

Group Scout Leader's Report 2022-23

From April 2021 Covid-19 was still impacting the Group with restrictions on activities we were able to provide. However, as more restrictions were lifted we saw the return of more activities and nights away events. It has been fantastic to see our Group bounce back and to see our members enjoying the adventure of Scouting once again.

Membership

This year we have seen a drop in our membership back to levels last seen in 2013/14. Some of this can be traced back to the halt on new members during the pandemic. Although this sounds like a drastic drop, we still have 209 youth members. When this is compared to our peak of 244 youth member in 2020 it shows the a strong and healthy position the Group has been in for over a decade. Despite this decline we are still one of the largest Groups in South Yorkshire and are high above the national averages. Although our membership remains at a healthy level, we are still seeing a decline in adult volunteers, in particular regular leaders. As well as this, there have been several long serving Leaders who have expressed that they would like to step back. This does present the Group with challenges going forward and we would really welcome volunteers who can offer regular support.

The total membership for the Group 2022/23 was 268. This was made up of 48 Beavers, 70 Cubs, 91 Scouts and 59 adult members. This equates to an decrease in youth members by 11% and a decrease in adult members of 8%. Despite the drop, we have seen a large increase in Occasional Helpers from 29 to 51. We are really grateful for this extra support and hope that further down the line some of these helpers may be able to make more regular commitments to the group.

We have also seen an increase in retaining our Young Leader as they transition to adults. This period has always proved a challenge to retain young members who have years of 'Scouting' experience as many of them move away for University or can no longer give their time due to work or other commitments. However, the fantastic Young Leader training programme, led by Aaron King and excellent co-ordination of Young Leaders by Jack Dyson has resulted in many of these young adults taking roles within the group. Although several of these young adults are still moving away from Sheffield, we are hopeful they will remain connected with the Group, offering their support where they can and will take regular roles when they return. We are very grateful to the work Aaron and Jack have put into this.

Attached to this report are graphs taken from the January 2023 census, which show how we have changed in the last few years. There is also a graph which compares our Group to the national average in the UK. As you will see from the data, our Group size is nearly four times

larger than the national average and our sections are almost double the national average. This is a testament to the amazing job our Leaders do in providing excellent programmes and our Executive Committee and other volunteers do in supporting and managing the Group.

Programmes & Nightsaway

It has been great to see members back at our Scout HQ with the return of our regular activities and visitors. We have also seen the return of our Nights Away programmes too. We are not back to our full programmes yet but we hope to be in the near future. There were too many great activities and trips to mention but here are some of the highlights;

- Scouts Overnight Incident Hike
- Beaver Sale
- Christmas Through the Ages Beaver Sleepover
- Scouts Winter Weekend
- Loxley Cup (Scout District cooking competition)
- Teddy Bears Hospital
- Starry Eyed
- Foodbank visit
- Upcycling
- Knot, Knot, Who's there?
- Diwali
- Jar light
- Commonwealth cooking
- Night Hike
- Open Fire Cooking
- Pioneering Bridges
- Democracy in Action

It has also been great to see the return of some of our BIG Activities during this period. These amazing adventurous activities are offered by our Scout Active Support group, who are a team of activity instructors. A BIG thank you to the team, the group manager (Aaron King) and behind the scenes supporter (Katherine Whitley).

As well as taking part in all these fantastic activities our young members earned 1,651 badges including 40 Chief Scout's Awards.

In November, it was looking likely that we would no longer be able to host a bonfire event due to our current volunteers being stretched already. However, an amazing group of volunteers stepped forward and we were, once again, able to host a brilliant bonfire even raising money for our Group and its young people. The event was a great success with a large turn out of parents and children from the Group and many others from the community. It was a brilliant evening and it was great to see so many people there. Thank you to all the volunteers who made this happen.

