

6TH FRIERN BARNET SCOUT GROUP

England & Wales - Charity number 1146211

Details

Status Registered

Legal form Other

Registered 2012-03-02

Register [View on the Charity Commission register](#)

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Activities

Objects: TO PROMOTE THE DEVELOPMENT OF YOUNG PEOPLE IN ACHIEVING THEIR FULL PHYSICAL, INTELLECTUAL, SOCIAL AND SPIRITUAL POTENTIALS AS INDIVIDUALS, AS RESPONSIBLE CITIZENS AND AS MEMBERS OF THEIR LOCAL, NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITIES

Activities: Adventurous activities & personal development opportunities for young people aged 6-25 in & around the Whetstone N20 area of London. We aim to promote their development in achieving their full physical, intellectual, social & spiritual potential by providing an enjoyable & attractive scheme of progressive training, based on the Scout Promise & Law, & guided by adult leadership.

Classification

- **How:** Provides Services, Provides Advocacy/advice/information
- **What:** Education/training, Amateur Sport, Economic/community Development/employment
- **Who:** Children/young People

Geography

- Barnet

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-03-31	£23,456	£27,427	-	-
2024-03-31	£36,769	£46,623	-	-
2023-03-31	£38,550	£31,610	-	-
2022-03-31	£20,747	£20,962	-	-
2021-03-31	£7,455	£8,242	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Richard Lloyd Charles	Chair	2021-07-13
ANDREW WILLIAM RUSH		2012-02-20
CECILIE ANN BINGHAM		2025-11-13
Chetna Virchand Shah		2026-02-01
Rekha Patel		2017-01-19

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Trustees' Annual Report for the period 1st April 2023 – 31st March 2024

The principal address of the charity for correspondence is c/o 27 Loring Road, London N20 0UJ.

Trustees

The trustees are deemed to be the members of the Group Trustee Board for the time being.

Those who have served in this capacity during the last year are as follows:

<i>Trustee Name</i>	<i>Office (if any)</i>	<i>Dates acted if not for the whole year</i>
1: Richard Charles	Chairman	
2: Rekha Patel	Secretary	
3: David French	Treasurer	
4: Andrew Rush	Group Scout Leader	
5: Sylvia Snijders		
6: Melvin Loades		1 st April - 9 th November 2023

Names and addresses of advisers:

Independent scrutineer	David Evans	Pen-Y-Cae, 38 Galley Lane, Arkley, Hertfordshire EN5 4AJ
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Structure, governance and management

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 (POR) of The Scout Association.

The Group is a trust established under rules which are common to all Scouts. It is also a Registered Charity in its own right, number 1146211.

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

The Group is managed by the Group Trustee Board, 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 Trustee Board consists of the Chairman, Treasurer and Secretary together with the Group Scout Leader, and up to 10 other members and meets every 2 months.

Of the 10 other members half are appointed by the Group Council and the other half are nominated by the Group Scout Leader and approved by the Group Council, both at the AGM.

The Trustee Board exists to support the Group Scout Leader in meeting the responsibilities of the appointment and is responsible for:

- The maintenance of Group property
- The development of the Group
- The training of leaders and administrators
- 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 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 a comprehensive insurance policy to ensure that insurable risks are covered.

Objectives and activities

The objectives of the Group are as a unit of the Scout Association.

The Aim of The Scout Association is to promote the development of young people in achieving their full physical, intellectual, social and spiritual potentials, as individuals, as responsible citizens and as members of their local, national, and international communities.

The method of achieving the Aim of the Association is by providing an enjoyable and attractive scheme of progressive training, based on the Scout Promise and Law and guided by adult leadership.

In the 6th Friern Barnet Scout Group our objectives are currently as follows:

- To make quality Scouting available to every young person in the catchment area of the Group, regardless of gender, race, ethnicity, religion or disability
- To offer the opportunity for young people aged 6 to 25 to progress through the Scout sections in a clearly identifiable way, either within the Group, or through formal arrangements with other Scout Groups and District and County led provisions
- To continually quality assure the quality of Scouting in the Scout Group
- To continuously recruit and retain adult leaders and helpers
- To maintain a quality programme of adult training and development

- To build strong teams of adults who will deliver the Group's objectives

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.

In planning our activities for the year we kept in mind the Charity Commission guidance on public benefit at our trustee meetings.

Membership of the Scout Association, and therefore of the Group, is open to all no matter what their background, faith, gender, or personal circumstances. Subscriptions payable to the Group are minimal and no young person would be prevented from joining if they were unable to pay this subscription.

Grants are available through our "Helping Hands" scheme to assist all young people to fully participate in all activities.

Achievements and performance

Chairman's report

Being the Chair of the Trustees Board for the 6FB means that in addition to the traditional role of chair, the following fall under my responsibility;

- Review of leaders meeting minutes.
- Encourage attendance of a trustee board member to leaders' meetings to provide and obtain direct feedback.
- Review training opportunities for exec members to consider.
- Review annual standard agenda items with secretary: there are mandatory repeat items that are spread across different trustee board meetings throughout the year.
- Ensure action items from trustee board meetings are completed and be prepared to take minutes of these board meetings when the secretary is unable to attend.

During the year we have three main fundraising events: two events are to raise funds for the Group, and the third is the Christmas Show where the Scouts nominate a local charity to receive the funds raised. Our first event of the year was a Bingo Night on 11th November 2023, which proved a little problematic as the Bingo caller (Vera) was stuck in traffic following a major accident on the A1 so did not make it to the event. However those attending found themselves at an impromptu gathering of friends with a bar and a relaxed environment in which to catch up and funds were still raised.

The Christmas Show was on 15th December 2023, and immediately prior to the event the topic of Photography, Video and Audio recording at Scout events was brought to my attention. This topic has required significant time and meetings to review with our Group, the Scout Association and other Scout Groups to ensure that we have an appropriate set of guidelines in place.

Our final event of the last year was a Quiz Night on 9th March 2024 which was well attended. Not only were our brains tested with some well written questions but our stomachs were rewarded with some well-cooked chilli con carne and rice too!

Most of our activities revolve around Manor Drive Church, and on behalf of everyone in the Group I would like to thank Rev Shaun Sanders, Janet Farmer, Vicky Roberts and all of the other members of their team who have been so helpful, generous and welcoming to us, this year as every year.

Finally I would like to thank my fellow trustee board members and fundraising volunteers for their help and support throughout the year. These fund raising events only happen as people are prepared to give several hours of their time before and after the actual event to set up and subsequently tidy up afterwards.

