

103RD READING (OXFORD ROAD) SCOUT GROUP

England & Wales · Charity number 1152394

Details

Other names 103rd Oxford Road Scout Group, OXFORD ROAD SCOUT GROUP

Status Registered

Legal form Other

Registered 2013-06-12

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 POTENTIAL; AS INDIVIDUALS, AS RESPONSIBLE CITIZENS AND AS MEMBERS OF THEIR LOCAL, NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITIES.

Activities: The purpose of Scouting is to contribute to 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.

Classification

- **How:** Provides Human Resources, Provides Buildings/facilities/open Space, Provides Services
- **What:** General Charitable Purposes, Education/training, The Advancement Of Health Or Saving Of Lives, Recreation
- **Who:** Children/young People

Geography

- Reading

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-03-31	£34,558	£33,138	-	-
2024-03-31	£36,375	£36,162	-	-
2023-03-31	£21,078	£17,697	-	-
2022-03-31	£106,090	£114,592	-	-
2021-03-31	£57,492	£70,100	-	-

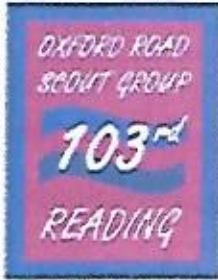
Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Philip John Addington	Chair	2026-04-16
Christopher Michael Jones		2026-04-22
Dianna Steele		2026-04-22
John William Priestner Stout		2024-11-07
Kristen McCabe		2026-04-14
MR NICK CHURCH		2013-06-06
Marianna Amelia Giovino		2026-05-02
Mellissa Sue-Ann Cooper		2018-06-10
Mohamed Jazeel Mohamed Fazy		2026-05-04
Robert Charles Spokes		2024-11-07
Simon Anthony Baxendale		2026-04-22

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Oxford Road Scout Group
Trustee Annual Report and Accounts
Year Ended 31st March 2025

Oxford Road Scout Group

Trustees Annual Report

From 1st April 2024 to 31st March 2025

Reference and Administration details:

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The principal address is former H and P Bowls Club, Kensington Road, Reading RG 30 2SZ. The correspondence address is 16, Queen Annes Gate, Caversham, Reading RG4 5DU.

Trustees:

Luke Trimby	Group Lead Volunteer
Nick Church	Vice Chairman
John Stout	Treasurer
Simon Baxendale	
Mellissa Cooper	
Chris Jones	
Oisin Lynch	
Robert Spokes	
Dianna Steele	

Professional Adviser:

Legal Matters: Bill Montague Dextor Montague LLP 105 Oxford Road Reading RG1 7UD

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Reduced income from fund raising. The Group is primarily reliant upon income from subscriptions and fund raising for both day-to-day activities and the new building. The Group does not currently hold reserves to cover this. A recovery plan to improve the financial position of the Group has been successfully completed. This involved raising subscriptions, reviewing expenditure and managing finances more closely. Expenditure is constantly monitored.

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The Group has in place systems of internal control that are designed to provide reasonable assurance against material mismanagement or loss.

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- make and live by their promises

The main activities in relation to these objects will be found in the section reports attached.

The Group meets the Charity Commissioners public benefit criteria under both the advancement of education and the advancement of citizenship or community development headings.

Achievements and performance

During the year the various sections undertook a wide range of activities and camps. Activities have included kayaking, climbing, bowling, radio building and a reptile evening. Full details will be found in the Section Reports attached.

Financial Review

The accounts have been prepared in accordance with the Charity Acts for small organisations and are attached.

The Group's finances are in a satisfactory position and the Group remains viable despite a dip in numbers. A Budget for 2025/26 has been prepared along with a Cash Flow Forecast. Both show a satisfactory position.

The Group is building provisions to cover items such as a Hardship Fund and Tent and Equipment Replacement Fund.

The Group continues to raise funds for the new building. Progress over the year has included final blockwork, installation of drainage and guttering and scabbling the floor. The doors and windows ordered and delivered during the year are to be installed over the coming summer.

As the Group's income and expenditure is quite small, all funds are held in cash or on short term deposit with a mainstream bank to minimise any risk of loss.

