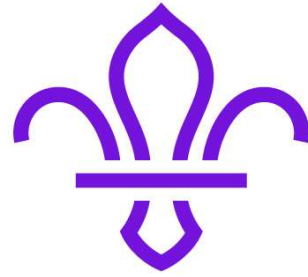


Scouts



**82nd Bristol
(St Bernadette)**

We prepare young people with skills for life.

Parents and Friends Evening

Friday 14th July 2023

6:30 pm.

Leaders Reports and Annual Statement of Accounts 2022/23

Trustees Reports 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 2023

April 2023

Dear Parent/Carer

They say time flies when you are enjoying yourself, so I must have had a very enjoyable year as it seems it was only recently, I composed last year's report.

But here we are at the end another financial year with all the trials and tribulations, the low and more importantly the highs of another scouting year.

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 leaders and maintain our scout HQ to the high standard we have now come to expect.



We have fortunately been able to continue financially supporting and subsidising many of the events and activities over the last 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 2023/24 years programme.

However, we would ask that if any parent or carer would like to be considered for financial support for their child attending ANY of the events to please contact our GVL (Jemma). 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 the investment into the introduction of the OSM parent portal has been well received and provides a wealth of information to all parents and carers in informing you of events, giving details not just about the extracurricular events but the weekly programme as well and provides instance feed back to our leadership team on such things as attendance and sign ups.

To all our leadership team, again, my sincere thanks for all your hard work and dedication 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 influx of more leaders joining the group. We wish Luke our best wishes in his new career and will miss him at our weekly Scout troop meetings.



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 transition 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 in the continues existence and growth of our Scout group. Even if you title changes from a GSL to a GLV: a section leader and now a SLV: or an assistant leader now a Team member, the work you do is invaluable and as we progress into 2024, 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
Scout Group Chair

GLV Report

This year marks my 5th year in my role as Group Scout Leader, although now I have a new acronym and role title – Group Lead Volunteer. I am so pleased to be able to report that our group is absolutely thriving, coming out stronger post-Covid than we ever could have imagined!

It is great, for the first time in almost three years to be able to report on an entire year of “normal” scouting, putting the challenges of the past few years behind us. Now we are back to fully running “business as usual” I am so excited to be able to be planning our most action-packed year yet – 2024 is going to be epic!

This year has seen all sections earning a range of badges and carrying out all sorts of activities. From gardening to athletics, 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 753 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, our annual Christmas Celebration Evening, an Easter party (complete with an Easter Egg hunt), a joint bowling event and a Cub/Scout trip to the Hippodrome to see Lion King. All of the events were huge successes, and my thanks go to everyone that makes it possible!

We have gained 2 new members to our Leadership Team – Dylan and Archie who have joined us this year as our newest Young Leaders. You have made our little Scout family even stronger, so thank you. Unfortunately, this year has seen us lose some members of our Leadership Team. Both Billy and Sean have left Cubs due to family circumstances, Hari has stepped down as a Young Leader and Luke is now an occasional helper due to pursuing a career in the Police Force. We wish them all the best in everything ahead and thank them for everything they have contributed to the group over the years. This takes our Leadership team numbers to 8 Leaders and 5 Young Leaders – although we are on the lookout for additional helper to boost our Leadership Team, we are still going strong and the Leadership Team 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:



We were so excited to re-launch our Summer Camp after 3 years and a fantastic time was had by all. The sun shone for us (I know, I can't believe it either!) and 55 members spent the day at The Wild Place as part of our Safari-themed weekend. It was incredible to be back running what we think is the biggest and best weekend of our Scouting calendar. We cannot wait for Cirque de 82nd in just a few weeks' time, with over 50 children due to attend throughout the weekend which is brilliant.

All 3 sections have held their own 1-night camps, including a Beaver/Cub Halloween Camp, a Scout survival camp and more. Individual sections celebrate these successes in their own section reports. Scouts also held an "I'm a Scout get me out of here camp" which was a huge success. I was lucky enough to attend this camp to gain my Nights Away permit and was so impressed with how well the Scouts all got stuck in!

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!

