



## Trustees' Annual Report for the period

	Period start date				Period end date		
<b>From</b>	<b>01</b>	<b>04</b>	<b>2022</b>	<b>To</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>03</b>	<b>2023</b>

### Section A Reference and administration details

<b>Charity name</b>	1st Watchet Sea Scout Group (RN63)
<b>Registered charity number</b>	305637
<b>Charity's principal address</b>	Castlehall, 15 Swain Street, Watchet, Somerset, TA23 0AB
<b>Charity's contact address</b>	60 Doniford Road , Watchet, Somerset, TA23 0TE

#### Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1	Chris Mitchell	Chairman		Members of Charity
2	Liz Greenway	Treasurer		Members of Charity
3	Simon Greenway	Explorer Leader		Exec Committee
4	Liz Mitchell	Assistant Group Scout Leader		Exec Committee / District
5	Simon Bale	Group Scout Leader		Exec Committee / District
6	Glenda Bale	Cub Leader		Exec Committee
7	Kevin Francis	Exec Committee Member		Members of Charity
8	Martyn Lintern	Exec Committee Member		Members of Charity
9	Darren Whitlock	Exec Committee Member		Members of Charity
10	Jon Plumbley	Scout Leader		Exec Committee
11	Lina Jokubaviciute	Beaver Leader		Exec Committee
12	Luke Lamber	Exec Committee Member		Members of Charity
13	Becky Millar	Secretary		Members of Charity
14	Tom Calvert	Exec Committee Member		Members of Charity
15	Nathalie Louis-Andre	Exec Committee Member		Members of Charity
16	Sarah Powell	Exec Committee Member		Members of Charity
17	Paul Weston	Exec Committee Member	Left 16/09/2022	Members of Charity
18	Heather Weston	Exec Committee Member		Members of Charity
19	Jen Thomas	Exec Committee Member	Joined 16/09/22	Members of Charity
20	Becky Phippen	Exec Committee Member	Joined 16/09/22	Members of Charity
21	Chris Clines	Exec Committee Member	Joined 16/09/22	Members of Charity

## Section B Structure, governance and management

### Type of governing document

The Scout Group has a Governance Document, reviewed annually.

### How the charity is constituted

The groups governing documents are those of The Scout Association. They consist of the Royal Charter which in turn gives authority to the Bye Laws of the association and The Policy Organisation and Rules (POR) of The Scout Association.

The group is a trust established under the Association which are common to all Scout Groups. The Trustees are appointed in accordance with the POR of The Scout Association.

The group is managed by the Group Executive Committee, the members of which are the "Charity Trustees" of the Scout Group – which is an educational charity. As charity trustees they are responsible for complying with legislation applicable to charities.

### Trustee selection methods

The group trustees are elected annually at the Group AGM.

### Additional governance issues

The Group Executive Committee exists to support the Group Scout Leader in meeting the responsibilities of their appointment and is responsible for:

The maintenance of Group Property. The raising of funds and the administration of Group finances. The insurance of persons, property and equipment. Co-ordination of Group public occasions. Assisting in the recruitment of Leaders and other adult support. Appointing any sub-committees that may be required. Appointing Group Administrators and Advisors other than those elected.

The Group Executive Committee are responsible for all matters involved in running the Group including its dissolution if voted on by the membership at an AGM or Special Meeting. The Chairman and GSL will prepare a report for the meeting outlining how assets are to be distributed based on the principle of their continued use for the purpose that they were originally obtained.

The Group Scout Leader is responsible for the appointment of volunteers into roles within the group. Helpers can be appointed and then trained into roles as assistant leaders or leaders. The GSL ensures appropriate training and checks are carried out and is responsible for control of volunteers.

Collectively and individually they must:

- Use reasonable care and skill in their work as trustees.
- Use their personal skills and experience in their work as trustees.
- Obtain external professional, specialist advice when needed.
- Act honestly and reasonably in the interests of the charity at all times.
- Use charitable funds only in the furtherance of the charity's objectives.
- Safeguard the charity's finances ensuring that the charity is and will remain solvent, and avoid undue risks.
- Ensure that the charity complies with charity law and the requirements of the appropriate charity regulator.
- Ensure that the charity follows the rules set out in its governing document (Policy, Organisation and Rules).
- Act with integrity and avoid any personal conflicts of interest or misuse of charity funds or assets.

