

3rd Sudbury Scout Group
Report & Accounts for the
year ended 31st March 2024

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TRUSTEES: Ex-Officio - Appointment

Name

Group Scout Leader
AGSL
AGSL

Steve Challis
Cathy Challis

TRUSTEES: Elected

Name

Secretary
Treasurer
FRIENDS Chairman
Committee
Committee
Committee
Committee
Committee
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Committee

Chris Beddowes
Giles Hume
Vacant
Mark Hales (Resigned) Beavers Rep
Vacant C Pack Rep
Vacant D Pack Rep
Lindsay Harding-Payne Scout Rep
Bruno Brown (Resigned) Sea Scout Rep
Brian Clampin Nominated Member
John Wiseman Leader
Guy Hume Leader
Rob Crawford

TRUSTEES: Nominated - Appointment

Name

Chairman

Graham Toy

LEADERS

Beaver Leader
C Pack Leader
D Pack Leader
Scout Leader
Sea Scout Leader

Lucy Percival
Kate Stiff
Megan Harding Payne
Dee Gardner

BANKERS

Barclays Bank plc
Market Hill
Sudbury
Suffolk

Group Registration Number

5260

Charity Registration Number

303 528

3rd Sudbury Group Chairmans' Report

When you are involved in a vibrant and progressive organisation there is always loads to do and as soon as one task has been completed, it's off to address the next challenge. Writing this report provides me with an opportunity to pause and reflect on what has been achieved in the last year, as well as taking a look at our ambitions for the next year.

Last year was very successful and this is due to the tireless enthusiasm and professionalism of everyone connected to the Group. Every one of our volunteers contributes so much to delivering skills for life to our young people. It is also important to recognise that everyone in our ecosystem takes an active and constructive role in helping us achieve our goals. So, whether you are a parent or carer, helper, leader, or trustee, you have made the Group what it is. It is difficult to put into words how much your help is valued and appreciated so on behalf of the Group I would like to thank every one of you.

As you will see from the accounts, we have weathered the financial challenges of the last few years and are now functioning with a small surplus which is great news.

During 2023 we decided to take on a significant project to demolish our obsolete climbing wall and instal a new wall. The old wall was installed when our new HQ was built so it has served us well but is now time for an upgrade. The project cost is around £53,000 so we will need to undertake some local fundraising as well as applying for grants. We have a small band of enthusiasts who have formed a subcommittee to get this project over the line and good progress has already been made.

In conclusion, the Group remains in great shape and has much to be proud of. We have exciting times ahead and it remains a privilege to be part of such a positive team with a fantastic can-do attitude.

Graham Toy

3rd Sudbury D Pack Cubs Annual Report

We currently have 17 paid up Cub members and about to have 6 moving up. Megan is the section leader, I am assistant Cub Scout leader with Paul, Jim and Simon all section assistants. Issy and Will often turn up to provide additional help with activities. Gavin had supported us most evening as an additional adult and Evie and Maddy are helping when back from Uni or travelling. Our Young leader Emily HP is helping regularly and is a great help when running games and activities. Having a consistent, reliable team has been great this year and means the commitment can be spread.

As you can see by our Accounts, they continue to look healthy and balanced. We have had a significant issue with our current account with Barclays this year. The issue has been running for 6 months and a lot of time and energy has been put in to resolve the issue resulting in a new Account being set up with Lloyds instead. Megan, Graham, Giles, and I are the signatures for the new account. The final stage of closing the old Barclays account needs to be completed and the letter has been sent for this. The only consolation is Barclays donated £100 to our account for the inconvenience caused.

We have had a full year providing lots of activities for the Cubs in the Pack. Last spring, we did fire lighting and Archery. We help a camp at Bradfield in May theme being Detectors. A large amount of the cubs joined this one-night camp. In June we were able to take the Cubs on the water thanks to additional support from Sea Scout leaders. The term finished with a trip to the Fire Station which was very informative before ending in a MASSIVE water fight which no one went home dry. Apart from money going in and out for the camp there was very little spent on additional resources.

