



# Scouts

## 24th Hastings

# Annual Report 2022/23



## Group Scout Leader's update

This year our group celebrates its 90th Anniversary. Behind the scenes, I have been busy recruiting new parents to our Board of Trustees, which is now looking healthier and is crucial to hear the thoughts and views of parents on the day-to-day running of the group as a whole. I am pleased to say we currently have 22 uniformed leaders, seven Section Assistants and seven Young Leaders among our group. At present, the group has approximately 133 young members and we opened up a second Cub pack in Easter 2022 and a new Squirrel drey for ages 4—6 years in January. In April, we had a great turnout of the group for our St George's Day parade.



The hall is available to hire in holidays and weekends. The current rate is £60 half day or £120 whole day, this allows use of all the facilities at the hall. A discounted rate is available to all members of the group and it can be hired for parties, yoga, dance or corporate training events. We also now have a bouncy castle for hire at the cost of £70. Activity parties for archery, air rifles and axe throwing are also available, please ask me for further details if interested.

I'm pleased to say that two of our leaders, Kim and Darren Hall, both received their five year service awards and recently completed their Wood badge. Well done for all your hard work. In June we held a celebration party for the late Queen's Jubilee. We had face painting, raffle, tombola, BBQ and scouting skills such as archery, tie dyeing and making bird feeders. Many groups from the district attended along with Guides and Brownies. A thoroughly fun day had by all.



In October we held a leader training weekend where we brushed up on existing skills and learnt new ones including map reading, knots, and lashings, compass work, knife, axe and saw training and tent pitching. We plan to hold another one later this year.

As we move further into 2023/4 the future of the group looks in great shape with a hugely dedicated group of leaders and support from the Board of Trustees.

We have a large waiting list of members wishing to join us but with our leaders stretched to full capacity, more help is needed. If you would like to volunteer your time, please speak to a leader. Any time you are able to give will be precious to us, perhaps help cooking a BBQ or organising fundraising events, perhaps just helping with maintenance of HQ. Finally without your support we wouldn't be the group we are today, so I want to thank you all personally.

***Graeme***

# Squirrels

So with the huge success of the Scout Association's pilot scheme for ages 4—6 years, our group opened the first drey in the District. With the lead of Jo, Leah, Kyrsty and with the support from Cain and myself, we started in January 2023 and currently have 19 members with more due to follow within the next few months.



Our activities have included celebrating Chinese New Year making lanterns and Chinese dragon masks and eating fortune cookies, a visit from the author Ed Boxall who did the Story Time badge, making pancakes and a visit from the Mayor who invested our first ever 12 Squirrels. We also made blanket forts and had a visit from an ambulance.



Next term we plan to visit the fire station, do some yoga and plant some vegetables. Then to round term off before summer, we plan to take a visit to the beach or woods and make a trip to the local supermarket to buy some food for the local foodbanks and learn where fruit and veg come from.

*Jodanna*



# BEAVERS

The Beaver section remains strong, with good numbers of Beavers, adult and young leaders and parent helpers. We run a youth-led programme aiming to cover the six Challenge Awards over the two years a child can be in Beavers. We have a "log-chew" each term to share ideas and opinions about activities for fun and friends in the colony.

Summer term 2022 was a busy happy time, getting back to normal meetings after Covid. We had good numbers attending the St George's Day church parade, group celebrations for the Queen's Jubilee and our AGM. The Beavers created a beautiful display for the Old Town Parish Flower Festival, with some very smart guardsmen and pots of growing seeds.

We started the Autumn at County Camp at Bushy Wood, a first night under canvas for many of the Beavers. They had a wonderful time taking part in adventurous and outdoor activities with Beaver friends from across East Sussex. One of the highlights of the camp was joining in a huge campfire, we learned some joyful new songs including the "Beaver call"!



More experiences in the Autumn included our group Fun Day, a family hike in Hastings Country Park, a visit to the bell tower of All

Saints Church in the Old Town and a trip to the White Rock Theatre for the Gang Show, where we cheered on two of our Beavers who were performing.



