22nd Oxford Sea Scout Group Annual Report

List of Trustees

Group Chair	Phil Doubtfire
Group Treasurer	Kate Stilborn
Group Lead Volunteer	Lorraine Crowther
Appointed Trustees	Paul Crowther Viju Jayadevan Stephen Harness Andy Mainprize Simon Parfitt

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 recovered slightly in the last year. Our annual census (January 2026) shows 106 Young People across the six sections in our group. There are currently 159 Young People aged 6–14 on the group waiting list (up from 145 last year), and an additional 27 who are not yet 6. We are now able to offer the vast majority of Beaver-aged children on a space in one of our Colonies, but opportunities in older sections remain few and far between, relying on existing members dropping out. We have taken new members into Goliath Scouts this year when spaces did become available. This increase in numbers has primarily been possible due to more regular leaders joining in several sections. However, we are still reliant on several adults running and supporting multiple sections, and we would like to continue to recruit leaders so that volunteers are not spread so thinly across sections.

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We continue to maintain good relationships with Wanderers ESSU, our partnership Explorer Unit. The group benefits from this relationship with a supply of Young Leaders, and having an Explorer Unit linked to the 22nd Oxford ensures continuity of experience for our leaving Scouts.

	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026
Nemo (Tuesday) Beaver Colony	13	18	19	13	14	16
Neptune (Thursday) Beaver Colony	19	11	12	10	13	18
Kotick (Monday) Cub Pack	19	14	17	19	12	15
Keego (Wednesday) Cub Pack	23	23	22	16	17	21
Mercury (Tuesday) Scout Troop	19	21	20	17	16	18
Goliath (Thursday) Scout Troop	31	29	19	19	20	18
TOTALS	**124**	**116**	**109**	**94**	**92**	**106**

Activities

All sections continued to be busy with exciting programmes throughout 2025. Sections have done activities and covered badges including disability awareness, knots, wide games, making bug hotels, junk modelling, cooking pizzas on open fires, litter picking, celebrating Chinese New Year, navigation, first aid, conservation, pioneering, healthy eating, science, money skills, codebreaking, Remembrance Day, communicator, debating, scuba diving, water safety, and of course plenty of water activities. Whilst the Group is well-equipped for water activities, we continue to struggle with a shortage of permit holders, meaning a small team of instructors are working hard to cover as many sections as possible. We are grateful to Anthony Morris (District Lead Volunteer) and Ian Shortman (GLV at 1st Clifton Hampden and Burcot) for their support, enabling us to get more Young People out on the water. Our efforts to get our second gig riverworthy have not progressed. Detailed work needs to be carried out to cost the project up so that grants can be sought to fund the project.

We had a number of camps and sleepovers, including a weekend Spring Camp for Tuesday Scouts, a late summer camp at Horley for Tuesday and Thursday Scouts, two camps under canvas for Cubs and an Around-the-World themed sleepover for Beavers! Some of our leaders and Young Leaders also joined Wanderers ESU on their summer camp to Guernsey. Several 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 their time.

Other Group Updates

We ran our annual Fireworks event in November. It was wonderful to see so many local people in attendance to support the group. 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. Thanks to Paul and Lorraine Crowther for being the driving force behind both these events, and to all those members of the group who helped. We have had new garage doors, a new boatshed roller shutter, and a new fire exit door installed. We continue to liaise with OPT on the management of the site. The upcoming year's major project is a much-needed replacement of our fire alarm system. We have also had a work day to tackle some of the maintenance jobs, and we are planning another to work on some cleaning and painting with the aim of making the building look a little fresher. We thank Paul Crowther, Andy Mainprize and all volunteers for their continued hard work in keeping our premises running.

Andrew T. Frawley
Cubs Team Leader
On behalf of the Trustee Board of the 22nd Oxford Sea Scout Group

22nd Oxford Sea Scouts Financial Statements and Treasurer's Report for Financial Year January to December 2025

22nd Oxford Sea Scouts Financial Report for January to December 2025

This report summarises the accounts produced for the Financial Year Jan - Dec 2025 and should be read alongside the accounts summary below.

Total income from subscriptions, payments for activities and trips, hires, donations and fundraising was £32,883 compared to £29,852 in 2024. However, total expenditure in 2025 was £45,949 compared to £26,323 in 2024. This resulted in a deficit in the year of £13,065 compared to a surplus of £1,800 in the prior year. The deficit was expected this year as a result of significant investment expenditure for a new roller shutter and four doors of £15,085. The Trustee Board agreed to progress this as the shutter door had become a significant health and safety risk.

Cash Held at Year End

The audited accounts are a roll-up of eight bank accounts: Group Current, Group Saver, Group Camp, Beavers, two Cubs accounts (Keego and Kotick) and two Scouts accounts (Goliath and Mercury). At year end the accounts held £13,065 less cash than the previous year.

Thanks

Thank you to all the 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.

Kate Stilborn
Treasurer, 22nd Oxford Sea Scout Group

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	2025	2024
Income		
Activity Equipment	0.00	30.00
Bank Interest	67.94	76.53
Donation	1,120.00	3,397.35
Events	3,480.00	4,142.50
Events - Cubs	334.50	630.00
Events - Scouts	300.00	0.00
Fundraising	10,226.85	1,973.26
Hires	3,341.00	5,379.00
licences	25.00	0.00
Membership Fees	13,078.55	14,078.74
rates	62.51	0.00
Sundry	-2.40	102.75
Utilities	849.91	0.00
Venue Maintenance	0.00	42.00
Expense		
Activity Equipment	4,027.49	3,439.69
Admin	939.66	831.67
Badges	1,030.97	725.92
Events	3,281.91	5,566.88
Events - Cubs	534.24	322.38
Fundraising	373.47	0.00
Insurance	3,428.92	3,448.05
Licences	708.13	585.50
Loan	2,000.00	0.00
Meetings	0.00	17.65
Membership Costs	6,518.84	6,461.24
Rates	305.02	181.05
Rent	478.20	478.20
Sundry	0.00	101.94
Training	130.00	0.00
Utilities	4,148.86	2,783.18
Venue Maintenance	18,043.58	1,380.16
Account balances		
22nd Oxford Sea Scouts	41,763.50	59,030.30
22nd Oxford Beaver Scouts	3,555.03	1,746.14
Group Saver	5,230.95	5,163.01
Goliath	2,136.22	2,263.10
Camp	743.84	743.84
Kotick	5,120.41	5,019.28
Mercury	3,662.19	2,341.28
Keego	6,431.73	5,402.35
Summary		
Account balance brought forw	81,709.30	78,180.68
Total income	32,883.86	29,852.13
Total expenditure	45,949.29	26,323.51
Net income	-13,065.43	3,528.62
Account balance carried forwa	68,643.87	81,709.30

Independent examiner's report to the Trustees of 22nd Oxford Sea Group

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the 22nd Oxford Sea Scouts for the year ended Dec 31st 2025.

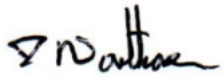
Independent examiner's statement

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 to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed:



Name: Dave Northover

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Date: 6th July 2026