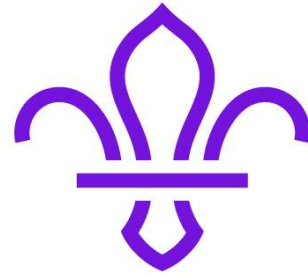


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**82nd Bristol
(St Bernadette)**

***We prepare young people with skills for
life.***

Parents and Friends Evening

Friday 19th July 2024

7:00 pm.

Leaders, Trustees Reports and Annual Statement of Accounts 2023/24

Available to download from our website: www.82ndscouts.org.uk

82nd Bristol Scout Group Vision Statement

***To be a valued community Scout Group where young people are empowered to shape
their Scouting experience and to have a Scout Group that every member is proud to be a
part of.***

***"We cannot always build the future for our youth, but we can
build our youth for the future".***

Chairman's Report 2024

April 2024

Dear Parent/Carer

Another year in scouting has whipped by and here we are at the end of another financial year. A year where the 82nd Bristol Scout Group has continued to flourish and our numbers are now back on par to those of the pre covid pandemic.



Firstly, I would like to thank all my fellow trustees on the Board of Trustees for all your hard work and dedication over another year within our Scout Group. Your time and input as always is greatly appreciated and most of the work goes unnoticed but invaluable in ensuring we as a Scout Group are compliant and available to support our Scout Leadership Team and maintain our Scout HQ to the high standard we have now come to expect and for which we are constantly praised for.

This last year we have fortunately been able to continue financially supporting and subsidising many of the events and activities over the year to ensure as many of our members as possible can take part in everything we have organised. We have agreed as a Board of Trustee that the level of support we have already given will continue throughout the 2024/25 years programme. However, we would ask that if any parent or carer would like to be considered for financial support so that their child(s) can attend as many events as possible to please contact our GVL (Jemma) directly. Any such request will be treated in the strictest confidence.

Safeguarding and the Safety of our young members has never been so important as it is at this time and as a BOT, we are dedicated to ensuring, we bring the best in Scouting to the forefront of the 82nd Bristol Scout Group.

We are pleased to see that most parents are now fully engaged in the OSM parent portal and trust that it has proven a wealth of information to all parents and carers in informing you of events and giving details not just about the extracurricular events but the weekly programme. In addition, it provides instance feed back to our leadership team on such things as attendance and sigh ups.

To all our leadership team, again, my sincere thanks for all your hard work and deaddiction in supporting, encouraging, and actively working with all young people in achieving a steady growth in all our sections to the point we are at maximum capacity without the inflex of more leaders and adults joining our group. During our annual parents evening we will be mentioning the introduction of a parent rota scheme for all parents to help out at section evenings.

They say that change is not only inevitable but crucial in the way we develop and grow. That is certainly the case as we embrace the national transformation that is currently being undertaken within The Scout Association. Having a firm and strong structure in place in both our BOT and Leadership Teams is essential for the continued growth of our Scout Group. The work you do is invaluable and as we progress into 2025, I wish you the best for all our future endeavours and that the BOT will be able to help and assist you whenever, wherever, and however that might be.



Steve Williams

Group Chair
82nd Bristol (St. Bernadette) Scout Group

GLV Report

This year has seen all sections earning a range of badges and carrying out all sorts of activities. From fire station visits to sports, not to mention cooking, games, and hikes. The Leadership Team have really packed it all in. The varied and action-packed programme is thanks to an AMAZING team of Leaders whom I have the pleasure of working alongside. What they do really does go ABOVE and BEYOND their volunteer roles with them spending HOURS and HOURS setting up, planning, and delivering such a high-quality programme which has led to the group remaining so popular and spaces in such high demand.

Over the past year, we have seen 555 badges earned across the 3 sections which is incredible. This year has also seen some brilliant joint nights, including bonfire night with a firework display, a Christmas trip to the cinema and an Easter party (complete with an Easter Egg hunt). All of the events were huge successes, and my thanks go to everyone that makes it possible!