The Beavers created woolly decorations for a special tree in St Clement's Church Christmas Tree Festival and visited Southdowns Nursing Home to entertain the residents with carols. We held a Christmas sleepover in the hall, with crafts, songs and outdoor skills in the copse.

2023 began with a great team-building favourite – Trains Night, as requested by the Beavers. We had fun inside and out, including games in the copse, a visit to the Fire Station, an indoor campfire and celebrations for Chinese New Year and Founder's Day.



Over the year we have invested 18 new Beaver Scouts and awarded 280 badges including 11 Chief Scout's Bronze, our best year so far. Almost all 24th Hastings Beavers progress to Cubs, choosing between the Thursday or Friday packs. We are looking forward to welcoming the first Squirrels who move up to Beavers.



Learning about buoyancy and sailing boats in Alexandra Park.



County Camp at Bushy Wood







We started off the term with an evening of tent pitching, followed by a litter pick around the school grounds for the Environmental badge. The Cubs had a visit from Jaws and Claws, began the Cyclist badge and had an evening of sports day events run by our young leaders. After half term we did the Local Knowledge badge with a quiz around the Old Town and a visit to Bexhill Museum. For the AGM last year, the Cubs brought in their collections of various things to show and finished off term with a knots and lashings night and a water fight.



After summer we started off with sea safety and had a visit from the lifeguards where they taught the Cubs about water safety. We also made key hooks for their DIY badge and had a visit from the local police. We did some map reading as part of their Navigator badge and collected food for the local food bank, Dom's Food Mission.

District held a Sixer and Secondar camp for our older cubs where they were set several challenges from the DC. These included fire lighting, shelter making, pioneering and cooking, along with some fun activities such as archery and rifles. One of our Cubs won Best Cub of the Camp.





Cubs at the District Sixer and Secondar Camp

After the October half term we had a bonfire with smores, we made a poppy wreath for Remembrance Day and went to watch Akela and other group members in the Gang Show at the White Rock Theatre. We also had a sleepover at Clip and Climb in Tonbridge. Towards Christmas we visited a local care home where the Cubs made Christmas cards with the residents and sang a few carols. They also had a district Christmas party that was brought to an abrupt halt by the snow but a bit of the white stuff didn't dampen their spirits.



After Christmas we made our own fortune cookies and Chinese lanterns for celebration of the Chinese New Year. The Cubs designed their own currency and learnt about foreign money. They were given chocolate coins to save and if not eaten would be rewarded with more! We did some first aid with Joe, an Explorer leader, and revisited knots with a visit from Skip from the SAS (Scout Active Support).

We finished the term with a trip to the local Mosque where the Cubs learnt about another religion as part of their World Faith badge and ended the term with two weeks of science experiments making lava lamps, slime and stress balls.

This year we awarded 980 Activity badges and 14 Chief Scout's Silver Awards from both Thursday and Friday packs. Huge congratulations to you all. Following the death of our previous GSL, Roger, we have a memorial trophy for each section for a member who has exceeded expectation of the leaders. For the Cubs we have chosen Talan Tembe who collected unwanted items and gifts and gave them to children and families who couldn't afford Christmas presents. He was inspired to do this following the visit by Dom's Food Mission. A very courageous thing to do by an 9yr old!

*Emma and Claire*



Chief Scout's Silver Awards Evening at The Source Park





We began the summer term by making some bird and bat boxes for the copse and did a litter pick around the school grounds for the Global Issues and Conservation Badges. We also had some wide games in St Helen's Wood and practised some tent pitching as we hadn't had a summer camp for two years. During half term, a group of five Scouts successfully completed their expedition challenge hike, walking from Brede back to HQ via Westfield.

After half term we did the Athletics badge on the field, played crazy golf with the usual chips afterwards and also did some knot work and knife, axe and saw training in preparation for summer camp.

For this year's summer camp we went to Guernsey and camped at Rue Mainguy. We went over by ferry, staying for 12 days and were joined by 21 Scouts, 18 Explorers and seven leaders. The weather was beautiful, too hot at times, but everyone had an amazing time.



