

**1<sup>st</sup> Burrington & Wrington  
Scouts and Guides**

**Annual Report & Statement of Accounts  
for the year ended  
31<sup>st</sup> March 2025**



# 1<sup>st</sup> Burrington & Wrington Scouts & Guides Annual Report & Statement of Accounts

## Trustees' Report For the year to 31 March 2025

### Reference & administration details

<b>Charity's Official Name</b>	1 <sup>st</sup> Burrington & Wrington Scout Group
<b>Scout Registration Number</b>	35833
<b>Scout Registered charity number</b>	305644
<b>Charity's principal address</b>	1 <sup>st</sup> Burrington & Wrington Scout HQ School Road, Wrington, Bristol, BS40 5NJ

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

<b>Trustee Name</b>	<b>Office (if any)</b>
Tim Ledbury	Chairperson
Jan Knott	Group Lead Volunteer
Steve Green	Group Treasurer
Ian Harries	Group Secretary (previously Group Treasurer)
Dave Tomlinson	Trustee - Premises (previously Chairperson)
Louise Coates	Trustee - Insurance (previously Group Secretary)
Cordelia Pegge	Trustee – Safety & Safeguarding

### Scout Section & Guide Unit Leaders during 2024-25

Brian Armour	Scouts
Tom Lander & Marcus Milliner	Cubs
Laura Stuart	Beavers
Paula Alvey (now retired)	Guides
Laura Laird	1 <sup>st</sup> Brownies
Jean Davies (now retired)	2 <sup>nd</sup> Brownies
Hannah Bentley	Rainbows

### Bankers, Advisors and Independent Examiners

<b>Type of advisor</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Address</b>
<b>Bankers</b>	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, North Somerset BS23 1JW
	Shawbrook Bank	Lutea House, Warley Hill Business Park, The Drive, Great Warley, Brentwood. Essex CM13 3BE
<b>Independent Examiner</b>	Mrs Sophie Trafford Chartered Accountant	Church Lodge, Station Road Wrington, North Somerset BS405LG

## **Chair's Introduction**

Another great Year for Scouting and Guiding in Wrington.

Lots of events and happy children organised by our Scout Section and Guide Unit leaders.

The structure of our Group, behind the scenes, has seen major changes.

We were required to formalise a Scout Trustee Board by the Scout Association.  
I will not go into depth about the process as it is all recorded if anyone wanted to look at it.

I was able to approach a number of people who I thought would like to support our Group and they all stepped up and consequently we have a strong, pro-active new Trustee Board to replace the old Executive Committee.

Our building is an ever-growing concern and is requiring a considerable amount of money to keep it functional. We were fortunate to receive a bequest some years ago and this is allowing us to keep pace with the maintenance for now.

This is the Year that I will hand over the role of Chairman to a new person. My new role will be keeping the building functioning and supporting leaders as best I can.

## **Dave Tomlinson Outgoing Chairperson**

Please see individual reports from our Group Lead Volunteer (the new name for the Group Scout Leader), individual Scout Sections and Assistant County Commissioner for Guides covering the Guide Units, following our annual statement of accounts. These include:

Group Scout Lead Volunteer's Report

1<sup>st</sup> B&W Scouts Report

1<sup>st</sup> B&W Cubs Report

1<sup>st</sup> B&W Beavers Report

Assistant County Commissioner for Somerset North Guides report covering:

1<sup>st</sup> Wrington Guides Report

1<sup>st</sup> Wrington and 2<sup>nd</sup> Wrington Brownies Report

1<sup>st</sup> Wrington Rainbows Report

## **Explorers**

In addition to the Scout and Guide Groups, 1st B&W also supports the Axe 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.

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## 1<sup>st</sup> Burrington and Wroughton Scout & Guides

### Report and Statement of Accounts for year ended 31 March 2025

#### Analysis of Cash Reserves

The consolidated Group held cash reserves of £94,717 (31 March 2024: £107,309) of which £72,949 (31 March 2024: £88,635) is held by the HQ and £21,768 (2024: £18,674) across the sections.

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

On the 2<sup>nd</sup> July 2025, the 1st Burrington and Wroughton Scout Group agreed with Girlguiding in Wroughton a resolution that Girlguiding would cease to form part of the Group for operational and accounting purposes.

As part of the resolution, it was agreed that, of the Group's total cash reserves (£94,717 at 31 March 2025), an amount of £49,203, being the remaining funds from a bequeathment to both Scouts and Guides in Wroughton, should be jointly held in an interest-bearing bank account.

The funds in this account may be used for the benefit of both Scouting and Girlguiding in Wroughton and may include joint events and building maintenance and repairs. Withdrawal of funds from this account will be by joint agreement by the parties to the resolution.

In addition, since the joint resolution, the Scouts have now separately purchased a second-hand minibus for £6,500.

