

8th Mirfield - St Mary's Scout Group

Those who attended the recent gangshow and read the programme or listened to Hugh's words will know that 2024 sees 8th Mirfield celebrate our 50th anniversary. Though this report is looking back on the past year, we are only here because of the efforts put into our group by many people over the last 50 years so it only seems right to say thank you to each and every person who has helped, lead, supported or attended 8th Mirfield – St Mary's over this period.

The past 12 months have been busy for us down at 8th Mirfield – St Mary's. One of the main changes is that we have added an Explorer section for those leaving Scouts (typically ~14½). It is already following in the footsteps of all our other sections in that it is now full of youngsters having fun, but means we now cater for ages 6-18.

Across all 3 of our existing sections and our new Explorers, normal scouting activities have continued to take place and those members that joined us as Beavers following our restart after Covid restrictions continue their journey through the sections as some now approach Scout age. All sections have taken part in camps, parades, community activities, badge work and as has already said, having fun. Most notably over recent months this culminated in our gangshow that we put on in March in the church hall. We all had a fabulous time practicing for it and performing it and it was wonderful to see so many people come to watch. Especially seeing some of the former leaders who came back to support us.

In a little more detail our Cubs have taken part in district camps as well as our own summer camp which our Beavers joined them at to get a taste of what is to come for them as they move on through the sections. Scouts have done summer camps, winter camps and expedition camps as the older members completed their expedition requirements for their Chief Scouts Gold Award. Many of our Beavers have completed their Chief Scouts Bronze and likewise in Cubs we are proud to have a number who completed their Silver Award. In March we also had our first Cub complete every single Cub activity badge available and we were delighted to welcome our County Commissioner as he came along to present an award to Xander in recognition of this achievement.

As previously mentioned, we have taken part in a number of parades and these include the Mirfield Remembrance Parade as well as some of the St Mary's church parades and though our gangshow interfered with some of the spring Church parades, we attend where we can.

Last summer we had members from all the sections attend the Run for Jo event at Oakwell Hall, helping run the event as well as taking part in the run itself as a fundraiser for both the Group as well as for Daisy who was at the time, shortly heading off to Korea for the World Scout Jamboree and it wasn't just Daisy that has been jet-setting though as Jack has just returned from an international scouting trip to Canada after also doing lots of fundraising for it.

Last November we awarded our "Derek Hoyle" award for the second time to 1 member from each section for outstanding participation, attitude, enthusiasm and all round "Scouting Values". Well done to all our recipients.

This brings me onto my final comments – as I mentioned last year (and every other year), 8th Mirfield continues to be a large group – certainly one of the largest in the district and county. We rely on our leaders to be able to provide these activities and at the moment would really benefit from a few extra pairs of hands. Since starting in the 1970s, 8th Mirfield has seen so many people pass through their doors and it would be great to see some old (or young) faces come back down and help.

continue the tradition, but even if you have never been involved, don't let that put you off – everyone is welcome and we provide everything you need for the role – all we ask for is a little time.

If you think you may fancy it or know someone who might then please pop down or get in touch with us (all contact details are in the Church Magazine) as we'd love to have you on board.

Chris Wilding

Akela (Cub Scout Leader)

8th Mirfield Scout Group
Reciepts and Payments for Year ending 5th April 2024

RECEIPTS

23/24

22/23

Membership subscriptions	£	7,126.25		£	7,025.00		
Less : National /County /District Paid	£	<u>3,813.00</u>	£	3,313.25	<u>£</u> 3,847.50	£	3,177.50
Gift Aid			£	2,638.35		£	-
Camps			£	4,653.50		£	3,239.05
Activities			£	3,551.00		£	1,950.24
Rebate on Subs			£	-		£	130.50
Explorers			£	3,817.00		£	-
Donation			£	2,220.00		£	5,054.00
Fundraising : Gang show			£	2,721.00		£	-
				<u>£</u> 22,914.10			<u>£</u> 13,551.29

PAYMENTS

Rent	£	2,132.25	£	2,122.50	
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Insurance	£	420.12	£	362.24	
New camping equipment	£	-	£	1,316.65	
Activities	£	2,682.04	£	6,467.13	
Dontion to Daisy for Jamboree	£	-	£	500.00	
Camp Costs	£	5,967.08	£	3,074.14	
Uniform & Badges	£	1,779.49	£	1,347.18	
first aid	£	20.00	£	-	
refunds	£	65.00	£	-	
panto	£	589.00	£	-	
bonfire	£	492.51	£	-	
Transfer to Saving account	£	4,868.87	£	-	
Training Materials & Courses	£	20.00	£	30.00	
Explorers	£	2,924.26			
Sundries	£	64.95	£	259.74	
Fundraising : Gang show	£	966.51	£	-	
	£	22,992.08	£	15,479.58	£ 26,805.08
Net Surplus/Deficit	-£	77.98	-£	1,928.29	

Statement of Assets and Liabilities as at 31st March 2024

At 5th April 2023

Cash Funds	Current Account	£ 6,514.99
	Deposit Account	£ 4,031.82
	Cash in hand	£ 159.24
		<u>£ 10,706.05</u>

Net surplus/deficit as above

at 5th April 2024

	Current Account	£ 6,437.01
	Deposit Account	£ 8,995.62
	Cash in hand	£ 123.76
		<u>£ 15,556.39</u>

Non Monetary assets for Charity's own use

Land & Buildings	£ 22,864.00
Scouting Equipment	£ 16,895.00
	<u>£ 39,759.00</u>

At 6th April 2022

Current Account	£ 7,559.44
Deposit Account	£ 4,017.58
Cash in hand	£ 219.97
	<u>£ 11,796.99</u>

-£ 1,928.29

Current Account	£ 6,514.99
Deposit Account	£ 4,031.82
Cash in hand	£ 159.24
	<u>£ 10,706.05</u>

(based on insurance cover)

	£ 18,583.00
	£ 14,355.00
	<u>£ 32,938.00</u>

Signed by

Nico Robert Grooby (Chair) _____

(Out Going Chair)

Lauren Montgomery-Bell (Treasurer)_____

Stephen Bell _____

(Incoming Chair)

Independent examiner's report to 8th Mirfield (St Marys) Scout Group

I report on my examination of the accounts for the above for the year ended March 2022

Responsibilities and basis of report

I report in respect of my examination of the 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 Scout Group as required by section 130 of the Act; or
- 2.the accounts do not accord with those records.

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.

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Date: 27th November 2025