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Report & Accounts for the year ended 31 March 2024

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The year 2023 to 2024

Message from the Group Scout Leaders

The past year has continued to be a busy one, starting with our ever popular family camp. With 24 families in attendance it was a great atmosphere!

Further nights away events were held across all sections, from Christmas sleepover at the church, indoor events and camps for beavers, cubs, scouts and explorers, and a welcome return of the Scout summer camp on the Gower in South Wales. We also squeezed in a leaders weekend!

It was great to see the group well represented at the annual Walsall Wood Remembrance parade, well done to all those who attended.

Throughout the year we held our increasingly popular quiz nights and bingo events. Our thanks to Lou and her helpers for putting on such enjoyable events and for helping raise funds towards our minibus appeal.

Our thanks to all our parents for their support. We are all volunteers, and by working together we can provide a better future for all our members.

Lee Bragginton & Kay Cresswell-Green



The year ahead

The group continues to operate at capacity, meaning we can't always offer places to those who want them. Additional adult volunteers are needed in order to increase our provision and support more young people. We are also looking for volunteers to help behind the scenes, such as with governance.

Our finances continue to be monitored closely as we look to replace our aging Ford minibus. Efforts are being increased to source external funding to ensure that weekly activities are not affected.

Accounts – For the year ended 31 st March 2024

Receipts and payments for the year ended 31st March 2024

	2023/2024			2022/2023
	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds £	Total Funds £
Donations, legacies and similar income				
Membership subscriptions	£ 14,082.00		£ 14,082.00	£ 12,788.00
Gift Aid	6 £ 3,183.47		£ 3,183.47	£ 2,020.32
	£ 17,265.47	£ -	£ 17,265.47	£ 14,808.32
 Donations / Grants				
	£ 1,076.47	£ 6,050.00	£ 7,126.47	£ 4,405.56
 Fundraising (gross)				
AGM fundraising	£ -		£ -	£ 20.00
Amazon Smile	£ 68.66		£ 68.66	£ 112.53
Bingo events	£ 872.81		£ 872.81	£ 238.75
Chase Walk sponsorship	£ 20.00		£ 20.00	£ 696.00
Easter raffle	£ 193.10		£ 193.10	£ -
Easy Fundraising	£ 194.97		£ 194.97	£ 285.91
Group family discos	£ 821.00		£ 821.00	£ 983.40
Quiz nights (inc online)	£ 230.30		£ 230.30	£ -
Poppy sales	£ 16.00		£ 16.00	£ 82.00
Section fundraising	£ 47.24		£ 47.24	£ -
Tuck shop	£ 426.00		£ 426.00	£ 536.00
Walk to Brownsea	£ 1,767.35		£ 1,767.35	£ -
	£ 4,657.43	£ -	£ 4,657.43	£ 2,954.59
 Investment income				
Bank interest	1 £ 137.94		£ 137.94	£ 123.24
 Activities				
Camps/Events	2 £ 11,774.66		£ 11,774.66	£ 12,853.72
Vehicle hire	£ 6,867.46		£ 6,867.46	£ 5,598.37
 Sundry Receipts				
Uniform Item Sales	3 £ 261.50		£ 261.50	£ 921.50
Miscellaneous Income	£ 120.39		£ 120.39	£ 69.00
	£ 381.89	£ -	£ 381.89	£ 990.50
 TOTAL RECEIPTS				
	£ 42,161.32	£ 6,050.00	£ 48,211.32	£ 41,734.30