Training & Awards

All adult leaders (Section Leaders, Assistant Section Leaders & Section Assistants) have to undertake training as part of their role. The training is divided up into modules. As a Group, we have tried hard to focus on making sure our leaders are getting the training they want and need. This year our volunteers have completed a total of 91 training modules and we saw Callum Dawson achieve his Wood Beads by completing all of his adult training. Alongside the training scheme, all our volunteers have to keep up with the mandatory safeguarding and safety training. This is just some of the behind-the-scenes work our volunteers have to do to make sure our members are safe. Thank you to everyone who has kept this up.

During this period, nine of our volunteers received a Long Service awards for 5, 10, 15 and even 20 years of service. This dedication is fantastic to see and has led to many awards for Good Service being issued later in the year. Thank you everyone for your years of service to the Group and young people.

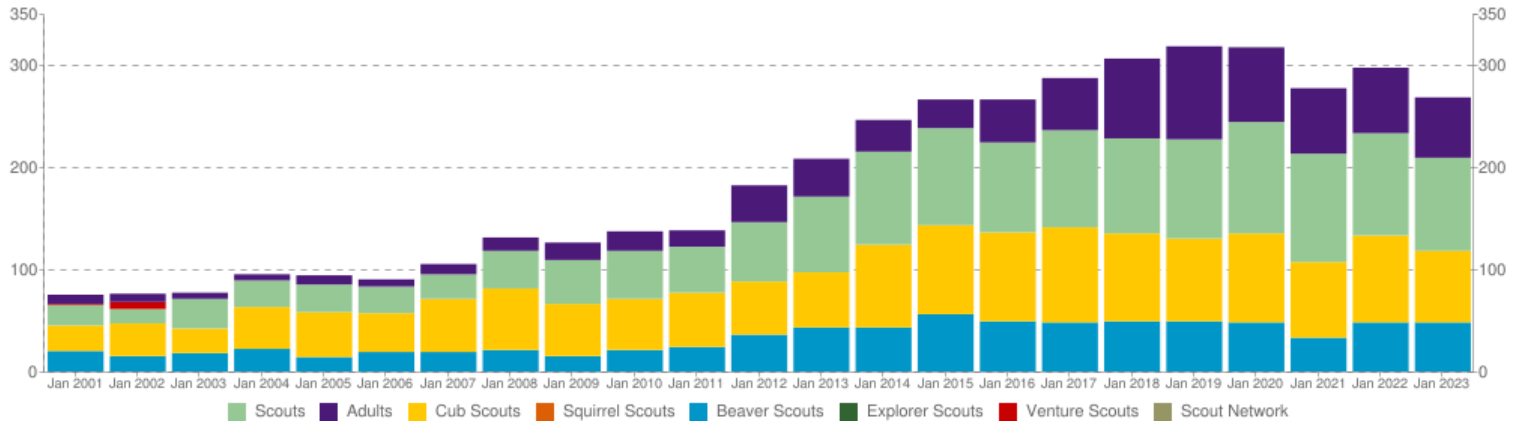
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I would like to finish by thanking everyone who has supported our Group. From helping to clear up at the end of a night through to leading a camp; every bit helps to make it the Group the success it is and helps provide life changing experiences to young people.