Declaration

The Trustees declare that they have approved the Trustees Report above:

Signatures: 

Names: Luke Trimby

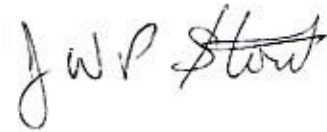
Position: Group Lead Volunteer

Date: 9th September 2025

John Stout

Treasurer



9th September 2025



Oxford Road Scout Group Charity No 1152394
Receipts and Payments Account
For the year 1st April 2024 to 31st March 2025
Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the year

	<u>31 03 2025</u>		<u>31 03 2024</u>	
	<u>Unrestricted</u>	<u>Restricted</u>	<u>Total Funds</u>	<u>Total funds</u>
	<u>Funds</u>	<u>Funds</u>	<u>£</u>	<u>£</u>
Cash funds	£	£	£	£
Bank current account - Scouts	806	0	806	1139
Bank current Account - Explorers	0	0	0	1889
Bank Deposit Account- Scouts	4,010	0	4,010	0
Bank Deposit Account_Bldg	0	8,000	8,000	8371
Cash Floats	130	0	130	130
Total cash funds	<u>4,946</u>	<u>8,000</u>	<u>12,946</u>	<u>11529</u>
 Other monetary assets				
Badges Account	61	0	61	0
Gift Aid Claim	5,524	0	5524	2975
Debtors	2,184	0	2184	0
Haarlem	0	0	0	273
Prepayments	112	0	112	277
	<u>7,881</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>7,820</u>	<u>3525</u>
 Liabilities				
Accounts not yet paid	0	0	0	-126
Expenses incurred not yet invoiced	448	0	448	-268
Other - Deposit held	300	0	300	-62
	<u>748</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>748</u>	<u>-456</u>
Total Net Assets	<u>13,575</u>	<u>£8,000</u>	<u>£21,514</u>	<u>£14,598</u>

The above Receipts and Payments Account and Statement of Assets and Liabilities were approved by the Trustees on 9th September 2025 and signed on their behalf by

 L Trimby
 J Stout
GLV
Treasurer

Oxford Road Scout Group Charity No 1152394

Receipts and Payments Account

For the year 1st April 2024 to 31st March 2025

	<u>31 03 2025</u>		<u>31 03 2024</u>	
	<u>Unrestricted</u>	<u>Restricted</u>	<u>Total Funds</u>	<u>Total Funds</u>
	<u>Funds</u>	<u>Funds</u>	<u>Total Funds</u>	<u>Total Funds</u>
	<u>£</u>	<u>£</u>	<u>£</u>	<u>£</u>
Receipts:				
Membership subscriptions	7,889	0	7,889	7,092
Gift Aid	983	0	983	1,685
Donations	1,319	4,000	5,319	15,382
Haarlem	192	0	192	8,387
Activities	1,911	0	1,911	2,474
Camps	3,930	0	3,930	1,140
Grants	500	0	500	0
	<hr/> 16,724	<hr/> 4,000	<hr/> 20,724	<hr/> 36,160
Fundraising events				
Cyclocross	633	0	633	0
Craft day BBQ	445	0	445	0
Half Marathon	320	0	320	0
AGM and funday	243	0	243	0
Misc	16	0	16	0
	<hr/> 1,657	<hr/> 0	<hr/> 1,657	<hr/> 0
Hall income				
Hire of Building	11,897	0	11,897	150
	<hr/> 11,897	<hr/> 0	<hr/> 11,897	<hr/> 150
Finance				
Bank interest	206	74	280	65
	<hr/> 30,484	<hr/> 4,074	<hr/> 34,558	<hr/> 36,375
Total Receipts				
Payments:				
Membership Fees	4,589	0	4,589	4,617
Electricity	1,457	0	1,457	-1,776
Insurance	679	0	679	1,088
Water	721	0	721	221
Repairs	1,167	0	1,167	216
Rates	106	0	106	109
Bank Charges	197	0	197	214
Leaders Expenses	1,783	0	1,783	2,173
Badges	507	0	507	513
Haarlem	0	0	0	12,942
Activities	2,137	0	2,137	2,324
Camps	3,119	0	3,119	1,861
Building Costs	0	16,169	16,169	11,270
Fund Raising expenses	285	0	285	0
Other	222	0	222	390
Total Gross Expenditure	<hr/> 16,969	<hr/> 16,169	<hr/> 33,138	<hr/> 36,162
Net of receipts (payments)	<hr/> 13,515	<hr/> -12,095	<hr/> 1,420	<hr/> 213
Transfers between Funds	-11724	11724	0	0
Cash funds last year	3155	8371	11526	11316
Closing cash funds	<hr/> £4,946	<hr/> £8,000	<hr/> £12,946	<hr/> £11,529

Oxford Road Scout Group Charity No 1152394
Receipts and Payments Account
For the year 1st April 2024 to 31st March 2025
Notes to the Accounts