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	2023/2024			2022/2023
	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds £	Total Funds £
Charitable Payments				
Administration expenses	£ 1,094.84		£ 1,094.84	£ 758.18
Camps/Events	2 £ 13,323.54		£ 13,323.54	£ 11,489.99
Capital equipment	£ 263.45	£ 950.00	£ 1,213.45	£ 1,558.98
Consumables	£ 259.81		£ 259.81	£ 381.35
Insurance	4 £ 3,389.19		£ 3,389.19	£ 3,354.21
Membership fees paid on	7 £ -		£ -	£ 4,214.00
Miscellaneous	£ 275.98		£ 275.98	£ 804.84
Programme materials	£ 1,066.33		£ 1,066.33	£ 813.37
Purchase of badges	£ -		£ -	£ 885.85
Refreshments	£ 18.15		£ 18.15	£ 308.73
Rent	£ 1,860.00		£ 1,860.00	£ 1,540.00
Training	£ -		£ -	-£ 25.00
Transport	£ 16,995.94		£ 16,995.94	£ 9,803.27
Uniform	5 £ 377.49		£ 377.49	£ 1,592.56
	£ 38,924.72	£ 950.00	£ 39,874.72	£ 37,480.33
FUND RAISING EXPENSES				
Bingo events	£ 71.78		£ 71.78	£ 6.38
Christmas family party	£ 350.00		£ 350.00	£ 525.00
Quiz nights	£ 12.17		£ 12.17	£ -
Section fundraising	£ -		£ -	£ 5.00
Tuck shop	£ 392.42		£ 392.42	£ 428.54
Walk to Brownsea	£ 47.99		£ 47.99	£ -
TOTAL PAYMENTS	£ 39,799.08	£ 950.00	£ 40,749.08	£ 38,445.25
NET OF RECEIPTS/(PAYMENTS)	£ 2,362.24	£ 5,100.00	£ 7,462.24	£ 3,289.05
Cash funds last year end	£ 27,161.45	£ 2,449.74	£ 29,611.19	£ 26,322.14
CASH FUNDS THIS YEAR END	£ 29,523.69	£ 7,549.74	£ 37,073.43	£ 29,611.19

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Statement of Assets & Liabilities as at 31 March 2024

	2023/2024			2022/2023
	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds £	Total Funds £
Cash Funds				
Bank Current Account	£ 6,892.96		£ 6,892.96	£ 13,467.64
Bank Deposit Account	£ 12,469.49	£ 7,549.74	£ 20,019.23	£ 15,885.42
Fixed Term Deposit	£ 10,000.00		£ 10,000.00	£ -
Cash/floats	£ 161.24		£ 161.24	£ 258.13
	<u>£ 29,523.69</u>	<u>£ 7,549.74</u>	<u>£ 37,073.43</u>	<u>£ 29,611.19</u>
Non monetary assets for charity's own use				
Badge stocks	£ 94.50		£ 94.50	£ 60.90
Tuck shop stock and float (est)	£ 50.00		£ 50.00	£ 35.00
Uniform & clothing stocks	5 £ 1,094.00		£ 1,094.00	£ 1,188.00
Scouting equipment etc.	5 £ 19,451.28		£ 19,451.28	£ 19,197.72
3 x Registration numbers	£ 750.00		£ 750.00	£ 750.00
Box trailer	£ 1,750.00		£ 1,750.00	£ 1,750.00
Ford Minibus	£ 7,000.00		£ 7,000.00	£ 4,500.00
Fiat Minibus	£ 25,000.00		£ 25,000.00	£ 25,000.00
Vauxhall Van	£ 10,000.00		£ 10,000.00	£ 8,000.00
	<u>£ 65,189.78</u>	<u>£ -</u>	<u>£ 65,189.78</u>	<u>£ 60,481.62</u>
Liabilities				
Outstanding payments (e.g. cheques)	£ 5,669.35		£ 5,669.35	£ -
Expenses incurred not yet invoiced	£ -		£ -	
	<u>£ 5,669.35</u>	<u>£ -</u>	<u>£ 5,669.35</u>	<u>£ -</u>
	<u>£ 89,044.12</u>	<u>£ 7,549.74</u>	<u>£ 96,593.86</u>	<u>£ 90,092.81</u>

Cash Funds above represented as follows:

General funds	£ 6,391.80		£ 6,391.80
Walsall Wood Remembrance Parade	£ -	£ 2,049.74	£ 2,049.74
Vehicle replacement fund	£ 16,131.89	£ 5,500.00	£ 21,631.89
Reserves	£ 7,000.00		£ 7,000.00
	<u>£ 29,523.69</u>	<u>£ 7,549.74</u>	<u>£ 37,073.43</u>

The above receipts and payments account and statement of assets and liabilities were approved by the Trustees on 21st May 2024 and signed on their behalf by

Signature

Name

Lee Bragginton

Group Scout Leader

Julie Freeman

Treasurer

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Notes to the accounts for the year ended 31 March 2024

Note 1

Bank interest is Gross and is for Savings account) and fixed term deposit accounts only. The group changes banks from HSBC to Lloyds in October 2023.

Note 2

Activities - Camps/Events is a summary of the income and expenditure for all camps and events, where separate accounts are kept; a copy of the camp/event accounts are kept by the treasurer for inspection.

Note 3

Sundry Receipts - Uniform Item Sales, includes the sale of woggles, neckerchiefs and replacement group poloshirts

Note 4

Other Expenses - Insurance, figure includes equipment insurance, trailer, personal health cover and fully comprehensive cover (including breakdown) on Group owned minibusses and van.

