



22nd Oxford Sea Scout Group Annual Report

List of Trustees for 2022

Group Chair	Catherine King (resigned 15/06/2022); then vacant
Group Treasurer	Kate Stilborn
Group Secretary	Kate Browne (resigned 15/06/2022); then vacant
Group Scout Leader	Lorraine Crowther
Deputy Group Scout Leader	Andrew Frawley (since 01/06/2022)
Assistant Group Scout Leader	Sarah Greenwills
Section Leaders who have opted into Trusteeship:	
Goliath Scout Troop	Teresa Greenwills (joint appointment)
Wanderers Explorer Scout Unit	Andy Mainprize (as per Partnership Agreement)
Elected Trustees	Paul Crowther
Co-opted Trustees	Viju Jayadevan (co-opted October 2022) Stephen Harness (co-opted October 2022)
Nominated Trustees	Simon Parfitt (Quartermaster)

Objectives

The charitable objective of the 22nd Oxford Sea Scout Group is to promote the development of Young People in achieving their full physical, intellectual, social and spiritual potentials, as individuals as responsible citizens and as members of their local, national and international communities.

Membership

Our membership numbers have continued their steady decline since 2020. This is primarily as a result of our active efforts to reduce section sizes to manageable levels given our shortage of volunteers. Numbers of Young People across our sections, as taken in our annual census (date 31st January each year) are shown in the table below. There are well over 100 Young People on the group waiting list, spanning all age groups. We use this waiting list to feed our Beaver Colonies, and very occasionally to fill spaces in older sections. The Group now has clear processes agreed to manage admissions to the group, organised by the Deputy Group Scout Leader.

With reference to adult volunteers, we continue to struggle hugely with a lack of leaders. During 2022, we lost our Section Leader at Monday Cubs. The Group Scout Leader took over the running of this section. We

continue to have no Section Leader at Tuesday Scouts, although the section is running in the very capable hands of two Assistant Section Leaders. Thursday Beavers also had no Section Leader. The Group Scout Leader and Deputy Group Scout Leader have been sharing responsibility for this section, whilst helping two new Assistant Section Leaders to start. More widely, we are still in need of more leaders in all sections to enable us to deliver the highest quality activities to as many Young People as possible.

In addition to leaders, we are still in need of more Trustees (formerly Executive Committee members). This is a vital group of people who help to ensure that our facilities and equipment are kept in working order, and to ensure we are compliant with our requirements as a registered charity. In particular, following the resignation of our Chair and Secretary, we are urgently in need of volunteers for these roles.

	2020	2021	2022	2023
Nemo (Tuesday) Beaver Colony	14	13	18	19
Neptune (Thursday) Beaver Colony	18	19	11	12
Kotick (Monday) Cub Pack	21	19	14	17
Keego (Wednesday) Cub Pack	32	23	23	22
Mercury (Tuesday) Scout Troop	24	19	21	20
Goliath (Thursday) Scout Troop	28	31	29	19
TOTALS	137	124	116	109

Activities

All sections have been busy with exciting programmes throughout 2022. During the years, sections have done activities including climbing, archery, winter olympics, expeditions, international nights, craft, community action (air pollution campaign), minibeast hunts, Platinum Jubilee celebrations, water safety, and of course plenty of water activities.

We had a number of camps and sleepovers, including two camps at Youlbury for Cubs and Scouts and a space-themed Cub sleepover at our HQ. We also attended a number of District events, including the Sixer and Seconder Weekend camp and Remembrance Parade.

We enjoyed a successful joint summer camp with Keego Cubs, Goliath and Mercury Scouts at Ferny Crofts in the New Forest. After they had gone home, some brave leaders stayed for the rest of the week so the Wanderers Explorers could have a summer camp too.

A number of our Young People achieved their Chief Scout's Awards and were invited to the County Awards Ceremony to share in a wonderful day of celebration and activities with their families.

We thank all leaders for organising and delivering these activities, as well as parents who support sections with help.

Other Group Updates

We ran our Fireworks event in November for the first time since the pandemic. It was wonderful to see so many local people in attendance to support the group. We also provided support at the South Park Fireworks display. We also provided camping, parking and food for rowers, umpires and other visitors for the Oxford

City Royal Rowing Regatta, strengthening our links with our riverbank neighbours the City of Oxford Rowing Club. This is a vital fundraising event for the group, and we have many regular campers who have been coming for a number of years.

