

**5th/7th
BEXLEYHEATH
SCOUT GROUP**



REPORT AND ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

Group Executive Committee:

Ex-Officio Members:

| | |
|----------------------|-------------------------------|
| Chairman | Graeme Woodhouse |
| Beaver Scout Leaders | Tracy May Jackie Hall |
| Cub Scout Leaders | Sue Forward Michelle Swann |
| Scout Leader | Nicola Thomas |

Elected Members:

| | |
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| Treasurer | Julia Strike |
| Secretary | Jeff Hazell |
| Patricia Berry | |

Bankers:

Lloyds TSB Bexleyheath

Group Registration Number with the Scout Association: 12099

Charity Number: 303508

Contact Names and Addresses:

Mrs J Strike (Treasurer), Old Way House, The Hill, Charing, Kent TN27 0LU
Mr G Woodhouse (Chairman), 9 Normanhurst Avenue, Bexleyheath, Kent DA7 4TT

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**5th/7th BEXLEYHEATH SCOUT GROUP
TRUSTEE BOARD'S ANNUAL REPORT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024**

The 2023/24 year, which has been a busy one, has come to a close. The leaders have provided the various groups of young people with a fun filled program of activities. The numbers of young people in all sections have remained steady, with the Leadership team working well together for the good of the young people and the fun of Scouting.

The Group continues to have one Scout Troop, two Cub packs and two Beaver colonies.

Currently Tracy May is leader of the 5th Beaver Colony, supported by Chris Parker, Assistant Leader and Jim Charles. However, at the end of the 2024. Both Tracy May and Chris Parker will be leaving. Revd Jim Charles has kindly agreed to take on the role of Leader but will need some assistance and support. Once again we would like to thank them for all their hard work, support and commitment to their group and scouting over many, many years and wish them both well in the future.

Jackie Hall continues to run the 7th Beaver Colony as Beaver Scout Leader, with support from Julie Huyler & Andra Raduca as Sectional Assistants and Lucy Fortt as Young Leader. Andra joined us in February 2024 after Jo Joyce, Sectional Assistant, decided to leave due to family commitments. We would like to thank Jo for all her hard work and support.

Michelle Swann, Will Koopman and Vicky Cox run 5th Cub Pack, with assistance from young leader, Matthew Swann. Sadly, due to other commitments, at the end of last term, Vicky stepped down from the role. Can I thank Vicky for all of her help and support over the recent years and wish her well in the future.

Sue Forward runs 7th Cub Pack with help from Chris Aldridge.

Nicki Thomas runs the Scout troop, assisted regularly by Michelle Swann, Anthony Descombes and young leaders Liam Burley and Lucy Oxley.

Sadly, we say farewell to Julia Strike, the Group Treasurer. Julia has held the role for many, many years and has done an amazing job supporting the leaders and managing the accounts for everyone. Thank you to Julia for all her help and support and we all wish her well.

As a result, two parents have agreed to take over the role, sharing responsibilities. Thank you Brij Mohan and Kirsty Sharp for taking on the role.

We must also offer our thanks and say goodbye to Jeff Hazell, our Secretary, who is resigning after many years also. He has given up so much of his time and has been very committed not only in the governance side of the role but has also been very much involved in looking after the 5th Scout Hall. We want to wish him well in his future. Patricia Berry, who has been doing our minutes, will be stepping into the Secretary role.

The transfer from Beavers to Cubs works well with a link period and joint activities, and the transfer from Cubs to Scouts (a crucial time when we often lose members) is also encouraged with combined activities, such as camps. Our Scout Troop remains strong and, although we have regular help from parents, additional leaders are always needed to give the Scouts the best experience possible. If anyone would be interested in becoming a leader, please do let us know.

Once our Scouts reach the age of 14-15, they move on to Explorer Units and many of our Scouts are making this transition. Some of our Scouts have expressed an interest in doing the Young Leaders Training course which is great.

Leader training continues to be run by The County Training Team and all our leaders are encouraged to keep their training up to date.

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All sections are running a variety of activities and completing badges as part of the programme. The 5th /7th Scout Group remains one of the most active and supportive Groups within the Bexley Scout District, supporting many of the events organised by the District or Black Prince SASU.

Both parts of the Group have a good relationship with "their" church. In a normal year, there are regular Church Parades and we encourage parents to ensure their child attends where possible. As a Church affiliated Group attendance at Parade is expected by all members although we do understand that family commitments or attendance at another Church may sometimes make this difficult. Parents are also very welcome to stay and join in the services.

The Board of Trustees meets regularly and ensures that the Group is run according to Scout and Charity Commission Rules and we give our thanks to them for their support.

