

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



**REPORT AND ACCOUNTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025**

Group Trustee Board:

Ex-Officio Trustees:

Chairman	Graeme Woodhouse
Beaver Scout Leaders	Jim Charles Jackie Hall
Cub Scout Leaders	Sue Forward Will Koopman Michelle Swann
Scout Leader	Nicola Thomas

Elected Trustees:

Treasurer	Kirsty Sharp
Hall Secretary	Brij Kansal
Secretary	Patricia Berry

Bankers:

Lloyds TSB Bexleyheath

Group Registration Number with the Scout Association: 12099

Charity Number: 303508

Contact Names and Addresses:

Miss K Sharp (Treasurer), 15 Rowan Road, Bexleyheath, Kent, DA7 4BW

Mr G Woodhouse (Chairman), 9 Normanhurst Avenue, Bexleyheath, Kent, DA7 4TT

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**5TH/7TH BEXLEYHEATH GROUP SCOUT COUNCIL
TRUSTEE BOARD ANNUAL REPORT
FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31 MARCH 2025 (continued)**

It has been another busy and productive year for the 5th/7th Bexleyheath Scout Group, with vibrant programmes running across all sections and significant improvements made to our hall facilities.

Scouting Programme & Membership

All sections—Beavers, Cubs, and Scouts—have continued to deliver engaging and adventurous programmes, enabling our young people to learn new skills, achieve badges, and enjoy memorable experiences. Our group remains strong in numbers with a steady flow of new members and a healthy waiting list. This is a reflection of the dedication and enthusiasm of our volunteer leaders, who work hard each week to provide a safe and exciting environment for all.

We currently run:

- One Scout Troop
- Two Cub Packs
- Two Beaver Colonies

As always, parental support is key. Whether it's helping at meetings or joining trips, your involvement makes a real difference. If you'd like to get more involved—either occasionally or in a regular role—please speak to your child's section leader. Your help will always be appreciated.

Leadership Updates

- **5th Beaver Colony** is now led by **Revd Jim Charles**, supported by **Alex Csicsek**, with **Tracey May** offering additional help.
- **7th Beaver Colony** continues under **Jackie Hall**, with support from **Julie Hulyer**, **Andra Cuciureanu**, and **Alfie Shorter** (Young Leader).
- **5th Cub Pack** is led by **Will Koopman** and **Michelle Swann**, with **Alice Moore**, **Matthew Swann**, and **Liam Burley** assisting.
- **7th Cub Pack** is led by **Sue Forward**, supported by **Carol Berryman** and **Chris Aldridge**.
- **Scout Troop** is led by **Nicki Thomas**, with assistance from **Michelle Swann** and **Kimberley Stephens**, as well as support from our young leaders, **Maddison Burley**, **Louisa Sampson**, and **Luke Swann**.

A huge thank you to all leaders, young leaders, and parent volunteers who give up their time to provide high-quality scouting experiences.

Attendance & Communication

Please remember to inform your child's leader if they are unable to attend a meeting. This helps with planning and ensures we can run the programme smoothly and safely.

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Group Achievements

We continue to be one of the most active and supportive groups within the Bexley Scout District, regularly taking part in district events and supporting the wider scouting community, including the Black Prince SASU.

Many of our Scouts are also beginning to transition into Explorer Units and some are signing up for Young Leader training—great to see future leaders in the making!

Leadership Changes and Thanks

- **Julia Strike** stepped down as Group Treasurer last year after many years of dedicated service. We are pleased to welcome **Kirsty Sharp**, who has taken over group finances, and **Brij Mohan**, who is now overseeing hall management and finance—thank you both.
- Last year **Jeff Hazel** stepped down as Group Secretary. We were fortunate to have **Patricia Berry** take on the role and thank her for the excellent job she has done.
- Our long-serving Chair, **Graeme Woodhouse**, has decided to step down. We are incredibly grateful for his years of support and leadership.

Facilities and Hall Improvements

This year has seen major investment in the hall's upkeep, including:

- Specialist repair to flaking ceiling
- Full electrical inspection and remedial work
- Annual fire safety inspection
- Repairs to the leaking flat roof (carried out generously free of charge apart from materials)
- Replacement of all internal strip lighting with energy-efficient units and upgraded emergency lighting

We are also planning:

- Hedge cutting outside the hall this summer (once nesting season ends)
- Future improvement of the kitchen area
- Internal and external painting to support potential lettings and generate income
- Formation of a working party to assist with decorating
- Longer-term redevelopment planning, including exploring funding options

Thank you to **HES Fire Protection Ltd** for donating time for our electrical safety inspection and **SOCTEC** for their work on the asbestos inspection.

Finances and Costs

As with many organisations, the rising cost of living has impacted scouting. While we strive to keep costs low, hall maintenance and legal safety requirements have contributed to higher expenses. We continue to make careful financial decisions to sustain the group and facilities.

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Training and Development

Leader training is ongoing and facilitated by the County Training Team. All leaders are encouraged to keep their skills up to date.

We continue to have strong relationships with our affiliated churches, and church parades remain a valued part of our programme. As a church-affiliated group, we encourage all members to attend when possible—and parents are always welcome to join.

Governance and Support

The Board of Trustees meets regularly to ensure the group operates in line with Scout Association and Charity Commission requirements. We always welcome new parent members to the Trustee Board and invite you to consider joining to support the running and future of our group.

Closing Thanks

We would like to thank everyone—young people, parents, leaders, trustees and supporters—for your continued involvement this year. Our Scout Group exists to help young people grow in confidence, skills, and independence. The experiences they gain through scouting are only possible through your support and the tireless dedication of our volunteers.

