

Scouts

3rd/5th Lancing Sea Scouts

AGM held 15th September 2024

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AGM Minutes

3rd/5th Lancing Sea Scouts AGM Meeting

Date: 20/09/2023

Time: 18:30

Location: Scout Hut

Attendees: Hazel Butler (Chair), Alan Luke (GSL), Owen Thomas (DGSL; Acting-Secretary), Guy Lunn (Treasurer), Cameron Baldock (District Commissioner), Heather Dilks (Beavers Section Leader), Jo Barnes (Cub Section Leader), Shaun Oliver (Scouts Section Leader), Andy Fellingham (Explorers Leader), Andy Bingham, Michael Hepworth, Trudy Walmsley, Emily Armitage, Charlotte Street, Michelle Kyte, Zac Luke, Victoria Spurgeon, Scott Wade, Nicole Wade, Karen Exell, Sam Exell, Katie Wastell, Emma Sinclair, Sam Lelliott, Nic Tsiringakis, Jamie Hull, Claire Thomas, Paul Thomas, Randy Erskine, Tom Smith,

Apologies: Leanne Strotten (Squirrels Section Leader)

Minutes

1) Welcome:

Hazel opened the meeting and welcomed the committee

2) Apologies for Absence:

Owen read that there was an apology from one person

3) Approval of Minutes from Annual General Meeting held 5th October 2022

Hazel read that the minutes have been reviewed by the Group's then 'Executive Committee' now 'Trustee Board' at their first meeting since the previous AGM.

Hazel proposed that the minutes are therefore read and asked the Group Scout Council to agree that this was a true record of the meeting

Approval: Scott Wade approved, and Emma Sinclair seconded this

4) Governance Topics

- a) Hazel read 'In line with the recommendations from Scout Headquarters, I propose that we adopt the model constitution from Chapter 5 of POR, which features in our already agreed Group Membership Agreement.'

Approval: Shaun Oliver approved, with Sam Lelliott seconding this

- b) Hazel noted that the Group's financial year is 1st April to 31st March

- c) Hazel read 'The Group Scout Council must agree at its AGM the number of people that can be elected to the Trustee Board. It is proposed that a maximum of 6 people be elected. The Group Scout Council are asked to approve this recommendation.'

Approval: Jo Barnes approved, Nicole Wade seconded this

- d) Hazel read 'The Group Scout Council must agree the minimum number of Group Scout Council members that must be present at a meeting of the Group Scout Council (such as this AGM). It is proposed that the minimum should be set at 15 persons for AGMs. The Group Scout Council are asked to approve this recommendation.'

Approval: Katie Wastell approved, with Victoria Spurgeon seconding this



Hazel read 'The Group Scout Council must agree the minimum number of people that must be present for Trustee Board meetings. The Charity Commission statement of good practice is that the Trustee Board minimum should be set at one third of Trustee Board members plus one. The recommendation, passed down from Scout Headquarters, is to be discussed at the next Board meeting, however, The Group Scout Council is asked to approve this recommendation initially.'

Approval: Claire Thomas approved and Victoria Spurgeon seconded this

5) Review of the Previous Year

Hazel explained that all reports are available to access via QR code printed around the hut and on our website. Hazel then invited Alan to give his report/review of the year

a) GSL's Report:

Alan thanked everyone for being at the meeting and thanked all leaders, from Squirrels to Scouts, for their efforts this year. Alan said that the success of the Group is clear and that this was down to everyone's hard work as well as good management. Alan finally shared his highlights of the year with the 3rd/5th Jamboree Camp and Poland exchange camp at Brownsea Island (despite the weather) being mentioned.

Hazel thanked Alan

Hazel then explained that the Group accounts have been reviewed by an independent Examiner (Katie Wastell) with thanks, and then invited Guy to give his treasurers report.

b) Treasurer's Report:

Guy explained that this is the first year of the Group as a charity in its own right and reported the Group has swung from a surplus last year to a deficit this year – with this mainly being down to increased costs and increased spending on the maintenance of Group assets

Guy explained that the Group has several different pots of money to ensure funds don't get mixed up – highlighted this it is good that there are money making posts such as Supeta and Streamside which are either covering their own costs or helping to fund the maintenance program.

Guy raised that the Group have lots of fundraising opportunities (including sponsorship events) coming up; Guy asked if people could please complete and return gift aid forms in order to get an extra 20% from HMRC.

Guy explained if anyone wishes to see the approval papers or the accounts in full, he is happy to receive their email request and will give access to any paperwork they require.

Mole reminded those present of the use of easyfundraising to raise funds for the Group when making online purchases

Hazel thanked Guy

6) Making Appointments

Hazel explained that the Group Scout Council present should appoint a Trustee Board to ensure good governance for the charity over the next year

Hazel then handed the chair over to Alan

a) Alan nominated Hazel as Group Chair and asked for approval for this

Approval: Tom Smith approved and Jamie Hull seconded this

Alan handed the chair over to Hazel

b) Hazel explained that Charlotte Street has been nominated for the role of Secretary and asked for approval for this

Approval: Claire Thomas approved this, Nicole Wade seconded.

c) Hazel explained that Guy Lunn has been nominated to continue in the role as Treasurer and asked the Group Scout Council to approve this

Approval: Sam Lelliott approved and Randy Erskine seconded this

d) Owen explained that the following have formally expressed in writing an interest in becoming a Trustee: Katie Wastell and Emma Sinclair

Hazel asked the Group Scout Council to approve their election

Approval: Nicole Wade approved with Tom Smith seconding this

e) Alan explained his nominations to the Trustee Board are: Tom Smith and Randy Erskine

Hazel asked the Group Scout Council to approve their election

Approval: Scott Wade approved, and Nic Tsiringakis seconded this

f) Hazel explained that the following are invited to express an interest in becoming a Trustee due to their role as either Secretary and/or Section Leader/ Team Leader.