	<u>2025</u>	<u>2024</u>
	<u>£</u>	<u>£</u>
1 Provisions:		
Tent provision	348	0
Explorers	1952	0
Grants	277	0
	<u>2577</u>	<u>0</u>

The above provisions are held within the Deposit Account

Oxford Road Scout Group
Building Account (Restricted Funds)
for the year ended 31st March 2025

		<u>2025</u>		<u>2024</u>
	Notes	£	£	£
<u>Receipts</u>				
	1,4			
Donations		4,000		13,282
From Scout account		<u>11,724</u>		<u>4,084</u>
			15,724	17,366
Interest			74	65
Total Receipts			<u>15,798</u>	<u>17,431</u>
 <u>Payments</u>				
Payments for work done:				
Doors and windows		8,640		0
Scabbling		3,000		0
Blockwork		2,700		0
Scaffolding		1,500		0
Misc		329		0
Concrete pumping		0		4,661
Drains		0		4,210
Guttering		<u>0</u>		<u>2,399</u>
			16,169	11,270
Surplus			-371	6,161
Opening Cash 1st April 2024			8371	2210
Closing Cash 31st March 2025			<u>£8,000</u>	<u>£8,371</u>

Notes:

	<u>2025</u>	<u>2024</u>
1. Loan from Reading District Trustee Board	<u>£25,000</u>	<u>£25,000</u>

The loan is interest free and repayable when the building is complete-
 At a meeting held on 21st May 2025 the District Trustee Board resolved
 to fully write off the loan.

	<u>2025</u>	<u>2024</u>
2. Building costs		
Costs to 31st March 2025	<u>£141,595</u>	<u>£125,496</u>

It is estimated that a further £100,000 is required to complete the building.

3. Capital Commitments

Expenditure agreed but not in progress on 31st March 2025 was £3,500 (2024£nil).

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Scout Council

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of Oxford Road Scout Group for the year ended 31st March 2025

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees of the 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 Oxford Road 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 Oxford Road Scout Group as required by section 130 of the Act;
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: Fiona McKenzie

Qualification: FCA

ICAEW membership No: 7412320

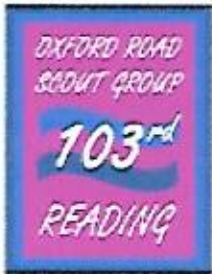
Address: 4 St Annes Road, Headington, Oxford, OX3 8NL

Date: 11 September 2025

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Oxford Road Scout Group
Annual Trustee Report and Accounts
Year Ended 31st March 2024

**Oxford Road Scout Group
Trustees Annual Report**

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Keith Simpson	Treasurer (Resigned 31/08/2023)
John Stout	Treasurer (Appointed 1/09/2023)
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Achievements and performance

During the year the Jamborette, in Haarlem was attended by Explorers and Scouts. Work on the new building also advanced with work on the guttering and drainage being completed.

Financial Review

The accounts prepared in accordance with the Charity Acts for small organisations are attached.

The Group's finances are showing signs of recovery following the effects of Covid 19. A review has been undertaken of major expenditures and steps taken to minimise them. Work has also been undertaken to minimise non-payment of subscriptions and promptly claim Gift Aid. All of these are crucial for the group's future.

A Budget for 2024/25 has been prepared along with a cash flow forecast. However, a review of these documents by the Trustee Board indicated that the Group will need to raise subscriptions during the forthcoming year to remain viable and rebuild reserves. A motion to approve a 20% increase in subs from £120 to £144 per annum will be put forward at the AGM.

On a more positive note, due to the generosity of a number of benefactors the Group has been able to recommence work on the new headquarters. The aim is to have the building watertight during the Autumn with both windows and doors fitted.

Currently the Group does not have sufficient reserves to hold any contingency reserves hence the need for a subscription increase.

As the Group's income and expenditure is quite small, all funds are held in cash or on short term deposit with a mainstream bank to minimise any risk of loss.

