



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From 1st April 2023 To 31st March 2024

Charity name: 3RD WASHINGTON (DONWELL) SCOUT GROUP

Charity registration number: 1037623

Objectives and Activities

	SORP reference	
Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document	Para 1.17	The purpose of the Scouts is to actively engage and support young people in their personal development, empowering them to make a positive contribution to society.
Summary of the main activities in relation to those purposes for the public benefit, in particular, the activities, projects or services identified in the accounts.	Para 1.17 and 1.19	By being in the Scouts, adults and young people develop skills for life through participation in a programme, underpinned by our method, and delivered principally in Squirrel Dreys, Beaver Colonies, Cub Packs, Scout Troops, Explorer Units and Scout Networks. The function of all the other adults within our movement is to support the delivery and quality of those programmes in each of our sections.
Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit	Para 1.18	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.

Achievements and Performance

	SORP reference	
Summary of the main achievements of the charity, identifying the difference the charity's work has made to the circumstances of its beneficiaries and any wider benefits to society as a whole.	Para 1.20	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 push our provision which includes our meeting nights, sleepovers and camps, as well as personal growth for our adult volunteers. We have maintained the numbers of young people and adult volunteers in the group with a Squirrel Drey in addition to Beavers, Cubs, Scouts and Explorer sections. The Group is constantly looking to grow and develop.

Financial Review

Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period	Para 1.21	A review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period was completed at the September 17th 2024 AGM. AGM minutes and Statement of Accounts is included with this submission.
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	Para 1.22	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.
Amount of reserves held	Para 1.22	£28,100.07
Reasons for holding zero reserves	Para 1.22	N/A
Details of fund materially in deficit	Para 1.24	N/A
Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern	Para 1.23	N/A

Structure, Governance and Management

Description of charity's trusts:		
Type of governing document	Para 1.25	Royal Charter granted 4 January 1912. The Policy, Organisation and Rules of the Scout Association (POR).
How is the charity constituted?	Para 1.25	The charity adopted the model constitution as set out in section 5.4 of the Policy, Organisation and Rules of the Scout Association, with a Trustee Board selected by the Group Scout Council.
Trustee selection methods including details of any constitutional provisions e.g. election to post or name of any person or body entitled to appoint one or more trustees	Para 1.25	Trustee selection follows an open and active recruitment process led by the Scout Council. Appointed Trustees are appointed by the Scout Council for an initial period of no longer than three years. Further periods of appointment may be agreed by the Scout Council. Co-opted Trustees are appointed by the Trustee Board for an initial period of one year. Further periods of appointment may be agreed by the Trustee Board, however co-opted Trustees are encouraged to move to being appointed trustees at the next AGM.

Policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees	Para 1.51	All Trustees must complete learning as specified in Rule 16.1.3.1(g), 16.2.3.1(g) and the Chapter 16 Roles Table from the POR.
The charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works	Para 1.51	The charity is organised following the Scout Association POR chapter 5 with a Group Trustee Board responsible for the governance of the charity and accountable to the Group Scout Council. The group also works within the overall UK Scout organisation.
Relationship with any related parties	Para 1.51	N/A
Other		N/A

Reference and Administrative details

Charity name	3RD WASHINGTON (DONWELL) SCOUT GROUP
Other name the charity uses	N/A
Registered charity number	1037623
Charity's principal address	19 MEREVALE CLOSE WASHINGTON NE37 3LP

Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1	Tracy Margaret Wood	Group Fundraising Lead	Co-opted 7 th Nov-24	3 rd Washington Scout Trustee Board
2	Evie Tait	Under 25 representative	Co-opted 7 th Sep-23	3 rd Washington Scout Trustee Board
3	Matthew Willcock	Group Lead Volunteer	Appointed 1 st Sept 2018	3 rd Washington Scout Council
4	John Dunbar	Group Trustee Board Chair	Appointed 1 st Sept 2015	3 rd Washington Scout Council
5	Stephen Harrison	Group Safeguarding Lead	Appointed 1 st Sept 2014	3 rd Washington Scout Council
6	Carl Hickman	Group Treasurer	Appointed 1 st Sept 2014	3 rd Washington Scout Council

