



Scouts

1st Ripley Scout Group

**Annual Report
2024**

Group Objective Statement

The objectives of the Group are as a unit of the Scout Association. The aim of the Scout Association is to promote the development of young people in achieving their full physical, intellectual, social and spiritual potentials, as individuals, as responsible citizens and as members of their local, national and international communities.

The method of achieving the aim of the Association is by providing an enjoyable and attractive scheme of progressive training, based on the Scout Promise and Law and guided by adult leadership.

We continue to review any potential risks to the children and have taken measures to ensure their safety. The Executive committee regularly reviews the condition of the HQ and grounds and remedial maintenance is dealt with on a regular basis. Insurance cover is reviewed annually and all adults in contact with the children on scouting activities are supervised and CRB validated.

Subscriptions are charged for membership to cover immediate running costs of the Group and these do not unduly restrict membership. The Group follows the principle that no one should be excluded because of their inability to pay membership subscriptions.

Chairman's Report

Another year of scouting has passed, and find myself penning my report for the year. This will be my 13th and final Chairmans report, as the time has come to pass the baton onto someone new. I've not lived in Ripley for 10 years now, my children who were Cubs and Scouts are now at university / working. I look back over my time as Chairman and Trustee member with great fondness of the last 17 years.

I'm delighted that each section still has a good number of children regularly attending each week. Our leaders and helpers spend much time creating a programme of weekly events for the children. It's wonderful that these are experienced by a good number of children in each section.

I must thank Richard who continues to act a temporary Group Scout Leader. He juggles this role along with his District roles, for which we thank him.

Without exception in most of my reports recently I have indicated the need for additional adult support. This year is no different. Scouting in Ripley survives through a small number of adults that give time week in, week out to ensure the children are able to experience growing up with Scouting as a foundation for their development. Many of those who join me on the Trustee Board have done for as many years as myself. Scouting in Ripley will only survive with new support. I ask you please to consider stepping forward to join the Trustee Board or offer some help to the leaders.

1st Ripley benefits each year with what has become the only major single form of income outside of subscriptions. I'm talking of course about Ripley Rocks. Last year we were blessed again with good weather which ensure attendance was excellent. The military planning of Peter, Karen and Richard ensures that the event runs with very few if any hitches. This year's event on the 6th July needs your support however. Richard, I know is looking for assistance with various roles during the day.

Thank you to Joe for preparing this year's financial report. It clearly demonstrates the importance of Ripley Rocks as our biggest single fund-raising event. It essentially covers the majority of our largest financial expenses. E.g. Minibus, HQ, Equipment store. This avoids a larger financial burden on the families in the group.

I close by thanking you all for your support over many years, I thank our leaders, trustee members, and fund raisers for ensuring Scouting in Ripley stays firmly on the map.

As Vanessa and I move further afield from Surrey, I will always have fond memories of my time at a wonderful Scout Group.

Mark Galpin

Group Chairman

Lead Volunteer's Report

Over the last year the Group's sections and leaders have achieved lots which has resulted in many young people gaining skills for life in a fun and exciting way.

All the sections have good numbers and we continue to get enquiries via our website and phone system. Throughout the year we have seen Bronze, Silver and Gold awards achieved and presented. Both Cubs and Scouts were able to run camps with Cubs using our own land and completing activities at Walton Firs and Scouts going to the New Forest.

Our Beaver section continues to attract young people with a stimulating programme of activities under the leadership team of Rose, Verity, Justine and we have welcomed back Katherine into the team.

The Cubs have enjoyed an exciting year taking part in district/county events such as Chilly Cubs and SCRAM as well as locally arranged events put in place by the leadership team of Kathy, Anna and Brian with the support of Young Leaders Daisy and Catherine.

Scouts have seen a different thrust of activities since Kurt joined Tom this year when Rebecca got married and moved away. Two scouts, Jack and Archie, were presented with their Chief Scout Gold Awards and we now have several others getting close to achieving this award.

During the year we also saw Jack attend the World Scout Jamboree and both Daisy and Catherine were supported on the Explorer Belt Challenge to Spain.

I would like to finish this report firstly by thanking Mark Galpin for the years of support he (and his family) have given to 1st Ripley Scouts as a parents, Executive Committee member and Chairman. I also must thank all the leaders, Trustees, parents, and the friends of Ripley Scouts for the support they have given me, and the work they've done to enable our young people to access so many new and fun activities whilst developing under the ethos of Scouts.

Richard Ayears

Acting Lead Volunteer

Treasurer's Report

This financial year (ending March 2024) again sees the Group in a healthy financial state, with a comfortable cash balance and good reserves at March 2024. We have made no significant capital outlay this financial year; we have increased our level of reserves, and there are no forward creditors or debtors.

