

# 40TH STROOD SEA SCOUT GROUP

England & Wales · Charity number 1033637

## Details

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**Status** Registered

**Legal form** Other

**Registered** 1994-02-24

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

## Contact

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## Activities

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**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 promote the develop 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 by providing an enjoyable and attractive scheme of progressive training, based on the Scout Promise and Law and guided by adult leadership.

## Classification

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- **How:** Other Charitable Activities
- **What:** Education/training, Arts/culture/heritage/science, Amateur Sport, Environment/conservation/heritage, Other Charitable Purposes
- **Who:** Children/young People

## Geography

- Kent

## Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-04-01	£57,092	£46,877	-	-
2024-04-01	£53,414	£42,547	-	-
2023-04-01	£62,646	£81,115	-	-
2022-04-01	£25,416	£16,903	-	-
2021-04-01	£33,287	£14,185	-	-

## Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
<b>MICHAEL BILLIN</b>	Chair	
Andrew Munn		2017-04-01
CATHERINE YOUNGER		2017-04-01
DAVID WILLIAM WRAIGHT		
Darren Lake		2015-04-10
Derek Smith		2015-04-10
MR ANDY COOPER		
Michael TURNER		2021-04-01
Susan Elizabeth Souter		2023-09-23

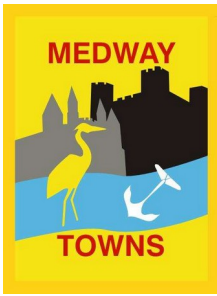
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# Accounts

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## ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

Subject	<b>38<sup>th</sup> and 40<sup>th</sup> Strood Sea Scouts Annual General Meeting 2024-2025</b>
Date and Location	Monday 7 <sup>th</sup> July 2025 38 <sup>th</sup> & 40 <sup>th</sup> Strood Sea Scouts, Scout Hut, Darnley Road, ME2 2EH

Attendees: Mike Billin, Jenny Lake, Darren Lake, Trevor Rolf, John Travis, Derek Smith, Andy Cooper, David Wraight, Peter Reed, Haydn Lake, Andy Munn, Cathy Younger, Sue Souter, Andreea Grosu, Mark Billin, Layla McPhail, Shiralee Evans, Sarah Martin & Danii Cooke

Apologies: Mick Turner, Martina Kariz & Sandra Cooper

This is a requirement under Scout policy, organisation and rules.

### **MINUTES**

#### **Welcome**

Derek Smith welcomed those present.

#### **Meeting**

Derek Smith handed over to Mike Billin, Chair.

#### **Governance topics**

Mike thanked everyone. Copies of Minutes from last years' AGM and this year's section reports were available to view on the noticeboards. Copies are also available upon request by email.

There were no objections to last year's AGM minutes. Presented by Mike Billin and seconded by Derek Smith

It was confirmed that we will follow the constitution of the 38<sup>th</sup>/40<sup>th</sup> Strood Sea Scouts. The groups financial year will run from 1<sup>st</sup> April to 31<sup>st</sup> March.

# MINUTES

## GLV's Report

Derek presented the GLV's Report.

2024/2025 has been a good year for our scout group, we have grown with additional members in all sections and this has been recognised by District as we have grown by over 50 new members. We have good progression between sections retaining more members than we lose as moving up is always a scary time.

All our sections are working well providing an interesting, fun well balanced programme including nights away activities.

We are investing in our Hut and Grounds having purchased Solar Panels to reduce our fuel bills. We are also looking to purchase part of the land behind the scout hut (old Bowling Club) to allow us to move some of our storage to allow more of the grounds to be used by our young people.

The Scout Organisation has changed its HR system and the new system is now up and running. As per usual there have been teething problems but it is now working managing our training and personal details.

We have been successful in obtaining donations from various charities to help with improvements and purchase of new equipment. Thank you to Andy Munn who manages and writes to the various people to obtain these grants.

As per the end of year accounts our Group is in a comfortable position financially which enables us to maintain one years running costs even with no income as per our constitution. It also allows us to get and maintain our equipment and property for all the activities carried out by the sections.

The running of the Group is managed by our Trustees and would like to thank them for their hard work this year. Should anyone want to join the trustees please volunteer, we meet bi-monthly throughout the year.

Thank you to all our Leaders and volunteer helpers who provide the full and exciting programme that our young people enjoy.

## Treasurers Report

Apologies were sent from our treasurer Michael Turner.

It has been a good year, we ended the year with £53,000.00 in the bank which includes the £12,000.00 buffer to cover one year's running cost.

Accounts for 2024/25 are attached

The Group is in a healthy position. The only fund raising the Group does is via Gift Aid and requesting donations.

The Exec committee / Trustees agreed that we would always keep one years running costs in the bank account to allow the group to remain running and solvent in case of any problems. We are maintaining this policy as laid out in our Group Governance document.

Any questions please ask.

## Election of Officers and Trustees

**Chair:** Mike Billin Nominated by: Derek Smith 2nded: Andy Munn

**Treasurer:** Mick Turner Nominated by: Derek Smith 2nded:

## MINUTES

Sue Souter

**GLV:** Derek Smith Non Appointed

**Explorer Leader:** David Wraight Non Appointed

**Trustees:** Andy Cooper Proposed and seconded by Scout Council  
Darren Lake Proposed and seconded by Scout Council  
Andy Munn Proposed and seconded by Scout Council  
Cathy Younger Proposed and seconded by Scout Council  
Sue Souter Proposed and seconded by Scout Council

Independent Account Examiner: Dennis Scudder

**SECTION REPORTS 38<sup>th</sup>/40<sup>th</sup> STROOD SEA SCOUTS**  
**1<sup>st</sup> APRIL 2024 to 31<sup>st</sup> MARCH 2025**

**Trustee Board Chair Report**

This is the first year report of the new Trustee Board. Just to set the scene this is the new format that HQ recommend all groups now follow.

My report as Chairman of the Board

I begin with the team that make up the Trustees, as there is a good background of experience to be able to draw knowledge from and this makes the meeting very easy to manage and to make decisions that are of benefit to the group, to keep the group on a secure footing for now and the future.

This has been done by bi-monthly meetings where all aspects are discussed. You may have noticed that there is a team of great leaders for each section volunteering their time and energy into giving your young children a great time experiencing many different activities in the hall and outdoors as well. This also takes funds and equipment, which has to be approved by the trustees.

The Tuesday maintenance team who meet every week, repairing, painting etc. again volunteer their time to assist the group in keeping the site clean and tidy.

The group are currently looking at purchasing a small parcel of land at the back of the site so we can store the boats and equipment and a maintenance area and free up more space within the grass area for the scouts to conduct their activities. This we are thankful for the assistance from our local councillors in this matter as they have been very helpful. You may have noticed solar panels having been installed to save electricity for the group this past year.

I am sure I have missed something but I am grateful for the hard work and dedication of the leadership team and the trustee's to help the young people that attend our group and get a lot of FUN and ENJOYMENT from their efforts.

A great effort from all!

Mike Billin Group Chairman

**AGM Report Squirrel section:**

We awarded 11 Chief Scouts Acorn Award

We did a Squirrels Appreciation Day at the start of 2024, followed on with internet safety and a muddy walk.

We did a Circus day, everyone learnt some amazing circus skills. We even ventured to Bluewater for a nature trail with the Hungry Caterpillar.

We even did our own Squirrels Olympics and looked into insects. Had a trip to the see the Gruffalo.

We learnt about senses and Disney's Encanto (for our special Disney badge).

We went to space in the Planetarium - some even got a chance to be a special Squirrel and visit the Beavers to see this.

To finish off 2024 - we went for a Christmas party at bowling and mini golf.

As it stands currently, we have 15 members. Will be looking to increase to 16 in the coming weeks.

Also, Ella will be a leader instead of a young leader.

Shiralee Evans, Squirrel Leader

**AGM Report Beaver section:**

We currently have 21 beavers and 3 young leaders from our explorer unit.

We have awarded 15 Bronze awards so far since last AGM.

We have been up to a lot; we have had a few sleepovers at the hut and our summer camp last year at Hopehill campsite!

We're looking forward to doing another sleepover towards the end of the year to complete our outdoors challenge

We have been on lots of adventures outside of the scout hut, including visiting the moon at Rochester cathedral, and recently completing the Medway towns district Beaver Golden Box Challenge, in which one of our beavers correctly guessed the number of marbles inside the golden box!!

Layla McPhail, Beaver Section Leader

### **Wolf Cub Pack**

Membership : We presently have 21 Cubs of whom 7 are girls and 14 are boys.

