

18TH ST ALBANS SCOUT GROUP

England & Wales · Charity number 1032693

Details

Status Registered

Legal form Other

Registered 1994-02-23

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: Scouting activities within sections for Scouts, Cubs and Beavers

Classification

- **How:** Provides Buildings/facilities/open Space, Provides Services
- **What:** General Charitable Purposes
- **Who:** Children/young People

Geography

- Hertfordshire

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-03-31	£33,047	£30,658	-	-
2024-03-31	£32,033	£39,128	-	-
2023-03-31	£27,707	£32,851	-	-
2022-03-31	£19,622	£24,869	-	-
2021-03-31	£18,094	£13,525	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Charles Whitehead		2018-05-08
Kathryn Louise Hughes		2019-01-15
Sarah Burgess		2019-01-15
Simon Thurlby		2025-11-03
Stephen Paul Larkworthy		2019-01-15
Victoria Magee		2023-03-14

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The Trustees are pleased to present their combined annual report and the accounts for the year ended 31 March 2025 which have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in the note to these accounts. The Trustees, and other administrative details are shown on page 2.

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The Scout Method	<p>Scouting takes place when young people, in partnership with adults, work together based on the values of Scouting and</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• enjoy what they are doing and have fun;• take part in activities indoors and outdoors;• learn by doing;• share in spiritual reflection;• take responsibility and make choices;• undertake new and challenging activities; and• make and live by their Promise.
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Financial Review

Income	<p>Subscription income increased to £25,103 (2024: £22,859), reflecting higher fee rates introduced in previous years. Income from camping and other activities was stable reducing slightly to £14,753 (2024: £15,626) following a full programme of camping activities. Other income amounts to £800 (2024: £720), which is the annual fee for St Albans explorers for access to the scout hut facilities.</p>
Expenditure	<p>Expenditure reduced to £30,658 (2024: £39,128) mainly as a result of reductions in:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">i) repairs and refurbishment £1,647 (2024: £4254) due to bringing cleaning in house via parent volunteers and discontinuing the monthly deep clean contract which started during covid,ii) there are no longer any depreciation costs (2024: £3,301) as a result of the scout hut having been fully depreciated in prior yearsiii) expenses and camping costs with costs amounting to £19,739 (2024: £22,305).
Net income and cash balance	<p>The trustees note that the group operated at a net income of £2,389 (2024: deficit (£7,095)) as a result of the reduction in expenses noted above and despite an increase in the cost of capitation amounting to £10,706 (2024: £10,046)</p> <p>The group has a healthy cash balance of £50,985 (2024: £51,452) at the year end and accrued income of £13,689 in respect of gift aid receivable for the last five financial years, some of which has been received after the year end.</p>
Property lease	<p>The lease on the land where the Scout Hut is situated in the Wick expired in March 2025 and discussions are ongoing with St Albans District Council to renew. The current status is that the District Scouts are negotiating a standard form lease renewal for the 16th St Albans Scouts with St Albans District Council, following which, that standard form will be used for the renewal of the 18th St Albans lease. It is currently not known what rental terms will be applied to the lease, but early indications are that it may increase significantly from the current annual rent of £75 per annum.</p>
Restricted fund	<p>Previously, the charity maintained a fund for major building costs and classified it as a restricted fund. According to accounting policy 1(e), restricted funds are those arising from grants or donations made for a specific purpose, which can only be used for that purpose and where restrictions are stipulated by the donor or grantor. Upon review, the trustees determined that there are no third-party restrictions attached to this fund. Therefore, in line with policy 1(e) and as detailed in note 8, the fund has been reclassified as a designated fund within unrestricted funds. This means the balance previously held as a restricted fund for building purposes has been transferred to the unrestricted designated fund, ensuring the funds remain available for major building costs at the trustees' discretion.</p>

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Going concern and
the future

The group has a very healthy cash balance of £50,985 at March 2025. The cash balance at the date of this report is of a similar value. Notwithstanding that, the group is pleased to have returned to a break even status in FY25, it will continue to monitor income and expenses prudently in order to break even in future years. As a result, subscription fees were increased again in September 2025 from £60 to £65 per child per term to reflect the inflationary environment we continue to operate in. This should generate ~£2,500 per annum in additional subscriptions.

