

7TH GRAYS SCOUT GROUP

England & Wales · Charity number 1022301

Details

Status Registered

Legal form Other

Registered 1993-06-07

Register [View on the Charity Commission register](#)

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Activities

Objects: 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

Activities: To provide education and training to young people in the borough of Thurrock

Classification

- **How:** Provides Human Resources, Provides Buildings/facilities/open Space
- **What:** Education/training
- **Who:** Children/young People

Geography

- **Area of benefit:** IN PRACTICE GRAYS AREA
- Thurrock

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2024-12-31	£30,644	£25,851	-	-
2023-12-31	£14,829	£25,130	-	-
2022-12-31	£16,078	£18,867	-	-
2021-12-31	£11,502	£9,560	-	-
2020-12-31	£2,341	£2,647	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Christopher Kemp	Chair	2025-03-31
Claire Hare		2024-03-11
Emmanuel Ibiayo		2024-05-13
Frans Botha		2023-07-10
GILL DAVISON		2011-07-17
KAY WATT		
MR STEVE MORGAN CPFA, AAT		
Maisie Gardiner		2024-01-01
Rev David Reginald Coaker		2020-10-11
Richard Norris		2018-05-14
TIMOTHY ANDREW WEBB		
Wilfred George King		2024-01-01

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**ANNUAL REPORT AND ACCOUNTS FOR
THE FINANCIAL YEAR ENDED 31
DECEMBER 2024**

7th Grays Scout Group Trustees' Annual Report for the year 1 January 2024 to 31 December 2024

Section A

Reference and administration details

Charity Name: 7th Grays Scout Group

Registered charity number: 1022301

Scout Association Group Registration No: 17750

Charity's administrative address: 39 Advice Avenue
Chafford Hundred
Grays, Essex
RM16 6QN

Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity:

Trustee Name	Office (if any)	Dates acted – if not for whole year
Tim Webb	Group Lead Volunteer	
Robin Watt	Chair	To 14 October 2024
Richard Norris	Scout Leader	
Maisie Gardiner	Conquest Cub Leader	
Sarah Durrant	Cromwell Cub Leader	
Kay Watt	Beaver Leader	
Claire Hare	Squirrel Leader	From 11 March 2024
Steve Morgan	Treasurer	
Myra Potter	Secretary	To 13 May 2024
Gill Davison	4 th Grays Guiding Representative	
Frans Botha	Secretary	From 13 May 2024
Phil King	Group Quartermaster	To 13 May 2024
Wilfred King	Group Quartermaster	
Emmanuel Ibiayo	Scout Section Representative	From 13 May 2024
Rev. David Coaker	Church Representative	

Names and addresses of advisors:

Type of Advisor	Name	Address
Bankers	Natwest	Grays Branch

Type of governing document

The Group's governing documents are those of the The Scout Association. They consist of a Royal Charter, which in turn gives authority to the Bye Laws of the Association and The Policy, Organisation and Rules of The Scout Association.

How the charity is constituted?

The Group is a trust established under its rules which are common to all Scouts.

Trustee selection methods

The Trustees are appointed in accordance with the Policy, Organisation and Rules of The Scout Association.

Additional Governance Issues

The Group is managed by the Trustee Board (formerly the Group Executive Committee), the members of which are the 'Charity Trustees' of the Scout Group which is an educational charity. As charity trustees they are responsible for complying with legislation applicable to charities. This includes the registration, keeping proper accounts and making returns to the Charity Commission as appropriate.

The Trustee Board consists of 3 independent representatives, Chair, Treasurer and Secretary together with the Group Scout Leader, individual section leaders and parent's representation and meets every month.

The Trustee Board must act in the charity's best interests, acting with reasonable care and skill and take steps to be confident that the charity is:

- well managed
- carrying out its purposes for the public benefit
- complying with the charity's governing document and the law
- managing the charity's resources responsibly
- the charity is operating compliant with POR, including effective management of the Key Policies listed in chapter 2 - The Equal Opportunities Policy, Privacy and Data Protection Policy, Religious Policy, Safeguarding Policy, Safety Policy, Vetting Policy, Youth Member Anti-bullying Policy
- young people are meaningfully involved in decision making at all levels
- there are sufficient resources (funds, people, property and equipment) available to meet the planned work of the Group including delivery of the high quality programme and resource requirements of the training programme (POR Rule 4.2.2)
- the Scouts has a positive image in the local community

Risk and Internal Control

The Group has in place systems of internal controls that are designed to provide reasonable assurance against material mismanagement or loss, these include 2 signatories for all cheque payments and comprehensive insurance policies to ensure that insurable risks are covered.

