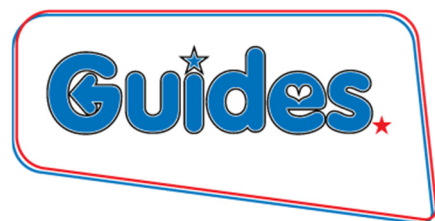


**1st Burrington & Wroughton
Scout and Guide Group**

**Annual Report & Accounts
for the year ended
31st March 2023**



Trustees' Report
For the year to 31 March 2023

Reference & administration details

Scout Registration Number	35833
Registered charity number	305644
Charity's principal address	1 st Burrington & Wrington Scout & Guide HQ School Road, Wrington, Bristol, BS40 5NJ

Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity (as per Charity Commission):

Trustee Name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole period
Dave Tomlinson	Chairperson	
Jan Knott	Group Scout Leader	
Paula Alvey	Group Guide Leader	
Ian Harries	Treasurer	
Louise Coates	Secretary	

Unit Leaders

Hatty Alvis	Rainbows	
Laura Laird	1 st Brownies	
Jean Davies	2 nd Brownies	
Paula Alvey	Guides	
Laura Stuart	Beavers	
Tom Lander, Marcus Milliner & David Peacock	Cubs	
Brian Armour	Scouts	

Names and addresses of Bankers, Advisors and Independent Examiners

Type of advisor	Name	Address
Banker	CAF Bank Ltd	25 Kings Hill Avenue Kings Hill West Malling Kent, ME19 4JQ
	Natwest	National Westminster Bank PLC 89 High Street Weston-super-Mare, BS23 1JW
	Shawbrook Bank	Lutea House, Warley Hill Business Park, The Drive, Great Warley, Brentwood. CM13 3BE
Independent Examiner		Mrs Sophie Trafford Chartered Accountant

Chairperson's Introduction

2023 has been another strong year in Guiding and Scouting. Children continue to have a good time and many learning experiences that we offer. However there are many challenges ahead that we as a community, are going to need to address. All organisations now have to comply with Safety regulations, to an even greater extent than before, which costs time and money. Our headquarters are old and require continual upgrading to meet the requirements outlined in the Safe Scouting and Guiding document and the Premises Audit document. These can be read by searching on the Scout Website under the above titles.

1st B&W is wholly run by volunteers in the spirit of Scouting and Guiding and I hope we can encourage people with the appropriate skill sets to contact us to find a way forward for the future of the Group.

Please see individual reports from Sections:

- Appendix 1: Group Scout Leaders Report
- Appendix 2: 1st B&W Cubs Report
- Appendix 3: 1st B&W Beavers Report
- Appendix 4: 1st B&W Scouts Report
- Appendix 5: 1st Wrington Guides Report
- Appendix 6: 1st Wrington Rainbows Report
- Appendix 7: 1st Wrington and 2nd Wrington Brownies Report

Explorers

In addition to the Scout and Guide Groups, 1st B&W also supports a District Explorer Unit through the provision of facilities and resources - access to meeting space, minibuses and equipment. Many Scouts and Guides who reach the upper age limit for their Section go on to continue their journey with Explorers. This is a very popular section with many active challenging and adventurous activities.

**1st Burrington and Wrington Scout & Guide
Group Accounts
Year ended 31 March 2023**

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Analysis of Cash Reserves

The consolidated Group held cash reserves of £113,302 (31 March 2022: £63,456) of which £93,751 (31 March 2022: £42,222) is held by the HQ and £19,551 (2022: £21,234) across the sections.

The funds held with the Sections are specifically designated for running / delivering their programme.

Included within the HQ funds are: -

Minibus replacement fund	£ 31,125 (31 March 2022: £21,125)
Hall renovations	£ 12,500 (31 March 2022: £2,500)
Camping equipment	£ 1,500 (31 March 2022: £1,500)
Group reserve	£ 10,000 (31 March 2022: £10,000)
Balance of Covid grants from NSC	£ - (31 March 2022: £6,322)

This leaves £38,626 (2022: £775) as a general reserve.

Gift Aid monies held by Group at 2021/22-year end plus monies received in 2022/23 have been returned to the units. The NatWest account is left with a small balance and is now used purely for the receipt and distribution of Gift Aid.