This time last year we had 19 Cubs and the numbers have varied from a low of 16 to a high of 24 over the year. We have no further Cubs moving on until September but will have an intake from Beavers and outside the group.

Badges : Only 1 Silver Badge has been awarded this year but there are a number due to be awarded. Over 200 activity badges have been awarded

Camps : We have had one weekend camp at Buckmore with the Explorers which we are keen to repeat next year as it was very successful. We have had two night Hikes and Sleepovers at the Hut and at Slough Fort which were enjoyed by all

Events: Day trip to Duxford, Remembrance Day Parade, Ten Pin Bowling, Visit to Sikh Temple,

Skiing

Andy Munn, Wolf Pack Leader

### **TIGER CUB PACK**

Tiger Pack have had a very busy & successful year. Our Wednesday night meetings provide the Cubs with a balance of games, learning new skills, working towards badges, & awards, making new friends, having lots of fun & making special memories.

PACK ACTIVITIES : During the year the Cubs have enjoyed tent pitching, cyclist badge, water games, athletics badge, rifle shooting, soft archery, tomahawks, crazy sports, sausage sizzle, emergency aid badge, big buzz (saving the bees), pumpkins for Halloween, Diwali, scientist badge, problem solving, paracord xmas trees, Christmas crafts, digital citizen badge, Egyptian night, quiz night, scouting skills, our environment, odds & ends craft, Easter crafts & baking, healthy eating, personal safety badge, gardener badge, VE day celebrations, litter pick.

CAMPS, OUTINGS & VISITS : Tiger Cubs have enjoyed visits to Shorne Country Park (navigator badge) , swimming at St Katherine's School Pool, The Panic Room - Gravesend, Tobogganing & Sno Tubes at Capstone Ski Centre, Fire Station, District Pinewood Derby & Lower Bush Alpaca Farm. We have enjoyed camps at Hamlet Wood, Belchamps, Phasels Wood & a sleepover at Slough Fort.

GROUP ACTIVITIES: Tiger Cubs have taken part in a Remembrance Parade at Chatham Dockyard & Christingle at St Francis Church & a Group Trail Jam NZ.

7 Cubs have gained their Chief Scout Silver Award - well done!!

This year we have welcomed 2 new leaders to Tiger Pack :- Chantelle Bailey (Kim) & Lily Beak (King Louie) who are a great asset to the team.

Thank you to the team of parents who have offered to help when we need it if Leaders are unavailable or we need extra adults when we go out of the hut - making it possible to do lots of other exciting activities. If anyone else is interested in helping or would like to become a Leader then please speak to one of the Leaders.

Maybe you have a skill you would like to share -we would love to hear from you.

Sue (Akela)

### **AGM Report Scout Section:**

The Scouts making good progress in their development towards their Chief Scouts Award and activity badges. We have had a programme of Frostie/day camps throughout year, but unfortunately slightly less than last year. We also attended the District Tolmers activity camp later in the year. On the water, we have had a range of kayaking and sailing sessions throughout the summer in conjunction with the Explorers. We have also been helped by the Yalding scouts, by being able to use their landing area on the river. There were a few District events, to which we attended. Conker bash, rifle shooting and troop night, Arrowhead and quiz. We were unable to retain the Arrowhead team trophy, however, we did manage 1st place, at the district quiz. Scout section numbers have risen and stable, as both cub packs are still feeding the section at regular intervals.

I would like to say a big thankyou to all the leaders/support staff, and parents for giving up their time to support the Scouts throughout the year.

Mark Billin Scout Section Leader

### **38th&40th Strood Explorer Sea Scout Unit**

During Friday meetings the unit continued to explore global and local issues as well as looking at more traditional Scout training. We have had a full and active sailing programme with increasing numbers of Explorer Scout and Scout participants. We were also able to return to kayaking and have a new site at Yalding for Friday night sessions. As well as other camps we continued to maintain H14 at Buckmore Scout Campsite with regular camps and working weekends. Several Explorer Scouts also joined the Kent Scouts expedition to Kenya and carried out work in local schools and the host orphanage. Other Explorer Scouts joined the Medway Towns Zanzibar expedition, run by the unit leadership team, and both building and teaching work was undertaken in local schools. The Explorers Scouts took part in Cotswold Marathon. Training was over local paths and the main event. Over 30 miles, was in the Cotswolds in February 2024. As well as a wide range of events the explorer Scouts have continued to work with international scout faith groups and maintained the Buddhist Sala, the mosque, the Anglican open air space, the RC Chapel, the synagogue and have supported initial work on the Sikh shrine. In summary the unit has continued with an active and engaging programme.

David Wraight – Explorer Scout Leader



Receipts for year ending 31st March 2025

This year

£

Membership subscriptions

£28,285.30

£28,285.30

Stripe Pay

£69.80

Donations / Grants

£16,624.78

£16,694.58

Fund Rasing

£0.00

£0.00

Uniform

£0.00

Hall Hire

£500.00

£500.00

Camps

£7,977.00

£7,977.00

Misc

£83.30

£83.30

Outings

£2,777.70

£2,777.70

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£774.68

£774.68

Total Receipts for the year

**£57,092.56**

Payments for year ending 31st March 2025

This year

£

Premises

Minibus

£3,247.93

Wilsoins Costs

£144.00

Rates - Water	£315.61
Light & Heat	£2,090.64
Insurances Building	£1,072.51
Insurances Boats	£0.00
Repairs & Renewals	£2,043.71
	<b>£8,914.40</b>
<b>Activerities</b>	
Camps	£9,999.20
Outings	£5,031.46
	<b>£15,030.66</b>
<b>Fund raising Expenses</b>	
	£0.00
	<b>£0.00</b>
<b>Admin/ Establishment Expenses</b>	
	£675.83
	<b>£675.83</b>
<b>Other Expenses</b>	
Courses / Training	£0.00
Boat Repairs	£1,083.33
Baot Licences	£0.00
Capitation	£8,930.75
Badges	£2,213.31
Unifiform	£357.86
Helpers Ins	£52.00
Group Support	£0.00
YIF	£0.00
	<b>£12,637.25</b>
<b>Capitol Purchases</b>	
Camping	£394.44
Boating	£0.00
Group	£9,225.29
	<b>£9,619.73</b>
<b>Toatl Payment for year</b>	<b>£46,877.87</b>

<b><u>Receipts &amp; Payments for year ending 31st March 2025</u></b>	<b><u>This year</u></b>
	£
Total Receipts for the year	£57,092.56
Total payments for the year	£46,877.87
Net receipts( payments ) for the year	£10,214.69
Bank/ Cash/ Fund brought forward	£43,767.63
	<b>£53,982.32</b>

## Statement of Assets & liabilities

### Monetary assets

Bank Current account	£1,229.27
Bank Deposit Account	£52,753.05
Cash in hand	£0.00
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	<b>£53,982.32</b>
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Previous Year

£

£26,046.50

£26,046.50

£514.29

£13,390.73

£13,905.02

£278.88

£278.88

£0.00

£0.00

£600.00

£600.00

£5,329.91

£5,329.91

£493.67

£493.67

£6,202.44

£6,202.44

£558.02

£558.02

**£53,414.44**

Previous year

£

£2,512.68

£670.00

£914.34  
£1,665.72  
£1,063.12  
£935.82  
£1,584.58  
**£9,346.26**

£7,236.33  
£8,773.07  
**£16,009.40**

£0.00  
**£0.00**

£4,085.79  
**£4,085.79**

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£1,272.27  
£181.60  
£7,876.28  
£1,698.12  
£833.27  
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£174.00  
£386.35  
**£12,473.89**

£631.91  
£0.00  
£0.00  
**£631.91**

**£42,547.25**

**Previous Year**

£

£53,414.44

£42,547.25

£10,867.19

£32,900.44

**£43,767.63**

£431.26

£43,336.37

£0.00

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**£43,767.63**

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**Section A**

**Independent Examiner's Report**

**Report to the trustees/  
members of**

Charity Name  
40<sup>TH</sup> STROOD SEA SCOUTS

**On accounts for the year  
ended**

31<sup>ST</sup> MARCH 2025

**Charity no  
(if any)**

1033637

**Set out on pages**

1 TO 3

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31/03/2025.