We went coasteering and sea kayaking and did crate stacking, archery and climbing. We also managed a hike this year which was pleasant.





The food, as always, was top quality, including camp favourites cider sausages and beef olives. For the first time on a 24th Hastings camp since 1964, we had roast chicken, potatoes and veg. This year I plan to also get the Yorkshire puddings!

The camp was enjoyed by all and we look forward to going again in four years' time. The trip back was a bit of

an ordeal, the ferry delayed then a four hour coach drive back, arriving at the school at 3am to find we had been locked out so had to call the caretaker to let us in.

After the summer holidays we began with mini pioneering and visited the Mosque for part of our World Faith badge. The Scouts brought in their bicycles for much needed maintenance for the first part of their Cyclist badge. After half term the Scouts wanted to make shows and sketches for our Christmas party so we did this over three weeks. We went to see the Gang Show and had a sleepover at Clip and Climb in Tonbridge, which they all enjoyed.





As we moved into December we spent an evening making Christmas gifts, went to the Sovereign Centre in Eastbourne for the Wave Rave and had our Scout Christmas party where the Scouts performed the shows and sketches they had been planning. I also presented Isaac with the shield for the most badges earned in 2022 with a whopping 17 badges, a huge well done.



After Christmas we did the International badge trying foods from different countries and playing new games. We also learnt some Spanish and ate tapas. The Scouts wanted to do their Fundraiser badge so planned a cake sale and car wash which should be happening this term. We celebrated Founder's Day, teaching the Scouts about World Scouting and its history. We wrapped up the term with an evening making cardboard box pizza ovens, an evening making survival blankets for the #crisppacketchallenge which were to be sent off to Turkey for those who are homeless following the earthquake, and finished off with a night hike and sleepover at the hall.

**Graeme**



# EXPLORERS

We began the term with an evening of tent pitching followed by trading post. Other evenings included crazy golf followed by chips, orienteering, backwoods cooking and an Old Town quiz.

During the summer, 14 Explorers joined the Scouts on the summer camp to Guernsey, a great time was had by them all.

After summer we went sea kayaking with HACC at Bulverhythe, held a bake off night followed by an evening making costumes from recycling, a game show night and the £5 meal challenge.



After half term we worked on some first aid, made home-made takeaway favourites and held an evening on equality. We also learnt about Korea as three members of the unit are attending the World Scout Jamboree there this summer for three weeks.



We also were invited to attend the laying of the poppies at the war graves at the cemetery, a great honour to remember those who served and fought for our country. We finished off the term with a Christmas party of laser tag and bowling.



After Christmas, we welcomed Lisa as a new leader to the team. We had an evening of giant board games including Jenga, Kerplunk and Scrabble and worked with this year's Duke of Edinburgh teams to plan their practice hikes. We followed up on the equality evening from before Christmas with a Paralympics event and carried out the annual chip shop survey and an orienteering Easter Egg hunt.

We currently have 28 members in the unit and recently had a joint sleepover with Phoenix Explorers at Flip Out Trampoline Park in Ashford. Despite it being harder for Explorers to achieve activity badges, I am still pleased to say we awarded 110 activity badges and 11 Chief Scout's Platinum and One Chief Scout's Diamond award this past year.

***Graeme***





Fruit kebabs at Squirrels



Cubs carol-singing



Learning how to pitch a tent



Leader training



Summer camp in Guernsey





## ADULTS

### **Would you like to get more involved in the life of the Scout Group?**

You don't need to be able to offer a regular weekly commitment; there are lots of ways you can help:

- You might be able to run a badge course for us in a particular subject. Beavers, Cubs, Scouts and Explorers all like to gain badges and there are an enormous number to choose from.
- You might like to help us run a camp. There are many different camps throughout the year for the various age groups.
- You may be able to assist driving a minibus or van to take children and kit to camp.
- Perhaps you could raise funds for us by organising a sponsored event or selling from a fundraising catalogue.
- Maybe you could help keep the HQ building in good condition, or help with the maintenance of the copse? Mowing the grass or cutting down the brambles?
- You could become a Trustee of the Group.
- It would be really good for the parents and other adults to have get-togethers or arrange outings or parties.