In the Winter term we ran some creative activities and needed to purchase materials to run these evenings. One of the most enjoyable evenings was everyone making a Tie-Dyed T Shirt. It was a great engaging evening, and everyone took a T Shirt home. What was great to see was Cubs wearing their creations on the summer camp. We also did a couple of cooking activities, baking scones, and making pancakes. We also visited the Suffolk Ski centre and had a great night on the rings. We had a summer camp at Thorrington, unfortunately the weather was challenging but we did have a great Superhero themed time and lots of indoor and outdoor activities arranged such as mask making.

This year we have had a couple of guests down to the Scout hut, the first was Trevor from the Sudbury Karate Club and he taught the children lots of self-defence moves. Our second speaker spent two nights with us. Holly taught the children about road safety along with important information when a passenger in the car, she also makes sure all their bike helmets fitted properly.

We ran an activities for Mother's Day where Cubs decorated cakes and biscuits and served these to their parents along with a cup of tea or coffee. We have finished the term with an Easter egg hunt and all the children taking home a satisfying amount of chocolate!!

Over the last year with our full programme the children have attained a large number of badges, the price of these account for a lot of the funds coming out of our account.

This concludes our report on the Accounts for our Cub Pack. I am happy to answer any further questions if you have any.

Yours Scouting Julie Woodward on behalf of D Pack Cubs.

Sudbury Scout Troop

It's been a busy year for Sudbury scout troop as we have certainly grown in numbers, skills and experiences.

Our Spring term kicked off with such activities as bridge building, electronics, making wooden mobile phone holders, a first aid hike and code breaking challenges.

We had our April camp at Bradford Combust with the Scouts sleeping in tents and going on a hike which involved rescuing a casualty along the way.

During the Summer term a lot of time was spent on the water with rafting, canoeing, kayaking and bell boating. Our programme was also full with camp gadgets, a community litter pick in Acton and cooking on fires.

The Scouts enjoyed summer camp at Thriftwood taking part in high ropes course, axe throwing, climbing, abseiling, giant inflatables, go karting and many more activities.

The winter term brought new adventures with team building activities, climbing, a shop & cook night, bat detecting at Daws Hall, a hike from the Sudbury to Henny, pumpkin carving, Ringo's and learning life skills such as shoe polishing, ironing and baking.

Some Scouts also took the opportunity during the year to try scuba diving, sailing and complete a 12-week Kayaking course.

Scouts also got to learn new skills with wood cutting, using axes, knives and saws and lighting fires. They then put these skills to use at the Bushcraft camp in

November, where the Scouts slept in hammocks under tarps and cooked their meals on open fires and despite the weather had a great time.

3rd Sudbury Sea Scouts

It's was a busy year for our section, meeting every week except for the Christmas period and many weekend camps and activities.

Our numbers in the troop have been around 24 all year and troop nights are usually well attended.

We have an excellent core leadership team comprising Isobel Harding-Payne, Will Champken, Ben Turner, Graeme Munro & Tom Duncan who is taking a sabbatical due to a 2nd child being born in November 2023.

We have many other helpers who assist us when required, particularly for water activities (Vincent Dreau, Josh Finbow, Nick Powell, Oli Race, Anna Miles)

After the summer, there may be scope to increase the numbers slightly.

Our water season was from May to Aug in 2023. Graeme Munro, Ben Turner, Oli Race all obtained kayaking and/or canoeing permits early in the season. We were able to offer a mix of Canoeing, Kayaking and Sailing most weeks on the water.