We have gained 3 new members to our Leadership Team this year— Dylan and Niamh who were both previously Explorer Younger Leaders who so kindly stepped into adult roles when they turned 18 this year and Kayton who has joined the Cub Team. This takes our Leadership team numbers to 11 adult volunteers and 3 Young Leaders. Although we are on the lookout for additional helpers to boost our Leadership Team who continue to work tirelessly to ensure the group is such a success.

We have seen so many successes this year, many of which are being celebrated during our Annual Parents and Friends evening, but I wanted to take this opportunity to highlight a few:

Our Cirque de 82nd Summer camp saw over 50 members joined the circus for the day learning everything from hula hooping and juggling to feather balancing and unicycle riding. We cannot wait for our Disney themed Summer camp in August!



In March we saw the return of our PGL activity camp, which saw 15 members visit PGL Liddington for 5 action packed days. Cubs and Scouts took part in a range of activities, from climbing to zip wire, Jacob's ladder to axe throwing. We could not have been prouder of how the children that attending represented our group – getting stuck in with absolutely everything, behaving exceptionally and show such fantastic teamwork. Our huge thanks go to the Board of Trustees for their support financially to make the trip possible, it really is such an incredible experience for those that attend. We cannot wait to share details of PGL 2025 with you all soon.

As a group we attended the District Gang Show in February, which saw one of our very own Cubs – Jasmine Toto perform. We were so proud of you Jasmine; the show was great!

This year we supported Operation Christmas Hamper, not only collecting items as a whole group to donate but the Scout Troop also spent a day at the Rovers Ground helping count and sort everything ready to be packed into hampers and delivered. It really was such a fantastic cause to support and we hope to continue to do more work with them in the future.

This year also saw our very first Family Funday with 14 teams competing in a range of activities to earn points throughout the day. We were so pleased to have such a fantastic turn out with almost 70 people onsite at Glennywood for the event. It really was lovely to spend time with the families of our members sharing what we love most about Scouting – the adventure and the outdoors. We cannot wait to hold a similar event next year.



We were so incredibly proud of everyone who turned up to our first, group only Remembrance Day celebration which including a small parade from the Scout HQ to St Bernadette's Church. We were overwhelmed by how many parents and friends joined us both for the walk and for the short service so thank you.



In May we finally (no thanks to Covid) got to take our group trip to Brownsea Island, the location of the first ever Scout Camp in 1907. We had a great day exploring the Island and left our group neckerchief on their Scout Neckerchief display there which was a lovely moment. We are now looking forward to our final day trip of the year to Puzzlewood.



Looking to September we already have an action-packed year in store for next year with more camps and more activities to make 2025 equally action packed. We cannot wait to share the details with you all.

The success of the Scout Group this year has been thanks to the combined dedication and help of many people and therefore I would like to take this opportunity to personally thank several people. A big thank you goes to all of our

Leadership Team (Debbie, Clare, Tracey, Angela, Jess, Kayton, Dylan, Sam, Millie, Niamh, Darcey, Daniel and Archie)
You really are the reason for our success and without each of you our group would not be what it is today. I am so lucky to be the Group Lead Volunteer of the 82nd - it really is such a privileged to work with such a dedicated and incredible team. We are SO lucky to have you all.

Another big thank you goes to Steve (our chairman) for everything he does, which really is far, far, more than the role of a chairman. Thank you for being the glue that holds the group together and the HOURS and HOURS of work you do in the background that may go unseen but NEVER unappreciated.

For everyone's continuous support, dedication and help whether it be as a Leader, Young Leader, those that sit on our Board of Trustees, occasional helpers, Parents or Guardians I would like to thank you all for everything that you have done to make the 82nd such a success this year. Your help, no matter how small is ALWAYS greatly appreciated! I really do believe (and yes, I am biased) that our Group is the best – we really are one big family and that is why it is so easy to put in all the work and hours we do.



