

1ST CUDDINGTON (WARSPITE) SEA SCOUT GROUP

TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT 2023-24



Sometimes the biggest adventures are the simplest steps. A Beaver Scout starts to develop his rowing skills under the instruction of experienced Explorer Scouts.





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Our fantastic Squirrel Scouts proved that taking care of their world is not just for the older sections with a local litter picking session.





GROUP DETAILS

1st Cuddington (Warspite) Sea Scout

Group Headquarters:

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Trustees for year:

Graham Nash	Chairman	
Heather Smith	Secretary	Retired September 2023
Kirsty Watson	Secretary	Appointed September 2023
Malcolm Hunt	Treasurer	Retired September 2023
Gary Seeley	Treasurer	Appointed September 2023
Suzanne Pearson		
Claire Hunt	Cub Scout Leader	
Richard Callaghan		
Hazel Draper		
Leonard Brooker		Retired September 2023
Michelle Zal		Appointed September 2023
Thomas Randall		
Alan Mobbs		Retired September 2023
Kelly Bishop		Appointed September 2023
Shirley Clifton		
Peter Weekes		
Linda Grant	Beaver Scout Leader	
Daniel Webber		
Gareth Weekes		
Richard Hunt	Group Scout Leader	
Chris Bishop	Explorer Scout Leader	
Paul Draper		
Tracey Siner	Squirrel Scout Leader	



Agenda for Annual General Meeting on Monday 9th September 2024 at 20:00

- 1. Introduction and welcome**
- 2. Apologies for absence**
- 3. Governance topics**
 - a. Approve the minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 11/09/2023
 - b. Adopt the model constitution from Policy, Organisation and Rules (POR)
 - c. Note the Group's financial year be 1st April to 31st March.
 - d. Approve appointed and community members of the Group Scout Council
 - e. Agree the number of members that may be appointed to the Trustee Board to be a maximum of 12.
 - f. Agree the quorum for future meetings of the Group Scout Council (excluding this AGM)
- 4. Review of the previous year**
 - a. The Group Lead Volunteer's review of Scouts in the 1st Cuddington (Warspite)
 - b. Receive and consider the Annual Report of the Group Trustee Board, including the annual Statement of the Accounts
- 5. Making appointments**
 - a. Appoint the Group Chair, following recommendation from the open selection process initiated by the Group Trustee Board as Graham Nash.
 - b. Appoint the Group Treasurer, following recommendation from the open selection process initiated by the Group Trustee Board as Gary Seeley.
 - c. Note the appointment as Group Secretary of Kirsty Watson
 - d. Appoint members of the Group Trustee Board, following recommendations from the open selection process initiated by the Group Trustee Board
 - e. Appoint the Independent Examiner
- 6. Closing remarks**



Minutes for Annual General Meeting on Monday 11th September 2023 at 20:00 at Warspite HQ

1. **Chairman's Welcoming and Opening Remarks – Graham Nash**

The chairman welcomed everyone. He acknowledged receipt of the annual report and remarked that it had been another brilliant year. He noted that the running order of the AGM has changed a little due to the transition to becoming the Trustee Board.

A few people, who have served for many years, are stepping down from the Trustee Board.

Len Brooker has been a trustee for a long time and has refurbished much of the fleet. Many thanks to Len for all that he has done for so many years.

Thank you to Heather, who is stepping down as Group Secretary after 10 years. Thank you to Kirsty, who is taking over the role.

Thank you to Alan, who is stepping down as a trustee. He has been Transport Manager, helped with cubs, helped with water activities and been involved at county level. He will be maintaining some of these roles.

Thank you to Malcolm, who is stepping down as Group Treasurer after 20 years. When he became Group Treasurer, the group finances went from strength to strength. He ensured that the group attained a really healthy financial position. Thank you to Shirley for her support. Thank you to Gary for taking over the role of Group Treasurer

2. **Apologies for Absence**

Hazel Draper and Peter Weekes.

3. **Consideration and approval of the Minutes of the 2022 Annual General Meeting – Richard Hunt**

Matters arising – None

Acceptance of last year's minutes: Proposed by Shirley Clifton. Seconded by Paul Draper.

Governance oversight

4. Adoption of constitution in line with POR 5.4

Proposed: Claire Hunt. Seconded: Chris Bishop

5. Note the dates of financial year being 1st April 2022 to 31st March 2023.

Proposed: Dean Clifton. Seconded: Lauren Mansell

6. Agree numbers who can be elected to the Trustee Board as 6.

Proposed: Chris Bishop. Seconded: Dan Webber

7. Agree Quorums for Scout Council, Trustee Board and any Sub Committees

1. Scout Council: 10 members including the two of GSL, Chair, Treasurer & Secretary

Proposed: Paul Draper. Seconded: Shirley Clifton

2. Trustee Board:

- Over 50% of the members are present including representation from both uniformed and non uniformed roles.

- Two of GSL, Chair, Treasurer & Secretary are present.

- A vice or deputy chair may be appointed from time to time - by or between meetings, by the committee in general.

- Occasionally views may be sought electronically in the interest of expediency. The chair's decision as to whether this is quorate is final.

Proposed: Richard Callaghan. Seconded: Dean Clifton

3. Sub Committees: As decided by the Trustee Board in the Sub Committee's Terms of Reference

Proposed: Chris Bishop. Seconded: Graham Nash

Review of previous year

8. **Group Treasurer's Report and adoption of the Accounts for the year ending 31st March 2023 – Malcolm Hunt**

2022/23 has been a year when the Group essentially returned to its pre-Covid activities levels. Since the Group's last AGM, we have progressively undertaken a full package of activities within the Sections as well as continuing our programme of upgrades for our buildings and equipment.



Membership numbers have steadily increased and the external hirers to the hall have returned. Fund raising activities such as the Great River Race sponsorship, Open Day and the Christmas Fair and tree sales have extended our abilities to improve the Group's facilities whilst maintaining the subs at their present level.

The Group's financial position has been impacted significantly by the £3,700 increase in our electric and gas costs. Other costs were increased as a result of the higher inflation. The net effect has been that the Group's cash position has deteriorated. As a result, the Group's Trustees reviewed the current level of subscriptions paid by members, but because all our members' families were having to meet increased expenses, the decision was taken to retain the existing subs levels for the present.

This group has a long history providing experiences to children that they might not otherwise have. It has never been cheap but with the help of many hours of time given freely by generations of uniform leaders and others through fund raising and maintenance activities, the Group has endeavoured to keep subscriptions as low as possible. This year's accounts include the subs from the Explorer Scout unit although the unit is part of the District setup.

The subs are used to fund central (Group) costs as well as provide monies for the Sections. The central costs are maintenance, insurance, day to day running costs as well as the District capitation charge. Last year subs contributed 64% (67%) of central costs. The balance was principally funded by Gift Aid claims. Donations and grants finance new equipment and training as well as a contribution towards renovations and repairs. Without the donations and grants purchases of new equipment would be restricted. In 2009, fourteen years ago subs were increased to meet raising costs as well as urgent building maintenance. The Trustees are seriously reviewing the level of subs because of the substantial increases.

The Group has restarted its programme of upgrading and improving our buildings, boat fleet and equipment. The cost of this expenditure was significant (£18k) and it was funded principally from fund raising and grants. Maintenance and improvements to our buildings are undertaken on a rolling programme. It is however stressed that the activities of the Group's Sections continue to be paramount. Stable numbers of members reflects that our leadership team is achieving this aim.

The Trustees are reviewing how to develop the Group's assets for the future benefit of our membership. Plans to improve both the hall and the Water Activities Centre facilities are being considered but as both would have a significant cost, matters are being slowly progressed. As with all major projects there is a fine dividing line between current needs and the future focus and how the cost will be funded.

9. Trustees Report for the year ending 31st March 2023 delivered by the GSL, with reflections from Alan Mobbs

I normally start these reports by saying that I don't need to tell those in the room what has happened as they lived it, breathed it, enjoyed it. But a conversation yesterday with a parent of another Group reminded me that we ought to remind ourselves of what happens between AGMs.

