

Chairmans Report on behalf of the Board of Trustees

It's my pleasure to be able to report on behalf of the Group the continuing story of success of the Higham Wood Scout and Guide Group. The Groups numbers have remained fairly consistent year on year and at present we currently have around 162 young people enjoying the fun activities and learning that the Group provides which is led and encouraged by a dedicated team of adult leaders, and supported by board of trustees.

We are particularly pleased that we have been able to restart our Rainbows who met for the first time since 'lockdown' after the February half-term. There are currently eight girls which will no doubt increase over time.

As parents you will personally know the activities that your child enjoys and I hope it will bring you pleasure to learn of the activities throughout the other sections of the Group.

The past year has seen all sections busy with very varied and challenging programmes. The Beavers who meet at Woodlands School have seen their numbers rise and have a very enthusiastic leadership team and they have a great time with many different activities both indoors and outdoors working for their badges and having fun.

The Brownie unit is running at full capacity and also runs some great activities. Brownies, Scouts and Guides alike have had visit from Lee Athwall, who is also now one of our local councillors. She heads up the FEAST Community larder at the Methodist Church and she was able to engage with our young people and explain what the team and the Church does to support those in need within our community. We hope that some of our young people will become involved as a result.

The Cubs have enjoyed two residential experiences over the past year. During weekly meetings the Cubs have enjoyed making hot air balloons, a visit from the RNLI for whom they have done some fundraising along with a host of outdoor activities.

The Guides have also been busy. A day trip to London to take part in the ICANDO London Challenge had an exciting twist when they were fortunate enough to be let into Trafalgar Square to see HRH King Charles III pre Coronation, who was visiting a charity event for disasters abroad. This delayed our Guides slightly so they did not quite finish the challenge but the reason why they didn't was a good one!

The Guides have also taken part in a "BE PREPARED" activity day which simulated coping in the aftermath of an earthquake. The girls were split into teams to represent a family and worked with others from all over London and the South East Region. Two of the 13th Guides were in the winning family for "Teamwork" and another two were in the winning family overall. Our Guide leaders are very proud of their achievements.

The highlights for our Air Scout Troop were camps in May and February and a week at the Kent International Jamboree during last year's School Summer holidays. More recently they have enjoyed two more Scout camps, one being

their camp at Broadstone Warren and the County Air activities Camp not quite two weeks ago.

Chris Parker, our Air Scout Leader and two of the Scouts, have been chosen to represent Kent at the World Scout Jamboree in Korea this summer for which they will be departing very soon. We know this will be a once in a lifetime experience for them. The young people have worked extremely hard to raise the money for this trip and among the activities they helped organise were a quiz and a barn dance to help raise funds.

Our older Guide section, the Rangers, usually meet fortnightly and also have an active programme. Some took part in the "Monopoly Run" an competition where within the day they visited all the places in London that can be found on the Monopoly board. They had a great day. They have also enjoyed celebrating events such as the Chinese New Year.

Finally the Scout & Guide Band who are currently rebuilding the band as a result of new members joining and older members moving on. The band now has a smaller number of competent musicians but do have a lot of enthusiastic members that are working hard to be out performing and numbers are expected to grow again during the year.

All of the performances during this spring and summer were concerts as these give them more flexibility whilst still allowing the more experienced members to challenge themselves by performing solos and by playing in small ensembles. The focus now is to ensure that there will be a competent marching band for the Remembrance Day parade in November.

The band has also started to benefit from a connection with the Band of the Irish Guards based in London which has led to their Musical Director visiting Tonbridge to see our band at practice and in September they are planning to spend a day at their barracks performing with their band and finding out more about the life of an Army musician.

Planned events for this year have been, or are to be a Spring concert, a performance on Easter Sunday in Brighton, Tea-Fest, in Tonbridge, The Tonbridge Coronation Big Lunch and the Tonbridge Community Fete and of course two church parades.

The achievements of all the young people in the group would not be possible without the dedication of all the leaders, whether they are uniformed members or part of the Executive committee who give up so much of their time to make sure that a challenging active programme is held in a safe environment. Once again we are indebted to the Methodist Church for the use of their wonderful premises and making us feel part of the wider Church family. We thank Sharon our Minister for the support she has given during her years here in Tonbridge. We will miss her as she will be moving to Frampton Cotterell near Bristol where she is to take up her new ministry. We now look forward to welcoming Kirsty McGhee who will be our new Minister from September.

HIGHAM WOOD SCOUT & GUIDE GROUP

Report and Accounts for the year ended

March 31, 2023

BANKERS

CHAIRMAN

K Reynolds

TRUSTEES Ex Officio

Appointment

Name

S.L.Band

M Rapley

GSL & Gladstone Cub Pack

H Foster (Mrs)

Group Guider & 13 Tonbridge Guides

A Rudd (Mrs)

S.L. Air Troop

C Parker

Grylls Cub Pack

K Richardson

Langstaff Beavers

K Mahoney (Mrs)

Rainbow Guides

A Wagstaff (Mrs)

Rainbow Guides

S Barker (Mrs)

13 Tonbridge Brownies

V Emerton (Mrs)

12 Tonbridge Guides &

Ranger Guides

H Fraser (Mrs)

Sponsoring Body

S Lovelock (Rev)

TRUSTEES Elected

Appointment

Name

Treasurer

F M Boorman (Mrs)

Secretary

K Grey (Mrs)

Plus one parent representative per Unit (excl. Rangers)

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REPORT AND ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

BANKERS

HSBC plc Tonbridge

Units have their own accounts with various banks.

