

Group Scout Leader's Report 2023-24

As we reflect on another year at the 150th Sheffield Scout Group, it's inspiring to see how our members, volunteers, and supporters have continued to thrive, adapt, and grow. Although the Group has faced challenges, particularly in volunteer recruitment, we have shown incredible resilience. This year, we have seen many exciting programmes, Nights Away, and community events, demonstrating the commitment and passion of our leaders and volunteers.

Membership

This year, we saw a 4.2% increase in youth membership, with a total membership increase of 3%. Our current numbers are:

- **Beavers:** 48
- **Cubs:** 88
- **Scouts:** 82
- **Adults:** 57

While this growth is encouraging, our membership still reflects the lasting impact of the 2020 intake halt. Notably, we have 56 young people on our waiting list and our youth sections could accommodate even more members if we had additional regular adult leaders. Although we've seen positive parent engagement and more occasional helpers stepping forward, recruiting regular volunteers for key roles remains a challenge.

Attached to this report are graphs taken from the January 2024 census, which highlight our Group's growth and trends over recent years. There is also a comparison with the national averages for Scout Groups across the UK. Notably, our Group size remains nearly four times larger than the national average, with each of our sections almost double the size of the average Scout section. We remain to be the largest group in South Yorkshire.

This significant achievement reflects the hard work and dedication of our Leaders in delivering engaging and impactful programmes. It also underscores the invaluable support of our Trustee Board and volunteers, who play a critical role in the successful management and growth of the Group. Their combined efforts ensure we continue to provide enriching experiences for our young members.

In terms of diversity, our group's demographics show areas of strength and some gaps when compared to national averages:

- **Gender:** Nationally, around 27% of Scouts members are female. Our group is currently at 23% for youth and 38% for adults, showing a higher male-to-female ratio.
- **Ethnicity:** Nationally, about 8% of Scouts members identify as from minority ethnic backgrounds, while our group's numbers are lower, with 6.9% of youth and just 3.5% of adults from non-White British backgrounds.
- **Disabilities:** Approximately 8% of Scouts nationally identify as having a disability. In contrast, 16% of our adult members and 9% of our youth members report having disabilities or health issues, reflecting our group's inclusive approach.

These figures highlight both our successes in inclusivity and the areas where we can focus on further diversity and recruitment efforts.

Programmes & Nightsaway

Our Leaders have continued to deliver engaging and inclusive programmes while adapting to the rising focus on behavior and SEND (Special Educational Needs and Disabilities). Their dedication has ensured our young people enjoy the adventures of Scouting while receiving the support they need.

Some highlights from our activities this year include:

- **Beavers:** Fire Lighting, Highland Games, Food for Thought Night, Teddy Bear Hospital, Panto Day, and visits to Holly Hagg Farm.
- **Cubs:** World Faith Night, Disability Awareness Nights, Den building, Cubs takeover!, and Lazer Tag.
- **Scouts:** Pioneering Project, Museum of Curiosities, Henryteering, Ultimate Frisbee, and competing in the Loxley Cup, Hallam Trophy and Marksman competition.

These activities not only provided fun and learning opportunities but also fostered the development of essential life skills.

We were thrilled to offer a wide range of Nights Away experiences, with 12 different events totalling 702 nights away experiences for our members. Highlights included:

- **Scouts:** Annual Summer Camp at Black Dub, Expedition Challenge, Unearthed camp and Winter Weekend at Hesley Wood.
- **Cubs:** Winter Warmer Camp, the Archer Project Sleepout, Cubs and other animals at Silverwood Scout Camp
- **Beavers:** Autumn and Summer Sleepovers, including themed events like the Superhero Training Academy.

The dedication of our leaders in organising these events has been outstanding, enabling our members to create lifelong memories and friendships.

Community Engagement & Fundraising

After the success of last year's bonfire event, our volunteers came together to run an even more successful event this year, hosting nearly 1,000 attendees from both our Group and the local community. The event raised over £2,500, which will go towards enhancing our programmes and resources for the young people we serve. A huge thank you to everyone involved in making this event such a success.