**Objectives**

**THE PURPOSE OF SCOUTING** Scouting exists to actively engage and support young people in their personal development, empowering them to make a positive contribution to society.

**THE VALUES OF SCOUTING** As Scouts we are guided by these values:  
 Integrity - We act with integrity; we are honest, trustworthy and loyal. Respect - We have self-respect and respect for others.  
 Care - We support others and take care of the world in which we live. Belief - We explore our faiths, beliefs and attitudes.  
 Co-operation - We make a positive difference; we co-operate with others and make friends.

**THE SCOUT METHOD** Scouting takes place when young people, in partnership with adults, work together based on the values of Scouting and:

- enjoy what they are doing and have fun
- take part in activities indoors and outdoors
- learn by doing
- share in spiritual reflection
- take responsibility and make choices
- undertake new and challenging activities
- make and live by their Promise.

**THE SCOUT PROMISE** (for Scouts, Explorer Scouts, the Scout Network and adults) On my honour, I promise that I will do my best to do my duty to God and to The Queen, to help other people and to keep the Scout Law.

**THE SCOUTING WAY** The Group adhere to the policies of The Scout Association POR in relation to uniforms, badges and emblems (chapter 10), Awards (chapter 11) and Ceremonial Procedures (chapter 12).

**Activities**

The group ensures it meets the Charity Commission's public benefit criteria in relation to advancement of education and citizenship / community development.

The Group follow the guidance of The Scout Association in relation to its aims and goals covering specific development of its membership looking at the benefit targets of the Beaver, Cub, Scout and Explorer Sections. And further looks at the enhancement and fulfilment of the Leaders and helpers within the group aiming to allow their development and education within the defined parameters of the Groups activities.

The Group further commits to a general public benefit policy to help to achieve goals of interaction and cooperation beyond the main targets of The Scout Association. In doing this the Group interacts with all local faith and charity groups to develop greater public awareness of the community activities available to them.

## Section D

## Achievements and performance

### Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

During the year, the Scout Group has provided enriching, adventurous activities for the young people in our community and beyond. These have included:

- Camping.
- Hiking.
- Sailing.
- Cycling
- Kayaking
- Power Boating
- Cooking
- Rifle Shooting
- Charity Fundraising
- First Aid Skills
- Climbing

(Chairman & Annual Section reports see Appendix A)

## Section E

## Financial review

### Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

As a Royal Navy recognised Scout Group, it is incumbent upon us to retain reserves as specified by the Royal Navy.

### Further financial review details

The Group have policies and procedures in place to control its finances.

The Group have separate funds for each of its sections and each section has a limit on the amount it can spend without it requiring individual approval of the Executive Committee.

The group have a positive investment philosophy maintaining the goal of constantly raising funds to improve its facilities and equipment to allow for greater access by the community it serves to facilities and activities.

Finances are raised for the ongoing running of the group through membership subscriptions, donations, fundraising, and grants.

## Section G

## Declaration

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees:

Signature(s)



Full name(s)

Liz Greenway

Position

Treasurer

Date

30<sup>th</sup> January 2024



## **1<sup>st</sup> WATCHET SEA SCOUT GROUP**

### **CHAIRMAN AND GROUPS SCOUT LEADERS REPORT - NOV 2023**

This is the Chairman and Group Scout Leaders report on the past year since the AGM of September 2022.

This is our second open AGM since the restrictions of Covid were lifted. It has been a productive year with us taking full advantage of all the freedoms we have regained, whilst maintaining some of the protocols that kept us safe over that worrying time.

It is incredible that we have been able to keep so many leaders and helpers and most of our young people have kept going with us through the changes we have all had to learn to live with. The war in Europe with Russia invading the Ukraine has led to a cost of living crisis, so we appreciate the pressures on families to be able to cover basic costs let alone pay for the extra things that make life worth living.