Before we look at last year, I have asked Alan to share a couple of minutes thoughts on the changes he has seen at the Group over the years.

"I joined Warspite in 1958. The Headquarters was still being built. There was a church hall on site. My first camp as leader was in 1966. Camp was in Send/Ripley in the 1950s and 60s every four years. I ran a gang show. 1976 was the first year that we camped at a site in Elstead and continued to do so till the 1990s. From then, we camped at the Red House Farm site in Elstead. A highlight was the visit of an Apache helicopter. I have been to every single camp at Elstead to date."

Condensing the life of a Group down into a few words and numbers will always be impossible, but it is also important. This year has been described as the "first proper year since Covid" - and it has seemed like a return to normality.

- There are around 160 young people in the Group.
- We have started Squirrel Scouts in earnest - and it is fantastic to see the joy when they cook marshmallows, build dens, listen to stories or get afloat. We thank Surrey County Council & our local County Councillor Eber Kington for a generous grant to provide equipment for the Squirrels.



- This summer, we delivered over 875 nights away for young people and volunteers across 3 weeklong summer camps and with no hospital trips, only 1 flooding incident, no major wildfires and a fantastic trip to Portsmouth Naval Base.
- 3 of our Young Leaders have completed the entire training scheme - a phenomenal achievement.
- 6 Explorers and 2 adults have qualified as British Canoeing Paddlesports Instructors. Leaders have completed the RYA's Intermediate and Advanced Powerboat Qualifications; as well as many other skills.
- We have had a fantastic visit from our Dutch sister group - Karel Doorman - and we are looking forward to our visit to Holland in 2024.
- We won the National Sea Scout Regatta, being in 13 of the 15 finals and winning 3 age groups outright.
- 5 of our boats took part in the Queen Elizabeth Memorial Pageant, which replaced the Great River Race at very short notice. Next Saturday, 6 boats will compete in the Great River Race 2022.
- We have been proud to award 35 Top Awards across the sections, including 13 Chief Scout Gold Awards, 13 Chief Scout Silvers & 9 Chief Scout Award Bronzes
- We have seen over 350 Challenge Badges across the sections, including 150 Challenge Badges in Scouts, 120 Cub Challenge Badges, 78 Beaver Challenges and 27 Squirrel Challenges.
- Our infrastructure has developed. We have an amazing Monday night maintenance team here at the HQ, and projects continue to deliver. Len remains a force of nature in maintaining our pulling Boats and Peter Weekes works tirelessly on our powerboats. The work that Peter and Ian Smalley have led on the pontoons at the WAC has also been a major improvement.

- This year has also been a year with foundations being built for the longer term. Led by Andrew Roberts, Warspite and Ajax are on the verge of signing a new lease for the Water Activities Centre increasing our space by half the car park, which will provide vitally important storage space for the two groups. Our massive thanks to Andrew Roberts and Andy Davison of Ajax who have done so much for this project.
- Our community outreach has also had a massive effect this year, with Lauren's first aid training making a massive difference in one case, a life potentially saved when the 1 in 8 Crew's Prostate Cancer awareness message hit home and great work by the Scouts on a local School's grounds.

- But all of this is the background for individual stories of our young people. For personal growth and resilience. As volunteers we are privileged to see these. To see the confidence built alongside skills. To hear the laughter and see the camaraderie. To see the leadership and to see the #skillsforlife.

- I am absolutely honoured to volunteer alongside a brilliant group of people. From trustees to cooks via leaders, instructors and mentors. I will absolutely join Graham in thanking Malcolm, Heather, Len and Alan for their service over the years as trustees; and I would particularly like to highlight the work that Malcolm has done. Whilst he might be my Dad, as GSL I have had a robust, realistic and ambitious treasurer, who has laid the groundwork for the next stages of our ambitions. Thank you.

Appointments

10. **Group Scout Leader's nominations as Chairman of the Group Executive Committee and Trustees for 2023/24.** I am pleased to announce that Graham Nash has agreed to carry on.

- **Proposed by: Claire Hunt. Seconded by: Lauren Mansell. Carried**

11. Election of Group Secretary and Treasurer

- Group Secretary: Kirsty Watson. **Proposed by Claire Hunt. Seconded by Suzanne Pearson. Carried**
- Group Treasurer: Gary Seeley. **Proposed by Malcolm Hunt. Seconded by Tom Randall. Carried**

12. **Group Scout Leader's nominations as members of the Group Executive Committee and Trustees for 2023/24.**



	Proposed by	Seconded by	
• Peter Weekes	Chris Bishop	Dean Clifton	Carried
• Gareth Weekes	Chris Bishop	Dean Clifton	Carried
• Paul Draper	Chris Bishop	Dean Clifton	Carried
• Michelle Zal	Chris Bishop	Dean Clifton	Carried
• Kelly Bishop	Chris Bishop	Dean Clifton	Carried

14. Note: Section Leaders and GSL are ex officio members of the Executive unless they choose not to serve as trustees. This encompasses: Linda Grant (Beavers), Claire Hunt (Cubs), Chris Bishop and Paul Draper (Explorers) and Richard Hunt (GSL). Presently, there is no appointed Scout Leader. **Proposed by Richard Callaghan. Seconded by Paul Draper. Carried**

15. **Appointment of Group Independent Examiner for 2023/24.**

Thank you to Derek Lane, who is the current Independent Examiner and who is continuing in this role.

Proposed by Claire Hunt. Seconded by Malcolm Hunt. Carried

16. **Address by a District Representative – Karl Nicholas**

I'm sorry I can't be with you tonight. It is great to see another year of growth and impact at 1st Cuddington, including the starting of the District's first Squirrel Drey; their time on the water at Regattas and many other events.

Warspite not only has a dedicated set of leaders, but also fantastic trustees. In particular, many parts of the District would want to thank Malcolm for his time as treasurer. I have no doubt that Gary will build and develop on Malcolm's work. As we move into 23/24, I have no doubt that 1st Cuddington will continue to build and grow.

17. **Presentations and Awards**

- 10 year service for **Lauren Mansell**
- 15 year service Award for **Tom Randall**
- Each year we have a number of awards that are made by the leader team.
- **Don Everitt Awards for Seamanship** awarded to the Scout and Explorer for their water skills, their seamanlike manner and for being at ease and relaxed on the water.
Winners (Scouts): **Evelyn Hunt**
Winners (Explorers): **Migle Eskyte**
- **Reece Hutchinson Award for Camping** is awarded to the Scout who best embodied the Scout spirit at Summer Camp. It reflects competence, teamwork, skill, comfort, scout-like attitude, probably summed up by the idea that virtually anyone can be cold, wet and hungry in the middle of a field – the trick is not to be!
 - 2023: **Georgia Kerr**
- **John Dore Award for Camping** – is being awarded to the Explorer who best embodied the Scout spirit at Summer Camp, recognising the same kind of skills as the Recce Hutchinson award. It has been named for a great past leader – John Dore – whose last appointment was as Venture Scout Leader – the forerunner of the Explorer Scouts. Decided by the Explorer Scout leadership team.
2023: **Erin Gladhill**
- **David Rich Award for Leadership** was kindly donated by David Rich in 2016. David held a number of leadership awards with the group over the years and this award is used to recognise a young person who has demonstrated leadership skills and abilities. There were a number of very worthy nominations for this award, which is decided by the leadership team.
2023: **Freya Hunt**

18. **Any Other Business.**vNone.

19. **Chairman's closing comments** Thank you for coming this evening.

20. **Meeting closed at 8.46pm.**

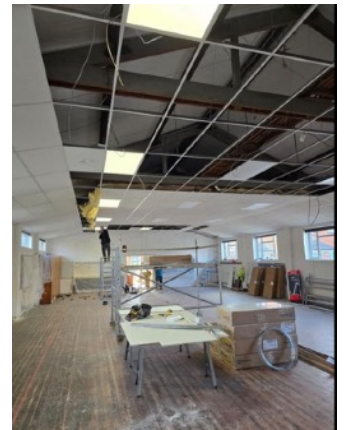
Minutes by Heather Smith, Group Secretary



Our HQ Refurbishment.