Facilities & Maintenance

This year, we successfully recruited Mick Stead as our dedicated Maintenance Man. His expertise and hard work have been instrumental in ensuring our Scout HQ remains safe, functional, and a welcoming space for all. Mick's efforts have included essential roof repairs and lighting upgrades, which have made a significant impact on the usability of our facilities.

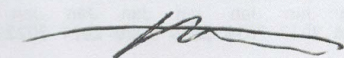
Gratitude & Acknowledgements

I want to extend a heartfelt thank you to all our leaders, occasional helpers, and behind-the-scenes volunteers for their unwavering support and dedication. Your commitment is what makes the 150th Sheffield Scout Group such a vibrant and successful community.

A special mention goes to David Whitley, our Treasurer, who has served diligently for the past 12 years. David's tireless work has kept our finances in excellent shape, enabling us to deliver fantastic activities to 1,000s of young people during his tenure. As he steps down at the AGM in 2024, we want to express our deepest gratitude for his remarkable contributions.

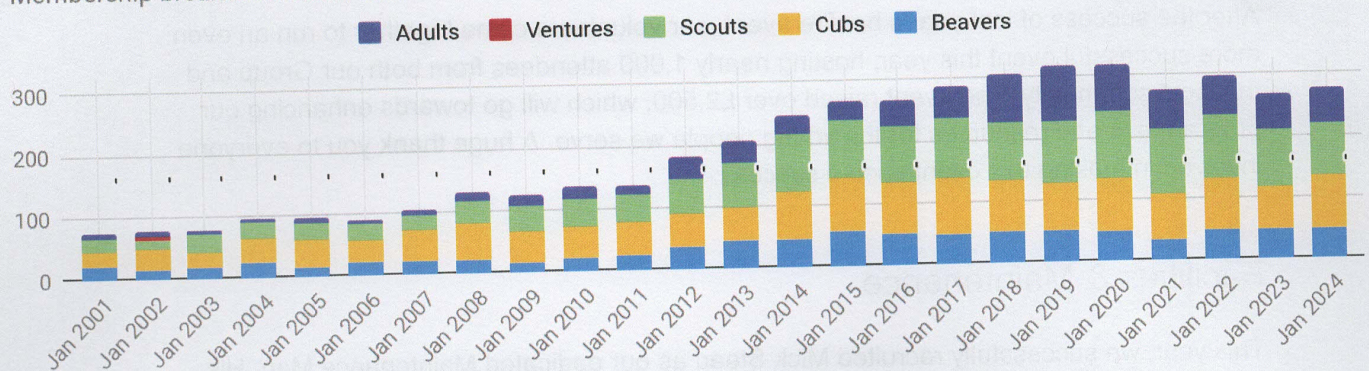
Looking ahead, we are committed to addressing the challenges of volunteer recruitment and expanding our membership while continuing to deliver outstanding programmes that enrich the lives of our young members. One exciting possibility for the future is the possibility of opening a Squirrels section for children aged 4 to 5 years old. This would enable us to extend the reach of Scouting to even more young people, fostering a love of adventure and learning from an early age. However, this expansion will depend on our ability to recruit additional volunteers who can support this new section.

Thank you all for your continued support, and here's to another successful year of Scouting Adventure!

