ST. PAULS RUSTHALL 2ND TUNBRIDGE WELLS SCOUT GROUP

England & Wales · Charity number 1165139

Details

Other names	ST PAULS RUSTHALL SCOUT GROUP
Status	Registered
Legal form	Other
Registered	2016-01-12
Register	View on the Charity Commission register

Contact

Address	Sitheil Pennington Road Tunbridge Wells Kent TN4 0SS
Phone	07879814045
Email	rusthallscoutgroup@gmail.com

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: We are a Scout Group, part of the International Scout Movement. We are based in Rusthall in Royal Tunbridge Wells, and are part of the District, County and National Scout movement. We have places for over 150 Young people aged 6 - 14 and are partnered with an Explorer Unit. We are also affiliated to St. Pauls Church.

Classification

- **How:** Provides Services
- **What:** Education/training
- **Who:** Children/young People

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Geography

- Kent

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-12-31	£37,631	£37,925	-	-
2024-12-31	£41,176	£35,472	-	-
2023-12-31	£31,538	£29,379	-	-
2022-12-31	£28,380	£29,767	-	-
2021-12-31	£10,034	£11,053	-	-
2020-12-31	£5,584	£9,698	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Margaret West	Chair	2023-05-06
Bradley Johnson		2025-12-02
David Peter Edwards		2024-09-03
GAVIN CONS		2016-01-12
George Mark Alexander Parrett		2024-09-03
Helen Adeline Bigsby		2018-06-05
KEVIN JOHN POWLEY		2016-01-12
Louise Kathleen May Johnson		2021-10-22
MICHELLE RULE		2016-01-12

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Accounts

Trustees' Annual Report for the period

	Period start date				Period end date		
	Day	Month	Year		Day	Month	Year
From	01	01	2025	To	31	12	2025

Section A Reference and administration details

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Registered charity number (if any)	1165139
Charity's principal address	Sitheil
	Pennington Road
	Tunbridge Wells
	POSTCODE TN4 0SS

Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1	Margaret West	Chairperson		
2	Michelle Rule	Treasurer		
3	Kevin Powley	Scout Leader		
4	Gavin Cons	Group Lead Volunteer		
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The Trustee Board has identified the major risks to which they believe the Group is exposed, these have been reviewed and systems have been established to mitigate against them.

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Section D Achievements and performance

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

2025 continued to be a packed year for the Group, with robust membership and plenty of activities. We continue to encourage parents to become volunteers and have a steady stream of new adults becoming members of the Scout Association. Our relationship with the Explorer Group is still strong, with the Explorers growing in numbers.

The Group arranged another family camp and a series of section camps. The Group took 40 YP to KIJ for a week in August 2025.

The Explorer unit is financially independent of the Group and has a formal partnership with the Group.

The focus of much of the activity remains on badge work.

Our Group has worked with District to ensure all mandatory training is up to date and now has a robust process for maintain DBS checks.

Our Facebook profile is regularly updated.

Our financial position remained healthy at the end of 2025 but with a small reduction in reserves. This was mainly due to increased capitation and a mismatch in timing of receipt of funds for KIJ and disbursement. Our Gift Aid claim was slightly lower in 2025 to previous years, following a dip in subs collection. The Committee reviews the level of subs in relation to a budget each year and agrees the appropriate level of subs and allocation of meeting budgets for each section, as well as larger expenditure plans. We have not raised subs since the pandemic (despite inflation) but keep this under regular review.

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Section D Achievements and performance

been repeated in 2025 by merely applying a modest inflationary increase in the value of the property – the real value of the interest is likely to be considerably higher.

Section E Financial review

Brief statement of the charity's policy on 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 12 months running costs, circa £11,500 on an income basis.

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The budgeting process was undertaken for 2025.

Details of any funds materially in deficit

None

Further financial review details (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant about:

- the charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising);
- how expenditure has supported the key objectives of the charity;
- investment policy and objectives including any ethical investment policy adopted.

The Group's Income and Expenditure is very small and as a consequence does not have sufficient funds to invest in longer term investments such as stocks and shares. The Group has therefore adopted a low risk strategy to the investment of its funds. All funds are held in cash using our CAF account.

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. The CAF banking arrangements includes a "Gold" interest bearing account, and as such, the Group have split their funds across both the current and the Gold accounts. No period of notice is needed to transfer funds. The interest rate on the Gold account is comparable to the Scout Charity Deposit Service.

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- Damage to the buildings we use, property and equipment. The Group would request the use of buildings, property and equipment from neighbouring organisations such as the church, and other Scout Groups.
- Injury to leaders, helpers, supporters and members. The Group through the capitation fees contributes to the Scout Associations national accident insurance policy. Risk Assessments are undertaken before all activities. Additional personal injury insurance is provided for all leaders and adult helpers.
- Reduced income from fund raising. The Group is primarily reliant upon income from subscriptions. The group does hold a reserve to ensure the continuity of activities should there be a major reduction in income. The Committee could raise the value of subscriptions to increase the income to the group on an on-going basis, either temporarily or permanently.
- Reduction or loss of leaders. The group is totally reliant upon volunteers to run and administer the activities of the group. If there was a reduction in the number of leaders to an unacceptable level in a particular section or the group as a whole then there would have to be a contraction, consolidation or closure of a section. In the worst case scenario the complete closure of the Group.
- The Group has in place systems of internal controls that are designed to provide reasonable assurance against material mismanagement or loss, these include 2 authorisers for all payments and a comprehensive insurance policies to ensure that insurable risks are covered.
- Rent increases and cost of living crisis. The Group has been in dispute with Sunnyside Hall Trustees regarding its ownership and use of Sunnyside Hall for a long time. A resolution to the dispute was agreed in 2021 but has since been refuted by the SS trustees. Sunnyside has not implemented the rent increases that were proposed in 2021. The Group is now recognising its capital interest in SS Hall in its accounts on a prudent basis – merely inflating the value of the original contribution to the purchase price.
- Other risks are documented, monitored and mitigations put in place using a risk register in accordance with guidance from the Scout Association.