The Warspite HQ was built opened in 1960 and has had a number of upgrades since that time. This year has centred on the replacement of the rear storage cupboards, suspended ceiling and improving the floor with a revarnish.

A mixture of skilled volunteer work and a specialist contractor have transformed the Main Deck, improving its use, its look and its acoustics.





Trustees' Annual Report for the period 01/04/23 to 31/03/24

The Trustees present their report and the financial statements for 1st Cuddington (Warspite) Sea Scout Group for the year ended 31st March 2024.

Responsibilities of the Trustees

Charity law requires the Trustees to keep accounting records and prepare annual statements of account for the Charity, which must be audited or independently examined and provided to the Charity Commission. In preparing the annual statements of accounts the Trustees are required to:

- Select suitable accounting policies and apply them consistently
- Make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent
- Comply with applicable accounting standards subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the annual statement of accounts; and
- Prepare the annual statement of accounts on a going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to assume the charity will continue its operations.

The Trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records, which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the Charity and are responsible for safeguarding its assets and hence taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Review of Activity of the Charity

The Group currently has an active Beaver Scout Colony, Cub Scout Pack, Sea Scout Troop and Explorer Sea Scout Unit. Key details of each Section are as follows:

- The Squirrels section is for boys and girls aged 4 to 6 years. The Colony meets once a week and as at 31st March 2024 it had 15 members (2023: 10 prospective members in pilot.)
- The Beaver Scout Colony is for boys and girls aged 5¾ to 8 years. The Colony meets once a week and as at 31st March 2024 had 27 members (2023: 26 members).
- The Cub Scout Pack is for boys and girls aged 8 to 10½ years. The Pack meets once a week and as at 31st March 2024 had 48 members (2023: 48 members).
- The Sea Scout Troop is for boys and girls aged 10½ to 14½. The Troop meets once a week and as at 31st March 2024 had 56 members (2023: 54 members)
- The Explorer Sea Scout Unit is for boys and girls aged 14½ to 18. The Unit meets once a week and as at 31st March 2024 had 28 members (2023: 21 members)

It is noted that the Group is near capacity meaning that space for future expansion is limited. All Sections have continued to work in accordance with the progressive training scheme as laid down by the Scout Association. The Group has continued to operate a Royal Yachting Association recognised teaching establishment based at the Water Activities Centre and operated jointly with Ajax Sea Scouts. The Group's adult volunteers include a number of RYA, British Rowing and British Canoeing Coaches.

The Group is one of just 103 Sea Scout groups recognised by the Royal Navy. This prestigious and beneficial recognition requires a rigorous regular inspection.

Reserves

The Trustees have adopted a formal policy on reserves, which is reflected in these accounts. The policy provides that reserves be maintained at a level which has regard to:

- The risks associated with each stream of income and expenditure varying from that budgeted
- The planned activity level
- The Group's commitments
- The need for adequate readily realisable resources to meet the Group's commitments for the coming twelve month period.



Readily realisable resources are defined as the balances at the bank less net current liabilities and the balances on restricted funds. The level of reserves available at 31st March 2024 under the policy is:

1. **General Reserves. - £25,000.**
2. **Designated reserves;** These are funds that are held to allow the Group to replace/part replace key assets in the event of damage or loss. The Trustees believe these assets are key to running the Group. If utilized, the funds should be replaced as soon as possible.
 - 2.1. **Buildings - £5,000**
 - 2.2. **Boats - £5,000**
 - 2.3. **Equipment - £5,000**
 - 2.4. **Minibus - £10,000.** This increase represents the material uncertainty around the impact of London's ULEZ implementation.
3. **Specific Reserves:** There are funds to support major projects which have been agreed but not yet fully implemented.
 - 3.1. **Water Activities Centre Development - £25,000**
4. **Unspent Grants; £907.82** This is funds given for a restricted or designated purpose and not yet utilised.

Investment Policy: In the event that the Group has monies that are in excess of that required to meet day to day expenditure and pending major expenditure the Treasurer has the authorization to place them on a term deposit subject to the following restrictions: The deposit to be held with a UK based bank authorized by the Prudential Regulation Authority and regulated by the Financial Conduct Authority, the maximum term is 12 months & the total amount is not expected to be more than 50% of Reserves. In the event that the Group has additional monies scheduled for a pending future asset purchase a suitable deposit based on anticipated timescale may be made with the prior agreement of the Executive Committee. Non cash deposits or investments are not permitted.

Governance: The Group's governing documents are those of the Scout Association. They consist of a Royal Charter, The By-Laws of the Association and The Policy, Organisation and Rules (POR) of The Scout Association. The Group is a Trust established under rules, which are common to all Scout Groups. The Trustees are appointed in accordance with POR.

The Group is managed by an Executive Committee made up of all the charity's trustees. As charity trustees, they are responsible for complying with legislation applicable to charities. This includes the registration, keeping of proper accounts and making of appropriate returns to the Charity Commission. The Groups Executive Committee consists of independent representatives comprising Chairman, Treasurer, Secretary and parent representatives together with the Leaders of each Section and certain specialists. The Committee normally meets every two months.

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

- The maintenance of Group property
- The raising of funds and the administration of the Group finance
- The insurance of persons, property and equipment
- Group public occasions
- Assisting in the recruitment of leaders and other adult support

Risk Assessment: The Committee has identified the major risks to which they believe the Group is exposed. These have been reviewed and systems established to mitigate their effects as follows:

- **Damage to buildings. and equipment:** The Group would request the use of buildings and equipment from neighbouring organisations. The Group has sufficient buildings and contents insurance in place to militate against permanent loss.
- **Injury to leaders, members and helpers:** The leaders and members, through the capitation fees, contribute to the Scout Association's national accident insurance policy. Helpers are covered under a separate accident insurance policy, which the Group purchases annually. Risk Assessments are undertaken before all activities.



- **Reduced income from fund raising:** The Group is primarily reliant upon income from subscriptions and fund raising. The Group does hold a reserve to ensure the continuity of activities should there be a major reduction in income. The Committee could increase the level of subscriptions to increase the income to the Group either temporarily or permanently.
- **Reduction or loss of members:** The Group provides activities for young people aged 5¾ to 18. If there were a reduction in membership of a particular section or of the group as a whole then there would have to be a contraction, consolidation or closure of a section, or in the worst case scenario, the complete closure of the Group.

The Group requires two signatories for all cheque payments to provide reasonable assurance against material mismanagement or loss of money and holds comprehensive insurance policies to ensure that insurable risks are covered. An exception is where the Executive Committee has authorised the Group Treasurer to make payments up to a pre-agreed limit via the Group's Bank internet system.

Group Objectives: The aim of the 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 community. The method of achieving this aim is by providing an enjoyable and attractive scheme of progressive training, based on the Scout Promise and Law and guided by trained adult leadership.

Public Benefit: The Group actively delivers 'Every Child Matters' outcomes:

Be Healthy – We provide access to exercise. This is particularly important for those young people who do not enjoy conventional sport.

Stay Safe – We offer the chance to undertake adventurous activities within a risk assessed framework

Enjoy and Achieve – We provide an enjoyable learning experience for young people.

Make a Positive Contribution – We offer the opportunity for young people to support and lead others. We also offer the opportunity to obtain nationally recognised qualification in personal skills such as sailing and canoeing and we can help them gain coaching qualifications. Most young people who belong to the Group also undertake some form of community service during the course of their membership.

Although a small subscription is charged for membership, this covers no more than the immediate running costs of the Group does not unduly restrict membership. The Group follows the practice that no one should be excluded because of their inability to pay membership subscriptions or fees charged for camps or outings. The Group endeavours to obtain bursaries and/or grants for those who could not otherwise afford to take part.