We hope that Scouting in Watchet can continue to provide an outlet for creativity, companionship and learning for our young people and hope the costs involved are small compared to the benefits. Unfortunately when we start our new year financial year in April 2024 we are having to raise the subs. Our costs have continued to go up and in the last year we are seeing increased costs on some things of more than 20%. Because we have maintained subs at the same level for a number of years our costs now outweigh our income, without the significant fundraising we do we could not afford to run as we are, let alone try to improve our conditions and increase the activities we do.

The next few years are looking quite exciting for us, together with the normal activities the main camp for 2024 will take place at Cleavel Point in May and include a visit to Brownsea Island, the birthplace of Scouting. This will be a camp that all sections are involved in with the Cubs and Beavers joining for part of the week. In 2025 the Scout and Explorer camp will take us back to Jersey for a week of cycling, boating and a range of special activities, staying at St Ouens Scouts HQ. In 2026 we may have a new European tour through Belgium and the Netherlands following the route taken during Operation Market Garden. Cubs and Beavers will be arranging their own local camps in 2025 and 2026.

We are hoping to have completed the purchase of a third minibus before we go off for camp next year as that will make the logistics of trips away much more manageable. We hope to get a bus with removable seats that can be flexible enough for whatever activity and numbers we need to cater for. So far we have received grants that have taken us to well over half of our financial target, so we are hoping a few more grant bids and fundraising will get us there for early next year.

The trial of a giant SUP was extremely successful and we have set about trying to purchase two for the group. Specific fundraising and grants have so far got us to almost half of our target and with a bit more local fundraising we hope to get match funding from the Royal Navy that will allow us to get them and cover the cost of instructor training, the target is again to have them for the summer camp next year.

The biggest change coming up for us in the next couple of years is the potential new HQ. We mentioned about the sale of Parsonage Farm at the last AGM and the impact that might have on our storage area there. We have been in negotiations with The Wyndham Estate and are looking at options with them to not only maintain and increase the storage facilities we have there, but also at potential sites for a new HQ building. While it is too early to say very much about it negotiations are going well and the future for 1st Watchet Sea Scout Group is looking bright!

All of our aims for the next few years will be dependant on our own local fundraising. We will need to get grants for the major projects, but what we raise locally can be used to get local charity match funding and then national match funding, which can then lead to the major grants for big projects. So if we are to achieve any of our goals for the next few years we will need to raise our game with local fundraising and it would be good to get a team together who can co-ordinate and arrange fundraising events. If you are interested in being part of the fund-raising team please let us know.

Christopher Mitchell + Simon Bale

# **Beaver AGM Report April 2022 - March 2023**

## **Spring 2022**

During springtime Beavers have done Easter activities where they played games, done decorating and played Easter egg hunt. We took advantage of the nice weather and covered fitness badge by visiting memorial ground gym. Beavers also learnt about fire safety, they've visited Williton fire station and had various activities set up by firefighters.

Beavers worked on global issue badge where they have learnt about recycling, endangered animals and made water filters.

## **Summer 2022**

During the summer season Beavers have covered communicator badge, they have made morse code machines, where they learnt how to connect battery to the light and used it to send help in morse code by flashing the light. They have also worked on the money badge, they save and spend money. We looked at money history and looked at different currencies around the world.

Beavers went out on the water, they have done canoeing and learnt some skills about how to be safe on the water. They have also done some outdoor activities in the field and rifle shooting.

13 Beavers went to Moors and Coastal District Beaver Camp in Mendips. They have done lots of activities like tobogganing, cooking on fire, singing songs around the fire, caving, create stacking, axe throwing and completed camping, outdoors and skills badges.

## **Autumn 2022**

Autumn term we started with a trip to Minehead beach, where they've competed in sand castle competition. During autumn term Beavers have worked on disability and cooking badges. They cooked pizzas and made angel delight. As we were getting ready for the winter time and so are the birds, Beavers have made bird feeders to take home and leave for the birds in the garden.

Beavers had a Halloween party and celebrated Guy Fawkes, where they have toasted marshmallows on the candles and went outside to burn sparklers.

## **Winter 2022/2023**

Beavers have taken part in the Christmas Tree festival at St Decuman's church, they made various Christmas foods out of clay and painted them. At the end of the year Beavers had a Carol service and Christmas party, they also made Christmas cards for their family. During half terms Beavers and Cubs had joint trip to Flipout.