We are always keen to have parents join the Board of Trustees to bring their thoughts and support, and are always on the lookout to recruit more.

It is likely that there will be maintenance to be carried out in the coming year, and we may need help from parents and volunteers for larger jobs. We have a list of parents who have volunteered in the past to help with these jobs and we will gladly call on you when the need arises.

As you may notice, the hall is in need of some TLC. Can I ask that parents with skills in key areas (carpenters, builders, plumbers, landscaping) make themselves known to the leaders.

In conclusion, we would like to thank all members of the Group, children, parents, friends, Trustees and Leaders for their support during this year.

We must not forget the reason why the Scout Group is here – it is all about our young people in Beavers, Cubs and Scouts. They are the future and by taking part in the opportunities on offer, the activities we hold and the events we organise, we know that they learn a little more about themselves and their abilities. However, without parents to encourage them, we would not be able to make such a positive impact in our community.

Can I once again thank the leaders for all the time and effort put in to ensure that all our young people have an amazing experience during their time in scouting. Can I also thank all the parents who assist when the extra numbers are required.

The Group is established under rules common to all Groups.

The Board of Trustees is appointed in accordance with the Policy, Organisation and Rules of the Scout Association.

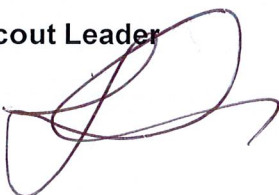
The Accounts have been drawn up on the receipts and payments basis, which is consistent with the previous year.

Approved by the Executive Committee on 28 June 2024
and signed on their behalf by:

Chairman 

Treasurer

Group Scout Leader



5th/7th BEXLEYHEATH SCOUT GROUP

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

I report on the accounts of the Group for the year ended 31st March 2024 which comprise the Statement of Financial Activities, Balance Sheet and the related notes.

This report is made solely to the charity's Trustees, as a body, in accordance with s.145(1)(a) of the Charity's Act 2011. My examination has been undertaken so that I might state to the charity's Trustees those matters I am required to state to them in an independent examiner's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, I do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the charity and the charity's Trustees as a body, for my examination, for this report or for the opinions I have formed.

Respective Responsibilities of the Trustees and the Examiner

The charity's Trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's Trustees consider 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 needed.

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.

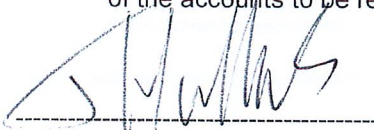
Basis of Independent Examiner's Report

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 statement 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 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.



John Hollands

Date:

11/06/2024

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024


| | Notes | GENERAL FUND (unrestricted) £ | HARDSHIP Fund (restr) | TOTAL 2023 £ |
|---|-------|-------------------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------|
| Incoming Resources | | | | |
| Membership Subscriptions (net of census) | 2 | 5,956.00 | | 6,495 |
| Gift Aid | | 2,767.06 | | 2,757 |
| Investment income - bank interest | | 285.74 | | 26 |
| Activities | 2 | 11,150.44 | | 6,288 |
| Hall Letting Income | | 4,780.00 | | 4,740 |
| Fundraising income | 2 | 1,754.04 | | 1,806 |
| Total Incoming Resources | | 26,693.28 | - | 22,112 |
| Resources Expended | | | | |
| Premises | 3 | 6,227.69 | | 4,912 |
| Donations/Grants | 3 | 25.00 | | 75 |
| Activities & Equipment | 3 | 11,697.88 | | 8,467 |
| Administration/Establishment Expenses | 3 | 1,528.53 | | 1,579 |
| Other - badges | | 1,225.92 | | 952 |
| - personal cover insurance | | 77.20 | | 77 |
| Total Resources Expended | | 20,782.22 | - | 16,062 |
| Net (Outgoing)/Incoming Resources | | 5,911.06 | | 6,050 |
| Transfer to Hardship Fund | | - | - | - |
| Gains/(losses) on investments: | | | | |
| -realised | | - | - | - |
| -unrealised | | - | - | - |
| Net Movement in Funds | | 5,911.06 | - | 6,050 |
| Fund Balances brought forward at 1 April 2023 | | 23,529.26 | 705.00 | 17,479 |
| Fund Balances carried forward at 31 March 2024 | | £ 29,440.32 | £ 705.00 | £ 23,529 |