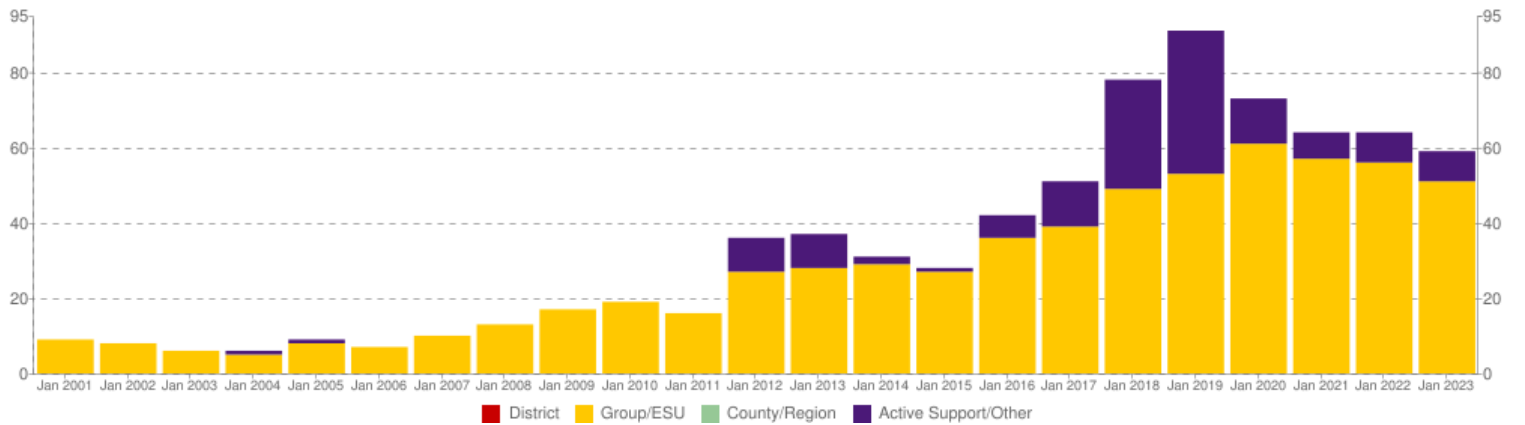


Henry Bryan
Group Scout Leader
150th (Wadsley Church) Sheffield Scout Group

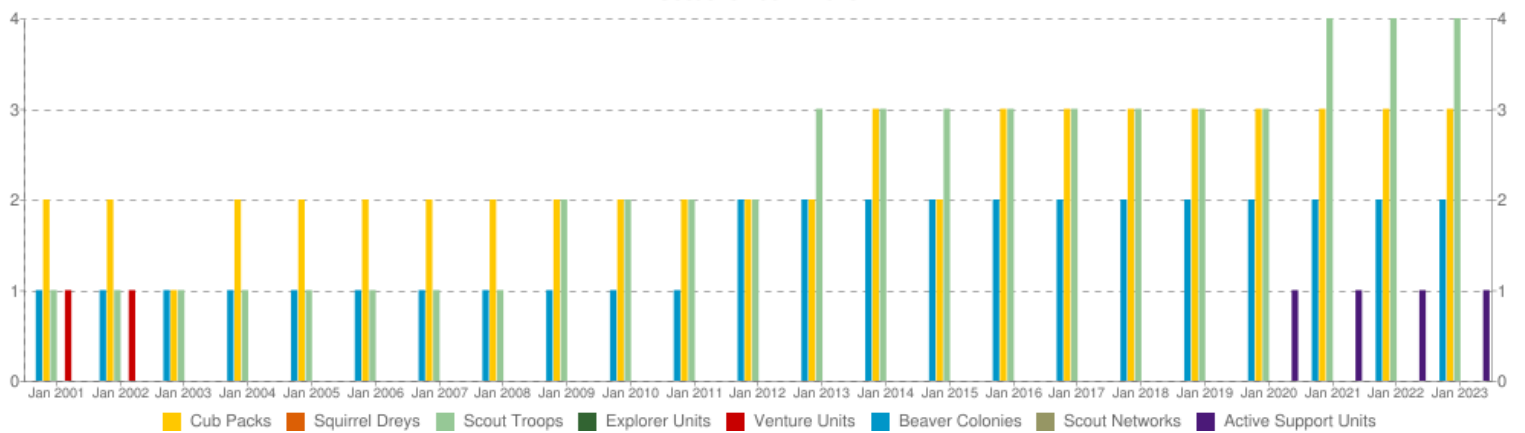
Membership breakdown 2001 - 2023



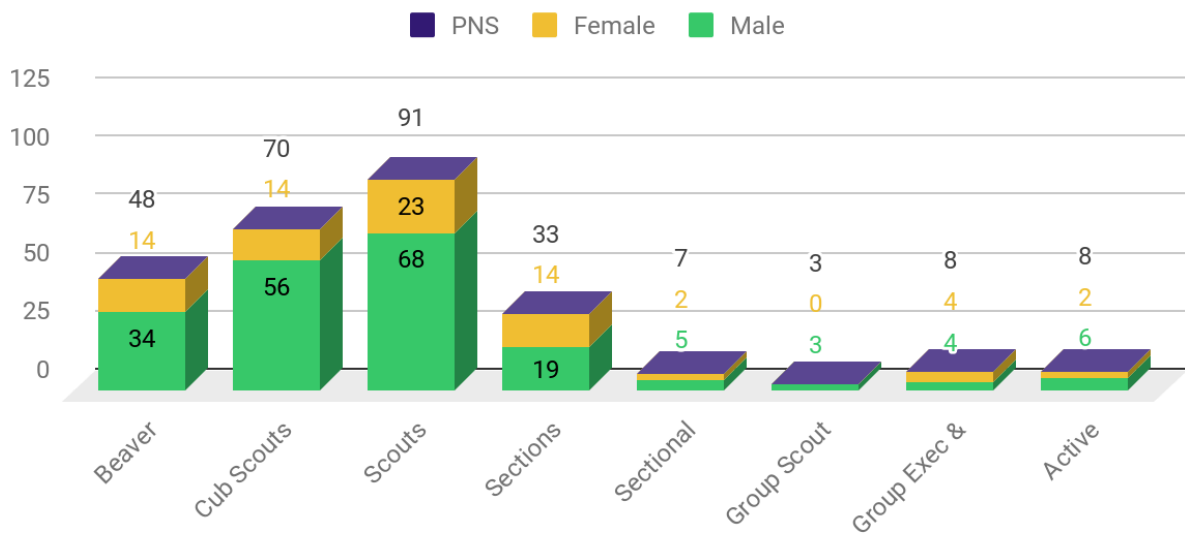
Adults 2001 - 2023



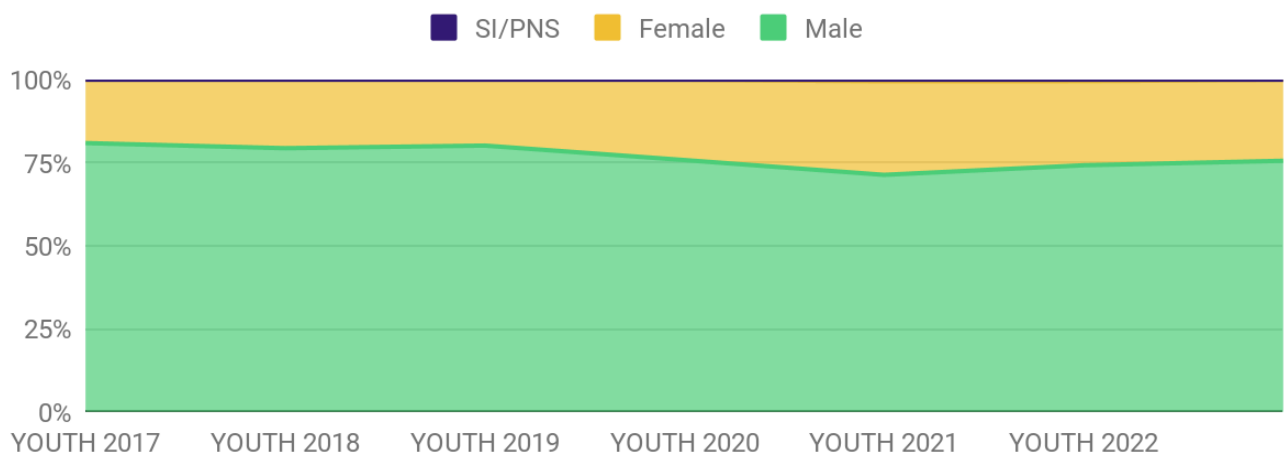
Sections 2001 - 2023



