



ANNUAL REPORT AND ACCOUNTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED

31 March 2024

MEMBER OF THE UK SCOUT ASSOCIATION



TRUSTEES REPORT

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

Registered Charity No.	1033767
Group Registration No.	
Charity contact name:	Mr Stuart Ross
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Charity main address:	The Scout Hut, Grundisburgh Playing Field, off Ipswich Road, Grundisburgh, Woodbridge, Suffolk, IP13 6TJ
Charity website:	www.grundisburghscouts.org.uk

Trustees who manage the Charity

		Date appointed	Date resigned
THE TRUSTEES - Ex Officio			
Group Chair	Mrs Alison Banham	14/01/2021	
Group Scout Leader	Mr Stuart Ross	04/06/2008	
Secretary	Mrs Patricia Ross	01/06/1993	
Treasurer	Mrs Carly Richmond	14/06/2013	08/10/2023
Treasurer	Mrs Rebecca Hewitt	08/10/2023	
Minutes Secretary	Mrs Christina Poguntke	18/09/2021	
Group President	Mr Philip Stebbings	13/05/2008	
Beaver Leader Representative	Ms Zarah Decker	18/09/2021	
Cub Leader Representative	Mr Daniel Turner	18/09/2021	
Cub Leader Representative	Mr Adrian Adams	07/12/2017	
Scout Leader Representative	Mr Stephen Swain	07/12/2017	
Scout Leader Representative	Mr Toby Murrill	17/09/2022	
Explorer Leader Representative	Mr David Brown	18/09/2021	
Elected Representatives			
Parent Rep	Mrs Caroline Warren	18/09/2021	
Parent Rep	Mr Paul Boswell	18/09/2021	
Parent Rep	Mr Daniel Catchpole	08/10/2023	
Parent Rep	Mr David Dring	17/09/2022	
Parent Rep	Mrs Carly Richmond	08/10/2023	
Nominated Representatives			
Advisor for the New HQ	Mr Jason Banham	07/12/2017	
Advisor for the New HQ	Mr Alan Comber	17/09/2022	
Cub Pack Assistant	Mr Kenneth Walls	18/09/2021	
Explorer Unit Assistant	Mr Andrew Vobe	08/10/2023	
Co-opted Representatives			
Guide Unit Representative	Mrs Jo Saagi	17/09/2022	

Custodian Trustees The Scout Association Trust Corporation, Gilwell Park,
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Professional Advisors

Bankers	Barclays Bank, 4 Church Street, Woodbridge, IP12 1DJ Cambridge and Counties Bank, Charnwood Court, 5B New Walk, Leicester LE1 6TE Co-operative Bank – Business, PO Box 250, Skelmersdale, WN8 6WT Nationwide Building Society, Kings Park Road, Moulton Park, Northampton, NN3 6NW Redwood Bank, The Nexus Building, Broadway, Letchworth Garden City, Hertfordshire, SC6 3TA Hampshire Trust Bank, 55 Bishopsgate, London, EC2N 3AS Suffolk Building Society, PO Box 547, Ipswich, IP3 9WZ United Trust Bank, 1 Ropemaker Street, London, EC2Y 9AW
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Independent Examiner:	Celia Comber, 7 Quantock Close. Rushmere St Andrew, Ipswich, IP5 1AS

STRUCTURE GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Governing Document

The 1st Grundisburgh Scout Group is part of the Scout Association and belongs to the Deben Scout District. The Group's governing documents are those of 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.

Constitution

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

Trustee selection

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

Governance

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

Members of the Executive Committee complete 'Essential Information for Executive Committee' training within the first few months of joining the Committee.

The Committee consists of three independent representatives, Chair, Treasurer and Secretary together with the Group Scout Leader, individual Section Leaders and Parent representation and meets at least three times a year. 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

The Group Executive Committee 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 primary school, village hall, sports pavilion, parish rooms and other Scout Groups. The Group has sufficient buildings and contents insurance in place to mitigate against permanent loss.

Injury to Leaders, helpers, supporters, and members. The Group, through the capitation fees, contributes to the Scout Associations national accident insurance policy.

Reduced income from fund raising. The Group is reliant upon income from subscriptions and fundraising. The Group does hold a reserve, which should ensure the continuity of activities, should there be a major reduction in income. The Committee 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 Leaders. The Group is totally reliant upon volunteers to run and administer the activities of the Group. If there were a reduction in the number of Leaders 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 6 to 14. If there were a reduction in membership 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.

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

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

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.

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 in.

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

Co-operation - We make a positive difference; we co-operate with others and make friends.

The Scout Method

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

- ❖ enjoy what they are doing and have fun
- ❖ take part in activities indoors and outdoors
- ❖ learn by doing
- ❖ share in spiritual reflection
- ❖ take responsibility and make choices
- ❖ undertake new and challenging activities
- ❖ make and live by their Promise.

Volunteers

All the Section Leaders and helpers are volunteers and volunteers carry out all the fundraising.

Public Benefit

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.

ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE

The Scout Group comprises of a Beaver Colony, a Cub Pack and a Scout Troop with an Executive Committee. A District managed Explorer Scouts Unit called 'Fynn Valley' work closely with the Scout Group and participate in many activities and camps.