**Responsibilities and  
basis of report**

As the charity trustees of the Trust, 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 Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed 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 which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act or
- the accounts do not accord with the accounting records

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

**Signed:** *Dennis Scudder*

**Date:** 28/04/2025

**Name:** DENNIS EDWARD SCUDDER

**Relevant professional  
qualification(s) or body  
(if any):**

**Address:** 32 NEWTON ABBOT ROAD  
NORTHFLEET  
KENT DA11 7DT

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight matters of concern (see CC32, Independent examination of charity accounts: directions and guidance for examiners).

**Give here brief details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose.**

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# Accounts

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## **Group Lead Volunteer**

I took over as GLV in November last year from our previous GSL Mike Billin and took over a thriving group with all our sections growing. Squirrels having started the previous year have settled in well and are a happy, busy section. They also work well with Beavers on some activities. Tiger Pack have settled in well and became part of the 38th/40th giving us two busy Cub packs. Scouts and Explorers have done lots of activities both on and off the water with Young Leaders assisting with section meetings, hopefully going on to be adult leaders with sections. Our maintenance team led by Andy Cooper and Andy Munn are improving our grounds, cladding the front of the hut, covering the rifle range amongst many other jobs. We completed the year with over 100 young people and are one of the largest groups in the district. We are always looking for assistance in meetings either as helpers or even Leaders, if you are interested just let a leader know. Thank you to all our leaders, helpers and other volunteers who have made 2023 to 2024 another successful year for the 38th / 40th.

## **Chair Report**

Maintaining the hall and refreshing our camping and water sports equipment is always on going. This year's largest project has been applying for a new storage building which has included tree surveys, drawings, and the planning application. Currently we are waiting for a response from the planning committee. We have a team of retired leaders and helpers who cut the grass and keep the premises tidy each Tuesday morning. If you have any handy maintenance skills or can spare a few hours helping to keep the hall tidy, please let your section leader know. Tea and coffee are always supplied. One of the challenges of the Trustee Board is fundraising, we are always looking for ideas and volunteers, if anyone can assist, please speak with your section leader. The leaders themselves have submitted applications and written letters to raise funds, without this it would be difficult to maintain our equipment. All of the leaders, helpers and trustee members volunteer their time. Every penny from subs and fundraising is used to maintain the hall, equipment, provide activities and to pay the bills. As you may know, I'm stepping down from my role as Chair of the group at this AGM. I'd like to take this opportunity to thank the leadership team and volunteers for the comradeship and many happy times we've had over the last seven years. I wish all of the young people and young adults of our group a successful and fun scouting future.

## **Squirrel section:**

The Squirrels have continued to be very busy this year. Everything we do is literacy based and each week we focus on the themes of a story to earn our badges. We have had lots of visitors like the Royal Mail's Lenny the Letter and Larry the Labrador to show us how to be safe around dogs. River brought his rodents and reptiles, and the Squirrels were very brave holding some enormous snakes. The Squirrels have been out and about doing litter picks and spreading some smiles by hiding mini-Squirrels for people to find in the community. We visited the local bakery to learn about the community project and to decorate biscuits. We earned our Archelogy badge and visited Rochester Castle. The Squirrels attended the district teddy bear's picnic with over 100 other Squirrels as well as going to the second county Go Nuts Day. The Beavers and Squirrels attended the Christmas Trail and visited with Father Christmas. We dressed as pirates to learn about maps and find hidden treasure to earn our Navigator level 1 badge. Together we have continued the trend of having our Squirrels earn their Acorn Awards before moving onto Beavers. All of our original Squirrels have now moved on from the group, but our wait list continues to be busy, so our numbers are never low.

### **Beaver section:**

What an exciting year this has been. We started off the year with a Group funday at Buckmore where the beavers had a sleepover at Buckmore park. We had all sorts of fun such as low ropes, foam swords and even cooked on fires. We had an incredible summer fun day which the 1st and the 41st Strood beaver and squirrel scout groups attended. Mixing and learning all sorts of new skills! The beavers even had the dogs' trust come down and do an engaging session with them. Our summer survival camp included den building, wide games and smores making. September kicked off with a den night adventure in which the squirrels and beavers built their own dens and had an online session including a quiz. We had a storyteller come down and do a session with an interactive story. We attended the golden box challenge through district where the beavers had to test their abilities through challenges around Buckmore. We had a circus themed Halloween funday with an escape room inside. The beavers got to learn how to do different circus acts including diablo, devil sticks and juggling. Lots of fun was had playing carnival games and they even took part in the puzzle room. In November we had an Indiana Jones themed sleepover! The beavers had to complete challenges to find the treasure, also using compasses navigating around Broomhill Park to find the hidden code, fun puzzles and crafts including making treasure boxes. We even used invisible ink to crack codes. To kick off January we went on a hike around Capstone Park where the beavers had fun playing in the park and finished off with fun feeding the ducks.

### **Wolf Cub Pack**

Wolf Cubs have maintained numbers in the upper twenties throughout the year with a steady intake from outside of the group as well as those coming up from Beavers. It has been a busy year with two camping weekends and a one-night sleepover. There were also a number of events (12) away from the hut including skiing at Capstone Park, a tour of RAF Hendon, Climbing at Lower Grange Farm, Sailing Evening, and a Tour of Fort Amhurst amongst a number of others. We arranged some Saturday Air Rifle Training for the District competition in June, which we have won in the past. We did not retain the shield, but it was close! Badge Work over the year has been extensive and varied resulting in the award of 168 badges in total. We also awarded a further large number of badges in April 2024, most of which were earned during this period. Three cubs achieved their Silver Awards in this period with a further six being given theirs in April 2024. Well, done to those cubs. Finally, 'Thank You' to all the volunteers in the Wolf Cub Pack, young and old, for their support and hard work.

### **TIGER CUB PACK**

Tiger Pack have had a very busy & successful year. Our Wednesday night meetings provide the Cubs with a balance of games, learning new skills, working towards badges & award, making new friends, having lots of fun & making special memories. The pack has remained full all year with 30 Cubs & a good split of boys & girls. **PACK ACTIVITIES :** During the year the Cubs have enjoyed craft nights, hikes, learnt about healthy eating & trying new foods, sailing, rifle shooting & sausage sizzle, archery, sausage sizzles, teambuilding, Paracord crafts, Chinese New Year, Diwali, cooked pancakes & carved pumpkins. We have worked towards various activity badges including Astronomer, International, Global Issues, Gardener & Emergency Aid. We have had visits from Red Cross (Emergency Aid Badge), Medway Spaceman (to help towards Astronomer Badge) & Medway Council (Learning about Recycling). **CAMPS, OUTINGS & VISITS:** Tiger Cubs have enjoyed visits to St Francis Church (My Faith Badge), Gravesend Temple (World Faith Badge), Rochester Skate Park & Shorne Country Park

(Navigator Badge). We have enjoyed camps at Hamlet Wood, Frylands Wood, Skreens Park, Buckmore Park & Sleepover at Slough Fort. GROUP ACTIVITIES: Tiger Cubs have taken part in a Remembrance Parade & Christingle Service at St Francis Church. We all had fun at the District/Group Geogreee camp at Buckmore Park. 11 cubs have gained their Chief Scout Silver Award – well done!!

### **Scout Section:**

The Scouts making good progress in their development towards their Chiefs Scouts Award and activity badges. With 4 Scouts completing their Chief Scouts Gold Award prior to going up to Explorers. We have had a programme of Frosted / day camps throughout year, along with the annual group camp, which was held at Buckmore Park. We also attended the District Tolmers activity camp later in the year. On the water, we have had a range of kayaking, and sailing sessions throughout the summer in conjunction with the Explorers. We have also been helped by the Yalding scouts, with easier access to the river There were a few District events, to which we attended. Conker bash, rifle shooting and troop night But for the Scouts, the highlight was the Arrowhead event (multi activity bases), which the team achieved 1st place, despite not having a full team. Scout section numbers have risen, as both cub packs are now feeding the section at regular intervals, I would like to say a big thankyou to all the leaders/support staff, and parents for giving up their time to support the Scouts throughout the year.

### **Explorer Sea Scout Unit**

During Friday meeting the unit continued to explore Diversity and inclusion, the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals, the World Organization of Scout Movements Dialogue for Peace programme and much more as well as looking at more traditional Scout training. We have had a full and active sailing programme with increasing numbers of explorer Scout and Scout participants. We now have a suitable base for kayaking on Friday nights and for weekends. As well as other camps we continued to maintain H14 at Buckmore Scout Campsite with regular camps and working weekends. Summer Camp involved walking the Gower Peninsula from a Scout campsite near Swansea Airport and we had some great walking days and reasonably kind weather. The Explorers Scouts able to join both the virtual Cotswold Marathon, over local paths, and the main event in the Cotswolds in February 2024. As well as a wide range of events the explorer Scouts have continued to work with international scout faith groups and maintained the Buddhist Sala, the mosque, the Anglican open-air space, the RC Chapel, the synagogue and have supported initial work on the Sikh shrine. In summary the unit has continued with an active and engaging programme.