‘The heart of a volunteer is not measured in size but by the depth of the commitment to make a difference in the lives of others. We might make a living by what we do but we make a life by what we give. Volunteers are not unpaid because they are worthless but because they are priceless.’

Jemma Brown
Group Lead Volunteer

Beaver Colony Report



This year started with some outdoor visits, and we had great fun visiting St Bernadette Rugby club, who made us very welcome and the Beavers were all tired by the end of the session which saw them running, catching and chasing all night.

We had our first visit to Cannington Road Nature reserve where we went bug hunting and pond dipping. There were a few wet feet, but in the main we managed to stay dry. We did have a surprise find as there were terrapins in the

pond, this was reported on by the volunteers with us and these



were quickly collected and sent to a specialised rehoming centre.

We have had very steady numbers this year and in the main have remained at 20 Beaver scouts with the majority joining us weekly for our meetings, whether they have been at the hut or out and about.

The Beavers have worked on

lots of activity badges this year including cooks, health and fitness, Camp Craft, Explorer and experiment to name a few. All these have also added to the awarding of the challenge badges which go on further towards the Bronze Chief Scout Award.



We held a Sleepover at the beginning of March at the hut. Again there was a little surprise when we woke up on the Saturday morning as we had had a small amount of snow, which the Beavers were able to enjoy briefly before it all melted. For this we followed the Pawprint Camp Blanket programme for the Wallace and Gromit Challenge

We built Marble Runs, made our own lunch, used spirographs. There was some baking as we attempted some shortbread biscuits. We tried our hand at building towers out of marshmallows and dried spaghetti.

Everyone managed to sleep well, and everyone went home with the Wallace and Gromit Blanket badge.

Beavers also took part in a visit to St Bernadette church, where we were able to take a look around the church and also learn about Harvest and food banks. This was supported by our parents who provided food gifts for the children to give to the church on our visit. All donations were then distributed to those in need of this valuable service.

We have also tried our hands at Aboriginal art, inventing traps for Leprechauns as well as learning skills such as putting up tents, First Aid and cooking, all of which was working towards many badges and in some cases achieving the highest award in Beavers, the Bronze chief Scout award.

Our Summer Programme will hopefully see us have a visit by the local Police where the

Beavers will be able to get in a Police car and try on some of the equipment carried by the PCSO's and Police officers.

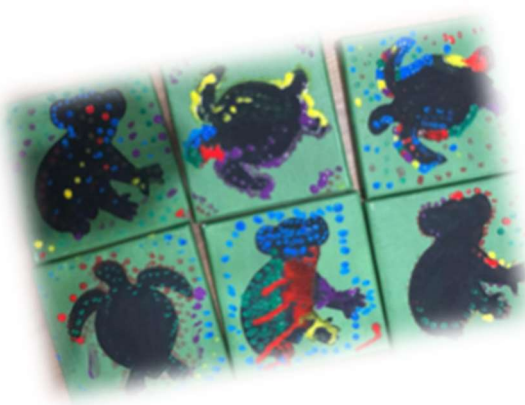
We have also booked a visit from the RNLI, which will cover some of the safety badge and all of the Water Safety Awareness activity Badge. Unfortunately, this badge is not yet available to Beavers in England, but we will keep an eye out for it being released to us.

Debbie and I would like to thank everyone who is involved in the running of the Beaver section as we have a great team at our weekly meetings with Tracey giving a very welcome helping hand as an additional leader and our young leaders, Daniel and Archie, who have been amazing with how they have helped and got stuck in with all the activities.

Have a great Summer.