Group Chairperson's Remarks

Firstly, thanks go to Carly Richmond for all her hard work on being Treasurer over the past 10 years. Carly has remained on the Committee as Parent Representative. We welcomed Rebecca Hewitt as our new Treasurer and thanks go to her for taking on this role.

Behind the scenes the Committee has been extremely busy and has secured a plot of land for the New HQ, on the Village boundary along Stoney Road. This is an exciting venture and we will be able to offer lots of opportunities and activities on this land for the Scouting and Guiding members of Grundisburgh and the local Community.

Once again, the Annual Duck Race and Fireworks Events, which are our major fundraisers have been hugely supported by the local Community and we are thankful for their support. We continue to run these successful events for the enjoyment of all and hope to run new events in the future with all monies going towards the new HQ project.

I would like to thank Stu and his Leadership team in running a varied, challenging and fun programme of events and activities for the Beavers, Cubs, Scouts and Explorer Sections and giving up their time to do this. Our Scouting goes from strength to strength and will impact and guide children's lives for their future. Thanks once again to all Committee members in their hard work and support this past year and rising to the challenges Scouting offers.

Alison Banham, Group Chairperson

Group Scout Leader's Report

A packed year of activities and increased membership, plus becoming Landowners!

2023 has been an eventful year. The Sections remained full and thriving, providing exciting activities to the young people. Every Section camped during the year, and we even attended an excellent District Camp in the same grounds of the Latitude Festival at Henham Park.

Scouts and Explorers returned once again to the National Scout Archery Competition and came home with medals and awards. Explorers went on Summer Camp with 1st Kesgrave Scout Group in the Wye Valley and tried Kayaking, Stand-Up paddleboards, Hiking, Caving, Cycling in the Forest of Dean and other visits. Beavers had a sleepover at the Scout Hut with 'Drive-in Movie' theme where they made cardboard cars to sit in and watch a movie. Cubs and Scouts were back at Hallowtree for their Outdoor Challenge Camps. Cubs had another Night Hike sleepover and the 19 out of 21 Scouts attended a very wet and flooded Expedition Challenge.

More Top Chief Scouts Awards have been gained which is great to see and show the effort and commitment the young people have towards their Scouting.

We welcomed two new people to our Leadership team during the year – Josh Beavis a former Scout and Explorer has returned is now helping with Scouts and Explorers, while Dan Catchpole now elected onto the Committee is providing assistance with the Scout Troop. Archie Adams has taken a step back from Cubs but remains on the Committee supporting the Group. Ben Huxley, Assistant Beaver Leader is also taking some time off due to his studies as part of his apprenticeship at work.

Whilst we try to continue excellent Scouting for our Members and manage to cover the necessary ratios for adults required, the Sections do all really need additional support and we therefore are seeking additional help at the weekly meetings for Beavers and Cubs. These additional adults may not necessary be uniformed leaders but having more people involved with the children's structured programmes will be a much needed benefit.

As always, I owe a big thank you to all our volunteer Leaders, Section Assistants, Young Leaders and Committee members who continue to support me, and I look forward to what might be the dawn of a new chapter of 1st Grundisburgh Scout Group.

Stuart Ross, Group Scout Leader

Significant achievements during the year - Criteria and measures used to assess success**Badges**

4 Chief Scouts Gold Awards – Congratulations to Leland Murrill, Neve Jerrold, Eddie Warren, Abbi McTaggart
5 Chief Scouts Silver Awards – Congratulations to Austin Hewitt, Sophie Stuart, Freyja Brussell, Tom Bottomley, Darcey Hubbard-Theobald
1 Chief Scouts Bronze Award – Congratulations to Maya Sweet-Escott

Various Challenge badges have been completed in each Section. Other badges gained across the Sections were Athlete, Navigator Stage 2 and 3, Air Activities, Disability Awareness, First Aid, Pioneer, Cooks, Experiment, Builder, Scientist, Nautical Skills, Time on the Water, Hikes and Nights Away.

Camps – All Sections were given an opportunity to a night away during the 2023-2024 year. A total of 32 nights away experiences had been arranged during the reporting year.

UK Scout Association National Archery Competition

Returning once again to the UK Scout Archery Competition held at Phasels Wood in Hertfordshire was the bigger team of Scouts and Explorers from both Kesgrave and Grundisburgh Groups.

Unfortunately, none of Young Members from 1st Grundisburgh won medals but the Leaders had a lot of success. Our Assistant Scout Leader Toby won his title back for a second year in the Adult Barebow Target category. Steve Swain came second in the Field Archery, Stuart Ross won the Target Supplied category, while Ryan Swain won the Clout Archery. Further medals were won by our members from 1st Kesgrave. In total we came away with 12 Medals.



New HQ Update

In November 2022 the Group was dealt a blow when Lord Cranworth decided not to sell the land behind our current Scout Hut. This left the Committee looking for alternatives.