## 40th Strood Sea Scouts

Receipts for year ending 31st March 2024

	<u>This year</u> £	<u>Previous Year</u> £
Memership subscriptions	£26,046.50 <b>£26,046.50</b>	26,897.90 <b>26,897.90</b>
Stripe	£514.29	£10,801.00
Donations / Grants	£13,390.73 <b>£13,905.02</b>	16,739.04 <b>27,540.04</b>
Fund Rasing	£278.88 <b>£278.88</b>	£191.60 <b>£191.60</b>
Uniform	<b>£0.00</b>	£148.00 <b>£148.00</b>
Hall Hire	£600.00 <b>£600.00</b>	£1,400.00 <b>£1,400.00</b>
Camps	£5,329.91 <b>£5,329.91</b>	£5,769.30 <b>£5,769.30</b>
Misc	£493.67 <b>£493.67</b>	£82.95 <b>£82.95</b>
Outings Events	£6,202.44 <b>£6,202.44</b>	£542.02 <b>£542.02</b>
Interest	<b>£558.02</b>	<b>£74.75</b>
<b>Total Receipts for the year</b>	<b>£53,414.44</b>	<b>£62,646.56</b>

## 40th Strood Sea Scouts

### Payments for year ending 31st March 2024

	<u>This year</u>	<u>Previous year</u>
	£	£
Premises		
Minibus	£2,512.68	£0.00
Wilsoins Costs	£670.00	£724.00
Rates - Water	£914.32	£273.78
Light & Heat	£1,665.72	£1,071.34
Insurances Building	£1,063.12	£938.83
Insurances Boats	£935.84	£1,393.07
Repairs & Renewals	£1,584.58	£33,605.71
	<b>£9,346.26</b>	<b>£38,006.73</b>
<b>Activerities</b>		
Camps	£7,236.33	£7,917.55
Outings / section iteams	£8,773.07	£1,290.54
	<b>£16,009.40</b>	<b>£9,208.09</b>
<b>Fund raising Expenses</b>		
Fund raising Expenses	£0.00	£0.00
	<b>£0.00</b>	<b>£0.00</b>
<b>Admin/ Establishment Expenses</b>		
Admin/ Establishment Expenses	£4,085.79	£2,246.72
	<b>£4,085.79</b>	<b>£2,246.72</b>
<b>Other Expenses</b>		
Courses / Training	£0.00	£750.00
Boat Repairs	£1,272.27	£82.25
Boat Licences	£181.60	£240.24
Membership fee	£7,876.28	£6,519.50
Badges	£1,698.12	£2,405.15
Uniform	£833.27	£955.43
Helpers Ins	£52.00	£52.00
Group Support	£174.00	£10,413.65
YIF Building	£386.35	£2,242.58
	<b>£12,473.89</b>	<b>£23,660.80</b>
<b>Capitol Purchases</b>		
Capitol Camping	£631.91	£1,658.77
Capitol Boating	£0.00	£6,000.00
Capitol Group	£0.00	£334.95
	<b>£631.91</b>	<b>£7,993.72</b>
Toatl Payment for year	<b>£42,547.25</b>	<b>£81,116.06</b>

## **40th Strood Sea Scouts**

### **Receipts & Payments for year ending 31st March 2024**

	<b><u>This year</u></b>	<b>Previous Year</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Total Receipts for the year	£53,414.44	£62,646.56
Total payments for the year	£42,547.25	£81,116.06
Net receipts( payments ) for the year	£10,867.19	-£18,469.50
Bank/ Cash/ Fund brought forward	£32,900.44	£51,369.94
	<b><u>£43,767.63</u></b>	<b><u>£32,900.44</u></b>

### **Statement of Assets & liabilities**

#### **Monetary assets**

Bank Current account	£431.26	£8,972.36
Bank Deposit Account	£43,336.37	£23,928.08
Cash in hand	£0.00	£0.00
	<b><u>£43,767.63</u></b>	<b><u>£32,900.44</u></b>



**Section A Independent Examiner's Report**

**Report to the trustees/  
members of** 40<sup>TH</sup> STROOD SEA SCOUT GROUP

**On accounts for the year  
ended** 31/03/2024 **Charity no  
(if any)** 1033637

**Set out on pages** 1 TO 3

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31 / 03 / 2024.

**Responsibilities and  
basis of report** As the charity trustees of the Trust, 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 Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed 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 which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act or
- the accounts do not accord with the accounting records

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

**Signed:**  **Date:** 30/04/2024

**Name:** DENNIS SCUDDER

**Relevant professional  
qualification(s) or body  
(if any):**

**Address:** 32 NEWTON ABBOT ROAD  
NORTHFLEET  
KENT DA11 7DT

**40TH STROOD SEA SCOUT GROUP**

England & Wales - Charity number 1033637

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# Accounts

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# Trustees' Annual Report

For the period

From (start date) 

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 to end date 

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**Section A Reference and administration details**

Charity name	40th Strood Sea Scouts Group								
Other names the charity is known by	38th/40th Strood Sea Scout Group								
Registered charity number (if any)	<table style="display: inline-table; border-collapse: collapse;"><tr><td style="width: 20px; text-align: center;">1</td><td style="width: 20px; text-align: center;">0</td><td style="width: 20px; text-align: center;">3</td><td style="width: 20px; text-align: center;">3</td><td style="width: 20px; text-align: center;">6</td><td style="width: 20px; text-align: center;">3</td><td style="width: 20px; text-align: center;">7</td></tr></table>	1	0	3	3	6	3	7	
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Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity  
*(These will be published in the annual report of the charity and the Charity Register if reporting for a Registered Charity with a charity regulator)*

	Trustee Name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year
1	Michael Billin	Ass Lead Volunteer	
2	Jenny Lake	Chairperson	
3	Michael Turner	Treasurer	
4	Sue Souter	Section team Leader	
5	David Wraight	Section team Leader	
6	Derek Smith	Group Lead Volunteer	
7	Andy Munn	Section team members	
8	Cathy Younger	Section team members	
9	Darren Lake	Trustee	
10	Andy Cooper	Trustee	
11	Magan Collins	Section team Leader	
12			
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Names and addresses of advisers (optional information but encouraged as best practice)  
*(These will be published in the annual report of the charity)*

Type of advisor	Name	Address

**Section B****Structure, governance and management**

Description of the charity's trusts

Type of governing document

(e.g. trust deed, constitution)

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

(e.g. trust, association, company)

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

Trustee selection methods

(e.g. appointed by, elected by)

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

Additional governance issues (optional information but encouraged as best practice)

You may choose to include additional information, where relevant, about:

The Group is managed by the Group Trustees Board, some 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.

Policies and procedures adopted for:

- a) the induction and training of trustees;
- b) trustee consideration of major risks and the systems and procedures to manage them

The Committee consists of 2 independent representatives, Chair, Treasurer and together with the Group lead Volunteer, individual section team members/ Leaders (if opted to take on the responsibility) and parent's representation and meets every month.

Members of the Trustees board complete 'Essential Information for trustee' training within the first 5 months of joining the committee.

This Group Trustee Board exists to support the Group Scout Lead Volunteer in meeting the responsibilities of the appointments and is responsible for:

The maintenance of Group property;

The raising of funds and the administration of Group finance;

The insurance of persons, property and equipment;

Group public occasions;

Appointing any sub committees that may be required;

Appointing Group Administrators and Advisors other than those who are elected.

**Risk and Internal Control**

The Group Trustee Board has identified the major risks to which they believe the Group is exposed, these have been reviewed and systems have been established to mitigate against them. The main areas of concern that have been identified are:

Damage to the building, property and equipment. The Group would request the use of buildings, property and equipment from neighbouring organisations such as the church, community centre and other Scout Groups. Similar reciprocal arrangements exist with these organisations. The Group has sufficient buildings and contents insurance in place to mitigate against permanent loss.

Injury to section Volunteers, helpers, supporters and members. The Group through the Membership fees contributes to the Scout Associations national accident insurance policy. Risk Assessments are undertaken before all activities.

Reduced income from fund raising. The Group is primarily reliant upon income from subscriptions and fundraising. The group does hold a reserve to ensure the continuity of activities should there be a major reduction in income. The trustees could raise the value of subscriptions to increase the income to the group on an ongoing basis, either temporarily or permanently.