Declaration

The Trustees declare that they have approved the Trustees Report above:

Signatures: *CTR*

Names: *LUKE TRIMBY*

Position: *GSL*

Date: *3/7/24*

JWP Stout

JOHN STOUT

Treasurer

3/7/24

Oxford Road Scout Group Charity No 1152394
Receipts and Payments Account
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	<u>Funds</u>	<u>Funds</u>	<u>£</u>	<u>£</u>
Cash funds	£	£	£	£
Bank current account - Scouts	1,139	0	1,139	3129
Bank current Account - Explorers	1,889	0	1,889	5727
Bank Deposit Account	0	8,371	8,371	2210
Cash floats	130	0	130	250
Total cash funds	<u>3,158</u>	<u>8,371</u>	<u>11,529</u>	<u>11316</u>
Other monetary assets				
Gift Aid Claim	2,975	0	2,975	0
Haarlem	273	0	273	0
Prepayments	277	0	277	0
	<u>3,525</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>3,525</u>	<u>0</u>
Liabilities				
Accounts not yet paid	-126	0	-126	0
Expenses incurred not yet invoiced	-268	0	-268	0
Other - Refunds	-62	0	-62	0
	<u>-456</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>-456</u>	<u>0</u>
Total Net Assets	<u>6,227</u>	<u>£8,371</u>	<u>£14,598</u>	<u>£11,316</u>

The above receipts and payments account and statement of assets and liabilities were approved by the Trustees on 3rd July 2024 and signed on their behalf by

L Trimby
JWP Stout

L Trimby
 J Stout

GSL
 Treasurer

Oxford Road Scout Group Charity No 1152394

Receipts and Payments Account

For the year 1st April 2023 to 31st March 2024

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	<u>Funds</u>	<u>Funds</u>	<u>Funds</u>	<u>Funds</u>
	£	£	£	£
Receipts:				
Membership subscriptions	7,092	0	7,092	3,001
Gift Aid	1,685	0	1,685	0
Donations	2,100	13,282	15,382	0
Haarlem	8,387	0	8,387	3,475
Activities	2,474	0	2,474	0
Camps	1,140	0	1,140	2,346
Other	0	0	0	5,527
	22,878	13,282	36,160	14,349
Fundraising events				
Football	0	0	0	583
	0	0	0	583
Hall income				
Hire of Building	150	0	150	225
	150	0	150	225
Financ				
Bank interest	0	65	65	0
	0	65	65	0
Total Receipts	23,028	13,347	36,375	15,157
Payments:				
Membership Fees	4,617	0	4,617	4,342
Electricity	-1,776	0	-1,776	2,689
Insurance	1,088	0	1,088	0
Water	221	0	221	0
Repairs	216	0	216	0
Rates	109	0	109	178
Bank Charges	214	0	214	0
Leaders Expenses	2,173	0	2,173	1,256
Badges	513	0	513	300
Haarlem	12,942	0	12,942	0
Activities	2,324	0	2,324	0
Camps	1,861	0	1,861	1,933
Building Costs	0	11,270	11,270	0
Other	390	0	390	1,079
Total Gross Expenditure	24,892	11,270	36,162	11,776
Net of receipts (payments)	-1,864	2,077	213	3,381
Transfers between Funds	-4084	4084	0	0
Cash funds last year	9106	2210	11316	7935
Closing cash funds	£3,158	£8,371	£11,529	£11,316

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Oxford Road Scout Council

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of Oxford Road Scout Group for the year ended 31st March 2024

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees of the 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 Oxford Road 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 Oxford Road Scout Group as required by section 130 of the Act;
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: F Mackenzie FCA

Name: Fiona McKenzie

Qualification: FCA

ICAEW membership No: 7412320

Address: 4 St Annes Road, Headington, Oxford, OX3 8NL

Date: 26 June 2024

103RD READING (OXFORD ROAD) SCOUT GROUP

England & Wales - Charity number 1152394

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**103rd Oxford Road Scout Group
Annual General meeting Minutes
Saturday 17th September 2022**

Attendees:

Simon Baxendale (Explorer Leader Battle)	Simon Kennedy (Cub Leader)
Roger Fleming (Chair) Executive	Clive Orr (District secretary)
Lauren Forrest (Secretary) Executive	Robert Spokes (Scout Leader) Executive
Chris Jones (Cub Leader) Executive	Diana Steele (Assistant Explorer Leader Battle)

Apologies:

Nick Church (Vice Chair) Executive	Keith Simpson (Treasurer) Executive
Melissa Cooper (Cuc Leader) Executive	Luke Trimby (Group Scout Leader) Executive
Tony Phillips (District commissioner)	

Roger Fleming welcomed all to the group's 13th A.G.M and started the meeting with a minute silence for the late Queen Elizabeth II.

Roger stated that he would try to keep to the agenda as much as possible and welcomed Clive Orr, the district secretary.

The minutes from the last A.G.M dated 2nd November 2021 were approved with no ammendments and accepted. Proposed by K.S and seconded by C.J

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Chair's Report

I am delighted to report that we are at last back to near normal Scouting activities at the 103rd. All sections are back to regular face to face meetings after almost 2 years of Covid restrictions, and they are developing excellent programmes and challenging activities.