Two key principles demonstrating that Scouting's aims are for the public benefit are that through the Scout method young people develop toward their full potential and that there is a clear link between the benefits for young people and the purpose of Scouting. The safety of young people is taken very seriously and the benefits Scouting activities provide far outweigh the risks. Any private benefits from Scouting are incidental, other than those as a beneficiary.



Explorer Scouts learning skills and teamwork raining with the RNLI



Group Chairman's Report

Every time I sit down to write a few words for the Annual Report, it's so encouraging to reflect on the fact that each and every year, our incredible group just goes from strength to strength.

At the time of writing for last year's report, our Squirrel section was in it's infancy; Warspite being among the first groups to set up such a section.

A year later and, under the amazing leadership of Tracy and her team, Squirrels is a thriving section – a real success story – so well done to everyone involved and thanks for the parental support, which is essential for the effective running of the meetings and activities.

All of our sections are running close to record levels of membership which is great to see but these numbers mean that there is always a challenge for adequate levels of volunteer leadership. We are extremely grateful for the dedication of the adults and young people who give their time to ensure the sections run so smoothly.

The improvements to the premises continued through the last 12 months with the HQ ceiling being replaced and, at the WAC, the new storage compound and significant remedial works to the roof.

These improvements all come at a price and would not have been possible were it not for the efficiency of the handling of the group's finances over many years.

The "main man" responsible for this was our Group Treasurer, Malcolm Hunt who, after many years of incredible service has stepped down from the role. Suffice to say that, during his tenure, he transformed the group's financial position to the point where major capital projects were possible, and our boat fleet could be continuously enhanced and improved.

As we thank Malcolm for his outstanding contribution and wish him well as he "puts his feet up", we welcome long-time friend of the group, Gary Seeley, into the role.

Gary brings skills from his career in finance and has already put his own stamp on the role.

Also leaving the Board of Trustees was Heather Smith, who has served, brilliantly, as our Group Secretary for many years.

Thank you to Heather for doing such a great job and thanks, also, to Kirsty Watson who has agreed to take on the role, going forward.

We really are fortunate to have such great people continuing to step forward when roles become vacant, ensuring we maintain a brilliant team to support an amazing group.

Graham Nash
Group Chairman



Group Scout Leader's Report

The year from 2023 to 2024 has been one of the most fundamentally important years for the Group in a long while, with several major projects taking a huge leap forward.

- Our Squirrel Section for 4 to 6 year olds has been established for a full year, building incredible adventures and welcoming an entire new section into the Group family. You will read about these more elsewhere, but my massive thanks to Tracy, Egg, Derek and the growing team who provide amazing experiences for our youngest Scouts. In particular it has been awesome to see the first groupings move up to our Beaver Colony.
- There have been major steps forward at the Cunliffe Road, Warspite HQ; not least of which is that after just 60 years it now has an official address! Once again, elsewhere you will find more about the massive improvements made to the HQ this year. My massive thanks to Peter Morton, Ian Webber, Graham Nash, Paul Henry and Gary Seeley for their work on this.
- At our Water Activity Centre, there has been two incredible milestones. Working in conjunction with our partners from Ajax Sea Scouts we have made incredible steps forward. These have included the signing of an updated and modernised lease and the creation of a new storage compound, as well as huge improvements to the public area of the trailer park. My huge thanks to Andrew Roberts, Andrew Davison, Ian Smalley and Dave White for their work on these projects.

Above and beyond these key milestones, it is important to reflect on the "normal" year. Our mission from the Scout Association is to "actively engage and support young people in their personal development, empowering them to make a positive contribution to society."

We have sailed, rowed, scuba dived, bowled, camped, hiked, canoed, won, lost, visited the library, visited a naval base, cooked marshmallows, eaten roast dinners, caved, climbed, cratestacked, swum, kayaked, powerboated, been to the Netherlands, had our Dutch sister group visit, paddle boarded, met new friends and had fun with old ones, visited the RNLI, boated on the Thames, in Chichester Harbour, in Docklands, on the Stour and in Christchurch Harbour. We have had all 5 sections afloat, from Squirrels to Explorers and been able to get those in wheelchairs onto the Thames with our Wheelyboat.

Within this "normal" year, we had some really stand out moments:

- We had a fantastic visit from our Dutch sister Group, Karel Doorman in April. This included some great opportunities for young people from both Groups to get together with boating, hikes and wide games.
- At the National Sea Scout Regatta, the team took part in 13 of the 15 finals and won 11 trophies, including three age group wins and the overall trophy.
- We were able to both take part in and provide training for a range of Royal Navy Recognised Sea Scouts. Working with our friends from Ajax Sea Scouts we were able to provide rowing and VHF training, whilst we benefitted from a number of our volunteers taking the first step towards being qualified Powerboat Instructors. Like many of our other activities, this is a great example of when we are stronger working with others.
- In November, a group of Explorers and leaders visited Karel Doorman in Bergen Op Zoom, in the southern Netherlands. This trip showed both the maturity of our oldest Explorers and the depth of the cross border relationship with Karel Doorman. It was fantastic to be able to prepare for our 2024 trip from the town square!

None of this would be possible without an amazing and varied team of volunteers - including those over and under 18,



Developing the Water Activity Centre

Since the 1930s, Warspite has based its boating on the Thames at Thames Ditton, originally from the Metropolitan Water Board's Water Works site, but since 1979 at our present location at City Wharf, alongside our fantastic colleagues from Ajax Sea Scouts.

The lease for the site is jointly to the two groups from Elmbridge Borough Council. Spearheaded by Andrew Roberts, a trustee at Ajax, we have been in discussion with the council about modernising and improving our lease over the last few years.

This came to a conclusion in early 2024, when the Groups signed a new lease which not only updated the provisions but also increased the land leased to the groups on both the river side and space to create a storage compound in the Trailer Park.



Before and After



The creation of the storage compound and the improvements to the trailer park will make a massive difference to the work of the two groups. This brings a number of pieces of equipment onsite which will reduce the risk to them as well as the many hours of volunteer time which was formally required to collect them from storage. It will also mean that the space around the Water Activity Centre is more usable and safer.

The resurfacing work was undertaken by a volunteer team drawn from both groups. When combined with work done on the building roof this winter, this makes a massive step forward in providing both groups with excellent facilities and shows the enormous benefit that both groups gain from working together.



Behind this endeavour is the generosity of many. This has included the Gosling Foundation who have given generously to enable the project, Stone Rowe Brewer for legal support on the lease, Duane Morris for legal support on the intergroup agreement, Elmbridge Estates team for both their professionalism and their dedication to improving the borough, Ringway and Eurasia Surfacing for their help with the materials resurfacing and the residents of Ditton Reach for their amazing support in helping us to achieve this; as well as all the volunteers who gave generously of their time and enthusiasm to complete the works.



Squirrel Scout Section Report

23/24 was a fun packed year for squirrels, we met new friends and said goodbye to others as they moved onto beavers, one having achieved their acorn award (the highest award a squirrel can earn).

We are a family friendly unit with parents / carers attending with their squirrels and getting stuck into the activities ensuring their squirrel gets the best they can from the session. We have had stories, craft and games aplenty with many badges earned. We even had a go at one of the special scout Disney badges this year where the squirrels became young Jedi for a couple of weeks, learning about teamwork. And I was a very proud leader when the squirrels attended the annual Poppy service for the first time.

We haven't just confined ourselves to HQ either we have been out and about a fair bit too; litter picking, teddy bears picnic, going to the library and lots of walks, Our Christmas lights walk was a fun way for our youngest members to experience an age appropriate night hike. We've had visits from a policeman, a paramedic and a beekeeper which have all been great fun and provided lots of hands on experiences for the children.

Squirrels is a real team effort and this was demonstrated even more so during the summer term when ill health caused me to miss most of it. Fox (Egg), Derek (Baghera), Rabbit (Linda), Kingfisher (Daniel) the young leaders and the brilliant parents and carers carried on and made sure the squirrels continued to have a great program. I couldn't do it without them.