Heather Dilks, Jo Barnes, Shaun Oliver and Charlotte Street verbally expressed an interest at the meeting

Hazel asked the Group Scout Council to approve their election

*[Leanne Strotten expressed an interest after the meeting – the Council were asked to give their approval to Leanne as well should she express an interest]



Approval: Victoria Spurgeon approved with Trudy Walmsley seconding this.

- g) Guy explained that, given Katie Wastell has now been appointed a Trustee, he now proposes Chris Howells as the independent examiner of the accounts for the Group
Hazel reported that Chris Howells has been nominated as qualified for the role of independent examiner and asked the Group Scout Council for approval of appointment

Approval: Nicole Wade approved this, and Claire Thomas seconded

*[Following the meeting, Chris Howells has confirmed in writing he accepts the role of independent examiner of the accounts]

7) AoB

- a) Owen invited Shaun to report on the Fundraising team
Shaun thanked the team for their hard work – Katie, Emma, Debs and Chloe
Shaun explained that events will be aimed at all sections and welcome more people to come onto the committee
Shaun advertised Scout Aid on Saturday 23rd September
- b) Owen thanked former Secretary Toni Lunn for her efforts in the role; thanking Toni for her organisation of meeting minutes and paperwork in particular which have helped the Group focus their efforts to action items and keep track of decisions. Owen presented some flowers on behalf of the Group for Toni, which were given to Guy to pass on to her
- c) Cameron thanked all in the Group for their work including the Trustees.
Cameron also thanked Alan and Owen for their running of the Group
Cameron then presented Jo with her woods badge (for completing all leader training) and a [belated] 5 year service award for Scott
Cameron then asked those present to please get involved in the Group if you do not currently do so

8) Close of Meeting

Alan and Hazel thanked everyone for their time and the meeting was closed

**Next AGM meeting scheduled for September
2024**



GLV Report

It has once again been a successful and entertaining year with such a great group of Squirrels, Beavers, Cubs and Scouts! Each of you have learnt new skills, formed new friendships and made a difference in our local community. At our peak we had 87 young people registered in the Group, recording our highest intake of Squirrels since the section started 2 years ago! Our waiting list now sits at 83 young people (basically another Scout Group)! We will continue to look at ways in which we can increase our capacity, so more young people can experience the opportunities Scouting has to offer. Vital to this is having enough adult volunteers so that we can accept more young people – if you are interested in joining the team, please get in touch.

As you will hopefully be aware, being involved in Scouting is flexible, with different roles to suit individual time commitments. However, many of the things we do requires our adult volunteers to give hours of their time, all for free. Without the dedication of all our Leaders, Trustees, SUPETA Management and Crew, Skills Instructors and Helpers, we would be just another run of the mill Group. The growth in our leader numbers this year has been really encouraging, with 13 new Leaders and Helpers joining since our last AGM, with 70 adult volunteers now registered in our Scout Group. We have also made a huge improvement in volunteer training, with us soon to have four new wood badge holders from the last year. In addition to our Leaders, it is only right to highlight our parents, carers, and cake makers who continue to support us; your feedback and comments help us reflect on the positive impact our work is having on our young people. We would like to sincerely thank one and all for your involvement in our Scout Group, helping us to achieve and maintain the high standards we have here at 3rd/5th Lancing Sea Scout Group. We are not just a Scout Group; we are also a group of friends with the same aims, who support one another. We are a family of families.

This year has seen a lot of changes in the way Scouting is organised in the UK, and this has been multiplied by our internal efforts to modernise and strengthen our practices within the Group. It is the first year we have run with a Board of Trustees – this has seen us make vast improvements in ensuring we have all our legal obligations sorted and are organised in a way that will ensure the Group is on a sustainable footing going forward. We are disappointed to see our Chair, Hazel Butler, resign this year, along with a few other members of the Trustee Board, however we are pleased everyone will remain in the Group completing other roles with us. We have also set up a Group Safety Team, who will manage any safety concerns that are raised to it, ensuring we are safe to continue our exciting programme of activities. We aim to set up further teams and grow existing teams (like our fundraising team) over the course of the next year.

Our project to build a replacement Scout Hut continues to be delayed by the planning department, with us in constant discussion with them over several issues that continue to be laid before us. Despite this, we are confident that we are approaching the point in which we will soon be able to get permissions agreed. Once this has been done, we have a clear plan on how we are going to proceed, so hope to make more constant progress in the months following this decision.

The coming year will see more progress in many areas being made in the Group, as well as plans of a diary full of fundraising and social events, section specific camps, trips and tours, expanding water sessions to all sections and the return of another Group Weekend Camp on the horizon. As the old saying goes “did you make a living, or did you make a difference?” We believe everyone is making a difference which will linger on in our, and future Scouts, Cubs, Beavers and Squirrels memories forever.

Alan Luke and Owen Thomas

Co-Group Lead Volunteers
3rd/5th Lancing Sea Scout Group



Treasurers Report

2023 continued to be another very busy year financially for 3rd/5th with 8 camps across all sections including the annual Brownsea Island Scout camp, many fundraising events and the ever-popular bonfire night and Scout Aid all taking place throughout the year.

