

Trustees' Annual Report

1st January 2024 to 31st December 2024

Charity name 786 Wolverhampton

Registered charity number 1183484

Charity's principal address

Dunstall Heights
1 Dunstall Rd
Wolverhampton
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Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

Trevor Parkes	Chair
Matlub Begum	Secretary
Salma Ibrahim	Treasurer
Khalid Khan	Trustee Member
Shakeela Asif	Trustee Member

Governance

The Charity continues to adhere to the Constitution agreed with the Charities Commission when setting up the CIO.

The Charity is managed by the Board of Trustees, also they undertaking the Scout Group Executive Committee role of the Scout Group which 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 5 representatives, Chair, Treasurer and Secretary and two Trustees. The Committee meets at least 4 times a year and more if necessary.

The Board of Trustees exists to support the smooth running of the Charity's day to day operations in meeting the responsibilities of the appointments and is responsible for:

- The maintenance of Charities property;
- The raising of funds and the administration of Charities finance;
- The insurance of persons, property and equipment;
- Charities public occasions;
- Assisting in the recruitment of Volunteers/leaders and other adult support;
- Appointing any sub committees that may be required;
- Appointing Charities Administrators and Advisors other than those who are elected.

Risk Assessment and Internal Control Officers

Lead **Khalid Khan**

Deputy **Shakeela Asif**

General

The Charity has in place systems of internal controls that are designed to provide reasonable assurance against material mismanagement or loss; these include 2 signatories for payments and comprehensive insurance policies to ensure that insurable risks are covered.

The Board of Trustees has identified the major risks to which they believe the Charity 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:

Injury to Volunteers/leaders, helpers, supporters and members.

The Charity through Unity Insurance has 10,000,000 Employers Liability and 5,000,000 Public and Products Liability cover. For the Scouts Group all registered Scouting activities are covered under the Scout Association's insurance policy. Risk Assessments are undertaken before and during activities.

Reduced income from fund raising.

The Charity is primarily reliant upon income from subscriptions and fundraising. The Charity does hold reserves 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 charity on an ongoing basis, either temporarily or permanently.

Reduction or loss of Volunteers/leaders.

The Charity is totally reliant upon volunteers to run and administer the activities of the group. If there was a reduction in the number of volunteers/leaders to an unacceptable level in a particular area of operation or across the whole Charity then there would have to be a contraction, consolidation or closure of certain activities or Scouts sections. In the worst case scenario this would result in the complete closure of the Charity.

Reduction or loss of members.

The Charity provides activities for all young people aged 6 to 25 and their families. If there were a reduction in membership in a particular activities or sections or the whole Charities operations then there would have to be a contraction, consolidation or closure of activities or section. In the worst case scenario this would result in the complete closure of the Charity.

Objectives

To promote, maintain, improve and enhance the education and development of children and young people and their families living in Wolverhampton and the surrounding area by the provision of items and holiday schemes.

Summary of the main activities in relation to these objectives

Scout Sections January 24 - December 24

Beavers / Cubs / Scouts/ Young Leaders

Scouts group activities:

Number of sessions: 41

Number of Participants: 48

Number of interventions: 1273

Scouting Activities:

The Scout sections participated in following events throughout the year:

The scout sections all follow the scouting curriculum as is laid down by the Scouts Association.

MSF Summer North Camp July 2024

13 Scouts (Male/Female)

9 Young Leaders (Male/Female)

YHA

We were very fortunate to have been awarded a fully funded weekend residential from the YHA at the end of March.

22 Young People and 3 Leaders took part in this residential, it was situated at the YHA Wye Valley Centre in Ross-on-Wye.

Activities included : Archery, Den building, Fire lighting, Environmental Art and as this took place during the Holy Month of Ramadan we were able to incorporate a weekend long spiritual reflection retreat incorporating quizzes alongside many other exciting activities.

The overwhelming benefits were:

Connected young people to nature and the benefits of time in the outdoors.

Gave young people new skills for life through team working, challenge and adventure.

Improved young people's mental health and wellbeing.

Young people making new friends from other scouts groups across England & Internationally.

St. Peter's Physical Activity

The St. Peter's Physical Activity Project aimed to increase levels of physical activity amongst children 9-11 years' old, parents and carers and the wider community within the St. Peter's Ward of Wolverhampton.

Activities we delivered had been developed in consultation and discussion with young people and local residents. Delivery took place at Dunstall Community Centre and the associated grounds and football pitch. As there is limited opportunity within the area to access sport and physical activities within community settings this helped in supporting and improvement of general mental health and well-being. Activities included; Mix Martial Arts, Dodge Ball, Basket Ball, Football, Cricket, Soft Archery, Badminton, Table Tennis, Pool and Multi-sport taster sessions.

Initial engagement was through 'informal' style sessions, where there was opportunity for relationship building and building rapport with fellow participants and activity leaders. The sessions included a range of fun games/activities and small sided games to help develop basic skills including communication skills, team working, as well improving general fitness levels. Participants similarly were able to access group chats and support which explored issues such as healthy lifestyles, budgeting skills, nutritional and food economics, including stop vaping support, drugs & alcohol, gangs and knife related topics, mental health, physical well-being and building positive relationships.