After half term Beavers celebrated Chinese new year, they have tried Chinese food, played Chinese games and tried to write 'Welcome to Beavers' in Chinese language, they also learnt more about Chinese scouting and earned the International badge.

During winter term they also earned photographer and experiment badges. They also made heart globes for Valentine's day and made jewellery boxes and cards for Mother's day.

At the moment Beavers colony consists of 18 Beavers, 3 Leaders and 2 young leaders.



**1st Watchet Cub Scouts**  
**AGM Report - April 2022 to March 2023**



Since our last report we have enjoyed a fun filled programme of activities and provided wonderful opportunities for the young people.

The Cubs attended the County Cub Day in May 2022, which was held at Crealy in which 14 Cubs attended from our group; we had a super time with both Cubs and Leaders thoroughly enjoying themselves.

In the Summer Term 2022 we managed to get the cubs outside with more activities including: den building, hiking, cycling, shooting, making and floating mini rafts. The cubs also had several opportunities to get out on the water. Our thanks go to Simon and all the boating helpers for giving up their time to help us get afloat.

Our annual summer camp for 2022 was our first 'proper camp' since Covid, we used Halberton Scout HQ, just outside Tiverton in Devon. This was a lovely site beside the canal which allowed us to use this for some super walks. During the camp we spent a day at Crealy, visited Tiverton Castle and did some pioneering activities.

Our Autumn Term of 2022 saw a mixture of Scouting based skills and activities as well as badge work and fun activities for the Cubs to enjoy. These included tracking, hikes, Harvest Festival, Bonfire Night, Halloween, Remembrance activities and a junk modelling evening. The badges we had worked towards over the term included the Book Readers Badge and the Hobbies Badge. We also enjoyed doing Christmas activities: decorating a Christmas Tree for the St. Decuman's Christmas Tree Festival and culminating with the group carol service where the Cubs took part with a reading.

In the Spring Term of 2023 we celebrated Popcorn Day, Burns Night, National Story tellers week, Safer Internet Day, Founders Day as well as Mothers Day. Cubs also took part in a hike, a beach clean and boating. The badges worked towards during this term were the Astronomers Badge, Team Work Challenge Badge, the Money Skills Badge and the Athletics Badge.

We look forward to the coming year with all the fun activities that will be held.

The Leaders

## 1<sup>st</sup> Watchet Sea Scouts



### AGM Report - September 2022 to November 2023

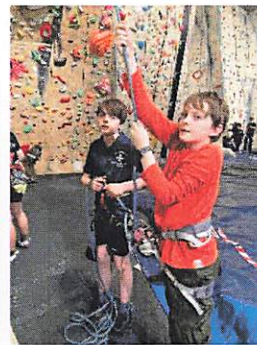
Since the last AGM (Sept 2022) the scout troop has maintained its membership capped at 40 scouts due to leader ratios during activities and space inside the HQ. We maintain a waiting list for scouts waiting to start.

Activities over that time have included:

- a weekend camp in Dorset, cycling and visiting the Dorset Water Park,
- a pulling and canoeing weekend to Brownsea Island, where the scouts paddled and rowed over from Poole, lightweight camping at the Birthplace of scouting.
- Scout Challenge Award evenings including fire lighting, basic scouting skills,
- A silent disco
- Boating Theory (Land Sessions)
- Master Chef patrol competitions, cooking in patrols.
- Night Navigation evenings on the Quantock Hills
- First Aid Training nights
- Weekend cycle rides practise and selection for the France Expedition.
- Numerous Beach Cleans
- County Patrol Challenge at Huish Woods.
- Overnight activity at Flip Out Wellington
- Fishing award activities on land and boat trips.
- Dartmoor weekend including indoor climbing.
- Heritage Award evenings learning about local and national / international history and events.
- France Expedition (cycling and camping)
- Inter Patrol Challenges including pioneering, raft building, navigation exercises.
- Radio Communications for award.
- Royal Navy Warship Visits.
- Numerous fund-raising events including car washes, litter picks and car parking duty at Dunster Fair.
- Patrol Leader Overnight Camping Expedition.
- Queens Jubilee Celebrations / Kings Coronation Celebrations
- Woolacombe Body Boarding Trip
- Rifle Shooting and Archery
- Aviation Award visit to Yeovilton Fleet Air Arm Museum.
- Weekend expedition and camp on the island of Flatholm in the Bristol Channel.
- Standup paddle boarding and climbing activity in Exeter.
- And during the boating season (March to September) our troop have been afloat undertaking:
  - Kayaking
  - Canoeing
  - Pulling
  - Powerboating
  - Rafting
  - Dinghy Sailing Evenings
  - Dinghy Sailing Course (3 days for Stage 2 and 3)