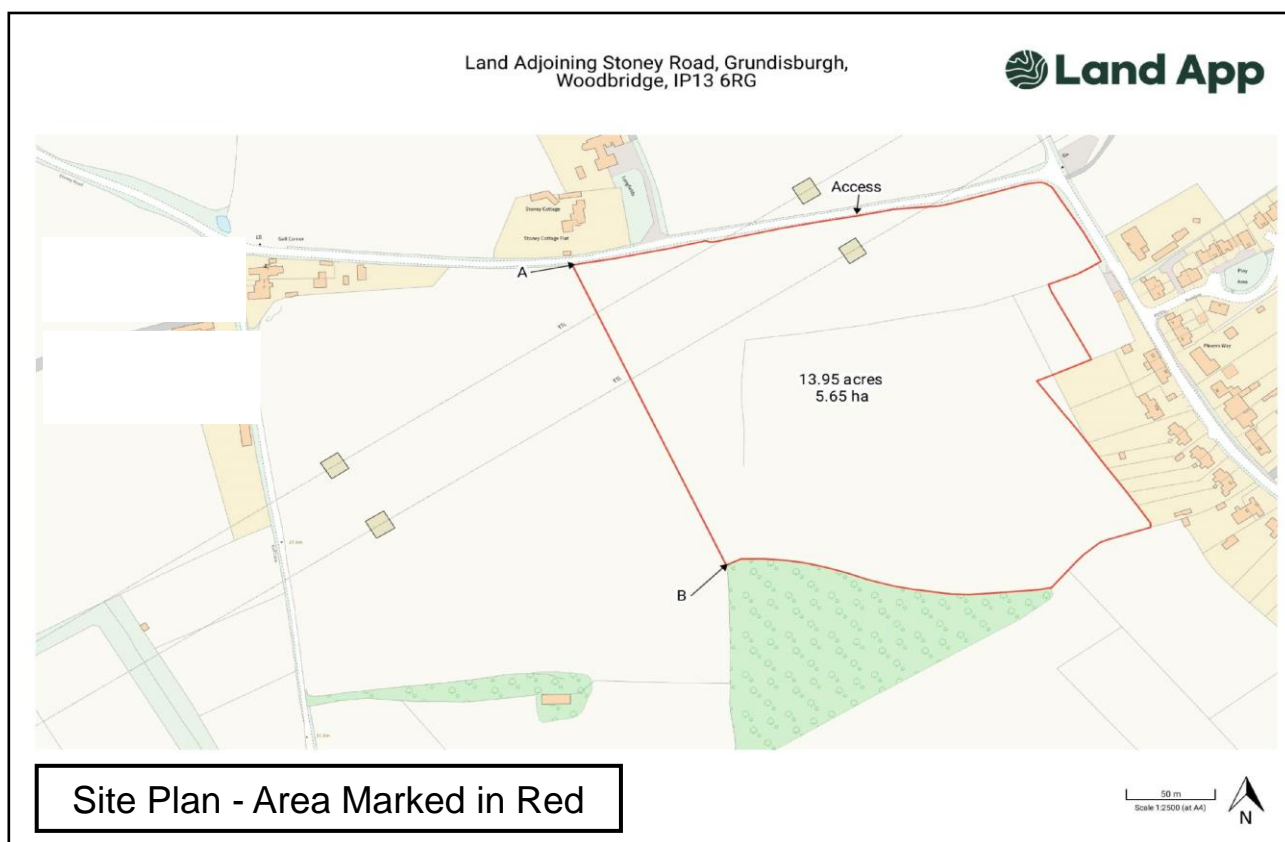
Fortunately, in December 2022 a piece of land the other side of the Village came onto the market. This plot of land was just under 14 acres and was a sheep grazing field which the owners were splitting to generate some income. The Executive Committee acted and started to investigate the potential of relocating. After site visits and background work the Committee decided to bid for it. It was felt that as we had the cash readily available, we should buy it and then seek planning permission. If Planning permission was unsuccessful then the land could be re-sold. Given there was no further real opportunities in the Village it seemed the best solution as the plot was big enough for a building, car park and plenty of outdoor space for activities.

Using the services of Mark Sargeantson of Fenn Wright to negotiate our bids, the Group finally managed to secure the land for an agreed price of £150,000 on 22nd December 2022.

The Group then employed Louisa Saunders of Birketts Solicitors to deal with the exchange of contracts along with various background checks and surveys that were required.

To secure the future safeguarding of this land the Group decided to have the Scout Association as Custodian Trustees should in later years the Scout Group sadly close. The Scout Association Trust Corporation (SATC) is a division of Scouts UK that acts as Trustees for 90% of Scout properties in Great Britain. Paperwork was submitted to SATC and they were happy to be listed as Custodian Trustees and the Scout Group will be the managers and operators of the land.

After months of legal work, the exchange happen on 28th April 2023 and the Group had become landowners.



From the Summer 2023 onwards, Paul Boswell one of our Committee Members and Director at Patrick Allen & Associates Architects drew up plans for a Pre-App to East Suffolk District Council. This was to seek advice from the Planning Department and whether a building would be approved as it was going to be outside the permitted Village development boundary.

After a visit from a Planning Officer in October 2023, the report back detailed that they acknowledged our need to re-build and accept the new location. They were happy with the proposed change of use of the Land from Agricultural to Community & Leisure. Any Building would need to blend into the environment and have a connection to the Village via public footpaths.



As you see from the photographs the site is mostly grassland. There is a tree and ditch line that circle around the centre of the site which creates separate areas to the whole plot. There are overhead power lines in the north and 1 pylon within the grounds, this is managed by UK Power Networks. There is a farmer's gate access near the pylon.