Section C Objectives and activities

Summary of the objects of the charity set out in its governing document

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

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Summary of the main activities in relation to these objects

The focus of the Group is to provide opportunities for young people to enable them to meet their potential through activities which include badge work, outings and camps. We welcome all young people regardless of personal background, faith or gender.

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.

Additional details of objectives and activities (Optional information)

Section F Other optional information

- In 2026 the Group intends to "just keep Scouting."

Section G Declaration

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)		
Full name(s)	Michelle Rule	Gavin Cons
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Treasurer	Group Lead Volunteer
Date	13 May 2026	

Statement of Assets and Liabilities at the end of the year

	31st December 2025 Unrestricted Funds £	31st December 2024 Unrestricted Funds £
Cash Funds		
Bank Current Account	34,065.20	34,358.54
Bank Deposit Account	-	
Building Society Account		
The Scout Association Short Terms Investment Service		
Cash/Section Floats	-	
Total cash funds	34,065.20	34,358.54
Other monetary assets		
Tax Claim	-	
Debts due from County/Area/District/Group	-	
Insurance Claim	-	
Sub total	-	
Investment Assets		
Investment property - detail	-	
Quoted investments	-	
Other investments - detail	-	
Sub total	-	
Non monetary assets for charities own use		
Badge stock	50.00	50.00
Shop stock	-	
Other stock	-	
Land and buildings	83,232.00	81,649.88
Motor vehicles	-	
Scouting equipment, furniture etc	14,667.09	15,052.77
Other	-	
Sub total	97,949.09	96,752.64
Liabilities		
Accounts not yet paid - Hall hire	-	-
Expenses incurred but not paid	-	-
Subscriptions not yet paid	-	-
	-	-
Other liabilities	-	-
Sub total	-	-

Contingent liabilities and future obligations

None

The above receipts and payments account and statement of assets and liabilities were approved by the Trustees on 2 - May - **2026 and signed on their behalf by**

Group Executive Chairperson

Hon. Treasurer

St Paul's Rusthall Scout Group
Receipts and Payments Account

For the year from	1st January 2025	To	31st December 2025

Receipts and payments

	2025 Unrestricted Funds £	2024 Unrestricted Funds £
Payments		
Charitable Payments		
Youth programme and activities	31,998.13	25,215.23
Adult support and training		
Rent	2,500.00	2,480.00
Water and Sewerage		
Electricity and Gas		
Insurance	470.44	410.87
Repairs and Renewals	246.27	856.34
Materials and equipment	1,119.60	3,938.18
Printing and photocopying		
Contribution to camp costs		
Uniforms	285.99	1,295.90
AGM and trustee expenses		
Christmas Flares		
Fund Raising Expenses		
Miscelleneous	1,304.23	1,275.29
Sub total	37,924.66	35,471.81
Sub total	-	
Total Gross Expenditure	37,924.66	35,471.81
Assett and investment purchases, etc		
Total Payments	37,924.66	35,471.81
Net of receipts/(payments)	(293.34)	5,704.57
Cash funds last year end	34,358.54	28,653.97
Cash funds this year end.	34,065.20	34,358.54

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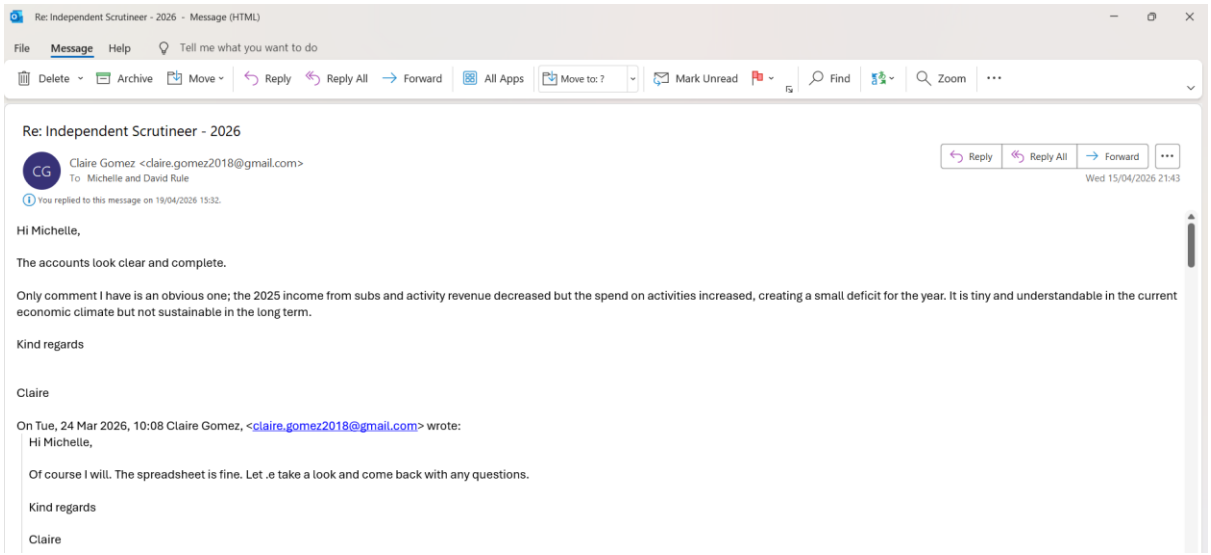
Receipts and payments