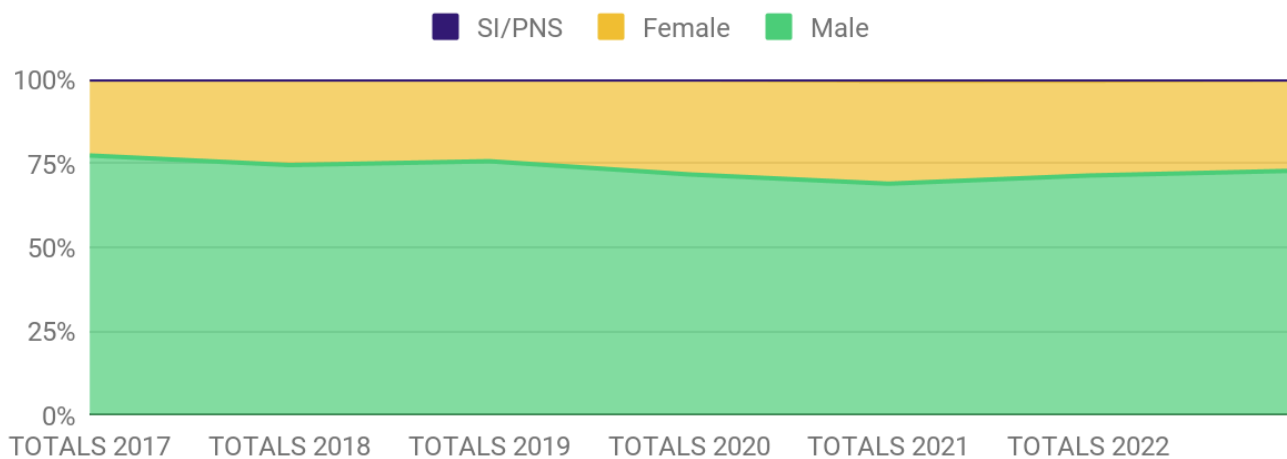
Section Gender Split



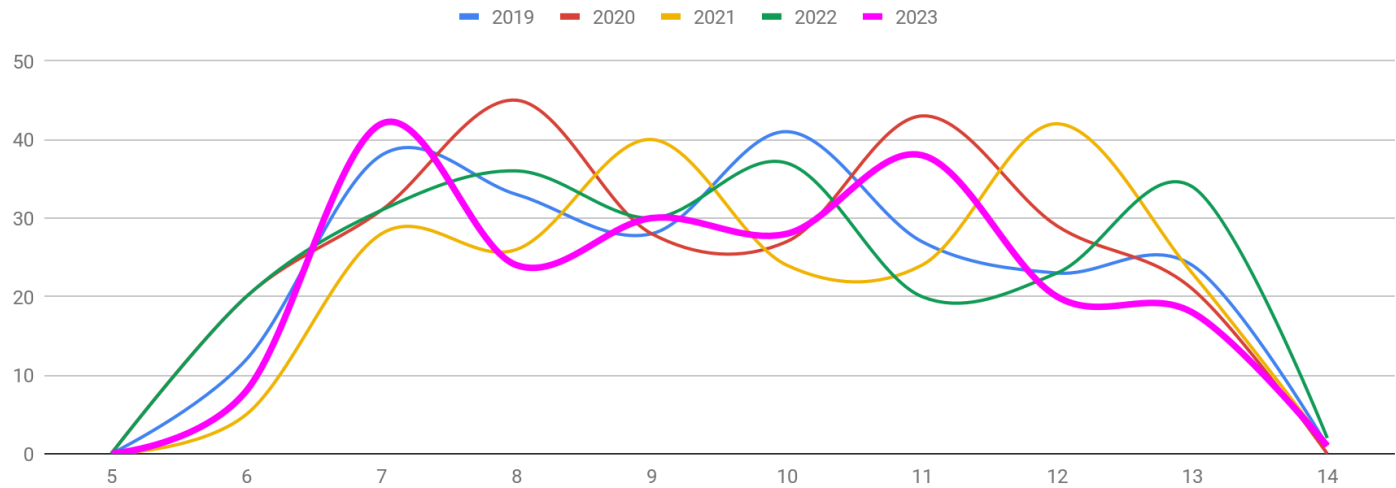
Youth Gender Split



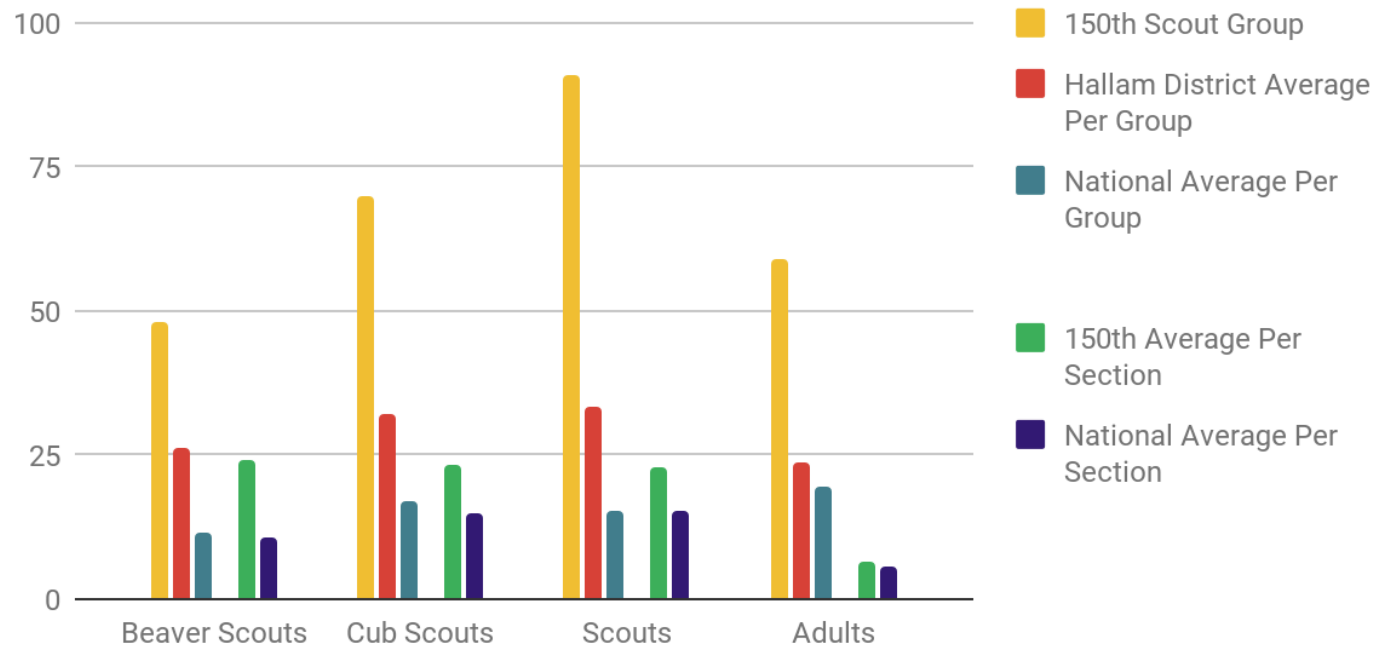
Group Gender Split



Age distribution



Hallam District and UK National Average



Group Volunteer Awards 2022-2023

Long Service Award



- Jack Dyson
- Ruth Adamson



- David Whitley
- Marcia Black
- Cameron Black
- Phil Tricklebank



- Sarah Smith



- Peter Rochell
- Rob Darrington

Wood Badge (Leader Training)



- Callum Dawson

Group Members Awards 2022-2023

Chief Scout's Bronze Award



Tuesday Beavers x 14 (total 429 badges)

Thursday Beavers x 10 (total 303 badges)

Chief Scout's Silver Award



Monday Cubs x 4 (total 327 badges)

Wednesday Cubs x 8 (total 45 badges)

Friday Cubs x 0 (total 29 badges)

Chief Scout's Gold Award



Monday Scouts x 0 (total 148 badge)

Tuesday Scouts x 3 (total 174 badges)

Thursday Scouts x 1 (total 113 badges)

Friday Scouts x 0 (total 83 badges)

