

18th St Albans Scout Group

Report and Accounts for the year ended 31 March 2023

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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

As scouts we are guided by these values:

- **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

Scouting takes place when young people, in partnership with adults, work together based on the values of Scouting and

- 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

Income from subscriptions was stable at £20,997 (2022: £20,362) and slightly up from the pre-pandemic 2020 income of £19,687.

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.

Expenditure

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).

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.

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Net deficit and cash balance

The trustees note that the group operated at a loss of £5,144 (2022: (£5,247)). This was mainly the result of significant increases in expenditure on activities, increases in capitation costs to £9,381 (2021: £8,211) and covid related costs such as regular deep cleaning which continue.

The group has a healthy cash balance of £57,871 (2022: £62,873) at the year end and accrued income of £8,208 in respect of gift aid receivable for the last three financial years

Coronavirus Pandemic

While covid still remains in the community, there were no covid related restrictions during the financial year and accordingly there were no material impacts on scouting activities for the year and income was not impacted.

Going concern and the future

The group has a very healthy cash balance of £57,871 at March 2023. The cash balance at the date of this report is of a similar value.

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 on 13 February 2024 by:



Charles Whitehead
Trustee and treasurer

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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

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Date:

13 February 2024

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Income and Expenditure Account

		Unrestricted	Restricted	Total	Total
		Funds	Funds	Funds	Funds
				2023	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			
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Unrestricted: General Fund		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

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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