Debbie & Clare

Group Beaver Colony Leaders



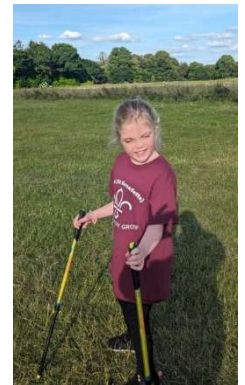
Cub Pack Report

Another fabulous year of scouting has now come to an end and we have packed so much into that time and you have all achieved so much. Since starting back in September, we have worked on completing or towards 24 badges including teamwork, the great indoors, hikes, entertainer and environmental conservation.



This year we would have awarded 149 cub badges which is incredible. We are so pleased that our Cub section has also continued to flourish over the year, now consisting of 23 Cubs with an ever-growing waiting list and a group of Beavers ready to transition up.

We are also very pleased that during this Cub scouting year we have been able to award Silver awards to **Leo Durston** and **Lola Houghton**. Well done!!



We ended the last scouting year in true style with a fabulous summer camp that was circus themed. The fancy dress at our campfire was incredible (even though it rained)!! The cubs did us proud with our Sunday session lead by circus professionals. We practised diablo skills, plate spinning, balancing, juggling and illusions. This year also got off to a great start with some teamwork nights welcoming so many Beavers into our group.



While we were gutted due to low uptake and a change in leader commitments to have to cancel sleepovers this year, we look forward to the many nights away opportunities our cubs will have to make up for it in the coming year.



We may also have a mini camp skills sleepover in the works

The Cubs work incredibly hard each week completing and getting involved in a great range of activities from re-enacting road crossings for their road safety badge, getting involved in experiments for science week, participating in a sports night towards our athletics badge and still life artwork towards our artist badge also with so much more. The Cubs have also been challenged throughout their year in terms of their communication and encouragement to step out of their comfort zones through our teamwork and team leader challenge badges. A number of Cubs who have achieved great success and progress in these areas which is incredible and makes us so proud as a leadership team.



All older Cubs were set the task of being a good role model and support for the many new Beavers who have transitioned up to Cubs over the last year and thinking about the different ways they can communicate and work together in different groups for different activities/challenges.

The friendships we have seen blossom through this has been a joy. We have also had some fantastic opportunities this year for Cubs to get involved in from a Nordic hiking to nature walks to sports sessions and many more.



Our Cubs do us proud every time we attend sessions outside of HQ and during day trips. This was especially true of those Cubs that attended PGL this year. Our Cubs bring a huge smile to our faces when we hear the many compliments from the public about our young people and their positive and polite behaviours. Thank you all!



Of course, none of this would have been possible without our Cub leadership team including Angela, Jess, Kayton, Dylan, Darcey, Louis and Hollie. As a section we owe a lot of thanks to leaders and young leaders for their hard work to make sure that a return to Cubs each year has been jam packed with activities and ensuring that Cubs have had many opportunities to complete badge work and gain as many incredible experiences as possible.

Special thanks also needs to go to Jemma our GLV (Group Lead Volunteer) for her tireless effort and commitment to the 82nd, organising and planning so many fantastic joint nights, celebrations, trips and camps. Thank you, Jemma, for all you do to make Scouting at the 82nd the success that it is!

A final thank you needs to go to you all as the parents/carers of our fabulous Cubs, for without our Cubs and your continued support and commitment to us as a section, we would not be able to do the job we do and enjoy it as much as we do!

Thank you, all Cubs, we look forward to another brilliant scouting year and wish all of our Cubs who have moved or will be moving on into Scouts soon the very best, you're going to love it!

Angela and Jess
Group Cub Pack Leaders

Scout Troop Report



Another Scouting year has flown by. A year full of new badges, new members and new activities. The Scout Troop is currently standing at 24 members who have earned over 200 badges. It's been an amazing year watching our members grow as individuals and seeing group friendships blossom within the troop.

The Scouts have taken part in various troop meetings and activities including a MasterChef themed cooking patrol competition where teams planned a two-course meal, shopped for, prepared and served their food to work towards their Chef badge.

