



1st Billingshurst Scout Group & The Billingshurst Scouts & Guides Executive Management Committee

Annual Report and Financial Statement For the year ended 31st March 2024

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Our Aims and Purpose:

Scouts actively engage and support young people in their personal development, empowering them make a positive contribution to society. In partnership with adults, young people take part in fun indoor and outdoor activities. They learn by doing, by sharing in spiritual reflection and by taking responsibility. They make choices, undertake new and challenging activities, and they live their Scout Promise. Scouts'

Objectives and Activities:

The Group operates within a partnership agreement between Scouts and Guides to facilitate sharing of premises and equipment plus joint activities as appropriate.

As such the purpose of the Group is to make available full Scout and Guide programs for young people in the Billingshurst area in accordance with the Scout Association Policy Organisation and rules (POR) and the Girl Guiding UK POR.

As a member of the Scout Association the Scout Group shares its purpose of promoting the development of young people in achieving their full physical, intellectual, social, and spiritual potentials, as individuals, as responsible citizens and as members of their local, national, and international communities. The Scout Method provides an enjoyable and attractive scheme of progressive training, based on the Scout Promise and Law, which is guided by trained volunteer leaders.

As a member of Girl Guiding UK, the Guide Group shares its purpose of enabling girls and young women to fulfil their potential and to take an active and responsible role in society through its distinctive, stimulating, and enjoyable programme of activities delivered by trained volunteer leaders.

Group members meet regularly and enjoy a varied and structured programme of training, education and guided activities designed to meet this purpose. The Group welcomes members from all kinds of backgrounds. It is open to every boy, girl, young man, or woman, regardless of race, faith, or personal circumstance.

The trustees follow POR and Guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit. No trustee receives any financial reward other than recovery of necessary expenses.

Achievements and Performance

Another fantastic year of Scouting at 1st Billingshurst! We now have over 150 young people participating in a variety of activities, events, and camps organized by more than 25 dedicated adult volunteer leaders. Our group continues to operate 2 Beaver Colonies, 2 Cub Packs, and 2 Scout Troops every weekday except Thursdays.

As the village grows, we unfortunately face a substantial waiting list, with over 170 young people eager to join. This includes 36 waiting to join Beavers, 30 for Cubs, and 20 hoping to join Scouts. The remaining 86 are younger than Beaver age (6 years).

Our Lead Volunteer team, including myself, Monicka Frisby, and Stuart Sexton, regularly reaches out to the parents of those on the waiting list to explore the possibility of volunteering. This initiative has successfully brought Simon, Johnny, Heather, and Charlie into our team this year.

I hope you enjoy reading about the activities and achievements of each of our sections over the past year.
Zoë Jenkins

Group Lead Volunteer (Group Scout Leader) – 1st Billingshurst.
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Beavers: Cedars Report by Carrie Tucker

Cedars Beavers runs on a Tuesday evening 5.15pm - 6.30pm. As at the end of March 2024 we had 20 Beavers in the colony aged between 6 – 8 years.

Monicka Frisby stepped down as section leader in July 2023 and Cedars continues to be run by Carrie Tucker and Sharon Del Risco and Heather Ramiz who joined us in February 2024. We have no regular parent helper, but we have put a parent Rota in place which is working well. We have four young leaders Lucybelle Boswell, Jasmine Page, Evie Molla and Ben Simpson helping us out, Lucybelle and Jasmine took some time away to concentrate on their GCSEs but will join us again in September.

We have had another busy year at Cedars completing lots of badge work and getting outside as much as possible. We have got involved with the community with a visit to the Fire Station and a visit from the Police. We visited the residents in Osmond Court and had a lovely session singing Christmas carols with them. Other activities we have completed are pond dipping, cycling, campfire and wide games at Nowhurst Campsite.