With "Normal" service resumed this year we saw the return of our District St George's Day Parade and service. We were so incredibly proud of everyone who turned up and represented the group – you were a credit to us. This was likely to be the last ever large-scale St George's Day service and parade so we were so pleased to have such a fantastic turnout.



We have also been able to relaunch activity day trips this year which have all been so popular we hit full capacity for each event. Firstly, we held a group activity day at Wookey Hole Caves in November which saw all sections exploring the caves, playing crazy golf and watching a children's circus show. Next, 64 members attended a day trip to Woodlands in April which was an action-packed day of rides, adventure playgrounds and non-stop fun. Most recently all Sections attended a Brean Day trip which included walking to Brean Down and exploring the fort. We were blessed with the weather, which doesn't give me much hope for being lucky twice when it comes to summer camp, so please keep your fingers crossed!



Looking to September we already have an action-packed year in store for next year with more camps and more activities to make 2024 the best year yet! Including the return of our annual Summer Fete as well as our 5-day activity camp. We also cannot wait to share with you details for a trip to Brownsea Island (that we never got to make previous – thanks Covid!)

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, Sam, Millie, Niamh, Dylan, 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 helper, Parent or Guardian 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

If you feel you could support our Scout Group by volunteering to help at any of our Scout sections or on our support committee then please approach a member of either the Leadership or Management Team for more details.

Treasurer's Report

Please see below our annual accounts for 2022/23 which I trust you will find of interest. Due to current restrictions are accounts are awaiting final scrutinizing by our independent examiner but have been approved and minuted at the Trustees meeting held on Friday 14th July 2023

Should you have a question regarding our annual accounts then please do not hesitate to contact me (my email address is on the Scout website) and will be happy to address any questions or concerns.

Philip Hennessey
Scout Group Treasurer

82nd Bristol (St. Bernadette) Scout Group

Receipts and Payments Accounts

For the Period from 6th April 2022 to 5th April 2023.

		£		£		Total Fund	Last Year
Cash funds last year end		£					
Scout Sections Float		0.00					
Lloyds TSB Current		611.29					
Lloyds TSB Savings		37,324.16					
Lloyds Higher Interest Account		20,060.33					
Cash		0.00					
TOTAL		57,995.78					
Membership Subscriptions		£					
Subscriptions from members		7,147.00					
Subscriptions paid on to District		3,020.50					
Refund from Scout District				Code			
Total of Subscriptions retained		4,126.50		Payments		£	£
		Total Fund		Last Year			
Code	Receipts	£	£	I20	Insurance's	687.17	662.54
S10	Subscriptions retained	4,126.50	4,047.50	S22	Activities	3,263.61	3,358.87
S11	Camps	1,335.00	929.00	S21	Camps	3,484.44	289.46
	BCC Business Rate Grants		10,667.00	U20	Uniform's/Leisurewear	1,364.30	1,954.18
F10	Bag Packing		-	U21	Badges	730.63	960.55
H10	Hire of H/Q	2,120.00	420.00	M22	Gas	343.51	400.86
F11	Gift Aid	2,424.27	2,002.56	M23	Electric	374.39	311.31
U10	Uniforms/Leisurewear/Badges	697.95	1,154.85	M24	Water / Sewage Rates	228.22	153.46
F14	Grants		-	M25	Telephone/Internet/ Zoom	542.95	581.45
S12	Activites	3,606.00	1,480.50	F13	Social Events	252.99	-
A12	Training		-	M20	Maintenance of HQ	601.14	593.94
F12	Donations	96.16	932.13	H21	Mini Bus/ Coaches Hire	920.00	-
A10	Stationary		-	H20	Hire of HQ Refunds	100.00	-
F13	Social Events		-	A20	Stationary	97.98	83.85
	Section's Float		150.00	E20	Equipment	1,956.87	555.68
R10	Tuck Shop		-	R20	Tuck Shop	132.54	-
B10	Bank Interest	40.71	63.73	A22	Training	108.18	30.00
	Misc. Income	9.46	3.20	M21	Cleaning/Consumables	91.24	
	Gross Income	£	14,456.05	F22	Donations	50.00	30.00
	Cash funds last year end	57,995.78		G24	Prizes	222.72	78.00
	TOTAL INCOME	72,451.83		R21	Food/Drink	142.01	46.35
	Net of receipts (payments)	15,919.44		A23	Leaders Expences	192.55	-
	Cash funds this year end	£	56,532.39	B20	Bank Charges	32.00	32.00
Cash Funds				Total Payments		£	15,919.44
	Section's Float	0.00					
	Lloyds Current Account	1,385.19					
	Lloyds Savings Account	15,076.84					
	Lloyds Higher Interest Account	40,070.36					
	Petty Cash						
		£	56,532.39				
Approved at Trustees meeting held 18th April 2023				Presented at the AGM held 14th July 2023			
A copy of the Trustees Report together with the Independent Examiners Report is available on request							