A new badge the Scouts earned this year was the 'Media Relations and Marketing' badge. In order to complete this badge, the group were required to research a current world issue (this also helped complete a stage of their world challenge badge) and create a news report about their chosen issue. The individual groups then filmed their news reports and their next task was to edit their video including a logo, title and credit rolls. It was our first time trying this and we were so pleased with the effort that went in to making incredible news report videos.

The Scouts have also worked towards their navigator badge by playing grid reference battleships and working on their map reading skills. We celebrated Founders Day in February by learning more about Robert Baden - Powell and the history of Scouting as well as learning a little more about St George in April by creating themed board/team games. Other badges the Scouts have worked towards this year include, hobbies, personal challenge, teamwork challenge, team leader challenge award, artist and pioneer.



Fire Station Visit 2024



Clip 'n Climb 2024

During visits outside of the hut Scouts have taken part in various activities to help them sign off various badge requirements.

A trip to Clip 'n Climb worked towards their Adventure Challenge.

A trip to the fire station completed the final requirement for their Fire Safety badge.

A Nordic Walking activity at Ashton Court helped work towards their hillwalker and navigator badge.

Our most recent visit out of the hut was to take part in Frisbee Golf – a new activity which we all really enjoyed.

This year the Scouts have earned more badges at home than ever before – it's been lovely for us to see what other skills and hobbies they have outside of Scouting.

Well done to those of you who have worked towards badges in your own time including Skiing, Swimming, Physical Recreation, Geocaching and Musician.

Our main individual Scout event this year was the Scout Survival Camp held in March where we took things back to basics and enjoyed a camp at HQ making nettle tea, water filtration systems and tin can fires.

Scouts worked amazing as a team to set up their tents and camp gadgets made during a pioneering activity (water bucket holder, washing up station and drying line).

The most amazing thing about being a Scout Leader is watching the Scouts grow during their time with us. I don't mean because they all tower over me by the time they leave but watching their confidence, skills and personalities develop.



Scout Survival Camp 2024

We see shy members come out of their shell in so many different ways and the more confident members help to bring this out in other people as well as all of our Scouts being brave enough to share their knowledge and skills with each other by helping one another when they can and showing kindness in all they do. We really are lucky to have such an amazing group of Children who are a real credit to our group and their own families.

A huge thank you to the support team behind the Scouts who always support our camps and activities.

As always, my biggest thank you goes to the Leadership Team. Niamh and Sam. Thank you for everything you do for the group. Whether it's behind the scenes or at meetings, it would really be impossible without you both. Thank you for giving up your personal time, coming to Scouts straight from work, planning amazing activities and being a great team to volunteer with.

Here's to another year!

Millie Talbott

Group Scout Troop Leader

82nd Bristol (St. Bernadette) Scout Group

Board of Trustees' Annual Report

For the Period 6th April 2023 to the 5th April 2024.

Trustee	Position	Trustee	Position
Jemma Brown	Group Lead Volunteer	Kevin Morley	Nominated Member
Stephen Williams	Chair	Claire Blake	Elected Member
Kate Maynard	Secretary	Paul Hambly	Elected Member
Philip Hennessey	Treasurer	John Lawson	Elected Member
Millie Talbot	Scout Team Leader	Lianne Sheldon	Elected Member
Angela Williams	Cub Team Leader	Natalie Norley	Elected Member
Debra Chappell	Beaver Team Leader	Ryan Probert	Elected Member
		Becky Parsons	Elected member

Governing Bodies.

Scout Association Registration number:

The Scout Association
39782

Charity Commission Registration number

The Charity Commission of England and Wales
287697

Bank (All accounts).

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Mr Geoff Starling

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Structure, Governance and Management.

The Scout Group's governing documents are those of The Scout Association. They consist of a Royal Charter, which in turn gives authority to the Bye Laws of the Association and The Policy, Organisation and Rules of The Scout Association.

The Scout Group is a trust established under its rules, which are common to all Scouts.

