

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of the

7TH EPSOM (METHODIST) SCOUT GROUP

I report on the accounts of the Group for the year ended 31 March 2023, which are set out on pages 3 to 4.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The Group's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. They consider that an audit is not required for this year (under section 43(2) of the Charities Act 1993, and that an independent examination is required.

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. 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 included consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning 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 in the accounts.

Independent Examiner's Statement

In connection with my explanation, no matter has come to my attention;

1. 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
2. To which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Name: Andrew McDonald

Signed: _____

Address: 31 Pound Lane, Epsom. KT19 8SB

Date: _____

Major Activities and Achievements in the year

The annual review presented to all parents and interested parties prior to the AGM highlights the activities and achievements during the year. This is a comprehensive document that details numbers of young people in each section, a report from each section, abbreviated accounts and a review of the year.

At the end of the year the income reserves amounted to £549,650 (2022: £549,650). The Group’s policy on reserves is to hold an amount that will enable it to replace the motor vehicles. The New HQ has been recorded as an asset within the accounts.

The trustees have identified the major risks to which they believe the Group is exposed. They have reviewed these and established systems to mitigate them.

The objectives of the Group are 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 Group is a trust established under its rules, which are common to all Groups.

Trustees are appointed in accordance with the Policy, Organisation and Rules of the Scout Association. They are well acquainted over a number of years in local scouting.

The accounts have been drawn up on the Receipts and Payments basis, which is consistent with the previous year.

Approved by the trustees on the 27th September 2023 and signed on their behalf by:

Dr Kevin Mead – Chairman

Anthony S Williams - Treasurer

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Income and Expenditure Statement for the period ended 31 March 2023

	2022/23		Total	2021/22
	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds		
	£	£	£	£
Incoming Resources				
Annual Subscriptions	29,173		29,173	25,171
Income from Fundraising	6,888		6,888	3,850
Income from Camps & Activities	23,194	5,725	28,919	19,094
Section Income	750		750	0
Minibus Hire	599		599	418
Group Clothing	40		40	45
Donations	0		0	173
Gift Aid	4,739		4,739	2,903
Interest Received	425		425	7
Other Income	33		33	445
Total Income	65,840	5,725	71,565	52,106
Outgoing Resources				
Capitation Fees and Subscription Refunds	10,451		10,451	9,187
Expenditure from Camps & Activities	37,053	1,006	38,058	11,866
HQ Rental, Insurance and Equipment Costs	2,555		2,555	4,279
Section Costs	5,232		5,232	4,607
Minibus Costs	9,619		9,619	5,520
Costs of Fundraising	21		21	158
Group Clothing	518		518	0
Scout Shop	2,490		2,490	2,500
Bank Charges	144		144	192
New Stores	0		0	0
Other Expenditure	105		105	1313
Total Expenditure	68,187	1,006	69,193	39,622
Net Incoming/Outgoing resources before Depreciation	(2,347)	4,719	2,372	12,484
Net Incoming/Outgoing resources before transfers			2,372	12,484
Less: Depreciation			(966)	(1,072)
Net Incoming/Outgoing resources			1,406	11,412

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Balance Sheet as at 31 March 2023

2022 £		2023 £
	FIXED ASSETS	
442,255	Property	442,255
9,659	Minibus	32,693
451,914		474,948
	CURRENT ASSETS	
126,585	Cash at Bank	104,957
126,585	Net Current Assets	104,957
578,499	Total Assets less Current Liabilities	579,905
567,087	Opening Funds	578,499
11,412	Net Incoming/Outgoing resources	1,406
578,499		579,905