*There really isn't a lot of red tape. Depending on the role you volunteer for, you would probably need to have a DBS check and if working with the youngsters directly, you would do a small amount of training/induction to support you in your work.*

**If you would like to volunteer or would like more information, please speak to one of the Leaders.**



Group Directory			
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Cain Morris	07715 293727
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Martin Howard	07936 187632
Neal Drinkwater	07850 433779
Jolene Millen	07976 559065
Liz Cockerton	07791 381639
Claire Owen	07808 727660
Kirsty Renaud	07766 228380
Andrea Spencer	07792 053811
David Thompson	01424 430730

Young Leaders	
Milla Tyrell Emma Keene	Squirrels
Grace Pepper Clement Clayton Joshua Stevens	Beavers
Isaac Hall Jacob Mattess Josh Egglington Ewan Pelling	Cubs
Niamh Vidler Belle Redman	Scouts

Leadership Team	
Squirrels	
Kyrsty Winch	Squirrel Leader
Leah Bowen	Assistant Squirrel Leader
Charlotte Millerick Cain Morris	Section Assistants
Beavers	
Acorn Clayton	Beaver Scout Leader
Martin Howard Kim Hall	Assistant Beaver Scout Leader
Cally Atkinson Kirsty Renaud	Section Assistants
Andrea Spencer Matthew Owen	Section Supporters
Cubs	
Emma Millerick	Cub Scout Leader (Pack 1)
Claire Owen*	Cub Scout Leader (Pack 2)
Liz Cockerton	Assistant Cub Scout Leader
Dominic Cockerton Emmy Tyler Jay Pepper David Dixon Laura Scott Zoe Taylor	Section Assistants
Scouts	
Neal Drinkwater Darren Hall	Scout Leaders
Graham Foord	QM & Scout Leader
Stephen Dowley*	Assistant Scout Leader
Alex Braybrook* Barnaby Winch	Section Assistants

\* Appointment awaiting approval



**24th Hastings Scout Group**

**William Parker School**

**Annual Accounts**

**2022 - 2023**

## **24TH HASTINGS SCOUT GROUP**

TRUSTEES: Ex-Officio and elective

Group Scout Leader	G Stoodley
Group Chairman	B Pope
Group Secretary	S Gooch
Group Treasurer	R Dennard
Beaver Scout Leaders	A Clayton
Cub Scout Leader	E Millerick
Scout Leader	N Drinkwater
Sponsoring Authority	Vacant

TRUSTEES: Elected

D Thompson  
J Millen  
A Spencer

BANKERS:

National Westminster Bank, Havelock Road, Hastings,  
East Sussex TN34 1BW

Group Registration Number with the Scout Association: 15623

Charity Registration Number: 268215

Contact Name and Address:

R Dennard, 8 Grange Road, Hastings, East Sussex TN34 2RL

**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.

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

**The Trustees** are appointed in accordance with the Policy, Organisation and Rules of The Scout Association.

The Group is managed by the Group Executive Committee, 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 registration, keeping proper accounts and making returns to the Charity Commission as appropriate.

The Committee consists of the Chairman and Treasurer together with the Group Scout Leader, individual section leaders (if they have opted to take on the responsibility), parents' representation and a representative of our Sponsoring Authority (if appointed) and meets approximately every 3 months.

Members of the Executive Committee complete '*Essential Information for Executive Committee*' training within the first 5 months of joining the committee.

This Group Executive Committee exists to support the Group Scout Leader in meeting the responsibilities of the appointment and is responsible for:

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

#### **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 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 our sponsoring authority, the church, and other Scout Groups. The Group has sufficient buildings and contents insurance in place.

*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 holds 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.

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

#### **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.

#### **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.

#### **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.

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.