We have also learnt all about Space, Diwali, Chinese New Year, Burns night, disabilities, first aid, money and health and fitness. We had a fun session at From the Ashes Forest School in Pulborough and the skills session where the Beavers got to iron and fold their scarves went down a storm. We also held a Halloween and Christmas party, Easter Egg hunt and Talk like a Pirate session.

We participated in the St George's Day Orienteering, Remembrance parade and Go Beavers which is always a fantastic day for the Beavers. They all embraced the activities and thoroughly enjoyed themselves. The Billingshurst show brought us the opportunity to get the Beavers painting in preparation for the carnival and some of the Beavers came and helped on the stall.

To finish the summer term, we went aboard the Supeta yacht in Shoreham which was a fantastic day and all the Bevers took a turn to steer the yacht.

We continue to hold 2 sleepovers a year during the Spring and Autumn terms. At our Autumn sleepover we completed lots of activities towards their challenge badges including twig rafts, leaf painting, soft mini hawks and archery, hike to the woods, den making and science experiments. The Beavers all helped to put up tents, cooked their own pitta pizzas and toasted marshmallows over the campfire and sang some campfire songs.

Between April 2023 and March 2024 5 Beavers were awarded their Chief Scout Bronze award. We have awarded 153 activity / stage badges and 47 Challenge badges. We plan our programme around the Beavers earning badges and ultimately towards earning their Chief Scout Bronze award.

Beavers: Oaklands Report by Tracey Parker Oaklands

Beavers have maintained membership of 20 for the past year. Most of the year April 23-March 24 under leadership of Nicky still, supported by Tracey, Laura and Angela, with Connor and Martha as young leaders.

Throughout the year the colony supported Group and County events: Go Beavers, the Billingshurst Show, Remembrance Parade, the Carol Service, as well as organising sleepovers in May and October, plus offering a varied programme to a lively group of 6–8-year-olds!

In the summer term we tried to get outdoors as much as possible. We held a sports evening with Wisborough Green Beavers, working towards the Health and Fitness Badge. We did problem solving, held a games night, went on a scavenger hunt and cycled at Jubilee Fields. Nala ran a Talent Show evening working towards the Creative Badge. Our end of term meeting was supposed to have been ice creams with Moo Scoops, but they unfortunately were unable to attend so we ran Nala Scoops instead! A fun and tasty evening.

At the start of the autumn term, we went for a hike around Wisborough Green – gave the Beavers a chance to walk in a different area. The evening ended at the swings! Border Force came to visit us giving us an interesting insight as to what happens behind the scenes at Gatwick Airport security. We went to the Beacon Hill Campsite near Horsham for an evening in their indoor caving system. A different adventurous activity and great fun was had by all. World Food Day fell on one of our meetings, so we devoted it to Biscuits! We did the Pawprint Biscuit Challenge Badge which included collecting as many biscuits as possible to take to a food bank. This was well supported by all members and in all the packets we gathered, over 700 biscuits were taken to the local food bank.

After half term we went to Hollywood Bowl in Crawley and as well as having an exciting evening we took part in the national scout bowling competition. Remembrance crafts, Disability Awareness, Diwali and Gingerbread finished off the term before our Christmas party evening.

The spring term saw us working on Experiment and Money Skills badges. We did our own Escape Room activity – luckily no-one had to be left 'locked in' the hut overnight – they all cracked the code to open the padlock. We ate pancakes, spent an evening playing games with different types of balls, celebrated World Book Day and took advantage of using the indoor tunnels built by Allan for the Scouts. We had hoped to have an outdoor meeting and campfire at Nowhurst but due to the extremely wet weather we finished the term with a campfire and toasting marshmallows round the fire pit at the HQ.

Throughout the year by joining in, being helpful, being friends and accepting challenges, Beavers gained 52 Challenge Badges, as well as a variety of Activity (127) and Staged Badges (22). We were also proud to have presented 7 Bronze Awards. These members then continued their scouting journey by swimming up to Cubs.

We are looking forward to another year of fun and friendship in Oaklands Beaver Colony.