5th/7th BEXLEYHEATH SCOUT GROUP
BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31 MARCH 2024

| | 2024 £ | 2023 £ |
|---|--------------------|-----------------|
| Fixed Assets | - | - |
| Current Assets | | |
| Scout Association Short Term Investment Service | - | 6,148 |
| Lloyds TSB Bank - Current Account | 8,042.50 | 14,303 |
| Lloyds TSB Bank - Deposit Account | 21,182.40 | - |
| Expense Accounts | 1,070.42 | 1,176 |
| Gift aid receivable | - | 2,757 |
| | <u>30,295.32</u> | <u>24,384</u> |
| Current Liabilities | | |
| Key deposits held | <u>150.00</u> | <u>150</u> |
| | 150.00 | 150 |
| Net Assets | <u>£ 30,145.32</u> | <u>£ 24,234</u> |
| Represented by: | | |
| Hardship Fund (page 4) (restricted) | 705.00 | 705 |
| General Fund (page 4) (unrestricted) | 29,440.32 | 23,529 |
| | <u>£ 30,145.32</u> | <u>£ 24,234</u> |

Approved by the Trustees on: 28 June 2024

and signed on their behalf by:


 _____ Group Scout Leader


 _____ Group Treasurer

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NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

1. Accounting Policies

Basis of accounting

These accounts have been prepared on the basis of historic cost in accordance with the Charity Commission's Statement of Recommended Practice in respect of Accounting and Reporting by Charities issued in 2005, the Charities Act 1993 and with applicable accounting standards.

2. Analysis of Incoming Resources

| | 2024 | 2023 |
|---|---------------------------|-----------------------|
| Membership Subscriptions | 10,383.00 | 10,417 |
| Less: paid to District in respect of Capitation | <u>(4,427.00)</u> | <u>(3,922)</u> |
| Total | <u>£5,956.00</u> | <u>£ 6,495</u> |
| Activities | | |
| Beavers | | |
| Bowling | - | 170 |
| Easter Egg Hunt | - | 112 |
| Fun Day | 196.00 | 276 |
| Panto | 350.00 | 468 |
| Camp/Sleepover | | 279 |
| Ice Skating | 259.00 | - |
| Cubs | | |
| 5th & 7th camps | 1,271.60 | 1,476 |
| Climbing | - | 250 |
| Environmental Fun Day | - | 148 |
| Bowling | 152.00 | - |
| Orienteering | 68.00 | - |
| Scouts | | |
| CampsEIJ/District | 7,948.34 | 2,360 |
| Be Prepared | - | 285 |
| Evade & capture | 172.50 | 325 |
| Haselhurst hike | 285.00 | 139 |
| Kayaking/Water day | 368.00 | - |
| Monopoly Challenge/Cinema | 80.00 | - |
| | <u>£ 11,150.44</u> | <u>£ 6,288</u> |
| Fundraising Income | | |
| Beaver/Cubs/Scout collections/Amazon Smile | <u>£ 1,754.04</u> | <u>£ 1,806</u> |

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3. Analysis of Resources Expended

| | 2024 | 2023 |
|--|--------------------|----------------|
| Premises | | |
| Rent (Methodist Church) | 750.00 | 750 |
| Heat/Light/Water/Wifi | 1,951.89 | 1,755 |
| Insurance | 1,836.44 | 1,734 |
| Repairs, Renewals & Maintenance | 1,689.36 | 673 |
| | <u>£ 6,227.69</u> | <u>£ 4,912</u> |
| Donations/Grants | | |
| Sundry donation | <u>£ 25.00</u> | <u>£ 75</u> |
| Activities | | |
| Beavers | | |
| Bowling | - | 174 |
| Easter Egg Hunt | - | 124 |
| Fun Day | - | 204 |
| Panto | 392.00 | 429 |
| Sleepover | - | 233 |
| Ice Skating | 290.00 | - |
| Cubs | | |
| 5th & 7th camps | 738.23 | 1,727 |
| Climbing | - | 180 |
| Environmental Fun Day | - | 124 |
| Bowling | 6.80 | - |
| Orienteering | 118.00 | - |
| Scouts | | |
| Camps/KIJ/District | 8,617.43 | 4,146 |
| Be Prepared | | 240 |
| Monopoly Challenge | 101.80 | - |
| Evade & Capture | 120.00 | 200 |
| Haselhurst Hike | 268.00 | 115 |
| Group | | |
| Camping & other Equipment | 1,045.62 | 571 |
| | <u>£ 11,697.88</u> | <u>£ 8,467</u> |
| Administration/Establishment Expenses | | |
| Consumables/Stationery/OYM/Gifts | 1,430.43 | 1,479 |
| Leader Training/Uniforms | 98.10 | 100 |
| | <u>£ 1,528.53</u> | <u>£ 1,579</u> |