Corporate trustees – names of the directors at the date the report was approved

Director name		
N/A		

Name of trustees holding title to property belonging to the charity

Trustee name	Dates acted if not for whole year	
N/A		


Funds held as custodian trustees on behalf of others

Description of the assets held in this capacity	N/A
Name and objects of the charity on whose behalf the assets are held and how this falls within the custodian charity's objects	N/A
Details of arrangements for safe custody and segregation of such assets from the charity's own assets	N/A

Declarations

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

_____	Signature(s)	
_____	Full name(s)	John Dunbar
_____	Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Chair
_____	Date	1 st September 2024

Receipts

	31st March 2024 Unrestricted funds £	31st March 2023 Unrestricted funds £
Donations, Legacies and Similar Income		
Membership subscriptions	17,882.00	16,477.00
Less membership subscriptions paid	-6,237.00	-6,062.50
Net membership subscriptions retained	11,645.00	10,414.50
Donations (Amazon)	18.41	5.00
Donations (CAF Donate)	117.60	127.30
Donations (Easy Fundraising)	20.52	19.81
Gift aid	4,142.96	3,686.50
	15,944.49	14,253.11
Grants		
The Scout Association	500.00	7,000.00
Sunderland City Council	788.00	0.00
	1,288.00	7,000.00
Fundraising (gross)		
Other fundraising activities	0.00	0.00
	0.00	0.00
Activities		
Camping	13,830.45	14,078.35
	13,830.45	14,078.35
Investment Income		
Minibus use by approved groups	4,715.63	4,484.40
Bank Interest	72.72	51.18
	4,788.35	4,535.58
Total Receipts	35,851.29	39,867.04

Payments

	31st March 2024 Unrestricted funds £	31st March 2023 Unrestricted funds £
Premises Costs		
Church rent	5,205.00	2,909.50
School rent	4,184.82	2,990.92
Garage rent	432.00	432.00
	9,821.82	6,332.42
Activities		
Youth programme & activities	9,787.42	7,533.03
Camping	13,048.32	14,153.35
Equipment repairs	275.11	102.95
	23,110.85	21,789.33
Administration Expenses		
Group insurance	492.28	403.72
Leader training	200.00	400.00
Support fund	306.00	550.00
Bank charges	180.00	216.00
	1,178.28	1,569.72
Fundraising Expenses		
Fundraising Expenses	0.00	0.00
	0.00	0.00
Minibus Expenses		
Minibus running costs	3,038.49	1,755.41
Minibus insurance	2,324.06	2,409.70
	5,362.55	4,165.11
Purchase of Badges & Uniform	1,403.11	1,916.32
Purchase of Equipment	1,314.28	813.18
Total Payments	42,190.89	36,586.08
Net of Receipts	(6,339.60)	3,280.96

Balance Sheet

3rd Washington Scout Group statement of assets and liabilities

	31st March 2024 Unrestricted funds £	31st March 2023 Unrestricted funds £
Cash Funds		
Main account	23,602.99	29,244.82
Minibus account	4,497.08	5,194.85
	28,100.07	34,439.67
 Non monetary assets for charity's own use		
Badge stock	100.00	100.00
Motor vehicles	7,069.62	9,426.16
Equipment	11,000.00	11,000.00
Trailer	71.25	95.00
	18,240.87	20,621.16
 Liabilities		
 Net Assets	46,340.94	55,060.83

The above account and accompanying statement of assets and liabilities were approved by the trustees on 01st September 2024 and signed on their behalf by

Mr M. Willcock
Group Lead Volunteer

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of 3rd Washington Scouts

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the 3rd Washington Scouts for the year ended 31st March 2024.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees of the 3rd Washington Scouts 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 3rd Washington Scouts 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 3rd Washington Scouts as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records.

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.

Signed: *D Haugh*

Name: David Haugh

Address: 79 Weymouth Drive, Houghton le Spring, DH4 7TQ

Date: 15th November 2024