Term so far, we've been down at Centenary Wood helping move bark chippings to the site of the new community garden, we've visited Skreens to do climbing and zip lining, as well as a campfire and Cubs have also helped out by litter picking the site. Many thanks to Shane and Paddy for running the climbing sessions for us. Back at the HQ we've run a couple of archery sessions, and also more fire lighting and backwoods cooking.

We've already held the first of two Summer Term camps, over the Coronation weekend we were at Riffhams with a Secret Agent themed camp, Cubs cracked codes, made disguises and produced passports, hiked into Danbury, found their way through the "laser" maze, did target shooting with nerf

guns and catapults, and the whole weekend had to look after the Crown Jewels. They earned "Q-pons" for completing tasks which they exchanged at Q's Commissary for equipment cards necessary to complete their final mission. It was a fantastic weekend, enjoyed by Cubs and Leaders, and it's really great to see the Cubs confidence and independence grow.

We're already planning our next camp at the end of June; this one will be at Thriftwood and lots of activities have already been booked.... We can't wait!

We were sad to say goodbye last summer to Jo, our "Badge Queen", but we have carried on the good work, Cubs have achieved a total of 183 badges in the last year! They've earned Skills, World, Outdoors and Teamwork Challenge badges, and then also Artist, Astronomer, Disability Awareness, DIY, Entertainer, Fire Safety, Physical Recreation, Pioneer, Navigator and Paddle Sports. Some Cubs brought in badge work and evidence from home, completing the Equestrian badge, Snowsports and the Cyclist badge. Hikes away, Time on the Water and Nights away staged badges were also achieved.

We've had a wonderful year with the Cubs, lots of achievements, lots of fun, lots of skills learned, lots of confidence built. Lots of great camps too – thanks go to Chris C. for towing the trailer to and from camp for us, and also many thanks to anyone else who has helped us over the year!

**Steff (Akela), Andrea, Cerian, Maya and Megan (Kantankye Leader Team)**



## Thursday Beavers, 2nd Colony

### Summer / Autumn Term:

This Autumn term Beavers have been very busy!

We had a great Adventure with the Wednesday Colony – we attended the first County Damboree – Beavers from all over Essex camping outside in Tents at Skreens!! The Leaders went over to Skreens on the Friday afternoon and set up the camp, then the Beavers arrived Saturday morning for an action-packed fun day, they went on the Low ropes, did Bushcraft, minibeast hunting, played games, went on the inflatable assault course, did crafts, met loads of Beavers from across the County, went to a massive campfire and sang campfire songs, then it was bedtime! It was the coldest weekend of the summer so far!! Brrrrrrr! We had hot chocolate for breakfast to warm up. Then more activities until nearly lunch time when it was time to try and get all our kit back into our rucksacks..... thank you to all the leaders and parents who stayed and helped or appeared Sunday to help pack it all down! It was a great first Damboree for us.

Beavers have been to visit White Watch at the Fire station, that was very interesting, seeing in the Fire Engine and trying on the kit the Fire crew wear – it's very heavy. And they let us loose with the hoses..... We have worked on our Global Activity Badge and learnt about the endangered Sea Turtles, Fair Trade, performed a couple of sketches to highlight the difference between fair and unfair trade. We worked on our Safety badge, learning about stranger danger, emergency services and fire safety. We've visited St Mary's Church to learn a bit about that, they have the same emblem all over the Church that we have on our uniform.... the Fleur-dis-Lis. The rest of the term is equally packed, we have just done a joint activity day at Thriftwood with both Colony's where we joined the Dinizulu Cub Pack who were camping there, we did the zipline, assault course, cresta run and nerf guns, then had pizza for tea and a fabulous campfire with LOADS of singing.... We are heading to Riffhams for games in the woods, learning about Disabilities, having fun for Halloween amongst other activities planned for the rest of the term.

The last half of the winter term saw the Beavers hike into town to the cenotaph, supported with lots of parent helpers. We stopped along the way to discover the Dragon's teeth and discover other details from periods of war, we had a minute silence at the cenotaph.

We also had a Scottish themed evening with the Beavers all making shortbread biscuit and discovering interesting facts about Scotland and playing some highland games – well sort of!!

And we've done lots of Christmas crafting and had lots of seasonal fun – melting snowmen biscuits were delicious...

### Spring Term:

We are again running alongside the Wednesday Colony, putting our building skills into action to get our builder badge completed. The Beavers had requested a themed evening so we will be looking to run one night this term on a theme, we will be looking to find out how we can help the Children's Society by joining the Christingle service. This term we also have the district swimming gala to look forward to and also the District Beavers get busy craft competition. all this alongside all of the normal games, cooking, fun evenings working towards badges.

We had more chief scout bronze awards to award last term to Luella and Ronnie, who have now moved up to Cubs.