Reduction or loss of section Volunteers. The group is totally reliant upon volunteers to run and administer the activities of the group. If there was a reduction in the number of section volunteers to an unacceptable level in a particular section or the group as a whole then there would have to be a contraction, consolidation or closure of a section. In the worst case scenario the complete closure of the Group.

Reduction or loss of members. The Group provides activities for all young people aged 4 to 18. If there was a reduction in membership in a particular section or the group as whole then there would have to be a contraction, consolidation or closure of a section. In the worst case scenario the complete closure of the Group.

**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 Board approval for all spend over £50 and a comprehensive insurance policies to ensure that insurable risks are covered.

Section C	Objectives and activities
<p>Summary of the objects of the charity set out in its governing document</p>	<p><b>The Purpose of Scouting</b> Scouting exists to actively engage and support young people in their personal development, empowering them to make a positive contribution to society.</p> <p><b>The Values of Scouting</b> As Scouts we are guided by these values:  <b>Integrity</b> - We act with integrity; we are honest, trustworthy and loyal.  <b>Respect</b> - We have self-respect and respect for others.  <b>Care</b> - We support others and take care of the world in which we live.  <b>Belief</b> - We explore our faiths, beliefs and attitudes.  <b>Co-operation</b> - We make a positive difference; we co-operate with others and make friends.</p> <p><b>The Scout Method</b> 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  - make and live by their Promise.</p>
<p>Summary of the main activities in relation to these objects</p>	<p>Maintaining the hall painting and decoration , refreshing our camping and water sports equipment is always on going. to make sure it is safe and fit for use. replacing where needed This year we have invested substantially in Scout Hall improvements including the over cladding of the roof and refurbishment of the front of the building and outside lights .</p>
<p>Additional details of the objectives and activities (optional information but encouraged as best practice)</p> <p>You <b>may choose</b> to include further statements, where relevant, about:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• policy on grantmaking;</li> <li>• contribution made by volunteers;</li> <li>• policy on investments.</li> </ul>	
<p>Public benefit statement</p>	<p>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.</p>

**Section D****Achievements and performance**

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

Maintaining the hall painting and decoration , refreshing our camping and water sports equipment is always on going. to make sure it is safe and fit for use. replacing where needed This year we have invested substantially in Scout Hall improvements including the over cladding of the roof and refurbishment of the front of the building and outside lights .

**Section E****Financial Review**

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

**Reserves Policy**

The Group's policy on reserves is to hold sufficient resources to continue the charitable activities of the group should income and fundraising activities fall short. The Trusstie Board considers that the group should hold a sum not less than a equivalent to 12 months running costs, circa £16000.

Quantify and explain any designations

Details of any funds materially in deficit (circumstances plus steps to eliminate)

None

Further financial review details (optional information)

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant, about:

- the charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising);

	<p><b>Investment Policy</b></p> <p>The Group's Income and Expenditure is very small and as a consequence does not have sufficient funds to invest in longer-term investments such as stocks and shares. The Group has therefore adopted a low risk strategy to the investment of its funds. All funds are held in cash using only mainstream banks or building societies or The Scout Association's Short Term Investment Service.</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• how expenditure has supported the key objectives of the charity;</li> </ul>	<p>The Trustees regularly monitors the levels of bank balances and the interest rates received to ensure the group obtains maximum value and income from its banking arrangements. Occasionally this may involve using an account that requires a period of notice before funds may be withdrawn, before doing so the Group Executive considers the cash flow requirements.</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• investment policy and objectives;</li> </ul>	<p><b>Investment Policy</b></p> <p>The Group does not have sufficient funds to invest in longer term investments. The Group has therefore adopted a risk averse strategy to the investment of its funds. All funds are held in cash using only mainstream banks or building societies.</p>

**Section F Other Optional Information**

Plans for future periods (details of any significant activities planned to achieve them)

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**Section G Declaration**

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s) 

Michael Turner	
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Full name(s) 

Michael Turner	
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Position (eg Secretary, Chair) 

Treasurer	
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Date 

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# 38th & 40th Strood Sea Scouts

## Receipts for year ending 31st March 2023

This year

£

Membership Subscriptions / Events

£26,897.90

**£26,897.90**

Grant YIF

£10,801.00

Donations

£16,739.04

**£27,540.04**

Fund Rasing

£191.60

**£191.60**

Uniform

£148.00

**£148.00**

Hall Hire

£1,400.00

**£1,400.00**

Camps

£5,769.30

**£5,769.30**

Misc

£82.45

**£82.45**

Outings

£542.02

**£542.02**

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£74.75

**£74.75**

**Total Receipts for the year**

**£62,646.06**

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## Payments for year ending 31st March 2023

This year

£

Premises

Rent Boat space	£724.00
Rates - Water	£273.78
Light & Heat	£1,071.34
Insurances	£2,331.90
Repairs & Renewals	£33,605.71
	<b>£38,006.73</b>

#### **Activerities**

Camps	£7,917.55
Outings	£1,290.54
	<b>£9,208.09</b>

#### **Fund raising Expenses**

	£191.60
	<b>£191.60</b>

#### **Admin/ Establishment Expenses**

	£2,246.22
	<b>£2,246.22</b>

#### **Other Expenses**

Courses / Training	£750.00
Boat Repairs	£82.25
Boat Licences	£240.24
Capitation	£6,519.50
Section iteams	£2,405.15
Uniform	£955.43
Helpers Ins	£52.00
YIF Planning Spend	£10,413.65
Badges	£2,242.58
	<b>£23,660.80</b>

#### **Capitol Purchases**

Camping	£1,658.77
Boating	£6,000.00
Group	£334.95
	<b>£7,993.72</b>

#### **Toatl Payment for year**

**£81,307.16**

#### **Receipts & Payments for year ending 31st March 2023**

#### **This year**

	£
Total Receipts for the year	£62,646.06
Total payments for the year	£81,115.56
Net receipts( payments ) for the year	-£18,469.50
Bank/ Cash/ Fund brought forward	£49,682.29
	<b>£31,212.79</b>

## Statement of Assets & liabilities

### Monetary assets

Bank Current account	£8,972.36
Bank Deposit Account	£23,928.08
Cash in hand	£100.00
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	<b>£33,000.44</b>
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**Previous Year**

£

£8,640.60

**£8,640.60**

£8,873.00

**£8,873.00**

£0.00

**£0.00**

£337.50

**£337.50**

£1,030.00

**£1,030.00**

£165.00

**£165.00**

£201.14

**£201.14**

£112.10

**£112.10**

£2.68

**£2.68**

**£19,362.02**

**Previous year**

£

£450.00  
£286.72  
£733.00  
£1,174.36  
£1,172.31  

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**£3,816.39**

£60.00  
£127.85  

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**£187.85**

£0.00  

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**£0.00**

£595.61  

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**£595.61**

£0.00  
£1,462.07  
£210.00  
£2,873.75  
£636.21  
£748.35  
£42.00  
£18.49  
£322.97  

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**£6,313.84**

£0.00  
£215.95  
£1,406.92  

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**£1,622.87**

**£12,348.71**

**Previous Year**

£  
£19,362.02

£12,536.56

£6,825.46

£42,856.83  

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**£49,682.29**

£9,429.61

£40,252.68

£0.00

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**£49,682.29**

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**Section A**

**Independent Examiner's Report**

<b>Report to the trustees/ members of</b>	Charity Name 40 <sup>TH</sup> STROOD SEA SCOUTS		
<b>On accounts for the year ended</b>	31 <sup>ST</sup> MARCH 2023	<b>Charity no (if any)</b>	1033637
	<b>Set out on pages</b> 1 TO 3		

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31/03/2023

**Responsibilities and  
basis of report**

As the charity trustees of the Trust, 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 Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

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I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act or
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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 order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

**Signed:**  **Date:** 03/05/2023

**Name:** DENNIS EDWARD SCUDDER

**Relevant professional  
qualification(s) or body  
(if any):**

**Address:** 32 NEWTON ABBOT ROAD  
NORTHFLEET  
KENT DA11 7DT

**40TH STROOD SEA SCOUT GROUP**

England & Wales - Charity number 1033637

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# Accounts

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# Trustees' Annual Report

For the period

From (start date)

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to end date

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## Section A

## Reference and administration details

Charity name

40th Strood Sea Scouts Group

Other names the charity is known by

38th/40th Strood Sea Scout Group

Registered charity number (if any)