Last Year	RECEIPTS		This Year
21,926.09	Subscriptions - All		21,128.15
21,926.09	Sub Total		21,128.15
16,364.70	Camp Receipts		31,228.86
250.50	Other Scouting events/activities		243.55
0.00	Other Scouting events/activities (Caoe/kyak)		0.00
16,635.20	Sub Total		31,472.21
2,641.32	Fundraising - Bonfire night		3,247.00
0.00	Fundraising - Spring Fayre		0.00
0.00	Fundraising - Easy Fundraising		115.82
1,405.72	Donations & Grants		262.00
1.58	Bank Interest		33.94
4,048.62	Sub Total		3,656.56
6,519.90	Gift Aid		0.00
0.00	Training		0.00
1,376.00	SALTED Income		460.00
415.50	Miscellaneous Income		1,327.94
8,311.40	Sub Total		1,787.94
£50,921.31	TOTAL RECEIPTS		£58,046.86
Last Year	PAYMENTS		This Year
6,230.00	Grants to Sections		4,966.00
11,533.50	District membership fees (Levy)		10,650.00
8,764.87	Camp Expenses		49,872.45
907.50	District camps/events/other scouting activities		784.80
0.00	Events/other scouting activities (Canoek/kyak)		0.00
31.16	Bank Charges		78.46
2,720.59	Upkeep of HQ & Buildings (Rent, Water, Light, Heat etc)		3,332.75
32.25	PPE equipment		0.00
787.05	Insurance of HQ & Buildings		910.01
0.00	Purchase of Equipment		1,258.31
0.00	Purchase of Equipment (QM)		73.99
295.90	Uniform, Badges, books etc		490.73
90.27	Postage, Stationery, printing, phone		59.09
1,156.50	Fundraising Expenses (All year total)		1,076.47
50.00	Misc - Training		878.05
188.70	Misc - General Miscellaneous		436.00
425.71	Misc - OSM costs		430.09
25.50	Misc - Subs refunds		50.50
0.00	Misc - Donations		0.00
200.00	Monday Scout hall hire		0.00
1,571.09	Upkeep of HQ - Maintenance incl cleaning		962.50
533.36	HQ Upgrade Project		2,804.00
£35,543.95	TOTAL PAYMENTS		£79,163.00

Name(s) & Branch of Bankers
HSBC Bank plc

Camp/Activity	Carry Forward from 2021/22	Receipts
Kandersteg 2022	13,653.84	22,571.63
Scout Summer camp 2022	1,289.48	3,408.94
Winter weekend 2023	0.00	2,977.50
Thurs Scout Autumn Camp	0.00	665.85
Thurs Scout survival camp	0.00	238.00
Scout Summer Camp 2023	0.00	1,366.74
Other camps	0.00	0.00
Balance on camp card (Equals)	0.00	0.00
TOTALS	£14,943.12	£31,228.68

All camp finances go through the group account. Camps are not run to make a surplus nor a loss. Numbers attend a camp, a larger surplus or deficit can occur. A £300 surplus on a Cub camp eq more than was expected. We try our best to get it right without impacting quality.

Total Receipts	Last Year	General Funds
a) Group Account	50,921.31	26,818.20
b) Beaver Scout Section Account	0.00	
c) Cub Scout Section Account	0.00	
d) Scout Section Account	0.00	
e) Other (Specify...)		
Designated		
Centenary celebration	3,000.00	
Restricted		
Tuesday scouts bowling	250.50	
Other camps	903.85	
Kandersteg 2020 (now 2022)	22,571.63	
Scout summer 2022	0.00	
Scout summer 2023	0.00	
Winter weekend 2023	0.00	
Sub Totals	26,725.98	26,818.20
TOTAL RECEIPTS	£50,921.31	£26,818.20

Total Payments	Last Year	General
a) Group Account	35,543.95	29,290.55
b) Beaver Section Account	0.00	0.00
c) Cub Section Account	0.00	0.00
d) Scout Section Account	0.00	0.00
e) Other (Specify...)		
Kandersteg 2020	32,900.00	
Canoek/kyak	118.16	
Unearthed 2020	486.00	
Thursday Beavers fundraising	29.41	
Other camps	0.00	
Scout summer 2022	0.00	
Winter weekend 2023	0.00	
Sub Totals	33,533.57	29,290.55
TOTAL PAYMENTS	£35,543.95	£29,290.55

