

4th Epping Forest South (Bancroft's School) Sea Scout Group



Charity Registration Number 1037676

Annual Report 2026

The 4th Epping Forest South (Bancroft's School) Sea Scout Group is a registered charity, number 1037676. Its address is Bancroft's School, Woodford Green, Essex, IG8 0RF.

The Group is part of the national Scout Association set up by Royal Charter in 1912. The objects of the Scout movement are the promotion and development of young people in the achievement of their physical, intellectual, social and spiritual potential as individuals as responsible citizens and members of their local, national and international communities.

The Group provides a diverse range of educational, sporting and fun activities for its members who range from the age of 8 to 18. Its aim is to contribute to the fulfilment of their potential using a progressive and enjoyable value-based programme for personal development. The School provides facilities for the Group for meetings and activities but the Group relies upon the voluntary help of the Scout and Cub leaders, assistants and helpers, as well as upon the voluntary help of the Board of Trustees.

The charity is administered by the Board of Trustees comprising:

Ex-officio : Group Lead Volunteer, Stephen Young.

Chairman : John Hasselgren, Treasurer - Paul Still, Secretary - Victoria Cochrane.

Warranted Leaders : Matthew Balchin, Mel Knight, Ajay Pamneja, Beryl Sharma.

Alastair Cochrane.

Headmaster's Representative : Duncan Abbott.

The Scout Association Rules under which the Board of Trustees administer and run the Scout Group are listed in the Scout Association's most recent document entitled Policy, Organization and Rules (POR). This states that only the Group Lead Volunteer is, ex-Officio, a Trustee, all others being elected at the AGM for a period of three years. The Trustees also abide by to the Group's Constitution that was agreed on 26th. June 2023, modified to conform to POR published since that date.

The Group needs to have a minimum level of reserves in order to meet its expenditure during the year. The number of Cubs and Scouts varies and this results in a variable income whilst the level of expenditure on boat maintenance, weekly meeting costs and insurance remains fairly static, The level of reserves is reviewed by the Board of Trustees on a regular basis, to ensure that it is sufficient to meet the needs of the Group for the forthcoming year.

There were no significant incidents to report during the year ending 31 March 2026.

The Group is successful, with a large number of Cubs and Scouts attending, and no shortage of potential recruits. A varied programme is run, both during Winter indoor meetings as well as regular boatwork sessions at Fairlop Outdoor Activity Centre during the Summer. In addition to these a week long Summer Camp and a weekend Winter Camp is held, and several weekend events will be undertaken. For the Scouts these include a Docklands Treasure Hunt and overnight stay onboard the Lord Amory, a Gold Award Expedition in Epping Forest and a Sailing with the Endeavour Sailing Project from the Hamble river. These enable Scouts to achieve the Chief Scout's Silver and Gold Award, the highest Award available to them at this age. The Cubs also participate in activities that suit their age, to obtain their own Chief Scout's Silver and Gold Awards. Eight Cubs and three Scouts have completed this during the year. Many other badges have also been awarded. For this, they, and all the Cub and Scout Leaders are to be congratulated.

Our Royal Navy Affiliation allows Scouts above the age of 12 to apply for places on, and to participate in, the RN Sea Scout Camp run each year by the Admiral Lord Nelson Active Support Unit in the Portsmouth area.

Although not part of this Group, the formation of the Endeavour Sea Explorer Unit, with which we have a partnership agreement, has seen a number of former Scouts transfer to it and continue in Scouting up to the age of eighteen, often within the Young Leader scheme. It also enables them to apply to attend the annual Camp run by the Admiral Lord Nelson Active Support Unit under the auspices of the Royal Navy.

Several Leaders from our Group assist with these RN events as Divisional Officers or as Skills Instructors.

Due to the RN Affiliation the Group was fortunate to receive a grant of £2,500 from the RN Sea Scout Fund, which we had to match from our own funds, towards the refurbishment of our gig, *Drake*. This boat has been repainted and refitted. She has been given new standing and running rigging and will now be able to be used under sail as well as under oars. Both gigs, *Wizard* as well as *Drake*, have been fitted with new covers.

At the AGM dated 24/09/2025 Beryl Sharma gave notice that she would be resigning as Cub Scout Leader at the end of the Summer term 2026. This could have led to the closure of the Cub Pack, but a solution is being investigated with possibly three persons running the Cub Pack.

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Income and Expenditure 2025/2026 Year end 31/3/26

Income

Scouts and Cubs subscriptions and Activities via OSM	31847.60
Barclays Bank Interest	9.10
Charity Bank Interest	933.47
Gift Aid	1719.66
Royal Navy Grant towards boat renovations	2500
Donation	100

Total **37109.83**

Expenditure

Insurance	773.95
Capitation Fees	4003.40
Scout Expenses	18987.24
Cub Expenses	2749.31
Boat renovations	9600.30
Sponsorship	1080
Bank Fees	42.50

Total **37236.70**

Excess of Expenditure over Income **126.87**

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Balance Sheet 31st March 2026

Current Account NatWest	4405.67
Barclays Current Account	428.86
Barclays Savings Account	3909.10
Charity Bank Savings Accounts	33631.24
Gift Aid due	1719.66
Payments made in advance for 2026/2027	1217.96

Sub Total **45312.49**

Less advance payments received for 2026/2027 via OSM for Activities	2967.18
Cheques/payments not cashed/paid	703.21

Sub Total **3670.39**

Total **41642.10**



John Hasselgren
Group Chairman



Paul Still
Group Treasurer

18/8/2026

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Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of 4th Epping Forest South (Bancroft's School) Sea Scout Group

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31st March 2026

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity's trustees you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Trust as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed:



Name: **STEPHEN ANTHONY FOX**

Relevant professional qualification or membership of professional bodies (if any):

PART QUALIFIED ACCA (LEVEL 2)

Address: **119 BRACKLEY SQUARE,
WOODFORD GREEN,
ESSEX IG8 7LN**

Date: **14 AUGUST 2026**

Assets and Liabilities to accompany Accounts for the year 2024/25

Assets:

The Scout Group is sponsored by Bancroft's School and therefore has no premises of its own.

Its financial assets are shown in the accounts shown above.

Additionally, the Group owns equipment used to run its programme. That listed separately in the insurance policy documents are:

Two (2) Home Counties pulling and sailing gigs, both with a road trailer.

Ten (10) Moonster Basic S Club kayaks.

One (1) box trailer.

In addition, various other unspecified equipment, including tents, cooking equipment, ropes and poles etc. is insured with an overall value of £37,578.

Liabilities:

With no premises of its own, there is no liability towards building maintenance.

All Scout Leaders and helpers are unpaid volunteers. Therefore there are no liabilities towards salaries and pensions.

One of the gigs mentioned above, Drake, has undergone a fairly major refit. The Group has been fortunate in receiving a grant of £2,500 from the RN Sea Scout Fund, which had to be matched from the Group's own resources. Even so, the invoice received for this work, and the purchase of covers for both boats, required the use of some of the Group's reserves.

Future liabilities include payment of Capitation Fees to the Scout Association, insurance of equipment and fees for events already running or booked for the future. These include Boat work at Fairlop Outdoor Activity Centre, Summer Camp 2026, an overnight stay in the Secret Nuclear Bunker, Winter Camp 2027, Offshore Sailing and other weekend events. All these are expected to be self-funding and any shortfall is well covered by adequate financial reserves.



Chairman of Board of Trustees.

27th. August 2026.