Richard Charles
Trustee Board Chair

BEAVERS

We started the summer term with a Royal theme – celebrating the King’s Coronation. The beavers also joined the rest of the group at May camp in Well End for the day, and at October camp for the campfire.

During the summer term we try and get out and about, we are lucky to be surrounded by lots of open spaces that are safe/secure. As always Frith Grange was the location for quite a few meetings - fire lighting, wall climbing, archery & water games. There is nothing quite like toasting marshmallows on a campfire on a summer’s evening. The summer term ended with a trip to Chessington, the Beavers were so well behaved, and we were proud of how they faced some of their fears on some of the rides!

In the Autumn term we were at Manor Drive for most of the meetings, apart from a trip to Friary Park and an autumn walk with Beavers from the District. Beavers also raised money to sponsor another toilet! We ended the term with our Group Christmas Show, this year with a ‘Cinderella’ theme. The Beavers spent a couple of meetings rehearsing and, on the night, showed off their dance moves to ‘Magic Moments’.

During the spring term we had a visit from ‘Ranger Stu’, learned lots about money and came second in the District Dominoes competition. The term ended with a walk which of course included chips.

Some other highlights of the year’s programme included:

- Lots of games – outside and inside.
- Mindfulness & wellbeing activities.
- International activities.
- Dominoes & Bingo.
- Making catapults and testing them!
- Making and eating pancakes.
- Disability awareness.
- Emergency & first aid activities.
- Arts & crafts.

The success of our Beaver Colony is all down to the teamwork, enthusiasm, and experience of a brilliant group of leaders - Tony, Sylvia, Samantha, Natasha, and Mila. Their commitment, ideas and dedication mean activities are engaging, fun and adventurous for young people of all abilities and backgrounds. There is nothing more rewarding than a young person who goes from ‘I can’t do this’ to ‘yes, I can do this’ with the biggest smile.

Tracey Barnett
Beaver Scout Lead



The 6th Friern Barnet Cub Scouts have shown great enthusiasm for the many events and activities that have been laid on for them this year. They have attended many District events, including:

- St George Day Parade, April 2023
- District Chess Competition, April 2023
- Cub Fun Day, July 2023
- District Bowling Competition, October 2023
- Remembrance Parade, November 2023
- The District Night Hike, February 2024

This was combined with a fun and varied programme, which has explored many of the facets of being in the Scout Movement. For example, in summer 2023 the Cubs attended the Reform Synagogue in Oakleigh Road North to discover more about Judaism from their Reader. They had two sessions on road safety and went to the May Camp at Well End; this was the first camp where the current Cub leader team organised the weekend activities for their section and proved very successful. The Cubs demonstrated their dexterity on the traverse wall and their craftsmanship building shelters in the spinney.

In the Autumn term, the Cubs attended the October camp and showed that we are not afraid of a little rain or the dark when having fun and learning new skills. They carved pumpkins, raced down the Cresta Run and abseiled from a 30 foot tower. The Cubs showed their code breaking skills with their Spying night; they learned knots and lashings in their pioneering evening and had a blast bowling. The Cubs used their DIY skills to make Kub Kars for this year's Grand Prix. Special thanks to David Barnett and William Maynard for volunteering their time and expertise helping out. At Christmas time, the Cubs performed in the Christmas Show unleashing a dance routine created by Debi Rush, with a little stage direction from me.

During the Winter term it was with great pride that we awarded the Green Sixer, Harry Phillips, his Chief Scout's Silver Award. That term we had a Cooking Competition, which Drew and Debi Rush helped at and adjudicated. We hosted our very own Burns' Night where the Sixers helped to cook haggis, tatties and gravy for the rest of the Cubs who set the table for their Burns' Night feast. They even heard a little bit of poetry from Rabbin Burns himself. The Cubs lit fires and toasted marshmallows at Frith Grange where they had a chance to practice a few songs around a campfire. Lastly, there was a litter pick at Friary Park that allowed the Cubs to do a good deed for the community. All of these many activities as well as those left unspoken were accomplished with the tireless efforts of the Cub leader team and the greatly appreciated help of Active Support members and parents that have volunteered their time to assist them.

Starting in January 2024, Toby Vettiankal has regularly attended Wednesday meetings as a Young Leader for his Bronze Duke of Edinburgh's Award. We created some goals and expectations for him when we started to assess his progress. Within a few weeks, he has already exceeded our expectations. He is proactive, eager and has proven incredibly helpful in

the running of our week-to-week meetings. He is growing in confidence and ready for new challenges.

Regarding the leader team, a new leader, Goursen Ibrahim, joined the team in March 2024. Another leader, Natasha Esposito will be joining for the Summer term of 2024 as a Cub leader from the Group's Beaver team. Two Active Support members, Karen and Bella have regularly helped out at Cub meetings and have significantly contributed to running the activities as well as general safety and safeguarding. We have also sought out new prospective leaders or Active Support members but progress is slow. The parent rota has helped significantly with supplying enough adults to maintain safeguarding and run activities. There being only two dedicated Cub leaders for the organisation and delivery of the section's programme, administration and safety has been the main risk for the Cub section this year.

In February 2024, I informed the Group that I will step down as Cub Scout Section Leader (Akela) at the end of the Autumn term 2024 to resume my previous position as an Assistant Leader. This is due to changing personal circumstances preventing me from being able to properly commit to the responsibilities of being Akela.

Daniel Maynard
Cub Scout Lead

SCOUTS

Going to camp is always an exciting adventure, whether it means sleeping in a tent, on a boat, under a bivouac or below ground in a Secret Nuclear Bunker – and our Scouts experienced all of these during the year, with twelve camps at eight different venues and a total of 26 Nights Away altogether. Dorian Buyuk-Dogan and Jaiden Harrison were part of the UK Contingent at the World Scout Jamboree in Korea and it was also a year of international opportunity for 27 Scouts from our Troop who went to the Haarlem Jamborette in the Netherlands, along with one Young Leader and eight leaders. It was an amazing experience, surviving heavy rain and flooded tents on the first night to enjoy twelve days of games, sports, pioneering, water activities, hikes, arts and technology, with trips to a theme park and a day in Amsterdam, guided by Bouk, a Dutch leader who had visited us in London before the camp. Not forgetting the open day, the camp fire, the fabulous food and parties every evening in The Mokkie.

In total we raised over £13,000 to help reduce the cost of the Jamborette for parents, and we also helped others in the community. Scouts washed cars at the Manor Drive Methodist church Spring Splash, we supported the Noah's Ark Children's Hospice with money from packing bags and singing carols at Waitrose in North Finchley, and proceeds from our brilliant Group production of Cinderella at Christmas went to the Meningitis Research Foundation. (We chose this charity because a former 6FB Scout, Joe Ward, lost his sister to Meningitis unexpectedly, while he was away on a Himalayan expedition with Hatters Explorers.) On two occasions during the year, some of the older members of the Troop cooked a meal for guests at the Night Shelter run by Homeless Action in Barnet.