Receipts & Payments Account Summary

		<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>
		£	£
	<u>Page</u>		
Total Receipts	2	92,697	29,420
Total Payments	3	(42,851)	(29,416)
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Net surplus for the year		49,846	4
Cash, bank and similar funds b/f		63,456	63,452
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Cash, bank and similar funds c/f	5	113,302	63,456

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<u>Receipts</u>	<u>2023</u> £	<u>2022</u> £
Membership Subscriptions	32,824	22,068
Less Paid	(18,781)	(11,317)
	<u>14,043</u>	<u>10,751</u>
<u>Investment Income Received</u>	<u>351</u>	<u>48</u>
Bank		
	<u>62,960</u>	<u>120</u>
Donations		
<u>Activities</u>	<u>680</u>	<u>379</u>
Vehicles	5,059	5,131
Camps	1,497	830
Other Activities	<u>7,235</u>	<u>6,340</u>
<u>Fund Raising (gross)</u>	<u>1,528</u>	<u>525</u>
Hall Hire	3,681	889
Events	<u>5,209</u>	<u>1,414</u>
<u>Other Income</u>	<u>1,570</u>	-
<u>Income Tax Recovered</u>	-	<u>10,667</u>
Covid-19 grants	<u>1,570</u>	<u>10,667</u>
	<u>1,329</u>	<u>80</u>
Sundry receipts	<u>1,329</u>	<u>80</u>
	<u>92,697</u>	<u>29,420</u>
TOTAL RECEIPTS		

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<u>Payments</u>	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>
	£	£
<u>Premises</u>		
Rates, Fuel, Insurance	3,268	3,828
Repairs, Maintenance, Cleaning	4,657	9,637
Renovations	11,173	96
	<u>19,098</u>	<u>13,561</u>
Donations and Gifts	<u>90</u>	<u>10</u>
<u>Activities</u>		
Vehicles	7,305	5,310
Camps	6,834	3,917
Group section expenditure	818	512
Other activities	5,292	3,549
	<u>20,248</u>	<u>13,288</u>
<u>Fund Raising Expenses</u>	796	-
Bank charges	388	594
Admin/Postage & Stationery	82	62
	<u>471</u>	<u>656</u>
<u>Purchase of Capital Equipment</u>		
Equipment	-	-
Minibus	-	-
	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
<u>Purchase of Badges, Uniforms etc</u>	1,670	1,098
Sundry Payments	<u>478</u>	<u>803</u>
TOTAL PAYMENTS	<u>42,851</u>	<u>29,416</u>

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Statement of Assets and Liabilities

		<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>
	Note	£	£
<u>Monetary Assets</u>			
Cash, Bank, and similar funds	1	113,302	63,456
 <u>Non – Monetary Assets- Charity’s Own Use</u>			
Land & Buildings		300,000	300,000
Motor vehicles & Trailer		14,007	16,478
Scouting equipment, furniture etc.		705	783
	2	<u>314,712</u>	<u>317,261</u>
		<u>428,014</u>	<u>380,717</u>
 <u>Movement in Fund</u>			
Value at beginning of year		380,717	391,336
Surplus in year		49,846	4
(Decrease) in value of other assets		(2,549)	(10,623)
Value at end of year		<u>428,014</u>	<u>380,717</u>

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Notes to the Accounts

1). Cash, Bank and similar funds

	Cash	Current	Deposit	Total
	£	Account	Account	£
		£	£	
Rainbows	1	842	-	843
1 st Brownies	43	786	-	829
2 nd Brownies	-	2,702	-	2,702
Guides	3	1,544	-	1,547
Mendip Beavers	-	1,734	-	1,734
Bear Cubs	24	3,961	-	3,985
Scouts	89	7,822	-	7,911
Group accounts:				
Cash (HQ lets)	12	-	-	12
CAF current account	-	21,254	-	21,254
NatWest current account	-	282	-	282
Deposit account	-	-	72,203	72,203
	<u>172</u>	<u>40,927</u>	<u>72,203</u>	<u>113,302</u>

2). Non – Monetary Assets

Included at valuation:	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>
	£	£
School Road	270,000	270,000
Storage Buildings	30,000	30,000
HQ Contents	705	783
Vehicles	14,007	16,478
	<u>314,712</u>	<u>317,261</u>

The value of the HQ and that of the store has been included at Trustee valuation. The valuation is based on a market value not rebuilding cost for insurance purposes.