Through the support of family, friends and the local community, 2023 saw an increase in both donations and fundraising which remains as important as ever, especially as we were unable to raise grant funding to the same level as previous years.

Despite some costs increasing during the year and being able to tighten our belts on others, this has resulted in the group generating a small surplus for the year of £923.

Thanks to incredibly generous donations received from the community, the group were able to purchase an additional safety boat to add to our existing fleet which has been used extensively this past summer.

Supeta, Streamside campsite and the Scout Hut have all incurred considerable repair costs throughout the year which has meant that they have run at a loss this year, but with good planning and budgeting, hopefully we will be able to turn that around this coming year.

Whilst we await planning permission approval for the new Hut, we continue to patch up and make good until we can plan for the future. Hopefully this will be approved this coming year 🙏

The board of trustees continue to look for ways to make our income go as far as possible to allow the section leaders to be able to provide a full and varied programme of activities for your children, though at times this can be a hard juggling act.

The attached profit and loss account and balance sheet forming the groups accounts for the year to 31 March 2024 has been independently verified and approved as being correct. The trustees have an obligation to file the accounts with the Charities Commission by 31 January 2025, which will be done shortly.

Guy Lunn

Treasurer

treasurer@3rd5thlancingseascouts.org.uk



Profit and Loss

For the year ended 31 March 2024

Account	2024	2023	2022
Income			
Camp income	14,933	12,274	8,156
Donations	12,498	5,153	8,282
Fundraising	6,563	5,545	7,748
Gift Aid	4,631	1,308	1,119
Grants	1,270	15,920	16,779
Hires	9,585	8,170	4,434
Interest Income	188	42	24
Other Income	2,550	1,016	1,323
Subs	10,116	8,567	9,073
Uniform contribution/sales	119	312	48
Total Income	62,454	58,306	56,984
Direct Costs			
Activity programme costs	2,081	781	828
Badges/uniform etc	1,540	1,847	1,637
Camp costs	23,482	12,417	12,960
Capitation	4,622	4,140	3,853
Fundraising costs	3,154	1,937	2,098
Total Direct Costs	34,878	21,122	21,376
Gross Profit	27,575	37,184	35,608
Administrative Costs			
Advertising & Marketing	-	-	35
Annual dues, inspections & life raft costs	1,388	580	883
Bank and Payment platform fees	258	167	148
Boat fuel	130	766	163
Charitable donations	110	390	555
Cleaning & Waste Disposal	195	340	280
Depreciation Expense	3,284	2,485	2,726
General Expenses	339	64	91
Insurance	6,585	6,275	5,574
Legal fees	480	3,042	-
Light, Power, Heating	1,872	519	(1,493)
Medical/safety kit	260	905	73
Mileage/fuel claims	32	184	15
Mooring, canal & boat storage costs	5,562	4,716	4,375
Postage, Freight & Courier	7	12	-
Printing, Stationery & Postage	56	210	175
Rates	185	115	243
Repairs & Maintenance	10,295	19,599	8,238
Training & Courses	792	1,940	382
Website & Internet	957	1,371	1,706
z Reserves transfer	(6,135)	2,944	-
Total Administrative Costs	26,653	46,623	24,167
Profit	923	(9,439)	11,441

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3rd/5th Lancing Sea Scouts
Profit and Loss by CATEGORY
 For the year ended 31 March 2024

Account	Boats/Equip ment	Bonfire Night	Camps - Broadstone Warren	Camps - Brownsea	Camps - Go Beavers	Camps - Jamboree	Camps - Portsmouth	Camps - RN Summer camp	Camps - Scout Hut	Camps - Streamside	Christmas Parties/Meals	Cuckoo Corner	Group	Halloween	Lancing Market	Other events	Scout Aid	Scout Hut	Streamside	Supeta	Winter Wonderland	Total
Income																						
Camp income	-	-	990	9,562	268	1,175	855	768	600	550	165	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	14,933
Donations	8,330	22	-	363	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	740	-	-	-	57	200	-	2,787	-	12,498
Fundraising	-	1,202	-	1,130	-	181	-	-	-	-	-	-	191	147	598	576	1,669	-	-	-	869	6,563
Gift Aid	1,326	-	-	79	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2,531	-	-	-	-	-	-	666	-	4,631
Grants	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	270	-	1,270
Hires	800	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	20	885	1,140	6,980	-	9,585
Interest Income	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	166	-	-	-	-	-	-	22	-	188
Other Income	1,752	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	403	-	-	-	-	-	395	-	-	2,550
Subs	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	10,116	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	10,116
Uniform contribution/s:	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	119	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	119
Total Income	12,008	1,223	990	11,134	268	1,356	855	768	600	550	165	-	15,266	147	598	576	1,746	1,065	1,535	10,735	869	62,454
Direct Costs																						
Activity programme co	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2,081	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2,081
Badges/uniform etc	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,217	-	-	-	-	-	-	323	-	1,540
Camp costs	-	-	850	18,561	271	1,142	556	831	462	436	373	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	23,482
Capitation	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4,622	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4,622
Fundraising costs	-	591	-	150	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	230	655	876	-	-	-	651	3,154
Total Direct Costs	-	591	850	18,711	271	1,143	556	831	462	436	373	-	7,920	-	230	655	876	-	-	323	651	34,878
Gross Profit	12,008	632	140	(7,577)	(3)	214	299	(64)	138	114	(208)	-	7,347	146	368	(80)	870	1,065	1,535	10,412	218	27,575
Administrative Cos																						
Annual dues, inspectio	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	114	1,274	-	1,388
Bank and Payment pla	9	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	228	-	-	-	-	-	-	22	-	258
Boat fuel	105	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	9	-	-	-	-	-	-	16	-	130
Charitable donations	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	110	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	110
Cleaning & Waste Disj	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	180	15	-	195
Depreciation Expense	3,016	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	267	-	3,284
General Expenses	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	110	-	-	-	-	-	208	21	-	339
Insurance	3,088	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	428	-	-	-	-	-	1,195	454	1,420	-	6,585
Legal fees	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	480	-	-	-	480
Light, Power, Heating	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	324	-	-	-	-	1,224	324	-	-	1,872
Medical/safety kit	190	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	70	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	260
Mileage/fuel claims	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	32	-	32
Mooring, canal & boat	425	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	5,137	-	5,562
Postage, Freight & Co	7	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	7
Printing, Stationery & f	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	43	-	-	-	-	-	-	12	-	56
Rates	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	188	17	-	-	-	185
Repairs & Maintenano	2,049	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	104	404	-	-	-	-	1,866	1,961	3,911	-	10,295
Training & Courses	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	792	-	792
Website & Internet	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	48	27	-	-	-	-	161	721	-	-	957
z Reserves transfer	-	-	-	(6,135)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	(6,135)
Total Administrative	8,889	-	-	(6,135)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	580	1,326	-	-	-	-	5,095	3,980	12,918	-	26,653
Profit	3,118	632	140	(1,442)	(3)	214	299	(64)	138	114	(208)	(580)	6,021	146	368	(80)	870	(4,030)	(2,445)	(2,506)	218	923