Our Beavers, Cubs and Scout sections are all thriving and expanding, and our Explorer Unit is the fastest growing Unit in the District. All this is only made possible by the hard work and dedication of our GSL Luke Trimby, and all our Section leaders, assistants and supporters. I should like to thank them all for their continued hard work, enthusiasm and commitment to our young people.

As most of you are aware, the new headquarter building is not progressing as well as expected. We were disappointed not to receive a National lottery grant application, after being shortlisted. Despite this setback Bob Spokes is continuing with fundraising applications and appeals for materials and donations. Again, many thanks to Bob for his tremendous efforts on our behalf.

I should also like thank our Executive team for their continued support of the group management, and in particular, our new secretary, Lauren, for all her hard work behind the scenes dealing with our group administration and Keith for his work as treasurer and keeping our finances in order.

Section Leader's Reports

Scouts

The last year was the first full year of programme since the onset of COVID 19, we have seen a number of changes and currently have 20 Scouts, average 27 for most of the year this is mainly due to the numbers that have moved On to Explorers and/or reached the age of 14.

Events during the year were

1. The Scouts helped Hilary organise a silent disco for the Scouts and Cubs – and even made a small profit

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2. Monopoly Run we had 3 Scout teams, with one team getting the fourth highest score out 563 teams. Everyone including the parents who supported the Scouts had a very enjoyable and very tiring day.
3. The Scouts helped man the water station twice during the year (due to COVID) and we have received some very good reports relating to the vocal support the youngsters gave the runners.
4. The Scouts manned a Jamboree on the air/internet contacting Scouts from many countries from around the world either by radio or internet. Thanks to Reading Amateur Radio Club who also gave the youngsters the opportunity to make a radio from kits.
5. The programme involved splitting the Troop into two to comply with COVID with alternate nights for each group - one in the hut and the other either in the park or elsewhere - items included chip shop survey, local knowledge hike etc,

Badges

During the year the Scouts have been very active with over 90 badges awarded, the highlights as follows

1. Emergency Aid level 3 - over 4 evening 20 Scouts passed this level
2. Expedition Challenge Hike - 14 Scouts undertook this as the final part of their Scouts Gold Award - the Scouts had to train for the hike, organise the route, book the camp sites, source the equipment they needed, sorted the food and carry all the equipment with no leader input other than checking that they reached the campsite.

Camping

We held a joint Scout and Explorer camp at Bears Rails site in Windsor Great Park - we had 21 youngsters plus 6 leaders. This was the first standing Scout camp many of the youngster had been on, cooking a number of meals on open wood fires.

Activities included rafting, kata kanus, pioneering, camp skills, shooting and archery.

Thanks to the Leader team for all their hard work over what was a trying year

Battle Pack Cubs

Another year passes and another AGM comes our way, which to be fair, after Covid, it is great to finally see people face to face. Especially through Scouting.

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I would firstly like to say a huge thank you to the support I have had since we returned to face to face meetings, both from other leaders from within the group, in particular Shane and Simon, also to some of our parents who have given their time to keep Battle pack running, as sadly Jen stepped down as my co leader due to work commitments. I would like to extend a huge thank you to her for the various activities she helped me with as well as leading the way with our Dinosnores trip in 2019. Not to forget the amazing help and support I have recently received from Dianna and Ade for their recent ongoing support with giving our pack the opportunity to show off their archery skills also with our up-and-coming weekend camp in Abingdon where the cubs will take part in some camp oven cooking, archery, rifle shooting and for some, it will be their first time under canvas.

Number wise we have stayed at a steady 11 cubs throughout and we have covered a range of different badges throughout ranging from Nature, through to Scoutcraft, Home Safety and we have also had the opportunity to present our first Equestrian badge, however due to various difficulties with my work commitments infringing on my scouting admin, it has been a challenge so I may have missed listing some of the other badgework the cubs have worked hard to achieve.

As we have some new faces coming through the group, I am looking forward to our pack growing and if (ahem subtle cough :D) any parents wish to come on board in any capacity with leadership whether occasionally or regularly, please let us know.

Group Scout Leader's Report

Welcome to our 13th AGM, and I would like to send my Apologies for not being at this one, and it's a Pleasure to report on what has been going on within the group and its great that we can meet face to face for this AGM of the 103rd Reading Scout Group.