**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 £5000.

The Group's Income and Expenditure is very small and as a consequence it 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.

**24TH HASTINGS SCOUT GROUP**

**Receipts and Payments Account Summary**  
**for the year ended 28th February 2023**

	<u>General</u> <u>Fund</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Previous</u> <u>Year</u> <u>Total</u>
	<u>£</u>	<u>£</u>	<u>£</u>
Total receipts for the year (see Page 4)	42076.34	42076.34	33785.31
Total payments for the year (see Page 5)	42122.60	42122.60	34137.95
Net receipts/(payments) for the year	<u>(46.26)</u>	<u>(46.26)</u>	<u>(352.64)</u>
Cash, Bank and similar funds brought forward	20338.66	20338.66	20691.30
Cash, Bank and similar funds carried forward	<u><u>20292.40</u></u>	<u><u>20292.40</u></u>	<u><u>20338.66</u></u>

Approved by the Trustees on    and signed on their behalf  
by R Dennard (Treasurer).



## **24TH HASTINGS SCOUT GROUP**

### **Receipts for the year ended 28th February 2023**

	<u>This Year</u> <u>General</u> <u>Fund</u> <u>£</u>	<u>This Year</u> <u>Total</u> <u>£</u>	<u>Previous</u> <u>Year</u> <u>Total</u> <u>£</u>
MEMBERSHIP SUBSCRIPTIONS	11665.00	11665.00	6405.00
Less Paid	<u>(7861.00)</u>	<u>(7861.00)</u>	<u>-</u>
	3804.00	3804.00	6405.00
INVESTMENT INCOME RECEIVED			
General Fund Interest	<u>34.24</u>	<u>34.24</u>	<u>0.05</u>
	34.24	34.24	0.05
DONATIONS AND GRANTS			
Legacy	10000.00	10000.00	-
Miscellaneous	<u>6106.55</u>	<u>6106.55</u>	<u>120.00</u>
	16106.55	16106.55	120.00
ACTIVITIES			
Scout/Cub Camps	9829.00	9829.00	8510.00
Jubilee Day and Sale of Memorabilia	1485.92	1485.92	-
Fun Day	852.03	852.03	1355.88
Badges and Uniforms	138.00	138.00	174.50
Other Activities	<u>4407.50</u>	<u>4407.50</u>	<u>1713.42</u>
	16712.45	16712.45	11753.80
FUND RAISING			
Sale of Donated Goods	186.00	186.00	22.00
Sale of Trek Carts	690.00	690.00	-
Tuck Shop Profits	100.00	100.00	127.37
ASDA	-	-	300.00
Quiz Nights	380.00	380.00	453.00
Toner Recycling	-	-	141.25
Online Fundraising	<u>154.20</u>	<u>154.20</u>	<u>152.97</u>
	1510.20	1510.20	1196.59
OTHER INCOME			
Property rents	3310.00	3310.00	2100.00
Hire of Scaffold Tower	375.00	375.00	-
Others	223.90	223.90	-
Gift Aid	-	-	2113.87
Hastings BC Grants	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>10096.00</u>
	3908.90	3908.90	14309.87
<b>TOTAL RECEIPTS FOR YEAR</b>	<b><u>42076.34</u></b>	<b><u>42076.34</u></b>	<b><u>33785.31</u></b>