At the AGM on 8th October 2023 the Scout Group launched the New HQ Project with the Pre-App plans available to view to all our Scouting families and any residents of the Village. There was a positive vibe from the event and residents were pleased we finally might have somewhere to build a new HQ for the future.

For the remainder of the reporting year, the Executive Committee worked towards building a case for full planning permission. Building plans were designed, modified and discussed, Topographical surveys were completed, Speed surveys conducted on Stoney Road to establish the best vehicle access point, Ecology and Arboricultural reports were commissioned and discussions with County Highways regarding an extended footpath.

It is likely that the full planning permission will be submitted soon into the next reporting year 2024-2025 and hope remains high that a positive result will be achieved.

Our Events for the Village and Community

The Duck Race returned once again on a warm Summer Sunday afternoon. After the sell out of Ducks in 2022 we increased the amount to 2500. The event again was extremely popular, thus proving a Sunday afternoon is the ideal way to go because it suits families. The weather was very warm with all cold drinks selling out and queues at the Ice Cream van all day.

All Ducks were sold with 18 prizes available. The whole event took £3,848 profit which was the most ever the Duck Race has taken in its 15 years.

The 2023 Fireworks Display was held once again on the Playing Field. With John Richards away at a Wedding the Group decided to launch the Fireworks using a pre-set list from the Fireworks Shop and having a couple of Committee members trained in how to light them. Increased attendance with online sales and on the night gate sales saw a turnout of over 1300 people. The SumUp Shop for advanced tickets continues to make our services easier for customers, along with the use of SumUp card machines at the event which easily contributed to better sales.

The basketball court was used once again for food and drink. Audio issues from 2022 were resolved, and only background music was played during the event up to the launch of the Fireworks. As the team was new to setting off Fireworks the decision was not to have music keyed into the fireworks timings. Over 1100 items of food were cooked and we were praised for the quickness of food delivery, however this is almost at our maximum that we can achieve in the time and area constraints of the hard standing basketball court.

The event raised £6,746 profit for the Group which was another huge amount for the new HQ funds and proves that the Firework Display is now our most popular and lucrative event.

Health and Safety Review

Every step to reduce risk within activities and events is taken and our complete set of Risk Assessments are available in the Scout Hut office. These are modified when needed to reflect any changes. This document works alongside common practices and assessing ongoing risks when completing the activity.

New unforeseen dangers and changes to practices may develop during the activity or event and the Leadership team will adapt as per the circumstances at the time. All Leaders and Committee training is reviewed and updated when required.

Our Aims

The purpose of Scouting exists to actively engage and support young people in their personal development, empowering them to make a positive contribution to society. 1st Grundisburgh Scout Group continues to strive to achieve this by a balanced programme across all Sections working alongside all volunteer Leaders, Assistants, and parents, with support from District, County, and other Scout Groups. We intend to offer all members a night away experience per year, where possible, and give members the opportunity to achieve the top-level awards in their Section. Our future aims are to keep the Scouting adventures available to new members within the local Community, and to seek better facilities, in the form of a new headquarters for our current members, thus enhancing their Scouting life experiences.

Strategies for achieving stated aims and objectives

At 1st Grundisburgh Scout Group we have strived and will continue to:

- ❖ Achieve top awards by blending Section activities and individual efforts undertaken within home lives.
- ❖ Utilise the open space of the playing field as well as the indoor space when creating a programme.
- ❖ Bring aspects of teamwork and leadership into the meetings, activities and games we organise in creative and challenging ways.
- ❖ Implement new activities in the programme which members are unable to experience at school or within the home environment. This is then reviewed and improved for next time.
- ❖ Continue being visible within Grundisburgh village community and the wider area at the parades and the family friendly events such as our Duck Race and Fireworks Display which are open to the public.
- ❖ Work alongside other Scout Groups in the area to expand Scouting experiences and interactions.
- ❖ Maintain a continuous steady number of young members participating whilst seeking to increase our team of volunteer adults to support the Sections.
- ❖ Offer members at least one night away camping and outdoor experience during the year, if practical.
- ❖ Make it enjoyable for children and adults alike.
- ❖ Continue our quest for a new Headquarters with improved facilities for our members and their families

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Group Treasurer Remarks

The Scout Group continues to show a healthy income, with operational costs being covered by the General Funds. Our other trading activities income has increased as the Duck Race and Fireworks Display took increased profits. The textile bin continued to provide a valuable contribution to the Groups funds with income of £1,265 in the year.

Income from Membership Subscriptions reduced in 2023/24 due to moving from collection of subs twice a year in 2022/23 to three times a year in 2023/24. This meant that in 2023/24 only two thirds of the subscriptions were collected as the summer term fell in the following financial year in 2024/25. This is purely a timing issue and has no impact on the total amount of Subscription fees collected.

The New HQ fund benefited greatly from higher interest rates. As investments matured the Group was able to secure higher rates on its investments, leading to a £9,824 increase in interest compared to 2022/23. The General Fund also benefited with an increase in interest from £208 in 2022/23 to £435 in 2023/24.