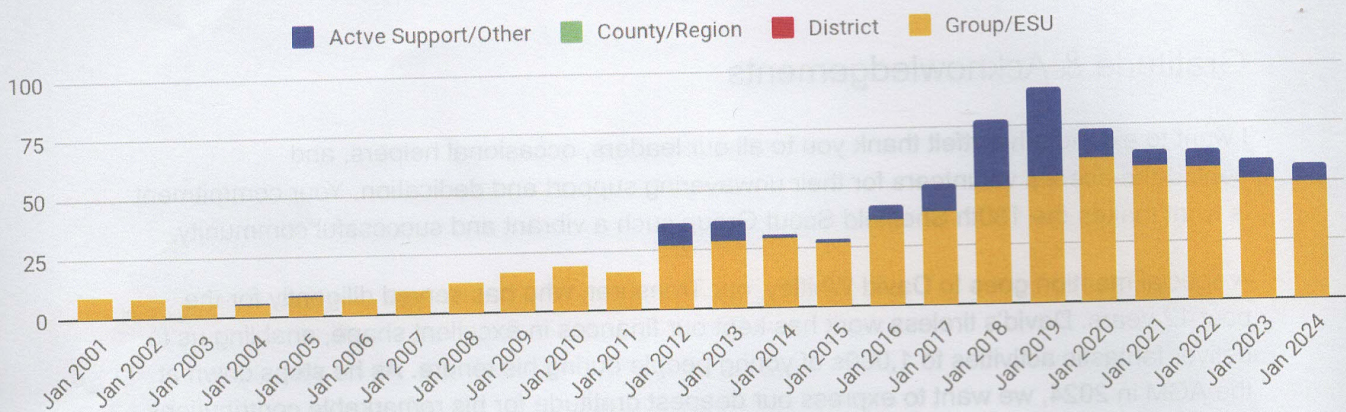


Henry Bryan
Group Lead Volunteer
150th Sheffield (Wadsley Church) Scout Group

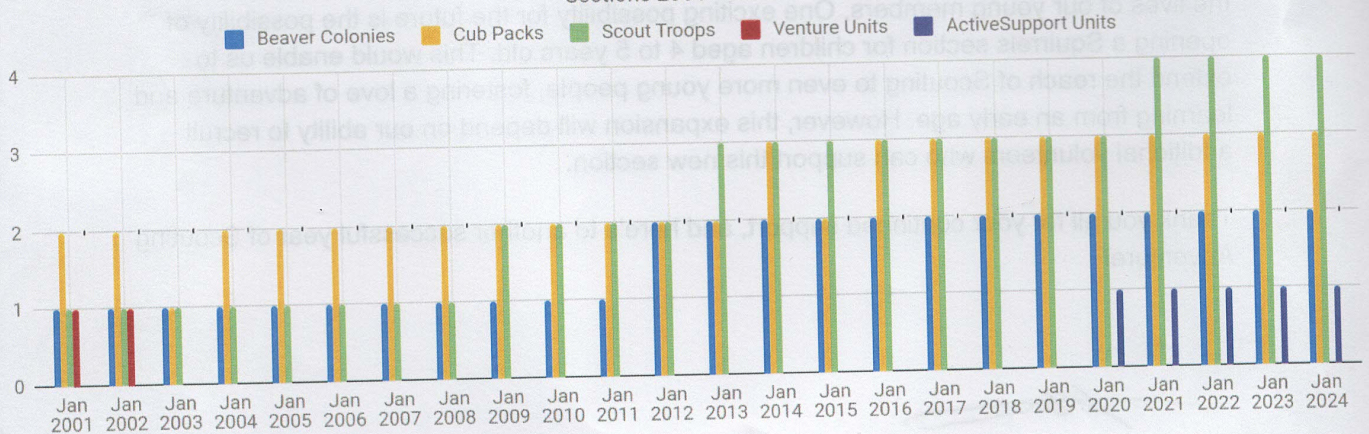
Membership breakdown 2001-2024



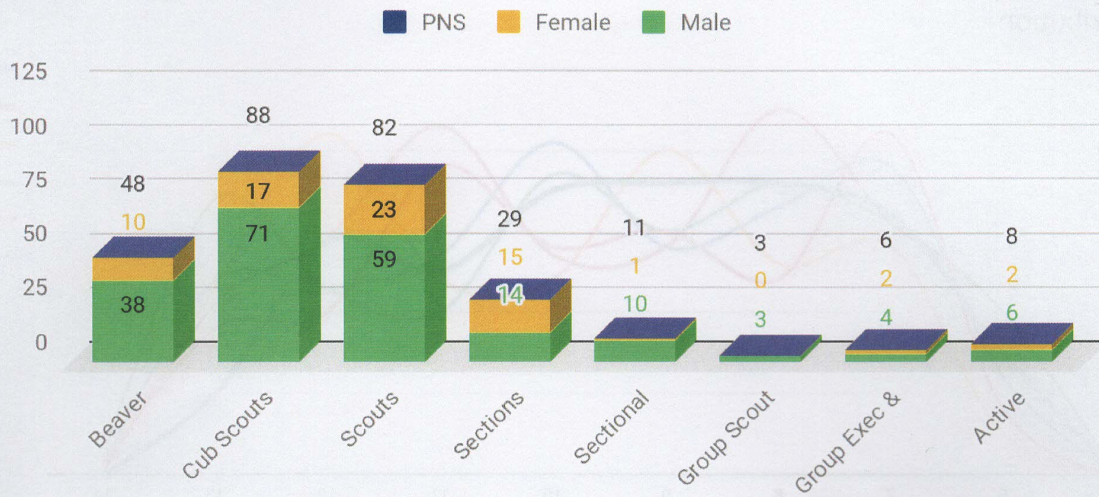
Adults 2001 - 2024



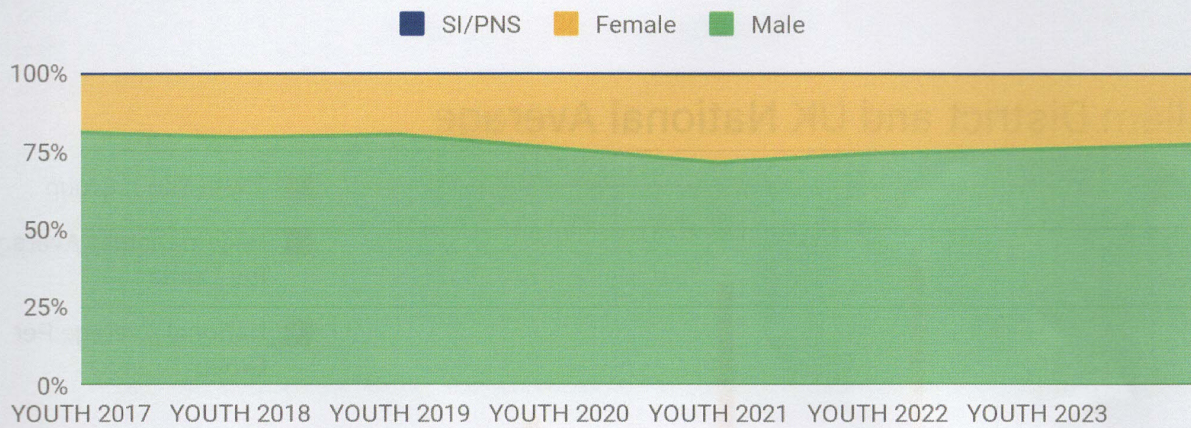
Sections 2001 - 2024



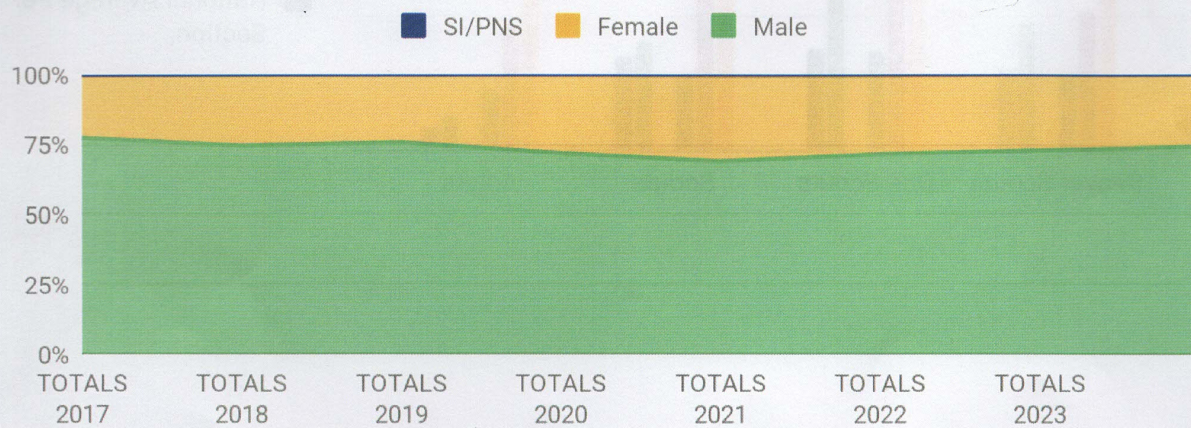
Section Gender Split



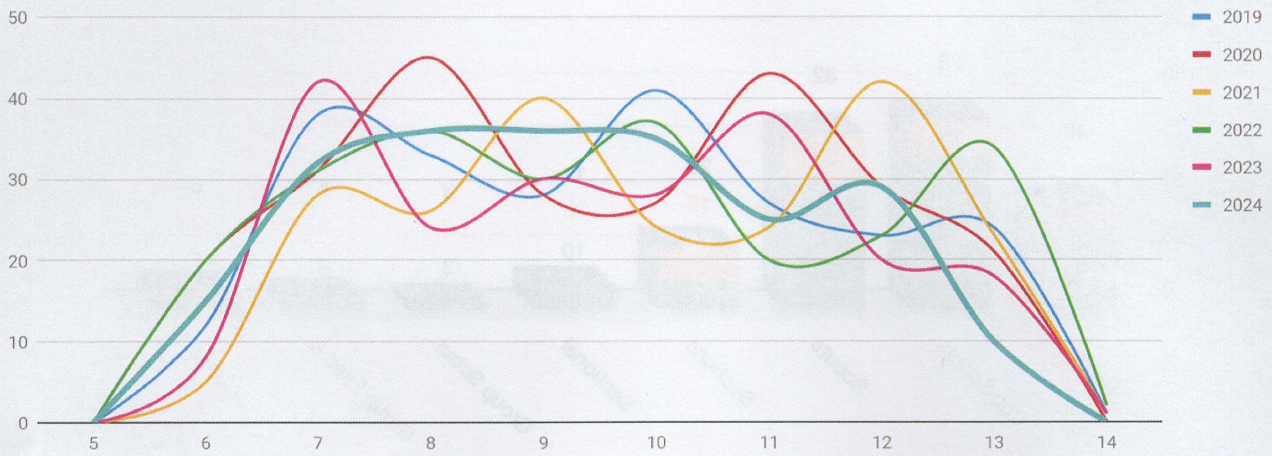
Youth Gender Split



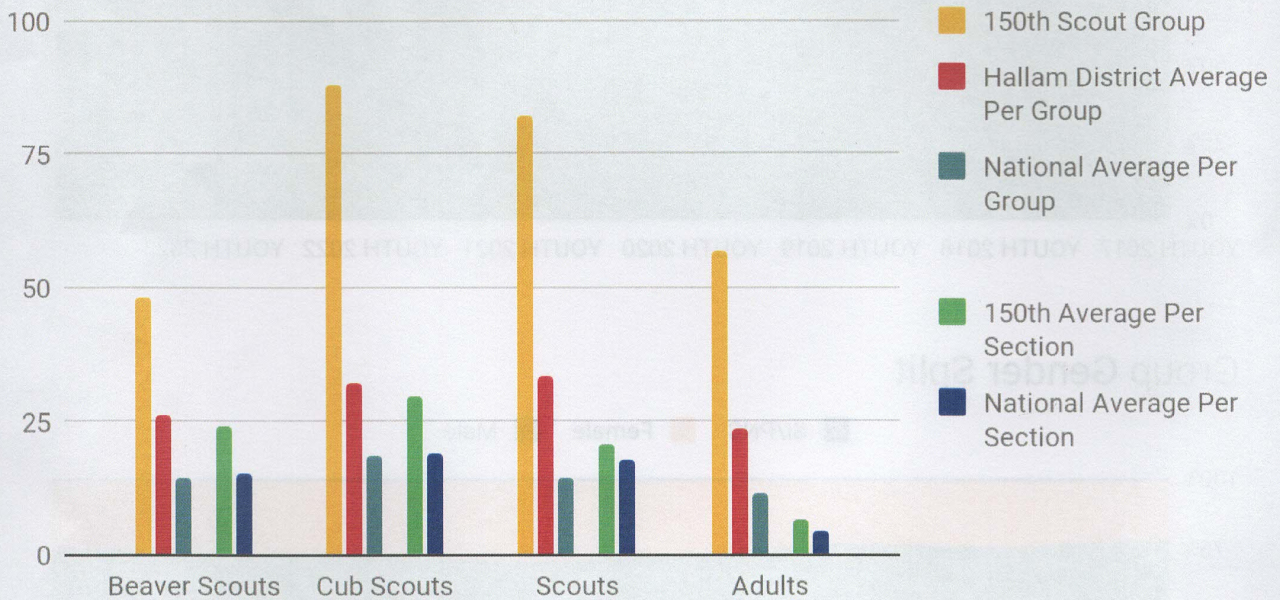
Group Gender Split



Age distribution

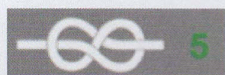


Hallam District and UK National Average

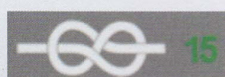


Group Volunteer Awards 2023-2024

Long Service Award



- Katherin Whitley
- Thomas Fox Wilcox
- Adam Wilson



- Tracey Harrison-Marr



- David Wilson

Award for Merit



- David Whitley

Group Members Awards 2023-2024

Chief Scout's Bronze Award