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HQ registration number

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Charity's principal address

9 QUEENSWAY

ALLHALLOWS

KENT

Postcode

M E 3 9 Q B

Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

*(These will be published in the annual report of the charity and the Charity Register if reporting for a Registered Charity with a charity regulator)*

	Trustee Name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year
1	Michael Billin	GSL	
2	Jenny Lake	Chairperson	
3	Michael Turner	Treasurer	
4	Martin Vinton	Asst GSL	
5	David Wraight	Leader	
6	Derek Smith	Leader	
7	Andy Munn	Asst Leader	
8	Cathy Younger	Asst Leader	
9	Darren Lake	Trustee	
10	Andy Cooper	Trustee	
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Names and addresses of advisers (optional information but encouraged as best practice)

*(These will be published in the annual report of the charity)*

Type of advisor	Name	Address

**Section B****Structure, governance and management**

Description of the charity's trusts

Type of governing document

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This Group Executive Committee exists to support the Group Scout Leader in meeting the responsibilities of the appointments and is responsible for:

- The maintenance of Group property;
- The raising of funds and the administration of Group finance;
- The insurance of persons, property and equipment;
- Group public occasions;
- Assisting in the recruitment of leaders and other adult support;
- Appointing any sub committees that may be required;
- Appointing Group Administrators and Advisors other than those who are elected.

**Risk and Internal Control**

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**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 payments and a comprehensive insurance policies to ensure that insurable risks are covered.

**Section C****Objectives and activities**

Summary of the objects of the charity set out in its governing document

**The Purpose of Scouting**

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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As Scouts we are guided by these values:

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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
- make and live by their Promise.

Summary of the main activities in relation to these objects

At the start of the new financial and Scouting year of April 2021 - March 2022 Covid 19 virus ment reduced face to face meetings. The only way each section meet was on reduced numbes and outside . The big positive from all this, is that it gave the group the opportunity to complete maintenance and upgrade facilities, all completed by leaders and executive members, volunteers.

Additional details of the objectives and activities (optional information but encouraged as best practice)

You **may choose** to include further statements, where relevant, about:

- policy on grantmaking;
- contribution made by volunteers;
- policy on investments.

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**

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

Purchase of a used Mini Bus  
Painting within the Group HQ site.  
Re-newed tables and Camp benches Group HQ  
Maintained Group Camping Equipment

**Section E****Financial Review**

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

**Reserves Policy**

The Group's policy on reserves is to hold sufficient resources to continue the charitable activities of the group should income and fundraising activities fall short. The Group Executive Committee considers that the group should hold a sum equivalent to 12 months running costs, circa £13000.

The Group held reserves of approximately £52,000 against this at year end. This is above the level required for operating expenses. However the excess has been transferred to a savings account in the groups name. This is to be used to over clad the building to reduce long term maintenance

Quantify and explain any designations

Details of any funds materially in deficit (circumstances plus steps to eliminate)

None

Further financial review details (optional information)

- You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant, about:
- the charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising);
  - how expenditure has supported the key objectives of the charity;
  - investment policy and objectives;

<p><b>Investment Policy</b></p> <p>The Group's Income and Expenditure is very small and as a consequence does not have sufficient funds to invest in longer-term investments such as stocks and shares. The Group has therefore adopted a low risk strategy to the investment of its funds. All funds are held in cash using only mainstream banks or building societies or The Scout Association's Short Term Investment Service.</p> <p>The Group Executive regularly monitors the levels of bank balances and the interest rates received to ensure the group obtains maximum value and income from its banking arrangements. Occasionally this may involve using an account that requires a period of notice before funds may be withdrawn, before doing so the Group Executive considers the cash flow requirements.</p> <p><b>Investment Policy</b></p> <p>The Group does not have sufficient funds to invest in longer term investments. The Group has therefore adopted a risk averse strategy to the investment of its funds. All funds are held in cash using only mainstream banks or building societies.</p>
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**Section F Other Optional Information**

Plans for future periods (details of any significant activities planned to achieve them)

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**Section G Declaration**

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)	Michael Turner					
Full name(s)	Michael Turner					
Position (eg Secretary, Chair)	Treasurer					
Date	2	3	9	2	2	2

## 40th Strood Sea Scouts

### Receipts & Payments for year ending 31st March 2022

	<u>This year</u>	<u>Previous Year</u>
	£	£
Total Receipts for the year	£25,416.67	£33,387.28
Total payments for the year	£16,903.56	£14,185.02
Net receipts( payments ) for the year	£8,513.11	£19,202.26
Bank/ Cash/ Fund brought forward	£42,856.83	£23,654.57
	<u>£51,369.94</u>	<u>£42,856.83</u>

### Statement of Assets & liabilities

#### Monetary assets

Bank Current account	£12,616.61	£42,856.83
Bank Deposit Account	£38,753.33	£0.00
Cash in hand	£0.00	£0.00
	<u>£51,369.94</u>	<u>£42,856.83</u>

## 40th Strood Sea Scouts

Receipts for year ending 31st March 2022	<u>This year</u> £	<u>Previous Year</u> £
Membership subscriptions	<u>£10,440.10</u> <b>£10,440.10</b>	<u>6,272.50</u> <b>6,272.50</b>
Donations / Grants	<u>£13,040.00</u> <b>£13,040.00</b>	<u>26,543.46</u> <b>26,543.46</b>
Fund Rasing	<u>£0.00</u> <b>£0.00</b>	<u>£0.00</u> <b>£0.00</b>
Uniform	<u>£425.00</u> <b>£425.00</b>	<u>£0.00</u> <b>£0.00</b>
Hall Hire	<u>£1,030.00</u> <b>£1,030.00</b>	<u>£0.00</u> <b>£0.00</b>
Camps	<u>£165.00</u> <b>£165.00</b>	<u>£0.00</u> <b>£0.00</b>
Misc	<u>£201.14</u> <b>£201.14</b>	<u>£571.32</u> <b>£571.32</b>
Outings	<u>£112.10</u> <b>£112.10</b>	<u>£0.00</u> <b>£0.00</b>
Interest	<u>£3.33</u> <b>£3.33</b>	<u>£0.00</u> <b>£0.00</b>
<b>Total Receipts for the year</b>	<u><b>£25,416.67</b></u>	<u><b>£33,387.28</b></u>

## 40th Strood Sea Scouts

### Payments for year ending 31st March 2022

	<u>This year</u> £	<u>Previous year</u> £
<b>Premises</b>		
Rent Boat space/Membership Wilsionans	£450.00	£750.00
Rates - Water	£286.72	£670.39
Light & Heat	£821.15	£901.56
Insurances Building	£793.80	
Insurances Boats	£1,021.37	£1,768.60
Repairs & Renewals	£1,214.79	£6,516.58
	<b>£4,587.83</b>	<b>£10,607.13</b>
<b>Activities</b>		
Camps	£60.00	£0.00
Outings	£148.10	£0.00
	<b>£208.10</b>	<b>£0.00</b>
<b>Fund raising Expenses</b>		
Fund raising Expenses	£0.00	£0.00
	<b>£0.00</b>	<b>£0.00</b>
<b>Admin/ Establishment Expenses</b>		
Admin/ Establishment Expenses	£600.61	£460.95
	<b>£600.61</b>	<b>£460.95</b>
<b>Other Expenses</b>		
Courses / Training	£0.00	£0.00
Boat Repairs	£1,462.07	£163.21
Boat Licences	£210.00	£0.00
Capitation	£2,873.75	£2,563.11
Badges	£830.53	£256.12
Uniform	£913.35	£0.00
Helpers Ins	£42.00	£0.00
Group Support	£18.49	£0.00
Section items	£377.46	£134.50
	<b>£6,727.65</b>	<b>£3,116.94</b>
<b>Capitol Purchases</b>		
Capitol Camping	£0.00	£0.00
Capitol Boating	£215.95	£0.00
Capitol Group	£4,563.42	£0.00
	<b>£4,779.37</b>	<b>£0.00</b>
<b>Total Payment for year</b>	<b>£16,903.56</b>	<b>£14,185.02</b>



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/ members of

Charity Name: 40<sup>TH</sup> STROOD SEA SCOUTS

On accounts for the year ended

31<sup>ST</sup> MARCH 2022

Charity no (if any)

1033637

Set out on pages

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I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31/03/2022.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees of the Trust, 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 Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed 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 which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act or
- the accounts do not accord with the accounting records

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed: *Dennis Scudder*

Date: 19/04/2022

Name: DENNIS EDWARD SCUDDER

Relevant professional qualification(s) or body (if any):