Cubs: Dauxwood Report by Mark Tucker

Dauxwood Cubs have had a great year of strong numbers of Cubs and getting some names off the waiting

list whenever possible. There have been some brilliant activities, lots of learning of new life skills and our always enjoyable camps. As well as our Christmas Sleepover at the hut, the older cubs survived “Survival Camp” where sleeping under a structure made by the Cubs and all food cooked on open fires!

Our meetings have been varied and always outside when the Great British weather allowed. 2 fabulous hikes, outdoor cooking, green finger gardening, canoeing at Southwater were just a few personal favorites of mine but we have done/accomplished so much more. Litter picking, Remembrance Sunday, Christmas Carol service and the Billingshurst show were all fantastic events showing the community just what we are about and how professional we can be!

A cheeky trip to “Ninja Warrior” and “Clip and climb” were end of term treats for the kids where they didn’t have to listen to my boring stories.

In regard to accomplishments, 6 Chief Scout Silver Awards were handed out which is the highest award a Cub can receive. This really was the tip of the iceberg when 362 additional badges were well earned by all the Cub Scouts in total - a fantastic feat!

We are planning for an even better next year and the best team in the world (slightly biased) are going to ensure the Cubs continue to learn, push themselves and most importantly have fun.

Cubs: Parbrook Report by Sam Waters

Parbrook Cubs have enjoyed another fun year of activities and learning new skills.

We started the year with a camp at the Horsham District Campsite at Colgate. We had a team entered into the Supreme Box Kart Championships at Goodwood Racecourse; we even had an inter-District ace against Bury Cubs (which they won). This was a great day out which all the Cubs who took part loved.

We had a team entered the Supreme Box Kart Championships again this last weekend so maybe by the time of the AGM we might have had a rematch. This year we have our own Kart, kindly made by Matt over the last few months.

Almost all our Cubs attended the Remembrance Sunday Parade, then on the following Tuesday we continued the Parbrook Cubs tradition of inviting the Royal British Legion along to our meeting to help with counting the Poppy Appeal money for the Billingshurst area. We also very much enjoyed the Scout and Guide Christmas Carols at St Marys Church.

Just some of our activities we have done this year have included hikes, Archery, Shooting, Orienteering, a Scavenger Hunt round Billingshurst, Indoor Tunnelling and loads more to cover various bits of badge work.

We also won the best float in the Carnival Procession for the Billingshurst Show. The theme was “Our Colourful Countryside” and we had a mobile Cub camp with a tent on the roof of Akela’s car.

We are very proud leaders to have several of our Cubs achieve their Chief Scout Silver Award this year, this is the highest award that a Cub can gain. Well done to all our Cubs who have achieved their Chief Scout Silver Award this year.

Parbrook Cubs meet every Tuesday evening throughout School term time and currently have 30 Cubs.

Scouts: Arun Report by Stuart Sexton

We’ve had another strong and successful 12 month at Arun Troop since the last AGM.

Firstly, we’ve maintained our strong position in terms of numbers, and currently have 34 Scouts on the books, with an expectation of staying at around this figure for the coming year.

Our leadership team has been consolidated, and we have grown collectively allowing us to provide a rounded and expansive experience for the Scouts, with Stuart, Peter and Alex Morris forming the core of the leadership team. Alex Message has continued to join us regularly as an occasional helper (though has no desire to become any more than this), and Laura Parker has also continued to support evenings and events where requested. We have also seen some involvement with other adults with particular vocations in the community, who have allowed us to provide further variation in the programme. Stuart, Peter and Alex have all obtained Nights Away Permits, and Alex and Stuart have also obtained shooting qualifications.