The Projects focus was on supporting children and their families that are were disengaged and faced multi disadvantages living in St Peters Ward, especially the BAME community. We actively target boys and girls 9-11 years old and their families struggling from cost of living crisis.

Activities took place regularly over the period of 12 months, entailing 1 hour session, 66 sessions in total, which were split 33 male session - 33 female sessions, 40 new 9-11 years old children and in addition their families were engaged. All activities remained free of charge on the doorstep, open to both boys and girls in a Safe Space with Trusted Adults.

Inclusive Communities Fund

The Fund was anticipated to strengthen the achievements prompted by the 2022 Commonwealth Games, offering community organisations access to new funding to make a difference for the people they work with. The Fund served as a catalyst to address inequalities, forging deeper connections between individuals and organisations to continue the legacy of the Games, sharing the four original core mission principles of the Commonwealth Games: Bringing people together - Improving health and wellbeing - Helping the region to grow - Putting the region on

the map, which fell within one or more of the following three themes: Physical activity and sport - Mental health and well-being -

Arts, culture and creativity.

Our target groups were ethnically diverse individuals and families from within our community from multicultural backgrounds, for whom English may not be their first language, requiring some stimulation and encouragement to explore new activities and step out of their comfort zones, also accommodating taking part in if required gender specific session due to cultural and religious beliefs. Free weekly sessions that brought people together to improve health and mental wellbeing by engaging in particular activities that met the needs of all participants. Allowing an environment of encouragement for families to increase their activity level and improve their social circles. These activities consisted of 101 sessions, based over 36 weeks each session consisting of 1.5 hour running from March to December 2024, over 125 people directly benefited from this funding.

Types of activities and sessions that we delivered: Mothers and Daughter - Dads and Sons - Stay & Play - Inter cultural cooking and to support Mental Health and Social interaction: Outdoor and hands on therapeutic activities such as gardening, games and crafts - Somewhere to go and something to do space a free warm space and access to charging point for portable devices.

Positive changes to the lives of people that participated on project:

Participants had a better understanding of other cultures and differences, leading to increased trust of people within the area and 55% of participants considered themselves more part of their community and feel they are more able to get involved.

Improved mental wellbeing and overall wellness,

50% of participants felt that they had improved their self- esteem and confidence.

75% of participants became more physically active and improve their overall health fitness levels.

80% of participants have learnt new skills.

Trusted Partner Wolves Online

The City of Wolverhampton with local partner's community continues to build networks to get residents digitally included, as a grassroots Charity we feel that our user group are benefiting from Wolves Online Trusted Partnership. The importance of digital connectivity with many of our families unable to access online learning, employment support due to data poverty, lack of or unsuitability of devices. Wolves Online is a device and connectivity lending and gifting scheme aimed at supporting Wolverhampton residents to get online to access services, participate in online learning and search for employment. Devices are distributed through a network of 'trusted partners' who commit to support their clients to get online and improve their digital skills.

As a Trusted Partner 786 Wolverhampton we have lent out devices with a sim card to enable our families to get online.

Vodafone Partnership

786 Wolverhampton in partnership with Vodafone's everyone connected programme., have been offering a free SIM card with 40GB data a month, plus free unlimited calls and texts, for 6 months. The free sim card is available for those not working, low income households, households without access to the Internet or those socially isolated and helps support people without digital connectivity.

This enables us to, to provide connectivity to our young people and their families to connect with family and friends free for 6 months with access to social media, surfing the web and online shopping, Improving their IT skills , training to people in need.

As the need for free connectivity grows as a result of the cost-of-living crisis, Vodafone wants to raise awareness of the issue and its programme provides people with a free SIM.

FareShare Partnership

We are partnered with FareShare, it is a food charity network aimed at relieving food poverty and reducing food waste in the UK, FareShare Go has allowed 786 Wolverhampton with direct access to surplus food from local supermarkets, including Tesco, ASDA and Waitrose & Partners, and wholesaler Booker. The food is good quality food that can no longer be sold for a variety of reasons, such as damaged packaging or a short-shelf life. How it works is when the supermarket has surplus food, they send out a message notification to us, we then collect the food from the supermarket either that night or the next day, which we are able to use in daily operations or distribute within our network to families living in food poverty.

Awards 2024

Acquisition International 2024 Winner: Non-profit Organisation Awards:

AWARDED: Most Dedicated Youth Organisation 2024 - West Midlands

Public Benefit Statement

The Charity meets the Charity Commission's public benefit criteria under both the advancement of education and the advancement of citizenship or community development headings.