The purchase of land for the new HQ was a significant item of expenditure in 2023/24 and this is now on Group's balance sheet. Total expenditure on the new HQ as of 31st March 2024 including purchase of the site, fees, surveys and fencing was £173,567. This was paid for from the New HQ Fund which is held as a separate reserve, with independent bank accounts to the income and expenditure of running Section meetings and activities. As of 31st March 2024, the New HQ fund held £614,929 of cash and investments to continue with the work to build the new HQ. Fundraising will continue and additional grants will be sought to add to the funds available to build the new HQ building.

Rebecca Hewitt, Group Treasurer

Performance of material fundraising

Duck Race – Returning again to a Sunday afternoon all 2500 racing ducks were sold and a profit of £3,848 was made. This remains the highest ever in the history of our Duck Races.

Fireworks Display – Another big year for the Display as its popularity increases and a profit of £6,746 was made. This too is the most profit ever produced from any Display.

Textile Bin – Continues to be used well by the Community. 5198Kg of textiles at a value of £1,265 has been collected from 1st April 2023 to 31st March 2024.

New HQ Savings Accounts

The funds are still spread across different savings accounts with different banking institutions to reduce the risk. Consideration is also made to maximise our investments. Funds for payment of the Land were taken from some of the Savings accounts, but a healthy amount was left in all accounts to continue receiving a good Interest amount. Any minor and low amount funds required for surveys and fencing equipment were readily available from within the Co-op accounts.

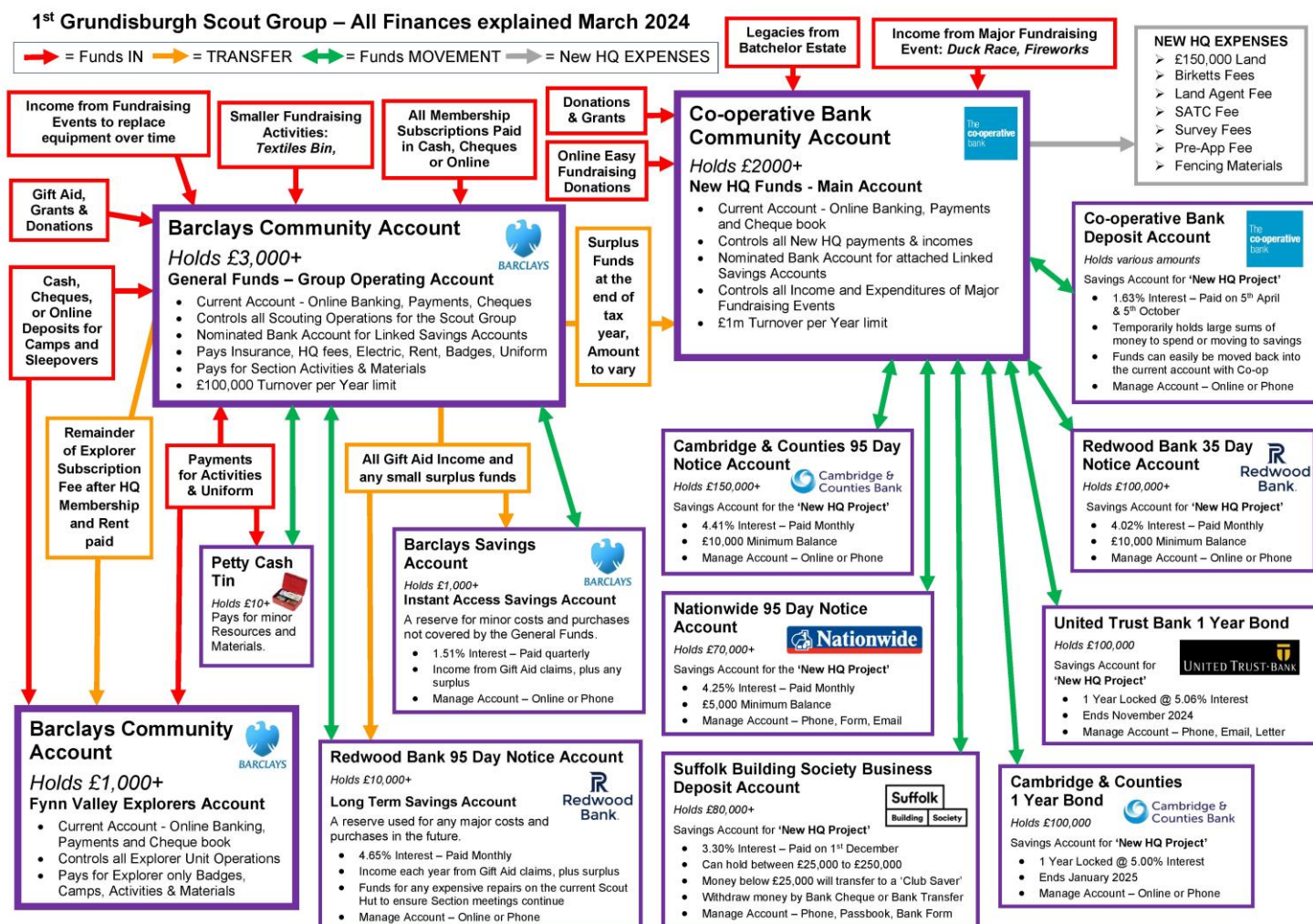
During the year the Bank of England interest rates have risen again which proved to be lucrative for the Group in terms of interest gained. A United Trust 1 Year Bond was renewed for 1 more year at 5.06% and a Cambridge & Counties 1 Year Bond was renewed for 1 more year at 5%. Depending on the process of the New HQ these might be renewed for another final year before these funds are needed to keep the project going, however there is sufficient funds in the remaining accounts that can be used.