Other highlights of this year's programme have included:

- Pioneering bridges over Dollis Brook
- Canoeing at The Pirate Club
- Trek Cart races in Bethune Park
- Toilet-twinning: donating money from the tuck Shop to sponsor toilets in Malawi and Nepal
- Spy Night
- Taking part in the District Swimming Gala and winning two Gold medals
- Quiz Night, run by the Young Leaders
- Scuba diving at Albany Pool in Enfield
- The annual inter-Patrol Cooking Contest
- Patrol inventions to impress the Young Leaders at Dragons' Den, including a woggle that doubles as a heartrate monitor for emergencies, a gun for putting in tent pegs and a heated sleeping bag

...and for Patrol Leaders, APLs and older Scouts:

- Two hike camps for the Expedition Challenge
- A Backwoods Night in the Spinney at Frith Grange
- Survival Training and a two-night Survival Camp at Danemead with 15th Finchley Scouts
- Helping the Herts and Middlesex Wildlife Trust on a work day at Fir & Pond Woods

Jack Petchey Special Achievement Awards were won by four of our Scouts (Shreya Bhardwa, Nicholas Frangou, Callum Gates and Magda Clarkson) and special congratulations go to Jaiden Harrison, Teddy Mace and Nina Sydee, who all gained the top award in the Scout section, the Chief Scout's Gold Award. We entered four teams in the Chiltern 20 hiking competition in October and they all completed the challenge, with one team gaining fourth place in the 15km event and another coming fifth out of 59 teams in the 20km category.

The purpose of Scouting is "to actively engage and support young people in their personal development, empowering them to make a positive contribution to society." Our leaders and Young Leaders work together in a team effort to deliver a programme that will achieve that aim, and we enjoy seeing the Scouts grow to fulfil their potential.

Malcolm
Scout Lead



Active Support Unit

The Active Support Unit is a virtual group of adults, the majority with no prior experience of Scouting, who don't mind being occasionally contacted, often at short notice, to help the leaders.

Requests range from "crowd control" at Cubs through to helping running outside events and camps if you wish. Knowledge that there is a such a support network allows the leaders to plan the meetings for the young people with confidence.

There is neither a uniform nor a cost for being in the ASU, just a willingness to be on the WhatsApp Group we use to communicate. Understandably there is some training – it is Zoom sessions taking about 90 minutes in total and, of course, a DBS check.

If you can spare 90 minutes for the training and then help support the leaders, please give me a call!

Tim Smedley

Manager
Active Support Unit
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Helping Hands

Over the years the 6FB Trustees and the leaders have always supported those members who perhaps would not have been able to commit, or continue to commit to Scouting due to financial or other circumstances.

For many years, 6FB has had a Helping Hands policy that is there to provide financial support, but the Trustees had been frustrated that the take up was nil for many years.

A more structured policy has now been put in place, with section leaders and a dedicated Helping Hands leader in each section, to assist and support those with the greatest financial need.

As a result, we have already provided formal financial support for a few members; not as many as we would like, but it is a good start from a zero base.

6FB is one of the better funded Scout Groups, and it is only right that we make an extra effort to financially support those that would otherwise have to make the decision that they or their children can no longer take part in Scouting, or not even consider Scouting in the first place, because of financial constraints.

As part of this Report, we have included a simple page explanation of the financial support we can provide, and the people to contact to get that support.

If all of us, leaders, parents, young people, Active Support members and Trustees can raise awareness of this support, then we will no doubt help more people who perhaps really could do with a chance to gain the advantages that Scouting can provide.

Mel Loades
Helping Hands Coordinator

We are determined that no-one will miss out on Scouting because of money.

Meeting at:
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Our Helping Hands for you

The 6th Friern Barnet aims to offer excellent value for money. All members of the Group Leadership and Trustees are volunteers and receive no payment other than the reimbursement of expenses.

We know that some young people would be unable to participate fully without some form of financial assistance, so we've produced this guidance on the cost of Scouting and the help that we can give..

The basics

- Money should not be a barrier to equal participation in the Scouting offered by the Group.
- Whenever necessary, payments may be made in instalments to spread costs, or can be subsidised by the 6FB Helping Hands fund.
- The identity of those who get financial assistance will be known by the fewest possible number of people.

Costs

Subs

Subs are termly contributions which are used to pay for the weekly programme (eg. activities, materials etc) and the annual Membership Fees to the Scout Association (covering insurance and other benefits).

You can pay subs in any way that suits you.

Camps & kit

Camping is a key part of Scouting, and all members of the Group are guaranteed at least one opportunity to attend a Nights Away experience each year.

We provide the tents and the cooking equipment (plus a lot more) but your young person will need clothing, boots, a rucsac and lots of other gear.

Uniform

There's a sweatshirt or shirt and trousers for each section, plus a belt for Scouts.

We provide the scarf and a woggle to hold it on.

If the cost of any of this is too much, please approach the Helping Hands Co-ordinator or the section's Helping Hands Team Member in confidence.

Main contact

Mel Loades (Helping Hands Co-ordinator)
077 34567 446 hhc@thescouthut.org.uk

Mel is one of our Trustees, and you can contact him at any time in complete confidence.

Helping Hands Leaders wear a "Helping Hands" badge on their shirts:



Beaver contacts

Helping Hands Team Member: Sylvia Snijders
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Section Team Leader: Tracey Barnett
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Cub contacts

Helping Hands Team Member: Jack Frangou
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Section Team Leader: Daniel Maynard
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Scout contacts

Helping Hands Team Member: Lorna Walkden
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Section Team Leader: Malcolm Rush
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Group Lead Volunteer

Andrew Rush
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Group Scout Leader

During the year we were delighted to welcome Mila Maric and Goursen Ibrahim to the Beaver and Cub teams respectively. More help is still needed in Cubs, though.

The commitment of several of the existing members of our team was recognised as the **Chief Scout's Commendation for Good Service** was awarded to Daniela, David F, Jack, Lorna, and Mel.

We've started to hear about the changes that are being planned by our national Headquarters to the way that volunteers are organised (among other things, we'll be "team members" rather than "leaders"), plus a revamp of our adult training (to be called "learning") and a new web-based adult database. Don't worry, we'll carry on using Online Scout Manager (OSM) for the young people.