	2025 Unrestricted Funds £	2024 Unrestricted Funds £
Receipts		
Donations, legacies and similar income		
Membership subscriptions	15,371.50	16,170.00
Less: Membership subscriptions paid on (National/County/Area/District)	8,893.50	8,037.00
Net membership subscriptions retained	6,478.00	8,133.00
Donations, legacies and similar income	1,585.00	153.00
Legacies		
Gift Aid	2,690.36	3,115.03
Other similar income - Uniform Commission/Sales		14.00
Sub total	10,753.36	
Grants		2,500.00
Maintenance grant		
Other grants		
Sub total	-	2,500.00
Fundraising (Gross)	204.78	572.81
Activities	26,279.00	26,218.50
Misc	71.04	69.76
Other fundraising activities		
Sub total	26,554.82	26,861.07
Investment income		
Bank interest	323.14	400.28
Building Society interest		
The Scout Association Short Term Investment Service		
Property Rent income		
Other Investment income		
Sub total	323.14	400.28
Total Gross Income	37,631.32	41,176.38
Assett and investment sales, etc		
Total Receipts	37,631.32	41,176.38

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Re: Independent Scrutineer - 2026 - Message (HTML)
File
Message
Help
Tell me what you want to do
Delete
Archive
Move
Reply
Reply All
Forward
All Apps
Move to: ?
Mark Unread
Find
Zoom
Re: Independent Scrutineer - 2026
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Claire Gomez <claire.gomez2018@gmail.com>
To Michelle and David Rule
You replied to this message on 19/04/2026 15:32.
Reply
Reply All
Forward
Wed 15/04/2026 21:43
Hi Michelle,
The accounts look clear and complete.
Only comment I have is an obvious one; the 2025 income from subs and activity revenue decreased but the spend on activities increased, creating a small deficit for the year. It is tiny and understandable in the current economic climate but not sustainable in the long term.
Kind regards
Claire
On Tue, 24 Mar 2026, 10:08 Claire Gomez, <claire.gomez2018@gmail.com> wrote:
Hi Michelle,
Of course I will. The spreadsheet is fine. Let .e take a look and come back with any questions.
Kind regards
Claire

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Details of any funds materially in deficit	None

Further financial review details (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant about:

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- how expenditure has supported the key objectives of the charity;
- investment policy and objectives including any ethical investment policy adopted.

The Group's Income and Expenditure is very small and as a consequence does not have sufficient funds to invest in longer term investments such as stocks and shares. The Group has therefore adopted a low risk strategy to the investment of its funds. All funds are held in cash using our CAF account.

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. The CAF banking arrangements includes a "Gold" interest bearing account, and as such, the Group have split their funds across both the current and the Gold accounts. No period of notice is needed to transfer funds. The interest rate on the Gold account is comparable to the Scout Charity Deposit Service.

Section F Other optional information

- In 2025 the Group intends to "just keep Scouting."

Section G Declaration

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)		
Full name(s)	Meg West	Gavin Cons
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Chairperson	Group Lead Volunteer
Date	03/05/2025	

Statement of Assets and Liabilities at the end of the year

	31st December 2024 Unrestricted Funds £		31st December 2023 Unrestricted Funds £
Cash Funds			
Bank Current Account	34,358.54		28,653.97
Bank Deposit Account	-		
Building Society Account			
The Scout Association Short Terms Investment Service			
Cash/Section Floats'	-		
Total cash funds	34,358.54		28,653.97
Other monetary assets			
Tax Claim	-		
Debts due from County/Area/District/Group	-		
Insurance Claim	-		
Sub total	-		
Investment Assets			
Investment property - detail	-		
Quoted investments	-		
Other investments - detail	-		
Sub total	-		
Non monetary assets for charities own use			
Badge stock	50.00		50.00
Shop stock	-		
Other stock	-		
Land and buildings	81,649.88	**	12,712.68
Motor vehicles	-		
Scouting equipment, furniture etc	15,052.77		12,349.54
Other	-		
Sub total	96,752.64		25,112.22
Liabilities			
Accounts not yet paid - Hall hire	-		-
Expenses incurred but not paid	-		-
Subscriptions not yet paid	-		-
	-		-
Other liabilities	-		-
Sub total	-		-

Contingent liabilities and future obligations None

** Group Trustees agreed to recognise the interest in Sunnyside Hall, based on the current value of £40,000 interest taken on 9th Jan 2004 amouonting to £69,954.21 in addition to the store which is being depreciated over 25 years.

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

Group Executive Chairperson

Hon. Treasurer

St Paul's Rusthall Scout Group
Receipts and Payments Account

For the year from	1st January 2024	To	31st December 2024

Receipts and payments

	2024 Unrestricted Funds £	2023 Unrestricted Funds £
Receipts		
Donations, legacies and similar income		
Membership subscriptions	16,170.00	13,843.25
Less: Membership subscriptions paid on (National/County/Area/District)	8,037.00	6,300.21
Net membership subscriptions retained	8,133.00	7,543.04
Donations, legacies and similar income	153.00	1,873.00
Legacies		
Gift Aid	3,115.03	2,186.02
Other similar income - Uniform Commission/Sales	14.00	482.00
Sub total	11,415.03	12,084.06
Grants	2,500.00	
Maintenance grant		
Other grants		
Sub total	2,500.00	
Fundraising (Gross)	572.81	381.58
Activities	26,218.50	18,725.50
Misc	69.76	45.51
Other fundraising activities		
Sub total	26,861.07	19,152.59
Investment income		
Bank interest	400.28	301.61
Building Society interest		
The Scout Association Short Term Investment Service		
Property Rent income		
Other Investment income		
Sub total	400.28	301.61
Total Gross Income	41,176.38	31,538.26
Assett and investment sales, etc		
Total Receipts	41,176.38	31,538.26

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Group Executive Chairperson

Hon. Treasurer

St Paul's Rusthall Scout Group
Receipts and Payments Account

For the year from	1st January 2024	To	31st December 2024

Receipts and payments

	2024 Unrestricted Funds £	2023 Unrestricted Funds £
Payments		
Charitable Payments	0	
Youth programme and activities	25,215.23	21,156.96
Adult support and training	0	
Rent	2,480.00	1,930.00
Water and Sewerage		
Electricity and Gas		
Insurance	410.87	531.76
Repairs and Renewals	856.34	149.92
Materials and equipment	3,938.18	670.89
Printing and photocopying		
Contribution to camp costs		
Uniforms	1,295.90	3,287.02
AGM and trustee expenses		
Christmas Flares		
Fund Raising Expenses	-	
Miscelleneous	1,275.29	1,652.27
Sub total	35,471.81	29,378.82
Sub total	-	
Total Gross Expenditure	35,471.81	29,378.82
Assett and investment purchases, etc		
Total Payments	35,471.81	29,378.82
Net of receipts/(payments)	5,704.57	2,159.44
Cash funds last year end	28,653.97	26,494.53
Cash funds this year end.	34,358.54	28,653.97

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Hon. Treasurer

Scrutineer's Report to the Trustees of the Rusthall Scout Council

I report on the accounts of the Group for the year ended 2025

Respective responsibilities of Trustees and Scrutineer

As the Group'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.