Reserves Policy

As described above, it is the intention of the Committee to keep a general fund and its reserve for the upkeep and repair of the current Scout Hut, and at least one year's expenses for the running of the Group. The Committee has designated reserves for the new HQ fund, thus providing a building which will secure the future of Scouting in Grundisburgh and the surrounding area. These designated reserves will be held in several accounts to gain interest and spread the risk of loss.

Finances Flow Chart

The chart below shows the breakdown of accounts, the transfer of money and how each account is funded.



Summary

Once again, the Scout Group is in a good financial position. It is expected there will be no major costs to the current Scout Hut, apart from future electricity and insurance expenses. The Scout Group has adequate equipment and materials for future years usage, so there are presently no unforeseen expenses regarding new equipment.

The purchase of the 14 acre site gives us a glimmer of hope that we will own and create a building fit for modern day Scouting. The size of the site makes it an ideal venue for Scouts and Guides across the District, County and UK to use for activities, providing an income to ourselves and sending the Group onto a new exciting pathway in the future.

With membership numbers on the rise, we need to concentrate on recruiting more Adults to join the Leadership team. This would not necessary be as Uniformed Leaders, but as regular Section Assistants, who can provide support, and be part of the team to run the weekly meetings for our young members to interact, achieve and experience the Scouting way that we all enjoy.

Approved by

Mrs Alison Banham
Group Chairperson

Mrs Rebecca Hewitt
Group Treasurer

Date: 21/10/ 2024

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES SUMMARY

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2024

	<i>Note</i>	<i>General Fund £</i>	<i>New HQ Fund £</i>	<i>Total 2024 £</i>	<i>Total 2023 £</i>
INCOMING RESOURCES					
<i>Income from:</i>					
Donations and legacies		3,400	161	3,561	5,221
Charitable activities		2,411	-	2,411	3,436
Other trading activities		1,304	15,764	17,068	14,340
Investment income		435	19,297	19,732	9,681
Other		477	-	477	458
Total	3	8,027	35,222	43,249	33,136
RESOURCES EXPENDED					
<i>Expenditure on:</i>					
Raising funds		20	5,607	5,627	4,262
Charitable activities		5,945	-	5,945	8,651
Other		441	-	441	796
Total	4	6,406	5,607	12,013	13,709
Net movement in funds		1,621	29,615	31,236	19,427
Reconciliation of funds					
Fund balance brought forward		15,838	759,149	774,987	755,560
Transfer between funds		(3)	3	-	-
Fund balance carried forward		17,456	788,767	806,223	774,987

The annexed notes form an integral part of these accounts

BALANCE SHEET

AT 31 MARCH 2024

	Note	General Fund £	New HQ Fund £	Total 2024 £	Total 2023 £
FIXED ASSETS					
Tangible assets	6	442	173,567	174,009	1,707
		442	173,567	174,009	1,707
CURRENT ASSETS					
Debtors and prepayments		730	272	1,002	-
Cash at bank and in hand	7	17,258	614,929	632,186	773,880
Total current assets		17,988	615,201	633,188	773,880
Less: Creditors					
Amount falling due within one year		973	-	973	600
Net current assets		17,014	615,201	632,215	773,280
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		17,456	788,767	806,223	774,987
FUNDS					
General Fund		17,456	-	17,456	15,838
New HQ Fund		-	788,767	788,767	759,149
TOTAL FUNDS		17,456	788,767	806,223	774,987

Approved by

Chairperson



Treasurer



Date

21/10/2024

The annexed notes form an integral part of these accounts

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

1. Basis of preparation**Basis of accounting**

The Charity constitutes a public benefit entity as defined by FRS 102. The accounts have been prepared in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities; Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS102) issued in October 2019, the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland (FRS102), the Charities Act 2011 and UK Generally Accepted Accounting Practice.

The financial statements have been prepared to give a 'true and fair view' and have departed from the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 Only to the extent required to provide a 'true and fair' view. The departure has involved following the Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their annual accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard and applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS102) issued in October 2019 rather than the Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice effective from 1 April 2005 which has been withdrawn.

The financial statements are prepared on a going concern basis under the historical cost convention. The financial statements are presented in sterling which is the functional currency of the charity and rounded to the nearest pound.

Change in Basis

There has been no change to the accounting policies or estimates (valuation rules and methods of accounting) since last year.

2. Accounting policies**Recognition of incoming resources**

These are included in the Statement of Financial Activities (SoFA) when

- the charity becomes entitled to the resources;
- the trustees are virtually certain they will receive the resources; and
- the monetary value can be measured with sufficient reliability.

Membership subscriptions

Memberships subscription collected on behalf of other parts of the Scout Movement are reported in the SoFA net of any amount paid out. This is because these subscriptions are in effect held as agents before being paid out.

Offsetting

There has been no offsetting of assets and liabilities, or income and expenses, unless required or permitted by the FRS 102 SORP or FRS 102.