Tuesday Beavers x 13 (total 373 badges)

Thursday Beavers x 15 (total 444 badges)

Chief Scout's Silver Award



Monday Cubs x 2 (total 103 badges)

Wednesday Cubs x 1 (total 251 badges)

Friday Cubs x 1 (total 119 badges)

Chief Scout's Gold Award



Monday Scouts x 1 (total 14 badges)

Tuesday Scouts x 2 (total 212 badges)

Thursday Scouts x 1 (total 160 badges)

Friday Scouts x 1 (total 149 badges)

SHEFFIELD - HALLAM DISTRICT

**150th (Wadsley Church)
Sheffield Scout Group**

STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS

Year Ending 31st March 2024

Registered Charity No. 1007932
Scout Association Group Registration No. 2860

150TH SHEFFIELD SCOUT GROUP

| GROUP RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT | Last Year | RECEIPTS | This Year |
|-------------------------------------|-------------------|---|-------------------|
| | 21128.15 | Subscriptions - All | 24080.1 |
| | 21,128.15 | Sub Total | 24,080.10 |
| | | | |
| | 31228.66 | Camp Reciepts | 19704.82 |
| | 243.55 | Other Scouting events/activities | 613.45 |
| | 0 | Other Scouting events/activities (Canoe/kayak) | 0.00 |
| | 31,472.21 | Sub Total | 20,318.27 |
| | | | |
| | 3247 | Fundraising - Bonfire night | 3976.2 |
| | 0 | Fundraising - Just Giving | 860.97 |
| | 115.62 | Fundraising - Easy Fundraising | 70.65 |
| | 262 | Donations & Grants | 694 |
| | 33.94 | Bank Interest | 72.52 |
| | 3,658.56 | Sub Total | 5,674.34 |
| | | | |
| | 0 | Gift Aid | 4671.33 |
| | 0 | Training | 0 |
| | 460 | SALTEd Income | 0 |
| | 1327.94 | Miscellaneous Income | 1054.02 |
| | 1,787.94 | Sub Total | 5,725.35 |
| | £58,046.86 | TOTAL RECEIPTS | £55,798.06 |
| | | | |
| | Last Year | PAYMENTS | This Year |
| | 4986 | Grants to Sections | 6392 |
| | 10650 | District membership fees (Levy) | 10815.5 |
| | 49872.45 | Camp Expenses | 21887.33 |
| | 784.6 | District comps/events/other scouting activities | 1557.5 |