The value of HQ contents has been depreciated at a rate of 10% and the value of vehicles has been depreciated at a rate of 15%.

There is no camping equipment with an expected life of more than 5 years and all items have been written off.

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of 1st Burrington and Wrington Scout & Guide Group

I report on the accounts of the Trust for the year ended 31 March 2023, which are set out on pages 5 to 9

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that 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 comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 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.

Date: 21 November 2023

Sophie Trafford ACA

Church Lodge, Station Road, Wrington, Bristol, BS40 5LG



Group Scout Leader's report

When I read the section reports from our Scouts, Cubs and Beavers, I have to admit to being one very proud GSL. The range of exciting and challenging activities our members enjoy is astonishing. Some groups have never recovered their numbers following COVID-19, but our numbers in 1st B&W are just as strong; we have a reputation for providing exciting activities and of course, everyone wants to be part of it.

We have been involved in face-to-face meetings, webinars and information sharing around Scout Transformation. Originally planned for February 2024, this will now happen in April 2024. The main reasons for Transformation is to make volunteering easier and to meet our legal requirements with the Charity Commission. Currently, we have a range of roles within each section, and the training required depends on that role. Leaders who have completed their training are currently awarded a Wood Badge; this is a requirement of their role and leaders can be, and are, removed if they haven't completed their training.

Transformation will mean that each section will have a Team Leader and however many team members they need. Team members will do whatever training they need to do the tasks they have volunteered for, and a Wood Badge will become voluntary. This means instead of having roles to ensure our members have the challenging programmes we offer with all the safety requirements built in, each team will have identified tasks – and can have as many team members as needed to complete those tasks. So if you're thinking, "I'd love to help, but I can't do.....", speak with your section leader. They can give you a job for example doing the badges, making the bookings for activities, getting equipment to camp....or anything the team has identified is necessary. Before having access to children or their records, anyone helping must complete a DBS and training as necessary, for example, GDPR training if you have access to records. Most of our training is online, very easy to complete and agreed with other organisations, for example, our safeguarding training is in line with that required by the NSPCC.

Our Executive Committee will also be changing. We are in discussion with our Guiding colleagues how this will work, but the Executive Committee will become the Trustee Board. The Trustee Board will have far more responsibilities, for example around building audits, safeguarding, training and other safety responsibilities. More information around the changes that will be happening when we have finalised them.

We are very lucky to have such amazing leaders; I thank them one and all. The Scout Association recognises the outstanding effort our leaders put in and we have once again had leaders awarded Commissioner's Commendations; these have gone to David Peacock, Tom Lander, Marcus Milliner and Huw Riley. Tom and David have also been awarded their Wood Badges.

The Scout Association doesn't just recognise leaders who run the programme. Executive members who have a role in Scouting have also been recognised for the time and effort they have contributed. Our

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Chairman, Dave Tomlinson, has been awarded his ten-year award and we thank him for the time he has given the group.

We have a few more awards which will be awarded at the AGM; however I can't put the details in this report because it will spoil the element of surprise for the recipients!

Lastly but very importantly, I'd like to thank our Treasurer and Chairman, Secretary, Exec committee, people doing fundraising and don't forget leader's partners and families for letting them disappear so regularly! The fabric of the hall is much improved and we thank Dave and the Exec for their tremendous work. Thanks also go to our Section Treasurers, who take so much pressure off Leaders by doing everything for the annual accounts. We are always looking for more support to share the work that enables the good stuff to happen. If you can spare some time or are interested in finding out how you can help, please speak with me or contact me jan.knott@axescouts.org.uk

Jan Knott

Group Scout Leader/Group Lead Volunteer



1st B&W Cubs

Achievements from the past year

It has been another fun packed year for the 1st B+W cub pack. We have a strong ethos of making our programme as varied and interesting as possible. Our highlights from the past year have included giant paddleboarding, caving, climbing, tracking, biking, litter pick, laser tag and trips to the local RNLI, fire and police stations.