Grants and donations

Legacies, grants and donations are only included in the SoFA when the charity has unconditional entitlement to the resources, and these have been received.

Tax reclaims on donations and gifts

Incoming resources from tax reclaims are included in the SoFA when they are received

Gifts in kind

Gifts in kind for sale or distribution are included in the accounts as gifts only when sold or distributed by the charity. Gifts in kind for use by the charity are not valued or included in the accounts

Donated services and Facilities

The value placed on these resources is not included in the accounts

Volunteer help

The value of any voluntary help received is not included in the accounts

Investment income

This is included in the accounts when received.

Liability recognition

Liabilities are recognised as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to pay out resources.

Governance and Support costs

Governance costs comprise all costs involving public accountability of the charity and its compliance with regulation and good practice. These costs have been included in the charitable activity costs.

Current asset investments

The charity has investments of cash and cash equivalents with a maturity date of less than one year held for investment purposes rather than to meet short term cash commitments as they fall due.

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

3. Analysis of Incoming Resources

	<i>General Fund £</i>	<i>New HQ Fund £</i>	<i>Total 2024 £</i>	<i>Total 2023 £</i>
Voluntary Income				
Membership Subscriptions	4,505	-	4,505	5,773
Less: Membership Fess Paid	(2,928)	-	(2,928)	(2,989)
	<u>1,578</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,578</u>	<u>2,784</u>
 Gift Aid	 1,622	 -	 1,622	 1,712
Donations and Gifts	200	161	361	725
	<u>3,400</u>	<u>161</u>	<u>3,561</u>	<u>5,221</u>
 Charitable Activities				
Beaver Sleepover	104		104	-
Cub Camp - Hallowtree	610	-	610	360
Cub Hike / Sleepover	150	-	150	270
Scout - Expedition Camp	528	-	528	-
Scout Camp - Hallowtree	630	-	630	760
District Camp	91	-	91	950
Summer Camp	-	-	-	910
Meeting Activities	148	-	148	-
Uniform and badges	150	-	150	186
	<u>2,411</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>2,411</u>	<u>3,436</u>
 Other Trading Activities				
Textile Clothing Bank	1,265	-	1,265	1,374
Amazon Smile	40	-	40	57
Duck Race	-	5,550	5,550	4,385
Firework Night	-	10,214	10,214	8,524
	<u>1,304</u>	<u>15,764</u>	<u>17,068</u>	<u>14,340</u>
 Investment Income				
Interest (gross) on Bank Accounts	435	19,297	19,732	9,681
	<u>435</u>	<u>19,297</u>	<u>19,732</u>	<u>9,681</u>
 Other Income				
Hall Rent	460	-	460	250
Explorers	17	-	17	208
	<u>477</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>477</u>	<u>458</u>
 TOTAL INCOMING RESOURCES	 <u>8,027</u>	 <u>35,222</u>	 <u>43,249</u>	 <u>33,136</u>

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4. Analysis of Resources Expended

	General Fund £	New HQ Fund £	Total 2024 £	Total 2023 £
Fundraising costs				
Fireworks Night	-	3,688	3,688	3,055
Duck Race	-	1,659	1,659	1,187
Fundraising equipment costs	-	260	260	-
Lottery Licence	20	-	20	20
	<u>20</u>	<u>5,607</u>	<u>5,627</u>	<u>4,262</u>
Charitable Activities				
<u>Youth Programme</u>				
Beaver Sleepover	25	-	25	-
Cub Camp - Hallowtree	551	-	551	487
Cub Hike / Sleepover	97	-	97	213
Scout - Expedition Camp	449	-	449	-
Scout Camp - Hallowtree	429	-	429	662
District and Summer Camp	125	-	125	2,043
Meeting Activities - Beavers	146	-	146	23
Meeting Activities - Cubs	306	-	306	116
Meeting Activities - Scouts	122	-	122	215
Materials and Equipment	1,086	-	1,086	988
Gas Refill	-	-	-	345
Uniform	464	-	464	315
Badges	255	-	255	337
	<u>4,055</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>4,055</u>	<u>5,744</u>
<u>Scout Hut Costs</u>				
Insurance	1,012	-	1,012	1,190
Electricity	178	-	178	176
Repairs and Renewals	225	-	225	119
Rent	180	-	180	180
Survey of Old Site	-	-	-	750
	<u>1,595</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,595</u>	<u>2,415</u>
<u>Governance Costs</u>				
Admin Materials and Equipment	15	-	15	190
AGM	117	-	117	165
OSM / Go Cardless	-	-	-	57
Go Cardless Fees	84	-	84	-
Website	65	-	65	65
Gifts	15	-	15	15
	<u>296</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>296</u>	<u>492</u>
	<u>5,945</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>5,945</u>	<u>8,651</u>
Other				
Depreciation	441	-	441	796
	<u>441</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>441</u>	<u>796</u>
TOTAL RESOURCES EXPENDED	<u>6,406</u>	<u>5,607</u>	<u>12,013</u>	<u>13,709</u>

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5. Trustees and other related parties

	<i>Total 2024 £</i>	<i>Total 2023 £</i>
<u>Trustee expenses re-imbursed</u>		
Group Scout Leader	2,473	2,372
Other Trustees	2,314	923
	<u>4,787</u>	<u>3,295</u>

All amounts paid were to reimburse expenditure on behalf of the Group.