Some of the other features of the year which haven't already been mentioned:

- Magda Clarkson from the Scout Troop was chosen to be one of the young people representing Scouting at the national Remembrance Sunday Parade in Whitehall
- All of the sections involved their young people in planning their programmes
- We ran our second "Living Advent Calendar" (although it was not well-supported so this will not be repeated)
- We took part in the East Barnet Remembrance Parade
- We promoted the Helping Hands initiative

Daniel has mentioned in the Cubs' Report that he will be stepping back at the end of 2024, and we thank him very much for all that he has done and continues to do with the Pack.

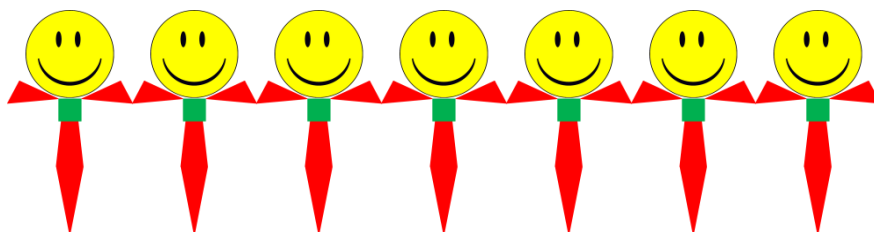
Now more than ever we need more people on the Cub team to help to provide the fun, challenge and adventure – and have some fun yourselves as well.

We want YOU to use your energy and creativity to help our Cubs to develop their potential and earn a wide range of badges and awards, including the prestigious Chief Scout's Silver Award.

Of course you won't have to do this alone – a team of supporters, parents and the young people themselves will help you to plan and deliver the programme.

Give young people the skills that they need to succeed in life and discover how being part of the Scouting team can be as rewarding for you as it is for them. Speak to one of us today!

Andrew Rush
Group Lead Volunteer



Financial activities and results

The accounts can be found at the end of this report.

It is a requirement of POR that funds not immediately required by the Group are transferred into a suitable investment vehicle permitted by POR.

The Group's policy has been to invest with The Scout Association Short Term Investment Service, Gilwell Park, Chingford, London E4 7QW and in bank deposit accounts through HSBC Bank PLC and Lloyds Bank PLC.

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 Group Trustee Board considers that the Group should hold a sum equivalent to 9 months' running costs, circa £3,000.

The Group held reserves of approximately £11,612 against this at year end. The increase was mainly due to the receipt of payments towards attending the Haarlem Jamborette.

The Group Trustee Board 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 Trustee Board considers the cash flow requirements.

Voluntary Help

Many volunteers give of their time and talents to support Scouting at the 6th Friern Barnet. We are greatly indebted to these volunteers for their commitment and support.

Declaration

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees:

Richard Charles
Group Chairman

Date: 19th September 2024

6th Friern Barnet Scout Group

Annual Accounts for the year to 31st March 2024

Notes to the Accounts 2023-2024

This year we recorded a deficit, but that is entirely down to the timing of income and expenditure for the Haarlem Jamborette camp – where we collected most of the income last year and spent most of the costs this year.

The underlying position remains very healthy and we continue to operate a recurrent position in balance, or at a slight surplus. Main items of expenditure are camps & activities, rent and the membership fees that we pay to the Scout Association.

There were a couple of notable changes this year:

- The Scout Deposit account was closed by the Scout Association. We decided to spread our funds between three accounts to increase our investment income. There is no short-term risk of this, and we continue to utilise our current account for day-to-day transactions.
- We transferred £75k from restricted funds to designated funds – recognising that these funds are no longer subject to third-party scrutiny. We will, of course, continue to utilise the funds to ensure that the group remains financially stable, whilst continuing to offer our scouts the opportunity to have some fantastic adventures.

The decrease in value of the general fund is of little concern because of our good management of expenditure.

Income

Subscriptions were up by 11% on the previous year, but there is natural variability in these numbers due to changing section numbers.

Income from camps reflects the number of camps that we do and this year, like the previous year, includes the Haarlem Jamborette income.

We would like to thank the Jack Petchey Foundation for the continued support to our Group – recognised by the contribution given.

Expenditure

Expenditure was £15,000 higher than the previous year – reflecting the cost of the Haarlem Jamborette.

Both the rental and membership fees remained broadly similar – which are the two main fixed expenditure items.

Cash Balances

We continue to have easy access to our cash and have a healthy balance, which although it has decreased by £10,000 in the year, reflects the expenditure for the Haarlem Jamborette.

David French FCCA MBA
Treasurer
26th July 2024

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees for the year ended 31st March 2024

Respective Responsibilities of Trustees Board and Examiner

The Group Trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts.

They consider that an audit is not required this year (under section 43(2) of the Charities Act 1993 (the 1993 Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts (under Section 43(3)(a) of the 1993 Act).
- to follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners (under section 43(7)(b) of the 1993 Act); and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of Independent Examiner's Report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners (under section 43(7)(b) of the 1993 Act). An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the Group and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts and seeking explanations from you as a trustee concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently I do not express an audit opinion on the view given by the accounts.

Independent Examiner's Statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

- which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements
 - to keep accounting records in accordance with Section 41 of the 1993 Act; and
 - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the 1993 Act have not been met, or
 - to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.



David Evans
1st August 2024

1. Income & Expenditure Account: Year Ending 31st March 2024

	2023/24			2022/23		
	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Income						
Subscriptions	8,563		8,563	7,713		7,713
Gift Aid	971		971	1,272		1,272
Camps	15,632		15,632	18,741		18,741
Fundraising & Donations	6,914		6,914	5,187		5,187
Jack Petchey Award	1,800		1,800	2,800		2,800
Clothing Sales	0		0	300		300
Investment Income	100		100	250		250
Activities	2,090		2,090	1,382		1,382
Other Income	700		700	705	200	905
Total Income	36,769	0	36,769	38,350	200	38,550
Expenditure						
Expenditure on Scouting Activities	2,658		2,658	3,286		3,286
Camps and Camp Activities	12,717		12,717	13,963		13,963
Equipment	813		813	565		565
Clothing Purchases	262		262	464		464
Rental of Hall	2,478		2,478	2,628		2,628
HQ Membership Fee	4,447		4,447	4,567		4,567
GoCardless Fees	643		643	707		707
Insurance			0	355		355
IT Support	72		72	86		86
Haarlem Expenditure	21,275		21,275	4,484		4,484
Badges	679		679	262		262
Training and Qualifications			0	0		0
Donation	500		500	0		0
Bank Charges			0	28		28
Other Expenditure	78		78	215		215
Total Expenditure	46,623	0	46,623	31,610	0	31,610
Surplus / (Loss)	(9,854)	0	(9,854)	6,740	200	6,940