Income overall appears significantly greater than last year, but this represents something of a false position. Income from our most important source of revenue, **Ripley Rocks**, was about £2k down on the previous year. And revenue collected from parents' contributions to activities was also down by about £1k. However the overall level of incoming cash was boosted by a significant insurance claim of £7.5k against the loss of our Totem Pole in the previous winter's storms. There are also some payment timing issues (with subscription payments and hall hire revenue) that have distorted this position.

Hall Hire revenue was well down year on year at £500, but much of this is due early receipt, falling in the previous year's accounts.

Subscriptions revenues are stable at around £6.1k, and subscriptions from parents remain at £55 per term. Another timing issue has meant that no Capitation payment to the District for the Group has been paid this year; this cost of approx. £2.8k will appear in next year's accounts.

Marquee hire revenue has remained historically low (£850), following the decision not to pursue private hires, regardless of value, **due to lack of volunteer help from parents.**

Parental financial support of activities as mentioned above is down about £1k.

Outgoing Donations are at a historic high. The Group has made £1.3k in donations, again principally to related World Scout Jamboree. This is significantly down on the previous year where we also gave considerable support to those youngsters attending World Scout Jamboree.

Capital expenditure this year remains effectively *nil*.

Utilities – Expenditure has again increased this year, and is a little higher than pre-pandemic levels at £1.7k. This increase is due to the increased usage of the HQ building and also a one-off deposit cost as our historical low fixed electricity contract expired in February. We will continue to engage in “switching” suppliers regularly to control these costs; Gas prices remained fixed low until Nov 2024, but are expected to rise significantly after that.

Minibus running costs remained largely steady and typical at £1.3k, as it continues to be used for Group activities and the Cubs and Scouts particularly have made good use of it.

Admin / maintenance / misc outgoings together have increased year-on-year to £6.8k (up about £4k). We have spent about £3k on the HQ (replacement of some rotten windows, electrical work etc.) and also had some increase in insurance costs and for uniforms and badges (which I think reflects the increased activities and leader involvement). We plan further maintenance and renovation in the coming financial year (new flooring, new kitchen and acoustic treatment of the hall). I expect this to consume at least all the income from the coming Ripley Rocks if not more.

Gift Aid: We continue to recover our Gift-Aid contributions for tax-paying parent subscription payers for the previous year. This is up this year at £1.6k due to subscriptions in the previous tax year rebounding from the Pandemic the year ending March 2023. We can expect this to remain at this level going forward.

Incoming Donations are about half the level of last year slightly at £300, including a further fall in income from the Guildford Community Lottery to £100, which continues to remain unpromoted from within our Group.

Joe Gervasio

Group Treasurer

1st Ripley Scout Group

Treasurer's Report & Accounts

for the year ended

31 March 2024



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PRESIDENT

Vernon Wood

PERSONNEL

Lead Volunteer & Quartermaster	Trustee	Richard Ayears
Scout Leader	Volunteer	Tom Crane
Scout Leader	Volunteer	Kurt Kapeller
Cub Leader	Volunteer	Anna Rhyner
Cub Leader	Volunteer	Brian Rhyner
Beaver Leader	Trustee	Justine Ayears
Chairman	Trustee	Mark Galpin
Secretary	Volunteer	Ruth Harrison
Treasurer	Trustee	Joe Gervasio
	Trustee	Graham Anker
	Trustee	Dan Kenny
	Trustee	Peter Hookins
	Trustee	Peter Schooling
	Trustee	Jennie Ratcliff
	Trustee	Mike Anning
	Trustee	Julie Rae
	Trustee	Andrew Paulson

BANKERS

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Cambridge & Counties Bank Ltd, 5b New Walk, Leicester England, LE1 6TE

Group/District Registration Number with The Scout Association 5945
Charity Registration Number 1020385

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**1st Ripley Scout Group
Treasurer's Annual Report for the year ended
31 March 2024**

The Treasurer is happy to report that the Group's finances are in a healthy state, with a comfortable cash balance and good reserves at March 2024.

We have started to make some capital outlay on our headquarters and anticipate that this will need to continue and increase in the coming year. Most other income and out-goings remain at a level broadly consistent with historical norms.

Once again we have increased our level of reserves, and there are no forward creditors or debtors.

The Group/District is a trust established under its rules which are common to all Scout Groups. Trustees are appointed in accordance with the Policy, Organisation & Rules of The Scout Association.