Summary of the objectives of the charity

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.

Summary of the main activities in relation to these objectives

The main activities carried out by all the Sections: Squirrels, Beavers, Conquest Cubs, Cromwell Cubs and Scouts, are based on the balanced programme for each of those Sections which has been developed by The Scout Association to meet their objectives. Activities include weekly meetings, working towards awards, participating in District activities and competitions and nights away residential experiences. All activities are run by the adult Leaders in the Group who are assisted by adult Helpers and Explorer Scout Young Leaders working with the various Sections.

Public Benefit Statement

The Group meets the Charity Commission's public benefit criteria under both the advancement of education and the advancement of citizenship or community development headings.

Section D

Achievements and performance

Main Achievements in the year

The membership numbers in the Group are recorded at Scout HQ in January each year and between January 2024 and January 2025 numbers have remained stable. The actual figures are: Squirrels 12 (new section for 2024), Beavers 20 (17 in 2024), Conquest Cubs 12 (12 in 2024), Cromwell Cubs 12 (13 in 2024) and Scouts 21 (24 in 2024). Overall, there are 77 (66 in Jan 2024) young people in the Scout Group. In addition to this there are 12 Explorer Scout Young Leaders aged 14 to 17 working with various sections in the Group.

There were also a considerable number of changes for the Group in 2024 and these are detailed below.

The Scout Association nationally is still undergoing what has been termed 'Transformation' and this affects both the way Scouting is managed and organised. As part of this the Group Executive Committee has been replaced by the Group Trustee Board to reflect the role of Trustee that those involved in managing the Group's financial and legal responsibilities have. Following the retirement of Richard Harvey from the role of Group Chair in 2023 Robin Watt agreed to take the role for a maximum term of 12 months, this expired in October 2024 and I would like to thank Robin in taking this role to help us through this period of transformation. I would also like to thank Frans Botha for taking on the role of Group Secretary from Myra Potter after she relocated out of the area.

The Group opened a Squirrel Drey for 4 to 6 year olds in February 2024 after nearly a year's planning. Thanks go to Claire Hare and Lisa Feeney who have seen this through with all the work required to get the Drey opened. After starting with 6 Squirrel Scouts the Drey now has 12 Squirrel Scouts.

Towards the end of 2023 saw the retirement of two long serving members of 7th Grays, but in the best traditions of the Group both their roles have had replacements from within the Group. Maisie Gardiner took the role of Akela of Conquest Cub Pack after Frances Sladden's retirement and Wilfred King took on the role of Group Quartermaster following his Dad, Phil's, retirement.

7th Grays has always had an association with Grays United Reformed Church on whose land our headquarters buildings stand. Starting in 2023 we have been trying to formalise our relationship with the Church with both a Sponsorship Agreement and a lease for the land on which our buildings stand. After more than a year of dealing with the legal formalities we are now very close to finalising the lease with the Church for the land on which our buildings stand. The Sponsorship Agreement can then follow after the lease has been formalised.

In March 2023 the electricity supply to our headquarters building failed and due to it being a private supply, getting it reinstated has proved very problematical. After using a temporary generator for over 12 months a permanent UK Power Networks mains supply was finally reinstated in June 2024. The total cost of this was in excess of £12,000 but thanks to a grant from Essex County Scouts and a very generous donation from one of the Church members who has had a long association with 7th Grays, Ruth Hunwick, a lot of these costs were covered.

The Group held a joint camp for all members of the Group from Squirrels to Scouts at one of our local campsites, Condovers, in September. This was attended by many of the young people and most of the leaders and was hailed a success despite the rain at the end.

The main activities and achievements during the year are set out below in the individual reports by the Section Leaders.

Tim Webb – Group Lead Volunteer

Squirrels

This is the first annual report of the new Squirrel Drey at 7th Grays. After lots of preparation and a few unexpected delays in 2023 we held our first meeting in February 2024 with 6 potential Squirrels joining us. I would like to thank Tim and everyone at 7th Grays, our parents and Squirrels and our adult and young people volunteer team here at Squirrels consisting of Red Squirrel, Squeaks, Skippy, Acorn, Owl and Rocky for all your support and enthusiasm. It has been a great first year and we could not have achieved this without everyone involved.