Name: Claire Gomez
Address: 1 Nellington Road, Rusthall, Tunbridge Wells, TN4 8SH
Date: 17/03/2025

michelleanddavid@totalise.co.uk

From: Claire Gomez <claire.gomez2018@gmail.com>
Sent: 23 April 2025 19:23
To: Michelle and David Rule
Subject: Re: Independent Scrutineer - 2025

Hi Michelle,

That makes sense to me, happy to support.

Kind regards

Claire

On Mon, 21 Apr 2025, 15:52 , <michelleanddavid@totalise.co.uk> wrote:

Hi Claire

The trustees agreed to add the value of the interest at current value to the "land and buildings" in the statement of assets. As the accounts go up to 31 Dec 2024, I have assumed current would be the end of 2024.

We spent £40,000 for the purchase on 9th Jan 2004 as evidenced by the attached Land Registry official copy. I have used the Bank of England calculator to inflate this value and this brings to £69.954.21. I have added a short note.

Please confirm you think this acceptable.

Thanks again

Michelle

From: Claire Gomez <claire.gomez2018@gmail.com>
Sent: 17 March 2025 21:13
To: Michelle and David Rule <michelleanddavid@totalise.co.uk>
Subject: Re: Independent Scrutineer - 2025

Hl Michelle,

Land Registry

Official copy of register of title

Title number K922870 Edition date 02.12.2015

- This official copy shows the entries on the register of title on 22 Jan 2016 at 09:00:17.
- This date must be quoted as the "search from date" in any official search application based on this copy.
- The date at the beginning of an entry is the date on which the entry was made in the register.
- Issued on 22 Jan 2016.
- Under s.67 of the Land Registration Act 2002, this copy is admissible in evidence to the same extent as the original.
- This title is dealt with by Land Registry Nottingham Office.

A: Property Register

This register describes the land and estate comprised in the title.

KENT : TUNBRIDGE WELLS

1 (12.06.2007) The Freehold land shown edged with red on the plan of the above title filed at the Registry and being Sunnyside Hall, Rusthall Road, Rusthall, Tunbridge Wells (TN4 8RA).

2 (12.06.2007) The land has the benefit of the rights granted by but is subject to the rights reserved by a Transfer of the land in this title and other land dated 9 January 2004 made between (1) The Southwark Roman Catholic Diocesan Corporation and And Others (Vendor) and (2) Sunnyside Hall Rusthall (Purchaser).

NOTE: Copy filed under K875631.

3 (12.06.2007) The Transfer dated 9 January 2004 referred to above contains a provision as to boundary structures.

B: Proprietorship Register

This register specifies the class of title and identifies the owner. It contains any entries that affect the right of disposal.

Title absolute

1 (12.06.2007) PROPRIETOR: SUNNYSIDE HALL RUSTHALL (Co. Regn. No. 4774580) of Sunnyside Hall, Sunnyside Road, Rusthall, Tunbridge Wells, Kent TN4 8RA.

2 (12.06.2007) The price stated to have been paid on 9 January 2004 for the land in this title and in K346644 was £162,500.

3 (12.06.2007) RESTRICTION: No disposition by the proprietor of the registered estate to which section 117-121 or section 124 of the Charities Act 2011 applies is to be registered unless the instrument contains a certificate complying with section 122(3) or section 125(2) of that Act as appropriate.

4 (02.12.2015) RESTRICTION: No disposition by a sole proprietor of the registered estate (except a trust corporation) under which capital money arises is to be registered unless authorised by an order of the court.

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https://www.bankofengland.co.uk/monetary-policy/inflation/inflation-calculator

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What would goods and services costing

£40000 in 2004 cost in 2024 ?

Show amount

£69,954.21

Inflation averaged **2.8%** a year.



Inflation and interest rates explainers >

The calculator uses Consumer Price Index (CPI) inflation data from the Office for National Statistics from **1988 onward**. Monthly calculations of the current year are based on the latest CPI level, whereas previous years use their calendar year averages. **CPI estimates before 1988** are modelled based on data collected for the Retail Price Index (RPI).

ST. PAULS RUSTHALL 2ND TUNBRIDGE WELLS SCOUT GROUP

England & Wales - Charity number 1165139

Accounts

Trustees' Annual Report for the period

	Period start date				Period end date		
	Day	Month	Year		Day	Month	Year
From	01	01	2023	To	31	12	2023

Section A Reference and administration details

Charity name	ST. PAUL'S RUSTHALL 2nd TUNBRIDGE WELLS SCOUT GROUP
Other names charity is known by	N/A
Registered charity number (if any)	1165139
Charity's principal address	Sunnyside Hall
	Rusthall Road
	Rusthall, Tunbridge Wells
	Postcode TN4 8RA

Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1	Margaret West	Chairperson	From 6th May 2023	
2	Michelle Rule	Treasurer		
3	Kevin Powley	Scout Leader		
4	Gavin Cons	Group Scout Leader		
5	Helen Bigsby	Explorer Leader		
6	Natalie Hyder	Community Rep		
7	Mark Johnson	Beaver Scout Leader		
8	Louise Johnson	Beaver Scout Leader		
9	John Burwood	Cub Scout Leader		
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Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address
Scrutineer	Claire Gomez	1 Nellington Road, Rusthall, Tunbridge Wells, TN4 8SH

Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (Optional information)

Section B Structure, governance and management

Description of the charity's trusts

Type of governing document (eg. Trust deed, constitution)	The Group's governing documents are those of The Scout Association. They consist of a Royal Charter, which in turn gives authority to the Bylaws of the Scout Association and The Policy, Organisation and Rules of The Scout Association.
How the charity is constituted (eg. trust, association, company)	The Group is a trust established under its rules which are common to all Scouts.
Trustee selection methods (eg. appointed by, elected by)	The Trustees are appointed in accordance with the Policy, Organisation and Rules of The Scout Association.

