

## **1<sup>st</sup> Whitton Report (2023-24)**

The Aim of 1st Whitton Scout Group is 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. We provide exciting and adventurous activities alongside a progressive training and award scheme. All are encouraged to participate to the best of their ability. Leadership and mentoring are provided by our dedicated team of Volunteers.

### **People:**

Trustee Board: Group Lead volunteer - Steve Miles, Chair - Steve Jones,

Treasurer: Chris Brown Secretary: Diana Marsh

Board members: George Young, Sarah Dale.

Group Administration support Team: Deborah Miles, Cathy Hudson.

Leadership teams: Group: Steve Miles, George Young.

Beaver Team: Mikey Boncey, George Young.

Cub Team: Tabitha Young, Ada Robinsmith,

Scout Team: Mikey Boncey, Alex Clarke, Josh Rizzo-Loveland.

Explorer Team: Steve Miles, Mikey Boncey, Josh Rizzo-Loveland.

Web Site - Mark Croucher

Young Leaders: Charlie Boncey. Andrew Bott. Kashvi Sabale, Austin Mukiibi, Ada Maya Pufu.

Occasional Helpers (DBS'd) - David Ellington, Karina Deade, Grant Young, Alex Thompson-Vaughan Gunachithra Dhasarathan, Nimesh Patel, Angela Badger.

Young people as of January 2024: Beavers - 7, Cubs - 18, Scouts - 14, Explorers - 7

We were pleased to welcome Josh Rizzo-Loveland and Ada Robinsmith to the leadership team. They are both settling in and continuing with their training.

On behalf of all the youngsters, we are very grateful to the above wonderful volunteers who keep the group running, either in the background as members of the Trustee team or face to face as part of the Leadership team.

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My sincere thanks to Steve Jones for holding the role of Chair of Trustees for the last four years. Steve has decided to stand down, therefore we are now asking for a volunteer to continue the good work.

#### Group Lead report:

As Group lead, my primary role continues to be offering support to the Leadership teams ensuring that they have opportunities for training and giving them the right facilities to carry out their roles. It is also my responsibility, with the help of the trustees, leaders and supporters, to ensure that our youngsters are kept safe while they are in our care.

As seven of the Scouts moved on to District Explorers, at the beginning of this year, our Group youth numbers were down, compared to 2023. However, we have seen a steady growth during the last two terms. Although Magellan Explorers come under the District team, we are pleased to consider them part of the 1<sup>st</sup> Whitton family.

Since the last report in October 23, we have managed to fit in several more camps alongside the badge days, air rifle competitions and St George's Day parade, not forgetting of course our Pantomime visit.

A team of parents and youngsters spent a few hours planting out the eighty plus saplings, which were donated by the Woodland Trust.

There has been a record number of badges presented over the last two terms, which is a good indication of the active section programmes.

We are grateful to the District team who continue to support the Group through their guidance, training opportunities and the generation of District based activities.

#### **Assets and Premises.**

To remain compliant with Ofsted we had to fit a hand basin into the stainless-steel worktop in the kitchen. The raised flower bed was finally finished, complete with plants. Two trees were pollarded.

There was one major issue. Due to a combination of causes, including one area having collapsed, the sewers from the building started backing up. After pipe replacement, we had to enlist a drainage expert to jet the rest out.

Within the main building, there have been the usual minor maintenance needs. Our chair stock is dwindling, which is largely due to the backs separating from the seats.

Heathrow volunteers have again agreed to give us some of their time and I hope we will be able to get the archery range back into action, following the net support being damaged during the pollarding of the tree.

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We do need some regular help with upkeep of the grounds. Looking forward, we now have a leak in the main roof that appears during wet and windy days. Due to the material of the existing roof, we would like to replace it with something more eco-friendly. Although a major project, I am hoping that this year's Trustee team can investigate the financing and implementation of it.

We have now replaced the pioneering poles and ropes. However, we do need to build a shelter for them.

The camping equipment is being replaced as necessary.

We have bought a new website which we hope to have up and running very soon.

## **Finances**

### **Funding.**

The rugby parking has not been as well attended this season. This is mainly due to the restructuring of the Eventbrite platform. We are working on ways to improve the uptake and, as ever, thank you to George for looking after this important fund-raising activity.

Gift Aid continues to be a worthwhile exercise adding a minimum of £1000 annually to the Group's funds.

The Group receives income from Frejo After School Club, Kerswell Kids Day Nursery and Twickenham District Model Railway Club. This income is used for utility payments, insurance, and general upkeep of the facilities.

Termly Subscriptions from parents are split between National Scouting headquarters, Greater London Southwest Scout County and Richmond upon Thames Scout District, through capitation at the beginning of the year. The surplus is used directly by the Group for badges, scarves and some craft materials.

Most of the 1<sup>st</sup> Whitton camps and activities are subsidised through fund raising and donations.

### **Future:**

After the success of last year's Korea Camp, we are already looking forward to next year's big district wide summer camp which is to have the theme of Birthdays. We will keep you informed and set up a payment schedule.