3rd/5th Lancing Sea Scouts
Profit and Loss by SECTION
For the year ended 31 March 2024

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Account	Squirrels	Beavers	Cubs	Scouts	Group	Total
Income						
Camp income	-	268	150	13,100	1,415	14,933
Donations	250	200	200	538	11,310	12,498
Fundraising	36	361	598	1,130	4,438	6,563
Gift Aid	-	-	1,249	1,205	2,177	4,631
Grants	-	-	-	-	1,270	1,270
Hires	-	-	-	-	9,585	9,585
Interest Income	-	-	58	50	80	188
Other Income	-	-	-	140	2,410	2,550
Subs	1,845	2,160	2,961	3,150	-	10,116
Uniform contribution/sales	-	71	48	-	-	119
Total Income	2,131	3,060	5,264	19,313	32,686	62,454
Direct Costs						
Activity programme costs	649	417	645	371	-	2,081
Badges/uniform etc	326	123	285	329	476	1,540
Camp costs	-	271	150	21,990	1,070	23,482
Capitation	-	-	-	-	4,622	4,622
Fundraising costs	-	361	230	150	2,413	3,154
Total Direct Costs	975	1,172	1,311	22,840	8,580	34,878
Gross Profit	1,156	1,888	3,953	(3,527)	24,106	27,575
Administrative Costs						
Annual dues, inspections & life raft cos	-	-	-	-	1,388	1,388
Bank and Payment platform fees	55	72	99	5	27	258
Boat fuel	-	-	-	70	60	130
Charitable donations	-	-	-	-	110	110
Cleaning & Waste Disposal	-	-	-	-	195	195
Depreciation Expense	-	-	-	-	3,284	3,284
General Expenses	-	-	-	-	339	339
Insurance	-	-	-	-	6,585	6,585
Legal fees	-	-	-	-	480	480
Light, Power, Heating	-	-	-	-	1,872	1,872
Medical/safety kit	-	-	-	35	225	260
Mileage/fuel claims	-	-	-	-	32	32
Mooring, canal & boat storage costs	-	-	-	-	5,562	5,562
Postage, Freight & Courier	-	-	-	-	7	7
Printing, Stationery & Postage	-	-	-	43	12	56
Rates	-	-	-	-	185	185
Repairs & Maintenance	-	-	-	375	9,920	10,295
Training & Courses	-	-	-	-	792	792
Website & Internet	-	-	-	27	930	957
z Reserves transfer	-	-	-	(6,135)	-	(6,135)
Total Administrative Costs	55	72	99	(5,580)	32,006	26,653
Profit	1,100	1,817	3,854	2,052	(7,900)	923