## **24TH HASTINGS SCOUT GROUP**

### **Payments for the year ended 28th February 2023**

	<u>This Year</u> <u>General</u> <u>Fund</u> <u>£</u>	<u>This Year</u> <u>Total</u> <u>£</u>	<u>Previous</u> <u>Year</u> <u>Total</u> <u>£</u>
<b>PREMISES</b>			
Insurance	1959.70	1959.70	1954.79
Scaffold Tower	-	-	1773.32
Rates	112.79	112.79	235.22
Security Cameras & Lights	165.28	165.28	1285.00
Rifle Range and Archery	3079.89	3079.89	-
Kitchen Refurbishment	-	-	2476.18
Repairs and Renewals	<u>3681.30</u>	<u>3681.30</u>	<u>2332.75</u>
	8998.96	8998.96	10057.26
<b>ACTIVITIES</b>			
Scout /Cub Camps	14200.37	14200.37	8181.20
Fundraising activities	637.93	637.93	153.64
Beaver Activities	857.29	857.29	207.25
Jubilee Day	1786.38	1786.38	-
Fun Day	-	-	3582.75
Scout/Cub Activities	8013.19	8013.19	7612.45
Badge and Uniform Purchases	<u>3101.11</u>	<u>3101.11</u>	<u>1984.56</u>
	28596.27	28596.27	21721.85
<b>ADMIN/ESTABLISHMENT EXPENSES</b>			
OSM Membership	166.75	166.75	130.25
Insurance for Activities	533.50	533.50	-
Cleaner	-	-	160.00
Defibrillator	-	-	185.00
Equipment	<u>3827.12</u>	<u>3827.12</u>	<u>1883.59</u>
	4527.37	4527.37	2358.84
 <b>TOTAL PAYMENTS FOR YEAR</b>	 <u><u>42122.60</u></u>	 <u><u>42122.60</u></u>	 <u><u>34137.95</u></u>

## **24TH HASTINGS SCOUT GROUP**

### **Statement of Assets and Liabilities** **As at 28th February 2023**

	<u>This Year</u> <u>General</u> <u>Fund</u> <u>£</u>	<u>This Year</u> <u>Total</u> <u>£</u>	<u>Previous</u> <u>Year</u> <u>Total</u> <u>£</u>
MONETARY ASSETS			
Bank Current Account	8632.15	8632.15	20087.60
Bank Deposit Account	11160.25	11160.25	251.06
OSM Cards	500.00	500.00	-
	<u>20292.40</u>	<u>20292.40</u>	<u>20338.66</u>
LIABILITIES			
Membership Fees	-	-	-
Loan from District	-	-	-
Loans from Trustees (Waived)	-	-	(6000.00)
	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>(6000.00)</u>
NET ASSETS/(LIABILITIES)	<u>20292.40</u>	<u>20292.40</u>	<u>14338.66</u>

#### NON-MONETARY ASSETS

**Leasehold Premises** 210000.00

**(99 years from 1999)**

Of this amount £100,000 is restricted as this relates to a Lottery Grant which stipulated that the building should not be sold for 80 years.

#### **General Fund**

Camping Equipment 9068.50  
Furniture, fixtures and fittings 4745.00

**Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of the**  
**24th HASTINGS SCOUT GROUP**

I report on the Accounts of the Group for the year ended 28th February 2023, which are set out on Pages 3 to 6.

**Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner**

As the charity's trustees, you are responsible for the preparation of the Accounts; you consider that the audit requirement of Section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 (the Act) does not apply. It is my responsibility to examine the accounts under section 145 of the Act, to follow procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act, and to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

**Basis of 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 I do not express an audit opinion on the view given by the Accounts.

**Independent Examiner's statements**

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 Act and
  - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and
  - to comply with the accounting requirements of the 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,
3. which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the accounting rules of the Group's/District's constitution have not been met.

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**24th Hastings Scout Group**

**William Parker School**

**Annual Accounts**

**2022 - 2023**

## **24TH HASTINGS SCOUT GROUP**

TRUSTEES: Ex-Officio and elective

Group Scout Leader	G Stoodley
Group Chairman	B Pope
Group Secretary	S Gooch
Group Treasurer	R Dennard
Beaver Scout Leaders	A Clayton
Cub Scout Leader	E Millerick
Scout Leader	N Drinkwater
Sponsoring Authority	Vacant

TRUSTEES: Elected

D Thompson  
J Millen  
A Spencer

BANKERS:

National Westminster Bank, Havelock Road, Hastings,  
East Sussex TN34 1BW

Group Registration Number with the Scout Association: 15623

Charity Registration Number: 268215

Contact Name and Address:

R Dennard, 8 Grange Road, Hastings, East Sussex TN34 2RL

**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.

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

**The Trustees** are appointed in accordance with the Policy, Organisation and Rules of The Scout Association.

The Group is managed by the Group Executive Committee, 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 registration, keeping proper accounts and making returns to the Charity Commission as appropriate.