The trustees know of no reason why the charity would not be in a position to operate as a going concern in the 12 months from the date of these accounts being approved.

This report was approved by the Trustees. Signed on their behalf by:



Charles Whitehead
Trustee and treasurer
2 November 2025

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Annual Report and Accounts for the year ended 31 March 2025

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of the 18th St. Albans Scout Group

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the 18th St Albans Scout Group for the year ended 31 March 2025.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees of the 18th St Albans 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 18th St Albans Scouts 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 18th St Albans Scout Group as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

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.



Nick Latham FCA

14 Churchill Road, St Albans, AL1 4HQ

2 November 2025

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		Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds 2025	Total Funds 2024
	Notes	£	£	£	£
Income:					
Membership income:					
Subscriptions		25,103	-	25,103	22,859
less: capitation paid		(10,706)	-	(10,706)	(10,046)
		14,397	-	14,397	12,813
Donations and grants		-	-	-	30
Gift Aid		2,857	-	2,857	2,625
Investment income: bank interest		240	-	240	219
Camping and Activities fees		14,753	-	14,753	15,626
Other income		800	-	800	720
Total Income		33,047	-	33,047	32,033
Expenditure:					
Premises	2	(4,929)	-	(4,929)	(10,689)
Equipment	3	(440)	-	(440)	(873)
Section activities and expenses	4	(25,289)	-	(25,289)	(27,566)
Total expenditure		(30,658)	-	(30,658)	(39,128)
Net Income/(Expenditure) before transfers		2,389	-	2,389	(7,095)
Transfers between funds	8	45,056	(45,056)	-	-
Net movement in funds for the year		47,445	(45,056)	2,389	(7,095)
Total Funds brought forward		17,229	45,056	62,285	69,380
Total funds carried forward		64,674	-	64,674	62,285

The notes on pages 8 to 11 form part of these accounts.

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Balance Sheet

	Notes	Total 2025	Total 2024
		£	£
Fixed assets			
Buildings	6	-	-
		-	-
Current Assets			
Debtors and accrued income	7	13,689	10,833
Cash at bank and in hand:			
Bank deposit accounts		23,192	22,952
Bank current accounts		27,793	28,500
		50,985	51,452
Net Current Assets		64,674	62,285
Total Assets		64,674	62,285
Funds	8		
Unrestricted: General Fund		64,674	17,229
Restricted funds:			
Building fund		-	45,056
Total Funds		64,674	62,285

Approved by the Trustees and signed on their behalf by:



Charles Whitehead
Treasurer

2 November 2025

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Notes to the Financial Statements

1. Accounting Policies

a) Basis of preparation

These accounts have been drawn up on an accruals basis, which is consistent with the previous year.

b) Basis of accounting

These accounts have been prepared under the historical cost convention in accordance with applicable accounting standards and the Statement of Recommended Practice "Accounting by Charities".

c) Depreciation

Provision for depreciation of fixed assets held for use by the charity is made at annual rates calculated to spread the cost (less anticipated residual disposal value) of each asset evenly over its expected useful life.

The depreciation rates currently in use are at the following rates:

- Buildings: 4% per annum on a straight-line basis to reflect the 25 year lease
- Equipment is written off in the year in which it is purchased

d) Government Grants

Income from Government grants, including local authorities, is recognised in the period for which they are received.

e) Fund accounting

Funds held by the charity are either:

- Unrestricted funds - these are funds which can be used in accordance with the charitable objects at the discretion of the trustee.
- Designated funds are unrestricted funds set aside at the discretion of the trustees for specific purposes.
- Restricted funds - these funds, which arise from grants or donations made for a specific purpose, can only be used for that particular purpose within the objects of the charity. Restrictions arise when stipulated by the donor or grantor or where funds are raised for a specified purpose. The balances of the funds represent the unspent balances.