Through the year we welcomed another 6 Squirrels to our Drey and now have our maximum of 12 Squirrels and a few on a waiting list. We also had our first Squirrel moving up to Beavers. We attended the Harvest and Remembrance Sunday Church Parades and two of the Church Christmas events. We thank the group for the purchase of the small tables and chairs as they are much more appropriate for the Squirrels. We were lucky that we had a huge amount of stationary, craft bits, equipment, games, puzzles, blocks etc donated to us and we thank everyone who did that.

In February we held our first ever meeting with our potential Squirrels we had a 'kindness' theme and made some kindness monster crafts. The following week we had lots of physical activities and games.

In March we made Mother's Day crafts, explored some Scouting basics and enjoyed Easter crafts and an Easter egg hunt outside.

In April Red and Grey Squirrel were invested as Leaders and our first 6 Squirrels made their promises. We renewed these not long after when we all attended our first Thurrock District Renewal of Promise event. We also made some structures and bridges out of recycled materials.

In May we looked at how things grow and made cress houses. We looked at different types of homes, jumping frogs and went on our first trip to Davy Down to do pond dipping.

In June two Scouts came to run the meeting towards their Essex Challenge badge and we had an exciting and messy time with 'Oobleck'. We also visited Little Thurrock Community Garden and helped water their flowers, explored and played. We made homes for minibeasts and explored where food comes from and made fruit kebabs.

In July we did some summer crafts and our last meeting before the holidays was outdoor fun in the cabin grounds.

In August we had our first time at Playscheme and the Squirrels thoroughly enjoyed all the different activities.

The highlight of September was our day spent at the group camp, the Squirrels absolutely loved it. We also made paper boats and explored senses at our meetings.

In October we explored construction, celebrated Diwali by making Rangoli and made pumpkin suncatchers.

In November we explored other countries and cultures, made Christmas tree decorations for the church and had a visit to Essex Fire Museum.

In December we decorated biscuits/cakes and linked in with Arts Outburst and their interactive Hansel and Gretel. We had a workshop in the Cabin and then we attended the performance in their studios in the Thameside Complex.

Grey Squirrel
Claire Hare

Beavers

Most of our programmes in 2024 were based on the Essex Challenge badge.

We began 2024 with a games evening, then spent evenings playing in the dark and pretending we were at the Highland games.

Moving on to February we began our programmes towards the Essex Challenge badge. We held an International evening and celebrated Chinese New Year.

In March we invited friends to join us for an evening and continued working towards the Essex Challenge badge – making a marble run construction and sharing our hobbies and skills with the Colony. 3 of our Beavers took part in the District Beaver games afternoon in Stanford, and we ended March with our usual Easter egg hunt.

In April George Rogers came to talk to us about his sport and some of our Beavers attended the Renewal of Promise. We learned about St George and began the Disability Awareness badge.

May saw us planting bulbs and making kites.

In June we joined with the District for the annual Beaver sleepover at Condovers, camping with Chadwell Beavers. In the Colony we played summer games and practised our tracking sign skills plus flying our kites at Condovers.

In July we went to Belhus and finished the term with our usual wet night.

Conquest Cubs invited us to go crabbing at Coalhouse Fort in September and we caught some whoppers! We also attended the Group Camp at Condovers.

In October and November we were finishing the Essex Challenge badge – a marshmallow construction, a walk following and many more activities. Also this month saw us enjoying a sleepover with Chadwell Beavers at Guidewoods in Hockley. Our theme was Space. The weather was kind to us and we made good use of the woodland outside the Cabin. At the end of the month we made nativity sock puppets ready for December.

In December Denise Beckley came to our meeting to tell the Christmas Story with Beavers using our sock puppets to act out the story. We invited parents to see the finished play towards the end of our Colony meeting, ending with a Christmas song that everyone joined in with. The District Beaver Christmas event had to be cancelled this year due to inclement weather on the morning of the event. We held a Christmas party this year to close for 2024.

Throughout the year we continue to follow a balanced programme in order for our Beavers to gain the six Challenge Badges – Adventure, Outdoors, Skills, World, Teamwork and Personal as well as Activity and Staged badges. This year saw us completing the Essex Challenge badge too. Two Beavers have gained the Bronze Chief Scout Award during 2024 which were presented by Jo Salter our Beaver Lead Volunteer in Thurrock.

We still have three regular leaders and several parents willing to help out when needed.