GROUP/DISTRICT Registration Number : 37835

CHARITY REGISTRATION Number : 267761

Contact Name and Address:

Mrs F M Boorman, 10 The Ridgeway, Tonbridge, Kent, TN10 4NQ

TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

MAJOR ACTIVITIES AND ACHIEVEMENTS IN THE YEAR

Disbursements				
Bank Aid	8,798	0	8,798	0
Other	1,628	0	1,628	475
	10,426	0	10,426	475
Activities				
Canteen and club membership	0	20,865	20,865	11,782
Coffee	0	5,123	5,123	2,445
Other	0	1,595	1,595	1,401
	0	32,601	32,601	15,628
Fund Raising Events				
	265	0	265	270
Sundry Receipts				
Uniform and Badge Sales	265	0	265	270
	265	0	1,013	5,128
TOTAL RECEIPTS				
			32,866	32,171

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RECEIPTS for the year ended 31 March 2023

	This Year General Funds	This Year Restricted Funds	This Year Total	Previous Year Total 2022
	£	£	£	£
Membership Subscriptions	18,130	0	18,130	16,567
Less: Paid-Capitation	8,232	0	8,232	6,418
	9,898	0	9,898	10,149
Interest Received				
Bank	28	0	28	0
Deposits (from HMRC)	202	0	202	1
	230	0	230	1
Donations / Grants				
Gift Aid	8,796	0	8,796	0
Other	1,556	0	1,556	475
	10,352	0	10,352	475
Activities				
Camps (inc. KIJ & Jamboree)	0	20,963	20,963	11,782
Outings	0	5,123	5,123	2,442
Other	0	7,595	7,595	1,403
	0	33,681	33,681	15,627
Fund Raising (gross)	380	0	380	870
Sundry Receipts	292	0	292	328
Uniform & Badge Sales	1,318	0	1,318	825
	1,610	0	1,610	1,153
TOTAL RECEIPTS	22,470	33,681	56,151	28,275

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EXPENDITURE for the year ended 31 March 2023

	This Year General Funds	This Year Restricted Funds	This Year Total	Previous Year Total 2022 £
	£	£	£	£
PREMISES				
Rent	6,147	0	6,147	2,723
Insurances	1,181	0	1,181	1,150
	7,328	0	7,328	3,873
DONATIONS				
Church	1,656	0	1,656	1,000
Others	0	0	0	0
	1,656	0	1,656	1,000
ACTIVITIES				
Camps (inc. KIJ & Jamboree)	0	20,796	20,796	9,080
Outings	0	9,618	9,618	3,675
General Banding	6,147	0	6,147	3,599
Other	516	0	516	2,695
	6,663	30,414	37,077	19,049
FUNDRAISING EXPENSES	0	50	50	0
ADMIN EXPENSES incl. OSM	533	0	533	593
OTHER EXPENSES				
Repairs	638	0	638	0
Equipment- general	3,148	0	3,148	161
Badges & Uniform	3,322	0	3,322	2,142
Leader Training	0	0	0	0
Sundries	2,545	0	2,545	2,170
	9,653	0	9,653	4,473
EQUIPMENT PURCHASES		0	0	0
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	<u>25,833</u>	<u>30,464</u>	<u>56,297</u>	<u>28,988</u>

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES for the year ended 31 March 2023

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TOTAL RECEIPTS	22,470	33,681	56,151	28,274
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	25,833	30,464	56,297	28,988
	(3,363)	3,217	(146)	(714)
TRANSFERS BETWEEN FUNDS	0	0	0	0
NET INCOMING (OUTGOING)	(3,363)	3,217	(146)	(714)
FUND BALANCES BROUGHT FORWARD			35,131	35,845
FUND BALANCES CARRIED FORWARD	(3,363)	3,217	34,985	35,131

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Current Bank Accounts	31,106	3,588	34,694	34,694
Cash in Hand	291	0	291	437
	31,397	3,588	34,985	35,131

Approved by the Trustees on 20th June 2023 and signed on their behalf by

Chairman K.D. Reynolds K.D. REYNOLDS

Treasurer F.M. Boorman F.M. BOORMAN

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of the

HIGHAM WOOD SCOUT & GUIDE GROUP

Year to 31 March 2023

Basis of Independent Examiner's statement.

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the Group and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts and seeking explanation 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 I do not express an audit opinion on the view given by the accounts.

Independent Examiner's Statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

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 - b. to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the 1993 Acthave 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.

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Date

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