Consequently, the reserves going forward into the new financial year are:

Funds jointly held with Girlguiding (which includes for hall renovations)	£49,203	(31 March 2024: £0)
Minibus replacement fund	Second hand minibus purchased	(31 March 2024: £30,000)
Hall renovations	Included in joint funds with Girlguiding	(31 March 2024: £5,000)
Camping equipment	£1,000	(31 March 2024: £1,500)
Group reserve	£0	(31 March 2024: £10,000)

This leaves £16,246 (2024: £42,135) as a general reserve.

**Receipts & Payments Account Summary**

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		<u>2025</u> £	<u>2024</u> £
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Total Receipts	7	<b>38,384</b>	<b>36,624</b>
Total Payments	8	<b>(50,976)</b>	<b>(42,617)</b>
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Net (deficit) for the year		<b>(12,592)</b>	<b>(5,993)</b>
Cash, bank and similar funds b/f	9	<b>107,309</b>	<b>113,302</b>
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Cash, bank and similar funds c/f	9	<b>94,717</b>	<b>107,309</b>

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<b><u>Receipts</u></b>	<b><u>2025</u></b> £	<b><u>2024</u></b> £
Membership Subscriptions	31,115	31,327
Less Paid	(21,780)	(21,088)
	<u>9,335</u>	<u>10,239</u>
 <u>Investment Income Received</u>		
Bank	1,072	544
	<u>1,059</u>	<u>2,035</u>
 <u>Activities</u>		
Vehicles	3,162	1,684
Camps	14,918	11,650
Other Activities	4,056	2,411
	<u>22,136</u>	<u>15,745</u>
 <u>Fund Raising (gross)</u>		
Hall Hire	1,381	1,059
Events	2,386	3,255
	<u>3,767</u>	<u>4,314</u>
 <u>Other Income</u>		
Income Tax Recovered	-	3,289
	<u>-</u>	<u>3,289</u>
Sundry receipts	1,015	458
	<u>1,015</u>	<u>458</u>
 <b>TOTAL RECEIPTS</b>	<u><b>38,384</b></u>	<u><b>36,624</b></u>

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<b><u>Payments</u></b>	<b><u>2025</u></b>	<b><u>2024</u></b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
<u>Premises</u>		
Rates, Fuel, Insurance	<b>8,351</b>	<b>4,701</b>
Repairs, Maintenance, Cleaning	<b>9,328</b>	<b>5,780</b>
Renovations	<b>6,070</b>	<b>-</b>
	<b><u>23,749</u></b>	<b><u>10,481</u></b>
Donations and Gifts	<b><u>300</u></b>	<b><u>-</u></b>
<u>Activities</u>		
Vehicles	<b>5,170</b>	<b>6,501</b>
Camps	<b>11,396</b>	<b>11,233</b>
Other activities	<b>5,928</b>	<b>4,880</b>
	<b><u>22,494</u></b>	<b><u>22,614</u></b>
<u>Fund Raising Expenses</u>	<b>1,137</b>	<b>243</b>
Bank and OSM charges	<b>1,116</b>	<b>589</b>
Admin/Postage & Stationery	<b>37</b>	<b>122</b>
	<b><u>1,153</u></b>	<b><u>711</u></b>
<u>Purchase of Capital Equipment</u>		
Equipment	<b>700</b>	<b>6,483</b>
Minibus	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
	<b><u>700</u></b>	<b><u>6,483</u></b>
<u>Purchase of Badges, Uniforms etc</u>	<b>1,009</b>	<b>873</b>
Sundry Payments	<b><u>434</u></b>	<b><u>1,212</u></b>
<b>TOTAL PAYMENTS</b>	<b><u>50,976</u></b>	<b><u>42,617</u></b>

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### Statement of Assets and Liabilities

		<u>2025</u>	<u>2024</u>
	Note	£	£
<b><u>Monetary Assets</u></b>			
Cash, Bank, and similar funds	1	<u>94,717</u>	<u>107,309</u>
<b><u>Non – Monetary Assets- Charity’s Own Use</u></b>			
Land & Buildings		300,000	300,000
Motor vehicles & Trailer		15,380	18,095
Scouting equipment, furniture etc.		1,201	634
	2	<u>316,581</u>	<u>318,729</u>
<b>Total assets</b>		<b><u>411,298</u></b>	<b><u>426,038</u></b>
<b><u>Movement in Fund</u></b>			
Value at beginning of year		426,038	428,014
(Deficit) in year		(12,592)	(5,993)
Increase/(decrease) in value of other assets		(2,148)	4,017
		<u>411,298</u>	<u>426,038</u>
Value at end of year		<b><u>411,298</u></b>	<b><u>426,038</u></b>