Tracy (Lead volunteer for squirrels)



Beaver Scout Section Report

Beavers have certainly been busy during 2023/24 ! The year started excitingly with our first proper Sleepover away (post-Covid) at Boidier Hurst camp site, where Beavers were introduced to a wide range of Scouting skills, and a great time was had by all, despite the somewhat inclement weather . At least we managed to toast marshmallows and practice our campfire singing in an authentic rural setting before the heavens opened !

And we've since taken the opportunity to get outdoors whenever we can from a Hogsmill 'Hike', scavenger hunt at Horton LNR, to rounders and puzzle challenges in the park, and a pond dip/bug sweep to survey some local wildlife. Beavers have also had opportunities to get out on the river in various craft, to experience some of what being a Sea Scout is all about !

Many badges have been earned on a variety of topics from Global Issues, Builder , Navigator, Space and Disability Awareness, and we also met with fellow local Colonies to learn about Emergency Aid,

and to walk the Lizard Trail on Headley Heath; thankfully this year the weather was kind to us !

We have celebrated events from far and wide, expanding our knowledge of Wimbledon Tennis, Burns Night, Lunar and Persian New Years and their various customs. And Beavers stood proud and respectful, to take part in the Group's Remembrance Day Parade at HQ in November.

Beavers made new Friends , had great Fun along the way, always attempting to Do their best, and uphold their Beaver Promise. We have worked hard to get our badge work back on track, and are proud to have awarded 6 well-deserved Chief Scout Bronze during the year.

As always we are hugely grateful to all Adults and Young Leaders who have made it all possible...

**Linda Grant (Rabbit)
Beaver Scout Leader**





Cub Scout Section Report

What an amazing year the pack has had.

Camps

It is always great to go back to Elstead, it always feels like home for us for the week long camp. The weather could have been nicer to us with a wet first day setting up in the rain but as ever with the help of all the parents and carers we were all set up in record time ready to start our week. It did not stop us!

We made dens, built catapults, played wide games, went canoeing and kayaking, went swimming, hiking and made pizza. We tied knots, made memories to last a lifetime, challenged ourselves and generally had a fantastic time. Many new friendships were established, badges gained and skills acquired. A very successful week.

Our activity weekend saw us at Walton Firs campsite. A weekend full of activities such as crate stacking, caving, bouldering, team activities and of course a campfire.

Winter weekend, for the older Cubs, took place at Boidier Hurst. With the Cubs cooking for themselves, taking part in wide games, camp fires, craft and much more.

Our March sleepover for newer cubs was based at H.Q with a trip to the trampoline park on the Friday night, a sleepover at H.Q followed by a morning of activities such as fire lighting, finding our way through the maze and indoor archery. It is a great introduction to camping with War-spire.

Badges and awards

Over the year we have worked on our astronomer, money skills, gardener, scientist and digital maker badge to name just a few. The Cubs have also worked hard at their 'badges at home' which include home help, sports enthusiast, martial arts and snowsports. In all we have gained over 400 badges. The highlight of these is the 7 Chief Scout Silver awards, the highest award a cub can gain.



Other activities throughout the year include, hikes around the local area, an indoor campfire with campfire songs and hot dogs, craft evenings, Cub water activities day and much much more. We had a really good turnout at our Remembrance parade where a number of our Cubs took part with readings and prayers. We were all very proud of how smart and respectful they all were.

None of this could happen without a number of dedicated volunteers, young and adult leaders and parents. Thank you to everyone who has made this a year to remember.

Claire Hunt (Akela)
Cub Scout Leader

Scout Section Report

2023/24 saw the Scout Troop involved in a huge variety of activities both as part of our regular weekly musters and beyond this.

The 1st part of the year centred on the boating season and the Troop was active on the water. Regular musters included rowing, sailing, kayaking, canoeing, paddle-boarding and power boating.

As part of the season, we had 3 joint dinghy sailing weekends with Ajax Sea Scouts in Chichester Harbour, based at the Cobnor Activity Centre.

We also took part in the National Regatta, winning many trophies and the Great River Race, where the team won the Ritchie Richardson trophy for the most effort displayed by a junior crew.

The winter season at HQ was equally active with the ever enjoyed chip shop challenge, cooking, craft activities, skill building, communicator badge and work towards the global faith badge.

Above and beyond this there is a large element of fun and teamwork with challenges ranging from tyre chariots to catapult building.

During the refurbishment of the HQ in March, the Troop were "out and about", including learning skills at the Water Activity Centre and a night wide game in Oxshott Woods.

Of course, there can only be part of a Scout's year. Above the we had a wide variety of activities including a joint hike and boating with the Dutch Sea Scouts, visits to Teddington RNLI station, Scuba Diving and much more.

Summer Camp was in Bournemouth this year and included boating, exploring, beaches, climbing, archery, shooting, fires, cooking and even fencing. Special praise goes to the Scouts and leaders who coped with an 11th hour change of location after unseasonal weather led to our planned site being flooded.

All of these shows the resilience and talents of both our young people. A massive thanks to them all for a brilliant year of activities, challenge and fun.

As always, massive thanks go to our outstanding volunteer team for their commitment and enthusiasm.

Richard Hunt;
GSL / Acting Scout Leader





Explorer Scout Section Report

This last year has been busy for the Group and the Explorer Unit, really returning to normal Sea Scouting, post pandemic.

We kicked off the year in April with an activities focused Easter Camp, held at Broadstone Warren, assisted with a boating day for Wallington Network – an absolutely amazing groups of people with additional needs – and joined our sister group, Ajax, for a weekend of sailing at Cobnor.

May and June saw multiple boating sessions for the unit, both evenings and weekends, developing and progress their own skills and also supporting other sections and groups with the same.

July saw the return of the National Sea Scout Regatta with the Unit members winning several individual events with some of the unit had the opportunity to boat out of HMS Excellent.

A very warm August saw the unit return to the Norfolk Broads for their 1st 'proper' Summer Camp since 2019. We had an amazing week with the unit going on an overnight canoe expedition, dry slope tubing, bowling, fun fairs, disc golf, boating and volleyball competitions.

In September, the unit crewed 3 Home Counties Gig to honour the passing of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth 2nd in a memorial procession, which replaced the great River Race. All 3 crews rowed over 21 miles with in 4 hours on the tidal Thames... an amazing achievement! We also returned to Cobnor for a final sailing weekend.

October saw a return to our HQ for our Youth Led Winter and Spring Season which included a Winter Camp in Southwood Activity Centre in Tolworth, Chip Shop challenges, Halloween Party, Scuba diving, Xmas London landmark orienteering and an Easter Camp at Broadstone Warren. Our regular weekly musters also allowed us to award over 100 badges and awards to the Explorers.

After trying to condense our 22/23 season into the above I reflect in awe of 3 things:

1. Our Explorers, who continue to develop and challenge themselves week after week but more importantly give back to the unit and the wider Warspite group.
2. The Explorer Leadership team who volunteer their personal time to make all the above possible for the young people.
3. The Warspite Family, from the Exec team through to the occasional helper, everyone makes a massive contribution to the experiences available for both the young people and the volunteers alike.

Chris Bishop, Explorer Scout Leader



Explorer Scout Young Leader Section Report

Warspite's Young Leaders are a massive and key part of our volunteer team, and have been so for most of the history of Warspite.

These young people not only provide an incredibly high level of skills, they also act as role models and inspiration for our younger sections

Training for these young volunteers includes both the Scout Association's Young Leader Training scheme, which is delivered by a brilliant group of volunteers from across Epsom & Ewell Scout District, but also specialist skills training. This year saw 6 of our young leaders qualifying as British Canoeing Paddle-sports Instructors; as well as camping and outdoor skills.

Of course, like all volunteers, there are skills and abilities which are developed by these young people. Over their time as

young leaders they will develop confidence, leadership abilities, communication skills and the ability to be part of a multi generational team.