Thank you to all those that have helped us during this year especially those parents who have volunteered to help in any way. We are able to run an active Colony because we have the help and support of our parents.

Kay Watt – Beaver Scout Leader

Conquest Cubs

We started the year by participating in the Essex challenge badge competition and completing several other challenges, e.g. cake decorating. We also visited Grays Fire Station and had a board games evening in preparation for the district games competition.

In February we participated in the district rifle shooting competition and celebrated Chinese New Year. We also ran a survival night, where the cubs had to identify how everyday objects can be used for survival and made mini rafts.

In March we made Mother's Day cards and decorated jars to make candle holders. We had a young leader run an international night in Australia as part of their King Scout award. We also watched the Gang show to support our young people and volunteers. We completed a walk around the local area and learnt basic map reading skills. To end the term, we took the cubs to Rock Up at Lakeside.

To celebrate Easter, we had an Easter egg hunt where the cubs had to find hidden eggs. To get ready for the district quiz competition, we also had a mini quiz. However, this was cancelled due to a district awards event. We had 4 cubs, and 3 leaders attend Renewal of Promise with the other sections for the St George's Day parade. We took the cubs to Thames Chase to complete the naturalist badge, allowing the cubs to learn about nature.

In May, the cubs attended the Group AGM and shared what they have enjoyed about cubs over the past year. Scout leaders Richard and James also helped run a shelter-building activity at Cherrywood.

In June we completed the Athletics badge and made Father's Day cards and keyrings. Scout leader Richard also helped the cubs to make paracord woggles. We asked the cubs to bring in their bikes to complete the cyclist badge. We also had a visit from the Police, the cubs tried on uniform jackets and hats and got to sit in a cell in a police van wearing handcuffs.

During the summer term, we created our pasta chef's costumes for the district cub camp. On the weekend of 5-7th July, 10 cubs, 3 Leaders and 1 scout leader attended district cub camp. Many section leaders across the group helped with equipment and running activities. We also took the cubs to Stubbers to take part in kayaking. The Scouts came to run a water fight as part of the Essex challenge and the Youth Shape badge.

We organised a coach to take the group to the International Essex Jamboree as day visitors with scouts, Cromwell and Thameside cubs. 5 Conquest cubs attended. 6 cubs attended playscheme with their friends.

In September, 6 cubs attended the Docklands scout project. We also had a link event with beavers doing crabbing at Coalhouse fort. We had 9 cubs, and 3 leaders attend the Group camp. We also completed a hike from Tilbury Fort to Coalhouse Fort as we were unable to participate in the district JOTT activity.

In October, the scouts came to run a talent show and a Quiz night with the cubs as part of their Essex challenge badge. We also completed the Navigator badge and Environment badge.

Over half term 1 cub attended the trip to Rieneck castle.

In November, the YLs ran a remembrance activity as part of their missions. We attended the Remembrance service with other sections. We also completed emergency aid badges stage 1 & 2, the Pioneering badge. To end the year, we made Christmas cards and gifts for loved ones and went bowling.

In 2024 we had 2 silver awards presented.

Thank you to our young leaders (Ruby, Evie, Aaron and Ben) and Helen and Wilfred for all the support over the past year.

Maisie Gardiner
Akela – 7TH Grays Conquest Cubs

Cromwell Cubs

I would like to start this report by thanking Stevie Gregory (Raksha), Tom Durrant (Hathi) and our young leaders Emily, Charlotte, Owen, Kira, Beau and Sophie. Without the help and dedication from my leaders the pack would not be able to run each week and we would not have been able to attend camps and District events that were run this year.

It has been a good year this year, we took part in all the district run activities and attended two camps.

We started off the year with a variety of meetings: we completed our home help badge, cooked pancakes and we had the team at the cabin to run a rifle shooting evening.

We were also able to run our annual Mother's Day Tea, and the cubs enjoyed serving their Mum's with tea and coffee and cakes and we ended the term with an Easter egg hunt and bonnet making competition.

In the spring we completed our gardener's badge, we made grass heads, grew sunflowers and tidied up our bug hotel that is behind the church.

In the summer we made the most of the weather and spent the meetings outside, we completed the athletics badge and we went to Thriftwood to hold a raft building evening for the cubs and their dad's to celebrate Father's Day.

In July we attended District cub camp which was great. The theme was the Olympics and the Country we were given to decorate our site was Jamaica. The cubs who attended had a great weekend and for half of them it was their first time in a tent.