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2. Premises

	Unrestricted	Restricted	2025	2024
	£	£	£	£
Rent	75	-	75	75
Water Rates	519	-	519	451
Light & Heat	1,656	-	1,656	1,656
General Insurance (inc premises)	1,032	-	1,032	952
Repairs & Refurbishment	1,647	-	1,647	4,254
Depreciation	-	-	-	3,301
	4,929	-	4,929	10,689

3. Equipment

	Unrestricted	Restricted	2025	2024
	£	£	£	£
Insurance	338	-	338	322
Repairs and renewals	102	-	102	551
	440	-	440	873

4. Section activities and expenses

	Unrestricted	Restricted	2025	2024
	£	£	£	£
Expenses	4,269	-	4,269	7,856
Camping costs	16,308	-	16,308	14,449
Scout shop	1,019	-	1,019	2,620
Other activities	3,693	-	3,693	2,641
	25,289	-	25,289	27,566

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5. Staff and trustee costs

There were no staff; all services received are provided by volunteers. No Trustee received any remuneration for this year and no relevant expenses were reimbursed to Trustees for this year.

6. Fixed Assets: buildings

	Brought forward £	Movements £	Net £	2024
Cost	82,303	-	82,303	82,303
Depreciation	(82,303)	-	(82,303)	(82,303)
Net book value	-	-	-	-

Buildings comprise the Scout Hut on leasehold land in the Wick which expired in March 2025. The lease renewal is under negotiation with St Albans District Council

7. Debtors

The amounts included in debtors is accrued income in respect of Gift Aid receivable for the last five financial years; £1,899 relating to the earlier years was received after the year end

8. Movements In Funds

	1 April 2024	Income	Expenditure	Transfers	31 March 2025
Unrestricted funds:					
General fund	17,229	33,047	(29,011)	(4,000)	17,265
Designated fund re building	-		(1,647)	(49,056)	47,409
Total unrestricted funds	17,229	33,047	(30,658)	45,056	64,674
Restricted fund re Building	45,056	-	-	(45,056)	-
Total funds	62,285	33,047	(30,658)	-	64,674

The charity built a fund for major building costs, previously treated as restricted. As there are no third-party restrictions, in line with policy 1(e), this is now classified as a designated fund and has been transferred to the unrestricted designated fund.

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Financial Review

Income	<p>Income from subscriptions increased to £22,859 (2023: £20,997); this was largely due to a 10% increase in subscriptions from £50 per child per term to £55 in September 2023. Income from camping and other activities increased to £15,626 (£11,439) following a full programme of camping activities as well as reflecting the inflationary environment we operate in.</p> <p>Other income amounts to £720, which is the annual fee for St Albans explorers for access to the scout hut facilities.</p>
Expenditure	<p>Expenditure increased to £39,128 (2023: £32,851) mainly as a result an increase in expenses and camping costs with costs amounting to £22,305 (2023: £16,339).</p> <p>Repairs and refurbishment increased to £4,254 (2023: £3,003) mainly as a result of increased cost of monthly deep cleaning of the scout premises which the executive agreed would be sensible to keep in place post covid pandemic until such time when a cheaper alternative could be found.</p>
Net deficit and cash balance	<p>The trustees note that the group operated at a loss of £7,095 (2023: £5,144). This was mainly as a result of cleaning expenses amounting to over £3,000 per year, increased repairs of £4,254 (2023: £3,003), increasing cost of capitation amounting to £10,046 (2023: £9,381) and purchase / repair of equipment amounting to £551 (2023: £99)</p> <p>The group has a healthy cash balance of £51,453 (2023: £57,871) at the year end and accrued income of £10,833 in respect of gift aid receivable for the last four financial years.</p>
Property lease	<p>The lease on the land where the Scout Hut is situated in the Wick expires in March 2025 and discussions are ongoing with St Albans District council to renew.</p>
Going concern and the future	<p>The group has a very healthy cash balance of £51,453 at March 2024. The cash balance at the date of this report is of a similar value. Notwithstanding that, the group aims to get back to a break even status in future years. The cleaning contract has now been cancelled and replaced with a volunteer parent rota which will save c£3,000 per annum (annualised) and subscription fees were increased again in September 2024 from £55 to £60 per child per term to reflect the inflationary environment we have been operating in over the last two years. This should generate c£2,500 per annum in additional subscriptions.</p> <p>The trustees know of no reason why the charity would not be in a position to operate as a going concern in the 12 months from the date of these accounts being approved.</p>

This report was approved by the Trustees. Signed on their behalf 21st January 2025 by:

Charles Whitehead
Trustee and treasurer

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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.