In the absence of an existing Scout Group Constitution, the 82nd Bristol (St. Bernadette) Scout Group has formally adopted that of the Scout Association detailed in Chapter 5 of The Scout Association Policy, Rules and Regulations (P.O.R), currently in force at the time of the AGM and accepted by the Scout Group Council.

The Trustees are appointed in accordance with the current issue of (P.O.R.) At the heart of our role is a focus on strategy, performance, and assurance.

As charity trustees we are responsible for complying with legislation applicable to charities. This includes the registration, keeping proper accounts and making returns to the Charity Commission as appropriate.

The Board of Trustees (BOT) currently consists of ex officio members, elected members, nominated members and co-opted members. Full details of the structure, eligibility, and size of the board of trustees can again be found on the link above. The BOT meet approximately every 3 months. All members of the BOT must complete several on-line "Trustee Introduction Training" e-modules as soon as practically possible after becoming a Trustee.

This BOT exists to support the Group Volunteer Lead, in meeting the responsibilities of the appointments and is responsible for:

- ❖ complying with the charity's governing document and the law
- ❖ managing the charity's resources responsibly
- ❖ The charity is operating compliant with POR, including effective management of the Key Policies listed in chapter 2 - The Equal Opportunities Policy, Privacy and Data Protection Policy, Religious Policy, Safeguarding Policy, Safety Policy, Vetting Policy, Youth Member Anti-bullying Policy.
- ❖ Young people are meaningfully involved in decision making at all levels.
- ❖ The Scout Group has a positive image in the local community.
- ❖ Ensure that people, property and equipment are appropriately insured, and that any property and equipment owned or used by the charity is properly protected and maintained.
- ❖ Promote and support the development of Scouting in the local area.
- ❖ Ensure the appointment and management and operation of any sub-committees.
- ❖ Appoint any Administrators, Advisers, and co-opted members to the BOT.
- ❖ Ensure transparency of operation

Risk Management and Internal Control

The Scout BOT has identified the major risks to which they believe the Scout Group is exposed, these have been reviewed and systems have been established to mitigate against them. The main areas of concern that have been identified are:

- ❖ **Damage to the building, property and equipment.** The Scout Group would request the use of buildings, property and equipment from neighbouring organisations such as a church, community centre and other Scout Groups. We would offer similar reciprocal arrangements with these organisations. The Scout Group has sufficient buildings and contents insurance in place to mitigate against permanent loss.
- ❖ **Injury to leaders, helpers, supporters, and members.** The Scout Group through the subscription fees contributes to the Scout Associations national accident insurance policy. Occasional helpers are covered under a separate insurance policy. Risk Assessments are undertaken before all Scout activities.
- ❖ **Reduced income from fund raising.** The Scout Group is primarily reliant upon income from subscriptions and fundraising. The Scout Group does hold a reserve to ensure the continuity of activities should there be a major reduction in income. The BOT could raise the value of subscriptions to increase the income to the Scout Group on an ongoing basis, either temporarily or permanently.

- ❖ **Reduction or loss of Leaders.** The Scout Group is totally reliant upon volunteers to run and administer the activities of the Scout Group. If there were a reduction in the number of leaders to an unacceptable level in a particular section or the Scout Group then there would have to be a contraction, consolidation, or closure of a section and in the worst-case scenario the complete closure of the Scout Group.
- ❖ **Reduction or loss of members.** The Scout Group provides activities for all young people aged 6 to 18. If there were a reduction in membership in a particular section or the Scout Group then there would have to be a contraction, consolidation, or closure of a section and in the worst-case scenario the complete closure of the Scout Group. The Scout Group has in place systems of internal controls that are designed to provide reasonable assurance against material mismanagement or loss; these include 2 different authorities for all payments and a comprehensive insurance policy to ensure that insurable risks are covered.

Objectivities and Activities

The Purpose of Scouting

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

The Values of Scouting

As Trustees for a Scout Group, we are guided the values of Scouting which are:

Integrity - We act with integrity; we are honest, trustworthy, and loyal.