Beaver Colony Report

We have had a very busy year working through the badges, attending trips, arranging evening sessions away from the hut, which this year included a visit to St Bernadette's Rugby Club on Bamfield Road as well as more recently a trip out to Whitchurch Cricket club on Norton Lane.

Both Cricket and Rugby events were enjoyed by the Beavers, with lots of running around and fun had by all. We owe a huge thanks to both clubs for giving up their time to enable the Beavers to try sports new to some and familiar to others. At this point we would like to especially thank James Bryant (Elijah's Dad) for arranging the Cricket event that was so successful.

We have also had a Wild West sleepover, where we played games like hoop the cactus, tin can alley. We had a go at Tie dying with some very successful patterns and made some biscuits. Everyone slept and ate well and all the fun went towards several badges as well as a special Wild West blanket badge. We had a great turn out at this year's St George's day parade. The Beavers did us proud with the way they were in full uniform, walked and sat in the service. We had a number of comments about their behaviour and that of the group as a whole from other groups.



Throughout the year we have worked towards the badges and have had 98 completed and issued throughout the year with a further 50 being issued tonight. This year we started to look into the new badge called "You Shape" and will look to complete this sets of badges over the coming year. We awarded a Bronze to Owen Sheppard this year.

We have had some excellent help this year from our young leaders, currently we have Archie and Daniel with us and they are doing a great job helping the children and getting stuck in with all the events we are doing.

We are planning for next year and hope to run sessions at the Callington Road Nature Reserve and also have a Rugby Session at St Bernadette's Rugby Club
We have had a fabulous year thanks to the Beavers.



Debbie & Clare

Group Beaver Colony Leaders

Cubs 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 22 badges including teamwork, money skills, emergency aid, road safety and disability awareness. We are so pleased that our Cub section has also continued to grow and flourish over the year, now consisting of 26 Cubs with an ever-growing waiting list and troop of Beavers ready to transition up.

We are also very pleased that during this Cub scouting year we have been able to award 3 Silver awards to Lucas Britton, Harry Probert and Clara Carter-Smith. Well done!!



We ended the last scouting year in true style with a fabulous summer camp that was themed 'Go Wild'. The fancy dress at are campfire was incredible!! This year also got off to a great start with some teamwork nights and a joint Halloween sleepover with the Beavers in October. We were so pleased with the Cub turn out and the engagement and participation all Cubs showed during their stay.

They took part in many activities from arts and crafts to games to a campfire to watching a movie and baking. This stay also helped Cubs work towards their nights away and artist badges.

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, putting our dominant arms in a sling and making sandwiches for our disability awareness badge, participating in a sports night towards our athletics badge and so much more.



The Cubs have also challenged to complete their teamwork and team leader challenge badges this year and the number of Cubs who have achieved this is incredible. All 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. We have also had some fantastic opportunities this year for Cubs to get involved in from a bowls, bowling with all sections and our many great day trips and a visit from the circus for a skills workshop where cubs learn how to spin plates, use a diablo and juggle.



Along with the many activities and badges completed, the Cubs were also able to participate in a sleepover at HQ in April where the Cubs could work on their nights away and had lots of fun at Cong Falls crazy golf. During the sleepover the Cubs were teamed up and got involved in various games, arts and crafts, pioneering shelter building, Just Dance and campfire and movie.

The Cubs had an amazing time at crazy golf and it was great to see the encouragement they showed each other and the laughter from group to group. We were so proud of them all!