Following a challenging time with the covid pandemic and changes to the leadership team we are pleased to have established three main cub camps per year. Our autumn camp is a local green field camp offering the cubs the chance to hike to the site, sleep under canvas and take part in a variety of creative activities during the day, support the running of the camp and camp fires. Our Spring camp is a trip to a PGL centre offering a few creature comforts while allowing them to access the facilities on site and undertake adventurous activities such as abseiling, giant swing, zipline and obstacle course. Our summer camp is an adventurous survival camp in which we slept in hammocks under tarps, learn techniques to catch and prepare food and cook on an open fire.

Our planned programme now offers all cubs the opportunity to achieve their silver award by the time they move to Scouts. We have only achieved this with a small number to date but hope to support a larger number in the coming months.

ASL Huw achieved his nights away permit in June.

ASLs David and Tom have achieved their wood badge.

ASLs David, Huw, Marcus and Tom have been awarded The Commissioner's Commendations for their work with the pack.

Challenges from the past year

Due to several Tuesday leaders resigning from their positions, it was no longer possible for our Tuesday cub pack to continue to function independently. To offer continuity our GSL with the support of other cub leaders were able to keep the Tuesday sessions running up to the end of the summer term. At that time, it was decided to close the Tuesday pack and offer all cubs a place in the Thursday pack or neighbouring pack of their choice.

While this has been a challenging time for the leaders, cubs and parents the pack has come out the other side in a strong position with a cohesive group of leaders, good membership into the Thursday pack, strong support from our parents and wider community.

Cub update

We currently have 30 cubs within the pack.

6 cubs will be moving up to scouts in January.

4 Beavers are due to join the cub pack in January.

The waiting list is under review with our GSL.

Leader update

Our current leadership team is David, Huw, Marcus, Tom and Zoe.

Zoe joined us from the Beaver leadership team in September.

David plans to leave the team in November as his youngest child moves up to Scouts.

Alex Prince is due to join the cub leadership team from Beavers in January as his daughter moves up to cubs.

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We are also lucky to have 2 young leaders supporting the pack, Charles and Tyler. They have made an invaluable contribution to our pack meetings and camps. Evan who has supported the pack superbly in recent years is in the process of stepping back from his role as he is soon to turn 18. With our larger pack size, we as liaising with our GSL to see if we can bring another young leader into the team.

Plans for 23-24

Develop closer ties with our fellow leaders in Beavers and Scouts to offer better continuity for our young people as they progress through the sections, supporting leader numbers as required and sharing our skills and resources more widely.

Develop closer ties with neighbouring cub packs. Look to offer a termly shared activity between packs to enable cubs to network with the wider movement.

Succession planning – aiming to bring new leaders into the cub pack in a timely manner enabling them to be mentored and upskilled by the existing team.

Explore further opportunities for the cubs to get involved in community projects.

Thanks

The leaders are hugely appreciative of all the support they receive in delivering the exciting programme to the cubs. We realise that we are the tip of the iceberg and that none of it would be possible without the support of the parents, the local community, our young leaders, our GSL, district, the exec and everyone else in the scouting movement who put in so many hours behind the scenes to give young people the opportunities that we do.

The Cub Leaders



1st Burrington & Wrington Scouts & Guides Group



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1st B&W Beavers



1st Burrington and Wrington Beaver Scout Colony

*"I promise to
do my best to
be kind and
helpful and to
love our
world"*



Section Leader: Laura Stuart Assistant Section Leaders: Alex Prince, Sadie Ford, Alena & Anton Shevchuk

Highlights from the last year...





Summer camp @ Mendip



Highlights from Camps!

Harry Potter Sleepover



Quidditch!



Care of Magical Creatures

Story with Dumbledore

Trip to Hogsmead





1st B&W Scouts

We've had another exciting year with adventure and skills near and far - lots of fun for our 40ish scouts and leaders.

Since last year I'm pleased that we've now grown to 5 leaders on the team with Mark, Sarah and Steve joining Jono and Brian at the troop. Huge thanks and kudos to them for taking the leap into what I think has generally been more fun and rewarding than what they expected.

We've had a number of camps which are fantastic for the adventures, team work and other experiences that they bring along with the headline activities.