2. Statement of Assets & Liabilities at 31st March 2023

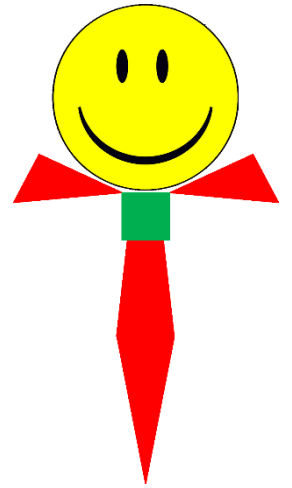
Accrued Income	0	0
Cash in hand & in Bank		
Lloyds Current Account	11,592	9,246
Lloyds 32-Day Account	15,100	0
Lloyds Fixed Term Deposit	50,000	0
HSBC Reserve Account	20	20
Scout Deposit Account	0	77,300
Total Closing Balances	76,712	86,566
Current Liabilities	0	0
Net Assets	76,712	86,566
Opening Funds	86,566	79,627
Movement in Funds	(9,854)	6,940
Closing Funds 31st March 2024	76,712	86,566

Analysis of Funds		
General Fund	1,712	5,210
Designated Funds	75,000	6,356
Restricted Funds	0	75,000
Total Funds	76,712	86,566

6TH FRIERN BARNET SCOUT GROUP

England & Wales - Charity number 1146211

Accounts



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6th Friern Barnet Scouts

**Annual Review
and Awards**

2023



The principal address of the charity for correspondence is c/o 27 Loring Road, London N20 0UJ.

Trustees

The trustees are deemed to be the members of the Group Executive for the time being.

Those who have served in this capacity during the last year are as follows:

<i>Trustee Name</i>	<i>Office (if any)</i>	<i>Dates acted if not for the whole year</i>
1: Richard Charles	Chairman	
2: Rekha Patel	Secretary	
3: David French	Treasurer	
4: Andrew Rush	Group Scout Leader	
5: Sylvia Snijders		
6: Melvin Loades		

Names and addresses of advisers:

Independent scrutineer: David Evans Pen-Y-Cae, 38 Galley Lane, Arkley, Hertfordshire EN5 4AJ

Structure, governance and management

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 (POR) 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 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 Committee consists of the Chairman, Treasurer and Secretary together with the Group Scout Leader, and up to 10 other members and meets every 2 months.

Of the 10 other members half are appointed by the Group Council and the other half are nominated by the Group Scout Leader and approved by the Group Council, both at the AGM.

The Executive Committee exists to support the Group Scout Leader in meeting the responsibilities of the appointment and is responsible for:

- The maintenance of Group property
- The development of the Group
- The training of leaders and administrators
- 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 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 a comprehensive insurance policy to ensure that insurable risks are covered.

Objectives and activities

The objectives of the Group are as a unit of the Scout Association.

The Aim of The Scout Association is to promote the development of young people in achieving their full physical, intellectual, social and spiritual potentials, as individuals, as responsible citizens and as members of their local national and international communities.

The method of achieving the Aim of the Association is by providing an enjoyable and attractive scheme of progressive training, based on the Scout Promise and Law and guided by adult leadership.

In the 6th Friern Barnet Scout Group our objectives are currently as follows:

- To make quality Scouting available to every young person in the catchment area of the Group, regardless of gender, race, ethnicity, religion or disability
- To offer the opportunity for young people aged 6 to 25 to progress through the Scout sections in a clearly identifiable way, either within the Group, or through formal arrangements with other Scout Groups and District and County led provisions
- To continually quality assure the quality of Scouting in the Scout Group
- To continuously recruit and retain adult leaders and helpers
- To maintain a quality programme of adult training and development
- To build strong teams of adults who will deliver the Group's objectives

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.

In planning our activities for the year we kept in mind the Charity Commission guidance on public benefit at our trustee meetings.

Membership of the Scout Association, and therefore of the Group, is open to all no matter what their background, faith, gender, or personal circumstances. Subscriptions payable to the Group are minimal and no young person would be prevented from joining if they were unable to pay this subscription.

Grants are available to assist all young people to fully participate in all activities.



Achievements and performance

For the first time in a couple of years, all of our meetings were face to face!

We started the summer term with a Group trip to a trampoline park. These events are always good fun and its lovely to see all the sections mixing and the older ones looking after the younger ones. The Beavers also joined the rest of the Group at May Camp in Gilwell for the day, and at October Camp for the campfire.

During the summer term we try to get out and about; we are lucky to be surrounded by lots of open spaces that are safe/secure. As always Frith Grange was the location for quite a few meetings - fire lighting, wall climbing, archery & water games. There is nothing quite like singing songs around a campfire on a summer's evening (and smelling like a campfire when you get home!)

In the Autumn term we were at Manor Drive for most of the meetings, apart from a walk (including chips!) and visiting a local house at Hallowe'en. The Beavers also held a coffee morning (in the evening) raising money for Macmillan Cancer Support and followed up the progress made on the toilet that was twinned last year. We ended the term with the return of our Group Christmas show, this year with a 'Trip to the Movies' theme. The Beavers spent a couple of meeting making a wonderful under the sea collage and on the night showed off their dance moves to 'Under the Sea' from The Little Mermaid.

During the spring term we made bird feeders and learnt about planet earth as well as celebrating the year of the rabbit.



Some other highlights of the year's programme included:

- Lots of games – outside and inside
- Mindfulness & wellbeing activities
- International activities
- Jubilee celebrations
- Dominoes & Bingo
- Visiting Barnet Fire Station
- Making key holders – a very noisy but productive evening!
- Disability awareness
- Emergency & first aid activities

The success of our Beaver Colony is all down to the teamwork, enthusiasm, and experience of a brilliant group of leaders - Tony, Sylvia, Samantha & Natasha. Their commitment, ideas and dedication mean activities are engaging, fun and adventurous for young people of all abilities and backgrounds. There is nothing more rewarding than a young person who goes from 'I can't do this' to 'Yes, I can do this' with the biggest smile.

Tracey Barnett

Beaver Scout Leader

Achievements and performance

The Cub Pack's year could be described by a single word: new. We have had a host of Cubs enter, leave and move up the 6th Friern Barnet Cub Group. Not only this, but the new Akela has had to step up to the challenge of filling the void left by the retirement of the former Section Leader, along with two assistant leaders also stepping down. With some greatly appreciated help from his invaluable colleagues, a parent rota was successfully set-up to provide enough adults for Cub activities, especially outdoor adventures. Furthermore, two Young Leaders joined the Cub section this year, one of whom, Blake Sydenham, successfully achieved the volunteering requirement for his Bronze Duke of Edinburgh's Award. Both have been of invaluable help during the term and have had a taste of the responsibilities it requires to be a leader of a Scout section.