Note 5

Non-Monetary Assets - Scouting equipment, stock is re-valued to include new purchases with a provision for deterioration in use. Replacement and therefore insurance value is in the region of £27,000. Uniform stocks held at the year end included new Group polo shirts and neckerchiefs.

Note 6

Gift Aid claim received in the current year relates to the tax years 2022 to 2023 (previous year relates to 2021 to 2022).

Note 7

In the year 2023-2024 following guidance from the Scout Association, membership fees passed on to Scout District/County has been moved from a deduction on the receipts to a payment. The previous year has been restated accordingly. Net result for the year is unaffected.

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Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of the 38th Walsall (1st Walsall Wood) Scout Group

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the 38th Walsall (1st Walsall Wood) Scout Group for the year ended 31st March 2023.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees of the 38th Walsall (1st Walsall Wood) Scout Group 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 38th Walsall (1st Walsall Wood) Scout Group 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.

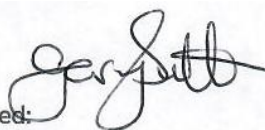
Independent examiner's statement

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 38th Walsall (1st Walsall Wood) Scout Group 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:



Name: Gary Sutton

Relevant professional qualification or membership of professional bodies (if any): ACA

Address: 8 Swallowdale, Walsall Wood, Walsall, WS9 9RE

Date: 5 May 2024

38th Walsall



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The Trustees Annual Report – For the year ended 31st March 2024

Charity name: 38th Walsall (1st Walsall Wood) Scout Group (SA 37766)
Also known as: 1st Walsall Wood Scout Group
Charity number: 1133604
Principal address: c/o 2 Gilwell Road, Cannock Wood, Rugeley, WS15 4RQ

Trustees:

Carrie Stephens	Group Secretary
Julie Freeman	Group Treasurer
Lee Bragginton	Joint Group Scout Leader
Kay Cresswell-Green	Joint Group Scout Leader
Kate Coulter	Squirrel Scout Leader
Kerry Davies	Beaver Scout Leader
Karl Southall	Assistant Scout Leader
Andrew Southall	Assistant Explorer Scout Leader
Michelle Fellows	Scout & Explorer Parent
Louise Lilley	Scout Parent
Alistair Mayo	Explorer Grandparent
Laura Meakins	Cub & Scout parent
Sarah Foster	Beaver parent (from 23/05/2023)

Advisors to the Group:

James Hodson	District Commissioner
HSBC	Bank

Structure, governance and management

The Groups' 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.

The 38th Walsall (1st Walsall Wood) Scout Group is a trust established under its rules which are common to all Scouts.

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

The Group is managed by the Group Executive Committee, the members of which are the 'Charity Trustees' of the Scout Group. 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.

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Structure, governance and management

The Committee consists of three independent representatives, Chair, Treasurer and Secretary together with the Group Scout Leader, individual Section Leaders (if opted to take on the responsibility) and parent's representation and meets about every three months.

Members of the Executive Committee aim to complete '*Trustee Induction*' training within the first 5 months of joining the committee.

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; 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.

Objectives and activities

Scouting exists to actively engage and support young people in their personal development, empowering them to make a positive contribution to society. 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.

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.

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.

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 comprehensive insurance policies to ensure that insurable risks are covered.

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Achievements and performance

Over the past year our numbers have remained steady, with a small waiting list for a number of sections. Despite a significant expense to repair our kit crew van in addition to unexpected costs across all vehicles, we have managed to remain in a healthy financial and operations state.

Reserves & Investment 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 six months general running costs, circa £7,000.

The Group also puts aside funds towards replacement of group owned vehicles to ensure funds are available to replace them when they reach the end of their economical useful lives. This is set to increase by a minimum of £1,000 per annum.

Any funds above the reserve level set are put aside for future capital programmes or for re-investment in the Group's normal activities.

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 a mainstream bank.

Plans for the future period

We are continuing to raise funds internally and through grant applications to replace our aging Ford Transit minibus. It's replacement should be purchased by the end of 2024. Our funds reserved for this purpose have therefore increased in the year being reported.

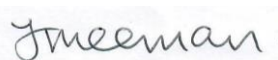
We are continuing to monitor our waiting lists with a view to increasing provision, however this has to be balanced out with safety and the number of volunteers available.

Declaration

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

Signed on behalf of the Trustees:

Signature:

Name:

Lee Bragginton

Julie Freeman

Position:

Joint Group Scout Leader

Group Treasurer

Date:

21st May 2024