Since April 2023 we have put on the following camps and activities:

May 2023: Canoe Camp on the Stour

Jun-Jul 2023: Sailing weekends at Walton

Aug 2023: Summer Camp at Decoy Broad, Norfolk

Oct 2023: Bushcraft Camp at Boxford

Oct 2022: Weekend aboard sailing smack, Pioneer off Brightlingsea

Feb 2024: Winter Camp at Thorrington

For 2024-25 we should be doing these camps and activities:

Expedition Camp, Canoe Camp, County Wet Weekend, Yachting at Walton, Summer Camp, Weekend on Sailing Smack Pioneer, Bushcraft Camp

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

General Fund

	This Year £	Previous Year £
Total receipts for the year	£ 35,401.91	£ 30,693.49
Total payments for the year	£ 30,225.36	£ 34,046.58
Net receipts/(payments)	<u>£ 5,176.55</u>	<u>-£ 3,353.09</u>
Cash at Bank brought forward	<u>£ 40,961.89</u>	<u>£ 44,314.98</u>
Cash at Bank brought forward adjusted	<u>£ 40,961.89</u>	<u>£ 44,314.98</u>
Cash at Bank carried forward	<u>£ 46,138.44</u>	<u>£ 40,961.89</u>

The above account and accompanying statement of assets and liabilities
were approved by the Trustees on 8th June 2024 and signed on their behalf by

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**Receipts for the year
ended 31st March 2024**

	This Year		Previous Year	
	£	£	£	£
MEMBERSHIP SUBSCRIPTIONS	£ 18,602.19		£ 13,158.35	
GIFT AID REFUND	£ 2,933.54		£ 1,936.54	
Less Paid	£ 5,500.00	£ 16,035.73	£ 4,416.00	£ 10,678.89
INVESTMENT INCOME RECEIVED				
Bank Interest	£ -		£ -	
Building Society Interest	£ 186.01		£ 52.03	
Sections Bank Interest	£ 98.17	£ 284.18	£ 36.77	£ 88.80
DONATIONS				
Quay Explorers	£ 1,900.00		£ 1,650.00	
Group	£ 5,355.00		£ 6,395.00	
Suffolk Foundation	£ -		£ -	
Albert Hunt Trust	£ -		£ -	
Sudbury Town Council	£ -		£ -	
Training	£ -		£ -	
Grant - Covid	£ -	£ 7,255.00	£ -	£ 8,045.00
SECTIONS OTHER INCOME & DONATIONS				
Beavers	£ -		£ -	
C Pack	£ -		£ -	
Scouts	£ 191.19		£ -	
Sea Scouts	£ 224.74		£ 306.52	
Boathouse	£ 795.00	£ 1,210.93	£ -	£ 306.52
FUND RAISING				
Car Parking & Gates	£ 500.00		£ -	
Waitrose - Bag Packing	£ 584.27		£ 1,397.47	
Race Night	£ 1,308.00		£ -	
Presentation Night	£ 82.00		£ 88.00	
Paypal Giving Fund	£ 18.67		£ 10.26	
Quiz Night	£ -	£ 2,492.94	£ 240.00	£ 1,735.73
OTHER INCOME				
Sections Camps & Activities	£ 8,123.13	£ 8,123.13	£ 9,838.55	£ 9,838.55
		<u>£ 35,401.91</u>		<u>£ 30,693.49</u>

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**Payments for the year
ended 31st March 2024**

	This Year		Previous Year	
	£	£	£	£
PREMISES				
Water Rates	£ 1,034.81		£ 399.95	
Rates	£ 79.72		£ 151.04	
Refuse Collection	£ 427.00		£ 437.59	
Insurance	£ 3,170.25		£ 2,963.07	
Light & Heat	£ 2,691.15		£ 2,503.67	
Telephone	£ 810.44		£ 596.26	
Quay Lane Management	£ 150.00		£ 150.00	
Cleaning & Materials	£ 3,525.44		£ 3,418.68	
Repairs To Premises	£ 4,086.35	£ 15,975.16	£ 7,929.10	£ 18,549.36
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ACTIVITIES				
Sections Camps & Activities	£ 8,981.02	£ 8,981.02	£ 8,640.36	£ 8,640.36
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FUND RAISING				
	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -
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SECTIONAL EXPENSES				
Beavers	£ 1,067.34		£ 813.34	
C Pack	£ 411.12		£ 227.19	
D Pack	£ 87.96		£ 733.03	
Scouts	£ 607.00		£ 1,003.95	
Sea Scouts	£ 1,001.14		£ 908.69	
Explorers	£ -	£ 3,174.56	£ -	£ 3,686.20
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PURCHASE OF EQUIPMENT				
		£ 1,072.88		£ 1,509.73
BOAT REPAIRS				
		£ 973.73		£ 474.54
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OTHER EXPENSES				
Titchmarsh Marina	£ -		£ 450.00	
AGM Expenses	£ -		£ -	
Quiz Night	£ -		£ -	
Race Night	£ -		£ -	
Group BBQ	£ -		£ -	
Printing , Stationery & Advertising	£ -		£ 187.05	
Sundries	£ 48.01		£ 549.34	
Leader Training	£ -		£ -	
Recruitment Expenses	£ -	£ 48.01	£ -	£ 1,186.39
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TOTAL PAYMENTS		<u>£ 30,225.36</u>		<u>£ 34,046.58</u>