Additional governance issues (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant, about:

- policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees;
- the charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works;
- relationship with any related parties;
- trustees' consideration of major risks and the system and procedures to manage them.

The Group is managed by the Trustee Board, in accordance with Scouts POR rule 3.22 & 3.24. The members of which are the Charity trustees. A Wider group formerly know as the "Exec" and including other Leaders and Parent Representatives of Group meet regularly with the Trustees to discuss the status and plans of the Group.

The Scout Group 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 up to 3 independent representatives e.g. Chair, Treasurer and a community trustee together with the Group Scout Leader and individual section leaders meets approximately every 3 months. We no longer appoint a secretary and the Chair kindly keeps records.

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

- The maintenance of Group property
- The raising of funds and the administration of Group finance
- The insurance of persons, property and equipment
- 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 elected

Risk and Internal Control
The Trustee Board has identified the major risks to which they believe the Group is exposed, these have been reviewed and systems have been established to mitigate against them.
The main areas of concern that have been identified are:

- Reduction or loss of members. The Group provides activities for all young people aged 6 to 14. If there was a reduction in membership in a particular section or the group as whole then there would have to be a

contraction, consolidation or closure of a section. In the worst case scenario the complete closure of the Group.

- Damage to the buildings we use, property and equipment. The Group would request the use of buildings, property and equipment from neighbouring organisations such as the church, and other Scout Groups.
- Injury to leaders, helpers, supporters and members. The Group through the capitation fees contributes to the Scout Associations national accident insurance policy. Risk Assessments are undertaken before all activities. Additional personal injury insurance is provided for all leaders and adult helpers.
- Reduced income from fund raising. The Group is primarily reliant upon income from subscriptions. The group does hold a reserve to ensure the continuity of activities should there be a major reduction in income. The Committee could raise the value of subscriptions to increase the income to the group on an on-going basis, either temporarily or permanently.
- Reduction or loss of leaders. The group is totally reliant upon volunteers to run and administer the activities of the group. If there was a reduction in the number of leaders to an unacceptable level in a particular section or the group as a whole then there would have to be a contraction, consolidation or closure of a section. In the worst case scenario the complete closure of the Group.
- The Group has in place systems of internal controls that are designed to provide reasonable assurance against material mismanagement or loss, these include 2 authorisers for all payments and a comprehensive insurance policies to ensure that insurable risks are covered.
- Rent increases and cost of living crisis. The Group has been in dispute with Sunnyside Hall Trustees regarding its ownership and use of Sunnyside Hall for a long time. A resolution to the dispute was agreed in 2021 which has involved a substantial increase in rent payments and further planned increases. The proposed rent increase and increases for the next 5 years were expected to be affordable as we would slowly increase subs to address the extra outlay. This has remained manageable, particularly because we have stopped use of the URC for the second Scout group. The Group has reserves which it can rely upon in the short term to bridge any gap but this is not sustainable in the long term.

Section C Objectives and activities

Summary of the objects of the charity set out in its governing document

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.

Summary of the main activities in relation to these objects

The focus of the Group is to provide opportunities for young people to enable them to meet their potential through activities which include badge work, outings and camps. We welcome all young people regardless of personal background, faith or gender.

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.

Additional details of objectives and activities (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include further statements, where relevant, about:

- policy on grantmaking;
- policy programme related investment;
- contribution made by volunteers.

A great contribution is made by all our volunteers whether they act as Leaders, Assistant Leaders, Section Assistants, members of the Trustee Board or as parent helpers at the weekly meetings. We are grateful for the many hours volunteers have spent to provide the variety of opportunities open to the young people in our group. Without this valuable contribution of time, energy and expertise we would not have been able to achieve so much.

Any surplus funds which are not required to pay for activities are placed on deposit to either earn interest or be used for replacement equipment. Small sums are used to provide access to activities for young people who would not otherwise be able to afford to attend some events.

The Group holds significant residual funds above and beyond the reserves and the Group (with active encouragement from its treasurer) has sought to deploy these funds for the benefit of the members rather than to sit on the money "for a rainy day." The Trustee Board regularly discusses options for use of the funds and has continued a full programme of replacement of equipment as well as buying new technology in order to bring the equipment of the Group into the 2020s.

Section D Achievements and performance

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

2023 we were back to normal Scouting with most sections approaching full. Our relationship with the Explorer Group is still strong, with the Explorers now large enough to be considering the need for a bigger meeting place.

The Group had a full calendar of activities but missed out of SGD due to bad weather. The Group arranged another family camp and a series of section camps.

The Explorer unit is financially independent of the Group and has a formal partnership with the Group. One of our Explorers went to the ill-fated S Korean World Jamboree but was not phased and is now fundraising with another explorer for a further spectacular trip to the Artic.

The focus of much of the activity remains on badge work.

Our Group has worked with District to ensure all mandatory training is up to date and now has a robust process for maintain DBS checks.

Our Facebook profile is regularly updated.

Our financial position remained healthy at the end of 2023, and we added to our reserves following receipt of a number of grants and the Group making a small profit on some activities. Our Gift Aid claim stabilised year on year. The Committee reviews the level of subs in relation to a budget each year and agrees the appropriate level of subs and allocation of meeting budgets for each section, as well as larger expenditure plans.