Later in the month we visited Coalhouse fort to do some crabbing and we broke up for the summer with a visit to the cinema where we said goodbye to our young leader Emily who was off to university.

In August we had a day visit to the Essex International Jamboree. The cubs had a good day, but the weather spoilt the day a bit as it was so hot they were unable to take part in all the events.

When we returned after the summer holidays, we had four cubs attend the water activities day at the Docklands project in London.

In September for the first time in a very long time we held a Group Camp at Condovers and all the cubs that attended had a great weekend.

We ran a variety of evenings in the autumn to cover the science badge and we celebrated Diwali, we went on a chip shop challenge in the local area and we enjoyed a visit to Thriftwood campsite to watch a fireworks display.

In November we had our usual visit to the Lord Mayors Show in London, we had a visit to the British Transport Museum in the afternoon before having dinner and returning home.

We finished the year with a trip to Ice rink at Lakeside and had a traditional Christmas party at the cabin.

I would like to thank all the parents for their continuing support this year. We end this year with a pack of fourteen cubs, one Cub Scout leader, two Assistant Cub Scout leaders and three young leaders.

Sarah Durrant
CSL

Scouts

Introduction:

This report provides an overview of the activities and achievements of 7th Grays Scouts during the past year. The troop maintained a vibrant and diverse programme, encompassing regular meetings, special outings, and participation in district and county events. We are pleased to report a year of growth, adventure, and community engagement.

Regular Meetings:

The weekly meeting schedule was packed with a wide range of activities designed to develop skills, foster teamwork, and provide enjoyable experiences. Key highlights include:

- **Skill Development:** Activities focused on practical skills, including air rifle shooting, archery, fire lighting techniques, paracord bracelet making, and ironing. These sessions provided opportunities for Scouts to learn and demonstrate proficiency.
- **Navigation and Outdoor Skills:** Grid references and route card exercises, pitching a tent on a steep hill, mini raft making, and camp gadget making honed essential outdoor skills. Backwoods cooking at Cherrywood campsite allowed the scouts to experience cooking in a natural environment.
- **Creative and Cultural Experiences:** The troop engaged in creative activities such as recycled marble run construction, cookie decorating, making outdoor candles, and Christmas decoration crafting for the local church. Cultural awareness was fostered through Chinese New Year, Indian International Night, and Diwali-themed evenings, reflecting the multicultural nature of modern Britain. Morris dancing provided a unique insight into traditional English folk culture.
- **Teamwork and Challenges:** Activities like the chip shop challenge (route planning and execution), water challenge night, human battleships, and ready steady cook practice promoted teamwork and problem-solving.
- **Community and Leadership:** The troop participated in a Condozers campsite work night, contributing to maintaining a valuable resource. Scouts also gained leadership experience by planning activities for a younger section.
- **Debate and Entertainment:** Campfire debating nights and quiz nights provided opportunities for intellectual engagement and fun.
- **Fitness and Health:** A dedicated fitness and exercise night promoted physical well-being.

Special Evenings Out:

- The troop enjoyed a high-energy Flip Out trampolining session, promoting fitness and fun.
- A raft-making session at Stubbers provided a practical application of teamwork and engineering skills in a challenging environment.

District and County Events:

- Participation in the Monopoly Board (LV) challenge, air rifle shooting competition, and Ready Steady Cook competition allowed the troop to showcase their skills and compete against other Scout groups within the district.
- Attending the Gang Show provided an opportunity to experience a large-scale theatrical production.

- County Backpack and Jamborama district scout camp allowed the scouts to experience larger-scale scouting events.
- The troop participated in a Renewal of Promise ceremony, reinforcing their commitment to the Scout Law.

Highlights and Achievements:

- The troop welcomed two new leaders, strengthening the leadership team and ensuring the continued success of the programme.
- One Scout achieved the prestigious Gold Award, demonstrating exceptional dedication and commitment.

Conclusion:

The past year has been a successful and rewarding one for 7th Grays]. The diverse programme of activities has provided Scouts with opportunities to develop essential skills, build teamwork, and experience new adventures. The troop's participation in district and county events has further enhanced their Scouting experience. With a strong leadership team and enthusiastic Scouts, we look forward to another year of exciting activities and achievements.

Richard Norris
Scout Leader

Quartermaster's Report

During the year the sections have run outdoor activities including: hikes and camping

There were no large purchases throughout the year, although routine maintenance was carried out.