We are incredibly grateful for our Young Leaders.





Monday Maintenance

Whilst the new ceiling was supplied and fitted by a specialist contractor (Swiftsure Interior Solutions Ltd, who are highly recommended, by the way), the tender process and vetting of contractors was carried out by members of the regular maintenance team.

This small team, numbering 3 or 4 most weeks, effect running-repairs as required, as well as routine maintenance and, sometimes, larger improvements to the HQ.

Most recently, the larger works have included the removal of the old fitted cupboards at the back of the hall, replacing them with new ones which make better use of the space.

These will, ultimately, have more storage space above and, at the time of writing the first cupboard on the upper-level (which will be accessible from the landing) is under construction.

There is a never-ending list of odds and ends to do, with the building being so intensively used by such a large and active group.

Things break and need fixing, get grubby and need painting etc etc.

No specific skills are needed should you fancy helping out.

Weekly sessions start at 19:30 and, normally, run til about 21:30. Details from Graham or Richard.



Partnerships

Having strong partnerships is a key part of Warspite's strategy. Whilst we engage with a range of groups and organisations, there are some key ones we would wish to thank for their support.

Ajax Sea Scouts

As in previous years, our partnership with our sister group - 4th Thames Ditton (Ajax) Sea Scouts leads to great advantages for both groups. There are shared resources, shared events, a shared RYA centre and shared best practice.

The list of those from Ajax who have made a massive contribution to us is too long to name individually, but we thank them all for their support, under the leadership of Chris Callaghan-West, Group Scout Leader and with the support of Andy Davison, Chairman, Peter Wadsworth, Deputy GSL, Dan Callaghan-West, Beaver Scout Leader, Robert Elliott, Scout Section Leader, Diane Davison, retiring Scout Section Leader, Ruth Mortby, Cub Section Leader, Nick Barber, retiring Explorer Scout Section Leader and Jan Harley, Explorer Scout Leader.

Karel Doorman Sea Scouts, Bergen - Op - Zoom, Netherlands.

Our Dutch sister group is a great source of inspiration and strength to Warspite. We tremendously enjoyed their visit to us in the spring and our Explorer Scout and leader recce trip in November. We are looking forward to our camp in August.

Teddington RNLI

We are grateful for the support and time given by Teddington RNLI and have joint activities planned for the RNLI's 200th birthday.





One in Eight

As many of you will be aware, the group own a 35 ft Cornish Pilot Gig called One-In-Eight.

Named "Revenge 2" when purchased from Lyme Regis Gig Club by a couple of supporters of Warspite, it was then renamed One-In-Eight and gifted to the group.

The reason for the name is that one in eight men will get prostate cancer and the "senior" (to put it kindly!) crew that row the boat in The Great River Race, have raised money for Prostate Cancer UK in doing so.

One of the crew, Kevin Webber, has a terminal diagnosis of this terrible disease.



After 2 Great River Races, and a 50 mile row down the Thames, from Henley to Thames Ditton last summer, it has been decided to change the charity beneficiary.

Another of the crew, Peter Morton (one of the original buyers of the boat) has a daughter who, sadly, has been diagnosed with Multiple Sclerosis so it was decided to switch the fund-raising activity to the MS Society.

To this end, it was felt the boat should be re-painted in the colours of the chosen charity and this work took place over the winter.

At the time of writing, she is finished but still in the workshop at the WAC, whilst the river is in flood, hence there are no decent photos of the finished article.

Plans for the coming season include The Great River Race in September and another long-distance row on The Thames, this time a 100-mile relay, in July.

The "oldies" will do the first half from a tiny place in Oxfordshire called Bablock Hythe down to Henley, where they will hand over to an Explorer crew who will do the second half, finishing at the WAC.

Huge thanks to Gareth Thomas at Akzonobel for the large amount of primers and paints donated to the project!





Group Treasurer's Report and Adoption of the Accounts for the year ending 31st March 2024

It's been a strong year for the Group, with membership standing at 173 paying subs at the end of the financial year contributing to the Group's funds. The income from subs is used to fund central (Group) costs as well as provide monies for the sections. The central costs include maintenance, insurance, day to day running costs as well as the district capitation charge.

Various maintenance projects for our main hall and our water activity centre in Thames Ditton have taken place. This has obviously made an impact on our finances, but our income remains strong to cover these costs. One of the main projects has been the ceiling replacement to our hall. Many quotes were sought, with the final cost being £14,462. A lot of work has been carried out at the water activity centre with a large project now completed to create an enclosed trailer park area behind the main building. Much of this work has been carried out by our volunteers and financed by a £20K Gosling grant received by Ajax Sea Scout Group who we share the building with.

Our excellent water activity centre is very well used with our fleet of boats, canoes and associated equipment remaining well stocked. This is maintained by our team of dedicated volunteers who work throughout the year to ensure that everything is ready and safe to use. The cost of capital purchases of boats and related equipment is financed through central costs.

Insurance costs remain high, although we always look at the market when renewals are due. The insurances we hold cover our buildings, boats, minibus etc.

Training continues to be an essential part of our program of events throughout the year, mainly carried out by our excellent leadership team as well as recognised outside training facilities. This is mainly financed through central funding.

To offset our costs, we look at various ways to raise funds including the following:

The Group puts in an annual application to HMRC for a Gift Aid refund for all admissible subs and donation payments received. We have just received the sum of £6,822 for the year 2023/4 which will show in next year's accounts.

It has been a successful year for sourcing grants and donations as well as fundraising, with this year totalling at £20,414 in grants and donations and £7,017 in fundraising.

To further enhance our income, we hire out the hall to a few trusted groups giving us an income for the year 2023/4 of £3,410.

There have been many successful camps during the year which are always self-financing, although any additional equipment or replacement equipment, including tents, cooking equipment, storage etc. needed for the camps to function is financed centrally.

The success of the Group is down to the amazing team of volunteers, from the section leaders, young leaders, boat maintenance team, building maintenance team, kitchen crews at the camps, general helpers, parents' help and of course the support of our fantastic group of young people who turn up every week to enjoy scouting at its best and all the enormous benefits it gives.

Gary Seeley, Group Treasurer





**CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES**

**Independent examiner's
report on the accounts**

Section A Independent Examiner's Report

**Report to the trustees/
members of**

Charity Name
1st Cuddington (Warspite) Sea Scout Group

**On accounts for the year
ended**

31 March 2024 **Charity no
(if any)** 305711

Set out on pages

24 to 35
(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended **31/03/2023**.

**Responsibilities and
basis of report**

As the charity trustees of the Trust, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act").

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

**Independent
examiner's statement**

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention (~~other than that disclosed below~~) in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act or
- the accounts do not accord with the accounting records

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

** Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.*

Signed: 

Date: 03/03/2024

Name: Derek H Lane

**Relevant professional
qualification(s) or body
(if any):**

FCA

Address: 30 Willowbank Gardens
Tadworth, Surrey
KT20 5DS



1st Cuddington (Warspite) Sea Scout Group
Accounts for the year ended 31 March 2024

The Group is a trust established under rules which are common to all Scout Groups.

The Trustees are appointed in accordance with the Policy, Organisation and Rules of The Scout Association.