Nicholas Latham FCA

14 Churchill Road, St Albans, AL1 4HQ

21st January 2025

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		Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds 2024	Total Funds 2023
	Notes	£	£	£	£
Income:					
Membership income:					
Subscriptions		22,859	-	22,859	20,997
less: capitation paid		(10,046)	-	(10,046)	(9,381)
		12,813	-	12,813	11,616
Donations and grants		30	-	30	27
Gift Aid		2,625	-	2,625	3,150
Investment income: bank interest		219	-	219	59
Camping and Activities fees		15,626	-	15,626	11,439
Other income		720	-	720	1,416
Total Income		32,033	-	32,033	27,707
Expenditure:					
Premises	2	(3,134)	(7,555)	(10,689)	(9,254)
Equipment	3	(873)	-	(873)	(547)
Section activities and expenses	4	(27,566)	-	(27,566)	(23,050)
Total expenditure		(31,573)	(7,555)	(39,128)	(32,851)
Net Income/(Expenditure) before transfers		460	(7,555)	(7,095)	(5,144)
Transfers between funds		(4,000)	4,000	-	-
Net movement in funds for the year		(3,540)	(3,555)	(7,095)	(5,144)
Total Funds brought forward		20,769	48,611	69,380	74,524
Total funds carried forward		17,229	45,056	62,285	69,380

The notes on pages 8 to 10 form part of these accounts.

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Balance Sheet

	Notes	Total 2024	Total 2023
		£	£
Fixed assets			
Buildings	6	-	3,301
		-	3,301
Current Assets			
Debtors and accrued income	7	10,833	8,208
Cash at bank and in hand:			
Bank deposit accounts		22,952	22,733
Bank current accounts		28,500	35,138
		62,285	66,079
Net Current Assets		62,285	66,079
Total Assets		62,285	69,380
Funds			
	8		
Unrestricted: General Fund		17,229	20,769
Restricted funds:			
Building fund		45,056	48,611
Total Funds		62,285	69,380

Approved by the Trustees and signed 21st January 2025 on their behalf by:



Charles Whitehead
Treasurer

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These accounts have been prepared under the historical cost convention in accordance with applicable accounting standards and the Statement of Recommended Practice "Accounting by Charities".

c) Depreciation

Provision for depreciation of fixed assets held for use by the charity is made at annual rates calculated to spread the cost (less anticipated residual disposal value) of each asset evenly over its expected useful life.

The depreciation rates currently in use are at the following rates:

- Buildings: 4% per annum on a straight-line basis to reflect the 25 year lease
- Equipment is written off in the year in which it is purchased

d) Government Grants

Income from Government grants, including local authorities, is recognised in the period for which they are received.

2. Premises

	Unrestricted	Restricted	2024	2023
	£	£	£	£
Rent	75		75	75
Water Rates	451		451	351
Light & Heat	1,656		1,656	1,656
General Insurance (inc premises)	952		952	877
Repairs & Refurbishment	-	4,254	4,254	3,003
Depreciation	-	3,301	3,301	3,292
	3,134	7,555	10,689	9,254

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3. Equipment

	Unrestricted	Restricted	2024	2023
	£	£	£	£
Insurance	322	-	322	448
Repairs and renewals	551	-	551	99
	873	-	873	547

4. Section activities and expenses

	Unrestricted	Restricted	2024	2023
	£	£	£	£
Expenses	7,856	-	7,856	5,775
Camping costs	14,449	-	14,449	10,564
Scout shop	2,620	-	2,620	1,710
Other activities	2,641	-	2,641	5,001
	27,566	-	27,566	23,050

5. Staff and trustee costs

There were no staff; all services received are provided by volunteers. No Trustee received any remuneration for this year and no relevant expenses were reimbursed to Trustees for this year.

6. Fixed Assets: buildings

	Cost	Depreciation	Net	2023
	£	£	£	
Brought forward	82,303	(79,002)	3,301	6,593
Depreciation		(3,301)	(3,301)	(3,292)
Carried forward	82,303	(82,303)	-	3,301

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Buildings comprise the Scout Hut on leasehold land in the Wick which expires in March 2025. The lease renewal is under negotiation with St Albans District Council

7. Debtors

The amounts included in debtors is accrued income in respect of Gift Aid receivable for the last four financial years

8. Movements In Funds

	1 April 2023	Income	Expenditure	Transfers	31 March 2024
Unrestricted funds:					
General fund	20,769	32,033	(31,573)	(4,000)	17,229
Restricted funds:					
Building	48,611	-	(7,555)	4,000	45,056
Total funds	69,380	32,033	(39,128)	-	62,285

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Accounts

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Group/District Registration Number with Scout Association: 27987

Charity Registration Number: 1032693

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Trustees Report

The Trustees are pleased to present their combined annual report and the accounts for the year ended 31 March 2023 which have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in the note to these accounts. The Trustees, and other administrative details are shown on page 2.