Respect - We have self-respect and respect for others.

Care - We support others and take care of the world in which we live.

Belief - We explore our faiths, beliefs and attitudes.

Co-operation - We make a positive difference; we co-operate with others and make friends.

The Scout Method

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

- Enjoy what they are doing and have fun.
- Take part in activities indoors and outdoors.
- Learn by doing.
- Share in spiritual reflection.
- Take responsibility and make choices.
- Undertake new and challenging activities.
- Make and live by their Promise.

Public Benefit Statement

The Scout Group meets the Charity Commission's public benefit criteria under Both the advancement of education and the advancement of citizenship or community development headings,

Achievements and Performance.

Separate reports from the GLV, the Chairman's and Treasurers report for an overview of the work carried out over the last 12-month period are available to view on the Scout Groups website.

Financial Review

Reserve Policy

The Scout Group's policy on reserves is to hold sufficient funds to continue the charitable activities of the Scout Group should income and fundraising activities fall short. The Scout BOT considers that the Scout Group should hold a sum of 12 months running cost, circa £12,000 - £14,000.

The Scout Group held reserves of £43,555 against this at year-end. This is significantly lower than last year due to fulfilling several of the key points mentioned in last year's Reserve Policy statement.

- ❖ Resolution by BOT (February 2023) to continue to subsidise future Scout Group activities and residential camps until further notice but for not less than 2 years.
- ❖ A schedule of expenditure to replace existing worn and damaged camping equipment.
- ❖ Reserves for future improvements and running costs to the Scout HQ premises during the period whilst the Scout premises cannot be used either for Scout meetings or prolonged period of being unable to permit private hire to the premises.

Investment Policy

The Scout Group's income and expenditure is relatively small and consequently does not have sufficient funds to invest in longer-term investments such as stocks and bonds. The BOT has therefore adopted a low-risk strategy to the investment of its funds. All funds are held in cash using only a mainstream bank (Lloyds PLC).

The BOT regularly monitors the levels of bank balances and the interest rates received to ensure the Scout Group obtains maximum value and income from its banking arrangements. Occasionally this may involve using an account that requires a period of notice before funds may be withdrawn, before doing so the BOT considers the cash flow requirements.

Plans for the coming year.

See our website www.82ndscouts.org.uk to view the reports from the various Scout Section Leaders together with the Chairman's report for an overview of the plans we have proposed together with planned activities and events for the forthcoming year.

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

Signed on behalf of the Charity's Trustees.

S J Williams

Stephen Williams

Chair

82nd Bristol (St. Bernadette) Scout Group

Date 7th May 2024

K Maynard

Kate Maynard

Secretary

82nd Bristol (St. Bernadette) Scout Group

Date 7th May 2024

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of the 82nd Bristol (St. Bernadette) Scout Council

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the 82nd Bristol (St. Bernadette) Scout Group for the Financial Year 6th April 2023 to 5th April 2024.

Respective responsibilities of Trustees and Scrutineer

As the charity trustees of the 82nd Bristol (St. Bernadette) Scout Group you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts; you consider that neither the audit nor independent examination requirements of the Charities Act 2011 apply.

It is my responsibility without carrying out an audit or independent examination to scrutinise the accounts and to report to you.

Basis of Scrutineer's Statement

In accordance with the directions given in the Group's adopted constitution, I have scrutinised the records and the accounts set out on the attached statement of accounts.

Scrutineer's Statement

In my opinion the accounts are in accordance with the records produced to me and comply with the constitution

Signed:

Name: Geoffrey Malcolm Starling FFA/FIPA

Address: Poult Place
Pheasant Lodge
Oldland Common
BS30 9PN

Date:

17/6/24

Trustees Statement

The Trustees of the 82nd Bristol (St. Bernadette) Scout Group declare that they have approved the Accounts attached and has been signed on their behalf by: -

Stephen Williams

Chair
82nd Bristol (St. Bernadette) Scout Group

Date 7th May 2024

Philip Hennessey

Treasurer
82nd Bristol (St. Bernadette) Scout Group





Date: 7th May 2024



A warm welcome to all Adult Volunteers, Parents, Carers and Guardians to our 2024 Annual General Meeting of our Scout Group.