Our Trustee Board has been working with representatives of Sunnyside Community Hall Limited (another registered charity) in relation to settling and documenting both parties shared ownership of the land where Sunnyside Community Hall and the store are located and agreed the terms for the preparation of legal documentation in 2023. The legal work began in 2022 but stalled because Sunnyside Hall received legal advice not to enter into the lease. Despite our attempts, no compromise solution has been found and both sides are in the status quo without final affirmative resolution. The Trustee Board agreed to approach the Charity Commission directly if no negotiated way forward could be achieved. That work shall progress in 2024.

Section D Achievements and performance

Section E Financial review

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

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The budgeting process was undertaken for 2023.

Details of any funds materially in deficit

None

Further financial review details (Optional information)

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Section F Other optional information

- In 2024 the Group intends to “just keep Scouting.”

Section G Declaration

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

Signed on behalf of the charity’s trustees

Signature(s)		
Full name(s)	Meg West	Gavin Cons
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Chairperson	Group Scout Leader
Date	4th May 2024	

Scrutineer's Report to the Trustees of the Rusthall Scout Council

I report on the accounts of the Group/District for the year ended 2023

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/District'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.

Name: Claire Gomez
Address: 1 Nellington Road, Rusthall, Tunbridge Wells, TN4 8SH
Date: 18/03/2024

St Paul's Rusthall Scout Group
Receipts and Payments Account

For the year from	1st January 2023	To	31st December 2023

Receipts and payments

	2023 Unrestricted Funds £	2022 Unrestricted Funds £
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Membership subscriptions	13,843.25	10,057.75
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Net membership subscriptions retained	7,543.04	4,378.75
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Legacies		
Gift Aid	2,186.02	2,033.44
Other similar income - Uniform Commission/Sales	482.00	893.50
Sub total	12,084.06	7,409.14
Grants		
Maintenance grant		
Other grants		
Sub total	-	
Fundraising (Gross)	381.58	395.68
Activities	18,725.50	20,491.50
Misc	45.51	17.00
Other fundraising activities		
Sub total	19,152.59	20,904.18
Investment income		
Bank interest	301.61	66.37
Building Society interest		
The Scout Association Short Term Investment Service	-	
Property Rent income		
Other Investment income		
Sub total	301.61	66.37
Total Gross Income	31,538.26	28,379.69
Assett and investment sales, etc		
Total Receipts	31,538.26	28,379.69

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

Hon. Treasurer

GROUP EXEC CHAIRPERSON

St Paul's Rusthall Scout Group
Receipts and Payments Account

For the year from	1st January 2023	To	31st December 2023

Receipts and payments

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Miscelleneous	1,652.27	878.28
Sub total	-	
Total Gross Expenditure	29,378.82	29,766.46
Assett and investment purchases, etc		
Total Payments	29,378.82	29,766.46
Net of receipts/(payments)	2,159.44	(1,386.77)
Cash funds last year end	26,494.53	27,881.30
Cash funds this year end.	28,653.97	26,494.53

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Group Executive Chairperson

Hon. Treasurer

Statement of Assets and Liabilities at the end of the year

	31st December 2023 Unrestricted Funds £	31st December 2022 Unrestricted Funds £
Cash Funds		
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Building Society Account		
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Total cash funds	28,653.97	26,494.53
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Insurance Claim	-	
Sub total	-	
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Investment property - detail	-	
Quoted investments	-	
Other investments - detail	-	
Sub total	-	
Non monetary assets for charities own use		
Badge stock	50.00	50.00
Shop stock	-	
Other stock	-	
Land and buildings	12,712.68	13,818.13
Motor vehicles	-	
Scouting equipment, furniture etc	12,349.54	12,976.28
Other	-	
Sub total	25,112.22	26,844.41
Liabilities		
Accounts not yet paid - Hall hire	-	-
Expenses incurred but not paid	-	-
Subscriptions not yet paid	-	-
	-	-
Other liabilities	-	-
Sub total	-	-

Contingent liabilities and future obligations

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Group Executive Chairperson

Hon. Treasurer

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Name: Claire Gomez
Address: 1 Nellington Road, Rusthall, Tunbridge Wells, TN4 8SH
Date: 18/03/2024

ST. PAULS RUSTHALL 2ND TUNBRIDGE WELLS SCOUT GROUP

England & Wales - Charity number 1165139

Accounts

Trustees' Annual Report for the period

	Period start date				Period end date		
	Day	Month	Year		Day	Month	Year
From	01	01	2022	To	31	12	2022

Section A Reference and administration details

Charity name	ST. PAUL'S RUSTHALL 2nd TUNBRIDGE WELLS SCOUT GROUP
Other names charity is known by	N/A
Registered charity number (if any)	1165139
Charity's principal address	Sunnyside Hall
	Rusthall Road
	Rusthall, Tunbridge Wells
	Postcode TN4 8RA

Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1	Angela Applegate	Chairperson		
2	Michelle Rule	Treasurer		
3	Kevin Powley	Group Scout Leader		
4	Gavin Cons	Cub Scout Leader		
5	Matthew Johnston	Scout Leader		
6	Helen Bigsby	Scout & Explorer Leader		
7	Natalie Hyder	Parent Rep (S)		
8	Mark Johnson	Beaver Scout Leader		
9	Louise Johnson	Beaver Scout Leader		
10	John Burwood	Cub Scout Leader		
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Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address
Scrutineer	Gary Saunders (FCA)	Budleigh, Furzefield Avenue, Speldhurst, TN3 0LD

Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (Optional information)

Section B Structure, governance and management

Description of the charity's trusts

Type of governing document	The Group's governing documents are those of The Scout Association. They consist of a Royal Charter, which in turn gives authority to the Bylaws of the Scout Association and The Policy, Organisation and Rules of The Scout Association.
How the charity is constituted	The Group is a trust established under its rules which are common to all Scouts.
Trustee selection methods	The Trustees are appointed in accordance with the Policy, Organisation and Rules of The Scout Association.