The group continues to hold a wide range of equipment, to support a variety of adventurous activities for the young people, and to aid in the maintenance of both the premises and equipment.

Wilfred King
Quartermaster

Health and Safety Report

To put Health and Safety on a more formal basis, in 2024 the Group asked Brian Phillips, who has a role with Thurrock District Scouts for Health & Safety, to have an overseeing role for Health & Safety within the Group. As a result of this a number of additional procedures have been put in place and in the annual review of all Groups in the District no non-conformities in our procedures were found.

In accordance with Scout HQ requirements we record all incidents and accidents that require any kind of treatment like a sticking plaster or a cold compress. There were a total of 16 recorded incidents covering such things as the use of hot glue guns to twisted ankles. None of the incidents required professional medical attention and all of the incidents involved young people. From these incident reports we can look out for any trends that may be developing.

The usual review of procedures and policies has been undertaken and Health & Safety will continue to be of high importance to all within the Group to give a safe environment for all ages.

Tim Webb – Group Lead Volunteer

Financial Review

The Annual Report and Accounts adhere to the latest recommended guidance from the Scout Association and cover the year from 1 January 2024 to 31 December 2024.

The financial accounts that follow this report (pages 11 to 14) incorporate the receipts and payments of all sections within the Group, i.e., Squirrels, Beavers, Conquest Cubs, Cromwell Cubs and Scouts.

Receipts in the year totalled £30,643.50, while payments totalled £25,850.67. The net receipts of £4,792.83 resulted in an increase to Group Funds from £26,801.86 to 31,594.69.

The receipts were from Subscriptions (£13,197.50 before the deduction of £5,757.80 for Membership Fees passed on to District), Gift Aid and other Donations (£11,151.52), income from Activities (£7,390.79), Grants (£3,700.00) and Other (£961.49). The payments were for Activities (£8,405.94, Repairs and Renewals (8,909.67), Insurance (£2,606.77), Materials & equipment (£2,340.00), Uniform and Badges (£1,296.41), Utilities (£739.32), Administration (£901.07) and Other (£651.49). During the year, a new electric supply to the headquarters was completed at an in-year cost of £5,139.40 (having already paid out over £7,200 in the previous year) and a new boiler installed at a cost of £2,302.00.

The Fund Balance at the end of December remains comfortable, thanks in part to a sizable donation, and there are no plans to increase subscriptions in 2025.

The Independent Examiner's statement on the accounts is provided on page 15 of this document.

Reserves Policy

The Group's policy on reserves is to hold sufficient resources to continue the charitable activities of the group in the near future without recourse to exceptional fundraising activities. The Trustees will continue to review this policy on an annual basis.

Investment policy

The Group currently have no plans to invest any surpluses in longer term investments but have adopted a risk averse strategy to the use of its funds. A proportion of its funds are held within COIF Charity Funds, a managed investment fund set up to provide a safe and reasonably productive means for charities to deal with cash surpluses. The balance of funds is held within NatWest Bank.

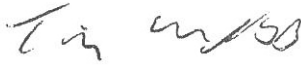
Plans for future periods

As can be seen from the above reports, all of the current Sections within 7th Grays continue to thrive and are looking forward to the future. With committed Leaders, Helpers and Young Leaders, good support from the Group Trustee Board and parents, steady membership numbers and sound finances, the Group are well placed to continue its past successes.

Each of the Sections, Squirrels, Beavers, both Cub Packs and Scouts already have events planned throughout the coming year, together with Group activities.

Tim Webb – Group Lead Volunteer

The Summary Annual Report and Accounts were approved by the Trustees at their meeting on 14 April 2025 and signed on their behalf by:



Tim Webb
Group Lead Volunteer



Steve Morgan
Group Treasurer

7th Grays Scout Group Receipts and Payments Account

Year start date

Year end date

For the year from	01-Jan-24	T o	31-Dec-24
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Receipts and payments