Address:

32 NEWTON ABBOT ROAD  
NORTHFLEET  
KENT DA11 7DT

**40TH STROOD SEA SCOUT GROUP**

England & Wales - Charity number 1033637

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# Accounts

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# Trustees' Annual Report

For the period

From (start date)

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## Section A

## Reference and administration details

Charity name

40th Strood Sea Scouts Group

Other names the charity is known by

38th/40th Strood Sea Scout Group

Registered charity number (if any)

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HQ registration number

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Charity's principal address

9 QUEENSWAY									
ALLHALLOWS									
KENT									
Postcode				M	E	3	9	Q	B

Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

*(These will be published in the annual report of the charity and the Charity Register if reporting for a Registered Charity with a charity regulator)*

	Trustee Name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year
1	Michael Billin	GSL	
2	Jenny Lake	Chairperson	
3	Michael Turner	Vice Chairperson	
4	Martin Vinton	Asst GSL	
5	David Wraight	Leader	
6	Mark Billin	Leader	
7	Derek Smith	Leader	
8	Jayne Key	Leader	
9	Andy Munn	Asst Leader	
10	Cathy Younger	Asst Leader	
11	Darren Lake	Trustee	
12	Sue Turner	Treasurer	
13	Andy Cooper	Trustee	
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Names and addresses of advisers (optional information but encouraged as best practice)

*(These will be published in the annual report of the charity)*

Type of advisor	Name	Address

**Section B****Structure, governance and management**

Description of the charity's trusts

Type of governing document

(e.g. trust deed, constitution)

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How the charity is constituted

(e.g. trust, association, company)

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

Trustee selection methods

(e.g. appointed by, elected by)

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

Additional governance issues (optional information but encouraged as best practice)

You may choose to include additional information, where relevant, about:

The Group is managed by the Group Executive Committee members of which are the 'Charity Trustees' of the Scout 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 returns to the Charity Commission as appropriate.

Policies and procedures adopted for:

- a) the induction and training of trustees;
- b) trustee's consideration of major risks and the systems and procedures to manage them

The Committee consists of 3 independent representative Treasurer and Secretary together with the Group Scout Leader and individual section leaders (if opted to take on the responsibility for parent's representation and meets every month.

Members of the Executive Committee complete '*Essential Information for Executive Committee*' training within the months of joining the committee.

This Group Executive Committee exists to support the Group Leader in meeting the responsibilities of the appointment responsible for:

- The maintenance of Group property;
- The raising of funds and the administration of Group finances;
- The insurance of persons, property and equipment;
- Group public occasions;
- Assisting in the recruitment of leaders and other adult staff;
- Appointing any sub committees that may be required;
- Appointing Group Administrators and Advisors other than those elected.

**Risk and Internal Control**

The Group Executive Committee has identified the major risks which they believe the Group is exposed to, these have been assessed and systems have been established to mitigate against them. The main areas of concern that have been identified are:

Damage to the building, property and equipment. The Group requests the use of buildings, property and equipment from neighbouring organisations such as the church, community and other Scout Groups. Similar reciprocal arrangements exist with these organisations. The Group has sufficient buildings and equipment insurance in place to mitigate against permanent loss.

Injury to leaders, helpers, supporters and members. The Group is covered through the capitation fees contributes to the Scout Association national accident insurance policy. Risk Assessments are carried out before all activities.

Reduced income from fund raising. The Group is primarily dependent upon income from subscriptions and fundraising. The Group holds a reserve to ensure the continuity of activities should there be a major reduction in income. The Committee could raise additional subscriptions to increase the income to the group on an ongoing basis, either temporarily or permanently.

Reduction or loss of leaders. The group is totally reliant upon volunteers to run and administer the activities of the group. If there was a reduction in the number of leaders to an unacceptable level in a particular section or the group as a whole then there would be a contraction, consolidation or closure of a section. In the worst case scenario the complete closure of the Group.

Reduction or loss of members. The Group provides activities for young people aged 6 to 18. If there was a reduction in membership in a particular section or the group as a whole then there would be a contraction, consolidation or closure of a section. In the worst case scenario the complete closure of the Group.

**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 payments and a comprehensive insurance policies to ensure insurable risks are covered.

**Section C****Objectives and activities**

Summary of the objects of the charity set out in its governing document

**The Purpose of Scouting**

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**The Values of Scouting**

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

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- take part in activities indoors and outdoors
- learn by doing
- share in spiritual reflection
- take responsibility and make choices
- undertake new and challenging activities
- make and live by their Promise.

Summary of the main activities in relation to these objects

At the start of the new financial and Scouting year of April 2021 Covid 19 virus forced all scouting to close face meetings. The only way each section could meet was via digital platforms or Zoom. There was a short opportunity to meet face before returning to virtual meetings. The big positive outcome of this, is that it gave the group the opportunity to carry out maintenance and upgrade facilities, all completed by the executive members, volunteers.

Additional details of the objectives and activities (optional information but encouraged as best practice)

You **may choose** to include further details in your statements, where relevant, about:

- policy on grantmaking;
- contribution made by volunteers;
- policy on investments.

Public benefit statement

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

**Section D****Achievements and performance**

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

Erection of new Security fence around the Group HQ site.  
Rewire and certification of the electrics within the Group  
Refurbishment of toilets and construction of disabled toilet  
HQ site.  
Construction of a rifle range at Group HQ site.

**Section E****Financial Review**

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

**Reserves Policy**

The Group's policy on reserves is to hold sufficient reserves to continue the charitable activities of the group should fundraising activities fall short. The Group Executive considers that the group should hold a sum equivalent to running costs, circa £13000.

The Group held reserves of approximately £30000 at year end. This is above the level required for operating. However the excess has been transferred to a savings account in the groups name.

Quantify and explain any designations

Details of any funds materially in deficit (circumstances plus steps to eliminate)

None

Further financial review details (optional information)

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant, about:

- the charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising);
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**Investment Policy**

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**Investment Policy**

The Group does not have sufficient funds to invest in investments. The Group has therefore adopted a strategy to the investment of its funds. All funds are held using only mainstream banks or building societies.

**Section F Other Optional Information**

Plans for future periods (details of any significant activities planned to achieve them)

**Section G Declaration**

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)	Sue Turner
Full name(s)	Sue Turner
Position (eg Secretary, Chair)	Treasurer
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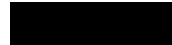
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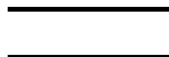
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## **40th Strood Sea Scouts**

### **Receipts & Payments Account Summary** **31st March 2021**

	<b><u>This Year</u></b> <b><u>£</u></b>
Total Receipts for the Year	33,387.28
Total Payments for the Year	14,185.02
Net Receipts (Payments) for the Year	<u>19,202.26</u>
Cash, Bank & Similar funds brought forward	£23,654.57
Cash, Bank & Similar funds carried forward	<b><u>42,856.83</u></b>

## **40th Strood Sea Scouts**

### **Statement of Assets & Liabilities** **31st March 2021**

	<b><u>This Year</u></b> <b><u>£</u></b>
Monetary Assets	
Bank Current Account	42,856.83
Bank Deposit Account	-
Bank Term Deposits	
Building Society Accounts	
Monies owed to Solicitor and Surveyor	
Cash In Hand	
	<b><u>42,856.83</u></b>

## **40th Strood Sea Scouts**

### **Receipts for the year ended 31st March 2021**

**This Year  
£**

Membership Subscriptions	6,272.50
Less Paid	
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	<b>6,272.50</b>
Investment Income Received	
Bank Interest	
Building Society Interest	
The Scout Assoc'n Short Term Investment Service	
Dividends and interest	
Property Rents	
Donations/Grants	26,543.46
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	<b>26,543.46</b>
Activities	
Camps	-
Outings	-
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Fund Raising	
Fund Raising	-
	-
Other Income	
Income tax recovered on subs & donations	
Income tax recovered on Dividends & Interest	
	-
Sundry Receipts	
Miscellaneous	571.32
Rebates	
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	<b>571.32</b>
Badge Receipts	
Loans Received	
Total Receipts For The Year	<hr/>
	<b>33,387.28</b>