Other developments around the premises include new floors being fitted in the entrance hall and new security doors around the building. We are very grateful to Paul Crowther and Andy Mainprize for their efforts to keep the premises in good, safe working order.

Finally, we sadly learned of the death of Anne Mogridge, former Chair of the Group. Anne had given huge amounts of her time to Scouting (any many other organisations in Oxford) over many years and will be hugely missed. The Group Scout Leader and Deputy Group Scout Leader, joined by John Dawson on behalf of 41st Oxford (Cowley), provided a guard of honour at Anne's funeral and many members of the Group and District attended a memorial service for Anne at St James's Church, Littlemore, followed by refreshments at the 22nd Oxford Sea Scouts HQ.

Andrew T. Frawley

Deputy Group Scout Leader & Trustee

On behalf of the Trustee Board of the 22nd Oxford Sea Scout Group

22nd Oxford Sea Scouts Financial Report 2022

This report summarises the accounts produced for the Financial Year Jan- Dec 2022 and should be read alongside the accounts summary below.

The audited accounts are a roll-up of the following 11 Bank Accounts: Group Current, Group Saver, Group Camp, Fellowship, Beavers, Monday Cubs x 3, Wednesday Cubs, Scouts, Thursday Scouts. Two Monday (Kotick) unused cubs accounts were closed during the year and the money transferred into the main Kotick account.

We have moved to the Accountancy Tools Software within Online Scout Manager (OSM) to improve the collation, efficiency, and visibility of the accounts. Although this was some work to set up it will greatly ease the burden of work of producing accounts in 2023 and beyond. As we move to categorising income and spend in line with the recommendations within the OSM software we have less clear visibility of like for like income and expenditure. However this will significantly improve going forward.

Total income from subscriptions, payments for activities and trips, hires, donations and Gift Aid was £30,148 compared to £31,157 in 2021. Subscription income was down by 2.6k but this was somewhat offset by an increase year on year in fundraising as we exited the pandemic.

Total expenditure in 2022 was £29,164 compared to £25,591 in 2021 -largely a reflection of increased scouting activity.

Cash Held at Year End

Cash held across all accounts improved by £983.77 in the year. £55,084 of the £76,381 held in the Group is held in Group accounts and the remaining cash held within sections.

The Year Ahead

With the time saved on accounting during the year there will be an increased focus on how we better invest reserves as well as agree budgets and maintenance schedules whilst maintaining sufficient and agreed reserves. The Group should also review the use of the Camp Account, potentially closing it and transferring the funds into the Group saver account or current account.

Thank you to all the section treasurers and section leaders for collating all the financial data, scanning receipts, shopping prudently and keeping accurate records.

Thanks also to Dave Northover for his support and time as our external auditor.

	2022
Income	
Bank Interest	4.87
Donation	440.02
Events	9,202.13
Events - Cubs	690.00
Fundraising	2,144.82
Hires	4,223.00
Membership Fees	13,443.24
Sundry	0.00
Expense	
Activity Equipment	3,482.01
Admin	781.03
Badges	617.54
Bank Fees	0.95
Camping Equipment	153.00
Events	6,371.81
Events - Beavers	35.00
Events - Cubs	14.25
Insurance	3,068.28
Licences	669.37
Meetings	155.00
Membership Costs	6,481.37
Rates	194.56
Rent	478.20
Sundry	121.20
Training	60.00
Utilities	2,099.76
Venue Maintenance	4,380.98
Account balances	
22nd Oxford Sea Scouts	49,301.87
22nd Oxford Beaver Scouts	4,005.13
Group Saver	5,038.52
Goliath	1,714.46
Camp	743.84
Kotick	5,232.28
Mercury	2,786.01
Keego	7,117.47
Cowley District Scout Fellowship	440.99
Summary	
Account balance brought forward	75,396.80
Total income	30,148.08
Total expenditure	29,164.31
Net income	983.77
Account balance carried forward	76,380.57



Andrew T. Frawley
Deputy Group Scout Leader & Trustee
On behalf of the Board of Trustees
23rd September 2023

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of 22nd Oxford Sea Scouts Scout Council

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the 22nd Oxford Sea Scouts for the year ended Dec 31st 2022.

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 22nd Oxford Sea Scouts 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: 

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Date: 18-9-23