In September 2022, with the passing of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II, the Cubs and leaders took a new promise to do their duty to the King, Charles III and are thus the first generation of Cubs at the 6th Friern Barnet to participate in this new epoch.

Emil Buyuk-Dogan, Samuel Obeney, Tegan Scott-Hall, and Tommy Lanigan were awarded the Chief Scout's Silver Award. Many congratulations to them for their tireless effort and achievement. In the Winter we held the first Kub Kar Grand Prix since 2019, the revival of a grand tradition going back to 2007. The ultimate winner was Tegan Scott-Hall. For events, the Cubs participated in the District Bowling Competition in the Autumn. At Christmas time, the Cubs participated in the 6th Friern Barnet Christmas Show and sang "You've Got a Friend in Me". They fielded a team in the District Quiz Night and District Chess Competition at Frith Grange. Many of our Cubs attended the Cubs' Badge Day in March hosted by the Hatters Explorer Scouts. The Cubs also participated in this year's St. George's Day parade in Finchley, which was attended by Scout Groups from all over the Borough with the Mayor of Barnet, our Member of Parliament and the Deputy Lord Lieutenant being in attendance.

Another first this year was the May Group Camp, where Akela and 12 adventurous Cubs joined the Scouts for two nights away at Well End Scout Camp in Borehamwood. This was the first camp that Akela had been to where he was in charge of the Cubs and created a splendid programme that they enjoyed during the weekend. Moreover, this was, for several of the Cubs, their first time camping or camping as Cubs so it was all rather new, but thanks to the hard work of the leaders everything went very smoothly. The Scouts were also given a greater sense of responsibility and team work because the Cubs and Scouts worked together in their patrols to cook breakfast and clean up afterwards; vital camping skills that both sections were able to put into action.

A Cub Pack could be said to only be as good as its programme. Some of the highlights from this year's was the aforementioned Kub Kars where the Cubs learned some DIY skills. As well as this there was: archery and climbing at Frith Grange; a visit to Barnet Fire Station; a visit to a Synagogue; pioneering; lighting campfires and cooking marshmallows; tent pitching; a road safety walk; a night hike in Hadley Wood; an inter-six cooking competition; a St. George's Day themed evening where the sixes acted out George slaying the Dragon; a nature hunt; and tag rugby. During the year, various Cubs have come to talk about their hobbies, collections and sports, which have included everything from football cards to making slime.

None of these achievements or activities at the Cubs this year would have been possible without the tireless effort and commitment of the leaders, Young Leaders, Active Support Unit and parents that bring the skills and enthusiasm needed to make a fun and successful Cub pack.

Daniel Maynard
Cub Scout Leader

Achievements and performance

Camping is a huge part of the Scout programme: it lets the Scouts develop their self-confidence, they build teamwork through the Patrol system, they learn new skills and they visit new places. During the year, our Scouts camped in tents, under bivouacs, and on a boat. As always, the highlight was summer camp, when 28 Scouts spent eight nights away at Drum Hill Scout campsite, in Derbyshire. The Scouts cooked on wood fires, went cycling on the Middleton Top trail, walked in Dovedale and had a day out at Alton Towers. There was even a camp within a camp, as some of the older Scouts went on a two-day hike and stayed the night at another Scout site called Spitewinter.

With an exciting trip to the Haarlem Jamborette in the Netherlands already booked for 2023, we started to raise money to offset the cost for parents. Fundraising included a great Bingo Night and Quiz Night organised by the Group, a Jarbola at Barnet Christmas Fayre, sponsorship for a leaders' team in the Southern 50 Challenge (a 50km hike through the Chilterns) and our "Swim to Haarlem", another sponsored event where the Scouts swam more than 361 lengths (the number of miles from Whetstone to Haarlem). We also supported charities in the community, with proceeds from the Christmas Show going to the Finchley branch of RSPCA, bag-packing at Waitrose in aid of the Noah's Ark Children's Hospice and washing cars at the Manor Drive Methodist Church Spring Splash to show them how grateful we are for their support.

Other highlights of this year's programme have included:

- The 6FB Group visit to the Jump In Trampoline Park
- Cycling round Rutland Water
- Archery and shooting at Frith Grange
- The annual inter-Patrol Cooking Contest
- Litter-picking along Pymmes Brook
- Scuba diving at Edmonton Pool
- Taking part in the District Night Adventure competition
- A visitor from the RNLI
- Pioneering – indoor and out
- A Trading Game evening, run by the Young Leaders
- Fashion Night
- Winning the Scout Team Race and the Overall Shield at the District Swimming Gala

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...and for Patrol Leaders, APLs and older Scouts:

- An overnight walk along the Thames embankment, finishing with breakfast at McDonalds by the Cutty Sark
- Working to improve the seating round the campfire at Frith Grange
- Cooking a meal for the Homeless Action in Barnet night shelter
- Helping the Herts and Middlesex Wildlife Trust on a work day at Fir & Pond Woods

Jack Petchey Special Achievement Awards were won by five of our Scouts (Teddy Mace, Dheer Shah, Nina Sydee, Ben Teale and Toby Vettiakal) and special congratulations go to Dheer, Ben, Ella Bhardwa and Frank Clark, who all gained the top award in the Scout section, the Chief Scout's Gold Award. All four of our teams in the Chiltern 20 hiking competition in October completed the challenge, with one team gaining third place in the 15km event.

We were pleased and proud that former 6FB Scout Freddie Thomas chose to be presented with his Queen's Scout Award at one of our Troop meetings, and Daniel Maynard (now our Cub leader) took part in the Queen's Scout Parade at Windsor Castle. In the year when Queen Elizabeth II died, we first celebrated her Platinum Jubilee and then later in the year Katharine Broderick (another Queen's Scout) was selected as one of 120 Scouts who assisted at the Lying In State.

We have an active and successful Scout Troop, thanks to a very special team of leaders. With help from Young Leaders and the Active Support Unit, they bring the skills and enthusiasm needed to run a busy programme and make sure that our young people's Scouting experience is adventurous, challenging and fun.

Malcolm



The Active Support Unit is an informal group of about a dozen parents/helpers/friends & past members who are happy to be contacted if some assistance is needed. Some have been involved in scouting for 40 years, for most this is their first time, all are welcome and each brings their own life experiences and skills. There is no minimum commitment, no pay either, you just have to be happy to be asked if you are available often at short notice if things change!