| | 0 | Events/other scouting activities (Canoe/kyak) | 0 |
| | 79.46 | Bank Charges | 74.72 |
| | 3332.75 | Upkeep of HQ & Buildings (Rent, bins, Water, Light, Heat etc) | 2443.9 |
| | 0 | PPE equipment | 0 |
| | 910.01 | Insurance of HQ & Buildings | 1055.48 |
| | 1258.31 | Purchase of Equipment | 424.67 |
| | 73.99 | Purchase of Equipment (QM) | 257.5 |
| | 490.73 | Uniform, Badges, books etc | 239.28 |
| | 59.09 | Postage, Stationery, printing, phone | 0 |
| | 1076.47 | Fundraising Expenses (All year total) | 1410.84 |
| | 876.05 | Misc - Training | 338.63 |
| | 436 | Misc - General Miscellaneous | 598.79 |
| | 430.09 | Misc - OSM costs | 452.89 |
| | 50.5 | Misc - Subs refunds | 0 |
| | 0 | Misc - Donations | 240 |
| | 0 | | 0 |
| | 992.5 | Upkeep of HQ - Maintenance incl cleaning | 1684.67 |
| | 2804 | HQ Upgrade Project | 168.99 |
| | £79,163.00 | TOTAL PAYMENTS | £50,042.69 |