Of course, none of this would have been possible without our Cub leadership team including Angela, Jess, Dylan, Darcey and Kayton. 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 has been jam packed with activities and ensuring that Cubs have had as many opportunities as possible to complete badge work and have so many incredible experiences.

Special thanks also needs to go to Jemma our GSL (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/guardians 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 transitioned or will be transitioning into Scouts soon the very best, you're going to love it!

Angela Williams
Group Cub Pack Leader

Jessica Starling
Assistant Group Cub Pack Leader

Scout Troop Report

We have had yet another successful, entertaining, and fulfilling year in the Scout section. We now have the highest number of Scouts in our section since before COVID and they have all worked extremely well as individual Scouts and as a Troop, making every session easier and more enjoyable for us leaders. The Scout section now stands at 27 members.



The Scouting year started with a Survival Camp at Glenny wood Campsite. 8 Scouts took part in a one-night camp of various activities including backwoods cooking, wide games, Snook ball, fire lighting and shelter building all working towards their nights away, survival skills and outdoor challenge badges.

Since September 2022 Scouts have worked towards completing a number of activity and challenge badges.

The scientist badge was completed with a night of experiments such as decoding a secret message, a meteor display and an elephant toothpaste reaction. In their Patrols Scouts built various Lego sets to complete their model maker badge for the first time.



We decorated the Scout HQ with a home-made solar system to work towards the astronomer badge as well as completing their entertainer badge by writing and performing their own performance for the Christmas Concert.

Scouts have worked on their chef badge this year by creating pancake portraits, playing pizza roulette and creating some questionable pizza flavours/toppings as well as most recently competing in a patrol MasterChef competition and producing food dishes from different countries.



Scouts have also enjoyed activities outside of our HQ this year with a bowling night at Tenpin, both as a Scout section and a Group activity with Beavers and Cubs.



An activity that is always a highlight with the Troop is a Wide games activity at Ashton Court.

By taking part in many group day trips and activities our section has worked towards their naturalist badge (Brean), Personal challenge badge (Parade) and teamwork challenge (Woodlands).

The latter part of our Scouting year took us on camp again, we didn't quite have the same weather but did our best to replicate the Australian jungle on our "I'm A Scout Get Me Out of Here" Camp. This weekend saw 19 Scouts taking part in various team challenges to earn points and stars for their teams and win ingredients for their dinner and treats for their team.

Of course, there were some creepy crawlies involved during the trials; either used in a shoe box to fish for stars, on top of a cupcake or blended in a smoothie. As a leadership team we are so proud of every single Scout that attended this camp for not shying away from any of the trials, tasks and activities and most importantly for working so well as a team.



We are looking forward to completing our farming badge with a trip to a local allotment and working towards our hikes away and naturalist badge on the upcoming Brean Trip. Summer Camp will also allow us to complete the Circus Skills badge as well as helping our children to work towards their outdoor and adventure challenge as well as increasing their nights away badges!

A huge thank you goes to each and every Scout who has been part of our Troop for the last year. You are an incredible bunch of individuals who prove every week how kind, considerate, unique, and talented you all are. A volunteering role is made a lot easier when you have such a great team of Children to work with. Thank you to all the Parents and Guardians who continuously support their children in the Group and therefore support the leaders.

As always, my biggest appreciation goes to all of the volunteer leaders that make running the Scout section possible. Firstly, a huge thank you to Jemma and Steve for everything you guys do behind the scenes for all of us, sometimes a tedious task but definitely the most important. Thank you to the Beaver and Cub section leaders and Young Leaders for always being on hand when we need you.

Luke, thank you for always being there to help and put your own skills forward to encourage the success of the Scouts and our group. Niamh, we are so lucky to have you as our Young Leader – you truly go above and beyond your role and we couldn't be more grateful for everything you do behind the scenes and with the Scouts on a weekly basis. Sam, thanks for putting up with my random messages, ideas and for keeping me sane. Your skills, ideas and talent make the programme and activities so much more fun and diverse. Thank you for all the time you give to the group especially when it means sacrificing time with your lovely family. Luke, Niamh and Sam; thank you for making it another brilliant year at the 82nd.

Here's to another year full of adventure!

Millie Talbott

Group Scout Troop Leader