The leaders, themselves unpaid volunteers, rely on the generous support and time given by this network of like-minded people who see the value that Scouting brings to young people. They are very grateful for the support that that they get from the members of the Active Support Unit.



The knowledge that the leaders have this support network to call upon gives them the confidence to plan such a comprehensive and wide ranging programme of events and activities.

I would love to hear from you if you would be happy to help, from time to time.

Tim Smedley
Manager
Active Support Unit
tim@thescouthut.org.uk

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Helping Hands

Over the years the 6FB Trustees and the leaders have always supported those members who perhaps would not have been able to commit, or continue to commit to Scouting due to financial or other circumstances.

For many years, 6FB has had a Helping Hands policy that is there to provide financial support, but the Trustees had been frustrated that the take up was nil for many years.

A more structured policy has now been put in place, with section leaders and a dedicated Helping Hands leader in each section, to assist and support those with the greatest financial need.

As a result, we have already provided formal financial support for a few members; not as many as we would like, but it is a good start from a zero base.



6FB is one of the better funded Scout Groups, and it is only right that we make an extra effort to financially support those that would otherwise have to make the decision that they or their children can no longer take part in Scouting, or not even consider Scouting in the first place, because of financial constraints.

As part of this Report, we have included a simple page explanation of the financial support we can provide, and the people to contact to get that support.

If all of us, leaders, parents, young people, Active Support members and Trustees can raise awareness of this support, then we will no doubt help more people who perhaps really could do with a chance to gain the advantages that Scouting can provide.

Mel Loades
Helping Hands Coordinator

**We are
determined
that no-one
will miss out
on Scouting
because of
money.**

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Our Helping Hands for you

The 6th Friern Barnet aims to offer excellent value for money. All members of the Group Leadership and Trustees are volunteers and receive no payment other than the reimbursement of expenses.

We know that some young people would be unable to participate fully without some form of financial assistance, so we've produced this guidance on the cost of Scouting and the help that we can give..

The basics

- Money should not be a barrier to equal participation in the Scouting offered by the Group.
- Whenever necessary, payments may be made in instalments to spread costs, or can be subsidised by the 6FB Helping Hands fund.
- The identity of those who get financial assistance will be known by the fewest possible number of people.

Costs

Subs

Subs are termly contributions which are used to pay for the weekly programme (eg. activities, materials etc) and the annual Membership Fees to the Scout Association (covering insurance and other benefits).

You can pay subs in any way that suits you.

Camps & kit

Camping is a key part of Scouting, and all members of the Group are guaranteed at least one opportunity to attend a Nights Away experience each year.

We provide the tents and the cooking equipment (plus a lot more) but your young person will need clothing, boots, a rucksack and lots of other gear.

Uniform

There's a sweatshirt or shirt and trousers for each section, plus a belt for Scouts.

We provide the scarf and a woggle to hold it on.

If the cost of any of this is too much, please approach the Helping Hands Co-ordinator or the section's Helping Hands Leader in confidence.

Main contact

Mel Loades (Helping Hands Co-ordinator)
077 34567 446 mel@thescouthut.org.uk

Mel is one of our Trustees, and you can contact him at any time in complete confidence.

Helping Hands Leaders wear a "Helping Hands" badge on their shirts:



Beaver contacts

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Section Leader: Daniel Maynard
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Scout contacts

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Section Leader: Malcolm Rush
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Group Scout Leader

Andrew Rush
07932 792421 gsl@thescouthut.org.uk

Group Scout Leader

2022 was a momentous one for the country, with the Queen's Platinum Jubilee sadly soon followed by her funeral. Our young people may not yet realise how extraordinary are the events through which they have just lived.

During the year Maria Scott-Hall stepped down as Akela to the Cubs and Daniel Maynard, already known to many of the Cubs, took over in September.

Beavers and Scouts continued with their established teams led by Tracey and Malcolm, with the welcome addition of Natasha Esposito to the Beavers. More help is still needed in Cubs, though.

The commitment of several of the existing members of our team was recognized as **Long Service Awards** were made to Andy (30 years), Gavin (15 years), David F and Tony (both 5 years).

Some of the other highlights of the year which haven't already been mentioned:

- All of the sections involved their young people in planning their programmes
- We raised money not only for the Scouts' trip to the Haarlem Jamborette but also for Noah's Ark Children's Hospice, Macmillan and the local RSPCA branch
- We ran our first "Living Advent Calendar", a Bingo Night and a Quiz
- Malcolm renovated the trek cart, bringing it back to its former glory, and lit the District beacon at Frith Grange as part of the national chain of beacons for the Platinum Jubilee
- Tim and Andy took Cubs and Scouts to Trooping The Colour, with a special Jubilee flypast by the RAF
- We took part in the East Barnet Remembrance Parade
- We promoted the Helping Hands initiative

If you look at our social media and can keep up, you'll see that our young people have learned an incredible range of skills for life, from archery to British Sign Language to potato peeling. Where else can they do so much, while having fun?

As I said above, we need more people on the Cub team to help to provide the fun, challenge and adventure – and have some fun yourselves as well.

We want YOU to use your energy and creativity to help our Cubs to develop their potential and earn a wide range of badges and awards, including the prestigious Chief Scout's Silver Award.

Of course you won't have to do this alone – a team of supporters, parents and the young people themselves will help you to plan and deliver the programme.

Give young people the skills they need to succeed in life and discover how being part of the Scouting family can be as rewarding for you as it is for them. Speak to one of the team today!

Andrew Rush

Group Scout Leader

Financial activities and results

The accounts can be found at the end of this report.

It is a requirement of POR that funds not immediately required by the Group are transferred into a suitable investment vehicle permitted by POR.

The Group's policy has been to invest with The Scout Association Short Term Investment Service, Gilwell Park, Chingford, London E4 7QW and in bank deposit accounts through Lloyds Bank PLC.

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 Group Executive Committee considers that the Group should hold a sum equivalent to 9 months running costs, circa £3,000.

The Group held reserves of approximately £9,266 against this at year end. The increase was mainly due to the receipt of payments towards attending the Haarlem Jamborette.

The Group Executive 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.

Voluntary Help

Many volunteers give of their time and talents to support Scouting at the 6th Friern Barnet. We are greatly indebted to these volunteers for their commitment and support.

