

Trustees' Annual Report

For the period

From (start date)

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 to end date

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Section A

Reference and administration details

Charity name

Somerton Scout Group

Other names the charity is known by

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Registered charity number (if any)

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HQ registration number

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Charity's principal address

Willowbrook

St Cleers

Somerton

Postcode

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Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

(These will be published in the annual report of the charity and the Charity Register if reporting for a Registered Charity with a charity regulator)

	Trustee Name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year
1	Kate Pettemerides	Chair	
2	Inga Ozolina	Treasuer	
3	Fiona Bayles	Group Scout Leader	
4	Phillip Bayles		
5	Joanne Gale		
6	Laila Dunevein		
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Description of the charity's trusts

Type of governing document

(e.g. trust deed, constitution)

The Group's governing documents are those of the The Scout Association. They consist of a Royal Charter, which in turn gives authority to the Bye Laws of the Association and The Policy, Organisation and Rules of The Scout Association.

How the charity is constituted

(e.g. trust, association, company)

The Group is a trust established under its rules which are common to all Scouts.

Trustee selection methods

(e.g. 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 but encouraged as best practice)

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

Policies and procedures adopted for:

- a) the induction and training of trustees;
- b) trustee' consideration of major risks and the systems and procedures to manage them

The Group is managed by the Group Trustee Board, the members of which are the 'Charity Trustees' 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 Trustee Board consists of the Chair, Treasurer and 6 Trustees (including 2 Ex Officio Trustees, and 2 co-opted Trustees) and meets every 4 months.

Members of the Trustee Board complete Being a Scouts Trustee learning within the first 6 months of joining the Board.

This Group Trustee Board exists to make sure the charity is well-managed, risks are assessed and mitigated, buildings and equipment are in good working order, and everyone follows legal requirements and the organisation's policies and rules. Their support helps other volunteers run high-quality and safe programmes that gives young people skills for life.

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:

Damage to the building, property and equipment. The Group would request the use of buildings, property and equipment from neighbouring organisations such as the church, community centre and other Scout Groups. Similar reciprocal arrangements exist with these organisations. The Group has sufficient buildings and contents insurance in place to mitigate against permanent loss.

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.

Reduced income from fund raising. The Group is primarily reliant upon income from subscriptions and fundraising. 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 ongoing 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.

Reduction or loss of members. The Group provides activities for all young people aged 6 to 18. 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.

Section C	Objectives and activities
Summary of the objects of the charity set out in its governing document	<p>The Purpose of Scouting Scouting exists to actively engage and support young people in their personal development, empowering them to make a positive contribution to society.</p> <p>The Values of Scouting As Scouts we are guided by these values: Integrity - We act with integrity; we are honest, trustworthy and loyal. Respect - We have self-respect and respect for others. Care - We support others and take care of the world in which we live. Belief - We explore our faiths, beliefs and attitudes. Co-operation - We make a positive difference; we co-operate with others and make friends.</p> <p>The Scout Method Scouting takes place when young people, in partnership with adults, work together based on the values of Scouting and: - enjoy what they are doing and have fun - take part in activities indoors and outdoors - learn by doing - share in spiritual reflection - take responsibility and make choices - undertake new and challenging activities - make and live by their Promise.</p>
Summary of the main activities in relation to these objects	<p>We offer a balanced programme to enable our young people to achieve their top awards for the section with opportunities to take part in adventurous activities, get involved with the local community and to go on nights away.</p>
Public benefit statement	<p>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.</p>

Section D**Achievements and performance**

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

The group has been able to recruited more adult support for the for all sections which will enable the group to grow in the future.

We took a group of Explorers to the Haarlem Jamborette in Holland for a 10 day International Jamboree.

We have continued with the improvement of the Scout HQ landscaping a new piece of land which gives us more space for activities.

Section E**Financial Review**

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

Reserves Policy

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 £4,000

Quantify and explain any designations

We have invested in improving the Scout HQ which has reduced our reserves to £3,000 but we are going to rebuild our reserves over the next two years back to one years running costs

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

- the charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising);

Investment Policy

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 only mainstream banks or building societies or The Scout Association's Short Term Investment Service.

