

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

SCOUT HUT

DART CLOSE

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	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	
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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>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.</p> <p>The Values of Scouting 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 co-operate with others and make friends.</p> <p>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 - 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 decorationg , 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 may choose to include further statements, where relevant, about:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • policy on grantmaking; • contribution made by volunteers; • policy on investments. 	
<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

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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);
- 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 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.

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.

Investment Policy

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.

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

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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 Raising

£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

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
	£38,006.73

Activities

Camps	£7,917.55
Outings	£1,290.54
	£9,208.09

Fund raising Expenses

£191.60
£191.60

Admin/ Establishment Expenses

£2,246.22
£2,246.22

Other Expenses

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

Capital Purchases

Camping	£1,658.77
Boating	£6,000.00
Group	£334.95
	£7,993.72

Total 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
	£31,212.79

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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	£33,000.44
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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

£3,816.39

£60.00
£127.85

£187.85

£0.00

£0.00

£595.61

£595.61

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

£6,313.84

£0.00
£215.95
£1,406.92

£1,622.87

£12,348.71

Previous Year

£
£19,362.02

£12,536.56

£6,825.46

£42,856.83

£49,682.29

£9,429.61

£40,252.68

£0.00

£49,682.29



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/ members of	Charity Name 40 TH STROOD SEA SCOUTS		
On accounts for the year ended	31 ST MARCH 2023	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 31/03/2023

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.

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:	03/05/2023
Name:	DENNIS EDWARD SCUDDER		
Relevant professional qualification(s) or body (if any):			
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	NORTHFLEET		
	KENT DA11 7DT		