Firstly, I would like to thank all the Leaders for Giving up their time to Volunteer for the 103rd Scout group, were all the children are having loads of fun with camps and activity's inside and outside the Hut with beginnings of a real buzz within the Group. Over the last few years there has been ups and downs within the group with Numbers Our Numbers have generally gone up and down across the group. Now the Numbers have started to rise within the

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group and sections have started to fill up, but we still have room for cubs, scouts and Explore's.

We have had a mixed year.

There have been some low points and some high points but thankfully, most of it has been a positive one and the children are having fun within then group, which proves a great indicator of the hard work and effort of all the section leaders put into providing quality engaging programmes. As a result, it is also great to see so many kids trying to achieving the top awards in their sections. This can be seen in the section reports.

With regards to leaders - all have formally agreed to continue to provide support to their relevant sections.

Beavers Big Cats are led by Liam with help from Sam, Cheryl, Lauren, and Shane.

Battle Cubs are Led by Chris, and a Parent Rota

Centurion Cubs Led by Mellissa and Simon K And Julie Perez

Scouts are managed by Bob and Racheal and a Parent Rota

Simon Baxandell, Adrian and Dinna steel that help run the Explores section.

This year Another great success is the achievements of the Youngsters in their Scouting Activates - this year we have awarded a number of Badges which will be keeping the children engaged you can see this in the reports that have been provided. We All know that none of these activities do not happen without the great support and dedication of the leader team.

I would also like to Thank Hillary , Cathey from scouts and Jenny from battle Cubs for the time they have given to the Group and will be sad to see them move on we no family and work is important so would like to thank them for what they have done for the group.

On your behalf and on behalf of all the youngsters in the group I would like to thank them all for all the evening and weekends they willingly give to Scouting. Can I ask you all to give them a round of applause!

In addition, the group would not function without the administration and good governance of the Group Executive.I have enjoyed my third year as GSL with many Challenges one being my new job as I work every weekend. I would personally like to thank Lauren for taking on the role as secretary, Roger for his chairmanship knowing we have 1 more year before he steps down and the same for Keith as the Treasurer. Also together with the other

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members of the Group Exec without who's support, I would not be able to do my role!

Thank you all for getting us to where we are today and for all you are going to do in the year to come!!

Sadly, we have lost some members. We need to replace as already under our recommended numbers especially in the parent representative roles. If you would like to join our Executive team then please contact me, at luketrimby5@msn.com

Bob Spokes added to the section reports by stating that many Scouts have moved on to Explorers and their places filled with new, much younger Scouts who enjoyed a great summer camp with the Explorers. Bob also reported that 27 scouts and explorers are going to Haarlem Jamboree and An 850 Euro deposit has been paid.

Proposed: Dianna Steele, Seconded by Sarah Hacker.

	Total year 2021/22	
	Inc	Exp
Account		
Transfers	£29,075.77	-£28,328.00
Refunds	£0.00	-£1,538.07
Expenses	£0.00	-£1,498.12
Rates	£5,790.70	-£46,465.63
New Building	£51,982.00	-£26,258.00
Subs	£2,440.00	-£1,706.89
Services	£0.00	-£705.56
Insurance	£1,262.93	£0.00
Football	£1,669.78	£0.00
Hall	£45.00	£0.00
Grants	£8,589.06	-£1,126.58
Other	£5,235.00	-£6,965.10
Total	£106,090.24	-£114,591.95

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Expl account	£370.00	-£90.00
Building Account	£3,722.20	-£32,480.77
Total	£110,182.44	-£147,162.72

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103rd Reading (Oxford Road) Scout Group

BALANCE SHEET

for the year ended 31st March 2022

	2021/22	2020/21	
CURRENT ASSETS			
HSBC Bank: Current Accounts	£7,685.17	£17,732.29	
Virgin: Deposit Account	£0.00	£0.00	
Cash in hand:		£17,732.29	
Beavers	£100.00	£100.00	
Cubs	£100.00	£100.00	
Scouts	£50.00	£50.00	
Treasurer			
	£7,685.17	£7,685.17	£17,982.29
Total	£7,685.17	£7,685.17	£17,982.29

Treasurers note. The current cash assets include a loan of £25000 from the Scout Association for the new building. Repayments against this loan will start when the new building has been completed, the monthly payments to be agreed between the Scout Association and the Group. The interest rate for this loan is 0%.

ACCUMULATED FUND		
Balance Brought Forward	£17,982.29	£30,592.79
Surplus for the year ending 31st March 2022	-£10,297.12	-£12,610.50
Total Cash Assets March '22	£7,685.17	£17,982.29

Signed _____
Keith Simpson
Group Treasurer

Roger stated that during Covid, no subs were paid to the group and local authority grants came in to keep the group afloat. Roger stated that the scrutineer had approved and signed off the accounts.