The Committee consists of the Chairman and Treasurer together with the Group Scout Leader, individual section leaders (if they have opted to take on the responsibility), parents' representation and a representative of our Sponsoring Authority (if appointed) and meets approximately every 3 months.

Members of the Executive Committee complete '*Essential Information for Executive Committee*' training within the first 5 months of joining the committee.

This Group Executive Committee exists to support the Group Scout Leader in meeting the responsibilities of the appointment and is responsible for:

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

#### **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 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 our sponsoring authority, the church, and other Scout Groups. The Group has sufficient buildings and contents insurance in place.

*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 holds 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.

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

#### **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.

#### **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.

#### **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.

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.

**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 £5000.

The Group's Income and Expenditure is very small and as a consequence it 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.

**24TH HASTINGS SCOUT GROUP**

**Receipts and Payments Account Summary**  
**for the year ended 28th February 2023**

	<u>General</u> <u>Fund</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Previous</u> <u>Year</u> <u>Total</u>
	<u>£</u>	<u>£</u>	<u>£</u>
Total receipts for the year (see Page 4)	42076.34	42076.34	33785.31
Total payments for the year (see Page 5)	42122.60	42122.60	34137.95
Net receipts/(payments) for the year	<u>(46.26)</u>	<u>(46.26)</u>	<u>(352.64)</u>
Cash, Bank and similar funds brought forward	20338.66	20338.66	20691.30
Cash, Bank and similar funds carried forward	<u><u>20292.40</u></u>	<u><u>20292.40</u></u>	<u><u>20338.66</u></u>

Approved by the Trustees on    and signed on their behalf  
by R Dennard (Treasurer).



## **24TH HASTINGS SCOUT GROUP**

### **Receipts for the year ended 28th February 2023**

	<u>This Year</u> <u>General</u> <u>Fund</u> <u>£</u>	<u>This Year</u> <u>Total</u> <u>£</u>	<u>Previous</u> <u>Year</u> <u>Total</u> <u>£</u>
MEMBERSHIP SUBSCRIPTIONS	11665.00	11665.00	6405.00
Less Paid	<u>(7861.00)</u>	<u>(7861.00)</u>	<u>-</u>
	3804.00	3804.00	6405.00
INVESTMENT INCOME RECEIVED			
General Fund Interest	<u>34.24</u>	<u>34.24</u>	<u>0.05</u>
	34.24	34.24	0.05
DONATIONS AND GRANTS			
Legacy	10000.00	10000.00	-
Miscellaneous	<u>6106.55</u>	<u>6106.55</u>	<u>120.00</u>
	16106.55	16106.55	120.00
ACTIVITIES			
Scout/Cub Camps	9829.00	9829.00	8510.00
Jubilee Day and Sale of Memorabilia	1485.92	1485.92	-
Fun Day	852.03	852.03	1355.88
Badges and Uniforms	138.00	138.00	174.50
Other Activities	<u>4407.50</u>	<u>4407.50</u>	<u>1713.42</u>
	16712.45	16712.45	11753.80
FUND RAISING			
Sale of Donated Goods	186.00	186.00	22.00
Sale of Trek Carts	690.00	690.00	-
Tuck Shop Profits	100.00	100.00	127.37
ASDA	-	-	300.00
Quiz Nights	380.00	380.00	453.00
Toner Recycling	-	-	141.25
Online Fundraising	<u>154.20</u>	<u>154.20</u>	<u>152.97</u>
	1510.20	1510.20	1196.59
OTHER INCOME			
Property rents	3310.00	3310.00	2100.00
Hire of Scaffold Tower	375.00	375.00	-
Others	223.90	223.90	-
Gift Aid	-	-	2113.87
Hastings BC Grants	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>10096.00</u>
	3908.90	3908.90	14309.87
<b>TOTAL RECEIPTS FOR YEAR</b>	<b><u>42076.34</u></b>	<b><u>42076.34</u></b>	<b><u>33785.31</u></b>