Accounts for the year ended 31 March 2024
Receipts and Payments Account Summary
for the year ended 31 March 2024

	<u>Year to 31st March 2024</u>	<u>Year to 31st March 2023</u>
Total Receipts for the Year	£124,970	£106498.00
Total Payments for the Year	£153,571	£113595.00
Net Receipts (Payments) for the Year	-£28,601	-£7097.00
Cash, Bank and Similar Funds brought forward	£158239.85	£165338.00
Cash, Bank and Similar Funds carried forward	£129,638.58	£158239.85

The above account and accompanying statement of assets and liabilities were approved by the Trustees on the 28th August 2024 and signed on their behalf by:

Group Chairman:

Graham Nash

Group Treasurer:

Gary Seeley

Group Scout Leader

Richard Hunt



Receipts for the year ended 31 March 2024

	<u>Year to 31st March 2024</u>	<u>Year to 31st March 2023</u>
Subscriptions	£29,081.50	£23,311
Investment Income		
Bank	£2,370.09	£559
Donations/Grants		
Various	£20,415	£7,183
Premises Redevelopment	-	-
Activities		
Group	£1,357	£15,170
Squirrels	£1,826	£0
Beaver Scouts	£1,577	£126
Cub Scouts	-	-
Scouts	£656	£123
Explorers	£2,969	£459
Cobnor	£4,290	£1,620
Camps	£29,355	£24,032
Fund Raising Activities		
Fund Raising - various	£7,017	£9,669
Sundry Receipts		
Hall Hire	£3,410	£6,940
Minibus Use	£100	£100
Gift Aid/Covenants	£5,946	£6,635
Uniform Sales	£5,760	£1,863
Training	£3,751	£3,000
Asset Sales	£1,450	£3,600
Sundry Income	£3,640	£2,108
Total Receipts	£124,970	£106,498

Payments for the year ended 31 March 2024

Year to 31st March 2024

Year to 31st March 2023

Capitation to District	£8,308	£6,426
Subscriptions	£98	-

Premises & Facilities Costs

Rent and Rates	£642	£360
Light and Heat	£4,410	£4,936
Telephone & Broadband	£705	£625
Insurance-Property	£3,388	£2,415
Insurance-Boats	£3,785	£3,474
Repairs-Premises	£6,297	£738
Boat Maintenance	£13,649	£12,402
Hall Ceiling Replacement	£14,462	-

Activities

Group (No. 3 Account)	£261	£13,773
Group - Fund Raising	£3,787	£4,417
Squirrels	£2,204	-
Beaver Scouts	£1,020	£533
Cub Scouts	£361	£373
Scouts	£380	£1,151
Explorers	£3,166	£727
Cobnor	£6,440	£2,460
Camps	£27,587	£21,307

Administration Expenses

Admin/General expenses	£656	£472
Bank charges	£191	£435

Purchase of Capital Equipment

Equipment	£8,877	£5,199
Boats	£10,633	£12,723
WAC Redevelopemnt	£3,647	£839
Minibus	-	-

Sundry Payments

Training	£7,454	£2,288
Minibus Insurance	£825	£760
Minibus Expenses	£1,757	£2,473
Purchase of Uniform	£9,114	£3,707
Donations	-	£1,122
Insurance-Accident & Medical	£94	£94
Camping Gas	£914	£543
Wheely Bin	£600	£600
Asbestos Survery	-	£180
Sundry Expenses	£7,861	£6,044

Total Payments	£153,571	£113,595
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Assets & Liabilities as at 31 March 2024

	<u>Year to 31st March 2024</u>	<u>Year to 31st March 2023</u>
<u>Monetary Assets</u>		
Bank	£129,113.58	£157,714.85
Cash in Hand	£525.00	£525.00
Totals	£129,638.58	£158,239.85
<u>Debtors</u>		
Capitation overpayment	-	-
Totals	£0.00	£0.00
<u>Non-monetary Assets</u>		
Headquarters	£800,028.00	£714,311.00
Water Activities Centre(WAC)	£337,500.00	£300,000.00
Motor Vehicles	£0.00	£0.00
Boats & related equipment	£100,804.00	£97,124.00
Equipment, Furniture etc.	£46,437.60	£42,216.00
Totals	£1,284,769.60	£1,153,651.00
Overall Total	£1,414,408.18	£1,311,890.85

Notes:

The valuations of the "Non-monetary Assets" are based on their insured values except for the minibus.

The Group's headquarters, at Cunliffe Road, is freehold. No value is given for the land.

The Water Activities Centre is a ninety-nine year leasehold which commenced in 1979.

During 2024 the lease was surrendered and regranted to update both terms and scope of land held, but with no change to the end date.

Annual ground rent is currently £100, reviewable in 2028 and then every 5th year in line with the Retail Price Index.

The WAC property insurance was reviewed during 2024 and an appropriate level of cover applied..

The value of the minibus has been fully written off in our books but it is insured at its current market value.



Sectional Accounts for the year ended 31 March 2024

Squirrels

Receipts and Payments 2023/2024

Receipts		Payments	
Subscriptions	£0.00	Capitation	£0.00
Sundry income	£0.00	Sundries	£0.00
Uniform	£0.00	Uniform	£0.00
Camps	£0.00	Camps	£0.00
Activities	£0.00	Activities & Equipment	£2,204.01
Equipment	£0.00	Equipment	£0.00
Donations	£0.00	Admin Expenses	£0.00
Interest	£0.00	Transfer to Group	£0.00
Donations / Grants	£1,826.00	Charges	£0.00
	£1,826.00		£2,204.01

Beaver Scout Colony

Receipts and Payments 2023/2024

Receipts		Payments	
Subscriptions		Capitation	
Sundry	£828.58	Sundries	£828.58
Uniform		Uniform	
Camps	£140.00	Camps	£201.99
Activities & Equipment	£748.00	Activities & Equipment	£131.40
Donations		Admin Expenses	
Interest		Transfer to Group	
		Bank Charge	£60.00
	£1,716.58		£1,221.97
Balance at 1st April 2023	£1,691.43	Balance at 31st March 2024	£2,186.04

Cub Scout Pack

Receipts and Payments 2022/2023

Receipts		Payments	
Subscriptions		Capitation	
Camps	£10,642.41	Camps	£10,353.55
Activities		Activities	£300.55
Uniform		Uniform	
Training		Equipment	
Donations		Training	
Interest		Donations	
Sundry		Admin Expense	
		Sundry	
		Transfer to Group	
		Bank Charges	£60.00
	£10,642.41		£10,714.10
Balance at 1st April 2023	£7,808.04	Balance at 31st March 2024	£7,736.35

Squirrels are funded entirely through the main Group account and have no directly allocated monies.



Sectional Accounts for the year ended 31 March 2024

Sea Scout Troop

Receipts and Payments 2023/2024

Receipts		Payments	
Subscriptions		Capitation	
Activities		Activities	£319.97
Uniform	£56.00	Uniform	
Donations		Equipment & Boats	
Interest		Training	
Camps	£9,181.00	Camps	£7,682.92
Cobnor	£1,640.00	Cobnor	£2,220.00
Sundries	£600.00	Expenses	
		Group	
		Bank Charges	£60.00
	£11,477.00		£10,282.89
Balance at 1st April 2023	£5,607.69	Balance at 31st March 2024	£6,801.80

Explorers

Receipts and Payments 2022/2023

Receipts		Payments	
Subscriptions		Activities	£3,106.28
Activities	£2,879.00	Uniform	
Camps	£9,391.50	Camps	£9,349.00
Uniform		Admin Expenses	
Training	£90.00	Training	
Cobnor	£2,250.00	Cobnor	£1,860.00
Sundries		Sundry Expenses	
		Bank Charges	£60.00
	£14,610.50		£14,375.28
Balance at 1st April 2023	£2,611.53	Balance at 31st March 2024	£2,846.75



No. 3 Account

Receipts and Payments 2023/2024

Receipts		Payments	
Xmas Fair	£185.00	Capitation	£0.00
Sundry income	£1,026.61	Sundries	£261.03
Uniform	£5,725.92	Uniform	£4,012.94
Training	£156.00	Training	£800.00
Admin	£0.00	Activities & Equipment	£0.00
Fund Raising	£4,054.66	Fund Raising	£1,185.00
Grants	£5,220.00	Admin Expenses	£0.00
Training Pulling	£2,650.00	Transfer to Group	£14,500.00
Open Day	£330.07	Charges	£60.00
	£19,348.26		£20,818.97
Balance at 1st April 2023	£3,000.00	Balance at 31st March 2024	£1,529.29