A large number of awards and badges have been gained in this time with 8 Chief Scouts Awards now having been gained, the highest award a scout can gain before they move into the explorer section. The current badge awards will be presented at the end of this AGM. We have planned activities continuing into the new year and future including, group summer camp at Cleavel Point, Studland, Dorset Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> May to Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> June 2024.

And looking into 2025 a return over Easter ( April ) to our popular troop activity camp on the Channel Island of Jersey which includes cycling, climbing, Stand Up Paddleboarding, rafting, kayaking, blow carting, Exploring the island, camping, shooting , archery and much more.





## 1st Watchet Mariner Explorer Scout Unit (RN63)

### Leaders Annual Report – November 2023



Over the past year the membership of our Explorer Group has averaged at approximately 18. We have been moving young people up from Scouts promptly to try and ease some strain on the Scout Group waiting list, whilst at the same time retaining members up until their 18<sup>th</sup> Birthday. Six of our Explorers also act as Young Leaders with Cubs and Beavers, both in Watchet and Williton.



Since our last AGM we have had 15 nights away, comprising of:

- Flipout Sleepover
- Dartmoor Frosty Weekend
- France Cycling Expedition
- Flatholm Expedition
- Overnight Movie Nights
- Poole Sailing Weekend



Our Explorers have also made good progress on the following badges this year:

- Emergency Aid
- Hikes
- Nautical Skills
- Navigator
- Paddle Sports

- Time on the water
- Lifesaver
- Pioneer
- Chef
- International
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Whilst in Explorers our young people get the opportunity to progress through three challenge badges, namely the Chief Scout's Platinum Award, the Chief Scout's Diamond Award and the King's Scout Award. Each of these awards requires a lot of hard work and dedication in the acquisition of new skills, voluntary service and an expedition. Over the past year we have awarded seven Platinum Awards and four Diamond Awards, with four of our Explorers now embarking on the King's Scout Award, which is a great achievement for the group.



Our Scout Group was also very proudly represented by Harvey at World Scout Jamboree in South Korea this summer.



We have continued to provide a wealth of water based activities for our Explorers too. They have continued to make great progress with their Sailing and Power boating. Also Stand Up Paddle boarding is growing in popularity amongst our young people.

Our Explorers play a big role in planning our programmes and they have come up with some splendid ideas for the coming year.

**1st Watchet Sea Scout Group**  
**Receipts and Payments Account 2022-2023**

**Receipts**

**Total funds**

**2021-2022**

£

**Subscriptions**

Membership subscriptions	£13,830.00	£18,472.68
Less: Membership Capitation	-£4,760.00	-£5,616.00
Less: Subscriptions transferred to Sections	-£3,140.00	-£4,472.18
<b>Net membership subscriptions retained</b>	<b>£5,930.00</b>	<b>£8,384.50</b>

**Donations**

Group / HQ	£2,136.00	£2,218.20
Boats	£155.00	£10,500.00
Camping / 1st Aid	£0.00	£0.00
RYA Courses & Books	£7,637.50	£5,630.00
Group Fundraising	£2,234.48	£1,227.52
Minibus	£5,526.60	£474.00
Minibus Fuel / Usage	£3,015.00	£2,314.00
Minibus Fundraising	£1,143.43	£1,165.34
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>£21,848.01</b>	<b>£23,529.06</b>

**Activities / Uniform**

Activities / Camps	£22,987.08	£21,679.00
Uniform / Badges	£464.80	£689.70
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>£23,451.88</b>	<b>£22,368.70</b>