Clive stated that if the group were to make an application to the district regarding the loan it should be heard with a sympathetic ear and a possible two year grace period.

Propoosed : Chris Jones, seconded by Rachel Cullingham.

Nominations for Chair, Treasurer & Secretary

Bob Spokes asked Roger Flemming if he would be willing to stand as Chair, Roger agreed but it will be his final year.

Keith Simpson will stand for another year as treasurer.

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Lauren Forrest will continue as group secretary.

Group Scout Leader's nomination for Executive committee

Roger appealed for parents to come forward for the Exec committee as it gives a huge insight into what the group are doing and how to improve and move forward. Roger explained that the committee meet once every two months, an agenda is posted out to meet over zoom to discuss the running, programs, expenses and that the scout association policies are being adhered to.

Roger explained that the Berkshire district is to trial new job roles within the area and things will be evolving after having had time during COVID to review policies within the scout association.

Presentations

Roger explained that there was due to be a presentation of badges at the A.G.M, however there had been a hold up and the badges are delayed. Bob said that the scouts alone had earned over 70 badges which shows just how hard the young people have been working. All scouts had achieved emergency aid level 3 and explorers, level 5.

A.O.B

Roger asked if anyone had any questions, to which there were none. He said that if anyone would like to speak in person to him after the meeting to please do so.

Roger reminded everyone that as part of the groups fundraising efforts that there were occasion cards available for a donation, a raffle, BBQ, and woggles and keyrings on sale.

Roger thanked everyone for coming and stated the next A.G.M date will be Saturday 24th June 2023

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Scrutineer's Report to the Trustees of the

OXFORD ROAD SCOUT GROUP SCOUT COUNCIL

I report on the accounts of the Group/District for the year ended 31st March 2022

Respective responsibilities of Trustees and Scrutineer

As the Group's/District's trustees you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts; you consider that neither the audit nor independent examination requirements of the Charities Act 2011 apply. It is my responsibility without carrying out an audit or independent examination to scrutinise the accounts and to report to you.

Basis of Scrutineer's Statement

In accordance with the directions given in the Group's constitution, I have scrutinised the records and the accounts.

Scrutineer's Statement

In my opinion the accounts are in accordance with the records produced to me and comply with the constitution.

S C Alexander 16/6/22

Name: Susan Alexander

Address: 21 Allendale Road

Earley

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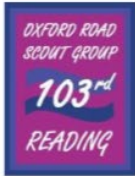
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Date: 16th June 2022

103RD READING (OXFORD ROAD) SCOUT GROUP

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103rd Oxford Road Scout Group
Annual General meeting Minutes
Tuesday 2nd November 2021
8:00pm

Attendees:

Hilary Arthur (Scout Leader)	Clive Orr (District secretary)
Simon Baxendale (Explorer Leader Battle)	Tony Phillips (District commissioner)
Jennifer Carter Sangwell (Assistant Cub leader Battle pack)	Keith Simpson (Treasurer) Executive
Nick Church (Vice Chair)	Robert Spokes (Scout Leader) Executive
Melissa Cooper (Cub Leader) Executive	Adrian Steele (Assistant explorer leader)
Roger Fleming (Chair) Executive	Diana Steele (Assistant Explorer Leader Battle)
Lauren Forrest (Secretary) Executive	Luke Trimby (Group Scout Leader) Executive
Chris Jones (Cub Leader) Executive	

Apologies:

Cheryl Kinton (Assistant beaver leader)	Liam Sandford (Assistant beaver leader Big Cats)
Sam Kelly (Assistant beaver leader Big Cats)	Lauren Jackson (Assistant beaver leader Big Cats)
Shane Jackson (Assistant beaver leader Big Cats)	

Roger Fleming Welcomed all and thanked everyone for attending at 8:00pm

The minutes from the last A.G.M dated 7th October 2020 were approved with no amendments and accepted. Proposed by N.C seconded by L.T

Group Scout Leader’s highlight of the year.

Luke Trimby reported that after a challenging year due to the COVID 19 pandemic, numbers are beginning to creep up. Beavers is currently running at one group per week until there is an increase in numbers, however more children have joined the cubs and scouts.

Luke expressed his thanks to all leaders and acknowledged their hard work and commitment during such a tough year and added the G.S.L role has also had its challenges. Luke also thanked all who have continued to train and progress in such tough times.

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Luke added that 1st aid training dates will be rolled out in due course.