We had a fabulous end to spring term, both Colonies took part in the District Beavers Get Busy competition, and we won!!! We have a fabulous trophy for the year to show for this, as well as being very excited about winning it!! How are we going to top that this term?!

This term we have already watched the rocket launch going to Jupiter and worked out most of the Beavers (hopefully) will be Explorers by the time it gets to Jupiter!! As it will take longer than they are currently old to get there – about 10 years...

This term Beavers will be busy working things out and exploring the world around them, with problem solving, gardening, pond dipping and going to Riffhams all planned for this half term. Then next half term we are looking to see how active we can be and doing our Cyclist Badge and some mini-Olympic skills, as well as playing cricket and a Hike.

We are planning on entering some of the Cottage Gardeners competition along with the Wednesday Beavers so we'll see how that goes...

We attended the Funday at Gilwell with the Wednesday Beavers on the 10<sup>th</sup> June, and had a blast there with all the activities on offer.

## Dinizulu Cub Pack Report (Thursdays)



The last year has been awesome! We have grown from 10 Cubs to a current 20 Cubs. And everything is exciting...

We started the 2022 summer term making sweets, Armpit fudge and peppermint creams, we were grateful that none of the fudge bags split whilst they were in anyone's armpit!! We came to the conclusion the fudge would be great with ice cream but was a bit sickly for any of us on its own. We ran our own games night and escape room to work towards some serious problem solving – team working was essential. We had a great night learning Archery – Thank you to John for helping us with that. There were some fabulous shots in the bullseye and some equally impressive misses. We also have John to thank for a Fencing night too.

For the Queens Jubilee we ran a joint evening with the Thursday Beavers, making scones, then our grown-ups were invited in for the evening and Cubs made and served cups of tea/coffee and Beavers made sure that the grownups got scones, jam and cream with their drink. This was a lovely social evening and all the scones got demolished... Thank you to the grown-ups who supported us with the baking and preparation and everyone who came to our tea.

We went on our first County Camp – Megacamp at Skreens Park– what an awesome weekend! there was so much to do and try and see and taste. it was a whirlwind weekend, and we loved it and can't wait for the next one!

We went on a summer hike that finished with chips all round, it was interesting to see all round the new estate and gave us an interesting discussion about changing scenery around us. We finished the term with Cricket, Athletics, Kayaking and a water fight, Cubs had an excellent time and really did do their best at all these activities.

Autumn Term – We started off by working on our Safety badges, in preparation for a night hike, campfires, and fireworks. We worked on our Global badge and World Challenge as we learnt about where our things come from and the pollution and waste across the world and how some of those can affect different animals and habitats.

We went out to Riffhams for a campfire and wide game and just to run in the woods, it was great fun especially as some explorers turned up and nearly joined in with us!

We had camp at Thriftwood over one weekend and had both the Beaver Colonies join us for some activities, cresta run, assault course and campfire songs and pizza, thanks to all the leaders who joined us to make this such a lovely weekend, Cubs made up their own mini show whilst they were there it had everything, singing, dancing and acrobatics!

We visited St Mary's Church and found out some interesting facts about the building and stories behind parts of it. We hiked out from town for Remembrance, that was a nice evening – there were traffic works so the road was lovely and quiet .... well, it might have been if we hadn't of been hiking along it! We did lots of Christmas crafts then missed our party as the road became a skating rink due to the sheet ice on it.

Spring Term – We celebrated Christmas late! But it was still fun. We made our own Christingles with the help of Rev Dawn; they were very nice! We have looked at keeping our bodies healthy with food and activities this term.

We had a sleepover at the HQ, and made some AWESOME pizzas for tea, then we had a campfire with lots of songs. Cubs put up tents on the field and brainstormed for ideas to do next term at Cubs, so many ideas!!

We finally got our Cooking Night, we had some amazing foods to try, pizza and doughballs, beefburgers, pancakes, churros, nachos, then we did Fencing (thank you John!) climbing on the wall, mini crossbows and finished the term doing a treasure hunt round the village, one group got all the way round...

It's been a busy year, our grown-ups have been fabulous at supporting everything we have done, it would be great to have another grown-up or two on the section leader team on a regular basis though, if this sparks your interest come along and join in, it's a great opportunity for having fun.

Ruth and the Cub Leader Team

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# 1st Broomfield Scout Group Reg. Charity 1016433