Talking of Birthdays, did you know, 1<sup>st</sup> Whitton will celebrate its Centenary in 2027. That's only three years away and I hope we can set up a sub team of parents to start bringing together our archive and planning a year of activities that the youngsters will remember. In addition to all of that, 2027 is the year of the next Jamboree, which is being held in Poland.

Thank you for your continued support.

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## Volunteer roles available

**Beaver team member.** Working with the team to deliver good scouting to our 6 - 8 year olds

**Explorer team member.** Working with the team to deliver good scouting to our 14 - 18yr year olds

### **Chair of Trustees.**

Four x **Trustees** to help the Group keep its healthy track record of being compliant and well-funded.

*All the above will have to complete a small amount of online training and will be supported by the Group Lead and District team.*

**Support team members.** To help in a multitude of ways.

Website Manager – *fully involved initially then to give intermittent advice.*

Gardening team, *season dependant. From weed pulling to looking after our new saplings and raised garden.*

Planning team. *For future events e.g., next year's AGM and/or 2027 celebrations.*

General help - *e.g. trek cart painting. Trek cart store building. Pioneering pole store building. Chair repairs. Water rocket launcher builder (two required). Minibus cleaner. Building termly deep clean.*

If you have a skill or a hobby you would like to share with our youngsters, even if it's just for one evening, please do let the team leads or myself know.

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# 1st Whitton Scout Group

## Summary of Financial Activities

For the Period 1st January 2023 to 31st December 2023

Movements in Cash & Bank	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total	Total 2022
<b>Incoming Resources</b>				
Gross Subscriptions	5,570			
less Capitation (Net Subscriptions)	<u>( 2,750 )</u>	2,820	2,820	2,591
Donations & Grants	4,440		4,440	2,045
Camps, Activities & Voluntary Income	6,851		6,851	6,304
Property Rental (inc service costs)	8,607		8,607	12,300
Other Income	<u>37,723</u>		<u>37,723</u>	<u>9,767</u>
Total Incoming Resources	60,441		60,441	33,007
<b>Outgoing Resources</b> in furtherance of charitable activities				
<b>Direct Activities</b>				
Camp Costs	13,034		13,034	3,533
General Activities	3,178		3,178	6,702
Premises Costs (inc Service Costs)	43,658		43,658	18,255
Minibus	2,106		2,106	29,181
Purchase of Equipment	382		382	10,423
Other costs in furtherance of charitable activities				-
Total for Direct Activities	<u>62,359</u>		<u>62,359</u>	<u>68,095</u>
<b>Overheads &amp; Administration</b>				
Trustees & Executives Expenses	-		-	-
General Administration	<u>-</u>		<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
<b>Total Outgoing Resources</b>	<u>62,359</u>		<u>62,359</u>	<u>68,095</u>
<b>Net Incoming (Outgoing) Cash &amp; Bank</b>	<u>( 1,918 )</u>		<u>( 1,918 )</u>	<u>( 35,089 )</u>
<b>Non Cash Activities</b>				
Purchase of Fixed Assets			-	29,181
Depreciation of Fixed Assets	<u>( 3,947 )</u>		<u>( 3,947 )</u>	<u>( 4,074 )</u>
<b>Total Movement In Funds</b>	<u>( 5,865 )</u>		<u>( 5,865 )</u>	<u>( 9,981 )</u>
<b>Funds Brought Forward</b>	59,059		59,059	<b>69,040</b>
<b>Funds Carried Forward</b>	<u>53,194</u>		<u>53,194</u>	<u><b>59,058</b></u>

## Balance Sheet

	As at 31 December 2023	As at 01 January 2023
<b>Fixed Assets</b>		
Minibus	26,263	26,263
less Depreciation @ 10% of Initial Value pa	<u>( 2,919 )</u>	
Sports Equipment	529	529
less Depreciation @ 20%	<u>( 106 )</u>	
Activities Area	9,221	9,221
less Depreciation @ 10%	<u>( 922 )</u>	
Total Fixed Assets	32,066	36,014
<b>Current Assets</b>		
Cash in Hand, Paypal & at Bank	18,555	23,628
Debtors	<u>3,155</u>	<u>-</u>
Total Current Assets	21,710	23,628
<b>Current Liabilities</b>	<u>( 582 )</u>	<u>( 582 )</u>
<b>NET ASSETS</b>	<u>53,194</u>	<u>59,058</u>
represented by		
Unrestricted Funds	53,194	59,058
Restricted Funds		
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u>53,194</u>	<u>59,058</u>

Incoming & Non cash £	Outgoing & Non cash £
60,441	( 66,306 )

Signed

Note:

Chairman  
Date

GSL  
Date

Treasurer  
Date

**Independent examiner's Report to the Trustees of**  
**1st Whitton Scout Group**  
**Registered Charity: 1172762**

I report on the accounts of the Trust for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> December 2023, which are attached

**Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner**

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act;
- to follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act; and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

**Basis of the 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 charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a "true and fair" view and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

**Independent examiner's statement**

In connection with my examination, 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 130 of the 2011 Act: and
- to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 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:



Patrick L Ducker BSc ACIS  
Twickenham,  
Date: 12<sup>th</sup> June 2023

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