Additional governance issues (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant, about:

- policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees;
- the charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works;
- relationship with any related parties;
- trustees' consideration of major risks and the system and procedures to manage them.

The Group is managed by the Group Executive Committee, in accordance with Scouts POR rule 3.22 & 3.24. The members of which are the 'Charity Trustees' and other Scout Leaders and Parent Representatives of our Scout Group. The Scout Group 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 up to 3 independent representatives e.g. Chair, Treasurer and Secretary together with the Group Scout Leader, Deputy Group Scout Leader, individual section leaders and parent's representation and meets approximately every 3 months. We no longer appoint a secretary and the Chair kindly keeps records.

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

- The maintenance of Group property
- The raising of funds and the administration of Group finance
- The insurance of persons, property and equipment
- 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 elected

Risk and Internal Control

The Group Executive Committee has identified the major risks to which they believe the Group is exposed, these have been reviewed and systems have been established to mitigate against them.

The main areas of concern that have been identified are:

- Reduction or loss of members. The Group provides activities for all young people aged 6 to 14. If there was a reduction in membership in a particular section or the group as whole then there would have to be a contraction, consolidation or closure of a section. In the worst case scenario the complete closure of the Group.

- Damage to the buildings we use, property and equipment. The Group would request the use of buildings, property and equipment from neighbouring organisations such as the church, and other Scout Groups.
- Injury to leaders, helpers, supporters and members. The Group through the capitation fees contributes to the Scout Associations national accident insurance policy. Risk Assessments are undertaken before all activities. Additional personal injury insurance is provided for all leaders and adult helpers.
- Reduced income from fund raising. The Group is primarily reliant upon income from subscriptions. The group does hold a reserve to ensure the continuity of activities should there be a major reduction in income. The Committee could raise the value of subscriptions to increase the income to the group on an on-going basis, either temporarily or permanently.
- Reduction or loss of leaders. The group is totally reliant upon volunteers to run and administer the activities of the group. If there was a reduction in the number of leaders to an unacceptable level in a particular section or the group as a whole then there would have to be a contraction, consolidation or closure of a section. In the worst case scenario the complete
- The group has in place systems of internal controls that are designed to provide reasonable assurance against material mismanagement or loss, these include 2 authorisers for all payments and a comprehensive insurance policies to ensure that insurable risks are covered.
- Global pandemic. The Group responds in accordance with the guidance from the Scout Association and has taken steps to ensure that members still experience Scouting bearing in mind the current level of risk related to the Covid-19 pandemic.
- Rent increases and cost of living crisis. The Group has been in dispute with Sunnyside Hall Trustees regarding its ownership and use of Sunnyside Hall for a number of years. A resolution to the dispute was agreed in 2021 which has involved a substantial increase in rent payments and further planned increases. The proposed rent increase and increases for the next 5 years were expected to be affordable as we would slowly increase subs to address the extra outlay. However, our numbers fell due to the pandemic and we note that out families are being financially squeezed by the general increase in the cost of living – we have introduced a subs increase late 2022 (for the academic year) and are monitoring payments. The Group has reserves which it can rely upon in the short term to bridge any gap but this is not sustainable in the long term.

Section C Objectives and activities

Summary of the objects of the charity set out in its governing document

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.

Summary of the main activities in relation to these objects

The focus of the Group is to provide opportunities for young people to enable them to meet their potential through activities which include badge work, outings and camps. We welcome all young people regardless of personal background, faith or gender.

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.

Additional details of objectives and activities (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include further statements, where relevant, about:

- policy on grantmaking;
- policy programme related investment;
- contribution made by volunteers.

A great contribution is made by all our volunteers whether they act as Leaders, Assistant Leaders, Section Assistants, members of the Executive Committee or as parent helpers at the weekly meetings. We are grateful for the many hours volunteers have spent to provide the variety of opportunities open to the young people in our group. Without this valuable contribution of time, energy and expertise we would not have been able to achieve so much.

Any surplus funds which are not required to pay for activities are placed on deposit to either earn interest or be used for replacement equipment. Small sums are used to provide access to activities for young people who would not otherwise be able to afford to attend some events.

The Group holds significant residual funds above and beyond the reserves and the Group (with active encouragement from its treasurer) has sought to deploy these funds for the benefit of the members rather than to sit on the money "for a rainy day." The Group Executive regularly discusses options for use of the funds and has recently completed a full programme of replacement of equipment as well as buying new technology in order to bring the equipment of the Group into the 2020s.

Section D Achievements and performance

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

2022 was a year of rebuilding for Scouting as a whole and our Group. The structure of meetings was back to normal, although with still reduced numbers. We note that the membership in the younger sections ramped up through 2022 and into 2023, although the Scout section still has spaces – the tide of members from the younger sections will ripple upwards over time.

The Group had a full calendar of activities and camps including a fabulous return of St. George's Day event, a jubilee-themed family camp and a series of section camps including the award of a new Nights Away permit in the Beaver section.

The Explorer unit is financially independent of the Group and has a formal partnership with the Group. One of our Explorers earned a place at the World Scout Jamboree and spent 2022 fundraising for the trip in July 2023.

The focus of much of the activity remains on badge work.

Our Group has worked with District to ensure all mandatory training is up to date and now has a robust process for maintain DBS checks.

Our Facebook profile is regularly updated.

Our financial position remained healthy at the end of 2022, despite the dent to income with the reduced number of members. Our Gift Aid claim was down due to reduced subs. The Committee reviews the level of subs in relation to a budget each year and agrees the appropriate level of subs and allocation of meeting budgets for each section, as well as larger expenditure plans.

The Group made a loss in 2022 in accordance with the budget, met out of reserves built up in earlier years. This was due to the higher rent in line with lower subs. The loss was not as great as it might have been, because the Group made a small profit on most activities which was used to offset the general deficit.