Roger asked that all 103rd execs and leaders please take the time to read the reports sent out as much time and effort goes into producing them.

Chairman's brief view of the year

Roger expressed a big thank you to Ann Snowdon, who held the position of group secretary for the past 8 years. Ann has moved to Suffolk and will be missed by all. A farewell gift was sent.

Annual Report

Section updates and adoption of reports

Proposed by H.A Seconded by B.S

Numbers on the report as approved

Subs had reduced from £8000 to £2200

Football teas reduced from £150 to £80

Keith reported that the difference has been made up by grants. Luke managed to pull in £16000 through grant scheme applications with the council covering the rest totalling £21000. The net spend on the build this year was at £10498.

Roger asked if subs were reinstated, Luke confirmed that they were and that a request was sent to all parents for capitation. £20 per child was paid by 90% of parents.

Keith reported that the accounts had been scrutineered and there were no adjustments, and nothing needed.

Any questions regarding accounts to be emailed to Keith Simpson with Roger Fleming copied in.

The report was accepted unanimously. Proposed by C.J Seconded by H.A

G.S.L's nomination for Chair.

Luke thanked Roger for the past years efforts and his nomination is for Roger to continue as Chairman. Roger accepted and is happy to stand for another year.

Election of Group Officers

Lauren Forrest to take on the position of Secretary

Keith Simpson agreed to continue as Treasurer

Proposed by B.S, seconded by L.T

Signed:

Appointment of Scrutineer

T.B.C as accounts are scrutinised electronically.

Appointment of Section Leaders to the Group Executive

Roger asked if all would like to continue, all agreed. Luke to check with absentees. Roger thanked everyone for their commitment to the group.

No nominees yet for the committee. It was requested that recruitment of volunteers and parental representatives would be welcomed.

G.S.L's nomination to the group executive

Luke Trimby and all leaders will continue to stand.

Nick Church will stand again as Vice Chairman

Date of next Annual General meeting: 28th June 2022

Date of next Group Executive meeting : 30th November 8:15pm this will be on Zoom.

District Commissioner Comments

Tony Phillips thanked everyone for their hard work and recognised Luke's 'baptism of fire' into the G.S.L role in such an unprecedented time for scouting.

Tony noted that although numbers had dropped for Leaders and children alike a headcount survey is showing numbers heading back up.

Tony intends to be at Oxford Road soon and to keep up the good work. Roger thanked Tony for his continued support.

Bob Spoke's Building update

The steel frame for the build is up and painted with help from some group volunteers. A logistical problem of moving stone to site has resulted in no complaints as yet!

Bob is working on donations of materials, the order for the roof has gone in, but delayed by 12 weeks due to the pandemic. The drawings for the roof came in, were checked and sent back with no problems. The steels have been delivered and block work will start.

Unfortunately, the lottery grant was unsuccessful.

A £3000 grant has come in from Shanley, £500 from Tesco, more due in through fundraising at the half marathon and company pledges to match funds raised. Cathy Moore is running the half

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marathon and her employer Network Rail will match what she raises. Cyclo cross, football teas and a silent disco will all bring in revenue.

Bob is also in contact with Reading Lions, the rotary club, festival republic, Asda and Tesco regarding fundraising and donations. Roger thanked Bob for all his efforts.

Closing Remarks

Roger expressed his thanks to all members and the district for all the support throughout the year.

Meeting adjourned at 20:34

103rd Reading (Oxford Road) Scout Group

BALANCE SHEET

for the year ended 31st March 2018

	2020/21	2020/19
CURRENT ASSETS		
HSBC Bank: Current Accounts	£17,732.29	£18,445.61
Virgin: Deposit Account	£0.00	£11,897.18
Cash in hand:		
Beavers	£17,732.29	
Cubs	£100.00	
Scouts	£100.00	
Treasurer	£50.00	
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Expenses		£0.00	-£417.85	-£417.85
Rates		£0.00	-£310.84	-£310.84
New Building		£24,631.39	-£35,120.77	-£10,489.38
Subs		£2,198.00	£0.00	£2,198.00
Services		£206.59	-£1,515.92	-£1,309.33
Insurance		£0.00	-£1,858.30	-£1,858.30
Football		£80.00	£0.00	£80.00
Hall		£30.00	£0.00	£30.00
Grants		£21,465.00	£0.00	£21,465.00
Other		£3,934.87	-£6,075.90	-£2,141.03
Total		£52,671.85	-£45,469.58	£7,202.27
Expl account		£40.00	£0.00	£40.00
Building Account		£4,624.67	-£12,578.26	-£7,953.59
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