Trustee remuneration in the year ended 31 March 2024 was nil (2023 nil)

6. Fixed Assets

	<i>New HQ £</i>	<i>Container £</i>	<i>Furniture & Equipment £</i>	<i>Total £</i>
<u>Cost</u>				
At 1 April 2023	824	1,555	6,752	9,131
Additions	172,743	-	-	172,743
Disposals	-	-	-	-
At 31 March 2024	<u>173,567</u>	<u>1,555</u>	<u>6,752</u>	<u>181,874</u>
<u>Depreciation</u>				
At 1 April 2023	-	1,382	6,042	7,424
Depreciation for the year	-	86	355	441
Disposals	-	-	-	-
At 31 March 2024	<u>-</u>	<u>1,468</u>	<u>6,397</u>	<u>7,865</u>
<u>Net Book Value</u>				
At 1 April 2023	824	173	710	1,707
At 31 March 2024	<u>173,567</u>	<u>87</u>	<u>355</u>	<u>174,009</u>

Depreciation is calculated to write down the value of fixed assets over their expected useful lives.

The rates used are:

Furniture and equipment	50% 1st Year, 25% 2nd Year, 25% 3rd Year
Container	50% 1st Year, then balance over 9 years
New HQ	0% (not yet built)

7. Cash at Bank and in hand

	<i>General Fund £</i>	<i>New HQ Fund £</i>	<i>Total 2024 £</i>	<i>Total 2023 £</i>
Cambridge & Counties (1-year bond 5.0%)	-	100,000	100,000	-
Cambridge & Counties (2-year bond 1.5%)	-	-	-	75,000
Cambridge & Counties (95-day notice)	-	150,000	150,000	150,000
United Trust Bank (1-year bond 5.06%)	-	100,000	100,000	-
United Trust Bank (1-year bond 3.80%)	-	-	-	100,000
Nationwide Building Society (95-day notice)	-	70,000	70,000	50,000
Redwood Bank (35-day notice)	-	100,000	100,000	100,000
Suffolk Building Society	-	80,000	80,000	100,659
Co-op Savings	-	12,000	12,000	180,000
Co-op Current Account	-	2,929	2,929	2,666
Redwood Bank (95 Day notice)	12,548	-	12,548	10,515
Barclays Savings	2,062	-	2,062	2,038
Barclays Current Account	2,604	-	2,604	2,959
Petty Cash Tin	44	-	44	43
	<u>17,258</u>	<u>614,929</u>	<u>632,186</u>	<u>773,880</u>

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8. Debtors & Creditors

	General Fund 2024 £	New HQ Fund 2024 £	Total 2024 £	Total 2023 £
Debtors / prepayments	730	272	1,002	-

At the year end the Group was due interest in transit of £272 and had prepaid £730 for Cub County Camp taking place in 2024/25.

Creditors / receipts in advance	973	-	973	600
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At the year end the Group was holding £910 income for Cub County Camp taking place during 2024/25 and £63.20 income due to be paid over to the Explorers.

9. Analysis of net assets between funds

	General Fund 2024 £	New HQ Fund 2024 £	Total 2024 £
Fixed Assets	442	173,567	174,009
Cash at bank and in hand	17,258	614,929	632,186
Other current assets/liabilities	(243)	272	29
	17,456	788,767	806,223

	General Fund 2023 £	New HQ Fund 2023 £	Total 2023 £
Fixed Assets	883	824	1,707
Cash at bank and in hand	15,555	758,325	773,880
Other current assets/liabilities	(600)	-	(600)
	15,838	759,149	774,987

10. Fund reconciliation	Balance at 31 March 2023 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers £	Balance at 31 March 2024 £
General Fund	15,838	8,027	(6,406)	(3)	17,456
New HQ Fund	759,149	35,222	(5,607)	3	788,767
	774,987	43,249	(12,013)	-	806,223
	Balance at 31 March 2022 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers £	Balance at 31 March 2023 £
General Fund	14,720	10,145	(9,027)	-	15,838
New HQ Fund	740,840	22,991	(4,682)	-	759,149
	755,560	33,136	(13,709)	-	774,987

Fund descriptions**Unrestricted funds**

General fund for the day to day running expenses of the Scout Group

Designated funds

The New HQ Fund represents money from legacies and fundraising surpluses which has been set aside to fund a new building.

14. Capital Commitments

At 31 March 2024 the Group had purchased a site for the new HQ. A planning application for the construction of the new HQ is expected to be submitted during 2024/25.

At 31 March 2023 the Group had started negotiations to purchase a site for the new HQ.

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF THE 1ST GRUNDISBURGH SCOUT GROUP

I report on the Accounts of the 1st Grundisburgh Scout Group for the year ended 31 March 2024, which are set out on pages 2 to 17.

Respective responsibilities of Trustees and Examiner

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 all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under Section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent Examiner's statement

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

1. Accounting records were not kept in respect of the Charity as required by Section 130 of the Act: or
2. The Accounts do not accord with those records: or
3. The Accounts do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view' which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

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



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Date: 3 September 2024