Our Executive committee has been working with representatives of Sunnyside Community Hall Limited (another registered charity) in relation to settling and documenting both parties shared ownership of the land where Sunnyside Community Hall and the store are located and have now agreed the terms for the preparation of legal documentation. This has taken a very long time to achieve and dealing with the final stages was delayed further by the pandemic and the lack of availability of solicitors because of a boom in house purchasing. The legal work began in 2022 but stalled again because Sunnyside Hall received legal advice not to enter into the lease. We are working with Sunnyside to find a compromise resolution that allows the Scout Group comfort that its interests are acknowledged.

Section E Financial review

Brief statement of the charity's policy on 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 12 months running costs, circa £7,500 on an income basis. The Group held reserves of more than £26,000 against this at year end. This is above the level required for operating expenses but represents a c£1,000 fall from 2021. The high level of reserves is explained by fund raising in prior years to finance the expansion of Sunnyside hall (which is part owned by the Group) to allow it to be used by the Beavers and Cubs as well as the Scouts. The budgeting process was undertaken for 2022.
Details of any funds materially in deficit	None

Further financial review details (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant about: • the charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising); • how expenditure has supported the key objectives of the charity; • investment policy and objectives including any ethical investment policy adopted.	The Group's Income and Expenditure is very small and as a consequence does not have sufficient funds to invest in longer term investments such as stocks and shares. The Group has therefore adopted a low risk strategy to the investment of its funds. All funds are held in cash using our CAF account. 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. The CAF banking arrangements includes a "Gold" interest bearing account, and as such, the Group have split their funds across both the current and the Gold accounts. No period of notice is needed to transfer funds. The interest rate on the Gold account is comparable to the Scout Charity Deposit Service.

Section F Other optional information

The Group got back on its feet in 2022, with the traditional round of events, activities and our numbers increasing.

Gavin Cons has made a brilliant job of taking over as Group Scout Leader since March 2022.

The Group has not finalised formalisation of its land rights and relationship with Sunnyside Community Hall Limited in 2022 and remains keen to do so.

In 2023 we plan to:

- Rebuild our membership
- Recruit additional adult help and reorganise our leadership team
- Finalise and settle our land ownership rights
- Get outside, meet friends and enjoy our programme

Section G Declaration

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)	Angela Applegate	
Full name(s)	Angela Applegate	Gavin Cons
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Chairperson	Group Scout Leader
Date	6th May 2023	

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of the

ST PAUL'S RUSTHALL SCOUT GROUP

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the St Paul's Rusthall Scout Group for the year ended 31st December 2022.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees of the St Paul's Rusthall Scout Group you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').

I report in respect of my examination of the St Paul's Rusthall 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 St Paul's Rusthall Scout Group as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

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Address: Budleigh, Furzefield Avenue, Speldhurst TN3 0LD

Date: 21st March 2023

Statement of Assets and Liabilities at the end of the year

	31st December 2022 Unrestricted Funds £	31st December 2021 Unrestricted Funds £
Cash Funds		
Bank Current Account	26,494.53	27,881.30
Bank Deposit Account	-	
Building Society Account		
The Scout Association Short Terms Investment Service		
Cash/Section Floats	-	
Total cash funds	26,494.53	27,881.30
Other monetary assets		
Tax Claim	-	
Debts due from County/Area/District/Group	-	
Insurance Claim	-	
Sub total	-	
Investment Assets		
Investment property - detail	-	
Quoted investments	-	
Other investments - detail	-	
Sub total	-	
Non monetary assets for charities own use		
Badge stock	50.00	50.00
Shop stock	-	
Other stock	-	
Land and buildings	13,818.13	15,019.71
Motor vehicles	-	
Scouting equipment, furniture etc	12,976.28	12,009.21
Other	-	
Sub total	26,844.41	27,078.92
Liabilities		
Accounts not yet paid - Hall hire	-	-
Expenses incurred but not paid	-	-
Subscriptions not yet paid	-	-
	-	-
Other liabilities	-	-
Sub total	-	-

Contingent liabilities and future obligations

None

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Angela Applegate

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St Paul's Rusthall Scout Group
Receipts and Payments Account

For the year from	1st January 2022	To	31st December 2022

Receipts and payments

	2022 Unrestricted Funds £	2021 Unrestricted Funds £
Receipts		
Donations, legacies and similar income		
Membership subscriptions	10,057.75	9,277.59
Less: Membership subscriptions paid on (National/County/Area/District)	5,679.00	5,853.00
Net membership subscriptions retained	4,378.75	3,424.59
Donations, legacies and similar income	103.45	
Legacies		
Gift Aid	2,033.44	1,163.73
Other similar income - Uniform Commission/Sales	893.50	808.00
Sub total	7,409.14	5,396.32
Grants		
Maintenance grant		
Other grants		
Sub total	-	
Fundraising (Gross)	395.68	137.10
Activities	20,491.50	4,477.00
Misc	17.00	
Other fundraising activities		
Sub total	20,904.18	4,614.10
Investment income		
Bank interest	66.37	8.97
Building Society interest		
The Scout Association Short Term Investment Service	-	14.37
Property Rent income		
Other Investment income		
Sub total	66.37	23.34
Total Gross Income	28,379.69	10,033.76
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Payments		
Charitable Payments		
Youth programme and activities	22,666.10	7,600.26
Adult support and training		
Rent	3,050.00	1,504.00
Water and Sewerage		
Electricity and Gas		
Insurance	445.54	433.95
Repairs and Renewals	55.00	
Materials and equipment	2,167.99	704.38
Printing and photocopying		
Contribution to camp costs		
Uniforms	503.55	
AGM and trustee expenses		
Fund Raising Expenses		
Miscelleneous	878.28	810.52
Sub total	29,766.46	11,053.11
Sub total	-	
Total Gross Expenditure	29,766.46	11,053.11
Assett and investment purchases, etc		
Total Payments	29,766.46	11,053.11
Net of receipts/(payments)	(1,386.77)	(1,019.35)
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