Unfortunately, Alex Morris has chosen to step back at the end of the period – we would like to reiterate our thanks for the substantial contribution that he has made to Arun Scouts in the past few years. Fortunately, he has been replaced by Lucy Garrett, who has previous experience of running Arun Troop, and already has a camp permit and experience of being a Scout Leader so we are very pleased to welcome her. We are actively looking to recruit a fourth leader in the coming period. Last summer we had our second full week-long camp in succession – a fantastic week in Bannau Brycheiniog (the Brecon Beacons), at Dolygaer Scout Camp site. We managed to fit in some onsite activities, such as pioneering, backwoods cooking, stargazing and several campfires. We also squeezed in a trip to the Big Pit, two great hikes (including a hike to the top of Pen-Y-Fan for the most experienced Scouts), a trip on the Brecon Mountain Railway, canoeing, real caving and a trip to a local castle. Next year we will be off to Youlbury Scout Adventures site near Oxford.

In addition to this, we've managed to squeeze in a further five nights away events within the last 12 months – the Monopoly Run was attended by 30 Scouts with an overnight stay in the hut, a two-night Winter Camp at Small Dole near Henfield, another Petworth Park camp attended by 29 Scouts, where we met Tim Peake and expanded our Campfire to be a full Subcamp activity due to its previous popularity, a two day Autumn camp to the National Air Rifle Championships at Bisley for 12 Scouts (plus a few Explorers), and finally a set of overnight expeditions (some walking, some cycling) for 12 of our oldest Scouts unaccompanied (but supervised!) to Nowhurst Guide site.

Other events in the last 12 months (in addition to all the group activities) have included an all-day Cycle along the South Downs, several rifle shooting sessions, Halloween Hike, and the very challenging Downsman Hike (in which all three teams finished – a first for Arun Scouts).

Our Programme has been eclectic throughout the year, including Nordic braiding, woggle making, tent pitching, rafting, wide games, orienteering, cake baking & decorating, indoor caving, climbing, shooting, archery, fire lighting, assault course, crazy golf, tomahawks, world food tasting, bottle boats, microbits, den building, campfire cooking, first aid, crystal maze challenges and lots of hikes to cover just some of the activities which we have planned and carried out.

Finally in terms of badge progress, I am really pleased to be able to confirm that we have celebrated five Scouts achieving their Chief Scouts Gold Awards so far this year (our best number to date), with hopefully a couple more to come in the remainder of 2024!

Scouts: Downlands Report by Allan Brown

The start of the summer term 23 saw 14 Downlands scouts attended Petworth Park Camp 2023, which was an amazing weekend with lots of adventurous activities. Troop nights consisted of a troop forum, problem solving challenges, first aid, shooting, crossbow, tomahawk throwing, bike maintenance, orienteering, geocaching in Loxwood, athletics and rafting. The term ended with a BBQ and the launching of tennis balls from home-made Pringle cannons.

Other events this term also included a JOTT hike, which involved getting the train down to Pulborough and then hiking back to Billingshurst. Two of the older scouts took part in a canoe trip with overnight stay on the Medway with Plaistow Guides. We also had a summer camp at Mazegarden. Activities included a hike to Chichester marina, canoeing on the Chichester canal, mini golf and a trip to the RNLI lifeboat station at Selsey. It wouldn't have been a maze camp without the maze which everyone enjoyed playing in both in the daylight and at night.

Autumn term 23 consisted of a scavenger hunt, tomahawk throwing, indoor pioneering (making floating flag poles), rafting and cooking (rocky road and Mexican chicken). As well as a tabletop rally which involved using clues and grid references to plot routes on maps and a night hike near Loxwood to help practice map reading and navigation skills in preparation for the Halloween Hike. We had a fire and ice night, which involved a fire lighting challenge, curling using blocks of ice and ice cream making. During Parliament week we pretended we were in the House of Commons and held some lively debates on topics such as 'Children under 16 are restricted to 2 hours of gaming a day' and 'Limit households to 1 car'. We then voted on whether the new laws should be passed or not.

We planted hyacinth bulbs, checking them regularly and watering when needed. We then decorated the pots so that they could be given as Christmas presents to family or friends.