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#### Notes to the Accounts

##### 1). Cash, Bank and similar funds

	Cash £	Current Account £	Deposit Account £	Total £
Rainbows	1	576	-	577
1 <sup>st</sup> Brownies	1	1,286	-	1,287
2 <sup>nd</sup> Brownies	-	2,222	-	2,222
Guides	3	255	-	258
Mendip Beavers	-	560	-	560
Bear Cubs		513	-	513
Scouts	3	16,348	-	16,351
Group accounts:				
Cash (HQ lets)	11	-	-	11
CAF current account	-	7,364	-	7,364
NatWest current account	-	3,371	-	3,371
Deposit account	-	-	62,203	62,203
	19	32,495	62,203	94,717

##### 2). Non – Monetary Assets

Included at valuation:	<u>2025</u> £	<u>2024</u> £
School Road	270,000	270,000
Storage Buildings	30,000	30,000
HQ Contents	1,201	634
Vehicles	15,380	18,095
	<u>316,581</u>	<u>318,729</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 vehicles has been depreciated at a rate of 15%.

The value of HQ contents has been depreciated at a rate of 10%.

## **Independent examiner's report to the trustees of 1<sup>st</sup> Burrington and Wrington Scouts & Guides**

I report on the accounts of the Trust for the year ended 31 March 2025, which are set out on pages 4-10.

### **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: 1 October 2025



**Sophie Trafford ACA**

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

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## Group Lead Volunteers Report

Once again, our leaders have provided our members with wonderful opportunities! Beavers have been busy with den building, campfires, skiing and a firm favourite, the mud run. They've taken part in a Christmas party at Puxton Park and had a fabulous camp. Cubs have had three camps, the local one at Bullhouse Lane, the spring trip to PGL for the thrills of their various high adrenaline activities, and the summer survival camp at Woodhouse Park. Sounds easy, yes? I'm not sure I could cope with eating bugs and sleeping in hammocks, but Cubs love it. Scouts have become synonymous with lots of camping, hikes, Ten Tors and of course, the Zombie Run. 1<sup>st</sup> B&W have the biggest contingent doing Ten Tors of any group in Axe District, something to be very proud of.

Our group completed Scout Transformation on 28 November. The main reasons for Transformation were to make volunteering easier and to meet our legal requirements with the Charity Commission. This became a huge undertaking, because we were previously known as 1<sup>st</sup> Burrington and Wrington Scout and Guide Group. Guide rules meant the Guide leaders could not be Trustees from a Guiding perspective; they could only become Trustees if they took a Scouting role and completed the required Scout training, thereby becoming Scout Trustees. The work involved with Transformation was when we discovered we were not legally a Scout and Guide Group. As a result of many hours of discussions and communications with County and District Scout and Guide personnel, the only decision we could make was to split Scouts from Guides.

I'd like to thank the Guide Commissioners, Carolyn Welford and Ann McDonald, the Avon County Scout Chairman, Bob Symons, and our very own Jeremy Birkett, Chair of Axe District Board of Trustees, along with our Axe District Lead Volunteer Ali Kattana and our Axe District Lead Volunteer (Volunteering Development and Support) Graham Meikle, because their determination to see both Scouting and Guiding continue with no barriers is the reason we are here today, with Beavers, Cubs and Scouts running alongside Rainbows, Brownies and hopefully soon, Guides. We are all determined to work closely with our Guiding colleagues to ensure our premises continue to be known as the home of Scouting and Guiding in Wrington, albeit with different names and different types of management.

We are very lucky to have such amazing leaders; I thank them one and all. The time and effort they put in to give your children such fun-filled, exciting and challenging activities has to be applauded. The weekly meetings and the variety of additional activities the leaders provide is greatly valued by parents, and the Beavers, Cubs and Scouts benefit by being pushed to achieve things they never thought they would. Watch a child quivering with apprehension as their fear of heights kicks in, then the pride when their peers have cheered them on and they do it. Watch the relief, pride and exhaustion as teams cross the finish line of Ten Tors. All the games and activities, from Beavers first time on the water, to Cubs and their survival camps, to Scouts and their Mendip Monopoly gives your children a lifetime of skills.

Lastly but very importantly, I'd like to thank our Chairman and Treasurer, Secretary, Board of Trustees, people doing odd jobs and don't forget leader's partners and families for letting them disappear so regularly! 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 at [jan.knott@axescouts.org.uk](mailto:jan.knott@axescouts.org.uk)

**Jan Knott**

**Group Lead Volunteer**



**Scout Leaders Report**

The Scout Troop have had another active year.

What have we been up to?

Looking back at the programme brings back a lot of memories of laughter, mud, fun and adventures - Camping, paddle boarding, kayaking, mud running, orienteering, building castles with pallet wood, hiking in the Mendips (and chasing the chip shop closing times), big fires, expedition camping in the Brecons, running from Zombies, surviving storms in London, building camping skills, building fire skills, bivvying in the woods under tarpaulins, lots of wide games, ropes and knot skills.