Net Receipts (or Payments)
Funds brought forward
Funds carried forward

This Year
-£21,116.14
£33,208.74
£12,092.60

Monetary Assets (Cash/Bank/Similar)	General	Restricted
Bank Current Account(s)	3,183.78	0.00
Bank Deposit Account(s)	3,972.74	2,647.74
Cash in Hand:		
a) Group Account	319.86	
b) Beaver Scout Account	356.12	
c) Cub Scout Account	907.57	
d) Scout Account	704.79	
Other (Specify...)		
Designated		
Centenary celebration (2025)	4,000.00	0.00
Restricted		
Kandersteg 2020 (now 2022)	0.00	0.00
Scout summer camp 2023	0.00	1,366.74
Water activities instructor training	0.00	1,166.00
Thursday Beavers fundraising	0.00	0.00
Climbing	0.00	115.00
Total	£9,444.86	£2,647.74
Other Monetary Assets	This Year	Last Year
Debts due to Group	£0.00	£0.00
Outstanding Tax Claim	£0.00	£0.00
Total	£0.00	£0.00
Investment Assets	This Year	Last Year
Gold, silver, stocks and shares	£0.00	£0.00
Property held for investment	£0.00	£0.00
Other investments	£0.00	£0.00
Total	£0.00	£0.00
Non-Monetary Assets	This Year	Last Year
Land & Buildings	£361,966.00	£338,920.00
Furniture, fixtures & fittings (per inventory)	£17,704.30	£19,671.44
Equipment (per inventory)	£0.00	£0.00
Motor Vehicles	£0.00	£0.00
Total	£379,670.30	£358,591.44
TOTAL ASSETS	£370,714.26	£349,643.67
Liabilities (Payable within 1 year)	This Year	Last Year
Expenses not yet invoiced	£0.00	£0.00
Subscriptions not yet paid	£0.00	£0.00
Total	£0.00	£0.00
Liabilities (Payable after 1 year)	This Year	Last Year
Lease payments outstanding	£0.00	£0.00
Loan (Specify...)	£0.00	£0.00
Other liabilities (Specify...)	£0.00	£0.00
Total	£0.00	£0.00
TOTAL LIABILITIES	£0.00	£0.00

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**150th SHEFFIELD SCOUT GROUP
INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT**

To the Trustees (Group Executive Committee) of the 150th Sheffield Scout Group Council:

I report on the accounts of the Group for the Year ended 31 March, 2023 which are set out on accounts pages 1 to 5 of the Group Annual Report.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

As the charity's trustees you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts; you consider that the audit requirement of Section 43(2) of the Charities Act 1993 (the Act) does not apply. It is my responsibility to state, on the basis of the procedures specified in the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners under Section 43(7)(b) of the Act, whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of 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 comparison of the accounts 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 such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit and consequently I do not express an audit opinion on the view given by the accounts.

Independent Examiner's Statement

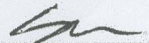
In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

1. Which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements

- to keep accounting records in accordance with Section 41 of the Act and
 - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and
 - to comply with the accounting requirements of the Act
- have 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

3. Which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the accounting rules of the Group's constitution have not been met.

Signed  Date 3/10/2024
Name STEPHEN ALLEN Address OMEGA COURT 36 + 306 CEMETERY ROAD
SHEFFIELD S11 8FT
Qualification/Occupation: CHARTERED ACCOUNTANT

TRUSTEES CERTIFICATE	
Approved at a meeting of the Trustees (Group Executive Committee) on <u>9/10/24</u>	
and signed on their behalf <u></u> (Chairperson)	
Name <u>CRAIG SMITH</u> Address <u>2 Southwood SB1XB</u>	
GROUP COUNCIL APPROVAL	
Adopted at the (Annual) General Meeting of the Group Council on <u>9/10/24</u>	
and signed on their behalf <u></u> (Chairperson)	
Name <u>CRAIG SMITH</u> Address <u>2 Southwood SB1XB</u>	