Our survivor challenge night was great fun with lots of determination and perseverance on display. This term some of the scouts took part in volunteering by helping with the car parking and de-tagging at the Barn Green Marathon. Two teams of scouts took part in the annual Halloween Hike working together to complete the challenges and navigate around the route. We also attended the Billingshurst Remembrance Parade and the Scout and Guide Carol Service.

Spring term 24 saw us start with a back-to-basics night focusing on rolling scarves and the flag, talking about the history of scouts and learning scout law and how to tie various knots. We then had a fitness night to kick-start our 6-week fitness challenge to go towards our Skills Challenge badge. We learnt camp skills, made pocket pizzas and pancakes, completed activities about fire safety, made Mother's Day cards and had fun in cardboard tunnels. We ended the term with an exciting science night.

During the term the older scouts started planning their expedition and several scouts took part in the district shooting and archery competition. 9 scouts took part in a drop hike which involved sleeping at the hut then waking early and being split into teams that were dropped off on the South Downs as the sun rose. They then had to work out where they were and plot their own route to the finish location. Both teams worked well and got to the finish location in really good time. 3 teams (14 scouts) also spent a day running around London taking part in the Scout and Guide Monopoly run which is always great fun.

1st Billingshurst Group Structure

The composition of the Scout Group encompasses Beaver Scouts, Cub Scouts and Scouts and the Guide Group encompasses Rainbows, Brownies, and Guides. Reliable performance in line with training programs are maintained and progress measured by the attainment of badges and awards.

Jointly we were able to work together for the benefit of our young people, with both **Petworth Park Camp weekend**, and **The Billingshurst Show and Carnival** being our main annual fundraising event, the proceeds of which are used for the benefit of our Group Scouts & Guides.

Financial Review:

1st Billingshurst Scout Group

Total receipts £40,823.39 - Total payments £35,660.68

This resulted in a net surplus of £5,182.71

Bank statements and accounts reconciled across the group at year end = £27,988.40

Billingshurst Scouts & guides joint group venture

Total receipts £18,833.21 - Total payments £17,131.82

This resulted in net surplus of £1,701.39

Bank Statement and accounts reconciled at year end = £15,405.18

The trustees have not identified any major risks to which they believe the Group is exposed, please see reserves policy.

Systems are reviewed on an on-going basis to mitigate adverse financial exposure.

The accounts are drawn up on the receipts and payments basis, which remains consistent with previous years.

Reserves Policy

It is the Scout & Guide Executive policy to maintain a balance equating to approximately 6 months' worth of payments as a contingency against any unforeseen situations.

Structure, Governance and Management

The Group is a trust established under rules, which are consistent with all other Scout and Guide Groups.

Trustees appointed in accordance with POR.

There are no funds held as custodian trustees on behalf of others

Reference and Administrative details

Charity Name: 1st Billingshurst Scout Group.
Registered Charity Number 305886 Address:

1st Billingshurst Scout Head Quarters
Lower Station Road
Billingshurst
RH14 9SU

Name	Office held (if any)	Dates of service (if not for full year)
Glyn Pullen	Charman	
Clare Collyer	Secretary	
Helen Pullen	Governance	
Sandra Duck	Treasurer	
Lucy Sexton	Assistant Treasurer	
Monicka Frisby	Assistant Treasurer	
Zoe Jenkins	Group Scout Leader	
Stuart Sexton	Trustee	

Approved by 1st Billingshurst Scout Group Trustees on: **16th September 2024**
and signed on their behalf by :

Glyn Pullen
Chairman



1st Billingshurst Scout Group Annual Summary Of Accounts 1st April 2023- 31st March 2024
Balance Sheet

1st April 2022 - 31st March 2023

1st April 2023 - 31st March 2024

Balance across the group b/fwd. £ 24,990.42 **Balance across the group B/F £ 22,825.69**