Governance, Structure and Management

Governance The 18th St Albans Scout Group is governed by a number of volunteer trustees who carry out various roles from Chair, secretary, treasurer and quartermaster to section leaders and other volunteers. The trustees meet bimonthly to discuss all matters pertaining to the group as well as holding an AGM annually where the accounts are reviewed and approved.

The main duty of the trustees is to advance the purpose of the scouting as well as the enforce the policy of the Scout Association to safeguard the welfare of its members.

Structure The group is split into six sections made up of:

- two scout troops (Aquila and Tyler) for children aged 10 ½ to 14,
- two cub packs (Homewood and Douthwaite) for children aged 8 to 10 ½
- two beaver colonies (Wickwood and Hall Heath) for children aged 6 to 8.

Leadership team Each section is run by section leaders, assistants and young leaders and is made up entirely of volunteers who enjoy running scout meetings, activities and camps! All adult leaders have training and a DBS check, and there is always one adult who is first aid qualified

If you would like the opportunity to do something you'd never thought of doing, while having lots of fun and giving back to the community at the same time, please get in touch – we can always do with more volunteers! You don't have to be an expert in all-things-scouting – the only essential ingredient is wanting to have fun scouting!

Purpose, Values, and the Scout Method

Purpose Scouting exists to actively engage and support young people in their personal development, empowering them to make a positive contribution to society.

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Values	<p>As scouts we are guided by these values:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">● Integrity - we act with integrity; we are honest, trustworthy and loyal.● Respect - we have self-respect and respect for others.● Care - we support others and take care of the world in which we live.● Belief - we explore our faiths, beliefs and attitudes.● Co-operation - we make a positive difference; we cooperate with others and make friends.
The Scout Method	<p>Scouting takes place when young people, in partnership with adults, work together based on the values of Scouting and</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">● enjoy what they are doing and have fun;● take part in activities indoors and outdoors;● learn by doing;● share in spiritual reflection;● take responsibility and make choices;● undertake new and challenging activities; and● make and live by their Promise.

Financial Review

This was the first financial year since the start of the covid pandemic with no material impact on the Group. This meant face to face meetings went ahead as normal for the whole year and all camping activities took place

Income	<p>Income from subscriptions was stable at £20,997 (2022: £20,362) and slightly up from the pre-pandemic 2020 income of £19,687.</p> <p>Other income amounts to £1416, of which £720 was the annual fee for St Albans explorers for access to the scout hut facilities and the rest from fundraising events.</p>
Expenditure	<p>Expenditure similarly increased to £32,851 (2022: £24,869) mainly as a result an increase in camping costs following a return to full camping activities increasing to £10,564 (2022: £3,614).</p> <p>Repairs and refurbishment increased to £3,003 (2022: £2,073) mainly as a result in increased cost of monthly deep cleaning of the scout premises which the executive agreed would be sensible to keep in place post covid pandemic.</p>

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Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of the 18th St. Albans Scout Group

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the 18th St Albans Scout Group for the year ended 31 March 2023.

a) Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees of the 18th St Albans 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 18th St Albans Scouts 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.

b) 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 18th St Albans Scout Group as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

Signed:



Name:

Nicholas James Buckle

Relevant professional qualification: ACA

Address:

85 Queens Road, Richmond, TW10 6HJ

Date:

13 February 2024

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Income and Expenditure Account

		Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds 2023	Total Funds 2022
	Notes	£	£	£	£
Income:					
Membership income:					
Subscriptions		20,997	-	20,997	20,362
less: capitation paid		(9,381)	-	(9,381)	(8,211)
		11,616	-	11,616	12,151
Donations and grants		27	-	27	-
Gift Aid		3,150	-	3,150	3,266
Investment income: bank interest		59	-	59	2
Camping and Activities fees		11,439	-	11,439	3,474)
Other income		1,416	-	1,416	729
Total Income		27,707	-	27,707	19,622
Expenditure:					
Premises	2	(2,959)	(6,295)	(9,254)	(8,465)
Equipment	3	(547)	-	(547)	(955)
Section activities and expenses	4	(23,050)	-	(23,050)	(15,449)
Total expenditure		(26,556)	(6,295)	(32,851)	(24,869)
Net Income/(Expenditure) before transfers		1,151	(6,295)	(5,144)	(5,248)
Transfers between funds		(4,000)	4,000	-	-
Net movement in funds for the year		(2,849)	(2,295)	(5,144)	(5,248)
Total Funds brought forward		23,618	50,906	74,524	79,771

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Total funds carried forward	20,769	48,611	69,380	74,524
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The notes on pages 11 to 13 form part of these accounts.

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Balance Sheet

	Notes	Total 2023 £	Total 2022 £
Fixed assets			
Buildings	6	3,301	6,593
Current Assets			
Debtors and accrued income	7	8,208	5,058
Cash at bank and in hand:			
Bank deposit accounts		22,733	22,674
Bank current accounts		35,138	40,199
		66,079	67,931
Creditors: falling due within one year			
Accrued expenses		-	-
		-	-
Net Current Assets			
		66,079	67,931
Total Assets			
		69,380	74,524
Funds			
Unrestricted: General Fund	8	20,769	23,618
Restricted funds:			
Building fund		48,611	50,906
Total Funds			
		69,380	74,524

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Approved by the Trustees on 13 February 2024 and signed on their behalf by:



Charles Whitehead
Treasurer

The notes on pages 11 to 13 form part of these accounts

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Notes to the Financial Statements

1. Accounting Policies

c) Basis of preparation

These accounts have been drawn up on an accruals basis, which is consistent with the previous year.

d) Basis of accounting

These accounts have been prepared under the historical cost convention in accordance with applicable accounting standards and the Statement of Recommended Practice "Accounting by Charities"

e) Depreciation

Provision for depreciation of fixed assets held for use by the charity is made at annual rates calculated to spread the cost (less anticipated residual disposal value) of each asset evenly over its expected useful life.

The depreciation rates currently in use are at the following rates:

- Buildings: 4% per annum on a straight-line basis to reflect the 25 year lease
- Equipment is written off in the year in which it is purchased

f) Government Grants

Income from Government grants, including local authorities, is recognised in the period for which they are received.

2. Premises

	Unrestricted	Restricted	2023	2022
	£	£	£	£
Rent	75	-	75	75
Water Rates	351	-	351	338
Light & Heat	1,656	-	1,656	1,720
General Insurance (inc premises)	877	-	877	967
Repairs & Refurbishment	-	3,003	3,003	2,073
Depreciation	-	3,292	3,292	3,292

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	2,959	6,295	9,254	8,865
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3. Equipment

	Unrestricted	Restricted	2023	2022
	£	£	£	£
Insurance	448	-	448	404
Repairs and renewals	99	-	99	551
	547	-	547	955

4. Section activities and expenses

	Unrestricted	Restricted	2023	2022
	£	£	£	£
Expenses	5,775	-	5,775	9,584
Camping costs	10,564	-	10,564	3,614
Scout shop	1,710	-	1,710	1,907
Other activities	5,001	-	5,001	345
	23,050	-	23,050	15,449

5. Staff and trustee costs

There were no staff; all services received are provided by volunteers. No Trustee received any remuneration for this year and no relevant expenses were reimbursed to Trustees for this year.

6. Fixed Assets: buildings

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	Cost £	Depreciation £	Net £	2022
Brought forward	82,303	(75,710)	6,593	9,885
Depreciation	-	(3,292)	(3,292)	(3,292)
Carried forward	82,303	(79,002)	3,301	6,593

Buildings comprise the leasehold Scout Hut in the Wick which is due to expire in 2024.

7. Debtors

The amounts included in debtors is accrued income in respect of Gift Aid receivable for the last three financial years

8. Movements In Funds

	1 April 2022	Income	Expenditure	Transfers	31 March 2023
Unrestricted funds:					
General fund	23,618	27,707	(26,556)	(4,000)	23,618
Restricted funds:					
Building	50,906	-	(6,295)	4,000	50,906
Total unrestricted funds	74,524	27,707	(32,851)	-	69,380