Declaration

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees:

Richard Charles

Group Chairman

Date: 14th September 2023

1. Income & Expenditure Account: Year ending 31st March 2023

	2022/23			2021/22		
	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total funds	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total funds
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Income						
Subscriptions	7,713		7,713	6,324		6,324
Gift Aid	1,272		1,272	4,253		4,253
Camps	13,241		13,241	5,920		5,920
Haarlem Payments	5,500		5,500	0		0
Fundraising & Donations	5,187		5,187	1,852		1,852
Jack Petchey Award	2,800		2,800	1,750		1,750
Clothing Sales	300		300	453		453
Investment Income	250		250	150		150
Activities	1,382		1,382	45		45
Other Income	705	200	905	0		0
Total Income	38,350	200	38,550	20,747	0	20,747

	£	£	£		£	£	£
Expenditure							
Expenditure on Scouting Activities	3,286		3,286		4,442		4,442
Camps and Camp Activities	13,963		13,963		6,729		6,729
Equipment	565		565		0		0
Clothing Purchases	464		464		1,085		1,085
Rental of Hall	2,628		2,628		1,652		1,652
HQ Membership Fee	4,567		4,567		4,169		4,169
GoCardless Fees	707		707		360		360
Insurance	355		355		296		296
IT Support	86		86		80		80
Haarlem Expenditure	4,484		4,484		0		0
Badges	262		262		500		500
Training and Qualifications			0		100		100
Donation to Manor Drive	0		0		500		500
Bank Charges	28		28		18		18
Easter Eggs	0		0		310		310
Calendars	0		0		670		670
Other Expenditure	215		215		50		50
Total Expenditure	31,610	0	31,610		20,962	0	20,962
Surplus / (Loss)	6,740	200	6,940		(215)	0	(215)

2. Statement of Assets & Liabilities at 31st March 2023

Accrued Income	0	0
Cash in hand & in Bank		
Lloyds Current Account	9,246	7,989
HSBC Reserve Account	20	20
Scout Deposit Account	77,300	76,163
Total Closing Balances	86,566	84,172
Current Liabilities	0	(4,545)
Net Assets	86,566	79,627
Opening Funds	79,627	79,842
Movement in Funds	6,940	(215)
Closing Funds 31st March 2023	86,566	79,627

Analysis of Funds

General Fund	5,210	4,627
Designated Funds	6,356	0
Restricted Funds	75,000	75,000
Total Funds	86,566	79,627

Notes to the Accounts 2022 - 2023

These accounts have been prepared on the accruals basis.

Income has been recorded gross. Charges relating to the processing of income through MyScout (via GoCardless) have been separately recorded as expenditure.

GoCardless fees relate to the costs of transacting through MyScout.

Equipment purchased has been included in these accounts, rather than depreciate them over a number of years. Total equipment held by the Group is estimated at £30,000.

Safety training relates to courses for leaders, which supports young people.

Notes to the Accounts 2022 - 2023

Accounting policies –the Executive Committee agreed that a minimum of £5,000 would be maintained in current funds. The accounting treatment of new capital equipment is to be decided. Equipment purchased in the year has been charged in full against the income and expenditure account for the year.

Insurance - Existing equipment has been built up over many years with an estimated value of £30,000. This is being incorporated in future insurance cover.

These accounts have been the subject to an independent examiner review by Mr David Evans of Pen-Y-Cae, 38 Galley Lane, Arkley, Hertfordshire, EN5 4AJ.

These accounts were presented to the Group Executive for agreement on 14th September 2023 and at the AGM on 16th September 2023.

This year we reported a healthy surplus of £6.9k – which was in part due to the fundraising efforts for the Haarlem Jamborette in the build up to the event. We have recorded the surplus on Haarlem as “designated funds”.

The general fund remains healthy, rising by £600 to £5.2k. This is the primary fund we use to carry out our normal activities.

Our restricted fund remains at £75k and we utilise this money to support each of our sections throughout the year.

Overall therefore, our finances remain solid – enabling us to continue to carry out our wide range of activities and the Trustees remain committed to this ongoing and long-term support.

One main change this year was the creation of a new bank account with Lloyds, which has enabled us to transact more speedily and securely.

In terms of overall income, it rose significantly, which is not surprising given the previous year was during the post Covid-19 timeframe. Subs income has increased, as has our camp income, as we were able to run a full range of camps in the financial year for the first time since 2019.

We once again received good support from Jack Petchey thanks to great submissions by Malcolm Rush. Seven awards were received – six for Scouts and one for Kirsty, a leader.

It is unsurprising that expenditure also rose significantly – especially on camps. During the year, we able to run three camps for the first time since the pandemic. The main summer camp to Drum Hill was the first trip to a camp site since 2019, having been a greenfield camp in St Albans the year before. These summer camps comprise the bulk of camp expenditure and Drum Hill included a range of activities in and around the Peak District.

Fundraising was healthy again and came from a range of activities including Bingo, bag packing, Barnet Fayre, Quiz Night and our annual Christmas show. We also fundraise for other charities and this year the young people voted to support both Noah's Ark Childrens Hospice and the local RSPCA.

We are committed to supporting young people through the Helping Hands initiative, ensuring that none of our young people is denied the opportunity to fully take part in our programme of activities and we have funds designated for that purpose.

In conclusion, the annual finances have reverted to pre-pandemic levels and include our Haarlem income and expenditure, which operates on a four-year cycle. Finances remain strong, enabling the group to provide a wide variety of opportunity to a lot of young people.

Finally, Gift Aid is an important source of additional income to the Group and we'd like to encourage as many parents as possible to sign the relevant section on OSM to enable us to claim gift aid on subscriptions.

David French FCCA MBA
Treasurer
31st August 2023

1. Introduction and welcome
2. Apologies for absence
3. To approve the minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on Monday 17th October 2022 (postponed due to the death of HM Queen Elizabeth II)
4. Governance topics
 - a. Adopt the model constitution from Policy, Organisation and Rules
 - b. Note the Group's financial year (1st April – 31st March)
 - c. Agree the number of members that may be elected to the Trustee Board
 - d. Agree the quorum for each of the Group Scout Council (including this AGM), meetings of the Group Trustee Board, meetings of any sub-committees
5. Review of the previous year
 - a. The Group Scout Leader's review of Scouting in 6th Friern Barnet Scout Group
 - b. To receive and consider the Annual Report of the Group Trustee Board including the annual Statement of the Accounts
6. Making appointments
 - a. To note any other supporters who may be admitted to membership of the Group Scout Council, including former Scouts and parents, by the Group Scout Leader, the Group Trustee Board or the Group Scout Council.
 - b. To approve the Group Scout Leader's nomination of the Group Chair
 - c. Election of the Group Secretary
 - d. Election of the Group Treasurer
 - e. Elections of members to the Group Trustee Board
 - f. To approve the Group Scout Leader's nominations to the Group Trustee Board
 - g. To appoint the Scrutineer
7. Close

After the meeting Leaders and Members of the Group Trustee Board will be available to talk to and to answer questions.