- In September we camped at Woodhouse park in North Bristol and enjoyed a lot of the activities on site.
- In November we had our annual Expedition Camp for the Yr8s in the Brecon Beacons, hiking across the mountains, wild camping and attending remembrance at the remote hillside crash site of a Wellington Bomber.
- December had us back in London for the fabulous monopoly trip that we hadn't managed to schedule again since 2019 - it was good to be back with the scouts and it's been demanded again this year
- In February our Survival camp saw us cooking on fires and bivvying out under shelters they built for themselves in the woods
- In May we went to Ferny Crofts scout campsite in Dorset for 5 days with various fun and challenges - caber tossing, westling and welly wanging at the highland games, Climbing, rounders on the common, boat trip to Isle of Wight and to the Needles, raft building, trip to LIDL for Masterchef competition (at face value it's only a trip to a supermarket but you need to be there to see the excitement), laser guns, widegames. But oh, the midges in the evening. Ouch.

We've represented the troop at the Wrington summer fayre, the North Somerset show (most unusual use of map skills where we needed to set gates for the show jumping) , providing help to the Wrington Show and helping to clear the community area at Prestow Woods with our fire lighting skills.

10 of our scouts achieved their Chief Scouts Gold awards this year, representing their strong commitment to scouts, having taken part and achieved strongly in all of the activities and opportunities that have been available as well as a little work on their own parts too. Over 300 other badges have been handed out to the Troop representing their adventures and skills gained in the year.

As well as using the hall we've continued to make a lot of use of the Mendips in Burrington Combe and other locations for games and activities. We've also cycled to cheddar and back down the strawberry line in search (successfully!) of chips.

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Teamwork, leadership and skills are a focus in what we do. We've been building skills; gutting fish and cooking fish and chips, cooking on fires, first aid, knots and lashings with flintstones cars and other activities; Camps, games/ activities like our 'Apprentice' trading and skills night, wide games and scavenger hunts cause the scouts to need to collaborate in different groups and across friendship groups.

We've had good success in competitions this year too

B&W won the District Rafting competition trophy with two teams in the final of 4 rafts - amazing skills and determination.

In the 3rd year of our Mendip Monopoly competition in July we hosted 4 other scout troops and one of our teams won the trophy back from Blagdon. But moreover we're really pleased to be able show off our back yard to other troops and encouraging their adventures.

Ten Tors saw 9 B&W scouts and several of our ex-scouts now as Explorers entering the event and completing successfully - great achievements at the event and in all of the training leading up to it.

We had a small team at the District Quiz but did really well, if we'd been ready for the scouting history round then it could have been close to another trophy - next year!

Thanks for everyone's support.

Brian, Jono, Mark, Sarah, Steve.

1st Wrington Guides Report



What an exciting year for Guides from:

- games in the Little Rec
- cooking at the Fire Pit
- visit to the Aqua Park in North Bristol
- making the Royal Family out of wooden spoons
- making gingerbread bread House
- tie dying pillowcases
- picking up litter on Weston beach 🗑️
- eating donuts 🍩 on string
- decorating Christmas cakes
- dressing up for Halloween fun
- making Trips for Mothering Sunday
- participating in the Swimming Gala

Our fundraising events:

- Tea and cake stall at the International Tug of War weekend
- Breakfast with Father Christmas
- Wrington Beer Festival
- Scarecrow trial for Wrington week

Some of our older girls left last year. 😞 We now have a younger group.

We also lost one of our young term helpers, Kate Lippiatt. Big thanks to Kate for all her support. Louise Coates joined us as a regular helper.



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1st Wrington Rainbows

1st Wrington Rainbows have had a wonderful year since the last AGM, we have celebrated our 35th Birthday. The Rainbow units of Yeo Vale Division went to Noah's Ark to celebrate. We had new format for the Division Christmas Party and new location at Churchill Primary School. On Thinking Day we learned about the Girlguiding Family Tree, all the units and how they are then grouped into Districts and Divisions, County etc. The Badges we have earned this year are CORAL badge (35th Birthday Badge), First Aid, Healthy Mind and Family Tree. We are currently working on a badge designed by Girlguiding South West Region called Diversity and Inclusivity.



2nd Wrington Brownies

2nd Wrington Brownies are as busy as ever, managed to fit in lots of activities this year, including a Fire Station visit. We took part in the Yeo Vale Division Brownie Quiz with other units. We are in the process of preparing for a joint pack holiday with 1st Wrington Brownies in the upcoming half term. We have earned the Countdown to Christmas Badge, as well as Inventing Badge and we are currently working on our Painting and Dancing Badges.

1st Wrington Brownies