Name(s) & Branch of Bankers

HSBC Bank plc, Hillsborough, Sheffield 6.

| CAMPS/ACTIVITIES RECEIPTS & PAYMENTS | Camp/Activity | Carry Forward from 2022/23 | Receipts | Payments |
|--------------------------------------|--------------------------|----------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| | Autumn Adventure weekend | 0 | 580.56 | 0 |
| | Scout summer camp 2023 | 1366.74 | 6538.45 | 8146.18 |
| | Winter Weekend 2024 | 0 | 2860.79 | 3030.19 |
| | Splashdown | 0 | 2579.33 | 4036.8 |
| | Unearthed | 0 | 3035.51 | 2819.56 |
| | Cubs and other animals | 0 | 1632.4 | 1212.2 |
| | Superhero camp | 0 | 551.4 | 942 |
| | Winter warmer | 0 | 1225.27 | 1130 |
| | All other camps | -472 | 701.11 | 570.4 |
| | | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| | TOTALS | £894.74 | £19,704.82 | £21,887.33 |
| | | | | 21,887.33 |

All camp finances go through the group account. Camps are not run to make a surplus nor a loss. When unexpected numbers attend a camp, a larger surplus or deficit can occur. A £300 surplus on a Cub camp equates to 4 Cubs more than was expected. We try our best to get it right without impacting quality.

| ons have to | Total Receipts | | General Funds | Restricted Funds |
|-------------|---------------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| | a) Group Account | 58046.86 | 36,093.24 | 19,704.82 |
| | b) Beaver Scout Section Account | 0.00 | 0.00 | |
| | c) Cub Scout Section Account | 0.00 | 0.00 | |
| | d) Scout Section Account | 0.00 | 0.00 | |
| | e) Other (Specify...) | | | |
| | Designated | | | |
| | Centenary celebration | 4,000.00 | | |
| | Restricted | | | |
| | Unearthed 2023 | 0.00 | | 3,035.51 |
| | Other camps | 903.85 | | 7,270.07 |
| | Kandersteg 2020 (now 2022) | 22,571.63 | | 0.00 |
| | Scout summer 2022 | 3,408.94 | | 0.00 |
| | Scout summer 2023 | 1,366.74 | | 6,538.45 |
| | Winter weekend | 2,977.50 | | 2,860.79 |
| | Sub Totals | 35,228.66 | 36093.24 | 19704.82 |
| | TOTAL RECEIPTS | £58,046.86 | £36,093.24 | £19,704.82 |

| ch invoices | Total Payments | | General | Restricted |
|----------------|------------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|------------|
| | a) Group Account | 79,163.00 | 28,155.36 | 21,887.33 |
| | 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 | 41,789.35 | | 0.00 |
| | Canoe/kyak | 0.00 | | 0.00 |
| | Unearthed 2020 | 0.00 | | 0.00 |
| | Thursday Beavers fundraising | 0.00 | | 0.00 |
| | Other camps | 491.00 | | 7,891.40 |
| | Scout summer 2023 | 4,846.10 | | 8,146.18 |
| | Winter weekend 2023 | 4,846.10 | | 3,030.19 |
| | Unearthed 2020 | 0.00 | | 2,819.56 |
| | Sub Totals | 51,972.55 | 28155.36 | 21887.33 |
| | TOTAL PAYMENTS | £79,163.00 | £50,042.69 | |

| | This Year | Last Year |
|----------------------------|-----------|-----------|
| Net Receipts (or Payments) | 5755.37 | -21116.14 |
| Funds brought forward | 12092.6 | 33208.74 |
| Funds carried forward | 17847.97 | 12092.6 |

STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES

| Monetary Assets (Cash/Bank/Similar) | General | Restricted | Last Year |
|--------------------------------------|-------------------|------------------|------------------|
| Bank Current Account(s) | 8287.68 | 0 | 3183.78 |
| Bank Deposit Account(s) | 4831.44 | 1861.56 | 6620.48 |
| <i>Cash in Hand:</i> | | | |
| a) Group Account | 898.81 | | 319.86 |
| b) Beaver Scout Account | 218.35 | | 356.12 |
| c) Cub Scout Account | 1,607.71 | | 907.57 |
| d) Scout Account | 666.27 | | 704.79 |
| Other (Specify...) | | | |
| Designated | | | |
| Centenary celebration (2025) | 5,000.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| Restricted | | | |
| All other camps | 0.00 | 580.56 | 0.00 |
| Scout summer camp 2023 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 1366.74 |
| Water activities instructor training | 0.00 | 1,166.00 | 1,166.00 |
| Thursday Beavers fundraising | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| Climbing | 0.00 | 115.00 | 115.00 |
| Total | £16,510.26 | £1,861.56 | £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 | <u>£369,205.32</u> | 361966 |
| Furniture, fixtures & fittings (per Inventory) | £15,933.60 | 17704 |
| Equipment (per Inventory) | £0.00 | £0.00 |
| Motor Vehicles | £0.00 | £0.00 |
| Total | £385,138.92 | £379,670.00 |

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|---------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| 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 |

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|--------------------------|--------------|--------------|
| TOTAL LIABILITIES | £0.00 | £0.00 |
|--------------------------|--------------|--------------|

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, 2024 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

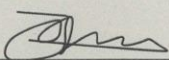
-to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and

-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 11th November 2024

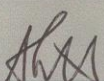
Name Jason R Smith Address 9 Bassett Close, Ilkeston, DE7 9LS

Qualification/Occupation: Finance Director

TRUSTEES CERTIFICATE

Approved at a meeting of the Trustees (Group Executive Committee) on

13th November 2024

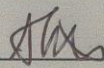
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Name CRISTY SMITH Address 2 Southwood
Steffens SB1XB

GROUP COUNCIL APPROVAL

Adopted at the (Annual) General Meeting of the Group Council on

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[\[i\] 2.2% increase based on domestic property values nationally to May 24](#)

Treasurers Report (period 1st April 2023 to 31st March 2024)

This year started with an opening balance of £11,213.16 and a closing balance (including cash in hand) of £5,755.37 of which £1,861.56 is restricted. £1,166 of the restricted funds are for water activities and instructor training. £4,000 has been designated for a whole group 'centenary' celebration in 2025. There was a total income for the year of £55,798.06 and expenditure of £50,042.69. Due to the retirement of our previous volunteer who undertook a 'caretaker' role, £1,684.67 includes spend on maintaining the HQ, which we now pay for.

The Groups current financial position enables us to continue to offer a financial support fund. The fund exists to make sure hardship does not prevent any youngster from joining in the Scouting adventure. Please get in touch if you feel that the 'discretionary fund' could help your personal situation, either for subs or for a camp, or for a contribution to activity training for adult volunteers.

Excluding camps, our subscriptions to the Group continue to be our biggest source of income, at £24,080.10 across all sections. Gift Aid income continues to be strong, although the annual claim (around £4,671.33 from 2022/23) will be claimed in 2024/25. As always, I would appeal for any tax payer who has not already done so to sign up to Gift Aid6 form through OSM so that we can claim back tax you have paid. This income helps us to keep subs at their low levels.

Other significant income included a fantastic £3,976 raised at the Bonfire (the highest ever – over £700 more than last year, the previous highest total) and nearly £861 for 'just giving' a new income stream in 2023/24. This comes at a helpful time as SALTEd – who approached the 150th to request a short-term rental of our HQ on weekdays – has stopped using our building, so income has stopped too.

In terms of expenditure, camp expenses (£21,887.33), District membership fee (£10,815.50) and grants to all sections (£6,390) were the three highest items of expenditure again in the year.

I am delighted that we continue to invest in training for our young leaders – so thanks to Aaron for running another incredibly successful event.

Finally, I am grateful for the support of all who help me in my role, but particular thanks must go to Sara Danes who helps with everything subs related.

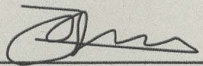
I seek your approval for the adoption of these annual accounts.

**David A S Whitley,
Hon Treasurer**

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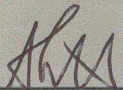
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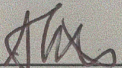
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