## **24TH HASTINGS SCOUT GROUP**

### **Payments for the year ended 28th February 2023**

	<u>This Year</u> <u>General</u> <u>Fund</u> <u>£</u>	<u>This Year</u> <u>Total</u> <u>£</u>	<u>Previous</u> <u>Year</u> <u>Total</u> <u>£</u>
<b>PREMISES</b>			
Insurance	1959.70	1959.70	1954.79
Scaffold Tower	-	-	1773.32
Rates	112.79	112.79	235.22
Security Cameras & Lights	165.28	165.28	1285.00
Rifle Range and Archery	3079.89	3079.89	-
Kitchen Refurbishment	-	-	2476.18
Repairs and Renewals	3681.30	3681.30	2332.75
	<u>8998.96</u>	<u>8998.96</u>	<u>10057.26</u>
<b>ACTIVITIES</b>			
Scout /Cub Camps	14200.37	14200.37	8181.20
Fundraising activities	637.93	637.93	153.64
Beaver Activities	857.29	857.29	207.25
Jubilee Day	1786.38	1786.38	-
Fun Day	-	-	3582.75
Scout/Cub Activities	8013.19	8013.19	7612.45
Badge and Uniform Purchases	3101.11	3101.11	1984.56
	<u>28596.27</u>	<u>28596.27</u>	<u>21721.85</u>
<b>ADMIN/ESTABLISHMENT EXPENSES</b>			
OSM Membership	166.75	166.75	130.25
Insurance for Activities	533.50	533.50	-
Cleaner	-	-	160.00
Defibrillator	-	-	185.00
Equipment	3827.12	3827.12	1883.59
	<u>4527.37</u>	<u>4527.37</u>	<u>2358.84</u>
 <b>TOTAL PAYMENTS FOR YEAR</b>	 <u><u>42122.60</u></u>	 <u><u>42122.60</u></u>	 <u><u>34137.95</u></u>

## **24TH HASTINGS SCOUT GROUP**

### **Statement of Assets and Liabilities** **As at 28th February 2023**

	<u>This Year</u> <u>General</u> <u>Fund</u> <u>£</u>	<u>This Year</u> <u>Total</u> <u>£</u>	<u>Previous</u> <u>Year</u> <u>Total</u> <u>£</u>
MONETARY ASSETS			
Bank Current Account	8632.15	8632.15	20087.60
Bank Deposit Account	11160.25	11160.25	251.06
OSM Cards	500.00	500.00	-
	<u>20292.40</u>	<u>20292.40</u>	<u>20338.66</u>
LIABILITIES			
Membership Fees	-	-	-
Loan from District	-	-	-
Loans from Trustees (Waived)	-	-	(6000.00)
	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>(6000.00)</u>
NET ASSETS/(LIABILITIES)	<u>20292.40</u>	<u>20292.40</u>	<u>14338.66</u>

#### NON-MONETARY ASSETS

**Leasehold Premises** 210000.00

**(99 years from 1999)**

Of this amount £100,000 is restricted as this relates to a Lottery Grant which stipulated that the building should not be sold for 80 years.

#### **General Fund**

Camping Equipment 9068.50  
Furniture, fixtures and fittings 4745.00

**Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of the**  
**24th HASTINGS SCOUT GROUP**

I report on the Accounts of the Group for the year ended 28th February 2023, which are set out on Pages 3 to 6.

**Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner**

As the charity's trustees, you are responsible for the preparation of the Accounts; you consider that the audit requirement of Section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 (the Act) does not apply. It is my responsibility to examine the accounts under section 145 of the Act, to follow procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act, and to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

**Basis of 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 I do not express an audit opinion on the view given by the Accounts.

**Independent Examiner's statements**

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 Act and
  - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and
  - to comply with the accounting requirements of the 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,
3. which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the accounting rules of the Group's/District's constitution have not been met.

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