Subs

Receipts		Payments	
Subscriptions	£29,081.50	Capitation	£0.00
Sundry	£0.00	Sundries	£98.00
Uniform	£0.00	Uniform	£0.00
Camps	£0.00	Camps	£0.00
Activities & Equipment	£0.00	Activities & Equipment	£0.00
Donations	£0.00	Admin Expenses	£0.00
Interest		Transfer to BMM	£28,800.00
		Bank Charge	£55.00
	£29,081.50		£28,953.00
Balance at 1st April 2023	£0.00	Balance at 31st March 2024	£128.50

**Receipts**

Credits	£3,640.05
Asset Sales	£1,450.00
Training	£945.18
Cobnor	£400.00
Uniform	£34.45
Minibus	£100.00
Hall Hire	£3,410.00
Fund Raising	£2,777.81
Grants / Donations	£17,020.61
Gift Aid	£5,945.65
Transfers	£92,500.00

£128,223.1

Balance at 1st April 2023**£560.29****Payments**

Squirrels	£2,204.01
Capitation	£8,308.25
Cobnor	£2,360.45
Charges	£75.73
Boat Insurance	£3,785.47
HQ and Wac Insurance	£3,387.66
Personnel Insurance	£94.00
Minibus Insurance	£824.53
Light / Heat	£4,409.66
Water Rates	£641.66
Broadband	£704.66
Minibus	£1,757.31
Equipment	£8,877.19
Boats	£10,632.91
Boat Maintenance	£13,648.81
Uniform	£5,100.62
Training	£6,653.63
Fund Raising	£2,601.90
Building Materials	£6,297.26
Hall Ceiling	£14,462.10
Calor Gas	£913.59
Wheely Bin WAC	£600.00
Stationery	£655.59
WAC Project	£3,646.72
Expenses	£7,861.43
Transfers	£17,000.00

£127,505.14

Balance at 31st March 2024**£1,278.89****Receipts****Uniform**

£5,725.92	No.3 Account
£34.45	Main Account

£5,760.37**Activities - Group**

£1,026.61	No.3 Sundry
£330.07	No. 3 Open Day

£1,356.68**Training**

£945.18	Main Account
£156.00	No.3 Account
£2,650.00	No. 3 Training Pulling

Fund Raising

£2,777.81
£4,054.66
£185.00

£7,017.47**Grants**

£15,194.61
£5,220.00
£20,414.61

Payments**Uniform**

£5,100.62	Main Account
£4,012.94	No.3 Account

£9,113.56**Training**

£6,653.63	Main
£800.00	No.3

£7,453.63



BANK/CASH 31 March 2024

	Group	Beavers	Cubs	Scouts	Explorers	Total
BANK	£109,542.64	£2,186.04	£7,736.35	£6,801.80	£2,846.75	£129,113.58
	£109,542.64	£2,186.04	£7,736.35	£6,801.80	£2,846.75	£129,113.58
CASH IN HAND	£525.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£525.00
Group cash balances	£110,067.64	£2,186.04	£7,736.35	£6,801.80	£2,846.75	£129,638.58

Note:

Reserves

In 2008 the Trustees decided to establish certain reserves to ensure that the Group had sufficient monies to cover the replacement or repair of certain assets.

The current reserves are as follows :-

Buildings -	£5,000.00
Boats -	£5,000.00
Equipment -	£5,000.00
Minibus -	£10,000.00
WAC Redevelopment	£25,000.00
General Reserves -	£25,000.00
Total-Reserves	£75,000.00

The Group's reserves have been reviewed and restructured to reflect the Group's current activities.

No further amounts have been added to reserves this year as the Trustees consider that the Reserves are appropriate based on the condition of the Group's assets.

All grant monies received have been spent on various projects including



Receipts analysis 2023/2024

	GROUP	SQUIRRELS	BEAVERS	CUBS	SCOUTS	EXPLORERS	TOTAL
Subscriptions	£29,081.50						£29,081.50
Capitation							£0.00
Bank Interest	£2,370.09						£2,370.09
Donations/grants	£20,414.60						£20,414.60
Activities:							
Group	£1,356.68						£1,356.68
Squirrels		£1,826.00					£1,826.00
Beavers			£1,576.58				£1,576.58
Cubs				-			£0.00
Scouts					£656.00		£656.00
Explorers						£2,969.00	£2,969.00
Cobnor	£400.00				£1,640.00	£2,250.00	£4,290.00
Camps			£140.00	£10,642.41	£9,181.00	£9,391.50	£29,354.91
Fundraising	£7,017.47						£7,017.47
Hall Hire	£3,410.00						£3,410.00
Minibus Use	£100.00						£100.00
Gift Aid	£5,945.65						£5,945.65
Uniform Sales	£5,760.37						£5,760.37
Training	£3,751.18						£3,751.18
Asset Sales	£1,450.00						£1,450.00
Sundry Income	£3,640.05						£3,640.05
	£84,697.59	£1,826.00	£1,716.58	£10,642.41	£11,477.00	£14,610.50	£124,970.08

Note:

Subscriptions for all Sections are collected by Group. After the payment of capitation all surplus subscriptions have been taken by Group towards central costs.

The Group funds part of its asset purchases and adult training through grants. The major grant providers this year were:-

Surrey County Scouts	£1,850.00	Adult Training
Surrey County Council	£1,826.00	Squirrels
Ewell Rotary	£750.00	Support Grant
Local Giving	£500.00	Paddles
RN Sea Scouts	£3,120.00	Adult Training
RN Sea Scouts	£2,100.00	Adult Training
Charity Trust	£875.00	Unrestricted Grant
Legacy	£10,000.00	Rob Foote Estate

Group activities include all activities that are not particularly Section orientated as well as those that include external participants such as training courses. Any surpluses of income over expenditure is taken into Warspite's main accounts to contribute to the fixed assets and equipment required for these events.

During the year the Sections each undertook several camps ranging from a weekend to a full week.

Sundries include the refund of expenses or equipment purchased by the Group and repaid by third parties.

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Payments analysis 2023/2024

	GROUP	SQUIRRELS	BEAVERS	CUBS	SCOUTS	EXPLORERS	TOTAL
Capitation	£8,308.25						£8,308.25
Subscriptions	£98.00						£98.00
Water Rates	£641.66						£641.66
Light and Heat	£4,409.66						£4,409.66
Telephone & Broadband	£704.66						£704.66
HQ & Boathouse Insurance	£3,387.66						£3,387.66
Boats Insurance	£3,785.47						£3,785.47
Premises Maintenance - Hall	£6,297.26						£6,297.26
Boat Maintenance	£13,648.81						£13,648.81
Hall Ceiling Replacement	£14,462.10						£14,462.10
Activities:							
Group	£261.03						£261.03
Group - Fund Raising	£3,786.90						£3,786.90
Squirrels		£2,204.01					£2,204.01
Beavers			£1,019.98				£1,019.98
Cubs				£360.55			£360.55
Scouts					£379.97		£379.97
Explorers						£3,166.28	£3,166.28
Cobnor	£2,360.45				£2,220.00	£1,860.00	£6,440.45
Camps			£201.99	£10,353.55	£7,682.92	£9,349.00	£27,587.46
Admin Expenses	£655.59						£655.59
Bank Charges	£190.73						£190.73
Capital purchases							
Equipment	£8,877.19						£8,877.19
Boats & related equipment	£10,632.91						£10,632.91
WAC Redevelopment	£3,646.72						£3,646.72
Minibus & equipment	£0.00						£0.00
Training	£7,453.63						£7,453.63
Minibus Insurance	£824.53						£824.53
Minibus Expenses	£1,757.31						£1,757.31
Uniform	£9,113.56						£9,113.56
AGM/RN Expenses	£0.00						£0.00
Insurance-Accident & Medical	£94.00						£94.00
Camping gas	£913.59						£913.59
Wheely Bin	£600.00						£600.00
Sundry Expenses	£7,861.43						£7,861.43
	£114,773.10	£2,204.01	£1,221.97	£10,714.10	£10,282.89	£14,375.28	£153,571.35



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