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Balance Sheet

As at 31 March 2024

	31-Mar-24	31-Mar-23	31-Mar-22
Fixed Assets			
Tangible Assets			
Boats and boating equipment	173,808	165,808	164,458
Buildings	280,518	280,518	280,518
Computer Equipment	604	604	604
Contents and camping equipment	47,399	47,399	48,904
Less Accumulated Depreciation on Boats and boating equipment	(8,942)	(5,704)	(3,461)
Less Accumulated Depreciation on Computer Equipment	(604)	(604)	(402)
Less Accumulated Depreciation on Contents and Camping equipment	(87)	(41)	-
Total Tangible Assets	492,696	487,980	488,620
Total Fixed Assets	492,696	487,980	488,620
Current Assets			
Cash at bank and in hand			
Boats ac 5024 - Kayak sub ac	1,113	763	-
Boats account 5024	2,072	139	5,734
Camp Surplus ac 4903	299	388	7,203
Cash Control - other events	300	422	300
Group account 0192	6,756	6,840	15,238
New Build account 7424	1,338	1,697	1,957
PayPal account	151	-	56
Poland BPA 9924	2,218	903	3,391
Spare ac 8568	-	-	1,475
Streamside 0747	2,862	6,649	-
Summer camp spending ac 1852	4,600	7,614	-
Supeta current ac 9391	6,499	8,431	4,902
Total Cash at bank and in hand	28,208	33,846	40,256
Accrued income	638	-	5,494
Costs in advance	10,214	586	-
Prepayments	7,201	6,063	6,199
Suspense	7	-	-
Total Current Assets	46,268	40,495	51,949
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year			
Accruals	194	105	958
Income in Advance	10,742	4,632	9,378
Loan	9,500	-	-
Total Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	20,436	4,737	10,336
Net Current Assets (Liabilities)	25,832	35,758	41,613
Total Assets less Current Liabilities	518,528	523,739	530,234
Net Assets	518,528	523,739	530,234
Reserves			
Designated reserves	900	7,034	4,090
General reserves including reserves on becoming a charity b/f	36,131	45,570	34,129
Current Year Earnings	923	(9,439)	11,441
	37,054	36,131	45,570
Non monetary assets/Revaluation reserve	480,574	480,574	480,574
Total Reserves	518,528	523,739	530,234



Squirrels

Squirrels is just about to celebrate their 2nd birthday and the fun just never ends for our drey! We've met many members of the community and plan to meet many more!

We've worked with a local Italian restaurant to raise funds for our local foodbank, we've litter picked at our beach and learnt about how harmful litter is for our planet.

Since the last AGM, 9 squirrels have moved up to beavers with our chief acorn award and have earned many other badges along the way, along with the rest of the squirrels.

We have an action-packed term ahead of us and are excited to welcome a new leader to the drey. We are very lucky to have two wonderful young leaders, Darcee and Harrison.

Our waitlist remains very long but we will shortly be welcoming 6 new squirrels to join our fun, taking our numbers to 16.

Nutkin and the team

Nutkin – Squirrels Section Leader



BEAVERS

Beavers have had another busy and exciting year. We currently have 19 Beavers and 4 leaders: Seagull, Puffin, Gannet and Josh. We have 2 other helpers who have joined us recently, Mark and Kayleigh. William has continued to give us fantastic support as a Young Leader.

We work hard but have great fun ticking off lots of sections of the Beaver badges. This includes evening sailing sessions on our group's 42' sailing yacht Supeta, archery evenings, pond dipping at Streamside, Emergency First Aid, making bird feeders, Treasure Hunts, walks and activities on the beach and the Downs and making forts for a Nerf War. We've learned about Burns Night, China and the Green Cross Code and done lots of cooking, craft and problem solving. We had a lovely evening visiting Lancing College Farm and learning about how they look after the animals and the land. Our Christmas party in December was held at Wild Wonderland the indoor play area in Lancing.

As usual we took part in the District parade for St George's Day, and Lancing Remembrance Day Parade, before we which we helped to sell poppies and made our own wreath.

To raise money for the local Foodbank, last September we ran a very successful plant/cake/book sale which saw Beavers and their parents all supporting the cause which raised £361.00. We had lots of lovely comments from members of the public who came along to buy and the Beavers ticked off lots of sections for their Community Impact and cooking badge.

We continue to collect recycling for *Recycling in Lancing* and Sue came in to chat to us about how it all works. If any other sections would like to help, we collect milk bottle tops, Pringle tubes, cheese wrappers and toothbrushes, including the heads from electric ones.

Our older Beavers were invited to join in the annual District climbing event in February and in June we attended the amazing Go Beavers County event taking part in archery, water activities, grass sledging and clambering through a cave bus. This is our 5th year and is something we all really enjoy.

We went back to Littlehampton for our Beaver sleepover and lit and cooked on fires, put up and took down our own tents, went crabbing, bouldering, played wide games, threw axes and visited the Lifeboat station.

The Beaver leaders

Seagull (Heather), Puffin (Trudy), Gannet (Nick) and Josh





It has been another busy and successful year for the Cubs!

We have handed out 394 challenge, staged and activity badges through our various activities (up 128 from last year!) and are delighted to have another 3 Cubs achieve the Chief Scout Silver Award, the highest award possible in the Cub section.

Autumn term saw us celebrating festivals and traditions including Halloween, Diwali and Christmas amongst evenings of archery, hiking and scouting skills of pioneering, first aid and navigation.

We were delighted to welcome Martyn to the Cub leadership team in January and his cub name is Hathi. We took on the Adur Youth Commissioner's challenge in February to complete the central section of the Youth Shape award and the Cubs had a great time having a paper snowball fight sharing their thoughts and ideas on future programmes and ideas for the group.

March was our skateboarding sleepover, and we had a fantastic time with South Coast skateboarding. For many of the Cubs this was their first go on a skateboard and they all embraced it and did themselves proud as they persevered learning new tricks and skills.

In April, some of the Cubs joined the District at Hillside for a games evening and then in June we returned to Hillside with the District for the weekend District Cub Camp. This was Olympic themed, and the Cubs participated in various activities including sumo wrestling, equestrian, hammer and javelin, paper boat sailing and car park kayaking. We were surprised and delighted to achieve the most points across all 8 events and took 1st place for Greece, our adopted country for the weekend.

Chris (Baloo) completed his woods training in June and we celebrated this at the campfire at District camp with smoreos.

We are grateful to the various water teams who have run no water water evenings to build our nautical knowledge, kayaking and paddleboarding and trips on Supeta for us and we hope to increase these opportunities further next year.