	2024 Unrestricted funds £	2023 Unrestricted funds £
Receipts		
Donations, legacies and similar income		
Membership subscriptions	13,197.50	11,697.00
Less: Membership subscriptions paid on (National/County/Area/District)	- 5,757.80	- 6,721.75
Net membership subscriptions retained	7,439.70	4,975.25
Donations	8,492.00	1,819.00
Legacies	-	-
Gift Aid	2,659.52	2,246.89
Income from Activities	7,390.79	4,618.06
Other Income	121.20	20.00
Sub total	26,103.21	13,679.20
Grants		
Maintenence grant	-	-
Other grants	3,700.00	-
Sub total	3,700.00	-
Fundraising (gross)		
Other fundraising activities	129.71	52.54
Sub total	129.71	52.54
Investment income		
Bank interest	-	-
Building Society interest	-	-
The Scout Association Short Term Investment Service	-	-
Property Rent income	-	-
Other investment income	710.58	1,097.13
Sub total	710.58	1,097.13
Total Gross Income	30,643.50	14,828.87
Asset and investment sales, etc.	-	-
Total receipts	30,643.50	14,828.87

7th Grays Scout Group Receipts and Payments Account

Year start date

Year end date

For the year from	01-Jan-24	T o	31-Dec-24
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Receipts and payments

	2024 Unrestricted funds £	2023 Unrestricted funds £
Payments		
Charitable Payments		
Youth programme and activities	8,405.94	6,789.38
Adult support and training	-	-
Rent	-	-
Water and Sewerage	157.86	145.41
Electricity and Gas	581.46	663.67
Insurance	2,606.77	2,836.26
Repairs and Renewals	8,909.67	8,160.34
Materials and equipment	2,340.00	2,986.88
Administration (inclu. printing, stationery and photocopying)	901.07	802.94
Uniforms/Badges	1,296.41	1,713.74
AGM and trustee expenses	-	-
Donations	-	989.57
Other costs	651.49	41.63
Sub total	25,850.67	25,129.82
Fundraising expenses		
Fundraising costs	-	-
Sub total	-	-
Total Gross Expenditure	25,850.67	25,129.82
Asset and investment purchases, etc.	-	-
Total payments	25,850.67	25,129.82
Net of receipts/(payments)	4,792.83	- 10,300.95
Cash funds last year end	26,801.86	37,102.81
Cash funds this year end	31,594.69	26,801.86

7th Grays Scout Group Receipts and Payments Account

	Year start date		Year end date
For the year from	01-Jan-24	To	31-Dec-24

Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the year

	31-Dec-24	31-Dec-23
	Unrestricted funds	Unrestricted funds
	£	£
Cash funds		
Bank current account	18,288.91	9,115.74
Bank deposit account	-	-
COIF Investment Account	13,305.78	17,595.20
The Scout Association Short Term Investment Service	-	-
Cash/Floats	-	90.92
Total cash funds	31,594.69	26,801.86
Other monetary assets		
Tax claim	-	-
Debts due from the County/Area/District/Group	-	-
Insurance claim	-	-
Sub total	-	-
Investment assets		
Investment property - detail	-	-
Quoted investments	-	-
Other investments - detail	-	-
Sub total	-	-
Non monetary assets for charity's own use		
Badge stock	-	-
Other stock	-	-
Land and buildings	See Note 1	-
Motor vehicles	See Note 2	-
Scouting equipment, furniture etc	See Note 3	-
Sub total	-	-
Liabilities		
Accounts not yet paid	-	-
Expenses incurred but not invoiced	-	-
Subscriptions not yet paid	-	-
Loan - detail	-	-
Other liabilities	-	-
Sub total	-	-

Contingent liabilities and future obligations

7th Grays Scout Group Receipts and Payments Account

	Year start date		Year end date
For the Year	01-Jan-24	To	31-Dec-24

Notes to the Accounts

Note 1	The Group owns its Headquarters and Garage but not the land on which it is situated. The latest insurance valuation (based on a professional valuation) for the buildings and all fixtures and fittings is £354,610
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Note 2	The Group own a trailer which is insured for £6,238
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Note 3	The Group hold equipment which is currently insured for £86,857. The items include 4 marquees and 3 extensions, 28 tents, 2 mess tents, 8 dining shelters, various tables and chairs, various lanterns, camping ovens and stoves and a variety of cooking utensils. The Group also have a cooker, a freezer, a fridge, a microwave, an electric water heater, a desktop computer, a photocopier, a laminator, a Vax floor cleaner, a generator and a gas cage with a number of gas bottles.
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Independent examiner's report to the trustees of 7th Grays Scout Group

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the 7th Grays Scout Group for the year ended 31 December 2024.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees of the 7th Grays Scout Group 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 7th Grays Scout Group 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 7th Grays 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.

Signed:



Name: A L Beckley

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

Address: 10 Overcliff Road, Grays RM17 6AJ

Date: 25 February 2025