## Receipts and Payments Account

For the year ended 31st December 2022

### Receipts and payments

Notes	2021		2022	
		Unrestricted funds	Unrestricted funds	
	£	£	£	£
<b>Receipts</b>				
<b>Donations, Legacies and similar Income</b>				
1	Membership Subscriptions	£1,960	£7,417	
2	Donations Received	£297	£1,168	
3	Gift Aid	£0	£0	
4	Income for Youth programme and activities	£1,738	£8,120	
	Refunds Received on Activities	£0	£0	
	<b>Sub Total</b>	<b>3,994</b>	<b>16,705</b>	
<b>Grants</b>				
	Building Grant	£4,404	£0	
5	Other Grant	£16,993	£2,867	
	<b>Sub Total</b>	<b>21,397</b>	<b>2,867</b>	
<b>Fundraising events (Gross)</b>				
6	Book Sale	£5,000	£6,339	
7	Waste Paper income & Recycling Credits	£7,457	£7,662	
	General Fundraising	£0	£0	
	<b>Sub Total</b>	<b>12,457</b>	<b>14,001</b>	
<b>Scout Hut Income</b>				
8	Sale of Assets	£0	£100	
	Hire of Building	£0	£250	
	<b>Sub Total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>350</b>	
<b>Investment income</b>				
	Bank Interest	£104	£128	
	<b>Sub Total</b>	<b>104</b>	<b>128</b>	
	<b>Total Gross Income</b>	<b>37,951</b>	<b>34,051</b>	
	Asset and investment sales, etc.	£0	£0	
	<b>Total receipts</b>	<b>37,951</b>	<b>34,051</b>	

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## Receipts and Payments Account

For the year ended 31st December 2022

### Receipts and payments

Notes	2021		2022	
	Unrestricted funds	£	Unrestricted funds	£
<b>Payments</b>				
<b>Charitable Payments</b>				
9	Membership Fees paid to District	-£3,822	-£2,963	
10	Youth programme and activities	-£4,176	-£17,250	
	Refunds Issued on Activities	£0	-£246	
11	Adult Support & Training	-£198	-£440	
7	Wastepaper Skip Charges	£0	-£166	
	Waste Disposal	-£379	-£383	
12	Water & Sewerage	-£152	-£330	
12	Electricity & Gas	-£403	-£742	
	Insurance	-£1,420	-£1,475	
13	Repairs & Renewals	-£909	-£8,168	
14	Materials & Equipment	-£17,734	-£2,332	
	Printing & Photocopying	-£53	-£79	
15	Uniforms	-£70	-£625	
	AGM & Trustee Expenses	-£119	-£153	
	OSM Bank Charges	-£271	-£530	
17	Cleaning	-£396	-£634	
	Donations made	-£2,000	-£168	
18	Badges	-£472	-£1,763	
	<b>Sub Total</b>	<b>- 32,574</b>	<b>- 38,448</b>	
	Fund Raising Expenses			
	Fund Raising Expenses	£0	-£67	
	<b>Total Gross Expenditure</b>	<b>- 32,574</b>	<b>- 38,515</b>	
	<b>Asset and investment purchases etc.</b>			
	Major Building costs	-£285	£0	
	<b>Total payments</b>	<b>- 32,859</b>	<b>- 38,515</b>	
	<b>Net Receipts/(Payments)</b>	<b>£5,092</b>	<b>-£4,464</b>	
	<b>Cash funds last year end</b>	<b>£52,895</b>	<b>£57,987</b>	
	<b>Cash funds this year end</b>	<b>57,987</b>	<b>53,524</b>	

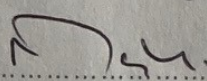
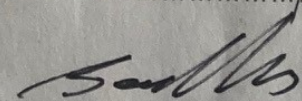
**1st Broomfield Scout Group** Reg. Charity 1016433  
**Receipts and Payments Account**

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

Notes	31/12/2021		31/12/2022	
		Unrestricted funds		Unrestricted funds
<b>Cash funds</b>		£		£
	Bank current account	£6,330		£2,239
	Bank deposit accounts	£28,007		£27,533
	Bank Notice Account	£23,650		£23,752
	<b>Total cash funds</b>	<b>57,987</b>		<b>53,524</b>
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account)	ok		ok
<b>Non-Monetary assets for charity's own use</b>				
	Badge stock	£450		£450
	Uniform Stock	£495		£495
	Land and buildings	£389,000		£389,000
	Scouting equipment, furniture etc (depreciated at 5% p.a.)	£42,440		£42,533
	Other			
	<b>Sub total</b>	<b>432,385</b>		<b>432,478</b>
<b>Liabilities</b>				
	Expenses incurred but not invoiced	£4,074		£0
	<b>Sub total</b>	<b>£4,074</b>		<b>£0</b>
<b>Total Group Assets</b>		<b>486,298</b>		<b>486,002</b>

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

..... 2023  
 (the date of the Executive Committee meeting that approved the accounts) and signed on their behalf by

	Signature	Name
Chair.....		MALCOLM TAYLOR
Treasurer.....		JOHN WALLIS

## Independent examiner's report to the trustees of 1st Broomfield Scout Group Scout Council

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the 1st Broomfield Scout Group for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> December 2022.

### Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees of the 1st Broomfield 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 Broomfield 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.

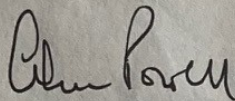
### Independent examiner's statement

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 Broomfield 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:



Name: Alun Powell

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

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Date: 31 March 2023