**Other Income**

Sale of Assets	£0.00	£271.50
State Grants	£0.00	£11,667.00
Bank interest	£12.89	£0.64
Gift Aid	£0.00	£0.00
Insurance Claim	£0.00	£0.00
Sundries	£93.12	£204.83
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>£106.01</b>	<b>£12,143.97</b>

**Total Income**      **£51,335.90**      **£66,426.23**

Transfers between Accounts      **£6,658.67**      **£11,351.55**

**TOTAL RECEIPTS**      **£57,994.57**      **£77,777.78**

**1st Watchet Sea Scout Group**  
**Receipts and Payments Account 2022-2023**

**Payments**

	Total funds	2021-2022
	£	
<b>General Expenses</b>		
Activities	£14,117.58	£15,615.81
Minibus Usage	£3,198.00	£2,295.06
Utilities	£2,392.87	£3,199.09
Insurance	£4,957.89	£1,737.91
Maintenance Exps	£2,511.41	£532.43
HQ Equipment Exps	£1,588.31	£386.67
Boating Exps	£3,596.17	£3,886.70
Boat Fuel	£779.21	£521.88
RYA Courses / Materials	£3,533.43	£2,947.55
Badges / Uniform	£1,414.45	£1,374.99
Hire / Rent Exps	£25.00	£25.00
Travel Exps	£369.63	£144.57
Training	£888.83	£540.00
Admin Exps	£70.15	£22.51
Software / Website	£78.22	£123.52
Fundraising Exps	£578.39	£167.45
Sundries	£1,089.05	£305.37
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>£41,188.59</b>	<b>£33,826.51</b>
<b>Minibus expenses</b>		
Insurance	£1,220.68	£1,463.22
Maintenance	£5,604.55	£4,796.33
Fuel	£1,807.41	£1,322.15
Road Tax	£385.00	£330.00
Licences	£36.33	£294.35
Sundries	£0.00	£60.00
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>£9,053.97</b>	<b>£8,266.05</b>
<b>Asset Purchases</b>		
Minibus	£0.00	£0.00
Boating Equipment	£0.00	£14,224.64
HQ / Camping Equipment	£748.62	£3,406.96
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>£748.62</b>	<b>£17,631.60</b>
<b>Total Expenditure</b>	<b>£50,991.18</b>	<b>£59,724.16</b>
Transfers between Accounts	£6,658.67	£11,351.55
<b>TOTAL PAYMENTS</b>	<b>£57,649.85</b>	<b>£71,075.71</b>
<b>Net of receipts/(payments)</b>	<b>£344.72</b>	<b>£6,702.07</b>
<b>Cash funds as at 01/04/2022</b>	<b>£40,622.95</b>	
<b>Cash funds as at 31/03/2023</b>	<b>£40,967.67</b>	

**1st Watchet Sea Scout Group**  
**Statement of Assets and Liabilities at the end of the**  
**year 31st March 2023**

	Total funds	2021-2022
	£	
<b>Non monetary assets (NRV)</b>		
Premises	£75,000.00	£75,000.00
Minibuses	£20,908.35	£23,231.50
HQ Fixtures & Fittings & Equipment	£18,047.89	£19,307.58
Boating Equipment	£56,979.95	£63,311.06
Uniform & Badge stock	£2,502.63	£2,244.47
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>£173,438.82</b>	<b>£183,094.61</b>
<b>Cash funds</b>		
Bank Account (s)	£40,914.36	£40,571.02
Cash	£53.31	£51.93
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>£40,967.67</b>	<b>£40,622.95</b>
<b>Other assets</b>		
Subs Due	£2,132.00	£215.00
Activities Due	£1,172.50	£75.00
Prepayments	£0.00	£77.35
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>£3,304.50</b>	<b>£367.35</b>
<b>Liabilities</b>		
Accounts not yet paid	£145.07	£71.48
Expenses incurred but not invoiced	£542.34	£122.87
Subs Prepaid	£66.00	£0.00
Other Liabilities	£0.00	£30.00
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>£753.41</b>	<b>£224.35</b>
<b>Total Net Assets</b>	<b>£216,957.58</b>	<b>£223,860.56</b>