As we head into the new Scouting year, we are looking forward to more fun and adventures including another district camp, a weekend camp and a sleepover or two, an activity day or two alongside our weekly meetings.

Jo Barnes (Akela)

Cub Team Leader



SCOUTS

Well, it's been an extremely busy year for the scout section but one which has formed many memories and stories to tell. So, were to start?

This time last year we had a water camp in Portsmouth, where we spent a Saturday doing paddle boarding and kayaking and then visiting the World War 1 and 2 Memorial in Southsea.

Towards the end of 2023 we did our usual Halloween evening, Poppy appeal and Remembrance parade. We then had to make adjustment for our usual November hike camp as Streamside was closed and the weather wasn't on our side. However, we moved to the Hut and complete some badge work which included Navigators, cooking, first aid, digital citizen (we made Tik Tocs) and master of arms. We then finished 2023 off with our usual Christmas meal and awards night.

So, the year 2024 started and it started busy. We visited Worthing fire station, young leaders did the artist badge, we were scientists and entertainers. We had a camp in March, and it was nice to be back at streamside where we cooked dinner on an open fire, oh and breakfast too, did back to basic skills like first aid, pioneering, orienteering, hand, axe and knife skills and air rifle shooting.

Then came the summer term. As usual the weather made water session difficult, but we were able to get on the water for a few sessions. Paddle sports as usual were a hit, with many having the opportunity of using the paddleboards. Sailing this year has been difficult with strong winds playing havoc, however when we were able to sail, the sessions were amazing and we went out to sea a few times too.

In May we went to Hillside, which is the Adur Valley District site and as usual a hit with the scouts, as they made their own hammocks and shelters and slept in them overnight. All of them camped out which was fantastic. The weekend also consisted of orienteering, making smoores, team challenges and a game of rounders.

Also, in May we had the Royal Navy summer camp, where we had 6 scouts attend plus 3 explorers attending in Gosport. Over the half term week, they did many activities on land and on the water which included going on trips, doing STEM activities, sailing, power boating and paddle sports.

The summer term was finished off with a game of cricket at the manor where the scouts took on the young leaders and leaders- only one outcome, the leaders WON!

POLAND 2024

So now onto Poland 2024 which has been 2 and half year in planning. For those who are not aware, Adur is twinned with Zywiec which is town in Poland. The 3rd 5th Lancing have been twinning with the scouts of Zywiec for 16 years, when the first camp happened in 2008. The process works every three to four years when we host the Zywiec scouts and we then return to Poland the following year, and the planning overall taking 2 and half year.

So last year, we hosted the Zywiec scout for 11 days, 6 days spent at a very wet and windy Brownsea Island and then 5 days at streamside, going on trips and onsite activities.

The process for us returning to Poland started November 2023 when we selected the scouts and young leaders to attend. We decided on the 23 along with myself picking 4 leaders back in 2022. We met with the parents to explain about Poland and the build-up began.



We had a team building session in February, where we designed the camp scarf, the camp badge and thought about what gifts we would take out with us. We also introduced the scouts to some traditional Polish food.

Then we had an amazing 24 hours back in April. As a team, we took part in a 24-hour challenge of cycling, walking and rowing to Poland which was around 1040 miles. Well Scouts and Leaders smashed it. We then decided to cycle further on and did over 1600 miles and raised over £1500. This was a extremely proud moment for myself as a scout leader.

We when did a camp in June, which again due to the weather had to be moved from Stanford campsite in Crawley to Streamside. The weekend was used to get the scouts ready for Poland, so planning what kit was needed, learning skills were needed being on camp in Poland, have Polish meals and food all weekend, and giving an idea of a Polish scout campfire, finished of by singing and dancing.

Then on to final hurdle before going, in July we had a morning with some of the scouts making the camp gift for the Zywiec scouts and leaders. Then 2 days before, getting their casual uniform and camp scarfs.

And then 2am on Friday 2nd August and trying to function and knowing I had to get 23 young people and 4 leaders through Gatwick airport- well it was a breeze, and they were so fantastic and responsible.

The camp was different to other past camps as we moved from Zywiec and camp at a scout site in Kostkowic. The theme of the camp was around the world visiting different countries which included England, Poland, Japan, Greece, Australia, India and many more. Each day activities were based on the country we visited. We also had 3 trips out while on camp which included visiting an ostrich farm, rock climbing at camel rocks and visiting Krakow, which we made a traditional bread and went to an aqua park- where Scott and I were kids again. Throughout camp, we danced a lot, sung our hearts out, guarded the flag throughout every night as well as the leaders having some fun at the Polish leader expense too. Before flying home, went to a high ropes park. The night before we came home, we exchanged gift and scarf were swapped.

In the next few weeks we will be showing our camp video, having a debrief and celebrating what was a true unforgettable trip it was.

Just on Poland, I want to say thank you to the parents for their continued support and the scout section leaders who might not have gone to Poland but still supported the trip which includes the Home Contact team of Claire and Nicole. And to Scott, Abbie, Jamie and Owen, for being part of the team to pull off another Poland adventure and the young leaders of Sydney, Fin and Levi who came into their own while on camp. The Zywiec leaders for being fantastic hosts and most importantly, Julia who has been my partner in crime, in bring all of this together in relation to the twinning between the 2 groups, to continue our scouting adventures over the last two year but also into the future.

