

Scouts gives
young people
skills for life!



Annual Report and Accounts

2022 – 2023

Scouts 
3rd Washington

Our Group

We are absolutely thrilled to share with you the incredible journey we've had over the past year. Our scout group has been dedicated to creating countless unforgettable memories, and we couldn't be prouder. Our mission has always been to nurture talented and determined young individuals while fostering a thought-provoking and caring community. And let me tell you, we have succeeded!

One of the things that sets us apart is our commitment to providing excellent value for money. We believe that everyone should have access to affordable experiences and opportunities, and that's exactly what we offer. Inclusivity is at the core of our values, ensuring that everyone, without exception, feels welcome and valued.

The growth we've witnessed in our membership and the commitment of our adult volunteers has been truly remarkable. Enthusiastic individuals have joined our sections, contributing to the vibrant scouting community we've built. This expansion has allowed us to broaden our programme offerings, creating even more opportunities for our members to engage in thrilling activities and embark on unforgettable adventures.

Our members have embraced a diverse range of activities and expeditions, fearlessly conquering challenges along the way. They have braved the heights of the climbing wall, gaining confidence and resilience with every ascent. We've also celebrated cultural diversity, exploring the rich



tapestry of other cultures and traditions. This has given us a broader perspective, fostering tolerance and understanding within our community.

One of the most cherished moments for our

scouts is gathering around a crackling campfire. Whether it's during one of our sleepovers, camps, or a troop night, they revel in the timeless tradition of singing campfire songs and building



camaraderie. The delightful aroma of toasted marshmallows fills the air as they bond over shared stories and experiences. These moments forge lasting memories and create deep connections among our members. We are truly privileged to provide all our members with access to these exhilarating experiences, which impart valuable

lessons in independence, teamwork, and outdoor skills.



Teamwork lies at the heart of scouting, and our young members have consistently demonstrated their ability to work together and overcome

challenges. Whether it's engineering the fastest Mario Kart at a Beaver sleepover, creating their own music video, conquering the heights of the climbing wall, or embarking on a team-based caving adventure during a Scout summer camp, our scouts have honed their teamwork, problem-solving, and resilience skills. These skills are truly invaluable for life.

In the spirit of giving, 3rd Washington Scouts and our families came together during the Christmas period to create and deliver over 70 food hampers, supporting members of our local community in need. This compassionate initiative embodies the true essence of scouting and emphasizes the importance of compassion and solidarity.



We also take immense pride in celebrating the remarkable achievements of all our members. Our adult volunteers deserve a special round of applause for their unwavering dedication to fostering an enriching scouting experience. Their mentorship and guidance have played a crucial role in providing holistic development opportunities for all young people in our scout group. We extend our heartfelt thanks to each and every one of them.

It is with great pleasure that we announce Christine Willcock, one of our dedicated adult volunteers, has earned a Commissioner's Commendation for Good Service, and Craig Johnson was awarded the Award for Merit. This



recognition is a testament to their commitment and invaluable contributions to our scout group.

Our Group Executive have had a hugely positive impact on the direction and governance of our group and I would like to thank them

for all their effort and determination in driving and encouraging everyone at 3rd Washington Scouts. I would like to acknowledge Glenda Moore and her achieving her 15 year service award! She is a dedicated member and has only the best interest in

our group. With her support over the past 15 years we have been able to achieve so much!

It is with sadness that we say goodbye to Alison Nicholson as she steps back from her executive role. Alison has been a parent representative since 2015 and has played a vital part of our group executive. She has supported, challenged, and offered an alternative prospective on many initiatives as well as developed our 'Up-cycle Exchange' initiative which has brought uniform and scouting gear to our families. Thank you, Alison, for all you have done for our community – you'll be a huge miss!

As we reflect on the past year, we are filled with gratitude for the continuous growth of our scout group, the exceptional achievements of our members, and the unwavering dedication of our adult volunteers. We have fostered an inclusive and supportive environment that empowers all our members, including our adults, to reach their full potential.

With great enthusiasm, we look forward to the upcoming year as we continue to create an engaging and purposeful scouting experience for all our members.

We are thrilled to announce the recent opening of a Squirrel Drey within our scout group, providing

young children aged 4-6 with the opportunity to embark on their scouting journey early on. Through engaging outdoor adventures, teamwork, and personal growth, we aim to instil the values of scouting and foster a lifelong love for exploration and adventure.

Craig Johnson
Group Scout Leader



Our Charity

The trustees have pleasure in presenting their annual report and financial statements for the year end, 31st March 2023.

The legal and administrative details of the Group are shown elsewhere in this report. The financial statements comply with current statutory requirements, Policy, Organisation and Rules of the Scout Association (POR), and the Statement of Recommended Practice – Accounting and Reporting by Charities (2005).

Objectives of the Group

The group was formed in 1975 by the adoption of POR by the founding group leaders, who also acted as trustees. The Group's aim, in common with that of the Scout Association, is the physical, mental and spiritual development of young people. 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.

Organisation

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. The section leaders of the Group are trustees by virtue of their position as a leader.

Investment powers

The group's investment powers are set out in Policy Organisation and Rules, available from the Scout Association.

Review of activities and future developments

We are an active and aspirational scout group who hold ourselves to the highest of standards. Our activity offer is vast and encapsulates inclusivity. We actively try to push our provision which includes our meeting nights, sleepovers and camps as well as personal growth for our adult volunteers. We have recently made huge developments by opening our own Squirrel Drey which is aimed at young people aged 4 – 6. This will continue to develop and grow as experience and confidence flourishes with working with this age range.

