

## **1<sup>st</sup> Send (St Mary's) Scouts; Chair's Report October 2024**

(by Martin Threakall)

I've thoroughly enjoyed my first year involved with Scouting in Send, and want to say a big thank you to everyone for being so welcoming and collaborative over the last year, very much in line with the Scouts values.

I've learnt a huge amount (including about diggers!) and thoroughly enjoyed the experience.

It's been fantastic to see how vibrant the group is, leading the way with one of the first Squirrels sections and with spaces across all the sections highly sought after by local young people. The programme of activities through the year is impressive, with excellent weekly sessions, camps and other trips taking place, and great usage of the Wey that is literally on our doorstep.

The group is also an integral part of the local community, organising multiple much loved events through the year, which both raise funds for the group, but also serve to bring the community together and make Send and the surrounding areas a richer place to live. There is much heritage behind these, and we are lucky to benefit from the interest and experience of those who have been involved in organising these events for many years.

All of this is achieved through the hard work and selfless commitment of a relatively small number of people. From the Leaders who organise the sections, to those who are involved in the background to keep the group running and arrange these local events. A huge amount of time and effort goes in to making all of this happen. Whilst this is fantastic in terms of the commitment that people are giving, it's also a concern to me from a sustainability and resilience perspective for the group.

For me, this should be a key focus for us over the course of the coming year. It is timely that the broader Scouts movement is making changes to improve the Volunteer experience. It is my hope that we can leverage these, and through some focus and persistence, broaden out the number of people involved in supporting Scouting in Send, to help ensure that it continues to thrive for years to come, and that the significant effort involved in achieving that is spread sustainably across a broader number of people.

We also have some important points to decide on in relation to our facilities. We know there are some challenges with the current Hut; parts of it are aged and not best suited to our needs, and we need to take some action in relation to the asbestos within the building. This will require a significant investment to achieve, one for which we'll need to raise a material amount of funding. Our experience with the changing rooms over the last year indicates that we would be prudent to ensure we have funding to cover professionals completing the work, to ensure it is done in a timely manner and doesn't further stretch volunteers' time.

So for me, the year ahead is about leveraging the changes being made across the Scouts organisation, to expand out our team and give us the capacity to sustainably maintain our very strong foundations as a Group, and to build upon these with some ambitious projects for the future, in particular in relation to our facilities.

All of this will enable us to continue to deliver on the Scouts mission: actively engaging and supporting young people in their personal development, empowering them to make a positive contribution to society.

1st SEND (ST. MARY'S) SCOUT GROUP (Registered Charity No. 267767)  
Summary of Accounts - Year Ended 31st March 2024

	Bank	Cash
<b>OPENING BALANCES</b>		
Beavers - Cash	-	2013
Cubs - Cash	-	-
Scouts - Cash	-	-
Group - Bank	1524405	-
Group - Cash	-	2126
Reserve Fund - NS&I	1504005	-
Scout Investment A/C	417944	-
Total Opening Balance		3446467
<b>INCOME</b>		
	Bank	Cash
<u>Gift Aid</u>		
Gift Aid Income	-	-
	-	-
<u>Subscriptions</u>		
All Sections	635455	-
	635455	635455
<u>Camps, Trips &amp; Activities</u>		
Squirrels	7000	-
Beavers	52600	-
Cubs	240600	-
Scouts	20000	-
Scoutabout	-	-
	320200	320200
<u>Interest</u>		
Scout Inv A/C Interest	979	-
Reserve Fund Interest	-	-
	979	979
<u>Pantomime</u>		
Pantomime income	25000	-
	25000	25000
<u>Misc. Income</u>		
Use of HQ & Equipment	77200	-
Uniforms / Badges	17100	-
Grants - changing rooms	879700	-
Covid-19 Refunds	-	-
Subscriptions	-	-
	974000	974000
<u>Donations</u>		
Various	108320	675
	108320	108995
<u>Fundraising</u>		
May Fair 2022	466544	6462
Santa Run & Xmas Fair	193399	-
Bonfire Night 2022	726298	021
	1386241	6483
		1392724
<b>Gross Income</b>		3457353
<b>Net Excess of Income</b>		1068626

<b>EXPENDITURE</b>		
	Bank	Cash
<u>Capitation</u>		
Capitation Fees	434700	-
	434700	434700
<u>Equipment</u>		
Various Equipment	-	-
	-	-
<u>Camps, Trips &amp; Activities</u>		
Beavers	60550	1136
Cubs	173913	-
Scouts	29100	-
Scoutabout	-	-
	263563	1136
		264699
<u>Buildings</u>		
Maintenance	53880	-
New Changing rooms	150156	-
Cleaning	120000	-
Insurance	210455	-
Electricity	43371	-
Water / Sewage	17438	-
	595300	595300
<u>Misc. Expenses</u>		
P&S	-	-
Leader Expenses	35311	-
Uniforms / Badges	187627	-
AGM	-	-
Web Hosting	3250	-
Training	6000	-
Subscriptions	11250	-
Gifts	5999	-
Other Insurances	-	-
	249437	249437
<u>Pantomime</u>		
Pantomime costs	30000	-
	30000	30000
<u>Fundraising</u>		
May Fair 2022	235126	-
Santa Run & Xmas Fair	106500	2722
Bonfire Night 2022	470243	-
Ripley Event	-	-
	811869	2722
		814591
<b>Gross Expenditure</b>		2388727
	Bank	Cash
<b>CLOSING BALANCES</b>		
Beavers - Cash	-	2851
Cubs - Cash	-	-
Scouts - Cash	-	-
Group - Bank	3007675	-
Group - Cash	-	562
Reserve Fund - NS&I**	1504005	-
Scout Investment A/C*	-	-
Total Closing Balance		4515093

- \* Scout Investment A/C was force closed on 19th May 2023 as the service is no longer offered. Paid into main bank account on 19th May 20
- \*\* Check on NS&I account balance at year end in progress - assumption currently that is remains same as opening balance.



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees

Charity Name

1st Send (St. Mary's) Scout Group

On accounts for the year  
ended

31st March 2024

Charity no  
(if any)

267767

Set out on pages

(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)

Responsibilities and  
basis of report

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31/03/2024

As the charity's trustees, 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 Trust's 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

~~[The charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 and I am qualified to undertake the examination by being a qualified member of [insert name of applicable listed body]]. Delete [ ] if not applicable.~~

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination (other than that disclosed below \*) which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or
- the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
- the accounts did not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

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.

\* Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.

Signed:

*Lisa Marenghi*

Date:

26/09/2024

Name:

Lisa Marenghi

Relevant professional  
qualification(s) or body

F.C.A.

(if any):

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## Section B

### Disclosure

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight material matters of concern (see CC32, Independent examination of charity accounts: directions and guidance for examiners).

Give here brief details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose.

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