At the end of the year income reserves amounted to -

Fixed Assets: **£24,277**
Working Capital: **£21,518**
Reserved Capital: **£72,439**

Approved by the trustees on (date)

and signed on their behalf by:

Mark Galpin (Chairman) 

Richard Ayears (Acting Lead Volunteer) 

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Statement of Financial Activities Summary for the year ended 31 March 2024

	This Year	Previous Year
	£	£
TOTAL INCOME	32,433	24,770
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	-21,381	-20,271
NET INCOMING RESOURCES	11,051	4,499
FUND BALANCES BROUGHT FORWARD	107,182	102,683
FUND BALANCES CARRIED FORWARD	118,234	107,182

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	This Year General Fund £	Previous Year £
TOTAL INCOMING RESOURCES		
MEMBERSHIP		
Subscriptions collected	6,192	6,139
Less: Payable to District and refunds	0	-2,640
	<u>6,192</u>	<u>3,499</u>
INVESTMENT INCOME		
Interest Received :- C & C Bank	2,695	1,033
DONATIONS		
Ripley Bonfire Association	0	200
Guildford Lottery	99	130
Miscellaneous Donations	200	280
Insurance Claim	7,500	0
ACTIVITIES		
Activities, Outings and Camps	1,725	2,792
FUND RAISING		
HQ Hire	530	1,960
Marquee Hire	850	800
Music Event	11,051	13,319
OTHER INCOMING RESOURCES		
Tax refund re Gift Aid	1,590	758
TOTAL INCOMING RESOURCES	<u>32,433</u>	<u>24,770</u>

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Statement of Financial Activities Summary for the year ended 31 March 2024

	This Year General Fund £	Previous Year £
RESOURCES EXPENDED		
PREMISES		
Water Rates	79	91
Light and Heat	1,729	1,316
Insurance	2,211	1,952
Repairs and Renewals	3,535	147
Telephone / Web comms	543	509
ACTIVITIES		
Activities, Outings and Camps	6,435	5,984
ADMIN/ESTABLISHMENT EXPENSES		
Post & stationery	0	0
Admin/Establishment exps	0	0
Rubbish Bin & cleaning	320	304
TRUSTEES EXPENSES	-	-
OTHER EXPENDITURE		
Leader Training & Uniforms	1,038	664
Mini Bus Running Costs	1,258	1,335
Misc Donations	1,341	4,713
DEPRECIATION	2,893	3,255
TOTAL RESOURCES EXPENDED	21,381	20,273

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Balance Sheet as at 31 March 2024

	This Year		Previous Year	
	£	£	£	£
FIXED ASSETS				
Minibus		1,906		2,541
Trailers		21		28
Equipment		103		138
Totem Pole		0		142
Barn		18,667		20,741
Land		3,580		£3,580
		<u>24,277</u>		<u>27,170</u>
CURRENT ASSETS				
Deposit Account		72,439		69,744
Cash at bank and in hand		21,518		10,268
		<u>93,957</u>		<u>80,012</u>
Less: CURRENT LIABILITIES:				
Amounts due within one year		<u>0</u>		<u>0</u>
NET CURRENT ASSETS		£93,957		80,012
Less: LONG TERM LIABILITIES:				
Amounts due after more than one year		<u>0</u>		<u>0</u>
		0		0
NET ASSETS		<u>118,234</u>		<u>107,182</u>
Represented by:-				
GENERAL FUND		<u>118,234</u>		<u>107,182</u>

The notes on the attached page form part of these accounts.

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Fixed Assets 31 March 2024

1ST RIPLEY SCOUT GROUP

FIXED ASSETS

FIXED ASSETS	Minibus Trailers Equipment			Totem Pole	Barn	Totals
COST						
At 1 April 2023	£6,780	£3,788	£12,660	£8,005	£35,126	£66,359
Additions	-	-	-	-	-	£0
At 31 March 2023	£6,780	£3,788	£12,660	£8,005	£35,126	£66,359
DEPRECIATION						
At 1 April 2023	£4,239	£3,760	£12,522	£7,863	£14,385	£42,769
Charge for year	£635	£7	£35	£142	£2,074	£2,893
At 31 March 2024	£4,874	£3,767	£12,557	£8,005	£16,459	£45,662
NET BOOK VALUE						
At 31 March 2024	£1,906	£21	£103	£0	£18,667	£20,697

NOTES:

The Totem Pole is written off this year in entirety as it was destroyed.

The Barn is being written off at a rate of 10% per annum on a reducing balance basis.

The other assets are written off at a rate of 25% per annum on a reducing balance basis.

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees

31 March 2024

I report on the accounts of the Group for the year ended 31 March 2024 which are set out on pages iii to viii.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The Group's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. They consider that an audit is not required for this year (under Section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 (the Charities Act)) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- Examine the accounts (under Section 145 of the Charities Act);
- To follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners (under Section 145(5)(b) of the Charities Act); and
- To state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent 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 Group 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 any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair' view and the report is limited to those matters set out in statement below.

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 130 of the Charities Act ;and
- to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities 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.

Name: Peter Hookins - Accountant

Address: Springfield, Tuckey Grove
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Date: 11 June 2024

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