..... overall, it has been another unforgettable year, it keeps becoming a recurring thing. The rest of the 2024 year will be similar to past years with the Poppy appeal, remembrance parade and our year end of year meal and awards. We also have two camps planned in one being based in Hampshire, which will consist of sailing and paddleboarding and a hike camp at streamside.

Into 2025, we have made the decision to change summer camp and going somewhere different which isn't Brownsea Island. We are planning on going to another Island but, it closer to home by Visiting the Isle of Wight. We haven't done anything like this before so it will be new for us all, and also having Zak as our tour guide. We will continue to do badge work, may water activities in the warmer months, however it will be a sort of quieter year for the scout section in 2025.

In the 14 years I've been scout leader, you can't do it without having a team behind you supporting in all the planning, running sessions, camps and all the other stuff the scout section leaders do, and we do a lot. So, with that a massive thank you to the following leaders, helpers and young leaders for all your help over the last year, Chris, Abbie, Kieran, Jamie, Owen, Alan, Paul, Zak, Ethan, Tom, Randy, Steve, Phillip, Ian, Sydney, Fin, Levi, Lucy, Mark, Micheal, Andy Bingham, Andy Fellingham, Cameron and Nicole. Of course,



there are a few people who need an extra thank you as they do go the extra mile for the section. Claire who does all our scout finances and money side of things. And my trusted lieutenants (LOL) in Scott who keeps me out of trouble and Vicky, who leads with the RN camps, but both run the sessions when I'm not around or elsewhere. I'm sorry if I missed anyone.

Lastly without them, the scouts. It been a busy and crazy year. We as leaders wouldn't do scouts if it wasn't for you guys, so from us thanks you.

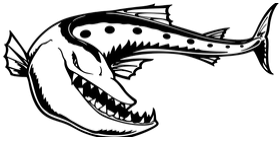
And remember

It's not a problem, it's a challenge. Adventure, making memories.

Mole

Scout Leader





Barracudas Explorers

Barracudas have had a great year with many activities.

Our Explorers/Network enjoyed a Summer camp in Yorkshire with activities including Canyoning, Climbing, Hiking and Harry Potter filming locations, we stayed in a scout building called Hag Dyke at the top of a hill that meant a 3.5km hike to get back each day.

Our October get away was to the Snowdonia where we Hiked Carnedd David, Carnedd Llewelyn and Tryfan, with fantastic views over Snowdonia and Anglesey

We continue our work with the Lions to support Santa Sleigh during December round Lancing & Sompting and helping the community

We have been running more activities with the Other explorer units in Adur and the explorers have built good relationships with the other explorers, on camps and DofE Expeditions.

Many thanks to all the leaders and support we have been given to help provide scouting for many young people

Andy,

Barracudas ESL



Fundraising Report

This year the Fundraising Team has organised or helped with the running of a number of events including Scout Aid, Halloween Disco, Bonfire night, the Poppy Appeal, Winter Wonderland, Scouts' 24 Hour Challenge to Poland, Green Fingered Scouts (Get us to Poland), and a jumble sale, collectively raising thousands of pounds towards Group projects, the Scout Section's trip to Poland, and for the national Poppy Appeal. Thank you to all the members of the Fundraising Team for your efforts this year; they are greatly appreciated by all in the Group!

For the coming year, the group are looking to grow their team of 7, to include more parents and carers in supporting our wonderful Group. The team are looking for people with a range of skills to help with the organisation of fundraising and social events, as well as completing grant applications for Group projects that will directly benefit our young people. The Team usually meet once every few months, depending on upcoming events, with meetings being relaxed, informal and potentially with something alcoholic to hand. So, if you are able to help regularly or every so often at events, the team would love to hear from you.

For now, please contact gsl@3rd5thlancingseascouts.org.uk , and we will get you in contact with the fundraising team (email for them to follow).

Potential projects for fundraising this year include:

- New Build Project funding
- Streamside renovations
- Powerboat refurbishments
- New XL paddleboards
- New sailing equipment
- New Group cooking equipment

Fundraising, successful grant applications, donations and hires are essential to keeping the Group running. Without them, we would make significant losses each year, with termly subscriptions being insufficient to cover our expenses. Therefore, without everyone's help, be that by joining our fundraising team or attending our events, we would have to significantly increase subscriptions, something we are fighting to resist given the current economic climate.

At time of writing, a calendar of fundraising events will be announced shortly. Please support by promoting our events and attending when able. We hope to see you and your family at our next event soon!

Many thanks,

Owen (on behalf of the Fundraising Team)

Leanne Strotten, Katie Wastell, Chloe Barter, Sam Lelliott, Laura Hallett, Hazel Butler, Tom Smith



Streamside Report

Streamside Camp Site ~ 2024

Annual report on Streamside 2024

Sorry for the short report but due to the check on the water supply we have been let down by the water tester from Adur Council who was meant to arrive November Last year. I have tested the water with a stick test and was well within the legal limits, but to be sure we contacted Adur.

All groups that had booked Streamside were informed of the situation, it didn't seem to put off to many mainly DOE Groups. A few of the week camps booked were cancelled.

We have already taken bookings for next year so if anyone knows a company or system to check the water supply please contact me.

We were hoping to move the shower and revamp the larger toilet room; however this is still ongoing and we will be applying for grants so to complete the conversion in one hit.

The electrics have been updated, and a Gas inspection completed and a certificate issued. An Asbestos survey has been carried out and confirms the building does not contain any.

We are looking forward to a better 2025 without any further complications.

The groups who have used Streamside were full of praise, as it is the best single camp they have used.