In order to be compliant with the Procedures, Organisation and Rules (POR) of the Scout Association and the Charity Commission of Great Britain, then we are obligated to report yearly on the state of our Scout Group to you the Scout Council.

There are a number of governance topics that we have to adopt and it is the recommendation of the current Board of Trustees that the Scout Council of the 82nd Bristol (St. Bernadette) Scout Group approve and adopt the following. This will be done by a simple show of hands during the appropriate time during the meeting.

-  Adoption of the model Scout Group constitution taken from Policy, Organisation & Rules as detailed in Chapter 5.4 of POR (currently March 2024) and as subsequently updated/amended].
-  Adopt the current groups financial year, being 6th April to 5th April of the subsequent calendar year.
-  Adopt the proposed number of trustees that can be appointed to the Scout Group Board of Trustees is 10 as defined below
Group Lead Volunteer (ex-officio member), 8 appointed persons (including a Chair and Treasurer). Initially for a term of 3 years. Noting that from this date the maximum period of appointment for appointed trustees is 9 years. The remaining place to be kept in reserve against the need for co-option during the year.
-  Adopt the quorum figures for the Group Scout Council AGM to remain at its current 15 members.

NB: The quorum for a Board of Trustees meeting is now set in POR at one third the total number of elected trustees plus one. So, for 9 Trustees the quorum figure would be four.

We are sad to announce that a number of our Trustees will be standing down from the BOT. The Scout Group and I personally would like to express our sincere thanks to Clare Blake, Becky Parsons, and Lianne Sheldon for their commitment over the years and we wish them our best wishes to them and their families for the future.

After much deliberation into the role of the Board of Trustees and using the new criteria detailed for the latest transformation for BOTs to accept that their role is now one of governance instead of operations of the group and by using due diligence and best practises the BOT would like to recommend to the Scout Council the following trustees for the scout council confirmation.

Group Chair.	Steve Williams
Group Treasurer.	Philip Hennessey
GLV (Ex-officio).	Jemma Brown

Trustees.

John Lawson	Kate Maynard	Kevin Morley	Natalie Norley	Ryan Probert
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Leaving 2 vacancies.

Introduction of a Parent Rota for all Scout Sections

Parent Helper Rota



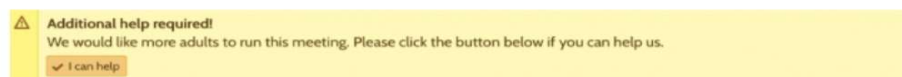
From September (when we return to scouting) the 82nd Scout Group will be introducing a parent rota to help elevate some of the issues our leadership team have experienced over the last couple of terms.

With our increased emphasis on safety and safeguarding we acknowledge that some extra sets of eyes and extra pairs of hands can improve the way we operate on a weekly basis and remove some of the pressure the leadership team are facing week on week. This will also help with sickness cover and when leaders are unintentionally delayed in attending a session. This hopefully will prevent us having to cancel sessions due to lack of adult supervision.

We'll be managing our Parent Rota by using the **Online Scout Manager Parent Portal**. Log in for your young person's section and click on the Programme – for sessions where we need additional adult helpers, you'll see something like this:



If you're able to help out, you can click the "I can help" button, and we'll send you a reminder message closer to the session time with notes on what you'll need to do.



Don't forget, if you're able to help on a basis that suits you, you can **find out more about our Adult Volunteer roles**, or speak to a leader at your young person's next session.

Jemma will be explaining more about the process and how parents and carers can sign up on OSM during the course of the evening and give an opportunity to ask questions about the parent rota.