		Income	
Subs received (all sections)	£ 12,562.00	Subs received (all sections)	£ 12,551.50
Gift Aid	£ 1,316.88	Gift Aid	£ 3,048.08
Donations / Grants	£ 225.00	Donations / Grants	£ 2,793.00
Fundraising activities		Fund Raising	£ 1,200.00
Easy Fundraising	£ 233.20	Easy Fundraising	£ 92.91
Activities & Trips	£ 3,674.48	Activities & Trips	£ 3,554.50
Camps & Sleepovers	£ 12,256.06	Camps & Sleepovers	£ 14,950.00
Badge Receipts	£ 13.10	Badge Receipts	£ 34.40
Sundry Receipts	£ 815.43	Sundry Receipts	£ 2,062.50
Misc.	£ -	Misc.	£ -
Uniform	£ 25.20	Uniform	£ 536.50
Equipment Hire	£ 10.00	Equipment Hire	£ -
Total Income	£ 31,131.35	Total Income	£ 40,823.39

Gross Income including balance b/f £ 56,121.77 **Gross Income including balance b/fw £ 63,649.08**

		Expenditure	
Annual Membership (capitation) (2022)	£ 7,380.00	Annual Membership (capitation) (2023)	£ 8,816.00
Hut Levy	£ 720.00	Hut Levy	£ 720.00
Activities & Trips	£ 8,241.03	Activities & Trips	£ 6,950.74
Camping / Sleepovers	£ 11,735.41	Camping / Sleepovers	£ 12,592.43
Craft Materials	£ 349.02	Craft Materials	£ 568.88
Equipment	£ 1,311.94	Equipment	£ 1,653.92
Fund raising	£ 41.16	Fund Raising	£ 51.43
Donations and Gifts	£ 81.70	Donations and Gifts	£ 1,000.00
Uniform/ Scarves	£ 287.55	Uniform/ Scarves	£ 849.89
Training	£ 448.63	Training	£ 31.68
Badges	£ 1,469.90	Badges	£ 1,877.41
Sundry Payments	£ 970.84	Sundry Payments	£ 170.88
Website	£ 258.90	Website	£ 258.92
Gifts	£ -	Gifts	£ 118.50
Total Expenditure	£ 33,296.08	Total Expenditure	£ 35,660.68

Bank statements and accounts reconciled across the group £ 22,825.69 **Bank statements and accounts reconciled across the group £ 27,988.40**

Annual net surplus / deficit -£ 2,164.73 **Annual net surplus / deficit £ 5,162.71**

Bank Reconciliation	
Balance c/f	£ 27,988.40
Cheques not cashed	£ -
Income not paid into bank	£ -
Bank Reconciliation with all 7 Bank Accounts - Agreed 31.03.2023	£ 27,988.40