## **40th Strood Sea Scouts**

### **Payments for the year ended 31st March 2021**

**This Year**  
**£**

Premises	
Rent - Boat space	750
Rates - Water	670.39
Light & Heat	901.56
Insurances	1,768.60
Repairs & Renewals	6,516.58
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	<b>10,607.13</b>
 Donations/Grants	 <hr/>
	-
 Activities	 
Camps	-
Outings	-
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 Fund Raising Expenses	 <hr/>
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 Admin/Establishment Expenses	 460.95
Helpers Ins/First aid kits	
Land Purchase	
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	<b>460.95</b>
 Other Expenses	 
Trustees Expenses	
Other Expenses/Courses/Equipment	163.21
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	<b>163.21</b>
 Purchase of Capital Equipment	 <hr/>
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 Purchase of Badges	 256.12
Sundry Payments - Capitation/misc	2,563.11
Sundry Payments - Section Items	134.5
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	<b>2,953.73</b>
 Total Payments For The Year	 <hr/>
	<b>14,185.02</b>



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# Trustees' Annual Report

For the period

From (start date)

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to end date

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## Section A

## Reference and administration details

Charity name

40th Strood Sea Scouts Group

Other names the charity is known by

38th/40th Strood Sea Scout Group

Registered charity number (if any)

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HQ registration number

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Charity's principal address

9 QUEENSWAY

ALLHALLOWS

KENT

Postcode

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Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

*(These will be published in the annual report of the charity and the Charity Register if reporting for a Registered Charity with a charity regulator)*

	Trustee Name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year
1	Michael Billin	GSL	
2	Jenny Lake	Chairperson	
3	Michael Turner	Vice Chairperson	
4	Martin Vinton	Asst GSL	
5	David Wraight	Leader	
6	Mark Billin	Leader	
7	Derek Smith	Leader	
8	Jayne Key	Leader	
9	Andy Munn	Asst Leader	
10	Cathy Younger	Asst Leader	
11	Darren Lake	Trustee	
12	Sue Turner	Treasurer	
13	Andy Cooper	Trustee	
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Names and addresses of advisers (optional information but encouraged as best practice)

*(These will be published in the annual report of the charity)*

Type of advisor	Name	Address

**Section B****Structure, governance and management**

Description of the charity's trusts

Type of governing document

(e.g. trust deed, constitution)

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

How the charity is constituted

(e.g. trust, association, company)

The Group is a trust established under its rules which are the Scout Association's Rules of the Scout Association.

Trustee selection methods

(e.g. appointed by, elected by)

The Trustees are appointed in accordance with the Scout Association's Rules of the Scout Association.

Additional governance issues (optional information but encouraged as best practice)

You may choose to include additional information, where relevant, about:

Policies and procedures adopted for:

a) the induction and training of trustees; b) 'trustee' consideration of major risks and the systems and procedures to manage them

The Group is managed by the Group Executive Committee which are the 'Charity Trustees' of the Scout Group charity. As charity trustees they are responsible for ensuring compliance with the legislation applicable to charities. This includes the preparation of proper accounts and making returns to the Charity Commission where appropriate.

The Committee consists of 3 independent representatives and Secretary together with the Group Scout Leader and Scout Leaders (if opted to take on the responsibility) and meets every month.

Members of the Executive Committee complete 'Essential Executive Committee' training within the first 5 months of their appointment to the committee.

This Group Executive Committee exists to support the Group Scout Leader in meeting the responsibilities of the appointments of the Group Scout Leader. The maintenance of Group property; The raising of funds and the administration of Group activities; The insurance of persons, property and equipment; Group public occasions; Assisting in the recruitment of leaders and other appointments; Appointing any sub committees that may be required; Appointing Group Administrators and Advisors other than the Scout Leader.

**Risk and Internal Control**

The Group Executive Committee has identified the risks they believe the Group is exposed to, these have been established to mitigate against them. The risks that have been identified are:

Damage to the building, property and equipment. The use of buildings, property and equipment from reciprocal organisations such as the church, community centre or other Groups. Similar reciprocal arrangements exist with other Groups. The Group has sufficient buildings and contents insurance against permanent loss.

Injury to leaders, helpers, supporters and members. The Group's capitation fees contributes to the Scout Association's insurance policy. Risk Assessments are undertaken for all activities.

Reduced income from fund raising. The Group is primarily dependent on income from subscriptions and fundraising. The group has to ensure the continuity of activities should there be a reduction in income. The Committee could raise the value of subscriptions to the group on an ongoing basis, either permanently.

Reduction or loss of leaders. The group is totally reliant on leaders to run and administer the activities of the group. If the number of leaders falls to an unacceptable level in a section or the group as a whole then there would have to be a consolidation or closure of a section. In the worst case a complete closure of the Group.

Reduction or loss of members. The Group provides a service to people aged 6 to 18. If there was a reduction in membership in a section or the group as whole then there would have to be a consolidation or closure of a section. In the worst case a complete closure of the Group.

**Risk and Internal Control**

The group has in place systems of internal controls that provide reasonable assurance against material misstatements. These include 2 signatories for all payments and a cash book and insurance policies to ensure that insurable risks are covered.

**Section C****Objectives and activities**

Summary of the objects of the charity set out in its governing document

**The Purpose of Scouting**

Scouting exists to actively engage and support your personal development, empowering them to make a positive contribution to

**The Values of Scouting**

As Scouts we are guided by these values:

**Integrity** - We act with integrity; we are honest, true

**Respect** - We have self-respect and respect for others

**Care** - We support others and take care of the world

**Belief** - We explore our faiths, beliefs and attitudes

**Co-operation** - We make a positive difference; we help and make friends.

**The Scout Method**

Scouting takes place when young people, in partnership 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
- make and live by their Promise.

Summary of the main activities in relation to these objects

At the start of the new financial and Scouting year 2021 Covid 19 virus forced all scouting to close face to face only way each section could meet was via social media. There was a short opportunity for face to face brief meetings. The big positive from all this, is that it was an opportunity to complete maintenance and upgrade of equipment by leaders and executive members, v

Additional details of the objectives and activities (optional information but encouraged as best practice)

You **may choose** to include further statements, where relevant, about:

- policy on grantmaking;
- contribution made by volunteers;
- policy on investments.

Public benefit statement

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

**Section D****Achievements and performance**

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

Erection of new Security fence around the Group HQ  
Rewire and certification of the electrics within the G  
Refurbishment of toilets and construction of disable  
site.  
Construction of a rifle range at Group HQ site.

**Section E****Financial Review**

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

**Reserves Policy**

The Group's policy on reserves is to hold sufficient the charitable activities of the group should in activities fall short. The Group Executive Commi group should hold a sum equivalent to 12 mont £13000.

Quantify and explain any designations

The Group held reserves of approximately £30000 ; This is above the level required for operating € excess has been transferred to a savings account in

Details of any funds materially in deficit (circumstances plus steps to eliminate)

None

Further financial review details (optional information)

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant, about:

- the charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising);

- how expenditure has supported the key objectives of the charity;

- investment policy and objectives;

**Investment Policy**

The Group's Income and Expenditure is very small and does not have sufficient funds to invest in longer-term stocks and shares. The Group has therefore adopted the investment of its funds. All funds are held in cash mainstream banks or building societies or The Scout Term Investment Service.

The Group Executive regularly monitors the levels of interest rates received to ensure the group obtains maximum income from its banking arrangements. Occasionally an account that requires a period of notice before funds can be accessed before doing so the Group Executive considers the cost.

**Investment Policy**

The Group does not have sufficient funds to invest in longer-term investments. The Group has therefore adopted a risk-averse investment of its funds. All funds are held in cash in mainstream banks or building societies.

**Section F**

**Other Optional Information**

Plans for future periods (details of any significant activities planned to achieve them)

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**Section G**

**Declaration**

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)

Sue Turner	
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Full name(s)

Sue Turner	
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Position (eg Secretary, Chair)

Treasurer	
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Date

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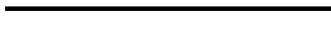
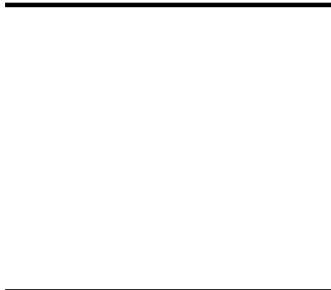
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Section A Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/  
members of Charity Name  
40<sup>TH</sup> STROOD SEA SCOUTS

On accounts for the year  
ended 31<sup>ST</sup> MARCH 2021 Charity no  
(if any) 1033637

Set out on pages 1 TO 3

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31/03/2021.

**Responsibilities and basis of report** As the charity trustees of the Trust, 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 Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed 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 which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act or
- the accounts do not accord with the accounting records

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed:  Date: 16/07/2021

Name: DENNIS EDWARD SCUDDER

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