Please continue to support your section leaders and the group, and if you would like to become more involved, we would love to hear from you.

Thank you again for helping us create incredible opportunities for the young people of Bexleyheath.

Approved by the Trustee Board on
and signed on their behalf by:

4 July 2025

Chairman



Group Scout Leader



Treasurer



K. SHARP.

5th/7th BEXLEYHEATH SCOUT GROUP

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

I report on the accounts of the Group for the year ended 31st March 2025 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.

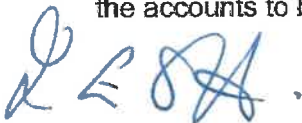
Basis of Independent Examiner's Report

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.



Julia Strike

Date: 8/7/2025

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

	Notes	GENERAL FUND (unrestricted) £	HARDSHIP Fund (restr)	TOTAL 2024 £
Incoming Resources				
Membership Subscriptions (net of census)	2	5,697.00		5,956
Gift Aid		3,640.00		2,767
Investment income - bank interest		269.63		286
Activities	2	11,610.06		11,150
Hall Letting Income		5,873.00		4,780
Fundraising Income	2	1,469.00		1,754
Total Incoming Resources		28,558.69	-	26,693
Resources Expended				
Premises	3	12,452.59		6,228
Donations/Grants	3	290.00		25
Activities & Equipment	3	13,609.89		11,698
Administration/Establishment Expenses	3	2,303.15		1,529
Other - badges		917.76		1,226
- personal cover insurance		77.20		77
Total Resources Expended		29,650.59	-	20,782
Net (Outgoing)/Incoming Resources		(1,091.90)		5,911
Transfer to Hardship Fund		-	-	-
Gains/(losses) on investments:				
-realised		-	-	-
-unrealised		-	-	-
Net Movement in Funds		(1,091.90)	-	5,911
Fund Balances brought forward at 1 April 2024		29,440.32	705.00	23,529
Fund Balances carried forward at 31 March 2025		£ 28,348.42	£ 705.00	£ 29,440


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BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31 MARCH 2025

	2025 £	2024 £
Fixed Assets	-	-
Current Assets		
Lloyds TSB Bank - Current Account	3,395.96	8,042.50
Lloyds TSB Bank - Deposit Account	21,452.03	21,182.40
Expense Accounts	715.43	1,070.42
Gift aid receivable	3,640.00	0.00
	<u>29,203.42</u>	<u>30,295.32</u>
Current Liabilities		
Key deposits held	<u>150.00</u>	<u>150.00</u>
	150.00	150.00
Net Assets	<u>£ 29,053.42</u>	<u>30,145.32</u>
Represented by:		
Hardship Fund (page 4) (restricted)	705.00	705.00
General Fund (page 4) (unrestricted)	28,348.42	23,450.27
	<u>£ 29,053.42</u>	<u>30,145.00</u>

Approved by the Trustees on:

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 2025

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

	2025	2024	
Membership Subscriptions	11,112.00	10,383.00	
Less: paid to District in respect of Capitation	<u>(5,415.00)</u>	<u>(4,427.00)</u>	
Total	<u>£5,697.00</u>	<u>£5,956.00</u>	
Activities			
Beavers			
Fun Day	-	196.00	
Panto	322.00	350.00	
Camp/Sleepover	472.00	-	794.00
Ice Skating	-	259.00	
Cubs			
5th & 7th camps	4,243.00	1,271.60	
Climbing	209.00	-	
Bowling	-	152.00	
Orienteering	-	68.00	4,750.00
Gravity	298.00	-	
Scouts			
CampsEIJ/District	5,488.06	7,948.34	
Gravity	251.00		
Evade & capture	-	172.50	
Hike	262.00	285.00	
Kayaking/Water day	-	368.00	
Monopoly Challenge/Cinema	65.00	80.00	6,066.06
	<u>£ 11,610.06</u>	<u>£ 11,150.44</u>	
Fundraising Income			
Beaver/Cubs/Scout collections/Amazon Smile	<u>£ 1,469.00</u>	<u>£ 1,754.04</u>	
	£ 24,191.06		

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3. Analysis of Resources Expended

	2025	2024	
Premises			
Rent (Methodist Church)	750.00	750	
Heat/Light/Water/Wifi	1,300.84	1,951.89	
Insurance	1,999.92	1,836.44	
Repairs, Renewals & Maintenance	8,401.83	1,689.36	
	<u>£ 12,452.59</u>	<u>6,227.69</u>	
Donations/Grants			
Sundry donation	<u>£ 290.00</u>	<u>25.00</u>	
Activities			
Beavers			
Panto	336.00	392.00	
Sleepover	204.00	-	
Ice Skating	-	290.00	540.00
Cubs			
5th & 7th camps	1,127.58	738.23	
Climbing	210.00	-	
Gravity	323.75	-	
Bowling		6.80	
Orienteering		118.00	1,661.33
Scouts			
Camps/KIJ/District	9,309.18	8,617.43	
Gravity	544.50		
Monopoly Challenge		101.80	
Evade & Capture		120.00	9,853.68
Haselhurst Hike		268.00	
Group			9,853.68
Camping & other Equipment	1,554.88	1,045.62	
	<u>£ 13,609.89</u>	<u>11,697.88</u>	
Administration/Establishment Expenses			
Consumables/Stationery/OYM/Gifts	2,291.15	1,430.43	
Leader Training/Uniforms	12.00	98.10	
	<u>£ 2,303.15</u>	<u>1,528.53</u>	