

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 2024, 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 (2023: £579,906). 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.

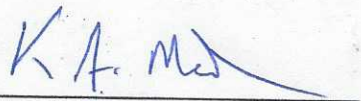
The objectives of the Group are to promote the development of young people in achieving their full physical, intellectual, social and spiritual potentials, as individuals, as responsible citizens and as members of their local, national and international communities.

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

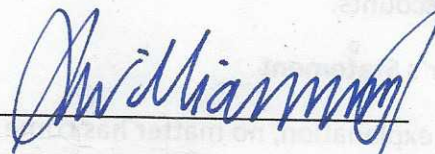
Trustees are appointed in accordance with the Policy, Organisation and Rules of the Scout Association. They are well acquainted over a number of years in local scouting.

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 2nd October 2024 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 2024

	Unrestricted Funds £	2023/24 Restricted Funds £	Total £	2022/23 £
Incoming Resources				
Annual Subscriptions	30,193		30,193	29,173
Income from Fundraising	6,643		6,643	6,888
Income from Camps & Activities	19,691	2,100	21,791	28,919
Section Income	55		55	750
Minibus Hire	755		755	599
Group Clothing	143		143	40
Donations	710		710	0
Gift Aid	4,659		4,659	4,739
Interest Received	972		972	425
Other Income	5		5	33
Total Income	63,827	2,100	65,927	71,566
Outgoing Resources				
Capitation Fees and Subscription Refunds	10,600		10,600	10,451
Costs of Fundraising	1,194		1,194	21
Expenditure from Camps & Activities	22,846	3,377	26,223	38,058
Section Costs	4,299		4,299	5,232
Minibus Costs	6,247		6,247	9,619
HQ Rental, Insurance and Equipment Costs	5,613		5,613	2,555
Group Clothing	0		0	518
Scout Shop	2,025		2,025	2,490
Bank Charges	120		120	144
Other Expenditure	183		183	105
Total Expenditure	53,127	3,377	56,504	69,193
Net Incoming/Outgoing resources before transfers	10,700	(1,277)	9,423	2,373

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Balance Sheet as at 31 March 2024

2023		2024	
£		£	£
	FIXED ASSETS		
442,255	Headquarters	442,255	
32,693	Minibus	29,424	
474,948		471,679	
	CURRENT ASSETS		
104,958	Cash at Bank	114,380	
-	Debtors	-	
-	Creditors falling due within one year	-	
104,958	Net Current Assets	114,380	
579,906	Total Assets less Current Liabilities	586,059	
474,948	Designated Reserves	471,678	
	General Reserves:		
126,586	Opening Balance	104,958	
(21,628)	Movement in Year	9,423	
104,958	Net Incoming/Outgoing resources	114,381	
579,906		586,059	