One benefit is the grass is the best it has ever been with all bare patches now green! Not all bad news Streamside is an ongoing asset to our group and has built up a great rapport with its users and 3rd/5th; long may this remain and be enhanced.

All the best

Alan aka Skip/Tash



Royal Navy Report

This year has seen a big step forward for Royal Navy (RN) Sea Scouting with the return of Royal Navy Camps on a Naval Establishment at HMS Sultan in Gosport.

This year I have taken up an active role within the RN ALNSASU Team, I will also be attending and representing the RN and 3rd&5th Lancing aboard HMS Queen Elizabeth at the end of September.

We have had 12 people this year do water permit training across paddleboards, kayaks and canoes thanks to funding from the Royal Navy, 4 will continue to do a second part of training for instructors all funded again by the Royal Navy.

We have applied for the RN Admiralty Grant this year to provide extra kit needed for the Young People and to make some upgrades to the Yellow Peril. I'm hopeful for the full amount of £2500.

This year we have had 8 Scouts and 4 Explorers attend the Summer Camp in May 2024. They took part in a range of activities from sailing and kayaking to paddle boarding and canoeing, mountain biking and STEM based activities around coding lego.

These camps give our Young People and Leaders the opportunity to do activities and mix with Scouts and Leaders from all over the UK and make friends and network connections within the scouting community.

We have a multisport weekend this weekend and have 8 Scouts and 2 Explorers and 3 leaders attending to take part in various sports to see who can win the Medals, fingers crossed we bring one home.

There is an upcoming camp in October 2024 half term and we have 3 Explorers attending, this will be another activity filled week with plenty of down time for them to relax and mix with other Explorers forging these friendships to take Explorers to the next section of Networking once they reach 18.

I will start looking at the scouts aged 11-13 that wish to attend camp in May 2025 as it grows more popular among our Young People.

The team at ALNSASU are hopeful that a replacement ship is in the pipeline and that will eventually see the return of the camps aboard a Naval Ship like it was on HMS Bristol.

Vicky Spurgeon
Section Volunteer
ALNSASU Management Team Member



Supeta Report

This year has been another tremendous success building upon previous year's activities. It is looking that the 1000+ number of young people taken out in 2022 – 2023 is going to be exceeded for 2024! For this, 3rd/5th Lancing Sea Scout Group should be justly proud!

As well as being recognised by local and national organisations, Supeta also played host to the Prime Minister on a private visit supported by Shoreham Port Authority. This was not a political visit and the Prime Minister, who was a Scout and camped on Brownsea Island, was piped aboard. He sat down in the saloon and talked to our Scouts about camping and past activities. Something that I am sure they will remember.

Troops from all over the county and as far as Kent, like to go away for the weekend travelling down to the Solent or Newhaven. Learning new skills and becoming excellent crew members all working together.

SUPETA even has Cub Camps happening onboard. So popular that had to bring in an additional yacht for accommodation splitting the pack into groups going out sailing while others visited the lifeboat station and other activities.

Unlike any of the other few Scout yachts nationwide, we operate on a different model. They just do trips of a few days or longer which is very different to SUPETA. We want as many young people as possible to experience and enjoy our yacht so welcome, Squirrels, Beavers, Cubs, Scouts and Explorers for trips as short of an hour or as long as wanted often sleeping onboard.

We are fortunate to have excellent Skippers and Mates backed up by a small dedicated support team who must be thanked for their hard work. Douglas Taylor in particular must be mentioned and gratefully thanked as he tirelessly works promoting SUPETA on social media, taking bookings, organising crew as well as being a Mate. Also wish to thank the parents that came along to Sussex Yacht Club and helped by doing work on SUPETA. Due to the overall lack of help, she was much later getting back in the waters ready to serve our young people. Hopefully see more when she comes out early next year.
Thank you

Tom Smith





3rd/5th Lancing Sea Scouts
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Trustee Nominations 2024

Name: **Charlotte Street**

Conflict(s) of interest: Son is in Squirrels

Why I would like to be a Trustee:

I have learnt a lot in my role as Group Secretary and Trustee and would like to continue my involvement in 3rd/5th Lancing Sea Scouts. I feel my previous teaching experience provided me with a good understanding of policies, safeguarding and risk assessments. My current role as a project coordinator relies on my administrative skills, which I would be happy to utilise by continuing to provide secretarial support for the Trustee board.

Length of Term: 3 years

Name: **Andy Bingham**

Conflict(s) of interest: Son is in Scouts

Why I would like to be a Trustee:

I would like to be considered as a trustee to hopefully be a small part in enabling others to experience the many wonderful opportunities that have been given to my son.

Length of Term: 3 years

Name: **Randal Erskine**

Conflict(s) of interest: None

Why I would like to be a Trustee:

Already a Trustee, believe all training completed

Length of Term: 3 years





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Name: **Leanne Strotten**

Conflict(s) of interest: Two young people in group, and Section Leader of Squirrels

Why I would like to be a Trustee:

2 boys in group! And as a leader I want to ensure the future is consistent for future generations to enable them to benefit the way mine have and ensure equality for all

Length of Term: 2 years

Name: **Tom Smith**

Conflict(s) of interest: None

Why I would like to be a Trustee:

Very aware of how the Group function both historically and currently, probably more than most people.

Length of Term: 2 years

Name: **Alan Luke**

Conflict(s) of interest: None

Why I would like to be a Trustee:

I have been GSL for a long time and know the group well. Happy to continue

Length of Term: 3 years