And cooking, lots of cooking - over the fires on scout nights, experimenting with fritters, stir-fry's, master chef competitions and more.

Summer Camp (May half term) was to Buddens on the south coast near Swanage. We were not especially lucky with the weather but had lots of fun. Unexpected skill of the year was learning to make jackets out of bin liners so as to make kayaking tolerable in weather when there was as much water in the sky as underneath us. Good skills and giggles.

Looking ahead we've got a lot more of the same planned.

Huge thanks to the team – Brian, Jono, Mark, Sarah and Steve. Thanks also for those parents that have come out to join us when we've been looking for extra adults to support activities.

**Brian, Jono, Mark, Sarah and Steve**  
**The Scout Team Leaders**



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## Cub Leaders Report

### Activities

It has been another fun packed year for the 1<sup>st</sup> 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 laser tag, VE celebrations, slip and slide, bell ringing, water fight, fire station visit, mud run, cooking, craft and the “cub factor”.

In addition to having fun, we continue to promote and teach valuable life skills including first aid, emergency situations, shelter building, fires safety, health and fitness, communication and navigation.

We continue to deliver our 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 campfires.
- 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. Cubs with good attendance nearly always achieve this.

We have developed closer working relationships with the beaver and scout leaders, regularly liaising over group wide resources and movements between groups.



## Cub update

We currently have 35 cubs within the pack.

While our numbers are close to maximum capacity, we have a better balance in ages across the pack.

Attendance at cub sessions is consistently good and we typically have around 30 cubs each week.

Moving up to scouts has been mapped out for the coming 12 months with 12 cubs moving up in that window.

The waiting list is under review with our Group Lead Volunteer; however, places are automatically given to Beavers. We will take young people off the District waiting list if we have any places available.



## Leader update

Our current leadership team is Alex, Marcus, Tom and Zoe.

Huw Riley remains a leader but has taken a step back from regular attendance due to work and family pressures.

We are also lucky to have 3 young leaders supporting the pack, Charles, Dan and Tyler. They have made an invaluable contribution to our pack meetings and camps.

## **Plans for 25-26**

Our first international cub trip for several years will take place in October when a group of 11 will head to Paris alongside other cub packs in the area. They will be heading around Paris, up the Eiffel tower and visiting Disneyland.

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.

With our numbers high we need to increase our use of parent helpers to maintain ratios and take the pressure off leaders

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.

**Alex, Marcus, Tom, Zoe and Huw**  
**The Cub Team Leaders**



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## Beavers Leaders Report

### 1<sup>st</sup> 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: Brad Millard, Alice Barratt and Penny Burrows



Highlights  
from the last  
year...



## Highlights from the last year...

### Notable Events:

- Another successful Summer Camp at Mendip Basecamp with 23 children taking part in the 2 night stay
- Over 70% of children are now achieving their Bronze Scout award prior to moving on
- Steady intake/moving up process to reduce bottle necks, managed alongside Cubs
- Improved engagement with adult helpers, with 6 occasional helpers attending regularly on a rotary basis.
- Tried and tested 2 year program that covers the full Bronze Award requirements and maximises local resources
- Regular activities and engagement with the Burrington Beaver Colony
- Some annual favourites include the Mud Run, Den building, Waterfight, Orienteering, Camp fires, Junk Modelling, Night hike to see the planets and many more!



Summer camp @ Mendip



## Highlights from Camps!



Roald Dahl Winter Sleepover

Laura, Brad, Alice and Penny  
The Beavers Team Leaders



## Girlguiding Report

2024/25 has been a quiet year for Guiding in Wrington. This has been because of changes in our leadership team.

### 1<sup>st</sup> Wrington Guides

1<sup>st</sup> Wrington Guides closed for some months. We are pleased it be able to say it will now re-open with three new leaders. The unit has a healthy waiting list made up of girls moving up from Brownies.

### 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Wrington Brownies

In July I was invited to a garden party at which we thanked the three leaders of 2<sup>nd</sup> Wrington Brownies for their service. In total, they had given over 80 years to the running of the unit.

For the time being we will merge 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Wrington Brownies while we seek new leaders.

A number of our Brownies enjoyed a weekend at Crealy. They also enjoyed local walks, creasy golf, and a train ride to W-s-M.

### 1<sup>st</sup> Wrington Rainbows

November 2024 two new leaders joined 1<sup>st</sup> Wrington Rainbows. Congratulation to Hannah who has recently completed her leadership qualification.

July, Hatty, and I were delighted to meet up with Sue Evans. We presented Sue with flowers and a 40-year service award. Thank you Sue for all the fun and games you have given our young members over the years.

**Ann MacDonald**  
**Assistant County Commissioner Girlguiding Somerset North**