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**Statement of Assets and Liabilities
at 31st March 2024**

	This Year		Previous Year	
	£	£	£	£
MONETARY ASSETS				
<u>Group Accounts</u>				
Barclay Current Account 40847399	£	3,621.76	£	3,701.69
Barclay Deposit Account 00128228	£	11,889.17	£	17,895.16
Barclay Current Account 60847402	£	6,552.92	£	4,069.97
		<u>£ 22,063.85</u>		<u>£ 25,666.82</u>
<u>Building Reserves</u>				
Virgin Money Account 52125J-05907	£	20,107.67	£	11,509.50
		<u>£ 20,107.67</u>		<u>£ 11,509.50</u>
TOTAL GROUP MONETARY ASSETS		<u><u>£ 42,171.52</u></u>		<u><u>£ 37,176.32</u></u>
<u>Sections Accounts</u>				
<u>BEAVERS</u>				
Barclay Current Account 50707996	£	237.26	£	498.60
Cash in Hand	£	4.77	£	-
		<u>£ 242.03</u>		<u>£ 498.60</u>
<u>C PACK</u>				
Lloyds Current Account 08656560	£	167.35	£	137.91
Cash In Hand/Uniforms	£	-	£	24.76
		<u>£ 167.35</u>		<u>£ 162.67</u>
<u>D PACK</u>				
Barclays Current Account 83759857	£	612.54	£	228.15
		<u>£ 612.54</u>		<u>£ 228.15</u>
<u>SCOUTS</u>				
Lloyds Account 74447162	£	584.99	£	328.56
		<u>£ 584.99</u>		<u>£ 328.56</u>
<u>SEA SCOUTS</u>				
Barclays Current Account 03395626	£	1,353.42	£	2,382.27
		<u>£ 1,353.42</u>		<u>£ 2,382.27</u>
<u>BOATHOUSE</u>				
Barclays Account 33086534	£	1,006.59	£	157.96
Cash in Hand	£	-	£	27.36
		<u>£ 1,006.59</u>		<u>£ 185.32</u>
TOTAL SECTION MONETARY ASSETS		<u><u>£ 3,966.92</u></u>		<u><u>£ 3,785.57</u></u>
TOTAL MONETARY ASSETS		<u><u>£ 46,138.44</u></u>		<u><u>£ 40,961.89</u></u>
NON MONETARY ASSETS				
Building		<u>£ 931,740.73</u>		<u>£ 816,893.00</u>
Boats & Canoes		<u>£ 44,599.00</u>		<u>£ 44,599.00</u>
Equipment and Furniture		<u>£ 72,654.03</u>		<u>£ 67,400.63</u>

The Building, Boats & Canoes and Equipment & Furniture are shown at their respective insured values.
The Building Reserve of £20107.67 is put aside for any major Building Repair.

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Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees

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

Respective responsibilities of Trustees and Examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act
- To follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act
- 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 charity and a 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 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 next statement.

Independent Examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

1. which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements
 - to keep accounting records in accordance with Section 130 of the 2011 Act and
 - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 Acthave 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 or,

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DATE

30/5/24