- how expenditure has supported the key objectives of the charity;

The Group Trustee Board 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. Occasionally this may involve using an account that requires a period of notice before funds may be withdrawn, before doing so the Group Executive considers the cash flow requirements.

- investment policy and objectives;

Section F

Other Optional Information

Plans for future periods (details of any significant activities planned to achieve them)

We are currently applying for funding to install Solar Panels to complete the refurbishment.

Section G

Declaration

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)

Fiona Bayles

Full name(s)

Fiona Bayles

Position (eg Secretary, Chair)

Group Lead Volunteer

Date

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Profit and Loss

Somerton Scout Group

For the year ended 31 March 2024

2024

Turnover

Donations / Grants	7,256.88
Events and Camps	9,727.61
Fundraising	357.37
Gift Aid income	2,342.38
Hall Hire	2,042.00
Interest Income	92.47
Membership (Subs)	8,204.09
Training Course	325.00
Uniform Payments	344.00
Total Turnover	30,691.80

Cost of Sales

Cost of Badges, Scarves and Uniform	1,407.48
Cost of Camps and Events	8,305.55
Cost of Fundraising	163.54
Cost of materials for Scout HQ	504.79
Cost of materials for weekly meetings	1,530.27
Cost of Shooting Consumables	32.21
Scout Membership	3,596.00
Total Cost of Sales	15,539.84

Gross Profit

15,151.96

Administrative Costs

Accountancy fees	330.00
Bank Fees	15.00
Charitable Donations	100.00
Cleaning	9.06
Depreciation Expense	4,970.97
General Expenses	21.46
Insurance	929.75
IT Software and Consumables	28.06
Leaders Training	325.00
Light, Power, Heating, Water	1,478.50
Maintenance of Fire Safety Equipment	62.50
Maintenance of Scout HQ	504.07
Postage, Freight & Courier	27.95
Refurbishment of Scout HQ	5,524.99
Repairs and Maintenance of Camping Equipment	151.03
Storage Costs	3,370.00
Telephone & Internet	457.15
Total Administrative Costs	18,305.49

2024

Operating Profit	(3,153.53)
Profit on Ordinary Activities Before Taxation	(3,153.53)
Profit after Taxation	(3,153.53)

Balance Sheet

Somerton Scout Group

As at 31 March 2024

31 MAR 2024

Fixed Assets

Tangible Assets

Buildings	3,286.79
Camping Equipment	6,043.05
Group Activity Equipment	9,182.19
Less Accumulated Depreciation on Activity Equipment	(4,881.30)
Less Accumulated Depreciation on Camping Equipment	(3,828.53)
Less Accumulated Depreciation on Scout HQ Equipment	(3,027.74)
Scout HQ Equipment	3,785.28
Total Tangible Assets	10,559.74

Total Fixed Assets

10,559.74

Current Assets

Cash at bank and in hand

Lloyds Deposit Account	3,259.69
Lloyds Treasurer Account	1,144.22
Total Cash at bank and in hand	4,403.91

Accounts Receivable

656.10

Prepayments

523.84

Total Current Assets

5,583.85

Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

Accounts Payable	487.51
Rounding	0.69
Total Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	488.20

Net Current Assets (Liabilities)

5,095.65

Total Assets less Current Liabilities

15,655.39

Net Assets

15,655.39

Capital and Reserves

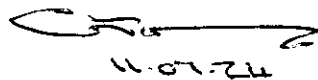
Current Year Earnings	(3,153.53)
Retained Earnings	18,808.92
Total Capital and Reserves	15,655.39

Somerton Scout Group

Auditors Reprt

I have examined the books and records of the Somerton Scout Group for the year to 31st march 2024 and am happy that the attached Balance Sheet and Profit and Loss Account accurately reflect the financial status of the Group

Auditor :

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'G J Thomas', with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

G J Thomas A.C.M.A.