The Group is constantly looking to grow and develop and has been fortunate to receive one grant this year. This

was for £7,000 from The Scout Association to the Cost of Living Support Fund.

The 2022 Gift Aid income was £3,686.50. Almost all families make use of the Gift Aid Scheme and I would like to pass on my thanks to them. If you pay income tax directly or on personal investments you can help the Group in this way. We claim the tax you have already paid and it costs you nothing. Please see any leader, if you wish to discuss Gift Aid.

Policy on reserves

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 trustees consider that the group should hold a sum equivalent to 3 months' running costs, circa £7,500.

Risk management

The trustees have identified the major risks to which they believe the group is exposed to, these have been reviewed and systems have been established to mitigate against them. The Group does not have sufficient funds to invest in longer term investments and has, therefore, adopted a risk averse strategy to the investment of its funds. All funds are held in cash using only mainstream UK banks. The systems and internal controls in-place are designed to provide reasonable assurance against material mismanagement or loss, these include two signatories for all payments and a comprehensive insurance policy to ensure that insurable risks are covered.

Grant making policy

The Group does not have a policy in respect of making grants.

Approval of the trustees' report

Approved by the trustees on DAY / MONTH / YEAR and signed on their behalf by:

Mr J. Dunbar
Group Chair



Our Trustees

3rd Washington Scout Group at 31st March 2023

Group President

Mr J. Addington

Trustees – ex officio

Chair

Mr J. Dunbar (2015)

Secretary

Miss B. Humphrey (2022)

Treasurer

Mr C. Hickman (2021)

Group Scout Leader

Mr C. Johnson

Assistant Group Scout Leader

Mr C. Hickman

Assistant Group Scout Leader

Mr S. Harrison

Beaver Scout Leader

Miss K. Wright

Beaver Scout Leader

Miss N. Fell

Cub Scout Leader

Mr J. Henderson

Cub Scout Leader

Mrs J. Henderson

Scout Leader

Mrs C. Willcock

Scout Leader

Mr M. Willcock

Explorer Leader

Mrs W. McMann

Trustees

Under 25 Representative

Trustees – elected

Other Trustee

Mrs G.P. Moore (2005)

Other Trustee

Mrs D. Hitcham (2021)

Other Trustee

Mrs A. Nicholson (2015)

Other Trustee

Bankers

CAF Bank

Scout Group Registration Number

41499

Charity Registration Number

1037623

Balance Sheet

3rd Washington Scout Group statement of assets and liabilities

	31st March 2023	31st March 2022
	Unrestricted	Unrestricted
	funds	funds
	£	£
Cash Funds		
Main account	29,244.82	26,217.39
Minibus account	5,194.85	4,941.32
Cash/floats	0.00	0.00
	34,439.67	31,158.71
Non monetary assets for charity's own use		
Badge stock	100.00	100.00
Motor vehicles	9,426.16	12,568.22
Equipment	11,000.00	11,000.00
Trailer	95.00	126.67
	20,621.16	23,794.89
Liabilities		
Net Assets	55,060.83	54,953.60

The above account and accompanying statement of assets and liabilities were approved by the trustees on DAY / MONTH / YEAR and signed on their behalf by

Mr C. Johnson
Group Scout Leader

Payments

	31st March 2023	31st March 2022
	Unrestricted	Unrestricted
	funds	funds
	£	£
Premises Costs		
Church rent	2,909.50	1,210.20
School rent	2,990.92	2,118.50
Garage rent	432.00	414.80
	6,332.42	3,743.50
Activities		
Youth programme & activities	7,533.03	7,399.80
Camping	14,153.35	806.54
Equipment repairs	102.95	547.15
	21,789.33	8,753.49
Administration Expenses		
Group insurance	403.72	380.53
Leader training	400.00	354.50
Support fund	550.00	0.00
Bank charges	216.00	308.84
	1,569.72	1,043.87
Fundraising Expenses		
Fundraising Expenses	0.00	0.00
	0.00	0.00
Minibus Expenses		
Minibus running costs	1,755.41	4,769.97
Minibus insurance	2,409.70	2,236.19
	4,165.11	7,006.16
Purchase of Badges & Uniform	1,916.32	1,366.63
Purchase of Equipment	813.18	1,156.17
Total Payments	36,586.08	23,069.82
Net of Receipts	3,280.96	-6,994.84

Receipts

	31st March 2023	31st March 2022
	Unrestricted	Unrestricted
	funds	funds
	£	£
Donations, Legacies and Similar Income		
Membership subscriptions	16,477.00	14,720.00
Less membership subscriptions paid	-6,062.50	-5,640.00
Net membership subscriptions retained	10,414.50	9,080.00
Donations (Amazon)	5.00	5.00
Donations (CAF Donate)	127.30	87.20
Donations (Easy Fundraising)	19.81	31.35
Gift aid	3,686.50	4,379.43
	14,253.11	13,582.98
Grants		
ALPKIT Foundation	0.00	342.00
The Scout Association	7,000.00	0.00
ZEDRA Trust	0.00	2,000.00
	7,000.00	2,342.00
Fundraising (gross)		
Other fundraising activities	0.00	0.00
	0.00	0.00
Activities		
Camping	14,078.35	150.00
	14,078.35	150.00
Investment Income		
Minibus use by approved groups	4,484.40	0.00
Bank Interest	51.18	0.00
	4,535.58	0.00
Total Receipts	39,867.04	16,074.98