Income and Expenditure - Account Summary 1st April 2023 - 31st March 2024

1st April 2022 - 31st March 2023

1st April 2023 - 31st March 2024

	£ 15,221.20			£ 15,405.18
		INCOME		
Fund Raising			Fund Raising	
Fireworks - Refreshments (Int Jamboree)	£ -		Fireworks - refreshments	£ 187.28
Donations & Grants	£ -		Donations/Grants PC (Water Leak)	£ 1,500.00
Christmas Fayre	£ 94.50		Christmas Fayre	£ 179.60
Billingshurst Show 2022 income	£ 7,500.00		Billingshurst Show 2023 income	£ 8,000.00
Easy Fund raising	£ 232.20		Easy Fund raising	£ 253.60
Recycled Stamps	£ 88.88		Recycled Stamps	£ 66.75
Hire of Equipment	£ -		Hire of Equipment	£ -
Total Fundraising	£ 7,915.58		Total Fundraising	£ 10,187.23
Hire of Scout Hut	£ 1,430.00		Hire of Scout Hut	£ 1,210.00
Hut Levy	£ 1,285.00		Hut Levy	£ 1,080.00
Donations	£ 2,005.00		Donations	£ 6,050.00
Misc./Sundry	£ -		Misc./Sundry	£ 17.98
Uniform / Scarves	£ 356.00		Uniform / Scarves	£ 288.00
Total Income	£ 12,991.58		Total Income	£ 18,833.21
Gross Income including balance b/fwd	£ 28,212.78		Gross Income including balance b/fwd	£ 34,238.39
		EXPENDITURE		
Activity Costs			Activity Costs	
Fireworks	£ -		Fireworks	£ 37.00
Prizes for 50 Club	£ 65.00		Prizes for 50 club - (No longer operating)	£ -
Lottery Licence	£ 20.00		Lottery Licence	£ 20.00
Activities Total	£ 85.00		Activities Total	£ 57.00
Hut Costs			Hut Costs	
Cleaning	£ 954.16		Cleaning	£ 934.70
Electricity	£ 3,334.31		Electricity	£ 5,375.15
Equipment	£ 1,413.35		Equipment	£ 168.48
Buildings and Contents Ins	£ 1,223.74		Buildings and Contents Ins	£ 1,368.24
Personal Act Ins Non Members	£ 52.00		Personal Act Ins. Non Members	£ 52.00
Admin costs	£ 413.94		Admin costs	£ 174.30
Hut Repairs & Maintenance	£ 228.57		Maintenance, repairs and improvements	£ 6,131.06
Rates	£ 146.10		Rates	£ 75.27
Water Rates	£ 1,346.04		Water Rates	£ 1,393.84
Gas	£ 199.96		Gas	£ 190.00
Wi-Fi (MI-Fi system)	£ 187.46		Wi-Fi (MI-Fi system)	£ 209.11
Hut Expenses Total	£ 9,499.63		Hut Expenses Total	£ 16,072.15
General Expenses			General Expenses	
Sundries(Remembrance Wreaths)	£ 273.99		Misc / Sundries inc Rem Wreaths	£ 265.48
Transport (camps etc.)	£ 3.98		Health & Safety (First Aid Supplies)	£ -
Uniform / Scarves	£ 164.00		Uniform / Scarves	£ 737.19
Donations & Gifts	£ 1,600.00		Donations / Gifts	£ -
General Expenses Total	£ 2,041.97		General Expenses Total	£ 1,002.67
Hut Improvements	£ 1,181.00		Hut Improvements	£ -
Total Expenses	£ 12,807.60		Total Expenses	£ 17,131.82
Closing balance 31.03.2023 c/wd	£ 15,405.18		Closing balance 31.03.24	£ 17,106.57
Annual surplus / deficit	£ 183.98		Annual surplus / deficit	£ 1,701.39

Bank Reconciliation	
Balance c/f	£ 17,106.57
Payments not processed through bank	£ -
Receipts not processed through bank	£ -
Agreed - Agreed 31.03.24	£ 17,106.57

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of the

1st Billingshurst Scout Group

I report on the accounts of the Group/ for the year ended 31st March 2024

which comprise the Statement of Financial Activities, the Balance Sheet and related notes set out on pages.....

This report is made solely to the trustees in accordance with Section 145 of the Charities Act 2011. My work has been undertaken so that I might state to the charity's trustees those matters I am required to state to them in an Independent Examiner's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, I do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the charity and the charity's trustees for my examination work.

Respective responsibilities of Trustees and Examiner

The Group's/District's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. They consider that an audit is not required for this year (under Section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 (the Charities Act)) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- Examine the accounts (under Section 145 of the Charities Act);
- To follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners (under Section 145(5)(b) of the Charities 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 Commissioners. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the Group/District 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 (~~other than that disclosed below~~ *):

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 Charities Act ;and
 - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities 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.

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

Name: Susan Gatland.

Qualification: Treasurer, Billingshurst Family Church.

Address: 2 Fenches Mead, Billingshurst, RH14 9LF.

Date: 19/5/24.

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of the

Billingshurst Scouts & Guides Accounts (Fund Raising and Hut Maintenance Team)

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- 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 Commissioners. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the Group/District 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 (other than that disclosed below *):

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 Charities Act ;and
 - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities 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.

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

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