Fundraising

St Peters Physical Activity Fund	£7,400.80
Wolverhampton CC	£1,000.00
Lloyds Bank Foundation	£1,420.00
YHA	£500.00
Inclusive Communities Fund	£17,463.00
Uniformed Youth Fund	£3,500.00

Subscriptions

Scout Group	£1931.50
Explorer Group	£188.00

Other

IUTS & IFOS	£2,205.50
Meals For Gaza	£1,200.00

Total Income

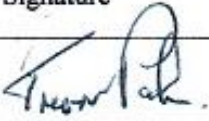


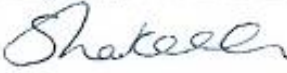

£36,808.80

Reserves Policy

The Charities policy on reserves is to hold sufficient resources to continue the charitable activities of the group should income and fundraising activities fall short.

Declaration

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

Position	Name	Signature	Date
Chair	Trevor Parkes		10-10-25
Secretary	Matlub Begum		10-10-25
Treasurer	Salma Ibrahim		10-10-25
Trustee Member	Shakeela Asif		10-10-25
Trustee Member	Khalid Khan		10/10/2025

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Receipts and payments account Final

Year start date

Year end date

For the year from	01/01/2024	To	31/12/2024
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Receipts and payments

	2024	2024
	Unrestricted funds	restricted funds
	£	£
Receipts		
Members' subscriptions/ activity fees	2,203	
Fundraising Events	3,406	-
Grants	1,420	29,864
Donations		-
Legacies	-	-
Gift Aid	-	-
Other similar income	-	-
Sub total	7,029	29,864
Grants		
Maintenence grant	-	-
Other grants	-	-
Sub total	-	-
Fundraising events (gross)		
Detail 1	-	-
Detail 2	-	-
Detail 3	-	-
Other fundraising activities	-	-
Sub total	-	-
Scout hut income		
Hire of building	-	-
Hire of equipment	-	-
Other Scout hut income	-	-
Sub total	-	-
Investment income		
Bank interest	-	-
Building Society interest	-	-
The Scout Association Short Term Investment Service	-	-
Other investment income	-	-
Sub total	-	-
Total Gross Income	7,029	29,864
Asset and investment sales, etc.	-	-
Total receipts	7,029	29,864

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Receipts and payments

	2024	2024
	Unrestricted funds	restricted funds
	£	£
Payments		
Charitable Payments		
Staffing		9701
Rent		200
Management Costs	-	560
Equipment	-	3513
Activities Resources & Materials	-	6982
Refreshments	-	970
Printing and photocopying	-	350
Activity costs	-	503
Training Cost's	-	1021
Travel & Parking	-	633
Insurance	-	783
Capitation	-	1113
Other costs detail 2	-	-
Other costs detail 3	-	-
Sub total	-	26,328
Fundraising expenses		
Meal for Gaza	1200	
IUTS & IFOS	2,117	
Detail 3	-	-
Other fundraising costs	-	-
Sub total	3,317	-
Total Gross Expenditure	3,317	26,328
Asset and investment purchases, etc.	-	-
Total payments	3,317	26,328
Net of receipts/(payments)	3,712	3,536
Cash funds last year end	-	-
Cash funds this year end	3,712	3,536

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Receipts and payments account Final

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Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the year

	2024 Unrestricted funds	2024 restricted funds
	£	£
Cash funds		
Bank current account	2,039	15,300
Bank Scouts account	2,461	-
Bank Explorer account	777	-
The Scout Association Short Term Investment Service	-	-
Cash/Floats	-	-
Total cash funds	5,277	15,300
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Other monetary assets		
Tax claim	-	-
Debts due from the County/Area/District/Group	-	-
Insurance claim	-	-
Sub total	-	-
Investment assets		
Investment property - detail	-	-
Quoted investments	-	-
Other investments - detail	-	-
Sub total	-	-
Non monetary assets for charity's own use		
Motor vehicles	-	-
Land and buildings	-	-
Equipment, furniture etc	-	-
Other	-	-
Sub total	-	-
Liabilities		
Accounts not yet paid	-	-
Expenses incurred but not invoiced	-	-
Subscriptions not yet paid	-	-
Loan - detail	-	-
Other liabilities	-	-
Sub total	-	-
Total net assets	5,277	15,300

The above receipts and payments account and statement of assets and liabilities were approved by the Trustees on 01st October 2025 and signed on their behalf by

Signature

Print Name

Trevor Parkes	Chair
Salma Ibrahim	Treasurer

Independent Examiner's Report

Charity Details

Charity Name: 786 Wolverhampton

Charity Number: 1183484

Accounts Year Ended: 31 December 2024

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of 786 Wolverhampton

I report on the accounts of 786 Wolverhampton for the year ended 31 December 2024, which are set out on pages 1 to 3.

Respective Responsibilities of Trustees and Examiner

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

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the Act,
- follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act, and
- 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 Commission. 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 the 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 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 accounting records have not been kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act 2011; or
2. that the accounts do not accord with those accounting records; or
3. that the accounts do not comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Act 2011; or
4. that there is further information or explanation needed for a proper understanding of the accounts.

Examiner's Signature:

A handwritten signature in black ink, consisting of a stylized 'R' followed by a horizontal line and a small flourish.

Name: Rizgar Saber

Professional Qualification: AAT 20255839

Address: 30 North Road, Wolverhampton, WV1 1QL

Date: 16/10/2025